



League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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From: "Helen Palmer" <helenpalmer@comcast.net>
To: <board@lwvmn.org>
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2006 3:04 PM
Subject: [lwvmn board] your approval needed for potential project!!

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Dear board members:

Larry Hansen, VP of the Joyce Foundation (Chicago), recently called me to talk about their interest in supporting some new democracy building work in MN (I had met him sometime back at a conference in Evanston). A couple of weeks later we talked again, and I said it would be nice if he could come to MN to talk with us. Lo and behold he came to our office 2 days ago-- he decided to come to MN to talk with Walter Mondale and Arne Carlson et al., and made us part of his trip schedule.

Gwen, Nancy Witta (who lobbies on government issues), Sally, Heidi and I met with him (Carol would have liked to be there but couldn't) about Joyce's agenda and discussed LWVMN at length. The upshot is that we were advised that Joyce would entertain a proposal from us: it seemed clear that the goals of Joyce's democracy agenda fit very naturally with the mission of LWVMN and frankly with what we do and have been doing for years. Not incidentally, Joyce is focusing on the upper Midwest and is already working with the LWVs of Ohio, Wisconsin, Illinois and to a lesser extent Michigan. A two-year project and \$100K were mentioned.

The same group met again this morning (without Larry of course) and listed out how our project might look. The ultimate goal would be to diagnose democracy in MN (health, pathologies) through a hard look at certain measures such as election law, political independence, role of media, redistricting, campaign finance. In this effort LWVMN would serve as "trusted convenor," bring a wide variety of voices to the table, steer the agenda with the goal of disseminating findings to the public and thus raising the consciousness of MN citizens, and potentially laying the groundwork for reform. As you know we are known and respected by, and we work with, an impressive number of organizations, media, government, etc. As such we are well positioned to serve as convenor and in fact catalyst for this wide-ranging project.

So there's a glimpse of what we discussed, first with Larry Hansen, and then amongst ourselves. If we are awarded a grant, we would employ a project director, so the work would not fall directly on the board. But we need board support to submit the proposal. Before we submit a formal letter of inquiry we need you to approve this project as an Ed Fund project, and to support our pursuit of a grant to carry it out.

We have an extremely short timeline. PLEASE RESPOND TO ME by 5:00 p.m. on Monday (the 18th). Thank you and ever onward!!

Helen

Helen Palmer

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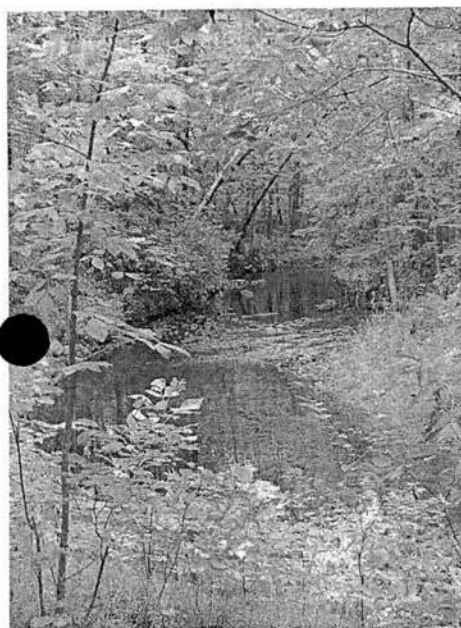
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Does gift imply stewardship?

by Juanita Peterson

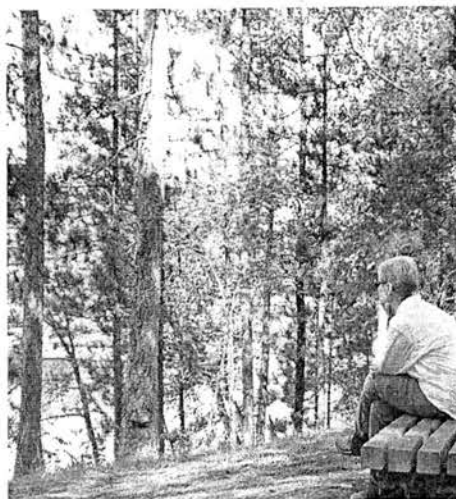
Even though we may pass by or live among the gifts nature has provided for us, do those gifts imply that we are responsible for their stewardship? When I vacationed "up north" last August I came face to face with damage to our wetlands, forests, and lakes and I pondered how we can best preserve these irreplaceable resources.



Picturesque stream at Fritz Loven Park near Gull Lake in Brainerd Lakes Area

Our '07 LWVMN Convention theme, *The Gift of Time*, and location (Breezy Point Resort on Pelican Lake) had already been chosen, but I started thinking about how the gift of time is connected to what we prize doing in our free moments or on vacation. For me, it is very restorative to hike through calm, but vibrant forests; along clear, running streams; and clamber across the rock-strewn shores of spectacular, but oft assaulted, Lake Superior.

So, in the case of Minnesota's comparable natural resources, I'd say, "Yes. A gift implies stewardship." And I think we LWV members need to be active advocates to preserve Minnesota's natural gifts.



Juanita Peterson at *The Quiet Place* at Upgaard Wildlife Management Area

To help educate us to do that, we are thrilled to announce that we'll feature two excellent, knowledgeable speakers about Minnesota's natural resources at our LWVMN Convention.

Paula West, Director of Communications and Outreach for Minnesota Waters, a recent merger of the Minnesota Lakes

LWVMN Convention May 17-19 Breezy Point Resort

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Association and the Rivers Council of Minnesota will keynote on Friday, May 18. West has over twenty-five years of experience in water resource protection and conservation.

Matt Norton of the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy (MCEA) will speak on Saturday, May 19. Norton leads MCEA's forestry, wildlife and natural resources work in legal, legislative, administrative and community forums and holds advanced degrees in Forestry and Environmental Studies and law.

I look forward to hearing what these environmental advocates have to say. See you at Convention!

Juanita Peterson, LWV Edina, is LWVMN 1st Vice President and Communications Director.

LWVUS president promotes "pro-voter" reform

LWVUS Press Release

League of Women Voters President Mary G. Wilson testified on December 7, 2006, before an open meeting of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission. The meeting, titled "Assessing the 2006 Election," brought together experts and elections officials in an effort to shed light on how 2006 election administration went, what challenges voters faced at the polls, and what reforms to our election systems are needed in the future.

"It is extremely frustrating that we saw some of the same types of problems in 2006 that we saw in 2000," said Wilson. "Ballot design was the problem with the butterfly ballot in Florida in 2000 and

ballot design seems to have been the problem in Sarasota's undervote in 2006. It is time to start getting the basic management issues right" . . .

"The one issue that must be a priority for the EAC between now and 2008 is poll worker management. . . We need systems in place that are pro-voter; but they can't be pro-voter if they are not pro-poll worker as well," Wilson said. "The EAC can also play a powerful role in assessing why polling place administration problems happen, sharing best practices, and offering guidance to elections officials to make the system work better for the voter."

"We need to apply the lessons of 2006 to make sure voters are well served in 2008 regardless of where they live, who they are, or by what method they voted. We need to make sure the answer to whether the system works in 2008 is not 'It depends' but a resounding 'Yes,'" concluded Wilson.

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Subject: [lwvmn board] cancellation of board meeting January 13

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Dear board members:

Since there are no Action Items for the board meeting next Saturday, January 13, it seems reasonable to conclude that we don't have to meet, so I am canceling the meeting.

There is much administrative and committee work going on (budget, nominations, diversity, member resources [convention planning, notably], MPCA study, transition, investment, action, communications, development); the LOTT seminar is being held Jan 11-13; Marsha is putting the VOTER together at this time; and I'm sure I've forgotten something important. Anyway, we are moving forward on lots of fronts and it seems to me we don't need a board meeting at this point in order to get our (exciting and terrific!) work done.

Happy New Year and ever onward!

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Helen Palmer

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From the President . . .

League models democracy

At the start of this new year, here is something to consider: In the 1940s there were 100,000 nonprofit organizations in this country; today there are 1.5 million. Clearly, in order for the League of Women Voters to survive and prosper in the midst of such a huge crowd of nonprofits, we members must know exactly—and be able to explain to others—just who we are, and why we *deserve* to survive and prosper.



I know of no other organization like the League of Women Voters: political, yet nonpartisan; grassroots and volunteer driven, with a vast network of local Leagues across the country and a presence in much of the world; an organization that itself models democracy as it works to engage citizens in it. In short the League does the on-the-ground, day-to-day work of democracy and has done so for 87 years.

In Minnesota how are we working for democracy? For a start here is a recap of our voter service efforts: During the 2006 election season

- we held a record eight televised debates (gubernatorial and US Senate debates reached over 500,000 viewers), produced information-packed Voter Guides (300,000 distributed), and set up and staffed a hotline. We sponsored 47 billboards around the metro area urging citizens to vote. Our website election pages received nearly 133,000 hits.
- We co-sponsored with Citizens for Election Integrity Minnesota's first post election audit observation project.
- Along with our partners in the Voting Rights Coalition, we helped protect voting rights and prevent voter suppression.

Finally—no small thing—the Minnesota resolutions passed at the 2004 and 2006 LWVUS conventions brought the national League around to a position favoring a paper trail and random audits for all election systems, a position that found its way into LWV President Mary Wilson's testimony to the Election Assistance Commission last month.

On other fronts:

- Leadership Training: Our Leaders of Today and Tomorrow seminar in public policy is bringing together some 50 college women from the upper Midwest for training this month.
- Advocacy: In this new legislative session our 15-member Action Committee will be following and lobbying on bills, in accordance with League positions.
- Good government: Our two-year study, *Examining a State Agency: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency* will be available shortly.
- Public Education/Diversity: This winter we will celebrate the publication of the fifth edition of our *Indians in Minnesota* (University of Minnesota Press).
- Independent Judiciary: I have been serving on former Governor Quie's Commission on the Preservation of an Impartial Judiciary; a recommendation will be out shortly.
- Civic Education: Juanita Peterson, LWVMN first vice president, is working on a project to restore the civic mission of our schools—this through the Alliance for Representative Democracy.

The League of Women Voters engages citizens in civic life, helps to make public policy, demands good government, educates members and the public, and trains future leaders. The League was necessary in 1920, and it is necessary now. "But," as Shirley McConnell says in the current LWV Brainerd Lakes *Voter*, "we cannot continue this work that we love in if we do not tell our story to like-minded women who should be joining us in these endeavors... we need more hands and hearts and minds to carry on..."

We know our story, and we need to tell it. Let us all build membership in this wonderful and essential organization.

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Calendar

Hot off the press!

How to Make a Difference, a booklet published by LWVMN, is your key to advocating for your issues. Included is a straightforward explanation of state government and the legislative process; the phone numbers and web sites you'll need to get information on legislators, committees, and bills; lobbying tips; and an expanded glossary. The cost is \$8 for members and \$12 for non-members.

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January 2007

Helen

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Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2007 10:39 AM
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Subject: [lwvmn board] FW: Invitation to A "Swift" Dialogue: The Need for Immigration Reform

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Dear LWVMN board members,

I am forwarding this request for co-sponsorship of the February 19 policy roundtable discussion on immigration reform from Katherine Fennelly of the Humphrey Institute as outlined below. Helen (and Judy Stuthman) have asked that you respond to her or me with approval or disapproval as soon as possible.

Thanks very much.

Sally Sawyer

-----Original Message-----

From: Katherine Fennelly [mailto:fenne007@umn.edu]
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2007 7:14 AM
To: Sally Sawyer; Judy Stuthman
Subject: Invitation to A "Swift" Dialogue: The Need for Immigration Reform

Dear Sally and Judy,

We are proposing to hold a policy roundtable on immigration reform on Monday, February 19, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in reaction to the December 2006 raids

of Swift meatpacking plants. We are seeking broad sponsorship for the program including human rights organizations, academic institutions, unions, civic organizations, religious groups, and chambers of commerce. Would the LWV like to be a co-sponsor? We aren't asking you for funds, just co-sponsorship in name.

We hope to hold the program either at Neighborhood House in West St. Paul or



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Observation Project a success . . .

MN Citizens for Election Integrity makes history

by Mark Halvorson and Helen Palmer

This fall LWVMN partnered with Minnesota's Citizens for Election Integrity (CEIMN) and made history by overseeing the nation's first ever state-wide observation of a post-election review.

Requires random recounts

The review itself, Minnesota's first, resulted from legislation passed in 2006 and focused on determining the accuracy of our optical scan voting machines. The 2006 law requires each county to randomly select 2 to 4 precincts for a hand-count to take place one week after the general election. The results of the hand-count are then compared to the machine tallies provided on Election Day. If an error rate greater than .05% is discovered in any one precinct, further reviews are then triggered within that precinct's county.

Permits independent observers

Minnesota is the thirteenth state to enact such a law. LWVMN and CEIMN made Minnesota the very first state in the country to undergo a review in the presence of independent citizens trained to observe and verify in a non-partisan manner.

CEIMN initiated the Observation Project in the spring of 2005, and LWVMN joined as a project co-sponsor in mid-summer. The long-term goal is to position Minnesota as a leader nationally in the effort to conduct verifiable elections that enjoy widespread public confidence.

CEIMN recruited and trained teams to observe in 70 of Minnesota's 87 counties. LWVMN members were a great help in that effort. Ann Gerlach of Detroit Lakes worked hard to ensure that Becker County was covered with a great group of volunteer observers. Another fantastic example is Peg Sundell of New Ulm, Minnesota. As president of her local chapter Peg single-handedly recruited her fellow LWV members to cover a total of 5 counties in southern Minnesota, providing invaluable help to the project in that part of the state.



Volunteers observe hand-count of paper ballot one week after Election Day. Joe Mansky, manager of Elections Department of Ramsey County, stands in the background.

Only two errors found

Of Minnesota's 4,121 precincts, 195, or nearly 5%, were reviewed. Overall, the review proved to be a tremendous success, with only two counties finding errors that triggered further review. Both of those instances involved human, and not machine, error.

Both outgoing Secretary of State Mary Kiffmeyer and newly-elected Secretary of

State Mark Ritchie praised the post-election review for providing a way to demonstrate the accuracy of Minnesota's voting machines and for creating public confidence in Minnesota's election results.

Citizen volunteers made this work

The civic-minded individuals who took the time to show up and observe the review were crucial in making this new review process one that effectively builds voter confidence. LWVMN and CEIMN are proud to have taken part in this endeavor and look forward to keeping Minnesota a leader in electoral integrity.

Mark Halvorson is the founder and director of CEIMN. Helen Palmer is president of LWVMN.

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Funding for Voters Guide

by Heidi Losinski

Our judicial Voter Guide pages were funded in part with a \$10,000 grant from League of Women Voters Education Fund and the Program on Constitutional and Legal Policy of the Open Society Institute as part of the LWV's "Safeguarding U.S. Democracy: Promoting an Independent Judiciary by Defending the U.S. Constitution."

Heidi Losinski is a LWVMN staff member who is the Director of Development and Communication.

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JANUARY 2007

at
the University of Minnesota campus. It will start with a panel featuring
some of the community actors
affected by the arrests in Worthington. We will invite: Mayor Alan Oberloh,
Chief of Police Mike Comisky, a representative from Swift, John Keller from
the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota, representatives from the UFCW and the
local churches that helped meet the needs of the family members.

After the panel we would like Archbishop Harry J. Flynn to offer some
remarks on the situation facing immigrants in Minnesota.

The second part of the program will feature invited public officials to give
comments on their positions on immigration reform and/or to ask for
information on immigration policy from some of the policy experts from the
American Immigration Law Foundation, Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights
and the Humphrey Institute of Public Policy.

We will send out press releases about the event. We are inviting the entire
MN congressional delegation as well as the Twin Cities Mayors, and relevant
state legislators.

Best regards,

Kathy

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League of Women Voters of Minnesota
Board Meeting Minutes
Minnesota Women's Building
Saturday, November 18, 2006

Members Present: Palmer, Frisch, Myers, Steen, Oliver, Stuthman, Thompson, Doepner-Hove, Hondl, Palank, Simmons, Tran

Members Absent: Peterson, Benson, Jenkins Nelsen, Langsjoen, Regal, Salisbury

Staff Present: Sawyer, Wickstrom, Losinski

Visitors: Mae Brooks

President Palmer called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

1. **Housekeeping:** Sawyer announced that Barb Person has agreed to stay on as outreach person and will continue in that capacity through convention but is off the month of December. We are close to hiring a legislative coordinator. Christy Dording has been retained as the project director for LOTT. Board members are urged to fill out the conflict of interest Disclosure Questionnaire now. The next President's Mailing will have information on the state study, legislative interviews, program planning, LOTT seminar and the Spirit of Democracy Awards application. The nominating committee is asking for a response from current board members as well as suggestions for new board members. Sawyer will be out of town November 21-27.

2. **Diversity:** Mae Brooks was moved up on the agenda so that she could leave when her report was finished. Brooks reported that things are going well with the diversity project. An article will be in the next issue of the *Voter*. Brooks is working on determining how many leagues are interested in dialogue groups. Facilitators for the groups will be trained in January. The goal is to have dialogue groups in ten communities.

3. **President's Report:** Palmer reported that:

- Everyone is invited to the Holiday Party at Palmer's home on December 9.
- Minnesota had the highest voter turnout in the nation with 59.5% of eligible voters voting. In 2004 we had 63% voting.
- Mary Wilson, the new LWVUS President, is a good communicator. She knows that the local leagues are the front lines of league work and we need to keep them strong. She set up a conference call with about 8 state league presidents, including Florida and Minnesota. Florida has once again had problems with voting. Discussion ensued as to what LWVUS could do to promote election integrity. Some suggestions were lobby for same day registration, require nonpartisan election officers, provide better training for election judges.
- The scope has been adopted for the immigration study. The lead article on the study is being written by Katherine Fennelly and will appear in the next *National Voter*.
- LWVUS has set up task forces on various issues to get them ready for lobbying. Topics include

climate change and health care.

- A number of glowing letters regarding the usefulness of the Voter Guide were received. They will be forwarded to Target Corporation, the donor making the guides possible.

3. **Minutes:** Thompson moved approval of the LWVMN Board meeting Minutes of October 11, 2006. Seconded and passed unanimously.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Hondl presented the Treasurer's Report. The report will be filed for audit. Moved, seconded and passed unanimously to confirm the email approving the LWVMN audit.

5. **Revision of the Agenda:** Myers asked to be added.

6. **New Board Member:** Palank moved to approve the appointment of Diane Tran to the LWVMN Board to represent the LOTT program. Seconded and passed unanimously.

7. **International Women's Day Co-Sponsorship:** Stuthman moved that we be a co-sponsoring organization for International Women's Day, March 3, 2007 and contribute \$50. Seconded and passed unanimously. Simmons suggested that we have an information table at the event and that we encourage attendance by league members.

8. **State Unit:** Frisch moved to approve the formation of a State Unit in Stevens County to be called League of Women Voters Stevens County, State Unit. There is a rather cumbersome 2-3 year procedure to become a local league. Seconded and passed unanimously.

8A. **Transit Partners:** Myers reported that a coalition of environmental and action groups is forming to lobby for transit needs and if we want to participate we would need someone to attend the meetings. Moved, seconded and passed unanimously to participate in the coalition. The goal of the Transit Partners will be to generate 365 million dollars annually for transit.

9. **Program Planning:** Simmons reported that she has received eight first round program suggestions from local leagues. The eight suggestions will be sent to local leagues for review and discussion. Local leagues may still propose other topics. Myers suggested that we all read the Minnesota Constitution. Steen suggested scheduling a workshop on the state constitution at state convention.

10. **Voter Service:** Doepner-Hove reported on a very successful voter service season. She commended the staff for all their help and work. KSTP has been a good partner for voter service activity. The Election Hotline was successful. Three hundred thousand Voter Guides were distributed and were well received. Susan Hoyt aptly handled the debates of the congressional candidates for districts 3,5 and 6; Attorney General; Secretary of State; Governor and U.S. Senator. This was the most ambitious debate season ever. The Minnesota Council of Nonprofits awarded us \$200 per debate. Wickstrom reported that the website activity was good although there were less hits than in 2004. Local leagues need to get their information to the website. We are waiting on final reports on forums around the state. General consensus that the billboards were great.

11. **State Election Review project:** Doepner-Hove reported the audit was observed and from the reports in, it went very well. Random audits are an important part of election integrity. Hennepin County did not post the dates for audits early enough to ensure adequate volunteer observers.

12. **State Study:** The study is in draft mode. Not sure if this study will lead to a consensus. We may already have positions that can be implemented.

13. **Action:** Myers reported that the booklet "How to Make a Difference" is at the printers. Yesterday former Minnesota house speaker Sviggum and new house speaker Kelliher came to the action committee meeting and told the committee what their caucus goals are and how they plan to "reach across the aisle." Next action committee meeting is January 12, 2007. The session starts January 3.

14. **LOTT:** Palank and Tran reported that Christy Dording has been retained as the project director for LOTT. Plans are underway for the seminar to be held January 11-13, 2007 at Holiday Inn East in St. Paul. It is not too late to sponsor people. The cost is approximately \$225. The kickoff banquet is January 11 and is always a great event.

15. **Budgets for 2007-2008 & 2008-2009:** Sawyer asked that everyone turn in their budget forms. The budget committee is: Morem, Moorman, Marshall, Power.

16. **Nominating Committee:** All current board members are asked to get their nominating form filled out and turned in to Alice Moorman.

17. **Communications:** Oliver stated that the *Voter* deadline is Friday December 29.

Meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Kay Thompson, Secretary

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Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison
 As of December 31, 2006

	Dec 31, 06	Dec 31, 05
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Cash and temp. cash investments		
1010 · USbank checking	1,268.80	1,475.02
1050 · USbank savings	392.66	392.46
1080 · Hope Washburn savings		
1081 · CD #2776	2,000.00	2,000.00
1082 · CD #3023	2,000.00	2,000.00
1083 · Wells Fargo - Hope Washburn	2,872.24	2,796.28
Total 1080 · Hope Washburn savings	6,872.24	6,796.28
1099 · Petty cash	25.00	25.00
Total Cash and temp. cash investments	8,558.70	8,688.76
Total Checking/Savings	8,558.70	8,688.76
Accounts Receivable		
1100 · A/R - LWVMNEF	130,700.49	72,707.62
1150 · A/R - due from LL	6,234.60	5,003.00
1200 · A/R - Other	75.67	86.59
Total Accounts Receivable	137,010.76	77,797.21
Other Current Assets		
1450 · In-Kind	1,780.00	1,780.00
Total Other Current Assets	1,780.00	1,780.00
Total Current Assets	147,349.46	88,265.97
Fixed Assets		
Office equipment, net		
1700 · Office equipment	15,622.49	15,622.49
1750 · Accumulated depreciation	-15,622.49	-15,607.26
Total Office equipment, net	0.00	15.23
Total Fixed Assets	0.00	15.23
TOTAL ASSETS	147,349.46	88,281.20
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
2000 · Accounts Payable	8,379.87	366.89
2400 · A/P Rent due LWVMNEF	8,392.32	6,774.21
2500 · A/P PMP due to LWVUS	1,789.70	3,731.10
Total Accounts Payable	18,561.89	10,872.20
Other Current Liabilities		
2100 · Payroll Liabilities	8,188.37	6,964.84
2200 · Sales Tax Payable	265.94	272.29
2350 · In Kind	1,780.00	1,780.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	10,234.31	9,017.13
Total Current Liabilities	28,796.20	19,889.33
Total Liabilities	28,796.20	19,889.33
Equity		
3000 · Net assets		
3100 · Unrestricted		
3120 · Hope Washburn Fund	5,309.00	5,309.00
3130 · LWVUS Education Fund	42.80	42.80
Total 3100 · Unrestricted	5,351.80	5,351.80
3400 · Permanently restricted		
3410 · Swisshelm Endowment Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total 3400 · Permanently restricted	1,000.00	1,000.00

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As of December 31, 2006

	<u>Dec 31, 06</u>	<u>Dec 31, 05</u>
Total 3000 - Net assets	6,351.80	6,351.80
3800 - Opening Bal Equity	-0.10	0.01
3900 - Retained Earnings, prior year	47,666.82	37,899.49
Net Income	64,534.74	24,140.57
Total Equity	<u>118,553.26</u>	<u>68,391.87</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>147,349.46</u>	<u>88,281.20</u>

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 April through December 2006

	Apr - Dec 06	Budget	% of Budget
Income			
4000 · Membership dues			
4001 · Per member payments	27,352.50	30,000.00	91.2%
4002 · Members at large	6,150.00	10,000.00	61.5%
4005 · CMAL Assessment	0.44	300.00	0.1%
Total 4000 · Membership dues	33,502.94	40,300.00	83.1%
4100 · Contributions			
4101 · Cash contributions - members	8,082.54	7,500.00	107.8%
4102 · Non-cash contributions - member	0.00	55,000.00	0.0%
4105 · Cash contributions - Non-member	880.00	750.00	117.3%
4111 · Memorials	10.00		
4113 · Honorarium	50.00		
Total 4100 · Contributions	9,022.54	63,250.00	14.3%
4200 · Publication sales			
4210 · Voter	40.00	50.00	80.0%
4220 · DPM / BD memos	0.00	150.00	0.0%
4222 · Membership brochures	2.00	100.00	2.0%
4225 · Capitol Letter	10.00	100.00	10.0%
4228 · Program for Action	0.00	50.00	0.0%
4250 · Calendars	6.00	50.00	12.0%
4290 · Other	0.58	50.00	1.2%
Total 4200 · Publication sales	58.58	550.00	10.7%
4300 · Registration and other fees			
4310 · LWVMN convention			
4311 · 2005, 2007	0.00	100.00	0.0%
Total 4310 · LWVMN convention	0.00	100.00	0.0%
4320 · LWVMN council			
4321 · 2006, 2008	660.00	2,000.00	33.0%
Total 4320 · LWVMN council	660.00	2,000.00	33.0%
4330 · Regional workshops	0.00		
Total 4300 · Registration and other fees	660.00	2,100.00	31.4%
4500 · Services provided LWVMNEF			
4510 · LL Ed. Fund account admin.			
4511 · Direct Costs	2,579.22	4,249.00	60.7%
4512 · Admin. Reimbursements	2,870.07	4,751.00	60.4%
Total 4510 · LL Ed. Fund account admin.	5,449.29	9,000.00	60.5%
4520 · Grant projects			
4521 · Direct costs	78,100.30	123,878.00	63.0%
4522 · Admin. reimbursement	86,935.68	139,693.00	62.2%
Total 4520 · Grant projects	165,035.98	263,571.00	62.6%
4530 · Program services			
4531 · Direct costs	12,147.68	23,500.00	51.7%
4532 · Admin. reimbursement	14,066.94	26,500.00	53.1%
Total 4530 · Program services	26,214.62	50,000.00	52.4%
4550 · Administration and development			
4551 · Direct costs	28,447.60	31,255.00	91.0%
4552 · Admin. reimbursement	31,112.07	35,245.00	88.3%
Total 4550 · Administration and development	59,559.67	66,500.00	89.6%
Total 4500 · Services provided LWVMNEF	256,259.56	389,071.00	65.9%
4700 · Interest and investment income			
4701 · Savings interest income	0.14	10.00	1.4%
4702 · Board directed investment income	0.00	50.00	0.0%
4703 · Hope Washburn income	64.83		
Total 4700 · Interest and investment income	64.97	60.00	108.3%
4900 · Other income			
4905 · Product sales	72.50	1,200.00	6.0%
4910 · Copier business	0.00	25.00	0.0%

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 April through December 2006

	Apr - Dec 06	Budget	% of Budget
4915 · Trip revenue	100.00		
Total 4900 · Other income	172.50	1,225.00	14.1%
Total Income	299,741.09	496,556.00	60.4%
Gross Profit	299,741.09	496,556.00	60.4%
Expense			
5100 · Membership			
5101 · MAL PMP to LWVUS	3,404.62	5,480.00	62.1%
5102 · EF LL PMP up to 25%	773.77	5,500.00	14.1%
5103 · LL early payment discount	702.90	1,000.00	70.3%
5104 · LL rebate for state MAL's	345.00	1,000.00	34.5%
Total 5100 · Membership	5,226.29	12,980.00	40.3%
5200 · Direct service to LL			
5203 · Membership /field service comm.	0.00	5,000.00	0.0%
5205 · Calls and visits to LL	0.00	1,500.00	0.0%
5208 · Membership brochure	597.00		
5210 · Membership campaign	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
5220 · MAL	0.00	100.00	0.0%
5230 · Outreach	37.60	500.00	7.5%
5299 · Office costs	18,443.97	29,112.00	63.4%
Total 5200 · Direct service to LL	19,078.57	37,212.00	51.3%
5300 · Convention and council			
5310 · LWVMN convention			
5311 · 2005	113.15		
5312 · 2007	0.00	500.00	0.0%
Total 5310 · LWVMN convention	113.15	500.00	22.6%
5330 · LWVMN council			
5331 · 2006, 2008	2,443.92	2,500.00	97.8%
Total 5330 · LWVMN council	2,443.92	2,500.00	97.8%
5360 · LWVUS convention			
5361 · 2006, 2008	1,796.95	1,000.00	179.7%
Total 5360 · LWVUS convention	1,796.95	1,000.00	179.7%
5399 · Office costs	3,311.78	7,652.00	43.3%
Total 5300 · Convention and council	7,665.80	11,652.00	65.8%
5400 · Publications / communications			
5410 · MN Voter			
5411 · Voter Committee	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
5412 · Printing	4,167.47	7,300.00	57.1%
5413 · Postage	1,597.46	2,500.00	63.9%
5415 · LWVMNEF contribution - 1/3	0.00	-3,500.00	0.0%
5419 · Office costs	1,159.55	772.00	150.2%
Total 5410 · MN Voter	6,924.48	8,072.00	85.8%
5420 · Public relations - staff costs	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
5425 · Directory Listings	0.00	500.00	0.0%
5480 · Other publications			
5481 · Publication costs	2.50		
Total 5480 · Other publications	2.50		
Total 5400 · Publications / communications	6,926.98	9,572.00	72.4%
5500 · Action / affiliations			
5510 · Action and program comm.	0.00	12,000.00	0.0%
5520 · Lobbying and monitoring	0.00	7,000.00	0.0%
5530 · Program for Action	0.00	400.00	0.0%
5540 · Resource materials	100.00	300.00	33.3%
5560 · Coalitions and affiliations	775.00	600.00	129.2%
5599 · Office costs	7,379.13	14,837.00	49.7%
Total 5500 · Action / affiliations	8,254.13	35,137.00	23.5%
5700 · Program Support			

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League of Women Voters of Minnesota Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual April through December 2006

	Apr - Dec 06	Budget	% of Budget
5701 · LWVUS	0.00	50.00	0.0%
5702 · MN Study and Consensus	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
5799 · Office Costs	287.97	1,728.00	16.7%
Total 5700 · Program Support	287.97	2,778.00	10.4%
5800 · Other expenses			
5810 · Product Sales			
5811 · Direct Costs	0.00	500.00	0.0%
5812 · Office costs	972.01	1,667.00	58.3%
Total 5810 · Product Sales	972.01	2,167.00	44.9%
5820 · Copier business			
5821 · Direct costs	376.69	594.00	63.4%
5822 · Office costs	178.95	173.00	103.4%
Total 5820 · Copier business	555.64	767.00	72.4%
5830 · Fundraising			
5831 · Direct Costs	1,045.00	3,000.00	34.8%
5832 · Office Costs	581.36	1,699.00	34.2%
Total 5830 · Fundraising	1,626.36	4,699.00	34.6%
Total 5800 · Other expenses	3,154.01	7,633.00	41.3%
6000 · Administration			
6010 · President and board	-0.01	30,000.00	-0.0%
6015 · Conferences for board	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
6030 · Budget committee	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
6040 · Nominating committee	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
6050 · Bylaws committee	0.00	200.00	0.0%
6060 · Office management committee	0.00	5,000.00	0.0%
6099 · Office costs	44,526.42	49,748.00	89.5%
Total 6000 · Administration	44,526.41	87,948.00	50.6%
6100 · Operating expenses			
6110 · Payroll Expenses	160,783.59	289,134.00	55.6%
6120 · Payroll taxes	14,271.32	25,432.00	56.1%
6130 · Employee benefits	16,128.66	28,760.00	56.1%
6135 · Tech Consultants	0.00	500.00	0.0%
6140 · Staff training	0.00	5,000.00	0.0%
6200 · Office rent	6,074.01	9,100.00	66.7%
6210 · Telephone	2,031.94	6,500.00	31.3%
6220 · Insurance	1,891.25	2,600.00	72.7%
6225 · Small equipment	0.00	300.00	0.0%
6230 · Equipment rental / mtn.	2,757.38	4,400.00	62.7%
6240 · Copier rental / mtn.	4,987.90	7,300.00	68.3%
6250 · Office supplies	2,964.46	4,000.00	74.1%
6255 · Computer software and supplies	276.82	5,000.00	5.5%
6260 · Internet service provider	586.62	350.00	167.6%
6270 · Postage and shipping	2,587.00	5,000.00	51.7%
6285 · Bank charges	171.55	250.00	68.6%
6290 · Audit and accounting fees	3,175.00	6,000.00	52.9%
Total 6100 · Operating expenses	218,687.50	399,626.00	54.7%
6300 · LWVMN staff cost alloc.	-78,716.24	-107,982.00	72.9%
Total Expense	235,091.42	496,556.00	47.3%
Net Income	64,649.67	0.00	100.0%

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison
 As of December 31, 2006

Short

	Dec 31, 06	Dec 31, 05
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Cash and temp. cash investments	8,558.70	8,688.76
Total Checking/Savings	8,558.70	8,688.76
Accounts Receivable		
1100 · A/R - LWVMNEF	130,700.49	72,707.62
1150 · A/R - due from LL	6,234.60	5,003.00
1200 · A/R - Other	75.67	86.59
Total Accounts Receivable	137,010.76	77,797.21
Other Current Assets		
1450 · In-Kind	1,780.00	1,780.00
Total Other Current Assets	1,780.00	1,780.00
Total Current Assets	147,349.46	88,265.97
Fixed Assets		
Office equipment, net	0.00	15.23
Total Fixed Assets	0.00	15.23
TOTAL ASSETS	147,349.46	88,281.20
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
2000 · Accounts Payable	8,264.94	366.89
2400 · A/P Rent due LWVMNEF	8,392.32	6,774.21
2500 · A/P PMP due to LWVUS	1,789.70	3,731.10
Total Accounts Payable	18,446.96	10,872.20
Other Current Liabilities		
2100 · Payroll Liabilities	8,188.37	6,964.84
2200 · Sales Tax Payable	265.94	272.29
2350 · In Kind	1,780.00	1,780.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	10,234.31	9,017.13
Total Current Liabilities	28,681.27	19,889.33
Total Liabilities	28,681.27	19,889.33
Equity		
3000 · Net assets	6,351.80	6,351.80
3800 · Opening Bal Equity	-0.10	0.01
3900 · Retained Earnings, prior year	47,666.82	37,899.49
Net Income	64,649.67	24,140.57
Total Equity	118,668.19	68,391.87
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	147,349.46	88,281.20

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4300 · Registration and other fees	660.00	2,100.00	31.4%
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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTER'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

JOB DESCRIPTIONS

January, 2007

Interim Executive Director

LWVMN is seeking an **Interim Executive Director** for the period of up to six months (or June-December, 2007) from the date of hiring. The Interim will work with and supervise 1 full-time and 7 part-time staff to ensure that the organization maintains its commitment to its mission and goals and remains in healthy programmatic and financial condition while searching for a new Executive Director. The Interim will also assess management systems, personnel and the relationships between board and staff. The search committee is seeking Interim candidates who are not interested in applying for the long-term Executive Director position.

Qualifications:

- Minimum B.A. in Political Science, Public Administration or related field.
- Minimum of 5 years experience working in a nonprofit organization, including supervising staff and working with a board of directors.
- Working knowledge of nonprofit fiscal management, including fund accounting and budgeting.
- Experience with foundation/corporation proposal and report writing.
- Experience with human resource management and appraisal.
- Experience with long-range planning and goal setting.
- Commitment to the mission and goals of the League of Women Voters a must.

Permanent Executive Director

LWVMN is seeking a full time **Executive Director** to take a leadership role in planning, supporting and coordinating the work of the President, Board and staff of the organization in fulfillment of its mission. The ED is accountable to the Board of Directors.

Qualifications:

- Minimum B.A. in Political Science, Public Administration or related field.
- Minimum of 5 years experience working in a nonprofit organization, including supervising staff and working with a board of directors.
- Demonstrated success in organizational and office management, stewardship of financial resources, fundraising and communications.
- Commitment to the mission of the League of Women Voters.
- Experience with long-range planning and goal setting.
- Good interpersonal skills and experience with promoting diversity in programming and staffing.

Speaks & Writes well

Exc.

General Responsibilities:

INTERIM DIRECTOR	PERMANENT DIRECTOR
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Administers daily operations and procedures: Assesses current staffing; recommends and implements any necessary restructuring.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Administers daily operations and procedures, supervises, assesses and provides for staff development.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Manages organization finances with appropriate staff, board and committees. Keeps president and board fully informed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Manages organization finances with appropriate staff, board committees
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reviews grant writing opportunities, management, reporting and donor relations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supervise development plan and take an active role in fundraising, including grant writing, donor

	identification and recognition.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Represents the organization to the public in consultation with the president 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fulfills the leadership role in collaboration with the president of a nonpartisan organization which works on public policy issues. Promotes diversity at all levels of LWVMN involvement.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Works with volunteers and supports the board. Assesses the working relationship between board and staff. Provides assistance/support to Search Committee. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partners with and supports President, board and volunteers in planning 2 year program/calendar.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conforms to the role of a nonpartisan organization which works on public policy issues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Represents LWVMN as needed with public, coalitions, government, donors and all levels of LWV in collaboration with the president.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports currently planned new projects, hires, supervises and, if necessary, fires project staff in conjunction with president and board. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiates and manages new projects and supports current projects, hires, supervises and, if necessary, fires project staff, in conjunction with president, board and committees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Works with the Communication Chair to carry out the communication plan, including the <i>Voter</i> and website. Analyzes all forms of external and internal communication. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Works with the Communication Chair to develop and carry out the communication plan, including the <i>Voter</i> and website.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Works with field service staff to provide resources to the local leagues. Conducts long range strategic planning in priority areas agreed upon by interim and transition team. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Works with field service staff to provide resources to the local leagues.

Key Projects for Interim from June – December 2007

Administer financial work of the organization: cash flow, fundraising, management of reserves, audit preparation. Investigate "h" election IRS code. Supervise Power of 3 income management. Attend to MN Women's Building Partnership as needed in collaboration with the president.

Provide board support for monthly meetings August – November.

Continues calendar planning for 2007-2009.

Provide/maintain staff support to board. Assess job descriptions and needs.

Manage project staff for diversity, Joyce grant work if funded, new study, groundwork for 2008 voter service.

Enable provision of services and resources to local Leagues including 2 *Voter* issues.

Assess management systems, personnel, and relationships between board and staff.

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CONVENTION 2007 AGENDA

Thursday, May 17th

7:00 p.m. Social Time – bonfire or conference room activity (Karen Langsjoen)

Friday, May 18th

Breakfast on Your Own

8:30 a.m. Registration & Coffee

9:00 – 11:15. **Leadership Workshop**
Tips, Quips and Blips – The Amazing Adventures of LWV Leaders
Coordinator: Juanita Peterson, LWVMN Communications Director

9:00 – 11:15 **Voter Service Workshop**
Coordinator: Stacy Doepner-Hove, LWVMN Voter Service Director

11:30 Lunch

12:30 Welcome to Convention – Helen Palmer
Welcome and Introduction of Speaker – Karen Christofferson
1:25 Keynote Address: Paula West, Director, Minnesota Waters

First Plenary Session

1:30 Organization of the Convention & Roll Call of the Leagues - Helen Palmer

1:45 Treasurer's Report – Connie Hondl

1:55 President's Report – Helen Palmer

2:15 Bylaws Committee Report and Action – Kay Thompson

2:30 Nomination and Election of Officers and Directors – Alice Moormann

2:45 Presentation of the Budget – Marilyn Morem

3:00 Break

3:30 Presentation of Proposed Program – Miriam Simmons

Consideration of Non-Recommended Items

4:30 LWVUS Report – Judy Duffy

4:45 Announcements

Break

5:30 Social Hour – Cash Bar – Live Music – Strings

6:15 Dinner

6:45 Awards Presentations - MR Committee, Judy Duffy, Anne Berry

Spirit of Democracy Awards

Hope Washburn Award

Peggy Thompson Award

Membership Awards

8:15 Budget/PMP – Marilyn Morem, Sally Sawyer
FAQ/Membership Rosters – Ady Wickstrom, Board Members
Caucuses (2 rooms available)
9:15 Confessions of a League Addict

X NO Story Lines

Saturday, May 19th

8:00 a.m. Registration & Coffee/rolls – Board & Staff

8:30-9:30 **Workshops, Session I:**

WORKSHOP 1: Membership Information Swap – Part 1

Coordinator: Karen Langsjoen,

Presenters: LOTT, Diversity, Website, Local Leagues

WORKSHOP 2: The Gift that Keeps on Giving: How To Flaunt Your Feats

Coordinator: Juanita Peterson

WORKSHOP 3: MPCA State Study — Next Steps

Coordinator: Mary Steen?

WORKSHOP 4: Action – What Did We Do at the Legislature?

Coordinator: Gwen Myer/Anne Salisbury

9:40-10:40 **Workshops, Session II:**

WORKSHOP 5: Membership – Part 2

Coordinator: Karen Langsjoen

Presenters: LOTT, Diversity, Website, Local Leagues

WORKSHOP 6: Cross Cultural Dialogues

Coordinators: Vivian Nelson-Jenkins & Mae Brooks

WORKSHOP 7: It Worked for Us – Local League Successes

Coordinator: Joan Regal

WORKSHOP 8: Hands On with Finances and Development

Coordinators: Carol Frisch, Development Chair LWVMN, Heidi Losinski,
Development Director LWVMN

10:50 **Brunch**

12:00 p.m. Speaker – Matt Norton, Center for Environmental Advocacy

Plenary Session

12:30 Debate and Action on Program

1:45 Adoption of Program

2:00 Adoption of Budget

2:45 Direction to Board

3:00 Adjourn

Optional - Opportunities to Enjoy Breezy Point

NEWS RELEASE:

February 2, 2007

FROM: Juanita Peterson, League of Women Voters Minnesota Communications Director

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Heather Skinner, University of MN Press, 612-627-1932 presspr@umn.edu

**University of Minnesota Press Publishes League of Women Voters Minnesota's
5th Edition of *INDIANS IN MINNESOTA***

St. Paul, MN, February 2, 2007--The League of Women Voters Minnesota (LWVMN) announced today that *INDIANS IN MINNESOTA* 5th Edition, published by the University of Minnesota Press, will be released Saturday, February 3. *INDIANS IN MINNESOTA* 5th Edition is the fully updated survey of American Indian communities in Minnesota. The last edition of the book was published in 1985.

Characterized by a balanced perspective and a comprehensive approach, *INDIANS IN MINNESOTA* provides an historical and contemporary account of Ojibwe and Dakota Indians living in both reservation and urban settings. Compiled from hundreds of interviews with tribal members, as well as data from the 2000 Minnesota Census and federal and state reports, this 5th edition examines the significant changes and continuing needs of American Indians in the 21st century.

Exploring American Indians' relationships with federal, state, and local governments—including the expansion of gaming and growing tribal sovereignty—this book includes extensive coverage of the status of American Indian culture, natural resources, economic development, employment, education, social services, health, housing, and criminal justice issues. The authors also focus on central concerns facing American Indians today, including widespread efforts to preserve sovereignty, culture, language, and reservations, and to build brighter futures for Indian men, women, and children.

INDIANS IN MINNESOTA is the only resource of its kind," says LWVMN Executive Director Sally Sawyer. "It offers statistics as well as insight into American Indian spiritual, cultural, and economic views to promote a better understanding of American Indian communities and to create an invaluable tool for social change."

American Indian leader and Minneapolis Library Board member Laura Waterman Wittstock says *INDIANS IN MINNESOTA* "captures 20th to 21st century Minnesota American Indian history with the authenticity of being there when events unfolded."

In Minnesota, the legacy of the American Indian people is reflected in many ways. Twenty-seven of the state's counties have names of American Indian origin. The cities of Wabasha, Red Wing, and Shakopee are named for important Mdewakanton Dakota tribal leaders. With more than fifty-four thousand American Indians currently living in Minnesota, their culture and values are well represented throughout the state.

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To request a review copy of *INDIANS IN MINNESOTA* 5th Edition or an interview with Co-author/editor Kathy Graves, contact Heather Skinner, Publicist, University of MN Press at 612-627-1932 presspr@umn.edu

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Proposed Budget for LWVMN 2007-2008 and 2008-2009

		Actual 03/31/05	Budget 2004-2005	Actual 03/31/06	Budget 2005-2006	Actual 11/30/06	Budget 2006-2007	Budget 2007-2008	Budget 2008-2009
	Income								
4000	Membership dues								
4001	Per member payments	27,014.00	30,000	28,296.00	28,179	27,352.50	30,000	32,000	32,000
4002	Members at large	8,565.00	11,250	8,175.00	10,000	5,465.00	10,000	9,520	9,520
4005	CMAL Assessment	300.00	300	300.00	300	0.44	300	300	300
4010	In Kind Membership	1,780.00							
Total 4	Membership dues	37,659.00	41,550	36,771.00	38,479	32,817.94	40,300	41,820	41,820
4100	Contributions								
4101	Cash contributions - members	9,946.34	10,000	1,721.95	7,500	8,082.54	7,500	9,000	10,000
4102	Non-cash contributions - member		41,625	3,205.34	65,500	0.00	55,000	4,000	4,000
4105	Cash contributions -non- members	425.00	1,000	1,005.00	750	880.00	750	1,000	1,000
4110	Hope Washburn contributions		250	40.00				0	
4111	Memorials			340.00		10.00		50	50
4112	Special donations/bequests	51.00		25.00		50.00		50	50
4113	Honorarium	150.00	250					100	100
Total 4	Contributions	10,572.34	53,125	6,337.29	73,750	9,022.54	63,250	14,200	15,200
4200	Publication sales								
4210	Voter	40.00	120	40.00	50	20.00	50	40	40
4220	DPM / BD memos	157.50	200	30.00	150	0.00	150		
4222	Membership brochures	12.00	100	115.50	100	2.00	100		
4225	Capitol Letter	78.00	100	10.00	100	10.00	100	50	50
4228	Program for Action		100	30.00	100		50	50	50
4250	Calendars	49.52	100	18.00	50	6.00	50	20	20
4290	Other	90.00	100	689.30	50	0.58	50	50	50
Total 4	Publication sales	427.02	820	932.80	600	38.58	550	210	210
4300	Registration and other fees								
4310	LWVMN Convention								
4311	2005, 2007	1,190.00	100	16,267.00	16,000		100	7,500	
4320	LWVMN council								
4321	2006, 2008	1,885.00	1,000	775.00		660.00	2,000		1,500



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4330	Regional workshops & Other events		700	860.00	1,500			1,000	
total 430	Registration and other fees	3,075.00	1,800	17,902.00	17,500	660.00	2,100	8,500	1,500
4500	Services provided LWVMNEF								
4510	LL Ed. Fund								
4511	Account admin	4,614.02	4,249	3,165.32	4,249	2,324.37	4,249	4,200	4,200
4512	Admin. Reimbursements LL Ed F	5,386.96	4,751	3,464.08	4,751	2,583.87	4,751	4,500	4,500
Total 4510	LL Ed. Fund	10,000.98	9,000	6,629.40	9,000	4,908.24	9,000	8,700	8,700
4520	Grant projects								
4521	Direct costs	92,140.57	100,153	67,945.83	98,705	72,821.21	123,878	90,757	94,000
4522	Admin. Reimbursements	106,720.40	106,550	74,233.45	111,306	80,976.12	139,693	102,343	106,000
Total 4520	Grant projects	198,860.97	206,703	142,179.28	210,011	153,797.33	263,571	193,100	200,000
4530	Program services								
4531	Direct costs	20,549.46	16,655	26,683.86	25,850	11,089.81	23,500	20,899	26,750
4532	Admin. Reimbursements	23,280.60	18,345	29,074.64	29,150	12,884.18	26,500	23,566	30,165
Total 4530	Program services	43,830.06	35,000	55,758.50	55,000	23,973.99	50,000	44,465	56,915
4550	Administration and development								
4551	Direct costs	29,707.10	42,665	34,423.32	46,530	24,870.17	31,255	32,195	32,195
4552	Admin. Reimbursements	34,178.53	45,335	19,573.21	52,470	27,141.17	35,245	36,305	36,305
Total 4550	Administration and development	63,885.63	88,000	53,996.53	99,000	52,011.34	66,500	68,500	68,500
total 4500	Services provided LWVMNEF	316,577.64	338,703	258,563.71	373,011	234,690.90	389,071	314,765	334,115
								298,000	306,670
4700	Interest and investment income								
4701	Savings and interest income	0.39	25	0.33	10	0.12	10	10	10
4703	Hope Washburn income	53.98	150	70.89	50	64.34	50	70	70
total 4700	Interest and investment income	54.37	175	71.22	60	64.46	60	80	80
4900	Other income								
4905	Product sales	1,243.49	1,000	274.48	1,200	52.50	1,200	100	100
4910	Copier business	3.16	100	271.81	25		25	25	25
4915	Trip revenue					100.00			
total 4900	Other income	1,246.65	1,100	546.29	1,225	152.50	1,225	125	125
total Income		369,612.02	437,273	321,124.31	504,625	277,446.92	496,556	379,700	393,050



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		03/31/05	2004-2005	03/31/06	2005-2006	11/30/06	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
	Expense								
5100	Membership								
5101	MAL PMP to LWVUS	2,154.10	4,875	5,152.10	5,480	3,519.55	5,480	5,000	6,000
5102	EF LL PMP up to 50%	1,973.50	3,000	873.00	5,500	773.77	5,500	1,000	1,000
5103	LL early payment discount	813.15	1,000	710.85	1,000	702.90	1,000	750	750
5104	LL rebate for state MAL's	844.00	800	488.00	1,000	315.00	1,000	500	500
5110	In Kind Expense Membership	1,780.00							
total 510	Membership	7,564.75	9,675	7,223.95	12,980	5,311.22	12,980	7,250	8,250
5200	Direct service to LL								
5201	Regional workshops & Other Events		1,000	523.55	1,000			1,000	
5203	Membership/field service committee	209.00	5,000	110.85	5,000		5,000	1,000	1,000
5205	Calls and visits to LL's		1,500		1,500		1,500	1,000	1,000
5208	Membership brochure	56.93	500	801.00	1,000	597.00		750	750
5215	Hope Washburn fund expense		75	400.00	75			200	
5210	Membership campaign		1,000		1,000		1,000	1,000	1,000
5220	MAL Support		500		100		100		
5230	Outreach		500	75.40	3,000	37.60	500	1,000	1,000
5299	Office costs	30,627.21	30,000	23,966.90	27,993	15,985.39	29,112	25,000	32,000
total 520	Direct service to LL	30,893.14	40,575	25,877.70	40,668	16,619.99	37,212	30,950	36,750
5300	Convention and Council								
5310	LWVMN Convention								
5311	2005			13,482.78	16,000	113.15			
5312	2007, 2009						500	7,500	500
Total 531	LWVMN Convention	0.00	0		16,000		500	7,500	500
5330	LWVMN Council								
5331	2006, 2008	2,767.97	2,000	9.00	500	2,443.92	2,500	500	2,500
5360	LWVUS Convention								
5361	2006, 2008	2,758.90	4,000	923.15	1,000	1,796.95	1,000	500	4,000
5380	LWVUS Council								
5381	2005, 2007			1,114.17	3,500			3,000	500



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5399	Office costs	7,756.03	5,000	11,729.15	7,357	3,308.16	7,652	10,000	10,000
total 530	Convention and council	13,282.90	11,000	27,258.25	28,357	7,662.18	11,652	21,500	17,500
5400	Publications/communications								
5410	MN Voter								
5411	Voter Committee		2,100	43.40	1,000	0.00	1,000	100	100
5412	Printing	5,078.84	7,300	5,110.08	7,300	4,167.47	7,300	8,000	8,200
5413	Postage/Mail House	2,110.09	2,700	2,186.50	2,500	1,597.46	2,500	3,200	3,200
5415	LWVMNEF contribution - 1/3	-3,231.27	-5,000	-2,222.00	-3,500		-3,500	-3,700	-3,800
5419	Office costs	621.46	1,000	2,163.34	742	1,121.02	772	2,000	2,000
total 541	MN Voter	4,579.12	8,100	7,281.32	8,042	6,885.95	8,072	9,600	9,700
5420	Communications Committee				1,000		1,000	500	500
5425	Directory Listings/Ads	120.00			500		500	500	500
5480	Other publications								
5481	Publication Purchase		100	14.00	100	2.50		100	100
5483	Calendars	132.00	200	66.00					
5489	Office costs							300	300
total 548	Other publications	252.00	300.00	80.00	1,600	2.50	1,500	1,400	1,400
total 540	Publications/communications	4,831.12	8,400	7,361.32	9,642	6,888.45	9,572	11,000	11,100
5500	Action/affiliations								
5510	Action and program committee		12,000	788.15	15,000		12,000	1,000	1,000
5520	Lobbying and monitoring		7,000	676.10	8,500		7,000	1,000	1,000
5530	Program for Action			0.00	1,000		400	500	500
5540	Resource materials (Sem & Conf)		300	27.25	300	100.00	300	500	500
5550	Seminars/conferences			50.00		725.00		500	500
5560	Coalitions, affiliations, Org.Dues	350.00	1,100	400.00	600		600	1,000	1,000
5599	Office costs	19,507.75	16,000	17,564.78	14,267	5,851.47	14,837	18,000	20,000
total 550	Action/affiliations	19,857.75	36,400	19,506.28	39,667	6,676.47	35,137	22,500	24,500
5700	Program Support								
5701	LWVUS		100	18.00	50		50	100	100
5702	Study/Consensus	15.00	1,000	135.56	500		1,000	500	500

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		03/31/05	2004-2005	03/31/06	2005-2006	11/30/06	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
5799	Office Costs	1,765.48	1,500	504.51	1,662	287.97	1,728	500	2,000
Total 5	Program Support	1,780.48	2,600	658.07	2,212	287.97	2,778	1,100	2,600
5800	Other expenses								
5810	Product sales								
5811	Cost of products	361.52	500	201.60	500		500	500	500
5812	Office costs	1,514.57	500	1,730.66	1,603	900.65	1,667	1,500	1,500
5813	Product Discount	10.10		5.30					
otal 581	Product sales	1,886.19	1,000	1,937.56	2,103	900.65	2,167	2,000	2,000
5820	Copier business								
5821	Direct costs	635.34	200	487.24	571	338.16	594	600	600
5822	Office costs	127.85	100	291.47	167	178.95	173	300	300
otal 582	Copier business	763.19	300	778.71	738	517.11	767	900	900
5830	Fundraising Letter								
5831	Direct Costs	4,308.73	2,500	1,968.86	3,000	1,045.00	3,000	2,000	2,000
5832	Office costs	2,282.51	1,500	1,211.47	1,633	581.36	1,699	1,800	2,000
otal 583	Fundraising Letter	6,591.24	4,000	3,180.33	4,633	1,626.36	4,699	3,800	4,000
otal 580	Other expenses	9,240.62	5,300	5,896.60	7,474	3,044.12	7,633	6,700	6,900
6000	Administration								
6010	President and board	23.48	7,000	540.97	30,000	-0.01	30,000	5,000	5,000
6015	Conferences for board	506.85	1,000	556.00	1,000		1,000	1,000	1,000
6030	Budget committee		50	6.00	250		1,000	250	500
6040	Nominating committee		50	154.43	300		1,000	250	500
6050	Bylaws committee			0.00	50		200		100
6060	Office management committee		5,000	13.80	5,000		5,000	1,000	1,000
6070	Communications Committee	58.88	500	39.75					
6099	Office costs	50,671.46	30,200	51,028.49	47,835	37,903.86	49,748	42,000	48,000
otal 600	Administration	51,260.67	43,800	52,339.44	84,435	37,903.85	87,948	49,500	56,100
6100	Operating expenses								
6110	Payroll expenses	209,048.85	247,072	201,609.83	278,013	137,852.71	289,134	231,000	247,000
6120	Payroll taxes	18,341.40	22,236	18,073.23	24,453	12,343.46	25,432	23,000	24,700

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6130	Employee benefits	14,438.76	24,842	18,036.84	27,654	14,267.14	28,760	26,500	27,300
6135	Tech Consultants		12,800	0.00	500	0.00	500	500	500
6140	Staff training	36.90	1,000	0.00	5,000	0.00	5,000	5,000	5,000
6200	Office rent	8,965.23	9,194	9,100.05	9,050	5,313.79	9,100	9,200	9,300
6210	Telephone	5,902.05	7,030	4,895.84	6,000	1,713.86	6,500	3,000	3,100
6220	Insurance	2,448.82	2,704	2,333.68	2,500	1,318.68	2,600	3,000	3,500
6225	Small equipment		300	0.00	300	0.00	300	300	300
6230	Equipment rental / mtn.	4,077.87	4,002	3,845.62	4,200	2,757.38	4,400	4,400	4,400
6240	Copier rental / mtn.	6,438.26	7,355	6,763.50	7,200	4,155.57	7,300	7,000	7,000
6250	Office supplies	3,093.29	4,326	2,784.51	3,600	2,773.25	4,000	4,200	4,500
6255	Computer software and supplies	231.94	13,800	211.94	5,000	63.89	5,000	5,000	1,300
6260	Internet service provider	394.83		658.86	350	568.67	350	900	900
6270	Postage and shipping	4,309.02	5,000	4,154.22	4,000	2,292.00	5,000	4,000	5,000
6285	Bank charges	191.65	434	679.28	200	145.58	250	700	250
6288	Finance charges								
6290	Audit and accounting fees	2,975.00	3,028	3,275.00	5,000	3,275.00	6,000	3,500	4,000
6299	Miscellaneous			15.23					
total 610	Operating expenses	280,893.87	365,123	276,437.63	383,020	188,840.98	399,626	331,200	348,050
6300	LWVMN Office cost alloc.	-115,509.66	-85,600	-110,678.01	-103,830	-67,955.40	-107,982	-102,000	-118,700
6999	Uncategorized Expenses								
	Total Expense	304,095.64	437,273	311,881.23	504,625	205,279.83	496,556	379,700	393,050
	Net Income	65,516.38	0	9,243.08	0	72,167.09	0	0	0

PROPOSED LWVMN EDUCATION FUND BUDGETS FOR 2007-2008, 2008-2009

		Actual 03/31/05	Budget 2004-2005	Actual 03/31/06	Budget 2005-2006	Actual 11/30/06	Budget 2006-2007	Budget 2007-2008	Budget 2008-2009
	INCOME								
	LOCAL LEAGUE ACCOUNT ADMINISTRATION								
400	Local League Deposits	28,146.79	25,000	13,557.90	25,000	7,511.50	25,000	15,000	20,000
490	Interest LL Deposits	157.47	1,000	699.26	1,000	136.03	1,000	200	200
	SUBTOTAL	28,304.26	26,000	14,257.16	26,000	7,647.53	26,000	15,200	20,200
	UNASSIGNED CONTRIBUTIONS								
500	Members (An. App/ Mem)	42,276.26	53,000	80,592.95	50,000	30,417.00	55,000	70,000	80,000
505	Non-Members (An. Appeal/Mem)	13,750.57	12,000	12,607.06	10,000	11,683.16	10,000	15,000	20,000
506	In Kind Development					1,984.61			
510	Corporations/Foundations	10,900.00	30,000	6,000.00	10,000	1,000.00	15,000	10,000	15,000
520	Interest					-350.00			
525	Member Non-Cash Contributions	671.66	2,000		1,000	353.40	1,000	1,000	1,000
527	Permanent Endow./Interest	2,533.83	5,000	2,854.41	4,000	2,198.23	4,000	3,000	4,000
528	Special Fund - Endowment	-74.83		64,860.21		24,736.70		50,000	50,000
529	Loss on MN. Women's Building			-9,174.00					
532	Legacy Circle Luncheon	325.00	500		500	625.00	500	700	750
565	Building Rent/Repair	8,965.23	8,500	9,107.58	9,050	6,081.76	9,200	9,300	9,400
590	Memorials/Honors/Bequests	9,146.39	500	5,850.14	500	350.00	500	1,000	1,000
591	AMEX								
592	Postage & Handling	176.94	300	75.15	300	80.00	600	100	200
593	Sales Tax	191.28	1,000	30.81	100	406.50	500	100	500
	SUBTOTAL	88,862.33	112,800	172,804.31	85,450	79,566.36	96,300	160,200	181,850
	PROGRAM/MISC. PROJECTS								
1028	Judges/Jud. Independence	3,553.23							
1029	Choosing Judges Sales								
1030	LWVMNEF Study	87.10	25,000	1,079.37	27,000	29.42	27,000	10,000	20,000
1031	Immigration L or D (Food)								
1032	In Kind Annual Report/Voting Pub	280.00		458.83					
1035	Ag. Study /Immigration Sales	90.00							
1038	Diversity Task Force		5,000	50,715.82	30,000	1,043.67	30,000	65,000	55,000
1070	Suffrage Memorial	10,115.00		1,000.00	6,000		1,500		
1092	Power of 3 Campaign	701,261.34	1,250,000	451,970.43	500,000	31,480.83	500,000	100,000	50,000
1093	In Kind - P3	6,588.00		6,197.00		6,822.00			
1094	Working Capital Resesrve			340,159.69		369,008.82		120,000	80,000
1096	In Kind Supplies			400					
	SUBTOTAL	721,974.67	1,280,000	851,981.14	563,000	408,384.74	558,500	295,000	205,000
1110	Immigration Grants/Faribault Immigration project		10,000						
1111	Study Circles Lunch								

PROPOSED LWVMN EDUCATION FUND BUDGETS FOR 2007-2008, 2008-2009

		Actual 03/31/05	Budget 2004-2005	Actual 03/31/06	Budget 2005-2006	Actual 11/30/06	Budget 2006-2007	Budget 2007-2008	Budget 2008-2009
	SUBTOTAL	0.00	10,000	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0
	SOCIAL POLICY								
1200	Indians in Minnesota-Sales		5,000				2,000	1,000	250
1210	Indians in Minnesota-Royalties						1,000	3,000	2,000
1230	Indians in Minnesota Study Grant	22,515.47	10,000		20,000		12,000		
1233	Indians in Minnesota Interest	126.15		287.40		416.73			
1136	Cit. Network/State of Democracy project	29.87						65,000	65,000
	SUBTOTAL	22,671.49	15,000	287.40	20,000	416.73	15,000	69,000	67,250
	VOTERS SERVICE								
1610	General Election Debates/Congressional/Leg.		50,000	20,000.00	15,000		45,000	10,000	30,000
1612	In Kind Debates	98,500.00							
1620	Voters Guide - Sales	9,301.75	12,000			5,209.85	10,000		10,000
1625	Voters Guide - Grant	25,000.00	50,000	55,000.00	30,000		25,000	30,000	50,000
1629	On Line Voter Guide	23,501.89	20,000	8,000.00	16,000		44,000	10,000	30,000
1630	Election Hotline		30,000		1,000		12,000		5,000
1639	In Kind Voter Information								
1640	Voter Information/Outreach	11,568.00	20,000	10,000.00	10,000	15,140.00	15,000	10,000	20,000
1665	Election Process Training	124.00	10,000		11,000	35.00	1,000		
1666	Election Video/Packet Sales/In Kind E Video	5,648.00	2,000	310.33	2,000	70.00	1,000		
1672	MN Compact	5,003.77	40,000	1.30	5,500		20,000		
1980	Misc Voter Service					5,000.00		10,000	15,000
1690	LL Voter Service Projects			15,000.00				15,000	
1692	Voter Service PJ Interest	165.43	1,000	117.49	100	1,389.28	100		1,500
1694	Voter Service Meals								
	SUBTOTAL	178,812.84	235,000	108,429.12	90,600	26,844.13	173,100	85,000	161,500
	CITIZEN INFORMATION								
1700	Politics & Money/Leadership Plenty training		20,000						
1710	Fall/Spring Focus-Meals-								
1715	Immigration program:MN Community Campaign	3,200.00		10,700.25	10,000	366.62	10,000	10,000	10,000
1720	LOTT	23,840.88	30,000	17,940.47	45,000	1,026.40	45,000	25,000	25,000
1721	CIA - In Kind	1,000.00							
1722	Public Policy Forums	615.00	1,000		3,500		3,500		
1725	CIA-Grants Iraq Women Mtg./Public Policy Forums	1,300.00	14,000	330.00	17,500		17,500		
1726	How to Make a Difference Sales	2,668.00	1,000	136.36	2,500	30.15	2,000	500	1,000
1727	How to Make a Difference Grant								
1740	Publication/Audio Visual Sales	2,204.51	1,500			1,767.08			
1742	Website design	5.00	10,000	71.30	20,350		15,350	35,000	20,000
1743	In Kind Web Site								

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		Actual 03/31/05	Budget 2004-2005	Actual 03/31/06	Budget 2005-2006	Actual 11/30/06	Budget 2006-2007	Budget 2007-2008	Budget 2008-2009
	SUBTOTAL	34,833.39	77,500	29,178.38	98,850	3,190.25	93,350	70,500	56,000
	TOTAL LWVMNEF INCOME	1,075,458.98	1,756,300	1,176,937.51	883,900	526,049.74	962,250	694,900	691,800
	EXPENSES								
	LOCAL LEAGUE PROJECTS								
4000	Local League Grants	21,226.04	17,000	17,164.80	18,000	10,504.06	18,000	18,000	18,000
4095	Services - LL Administration	10,000.98	9,000	6,629.40	9,000	4,908.24	9,000	8,700	8,700
	SUBTOTAL	31,227.02	26,000	23,794.20	27,000	15,412.30	27,000	26,700	26,700
	LWVMNEF ADMINISTRATION								
5002	Staff Development		500		300	88.00	300	1,000	1,000
5005	Development Committee	103.60	500	396.50	250	377.10	250	500	500
5006	Investment Committee/ In Kind- Development				250	1,984.61	250	500	500
5007	Annual Fund Drive	6,030.28	4,000	3,806.93	6,000	4,016.26	6,000	4,500	4,500
5008	Annual Fund Drive LL Earnings	1,810.00	1,500	2,210.00	2,000		2,000	2,500	2,500
5009	Services-Annual Fund Drive	8,105.17	20,000	7,533.69	20,000	11,521.80	20,000	20,000	20,000
5030	Other Direct Expenses	1,041.80	800	728.04	600	408.75	600	600	600
5040	Services-General Administration	17,983.52	33,000	11,535.17	40,000	27,332.35	30,000	30,000	30,000
5045	Planned Giving/Major Donor Program Expenses	1,517.43	750	300.00	1,000	1,318.07	1,500	1,500	1,500
5047	Planned Giving/Major Donor Meals		500	768.00	1,000	1,270.67	1,200	1,300	1,300
5050	Services-Planned Giving/Major Donor	4,732.99	5,000	3,477.05	8,000	5,722.83	9,000	15,000	15,000
5065	Building Rent/Management	22,394.46	22,000	22,580.76	23,000	15,204.40	24,000	24,250	24,500
5067	Services-Building Rent	1,237.77	5,000	1,620.04	6,000	4,398.46	5,000	2,000	2,000
5068	Bldg. Imp. Camp	144,395.49	950,000	521,410.20	800,000	73,973.53	23,000	5,000	5,000
5069	Services Bldg. Imp. Camp	1,814.37	25,000	29,664.48	25,000	3,035.88	2,500	1,500	1,500
5070	Bldg. Reno. Expenses/Bank Fraud			-1,750.00					
5093	Sales Tax	-0.30		99.52					
5094	Depreciation Expense			2,656					
	SUBTOTAL	211,166.58	1,068,550	607,036.80	933,400	150,652.71	125,600	110,150	110,400
	PROGRAM RELATED ADMINISTRATION								
7000	EF Board Expense	156.82	250	138.85	500	100.30	500	500	500
7001	Conferences (Board)		500		500		500	500	500
7010	EF Annual Report				3,000	442.04		500	
7011	In Kind Annual Report								
7015	EF Legal Fees & Bank Charges	625.49	500	605.81	600	355.44	650	650	650
7020	Stationary & Permanent Supplies	149.86	500	203.97	500	783.66	500	1,000	1,000
7025	Subscriptions & Resources		200		400		400	400	400
7030	LWVMNEF Audit	4,560.00	5,500	3,666.59	6,500	7,575.00	7,000	7,500	7,500

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		Actual 03/31/05	Budget 2004-2005	Actual 03/31/06	Budget 2005-2006	Actual 11/30/06	Budget 2006-2007	Budget 2007-2008	Budget 2008-2009
7040	Services-Program Related	12,935.57	10,000	16,039.63	20,000	11,558.19	15,000	39,465	53,915
7045	Power of 3 Campaign	67,387.46	125,000	244,477.21	40,000	106,004.07	20,000	150,000	100,000
7050	Services Power of 3 Campaign	35,190.47	25,000	47,021.92	35,000	18,312.76	30,000	5,000	3,000
7051	In Kind Exp P3	6,588.00				6,822.00			
7060	LRP Services			400					
	SUBTOTAL	127,593.67	167,450	312,553.98	107,000	151,953.46	74,550	205,515	167,465
	PROGRAM: MISC. PROJECTS								
10026	Judicial Independence/Voting Pub	-2,442.26		19.93					
10027	Services Judicial Independence/Voting Pub	3,545.52		334.76		36.01			
10028	LWVMNEF Study	6,452.00	10,000	318.35	2,000	153.92	10,000	2,000	5,000
10029	Services LWVMNEF Study	4,942.38	28,000	11,426.43	25,000	9,285.51	25,000	15,000	5,000
10030	Immigration Inventory	42.66	2,500						
10034	Immigration Free	727.07	5,000						
10037	Voting Systems Free	4,420.13		314.60					
10070	75th History/19th Amen./Suffrage Memorial	31,388.00			5,000	3,421.00	1,000	3,000	
10073	Services-75th Hist/19th Amend/Suffrage Mem.	64.34		253.54	1,000	210.99	500	500	
10090	Build Com/Community Services								
10096	Diversity Task Force			1,201.00	15,000	12,862.71	15,000	50,000	20,000
10097	Services Diversity Task Force			21,036.16	15,000	8,320.49	15,000	25,000	10,000
11008	St. Circles/Faribault Immi. Project	108.45	5,000						
11009	Services-St. Circles/Faribault Immi. Project	493.74	5,000						
11010	Immigration -								
11036	Cit. Net. In Kind								
11037	Website/Citizen Ntwk./State of Democracy	1,235.90						40,000	40,000
11038	Services - State of Democracy project							25,000	15,000
11091	Services - Misc.								
	SUBTOTAL	50,977.93	55,500	34,904.77	63,000	34,290.63	66,500	160,500	95,000
	SOCIAL POLICY								
12030	Indians in Minnesota - 5th ed.	10,202.57	5,000	3,931.31	5,000	692.15	5,000	2,000	1,000
12031	Services-Indians in MN 5th ed.	11,955.42	15,000	4,762.21	15,000	637.61	10,000	2,000	1,000
	SUBTOTAL	22,157.99	20,000	8,693.52	20,000	1,329.76	15,000	4,000	2,000
	VOTERS SERVICE								
16010	General Election Debates/Congressional/Leg.	12,630.06	25,000	6.00	5,000	20,890.03	30,000	2,000	25,000
16011	Services-Debate	4,555.86	25,000	2,037.09	10,000	9,949.79	15,000	15,000	15,000
16012	In Kind Debates	98,500.00							
16020	Voter Guide Direct Expenses	31,392.29	25,000		2,000	33,187.60	30,000	500	35,000
16021	Services-Voter Guide	8,517.12	15,000	307.51	2,000	49,643.80	10,000	15,000	50,000
16026	Primary Voter Guide								

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		Actual 03/31/05	Budget 2004-2005	Actual 03/31/06	Budget 2005-2006	Actual 11/30/06	Budget 2006-2007	Budget 2007-2008	Budget 2008-2009
16027	Services-Primary Voter Guide								
16028	On Line Voter Guide	6,283.00	10,000		1,000		9,000	3,000	5,000
16029	Services On Line Voter Guide	27,930.73	10,000	19,067.17	15,000	2,792.15	35,000	10,000	15,000
16030	Election Hotline	7,206.71	15,000	4.50			7,000		6,000
16031	Services-Election Hotline	3,085.29	15,000	36.04	1,000	1,509.41	5,000	100	3,000
16039	In Kind Voter Info	22.20							
16040	Voter Information/Outreach	6,687.83	12,000	731.00	10,000	6,033.34	12,000	1,000	5,000
16041	Services-Voter Information/Outreach	22,685.18	28,000	4,487.41	20,000	12,270.48	30,000	15,000	20,000
16060	Curriculum Secondary Spanish								
16061	Services - Curriculum Sec./Span								
16064	Elem Curr (Cur III Elementary)								
16065	Services-Curriculum (III)								
16068	WGTP English	1.00							
16069	Services - WGTP English	-1.00							
16070	Election Process Training	136.97	9,000		5,000				
16071	Services - Election Process Train.	53.11	3,000	910.21	6,000	113.72	1,000		
16072	MN Compact	7,575.49	25,000				10,000		
16073	Services-MN Compact	4,390.93	15,000		5,500		10,000		
16080	Misc. Voter Service	3,079.81		19.70	500	1,163.27	2,500	500	2,000
16081	Services-Misc. Voter Service	28,212.65	5,000	33,197.50	14,610	31,120.22	24,591	35,000	45,000
16082	ED Video					175.00			
16083	Services - Election Video	11,922.26							
16084	In Kind Election Video			1,353.00					
16090	LL Get Vote	5,618.02				5,996.48	3,000		7,500
16091	Services - LL Get Vote	901.22		82.10	1,000	12,157.99	5,000	1,500	8,500
	SUBTOTAL	291,386.73	237,000	62,239.23	98,610	187,003.28	239,091	98,600	242,000
	CITIZEN INFORMATION								
17000	P&M/Leadership Plenty		15,000						
17001	Services-P&M/Leadership Plenty	24.96	5,000						
17005	Citizen Information/ Outreach				1,000		1,000		
17006	Services C I/Outreach	6,108.33		391.76	10,000	44.91	10,000		
17010	Immigration program: MN Community Campaign	23.51		1,645.95	5,000	2,240.00	5,000	8,000	8,000
17011	Services Imm. program: MN Community Campaign	3,533.68		1,512.97	5,000	562.28	5,000	4,000	3,000
17018	In Kind Exp. LOTT	1,000.00							
17020	LOTT	14,760.42	20,000	16,073.84	20,000	1,403.86	20,000	18,000	18,000
17021	Services LOTT	6,361.92	10,000	6,999.91	20,000	1,927.88	20,000	5,000	5,000
17022	Citizens in Action/Iraq Meeting/Public Forms	1,669.51	5,000	148.47	8,000	18.00	8,000		
17023	Services-Citizens in Action/Iraq Mtg/Public Forms	3,245.93	10,000	1,663.37	13,000	2,218.58	13,000		
17024	How to Make a Difference		1,000		5,000		2,000	2,000	
17025	Services - How to Make a Diff	1,436.49	2,000	1,621.50	5,000	1,278.17	2,000	2,000	2,000

PROPOSED LWVMN EDUCATION FUND BUDGETS FOR 2007-2008, 2008-2009

		Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
		03/31/05	2004-2005	03/31/06	2005-2006	11/30/06	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
17026	Free Distribution - How to MAD	1,314.45		15.36					
17027	How to MAD Inventory								
17029	CIA Expense - In Kind			7.75					
17040	Publications/Audio Visual Library	45.78							
17041	Services-Publications/AV Library	3,757.27	1,703	5,390.73	3,500	1,858.44	2,500	2,500	2,500
17043	Services MN Convention	442.45		2,834.58	1,000			3,000	
17044									
17045	EF Share of LWVMN Voter	3,231.27	6,000	2,278.46	3,500		3,500	3,700	3,700
17047	In Kind Web								
17048	Website & Database design	1,422.87	1,000	1,160.54	350	508.59	350	15,000	1,000
17049	Services Website & Database design	35,481.15	9,000	16,836.16	20,000	1,519.90	15,000	20,000	5,000
	SUBTOTAL	83,859.99	85,703	58,581.35	120,350	13,580.61	107,350	83,200	48,200
20000	LWVMNEF Reserves								
	TOTAL LWVMNEF EXPENSES	818,369.91	1,660,203	1,107,803.85	1,369,360	554,222.75	655,091	688,665	691,765
	Net Income (Loss)	257,089.07	96,097	69,133.66	-485,460	-28,173.01	307,159	6,235	35

To: LWVMN Board
From: Sally Sawyer
Re: Notes on the draft budgets for 2007-08 & 2008-09
Date: February 9, 2007

Budget Chair Marilyn Morem asked me to share these notes from the 2/8 Budget Committee meeting.

LWVMN revenue sources as percent of proposed budgets, 2007-2008 & 2008-2009

	2007-2008	2008-2009
PMP/membership dues:	11%	10.6%
Contributions	3.6%	3.9%
Publications/Sales	0%+	0%
Convention/Meetings/Workshops	2.4%	.04%
Reimbursement for Services from EF	83%	85%
Interest/Investment income (MN funds)	0%+	0%
Product Sales	0%+	0%+

Reimbursement from EF for services is budgeted to be 95% and 96% of office operations for 2007-2008 & 2008-2009 respectively. It's unlikely that the full budgeted amounts will be realized. Please note that more than \$100,000 in office services are allocated to LWVMN functions such as Direct Service to local Leagues, Action, Administration, etc. The EF is billed for office services in two pieces: direct out-of-pocket costs (salaries, copying, etc.) and an administrative reimbursement charge for each EF project billed.

Per Member Payment rate:

Per Member Payment is calculated on a full membership of 1,510 and household members of 127. For purposes of discussion the proposed PMP is set at \$20 for members and \$10 for household members (an increase of \$2) for each fiscal year. However, other figures have been proposed: \$0 increase, a \$5 increase or \$3/\$2 increase or other variation.

State Unit Members-at-large: are billed at \$50 per member with a \$5 rebate; expense of \$26.30 per member for the first fiscal year for LWVUS and \$26.80 for LWVUS second fiscal year;

Members-at-Large who pay dues to LWVMN directly and do not affiliate with any local LWV are calculated at \$60 per member. PMP to LWVUS of \$26.30 and \$26.80 are reflected in expenses.

Program

Helen

From: "Mary Steen" <msteen@stolaf.edu>
To: "Miriam Simmons" <mgsimmons52@hotmail.com>
Cc: "Sally Sawyer" <ssawyer@lwvmn.org>; "Helen Palmer" <helenpalmer@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2007 9:25 PM
Subject: LWVMN program

Dear Miriam,

I've been thinking about this for a while: based on my experience with this current study, I think we need to re-think the model. This study, like the agriculture one, and very likely some others, was really unwieldy, frustrating, and too dependent on a few individuals. It would not have happened at all if you hadn't gotten it organized to begin with, and if Sally and Helen hadn't come to every meeting and steered things in the right direction. We did not have enough people who could really commit to work on it (and I include myself). It's not a format that works well for people who are still in the workforce. And it may be that we don't need studies to develop new positions, that we have the positions we need in order to lobby, at least much of the time. (Except when circumstances change: I know we need to revisit our election of judges position.)

Anyway, I can see the problems; I don't have any terrific solutions to offer. But I'm wondering whether it's too late to try to figure out an alternative model for the next two years to propose at convention. If it isn't too late, I'd be happy to brainstorm with a few folks (you, for example, and Helen and maybe Marsha Oliver and Judy Stuthman, chairs of recent studies) to come up with other ways for members to be actively involved in learning and policy and whatever the other goals of studies are.

Let me know what you think. And whether it's too late to bring this up now.

Mary

AGENDA

MINNESOTA CITIZENS COMMISSION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF AN IMPARTIAL JUDICIARY

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Room 230, Minnesota Judicial Center
25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, MN

- 1:00 Welcome and Review May 16 Meeting Minutes – Gov. Quie
- 1:10 Presentations and Discussion with Legislators RE: Optimal Judicial Selection / Retention Methods for Minnesota – Gov. Quie; Legislators

NOTE: A number of legislators who indicated their desire and intention to attend on May 16th were unable due to pressing legislative business. Those legislators have been invited to address the Commission at this meeting between 1:00 and 3:00. The meeting will also focus on Commission discussion as described below.

- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 Judicial Performance Evaluations – Sue Dosal, State Court Administrator
- 3:45 Structured Discussion: Values, Goals and Principles to be Achieved by a Judicial Selection Method in Minnesota – Justice Anderson; Commission Members

Commission Members: Please come prepared to present and discuss what you feel to be the overarching values, goals and principles that a judicial selection method in Minnesota should be designed to achieve.

ALSO: Please come prepared to respond to the following four questions (see the attached two-page document on Judicial Selection / Retention Options):

Based on what you've heard and read to date as a Commission member:

- i. Do you have any questions about judicial selection and retention?
- ii. What do you feel are the strengths and weaknesses of the different selection / retention options?

Helen

From: "Mary Steen" <msteen@stolaf.edu>
To: "Sally Sawyer" <ssawyer@lwvmn.org>
Cc: "Miriam Simmons" <mgsimmons52@hotmail.com>; "Helen Palmer" <helenpalmer@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 08, 2007 11:34 PM
Subject: Re: LWVMN program

Thanks for adding other reasons for studies, Sally. I will certainly be an advocate in the future for more narrowly focused studies (voting systems comes to mind--am I right?). But how do we involve the local leagues in the process? Maybe ask them to identify issues and then a small Board committee refines one of them? Maybe this is more or less what we do already. And if we did that, there might be even less buy-in than we currently get, at least in terms of working on them.

I'm obviously just musing out loud here. But a good start would be what you've begun, Sally, which is to set out clear goals for the study process, or maybe clear goals for keeping the grassroots alive, and studies aren't necessarily one of them. I'll be interested to see what comes up for program this year; if we can contrive to make it workable, then we've got two years to figure out an alternative means of accomplishing our goals.

Incoherently,

Mary

On Feb 7, 2007, at 2:12 PM, Sally Sawyer wrote:

> Hi, Mary and Miriam,
 >
 > This most recent study was an ordeal and wouldn't have happened at
 > all if
 > you, Mary, hadn't stepped up to write it. Impossible to get funding
 > for it,
 > too, since the direction of the MPCA is controversial and . And we
 > do have
 > positions that would allow us to lobby on just about any aspect.
 >
 > I'd hate to see us abandon studies altogether. I'm a fan of
 > concurrence
 > which allows us to concur with studies and positions taken by other
 > LWVs or
 > organizations, if there is good member understanding of the issues
 > (and if
 > another organization or LWV has done the study, that information
 > can be
 > shared with members).
 >

iii. What (if anything) do you feel the Commission needs to analyze more?

iv. Do you have a preferred selection / retention option(s) at this point, and if so, which one(s) and why?

4:45 **Decisions, Action Steps, Other Business – Gov. Quie, Justice Anderson, Chris Ruhl, Nancy Mischel, John Kostouros**

- Public Hearings – Dates / Times / Locations / Attendance / Format / Logistics / Publicity
- Looking Ahead – After the Commission Report

5:00 **Adjourn**

Next meetings:

I. Public Hearings:

- **Tuesday, July 18, 2006, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., William Mitchell College of Law**
- **Thursday, July 20, 2006, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., Central Lakes College, Brainerd**
- **Wednesday, August 23, 2006, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., Minnesota State University, Mankato**

II. Next Commission Meeting

- **Tuesday, September 19, 2006, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m., Location TBD**

> I'd also like to see us choose more manageable topics, with a narrower
> focus.

● Why am I reluctant to give up studies? Because they bring new
> members in,
> build our pool of potential leaders and provide program for local
> LWVs.

>
> In a recent conversation among Executive Directors with Nancy Tate
> (via
> conference call), Nancy pointed out that the LWV is looked to for
> voter/election/government types of issues, but not really for
> environmental
> issues, for example.

>
> This is in the national context, of course. I take her point,
> although I'd
> argue that sometimes coalitions look to the LWV for the very reason
> that the
> League doesn't represent the usual suspects and thus brings to any
> given
> debate its credibility and reputation.

>
> For what it's worth,

> Sally

● -----Original Message-----

> From: Mary Steen [mailto:msteen@stolaf.edu]
> Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2007 9:25 PM
> To: Miriam Simmons
> Cc: Sally Sawyer; Helen Palmer
> Subject: LWVMN program

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> Dear Miriam,

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> I've been thinking about this for a while: based on my experience
> with this current study, I think we need to re-think the model. This
> study, like the agriculture one, and very likely some others, was
> really unwieldy, frustrating, and too dependent on a few individuals.
> It would not have happened at all if you hadn't gotten it organized
> to begin with, and if Sally and Helen hadn't come to every meeting
> and steered things in the right direction. We did not have enough
> people who could really commit to work on it (and I include myself).
> It's not a format that works well for people who are still in the
> workforce. And it may be that we don't need studies to develop new
> positions, that we have the positions we need in order to lobby, at
> least much of the time. (Except when circumstances change: I know we
> need to revisit our election of judges position.)

● Anyway, I can see the problems; I don't have any terrific solutions
> to offer. But I'm wondering whether it's too late to try to figure

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~~Helen: Here is the agenda for today's meeting and the revised workplan/timeline so you can make sure you have the most up-to-date meeting schedule. Thanks!~~

~~Nancy~~

Here is one more item you might find helpful in preparing for today's meeting.

> out an alternative model for the next two years to propose at
> convention. If it isn't too late, I'd be happy to brainstorm with a
● few folks (you, for example, and Helen and maybe Marsha Oliver and
Judy Stuthman, chairs of recent studies) to come up with other ways
> for members to be actively involved in learning and policy and
> whatever the other goals of studies are.

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> Let me know what you think. And whether it's too late to bring this
> up now.

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> Mary

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Nancy

HP

Sarah Nagle
Diane Tran
Ray G

LWVMN/EF Board Meetings
Saturday, November 18, 2006
9:00 am to Noon
Minnesota Women's Building
550 Rice St., St. Paul
Large Meeting Room

Mission

League of Women Voters Minnesota, a nonpartisan, political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Diversity

League of women Voters of Minnesota affirms its commitment to reflecting the diversity of Minnesota in its membership and strives to overcome barriers of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability in the activities of the organization.

Note: coffee, juice, fruit and pastries will be available.

LWVMNEF Meeting	9:00 – 9:45 am	45
LWVMN Meeting	9:45 – 10:30 am	45
Break	10:30-10:45 am	
LWVMN Meeting	10:45 – Noon	45

lots of stuff?

Agenda

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- Action**
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4. 10 Treasurer's Report for period ending 9/30/06/Hondl
5. 3 **Revision of the Agenda**
- ✓ 6. 3 Approval of board member/Palank
7. 5 Co-sponsorship of International Women's Day Conference/Salisbury
8. 5 Approval of State Unit/Langsjoen
- Discussion**
9. ✓ 10 Program-planning; first round results/Simmons
10. ✓ 10 Voter Service recap/Doepner-Hove
11. 5 ✓ Election review/Salisbury
12. 5 Study update/Steen
13. 5 Action/Myers
14. 5 Diversity/Jenkins Nelsen
15. 5 Leaders of Today and Tomorrow/Tran
16. 5 Budget/Morem
- Information**
17. Nominating Committee/Moormann
18. Communications Report/Peterson

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see my notes on debates

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Rock: is training election judges adequate

K. Queen

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Agenda

1. **Housekeeping:** Sawyer: bring expense vouchers, volunteer hours, articles for Presidents' Mailing. In this month's Presidents' Mailing: information re study; Leaders of Today and Tomorrow seminar with information on dinner; Spirit of Democracy Awards application; Program-planning packet; Legislative Interview packet.
2. **President's Report:** Palmer: oral report.
Action
3. **Minutes:** Thompson: Motion: to approve the minutes of October 11, 2006 LWVMN Board meeting, as enclosed.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Hondl: will present the Treasurer's Report for the period ending September 30, 2006. It will be filed for audit.
5. **Revision of the agenda:** items may be added, changed or removed at this point.
6. **Appointment to LWVMN Board:** Palank: Motion: to approve the appointment of Diane Tran to the LWVMN Board to represent the LOTT program.
Background: Diane Tran is a 2006 graduate of the College of St. Scholastica with majors in International Social Policy and Humanities. An alum of LOTT, she comes highly recommended by LOTT Committee members.
7. **International Women's Day Co-sponsorship:** Salisbury: Motion: that LWVMN be a co-sponsoring organization for International Women's Day, March 3, 2007, and to contribute \$50.
Background: see enclosed information. This event will be held from 8 am to 3:30 pm at Coffman Memorial Union at the University of Minnesota campus in Minneapolis. LWV and the LOTT program have had a table in the past at the event. This is the first time LWVMN would be listed as a co-sponsor. Anne Salisbury and Judy Stuthman have attended planning meetings.
8. **State Unit:** Langsjoen: Motion: to approve the formation of a State Unit in Stevens County to be called League of Women Voter Stevens County.
Background: see the enclosed letter from Mary Ann Scharf, Interim President. Karen Langsjoen represented LWVMN at the first organizational meeting in September. Member Resources Committee has not formally met to consider this request. Should the LWVMN Board wish to give more consideration to this request, action can be deferred until January 13, 2007 board meeting.
Discussion
9. **Program Planning:** Simmons: will present first round ideas and solicit your ideas for possible study ideas. The program planning packet will be sent to local LWVs in the next Presidents' Mailing.
10. **Voter Service Wrap-up:** Doepner-Hove: will review our very successful Voter service season and will give us some things to think about for the future.
11. **State Election Review project:** Salisbury: will tell us about the election review project we co-sponsored with Citizens for Election Integrity. The review (or audit) should have been completed by the time of the board meeting.
12. **Study update:** Mary Steen will update us on the status of the study publication.
13. **Action Committee:** Myers: will report on various Action Committee matters,

including signing on to the Global Warming..... and Friday's meeting with Speaker Kelliher and former Speaker Sviggum.

14. **Diversity project:** Jenkins Nelsen: will tell us about upcoming plans
15. **LOTT:** we have retained Christy Dording as the project director for LOTT to take the place of Emily Reilly. Christy is a paralegal with the Hennepin County Attorney's office. Plans are underway for the seminar; materials have been mailed to college campuses. The LOTT seminar will be held 1/11-1/13/07 at Holiday Inn East in St. Paul.
16. **Budgets for 2007-08 & 2008-09:** please bring your budget forms to the meeting or see Sally and Marilyn about scheduling time to work on your plans. Thanks.

Information

17. Nominating Committee: Moormann: **If you have not yet turned in your form to the Nominations Committee, please do so promptly. The form can be emailed to Alice Moormann, akmoormann@isd.net, or mailed to 30 Luverne, Minneapolis, MN 55419. Thanks**
18. **Communications Report: Juanita Peterson:** The "Real Life requires Real Voting" themed billboards have been noted by more than passers by and visits to our website. The billboards were featured in AdWeek and will soon be showcased on M45 Marketing Services' bi-monthly electronic newsletter, *Momentum*. Their theme this month is "Your Vote Counts." They are based in Illinois and the person who contacted us had heard from a friend who'd seen our billboard some where else and told her about it. (I'll send you the link when I receive it.)

LWVMN has agreed to be a World Community Grid Partner. Valerie Halverson Pace, IBM Central Region Manager asked if LWVMN would be willing to share our PC idle time in this philanthropic program. Sally's computer has been activated as such and will be assessed by Sally and Ady. If it works well, we'll add the other office computers, with the exception of the computers used by the bookkeepers where our financial data is stored. The LWVMN logo is posted on the World Community Grid website and they request that we include a paragraph about them on our website.
<http://www.worldcommunitygrid.org/index.html>

LWVMN is eligible for another IBM grant next year and if technology (maybe printers?) is not needed, up to \$1000 cash is available for project support. Sally, Ady and Heidi will confer and make this request.

President's report

Nov 18 '06

Holiday party: directions on reverse; please let me know if you're bringing something!

- ✓ Voter turnout: highest in nation with 59.50%, similar to 1998; beat out South Dakota by a few percent. Not as high as 4 years ago: 63% (2002)—all this from Kent Kaiser of SOS office

VRC: the problems from 2004 didn't happen, thanks to new laws, esp change in the challenger law—this had a huge, GOOD effect. Big problems: election judges ignorance of recent laws (eg cell phone receipt). We still need some better laws: mtg on Nov 20 will sort all that out (Cscott Cooper of Take Action)

Conversation with Mary Wilson and other presidents

Scope for immigration adopted, is on website; Kathy Fennelly author of 1st article on subject to appear in next VOTER;

Paying att'n to redistricting, part of a coalition working for reform (website)

Sleepovers taking home ballot boxes over the weekend in Wash. Cty, apparently legal, voting in people's homes...see Anne Salisbury. Problem in Florida—take the machine home and then go out to a restaurant!

I asked about Rush Holt bill re paper trail: Mary thinks opening up HAVA, as she put it, will be easier with the new Congress. They will consider the Holt bill and similar ones.

Membership initiative: in January, an analysis of pilots will be sent to national board

Q from Mary: are there national, standardized rules for pieces of the election process we need?

I suggested same-day registration.

We all agree we need to work on nonpartisan elections officers

Interest in voter privacy, order of candidates on ballot,

Certification of election judges (in WI one technical judge per precinct)

Here's an election story the make your hair curl!--from Florida:

46.6% in FL this time, 55% in 2002; loss of 700K registered voters. In Sarasota, 18,000 undervotes, 1 in 8 votes not counted. Why? 1) machines (no paper trail, SOS rejected a citizen petition to have optiscan, saying it was against the law 2) set-up of ballots was confusing 3) nasty, nasty election with lots of misinformation

And don't forget: VOTER deadline of Jan 3

Juanita's dance card—both design and billboard company want to dance in 2 years

New membership brochures

Diane Tran

Sarah

DEI Only 1 recount triggered and everything matched

in
Sally's rep
Sally's remarks about our debates

There are two fewer congressional than two years ago: we had five: *5 Cong in 2004*
Districts 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 with no debate in 1, 4 and 7. This year, *3 " in 2006*
incumbent candidates in 1, 2, 4, 7 and 8 have refused. **Two years ago was the first time** LWVMEF directly sponsored televised Congressional debates—local LWVs may have done so before that with similar results. For example Fifth District forums have been held for years—although they haven't been televised by a major commercial station. *BUT*

We have done US Senate and Gubernatorial debates for 28 years: the only time we failed to hold a televised general election debate was in 1990 when the sitting governor refused to participate at the last minute. In 2002, the governor debates were broadcast on MPR. And of course the televised US Senate debate in Duluth was canceled because of Senator Wellstone's untimely death. *also, primary*

sum This year we are holding Congressional debates for districts 3, 5 and 6; debates for US Senate and Governor to be aired live on a network affiliate at prime time. We are also hosting Attorney General and Secretary of State debates. This is actually the busiest debates year ever.

Sally

Judy Duffy's reporting

This board just established the net neutrality task force, will have a climate change task force established very soon, as well as a technology committee to address the many tech issues that so many have asked for and the health care list is being geared up to fill members' needs and wants on these issues. We very nearly established one more off board committee when we decided to get the first 3 up and running and then move to more. I think we are being very responsive to the membership and these things do take some time. the voting resolution is being acted on across the country and while we may not be making any public comment now, it is being spoken about by Mary in her multi-state tour and my guess is that the League will have a lot to say depending on how this election goes.

Mary was interviewed this week by CNN and mentioned the issue and the VOTE411 was covered by C-SPAN. This may not be a big deal in Minnesota, but

there are many Leagues across the country who will benefit a great deal by this site.

some simply do not want to accept our process which undoubtedly needs some streamlining but the reason we are so respected is because we work so hard to be thoughtful in what we do.

I do not mean to be an apologist for everything that happens but we are working on it and making some progress on being responsive and helpful to local Leagues. the criticism of the staff is unwarranted and I don't know any

Donna Lauffer also

Some of the highlight are:

1- Membership Recruitment Initiative is moving along and there is information available for all League leaders at the LWWUS website.

2 - Immigration study resources are on the LWWUS website as well

OK → 3 - Minutes from the board meeting will now appear on the website within a few weeks of the board meeting rather than after the next meeting.

Letter from Elizabeth Smith of Bemidji LWW

> Judicial commission, formation of a group for guidance, study update

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League of Women Voters of Minnesota
Board Meeting Minutes
Minnesota Women's Building
Wednesday, October 11, 2006

Members Present: Palmer, Frisch, Myers, Salisbury, Steen, Peterson, Regal, Benson, Langsjoen, Oliver, Stuthman, Thompson, Doepner-Hove, Jenkins Nelsen

Members Absent: Hondl, Palank

Staff Present: Sawyer

Off Board Present: Morem, Moormann

Visitors: Susan Hoyt, Nancy Witta

President Palmer called the meeting to order at 5:51 p.m.

1. **Housekeeping:** Sawyer asked for expense vouchers and volunteer hours as well as articles and enclosures for the Presidents' Mailing.

2. **President's Report:** Palmer reported that:

- The holiday party will be Saturday, December 9 at Palmer's home. Invitations will go out later.
- Congratulations to LWV St. Cloud for a great voter service project. The LWV St. Cloud held a Candidates' Fair on Oct. 7. They moderated 12 forums during the day, concluding with a forum for the 6th Congressional District candidates. Karen Langsjoen was congratulated for her role in the event, which was well covered and appreciated by the local press. Several hundred people attended the Fair.
- The Investment Committee is working on a conflict of interest statement and an authority statement. Proposals will go out by email shortly.
- Sally Sawyer announced that she intends to retire at the end of June. A transition committee has been appointed with the following members: Carol Frisch, Stacy Doepner-Hove, Laurie Nelson Halvorsen, Joan Higinbotham, Sandy Lutz, Vivan Jenkins Nelsen, Juanita Peterson, Jane Callahan. Palmer expressed appreciation for all that Sawyer has done over the years. Sawyer stated that she has loved her work because of the people and because what we do is so important.
- Palmer passed out a letter that she sent to Secretary of State Kiffmeyer explaining the LWV's nonpartisan policy and clarifying the LWV Duluth's role in a nonpartisan Progressive Action event in Duluth last summer that was erroneously publicized as partisan. The Secretary is reluctant to participate in LWV sponsored debates as she feels she will not get fair treatment.
- Reminder to tell Tania when you have a speaking engagement so that she can get it on the calendar.
- Palmer spoke at a Minnesota Council of Non Profits forum on the topic "How does your

organization agree to lobby on an issue?"

- Palmer continues to serve on the Quie Commission on an independent judiciary. Palmer has stated on that commission that she believes an appointment system would work best, but it would be hard to sell to the public as they would give up their right to vote on judges. A report from the Commission will be released in January.

- Palmer attended a meeting at Hamline on judicial independence with Arne Carlson as the key speaker.

- "Avoid the hole in the resume" can be an LWV membership pitch to young women who are taking career time off to be involved with their families and communities.

3. **Minutes:** Thompson moved to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2006 Board Meeting. Seconded and passed unanimously.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Sawyer presented the August 31, 2006 LWVMN Treasurer's Report. The report will be filed for audit.

5. **Revision of the Agenda:** Regal asked to be added to the agenda for a few remarks about convention.

6. **Co-Sponsorship of Immigration Forum:** Stuthman moved to approve co-sponsorship with the Humphrey Institute Center for the Study of Politics and Governance of an Immigration Forum to be held November 1 at the Humphrey Institute, University of Minnesota. This item was already approved by email. Seconded and passed unanimously to reaffirm the email vote.

7. **Ballot Question - Constitutional Amendment:** Nancy Witta presented information on the proposed Transportation Constitutional Amendment that will be on the November 7th ballot. The arguments are outlined in the agenda. After much discussion, Frisch moved that the LWVMN stay neutral on this issue but publish a Pro and Con information piece on our website to help educate the public. The information piece will be prepared by Witta, Myers and Morem. Seconded and passed with two nay votes.

8. **Voter Service Update:** Doepner-Hove reported that the Voter Guides are out and being distributed. Hotline planning is underway. The debate schedule is finalized. Hoyt reported that all of the incumbent congressional representatives except District Representative Jim Ramstad are declining to participate in LWV debates. This is a phenomenon throughout the country. Hoyt explained LWVMN criteria for participation in the debates and related some requests to revisit the LWVMN criteria policy by disgruntled candidates. The board affirmed her decision to stick to the approved criteria.

9. **Voting Rights Coalition/Election Protection:** The Voting Rights Coalition, of which we are a member, is doing a poll monitoring project that involves training poll monitors to give advice and direct voters to appropriate assistance. Doepner-Hove stated that we should not be a part of this project as the possibility of inadequate training could lead some poll monitors to conduct themselves in a partisan manner. The voter service committee decided not to take part in this particular project. Palmer suggested that the LWVMN put something in writing to explain our position to the coalition.

Langsjoen moved that we put our position re: non participation in the poll monitoring project in writing and deliver it to the Voting Rights Coalition. Seconded and passed with one nay.

10. **Communications:** Peterson reported on the 47 LWVMN sponsored billboards going up throughout the twin cities area with VOTE messages. Peterson had samples of the billboard messages. Great enthusiasm for this project. Peterson reminded board members of the packets of information on LWV available in the state office that could be useful at speaking engagements or other league events.

11. **Nominating Committee:** Moormann reported that she, Benson and Jenkins Nelsen met right before this meeting. They would like input from current board members as to whether they would like to continue on the board and in what capacity. They would also like input as to good prospects for state board members. Please feed names to the committee.

12. **State Study:** Steen reported that the first draft is complete. More editing and reading is going on. Oliver stated that she got a look at the draft and it is fascinating. There are two case studies in the report that read better than any novel.

13. **Diversity:** Jenkins Nelsen reported that the committee has tightened the time line. Mae Brooks will be meeting with local league presidents around the state. Jenkins Nelsen is contacting women's organizations of color. The dialogue groups will attempt to include some Somali-African American groups already meeting and also work in Judy Stuthman's groups of new citizens.

14. **Convention:** Regal has a proposed agenda for convention which she will send out by email for comments and suggestions. She reminded board members to make their liaison calls.

15. **Miscellaneous:** Benson is going to Ukraine on a LWVUS project.

Palmer adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Kay Thompson, Secretary

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison
 As of September 30, 2006

	Sep 30, 06	Sep 30, 05
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Cash and temp. cash investments		
1010 · USbank checking	2,714.66	2,961.85
1050 · USbank savings	392.61	392.39
1080 · Hope Washburn savings		
1081 · CD #2776	2,000.00	2,000.00
1082 · CD #3023	2,000.00	2,000.00
1083 · Wells Fargo - Hope Washburn	2,829.43	2,783.07
Total 1080 · Hope Washburn savings	6,829.43	6,783.07
1099 · Petty cash	25.00	25.00
Total Cash and temp. cash investments	9,961.70	10,162.31
Total Checking/Savings	9,961.70	10,162.31
Accounts Receivable		
1100 · A/R - LWVMNEF	116,374.83	66,875.98
1150 · A/R - due from LL	7,854.60	7,887.50
1200 · A/R - Other	49.03	423.01
Total Accounts Receivable	124,278.46	75,186.49
Other Current Assets		
1450 · In-Kind	1,780.00	1,780.00
Total Other Current Assets	1,780.00	1,780.00
Total Current Assets	136,020.16	87,128.80
Fixed Assets		
Office equipment, net		
1700 · Office equipment	15,622.49	15,622.49
1750 · Accumulated depreciation	-15,622.49	-15,607.26
Total Office equipment, net	0.00	15.23
Total Fixed Assets	0.00	15.23
TOTAL ASSETS	136,020.16	87,144.03
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
2000 · Accounts Payable	2,848.51	1,981.14
2400 · A/P Rent due LWVMNEF	8,384.79	4,516.14
2500 · A/P PMP due to LWVUS	2,789.70	5,152.10
Total Accounts Payable	14,023.00	11,649.38
Other Current Liabilities		
2100 · Payroll Liabilities	7,481.25	5,011.91
2200 · Sales Tax Payable	262.76	265.26
2350 · In Kind	1,780.00	1,780.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	9,524.01	7,057.17
Total Current Liabilities	23,547.01	18,706.55
Total Liabilities	23,547.01	18,706.55
Equity		
3000 · Net assets		
3100 · Unrestricted		
3120 · Hope Washburn Fund	5,309.00	5,309.00
3130 · LWVUS Education Fund	42.80	42.80
Total 3100 · Unrestricted	5,351.80	5,351.80
3400 · Permanently restricted		
3410 · Swisshelm Endowment Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total 3400 · Permanently restricted	1,000.00	1,000.00

11/10/06

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison
As of September 30, 2006

	Sep 30, 06	Sep 30, 05
Total 3000 - Net assets	6,351.80	6,351.80
3800 - Opening Bal Equity	-0.10	0.00
3900 - Retained Earnings, prior year	47,666.82	37,899.49
Net Income	58,454.63	24,186.19
Total Equity	112,473.15	68,437.48
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	136,020.16	87,144.03

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 April through September 2006

	Apr - Sep 06	Budget	% of Budget
Income			
4000 · Membership dues			
4001 · Per member payments	27,352.50	30,000.00	91.2%
4002 · Members at large	4,535.00	10,000.00	45.4%
4005 · CMAL Assessment	0.44	300.00	0.1%
Total 4000 · Membership dues	31,887.94	40,300.00	79.1%
4100 · Contributions			
4101 · Cash contributions - members	7,662.54	7,500.00	102.2%
4102 · Non-cash contributions - member	0.00	55,000.00	0.0%
4105 · Cash contributions - Non-member	830.00	750.00	110.7%
4111 · Memorials	10.00		
4113 · Honorarium	50.00		
Total 4100 · Contributions	8,552.54	63,250.00	13.5%
4200 · Publication sales			
4210 · Voter	0.00	50.00	0.0%
4220 · DPM / BD memos	0.00	150.00	0.0%
4222 · Membership brochures	2.00	100.00	2.0%
4225 · Capitol Letter	10.00	100.00	10.0%
4228 · Program for Action	0.00	50.00	0.0%
4250 · Calendars	0.00	50.00	0.0%
4290 · Other	0.58	50.00	1.2%
Total 4200 · Publication sales	12.58	550.00	2.3%
4300 · Registration and other fees			
4310 · LWVMN convention			
4311 · 2005, 2007	0.00	100.00	0.0%
Total 4310 · LWVMN convention	0.00	100.00	0.0%
4320 · LWVMN council			
4321 · 2006, 2008	660.00	2,000.00	33.0%
Total 4320 · LWVMN council	660.00	2,000.00	33.0%
4330 · Regional workshops	0.00		
Total 4300 · Registration and other fees	660.00	2,100.00	31.4%
4500 · Services provided LWVMNEF			
4510 · LL Ed. Fund account admin.			
4511 · Direct Costs	1,764.90	4,249.00	41.5%
4512 · Admin. Reimbursements	1,963.57	4,751.00	41.3%
Total 4510 · LL Ed. Fund account admin.	3,728.47	9,000.00	41.4%
4520 · Grant projects			
4521 · Direct costs	51,070.84	123,878.00	41.2%
4522 · Admin. reimbursement	57,079.55	139,693.00	40.9%
Total 4520 · Grant projects	108,150.39	263,571.00	41.0%
4530 · Program services			
4531 · Direct costs	8,562.69	23,500.00	36.4%
4532 · Admin. reimbursement	9,431.12	26,500.00	35.6%
Total 4530 · Program services	17,993.81	50,000.00	36.0%
4550 · Administration and development			
4551 · Direct costs	18,118.73	31,255.00	58.0%
4552 · Admin. reimbursement	19,926.91	35,245.00	56.5%
Total 4550 · Administration and development	38,045.64	66,500.00	57.2%
Total 4500 · Services provided LWVMNEF	167,918.31	389,071.00	43.2%
4700 · Interest and investment income			
4701 · Savings interest income	0.09	10.00	0.9%
4702 · Board directed investment income	0.00	50.00	0.0%
4703 · Hope Washburn income	22.02		
Total 4700 · Interest and investment income	22.11	60.00	36.9%
4900 · Other income			
4905 · Product sales	32.50	1,200.00	2.7%
4910 · Copier business	0.00	25.00	0.0%

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
April through September 2006

	Apr - Sep 06	Budget	% of Budget
4915 · Trip revenue	100.00		
Total 4900 · Other income	132.50	1,225.00	10.8%
Total Income	209,185.98	496,556.00	42.1%
Gross Profit	209,185.98	496,556.00	42.1%
Expense			
5100 · Membership			
5101 · MAL PMP to LWVUS	3,289.70	5,480.00	60.0%
5102 · EF LL PMP up to 25%	773.77	5,500.00	14.1%
5103 · LL early payment discount	702.90	1,000.00	70.3%
5104 · LL rebate for state MAL's	260.00	1,000.00	26.0%
Total 5100 · Membership	5,026.37	12,980.00	38.7%
5200 · Direct service to LL			
5203 · Membership /field service comm.	0.00	5,000.00	0.0%
5205 · Calls and visits to LL	0.00	1,500.00	0.0%
5210 · Membership campaign	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
5220 · MAL	0.00	100.00	0.0%
5230 · Outreach	19.00	500.00	3.8%
5299 · Office costs	12,073.17	29,112.00	41.5%
Total 5200 · Direct service to LL	12,092.17	37,212.00	32.5%
5300 · Convention and council			
5310 · LWVMN convention			
5311 · 2005	113.15		
5312 · 2007	0.00	500.00	0.0%
Total 5310 · LWVMN convention	113.15	500.00	22.6%
5330 · LWVMN council			
5331 · 2006, 2008	2,443.92	2,500.00	97.8%
Total 5330 · LWVMN council	2,443.92	2,500.00	97.8%
5360 · LWVUS convention			
5361 · 2006, 2008	1,796.95	1,000.00	179.7%
Total 5360 · LWVUS convention	1,796.95	1,000.00	179.7%
5399 · Office costs	3,191.13	7,652.00	41.7%
Total 5300 · Convention and council	7,545.15	11,652.00	64.8%
5400 · Publications / communications			
5410 · MN Voter			
5411 · Voter Committee	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
5412 · Printing	2,540.15	7,300.00	34.8%
5413 · Postage	970.61	2,500.00	38.8%
5415 · LWVMNEF contribution - 1/3	0.00	-3,500.00	0.0%
5419 · Office costs	889.82	772.00	115.3%
Total 5410 · MN Voter	4,400.58	8,072.00	54.5%
5420 · Public relations - staff costs	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
5425 · Directory Listings	0.00	500.00	0.0%
5480 · Other publications			
5481 · Publication costs	2.50		
Total 5480 · Other publications	2.50		
Total 5400 · Publications / communications	4,403.08	9,572.00	46.0%
5500 · Action / affiliations			
5510 · Action and program comm.	0.00	12,000.00	0.0%
5520 · Lobbying and monitoring	0.00	7,000.00	0.0%
5530 · Program for Action	0.00	400.00	0.0%
5540 · Resource materials	100.00	300.00	33.3%
5560 · Coalitions and affiliations	625.00	600.00	104.2%
5599 · Office costs	5,264.41	14,837.00	35.5%
Total 5500 · Action / affiliations	5,989.41	35,137.00	17.0%
5700 · Program Support			
5701 · LWVUS	0.00	50.00	0.0%

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Accrual Basis

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 April through September 2006

	Apr - Sep 06	Budget	% of Budget
5702 · MN Study and Consensus	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
5799 · Office Costs	282.43	1,728.00	16.3%
Total 5700 · Program Support	282.43	2,778.00	10.2%
5800 · Other expenses			
5810 · Product Sales			
5811 · Direct Costs	0.00	500.00	0.0%
5812 · Office costs	701.83	1,667.00	42.1%
Total 5810 · Product Sales	701.83	2,167.00	32.4%
5820 · Copier business			
5821 · Direct costs	288.43	594.00	48.6%
5822 · Office costs	119.10	173.00	68.8%
Total 5820 · Copier business	407.53	767.00	53.1%
5830 · Fundraising			
5831 · Direct Costs	1,045.00	3,000.00	34.8%
5832 · Office Costs	530.76	1,699.00	31.2%
Total 5830 · Fundraising	1,575.76	4,699.00	33.5%
Total 5800 · Other expenses	2,685.12	7,633.00	35.2%
6000 · Administration			
6010 · President and board	-0.01	30,000.00	-0.0%
6015 · Conferences for board	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
6030 · Budget committee	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
6040 · Nominating committee	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
6050 · Bylaws committee	0.00	200.00	0.0%
6060 · Office management committee	0.00	5,000.00	0.0%
6099 · Office costs	27,823.68	49,748.00	55.9%
Total 6000 · Administration	27,823.67	87,948.00	31.6%
6100 · Operating expenses			
6110 · Payroll Expenses	101,332.50	289,134.00	35.0%
6120 · Payroll taxes	9,182.53	25,432.00	36.1%
6130 · Employee benefits	10,633.08	28,760.00	37.0%
6135 · Tech Consultants	0.00	500.00	0.0%
6140 · Staff training	0.00	5,000.00	0.0%
6200 · Office rent	4,553.57	9,100.00	50.0%
6210 · Telephone	1,356.32	6,500.00	20.9%
6220 · Insurance	1,318.68	2,600.00	50.7%
6225 · Small equipment	0.00	300.00	0.0%
6230 · Equipment rental / mtn.	1,826.48	4,400.00	41.5%
6240 · Copier rental / mtn.	3,363.77	7,300.00	46.1%
6250 · Office supplies	2,106.69	4,000.00	52.7%
6255 · Computer software and supplies	0.00	5,000.00	0.0%
6260 · Internet service provider	255.52	350.00	73.0%
6270 · Postage and shipping	1,495.00	5,000.00	29.9%
6285 · Bank charges	122.98	250.00	49.2%
6290 · Audit and accounting fees	0.00	6,000.00	0.0%
Total 6100 · Operating expenses	137,547.12	399,626.00	34.4%
6300 · LWVMN staff cost alloc.	-52,663.17	-107,982.00	48.8%
Total Expense	150,731.35	496,556.00	30.4%
Net Income	58,454.63	0.00	100.0%

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Dakota County Smoke-Free Communities Partnership

Eagan, MN

Community Organizer; June 2006-Present. Conducted community assessment in target communities assessing political feasibility and community readiness for comprehensive smoke-free indoor air policies. Work with citizen advocates to develop leadership skills and provide community education on secondhand smoke and smoke-free policies.

The Center for Just Living, The College of St. Scholastica

Duluth, MN

Co-Coordinator; Spring 2004, Fall 2005, Spring 2006. Launched and managed coalition-building initiative among groups working for shared goal of social and global justice. Established programs of the Center: Essay Contest, The Coalesce Conference, Mini-grant competition, "Passions Into Professions" Career Panels. Co-wrote grant for and created first-ever student-led campus course. Institutionalized process for hiring future student coordinators.

Street Factory Media

St. Paul, MN

Project Manager; Summer 2006-Present. Maintained client relations, advised programmatic execution, managed and led trainings for presenters.

Primary Project Staff, Street Teams Manager; Spring 2004-2006. Facilitated program development and curriculum design for statewide initiative focusing on youth smoking prevention. Maintained database, recruited and trained youth about secondhand smoke, media skills, advocacy and organizing tactics.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

St. Scholastica V-Day 2003

Duluth, MN

Producer, Director, Narrator; Winter 2002-2003. Worked with national and Duluth V-Day Worldwide organizers to bring production to campus. Directed and narrated two performances, raising over \$900 for two area battered women's shelters.

Third Wavers

Duluth, MN

Co-Founder, Member; Winter 2002-Present. Worked to establish first group to work for social justice, specifically concerning gender issues, at the College of St. Scholastica. Collaborated with area women's groups to put on "Take Back the Night 2003." Organized 7 women to attend, "March for Women's Lives 2004."

Minnesota Women's Political Caucus

St. Paul, MN

E-Women Win! College Coordinator for the College of St. Scholastica; Spring 2001-2003. Recruited for E-Women Win! membership list for weekly emails detailing events concerning women in the state of Minnesota. Served as a liaison between collaborating metro and out-state groups. Program awarded: MN Women's Press Changemakers 2003.

EDUCATION

The College of St. Scholastica

Duluth, MN

Bachelor of Arts, with Honors: May 2006.

Majors: Self-Designed International Social Policy Major; Double Major in Humanities.

Minors: Spanish, Women's Studies, Philosophy, Applied Economics.

Honors: Mills College Institute for Civic Leadership Citizen Scholar 2004

United Negro College Fund Special Programs Institute for International Public Policy Fellow 2004

The College of St. Scholastica Webster Scholar 2006

The College of St. Scholastica Senior Leadership Award 2006

Humphrey Institute Policy Forum Fellow 2006



International Women's Day 2007

Invitation to Co-Sponsor

March 3, 2007 will mark the **12th Annual International Women's Day Celebration** in Minnesota. In the 11 years since the United Nations Fourth World Conference on women in Beijing, China, we have witnessed major advances in women's rights and equality – but much more remains to be done. Our local event is an occasion to highlight these advancements, to encourage further activism, and to educate participants about human rights issues that affect women and girls locally, nationally and internationally. Join us as we also celebrate the extraordinary diversity and strength of Minnesota women and work to promote increased understanding and tolerance in our community.

International Women's Day is co-presented by Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights and the Human Rights Program at the University of Minnesota. **The event will take place on Saturday, March 3rd, 2007 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Coffman Memorial Union at the University of Minnesota.** The day will feature an outstanding keynote speaker, panels and workshops on a variety of human rights issues, film and performances. The program for the day is designed to draw attention to the twelve areas of concern articulated in the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. This celebration is free and open to the public.

International Women's Day is a great opportunity for your organization to share its work on issues affecting women and girls in Minnesota and throughout the world. Co-sponsoring organizations will be listed in the program and on our website and will be included in the IWD publicity brochure, which is distributed to more than 6,000 individuals and organizations in Minnesota. Most significantly, as a co-sponsor, your organization will be a part of educating hundreds of IWD participants, as well as creating and sustaining energy and commitment to women's human rights in Minnesota.

What does it mean to be an IWD co-sponsor? All co-sponsors are expected to publicize the event to their members. In addition, we encourage co-sponsors to be involved by:

1. **Making a financial contribution. There is no set fee to participate as a co-sponsoring organization, but we strongly encourage all organizations to make a contribution to help defray the costs of this free event. (See suggested amounts on co-sponsor form.)**
2. **Providing a display table at the event.**
3. **Providing member volunteers to work at the event.**

In order to ensure that we include your organization in the brochure, please return the enclosed form to me no later than December 21st. (This form is also available on our website at www.mnadvocates.org.) I recommend getting your form in as soon as possible, since table space is limited and usually fills up to capacity.

If you have questions about your involvement with IWD, please give me a call at 612-341-3302, ext. 107 or email me at mhunt@mnadvocates.org. I look forward to working with you on International Women's Day 2007!

Sincerely,

Mary Hunt
Program Associate, Women's Human Rights Program
Coordinator, International Women's Day

Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights and the Human Rights Program at the University of Minnesota
present the
12th Annual International Women's Day Celebration – March 3, 2007

Co-Sponsorship Form
Deadline: December 21, 2006

(Space for display tables is limited and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, so send your form in as early as possible.)

Please fill in completely. If questions, contact Mary Hunt at 612-341-3302, ext. 107, or mhunt@mnadvocates.org.

1) Organization Name:

2) Contact Person (Name, telephone, e-mail):

3) Mailing Address:

4) Website Address:

5) Organization Mission Statement:

6) Our organization would like to co-sponsor in the following ways:

___ Provide a financial contribution:

___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ \$250 ___ \$500 ___ Other ___ (amount)

(Make check payable to Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights with IWD on memo line.)

___ Provide a display table at the event (More information about tabling at IWD will go out two weeks before the event.)

___ Provide member volunteers on the day of the event (If so, how many? ___)

7) All co-sponsoring organizations are expected to publicize the event to their membership or clients. We will send you an electronic flyer for website or email distribution, and we can also supply hard copy brochures for you to distribute. How many brochures would you like to receive?

Please return this form by December 21, 2006 to: Mary Hunt, Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights, 650 Third Avenue South, Suite 550, Minneapolis, MN 55402 or fax to 612-341-2971 or email mhunt@mnadvocates.org.

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From: "Anne Salisbury" <annesal@comcast.net>
To: "Stacy Doepner-Hove" <doepn002@umn.edu>
Cc: "Helen Palmer" <helenpalmer@mn.rr.com>; "Sally Sawyer" <ssawyer@lwwmn.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2006 3:26 PM
Subject: CEI report

Dear Stacy,

I will not be at the board meeting on Saturday. Everything went fine at the Washington County review today. I hope where you were went well too.

I just talked to Laura at CEI. With reports in from 70 counties, which is 80% of MN counties, everything went very well. Only one county had a circumstance that triggered additional counts. That was Watonwan where a one ballot error in a precinct of 71 votes required that 3 more precincts be counted and those had perfect matches of machine counts and hand counts.

Can you please report this on Saturday along with anything you experienced at wherever you were.?

Thanks,
Anne

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11/16/2006

**League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund
Board Meeting**

Minnesota Women's Building
Saturday, November 18, 2006, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Mission

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Diversity

League of Women Voters of Minnesota affirms its commitment to reflecting the diversity of Minnesota in its membership and strives to overcome barriers of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability in the activities of the organization.

AGENDA

ACTION

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| 1. | 2 | Minutes of October 11, 2006 (Thompson) |
| 2. | 5 | Treasurer's Report for September 30, 2006 (Hondl) |
| 3. | 3 | Development Report (Frisch) |
| 4. | 2 | Revision of Agenda |
| 5. | 2 | Power of 3 (Frisch) |
| 6. | 20 | Investment Committee (Erickson) |
| 7. | 2 | Donor Cultivation (Frisch) |
| 7. | 5 | Annual Appeal (Frisch) |

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ACTION

1. Minutes: (Thompson) MOTION: To accept minutes of the Board Meeting of October 11, 2006.
2. Treasurer's Report: (Hondl) Treasurer's Report for the period ending September 30, 2006 will be filed for audit.
3. Development Report: (Frisch) MOTION: To accept the Development Report through November 14, 2006.
4. Revision of Agenda.
5. Power of 3 Update (Frisch).

6. Investment Committee (Erickson).

- a. Approval of Conflict of Interest Statement, see attachment.

BACKGROUND: In the process of developing investment policies for the League, the Investment Committee discussed the need for a more comprehensive Conflict of Interest Policy. The League's current policy covers only the staff and there is no process for disclosure. We are proposing a more comprehensive policy that would cover staff, board, and pertinent committee members.

- b. Approval of the role of the Investment Committee, see attachment.

BACKGROUND: The Investment Committee is beginning the process of developing investment policies for LWVMN and LWVMNEF. The first part of the document, which is modeled on that used by the national League, defines the roles of the Board and the Committee. We are proposing that the Committee be advisory rather than supervisory, meaning that all major decisions will be approved by the Board or the Executive Committee.

7. Donor Cultivation Committee: (Frisch).

8. Annual Appeal (Frisch).

- a. Total as of November 13, 2006 is \$35,330.16

League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund
Board Meeting Minutes
Minnesota Women's Building
Wednesday, October 11, 2006

Members Present: Palmer, Frisch, Myers, Salisbury, Steen, Peterson, Regal, Benson, Langsjoen, Oliver, Stuthman, Thompson, Doepner-Hove, Jenkins Nelsen

Members Absent: Hondl, Palank

Staff Present: Sawyer

Off Board Present: Morem, Moormann

Visitors: Susan Hoyt, Nancy Witta

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by President Palmer. Palmer read the Mission Statement and the Diversity Statement.

1. **Minutes:** Thompson moved the minutes of the Board Meeting of September 13, 2006 be approved. Seconded and passed unanimously.

2. **Treasurer's Report:** Sawyer presented the Treasurer's report in the absence of Connie Hondl. The Treasurer's Report for the period ending August 31, 2006 will be filed for audit.

3. **Development Report:** Frisch moved to accept the Development Report through October 4, 2006. Frisch noted that there has been no change since last month's development report. Seconded and passed unanimously to accept the report.

4. **Revision of Agenda:** Frisch asked to add two local league projects for approval by general consent.

5. **Power of 3 Update:** September 27 was the final meeting of the steering committee. It was an event for celebration as we are very close to the \$3.9 million goal. The following day Palmer gave a speech at the "Pizza and Politics" lunch hosted at Target Corporate offices for Target employees. Approximately 120 people attended. After Palmer spoke to Target employees, Nate Garvis, VP for government relations at Target, donated an additional \$10,000 from Target Corporation to the Power of 3 campaign. Another anonymous donor gave \$25,000, putting us within \$14,000 of the goal.

6. **Donor Cultivation Committee:** Frisch reported that there is nothing new.

7. **Annual Appeal:** Frisch reported that as of today we have \$26,870.16. Donations are running ahead of last year. There was a successful phonathon at the end of September.

8. Approval of Local League Projects: Frisch moved to approve Local League projects as Education Fund Projects by general consent. Seconded and passed unanimously to approve the following:

- a. St. Peter - Public meeting on invisible ballots, \$25.
- b. CMAL - Clean Water Legacy Act Oct. 24 meeting, \$100.

Palmer adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Kay Thompson, Secretary

LEAGUE/WOMEN VOTERS--EDUCATION FUND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2006

	CURRENT YEAR	LAST YEAR	INCREASE DECREASE

ASSETS			
102 LWVMNEF/SPECIAL FUND	\$ 29,800.59	\$ 9,069.39	\$ 20,731.20
103 LWVMNEF CHECKING	4,566.38	7,999.96	(3,433.58)
104 LWVMNEF SAVINGS-LL ACCTS	49,861.23	45,496.41	4,364.82
105 THE POWER OF THREE	392,917.18	1,264,839.69	(871,922.51)
106 IN KIND P-3	13,019.00	6,197.00	6,822.00
119 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGES	662,558.34	662,558.34	0.00
120 LWVMNEF ACCOUNTS RECEIVAB	12,807.55	9,687.94	3,119.61
121 IN KIND	3,737.61	0.00	3,737.61
122 VOTING PUB	(330.33)	(330.33)	0.00
124 WGP REVISED PUB	0.00	0.00	0.00
128 INDIANS	6,131.14	9,956.30	(3,825.16)
130 ADVANCE TO LWVMN	0.00	0.00	0.00
131 ROAD TO ELECTION BOOK	0.00	0.00	0.00
132 PERMANENT ENDOWMENT	96,438.66	93,731.18	2,707.48
133 ELECTION VIDEO	0.00	0.00	0.00
134 TPT	11,638.83	15,158.99	(3,520.16)
135 LOTT	7,702.44	9,260.59	(1,558.15)
136 VOTER SERVICE\PJ	55,792.03	624.42	55,167.61
137 JUDGES PUB	0.00	0.00	0.00
138 IMMIGRATION PUB	0.00	0.00	0.00
139 SPANISH CURR PUB	0.00	0.00	0.00
140 STUDY VS/WC RESERVE	705,979.78	475.43	705,504.35
141 MN COMPACT/DIVERSITY	33,572.75	109.86	33,462.89
142 05-07 STUDY	1,030.80	225.09	805.71
144 HTMD PUB	(15.36)	(11.52)	(3.84)
145 MN WOMENS BLDG PARTNERSHI	250,501.00	250,501.00	0.00
160 EQUIPMENT	51,431.68	51,431.68	0.00
165 ACCUM DEPREC\EQUIPMENT	(44,984.41)	(44,984.41)	0.00
174	0.00	0.00	0.00

TOTAL ASSETS	2,344,156.89	2,391,997.01	(47,840.12)
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LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES			
200 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	1,592.13	2,363.11	(770.98)
203 IN KIND EXPENSES	3,737.61	0.00	3,737.61
204 IN KIND P-3 EX	13,019.00	6,197.00	6,822.00
205 ACCTS PAY TO LWVMN	116,374.83	78,870.91	37,503.92
206 DUE TO MWC-P3	43,200.00	43,200.00	0.00
240 CAPITAL BLDG FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00
310 LOCAL LEAGUE ACCTS	54,016.77	64,661.44	(10,644.67)
320 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	(222,685.39)	(222,685.39)	0.00
330 DESIGNATED FUND BAL	956,387.57	956,387.57	0.00
331 PERM RESTRICTED NET ASSET	90,618.84	90,618.84	0.00
340 BLDG FUND BALANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00
349 SUSPENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00
397 INV FR MN 96-97 OFFICE CO	0.00	0.00	0.00
399 RETAINED EARNINGS - PRIOR	1,281,903.70	1,120,824.83	161,078.87
RETAINED EARNINGS - CURR	5,991.83	251,558.70	(245,566.87)

TOTAL LIAB & FUND BAL	\$ 2,344,156.89	\$ 2,391,997.01	\$ (47,840.12)
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LEAGUE/WOMEN VOTERS--EDUCATION FUND
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006

	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	REMAINING BUDGET
LWVMEF INCOME				
LOCAL LEAGUE ACCT ADMIN				
400 LOCAL LEAGUE DEPOSITS	20.00	4,771.50	25,000.00	(20,228.50)
490 INTEREST LL DEPOSITS	13.93	107.56	1,000.00	(892.44)
SUBTOTAL	33.93	4,879.06	26,000.00	(21,120.94)
UNASSIGNED CONTRIBUTIONS				
500 LWV MN MEMBERS	11,001.00	16,567.00	55,000.00	(38,433.00)
505 NON MEMB (ANNUAL AP)	4,605.00	6,961.58	10,000.00	(3,038.42)
510 CORPORATIONS/FOUNDATIONS	0.00	1,000.00	15,000.00	(14,000.00)
511 IN KIND B-REPORT	0.00	1,984.61	0.00	1,984.61
520 INTEREST	0.00	(350.00)	0.00	(350.00)
525 MEM NON-CASH CONTRIB	0.00	285.90	1,000.00	(714.10)
527 PERMANENT ENDOW./INTEREST	0.00	2,065.41	4,000.00	(1,934.59)
528 SPECIAL FUND	(344.91)	(275.65)	0.00	(275.65)
532 LEGACY CIRCLE	0.00	625.00	500.00	125.00
565 BLDG/RENT/REPAIR	760.22	4,561.32	9,200.00	(4,638.68)
590 MEMORIALS/HONORS	0.00	150.00	500.00	(350.00)
592 POSTAGE & HAND	46.68	61.00	600.00	(539.00)
593 SALES TAX	170.16	333.47	500.00	(166.53)
SUBTOTAL	\$ 16,238.15	\$ 33,969.64	\$ 96,300.00	\$ (62,330.36)
PROGRAM: MISC PROJECTS				
1030 NEW STUDY	5.93	20.16	27,000.00	(26,979.84)
1038 DIVERSITY TASK F	136.71	801.73	30,000.00	(29,198.27)
1070 SUFFERAGE MEMORIAL	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	(1,500.00)
1092 POWER OF 3 CAMPAIGN	(13,147.00)	(18,101.68)	500,000.00	(518,101.68)
1093 IN KIND P-3	0.00	6,822.00	0.00	6,822.00
1094 WC RESERVE	56,589.79	365,536.11	0.00	365,536.11
SUBTOTAL	43,585.43	355,078.32	558,500.00	(203,421.68)

LEAGUE/WOMEN VOTERS--EDUCATION FUND
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

	PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006			
	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	REMAINING BUDGET
SOCIAL POLICY				
1110 IMMIGRATION FAIRBAULT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1200 INDIANS IN MN-SALES	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
1210 INDIANS IN MN - ROYALTIES	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
1230 INDIANS STUDY GRANT	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	(12,000.00)
1233 INDIANS INTEREST	24.79	370.69	0.00	370.69
1136 CIT. NET GRANTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	24.79	370.69	15,000.00	(14,629.31)
VOTERS SERVICE				
1610 GENERAL ELECTION DEBATE	0.00	0.00	45,000.00	(45,000.00)
1612 INKIND DEBATES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1620 VOTER GUIDE-SALES	1,687.50	3,432.50	10,000.00	(6,567.50)
1625 VOTER GUIDE-GRANT	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	(25,000.00)
1629 ONLINE VOTER GUIDE	0.00	0.00	44,000.00	(44,000.00)
1630 ELECTION HOTLINE	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	(12,000.00)
1639 IN KIND MISC. VOTER SERVI	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1640 VOTER INFO/OUTREACH	0.00	10,140.00	15,000.00	(4,860.00)
1665 ELECTION PROCESS TRAIN. B	5.00	35.00	1,000.00	(965.00)
1666 ELECTION VIDEO	10.00	70.00	1,000.00	(930.00)
1667 INKIND EL. VIDEO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1672 MN COMPACT	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	(20,000.00)
1690 LL VOTER PROJ	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1692 VOTER SERVICE PJ INTEREST	257.13	1,239.37	100.00	1,139.37
SUBTOTAL	1,959.63	14,916.87	173,100.00	(158,183.13)
CITIZEN INFORMATION				
1710 FALL/SPRING FOCUS MEALS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1715 IMMIGRATION - TPT	47.05	260.32	10,000.00	(9,739.68)
1720 LOTT	34.60	143.45	45,000.00	(44,856.55)
1721 IN KIND LOTT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1722 P. FORUMS	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	(3,500.00)
1725 CIA GRANTS	0.00	0.00	17,500.00	(17,500.00)
1726 HOW TO M DIFF SALES	0.00	30.15	2,000.00	(1,969.85)
1727 HOW TO M DIFF GRANT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1740 PUBLICATIONS/AV SALES	837.20	1,571.40	0.00	1,571.40
1742 WEBSITE D/COM.FAC	0.00	0.00	15,350.00	(15,350.00)
1743 IN KIND WEB SITE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	918.85	2,005.32	93,350.00	(91,344.68)
TOTAL LWVMNEF INCOME	\$ 62,760.78	\$ 411,219.90	\$ 962,250.00	\$ (551,030.10)

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LEAGUE/WOMEN VOTERS--EDUCATION FUND
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006

	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	REMAINING BUDGET
LWVMEF EXPENSES				
LOCAL LEAGUE PROJECTS				
4000 LOCAL LEAGUE GRANTS	418.79	3,199.83	18,000.00	(14,800.17)
4095 LL ADMIN-LWVMN SERVICES	970.37	3,728.47	9,000.00	(5,271.53)
SUBTOTAL	1,389.16	6,928.30	27,000.00	(20,071.70)
LWVMNEF ADMINISTRATION				
5002 STAFF DEVELOPMENT	0.00	88.00	300.00	(212.00)
5005 DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES	249.50	377.10	250.00	127.10
5006 IN KIND DEVEL	0.00	1,984.61	250.00	1,734.61
5007 ANNUAL FUND DR	3,014.50	3,725.97	6,000.00	(2,274.03)
5008 ANNUAL FUND DR/L.L. EARNI	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
5009 SERVICES A FUND DR	2,072.58	6,486.23	20,000.00	(13,513.77)
5030 OTHER DIRECT EXPENSES	48.03	360.96	600.00	(239.04)
5040 GEN AD. SERVICES	3,192.51	21,157.42	30,000.00	(8,842.58)
5045 PLANNED GIVING EXPENSES	0.00	1,318.07	1,500.00	(181.93)
5047 PLANNED & MEALS	0.00	1,270.67	1,200.00	70.67
5050 LWV MN SERVICES	145.29	4,623.99	9,000.00	(4,376.01)
5065 BLDG/RENT/MANAGEMENT	1,900.55	11,403.30	24,000.00	(12,596.70)
5067 LWVMN SERVICES	499.10	2,753.35	5,000.00	(2,246.65)
5068 BLDG. IMP. CAMP	0.00	71,558.53	23,000.00	48,558.53
5069 BLDG. CAP. CAMPAIGN SERVI	0.12	3,024.65	2,500.00	524.65
SUBTOTAL	\$ 11,122.18	\$ 130,132.85	\$ 125,600.00	\$ 4,532.85
PROGRAM RELATED COSTS				
7000 EF BOARD EXPENSE	0.00	31.30	500.00	(468.70)
7001 CONFERENCES (BD)	0.00	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
7010 EF ANNUAL REPORT	0.00	442.04	0.00	442.04
7015 EF LEGAL FEES & BANK CHGS	66.68	315.90	650.00	(334.10)
7020 STATIONERY & PERM SUP	0.00	783.66	500.00	283.66
7025 SUBS & RESOURCES	0.00	0.00	400.00	(400.00)
7030 LWUMNEF AUDIT	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	(7,000.00)
7040 SERVICES PROG RELATED	1,444.14	8,691.21	15,000.00	(6,308.79)
7045 POWER OF 3	15,021.95	102,033.59	20,000.00	82,033.59
7050 POWER OF 3 SERVICES	4,138.35	14,332.35	30,000.00	(15,667.65)
7051 IN KIND EX	0.00	6,822.00	0.00	6,822.00
SUBTOTAL	20,671.12	133,452.05	74,550.00	58,902.05

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LEAGUE/WOMEN VOTERS--EDUCATION FUND
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

	PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006			
	CURRENT	YEAR TO	ANNUAL	REMAINING
	PERIOD	DATE	BUDGET	BUDGET
PROGRAM: MISC PROJECTS				
10026 VOTING PUB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10027 VOTING SYS PUB	0.00	36.01	0.00	36.01
10028 NEW STUDY	0.00	108.92	10,000.00	(9,891.08)
10029 STUDY/NEW	881.36	7,725.65	25,000.00	(17,274.35)
10030 IMMIGRATION INVENTORY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10034 IMMIGRATION FREE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10037 VOTING SYSTEMS FREE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10070 SUFFERAGE MEMORIAL	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
10073 SUFFERAGE SERVICES	33.29	164.21	500.00	(335.79)
10090 BB COMMUN.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10096 DIVERSITY	75.00	7,862.71	15,000.00	(7,137.29)
10097 DIVERSITY SERVIES	720.37	6,042.59	15,000.00	(8,957.41)
11008 FAIRBAUT IMMIGRATION PROJ	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11009 SERVICES - FAIRAUT PROJ	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11036 IN KIND CITIZENS NETWORK	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11037 CITIZENS NETWORK	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11038 CIT NET/SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	1,710.02	21,940.09	66,500.00	(44,559.91)
SOCIAL POLICY				
12030 INDIANS	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	(5,000.00)
12031 INDIANS SERVICES	101.28	430.94	10,000.00	(9,569.06)
SUBTOTAL	101.28	430.94	15,000.00	(14,569.06)
VOTERS SERVICE				
16010 DEBATE 98	4,000.00	8,578.00	30,000.00	(21,422.00)
16011 LWVMN SERVICES	789.08	4,746.83	15,000.00	(10,253.17)
16012 INKIND DEBATES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16019 VOTER GUIDE FREE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16020 VOTER GUIDE	2,418.78	6,920.88	30,000.00	(23,079.12)
16021 LWVMN SERVICES	9,867.26	32,764.94	10,000.00	22,764.94
16026 PRIMARY VOTER GUIDE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16027 SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16028 ON LINE VOTER GUIDE	0.00	0.00	9,000.00	(9,000.00)
16029 SERVICES ON LINE YG	245.75	2,593.40	35,000.00	(32,406.60)
16030 ELECTION HOTLINE	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	(7,000.00)
16031 LWVMN SERVICES	173.85	366.92	5,000.00	(4,633.08)
16039 IN KIND MISC. VOTER SERVI	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16040 VOTER & CI INFO/OUTREACH	548.00	548.00	12,000.00	(11,452.00)
16041 SERVICES VOTER & CI	2,060.26	6,966.57	30,000.00	(23,033.43)
16065 LWVMN SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16068 WGP PICKS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16069 WGTP SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16070 ELECTION PROCESS FREE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16071 LWVMN SERVICES	0.00	113.72	1,000.00	(886.28)
16072 MN COMPACT	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	(10,000.00)
16073 MN COMPACT SERVICES	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	(10,000.00)
16080 MISC VOTER SERVICE	166.00	1,163.27	2,500.00	(1,336.73)
16081 LWVMN SERVICES	2,008.60	26,362.03	24,591.00	1,771.03
16082 ED VIDEO	0.00	175.00	0.00	175.00
16083 ELECTION VIDEO FREE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16084 INKIND EL. VIDEO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16090 LL GET VOTE	305.98	3,871.48	3,000.00	871.48

LEAGUE/WOMEN VOTERS--EDUCATION FUND
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

		PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006			
		1,798.75	7,903.29	5,000.00	2,903.29
16091	SERVICES				
	SUBTOTAL	24,382.31	103,074.33	239,091.00	(136,016.67)
		CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	REMAINING BUDGET
CITIZEN INFORMATION					
17001	SERVICES LEADERSHIP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17005	CITIZENSHIP TRAINING	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
17006	CIT. TRAIN. SERVICES	11.23	44.91	10,000.00	(9,955.09)
17010	FOCUS TPT	0.00	2,240.00	5,000.00	(2,760.00)
17011	SERVICES	24.04	497.93	5,000.00	(4,502.07)
17018	IN KIND EXP LOTT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17020	LOTT	0.00	51.42	20,000.00	(19,948.58)
17021	LOTT SERVICES	325.45	1,001.11	20,000.00	(18,998.89)
17022	CIA MEETING	0.00	8.00	8,000.00	(7,992.00)
17023	LWVMN SERVICES	246.96	1,397.47	13,000.00	(11,602.53)
17024	HOW TO MAKE DIFF	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
17025	LWVMN SERVICES	101.89	574.73	2,000.00	(1,425.27)
17026	FREE DIST HOW DIFF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17027	HTMD INVENTORY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17029	IN KIND CIA EXPENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17040	PUBLICATIONS/AV LIBRARY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17041	LWVMN SERVICES	218.20	1,559.25	2,500.00	(940.75)
17043	MN CONVENTION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17045	MINN VOTER	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	(3,500.00)
17046	MISC. ACCOUNTS PAY. (AUDI	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17047	IN KIND WEB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17048	WEB SITE & DATA BASE	0.00	508.59	350.00	158.59
17049	WEB SITE SERVICES	64.83	1,386.10	15,000.00	(13,613.90)
	SUBTOTAL	992.60	9,269.51	107,350.00	(98,080.49)
20000	LWVMNEF RESERVES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL LWVMEF DIRECT EXPENSES	\$ 60,368.67	\$ 405,228.07	\$ 655,091.00	\$ (249,862.93)
	NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 2,392.11	\$ 5,991.83	\$ 307,159.00	\$ (301,167.17)

ID	Company/Foundation	Project	Req Date	Req Amount	Rcv Date	Rcv Amount	Refuse Date	Comments
14	3M	Voter Service	8/2/2006	\$15,000.00		\$0.00		Sponsorship
1	Allianz	Diversity	4/28/2006	\$10,000.00		\$0.00	7/17/2006	
7	Ameriprise	Voter Service	7/26/2006	\$15,000.00		\$0.00		Sponsorship
12	Andersen Windows	Voters Service	8/1/2006	\$15,000.00		\$0.00	7/17/2006	Sponsorship
5	Andersen, Elmer & Eleanor	Gen Op		\$0.00	6/26/2006	\$1,000.00		
8	BC/BS	Voter Service	7/25/2006	\$15,000.00		\$0.00		Sponsorship
16	Dorsey & Whitney	Voter Service	8/2/2006	\$15,000.00		\$0.00		Sponsorship
17	Goff & Howard, Inc.	Voter Service	8/18/2006	\$0.00		\$0.00		Sponsorship Heidi Larson from Laurie
20	LWVUS	Judicial	7/30/2006	\$10,000.00	8/12/2006	\$3,000.00		
19	LWVUS	By the People		\$0.00	8/21/2006	\$700.00		October Forum
6	Medtronic Fdtn	Voter Service	7/7/2006	\$20,000.00	8/9/2006	\$10,000.00		
2	Minneapolis Fdtn	Voter Service	4/25/2006	\$0.00		\$0.00		All prgms, inquiry updated 6/22/ & 7/21
3	MN State Bar Fdtn	jud Voter Guide	5/23/2006	\$6,000.00		\$0.00	6/30/2006	
13	Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi	Voter Service	8/1/2006	\$15,000.00	11/13/2003	\$10,000.00		Sponsorship
15	SMSC	Voter Service	8/2/2006	\$15,000.00		\$0.00		Sponsorship
18	St. Paul Fdtn	Donor desig	8/23/2006	\$0.00		\$0.00		donor designated fun
4	Target	Debates	2/1/2006	\$20,000.00	5/19/2006	\$20,000.00		
10	United HealthCare	Voter Service	8/1/2006	\$15,000.00		\$0.00		Sponsorship
9	US Bank	Voter Service	7/28/2006	\$15,000.00		\$0.00		Sponsorship
11	West Publising	Biennial Report	6/1/2006	\$0.00	8/1/2006	\$1,984.61		In-kind printing

the case of the Executive Director, the disclosure statement shall be provided to the President.

In all cases, the recipient is the designated reviewing official responsible for bringing potential conflicts to the attention of the appropriate authority. The Secretary of the Board of Directors shall file copies of all disclosure statements with the official corporate records of LWVMN/LWVMNEF.

Section IV. Procedures for Review of Potential Conflicts

Whenever there is reason to believe that a potential conflict of interest exists between LWVMN/LWVMNEF and a board member, the Executive Director, committee chair, or committee member with significant decision-making authority, the Board of Directors shall determine the appropriate response. This shall include, but not be limited to, implementing the procedures described below with respect to a specific proposed action, policy or transaction. The designated reviewing official has a responsibility to bring a potential conflict of interest to the attention of the board promptly for action at the next regular meeting of the board or during a special meeting called specifically to review the potential conflict of interest.

Where the potential conflict involves a staff member or independent contractor, the Executive Director shall be responsible for reviewing the matter and may take appropriate action as necessary to protect the interests of LWVMN/LWVMNEF. The Executive Director shall report to the President the results of any review and the action taken. The President shall determine whether any further board review or action is required.

Section V. Disclosure Procedure

Where a potential conflict exists between the interests of LWVMN/LWVMNEF and an interested party with respect to a specific proposed action, policy or transaction, the Board of Directors shall consider the matter during a meeting of the board. The Board of Directors shall not act until the proposed action, policy or transaction has been approved by the disinterested members of the Board of Directors. The following procedures shall apply:

An interested party who has a potential conflict of interest with respect to a proposed action, policy or transaction of LWVMN/LWVMNEF shall not participate in any way, or be present during, the deliberations and decision-making vote. However, the interested party will be given an opportunity to provide information about the proposed conflict and/or action, policy or transaction. In addition, the board may request that the interested party be available to answer questions.

- The disinterested members of the Board of Directors may approve the proposed action, policy or transaction upon finding that it is in the best

interests of LWVMN/LWVMNEF. The board shall consider whether the terms of the proposed action, transaction or policy are fair and reasonable and whether it would be possible, with reasonable effort, to find a more advantageous arrangement with a party or entity that is not an interested party.

- Approval by the disinterested members of the Board of Directors will be by vote of a majority of directors in attendance at a meeting at which a quorum is present. An interested party may not be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present, or for purposes of determining what constitutes a majority vote of directors in attendance.
- The minutes of the meeting will reflect that the conflict disclosure was made to the board, the vote taken and, where applicable, the abstention from voting and participation by the interested party. Whenever possible, the minutes should explain the decision of the board in such a way that it provides guidance for consideration of future conflict of interest situations.

Section VI. Records of Proceedings

The minutes of the Board of Directors and all committees with board-delegated powers shall contain:

- a. The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a financial or non-financial interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the board's decision as to whether a conflict of interest existed.
- b. The names of the persons who were present for discussion and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

Section VII. Violations of Conflict of Interest Policy

If the Board of Directors has reason to believe that an interested party has failed to disclose a potential conflict of interest, it shall inform the person of the basis for such belief and allow the person an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.

If the board decides that the interested party has in fact failed to disclose a possible conflict of interest, the board shall take such disciplinary and corrective action as the board shall determine, up to and including termination.

**League of Women Voters of Minnesota/League of Women Voters of
Minnesota Education Fund**

Conflict of Interest Disclosure Questionnaire

Please complete the questionnaire below, indicating any potential conflicts of interest. If you answer "yes" to any of the questions, please provide a written description of the details of the specific action, policy or transaction in the space allowed.

Financial Interests - A conflict may exist where an interested party, directly or indirectly benefits or profits because of a decision, policy or transaction made by LWVMN/LWVMNEF.

During the past 12 months

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|--|---|
| 1. Has LWVMN/LWVMNEF proposed to contract or contracted to purchase or lease goods, services, or property from you or from any of your relatives or associates? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 2. Has LWVMN/LWVMNEF offered employment to you (not applicable to existing staff) or to any of your relatives or associates? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 3. Have you, or any of your relatives or associates, been provided with a gift, gratuity or favor from a person or entity that does business or seeks to do business with LWVMN/LWVMNEF? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 4. Have you, any of your relatives or associates been allowed use of the facilities, property, or services of LWVMN/LWVMNEF? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 5. Have you, a relative or an associate benefited financially from an action, policy or transaction made by LWVMN/LWVMNEF? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> No |

Please fully explain any question to which you answered yes below:

Other Interests - A conflict may also exist where an interested party receives a non-financial benefit that would not have been received without his/her

relationship with LWVMN/LWVMNEF or where the duty or responsibility owed to LWVMN/LWVMNEF conflicts with a duty or responsibility owed to some other organization.

During the past twelve months

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| 1. Did you obtain preferential treatment by LWVMN/LWVMNEF or recognition for yourself or another interested party? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
| 2. Did you make use of confidential information obtained from LWVMN/LWVMNEF for your own benefit or for the benefit of another interested party? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
| 3. Did you take advantage of an opportunity or enable another interested person or organization to take advantage of an opportunity that you had reason to believe would be of interest to LWVMN/LWVMNEF? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
| 4. Have you or an interested party been provided with a significant non-financial benefit from a policy adopted by LWVMN/LWVMNEF? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |

Please fully explain any question to which you answered yes below:

Name

Signature

Date

***League of Women Voters of Minnesota/League of Women Voters of
Minnesota Education Fund***

Conflict of Interest: Confirmation of Compliance

I have received and carefully read the Conflict of Interest Policy of LWVMN/LWVMNEF for board members, staff, independent contractors, committee chairs and/or committee members with significant decision making authority, and have considered not only the written policy, but also its intent. By signing this confirmation of compliance, I hereby affirm that I understand and agree to comply with the Conflict of Interest Policy. I further understand that in order to maintain its federal tax exemption, LWVMN/LWVMNEF must engage primarily in activities that accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes without personal gain (other than by salary) by board members or staff.

Except as otherwise indicated in the Disclosure Questionnaire I hereby state that I do not have any conflict of interest, financial or otherwise that may be viewed as competing with the interests of LWVMN/LWVMNEF, nor do I have a potential conflict of interest. Nor shall I, or any relative or associate benefit from any action, policy or transaction made by a member of the board or any committee of LWVMN/LWVMNEF, other than what I have previously disclosed.

If any situation should arise in the future that I think may involve me in a conflict of interest, I will promptly and fully disclose in writing the circumstances to the President of LWVMN/LWVMNEF or to the Executive Director, as appropriate.

I certify that the information in the Disclosure Questionnaire is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Name (Please print)

Signature

Date

Proposed Role and Charge of the Committee

Below is a possible statement of the role and charge of the Investment Committee. In the mid-90's the Investment Committee chaired by Beverly McKinnell was supervisory rather than advisory, meaning that it had the authority to carry out investment policies and hire, monitor or replace any professional consultant or manager working with the committee. We are proposing that the current Investment Committee serve in an advisory capacity.

The following statement is almost identical to one used by the national League (with the substitution of LWVMN for LWVUS and LWVMNEF for LWVEF). The words in italics are not in the LWVUS statement. Also included are statements regarding the Board's right to dissolve the committee and requiring background checks. Both were suggested by Board members.

Investment Policies

All funds of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota (LWVMN) and the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund (LWVMNEF) are held by the LWVMN/LWVMNEF Board of Directors as a fiduciary. Both legally unrestricted and restricted funds are held for the purpose of carrying out the organization's mission, and the following investment objectives and directions are to be judged and understood in light of this overall sense of stewardship. These policies are to be applied separately to the funds of the LWVMN and the funds of the LWVMNEF.

Delegation

The LWVMN/LWVMNEF Board of Directors has *authorized an Investment Committee to serve in an advisory capacity over its financial affairs*. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Board, its agents and the *Investment Committee* shall act in accordance with these investment policies and all applicable laws and regulations. The Board reserves to itself the exclusive right to revise these policies and may also grant exceptions to these investment policies when appropriate.

The Board is authorized to retain one or more investment counselors to assume the management of funds and assets owned and administered by the organization. In discharging this authority, the *Executive Committee* may act in the place of the Board and may

receive reports from, pay compensation to, and enter into agreements with such counselors.

The President shall appoint with Board approval five persons to serve on an Investment Committee. A majority shall be League members and at least two shall have professional investment experience. Each member shall serve a two-year staggered term starting August 1, 2007. No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms. The chair shall be a League member chosen from members of the committee and shall serve as chair for one year. The President, Executive Director and Treasurer shall be ex officio. The Board reserves the right to remove members or dissolve the committee at its discretion. Anyone making investment decisions, including the Committee and the Board, shall undergo background checks.

The Board:

- Approves investment policies and asset allocation recommendations
- Approves threshold at which Investment Committee is authorized to allocate and disburse funds
- Approves recommendations of Investment Committee
- Approves hiring of financial consultants
- Assigns Treasurer to serve as Investment Committee liaison to the Budget Committee
- Reviews financial reports quarterly as presented by chair of Investment Committee
- Reviews Investment Policies annually

The Executive Committee:

- Acts on behalf of the Board at the discretion of the President
- Reviews financial reports monthly

The Investment Committee:

- Develops investment policies and asset allocation recommendations
- Makes allocations and disbursement decisions up to a percentage of the portfolio to be determined
- Recommends strategy for investing in financial products

- Recommends hiring of financial consultants; monitors work of financial consultants
- Reviews financial reports monthly (provided by Treasurer)
Meets quarterly; chair reports to board quarterly
- Reviews Investment Policies annually.

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LWVMN/EF Board Meetings
October 11, 2006
5:30-7:30 pm
Minnesota Women's Building
St. Paul
Large Meeting Room

Mission

League of Women Voters Minnesota, a nonpartisan, political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Diversity

League of Women Voters Minnesota affirms its commitment to reflecting the diversity of Minnesota in its membership and strives to overcome barriers of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability in the activities of the organization.

Notes

- Box lunches will be ordered for those requesting them no later than 1 pm on October 10.
- We expect that the meetings will last from two to two and a half hours.

LWVMNEF Meeting	5:30 – 6:00 pm
Break for supper	6:00 – 6:15 pm
LWVMN Board Meeting	6:15—7:30 pm (could run until 8:00 pm)

Agenda

1. 2 Housekeeping/Sawyer
2. 15 President's Report/Palmer
- Action**
3. 3 Minutes of September 13, 2006/Thompson
4. 5 Treasurer's Report for August 31, 2006/Hondl
5. 2 Revision of the Agenda
6. 3 Co-Sponsorship of Immigration Forum/Stuthman
7. 20 Ballot Question: LWVMN's role/Myers, Salisbury, Witta
- Discussion**
8. 10 Voter Service update/Doepner-Hove
9. 10 Communications/Peterson
10. 10 Voting Rights Coalition/Election Protection/Myers, Palmer, Sawyer
11. 5 Nominating Committee/Moormann
12. 5 Status of MPCA Study/Steen
13. 5 Diversity Project update/Jenkins Nelsen, Brooks

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1, 2, 4, 7, 8
all declined
the debates

7:20

6:50

Agenda

1. **Housekeeping:** Sawyer: please turn in vouchers, volunteer hours and articles for the Presidents' Mailing.
2. **President's Report:** Palmer

Action

3. **Minutes of September 13, 2006 Board Meeting:** Thompson: Motion: to approve the minutes of 9/13/06 LWVMN Board Meeting.
4. **Treasurer's Report for 8/31/06:** Sawyer for Hondl: the report will be filed for audit.
5. **Revision of the Agenda:** agenda items may be added at this time.
6. **Co-sponsorship of Immigration Forum:** Stuthman: Motion: to approve co-sponsorship of Immigration Forum to be held on November 1st at the Humphrey Institute. (already approved by email, see enclosed draft agenda)
7. **Ballot Question:** Myers, Salisbury, Witta: Motion: that LWVMN (oppose) or (support) or (do pro-con education) or (remain neutral) on the proposed Constitutional Amendment on the November 7 ballot.

Amendment language as it will appear on the ballot November 7: Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to dedicate revenue from a tax on the sale of new and used motor vehicles over a five year period, so that after June 30, 2011, all of the revenue is dedicated at least 40 percent for public transit assistance and not more than 60 percent for highway purposes?

From Nancy Witta, LWVMN Action Committee, Budget:

LWVMN should make a decision on the action desired on this ballot question. The Minneapolis Star Tribune has stated that only government purists are in opposition. This is not entirely true and overlooks the fundamental question of fiscal responsibility. However, there has been overwhelming approval of this measure from business, labor, and metro communities choked with traffic. It would certainly add sorely needed funds not only to highway construction and maintenance but 40% would be devoted to mass transit and we all favor those outcomes.

Leagues' dilemma is this—of course we favor badly needed monies for transportation BUT lost in the debate is the source of funding and the ramifications. No new monies are appropriated for the approximately \$300 million that would be diverted from the general fund for this purpose. Where will appropriations be cut to fund transportation? Education? Health Care? LGA? Additionally, from a "purists" point of view this is bad government.

The legislature has the power to enact increased funding for transportation whenever they wish. For years this responsibility was not taken seriously until the public outcry demanded some action. In the last two sessions the Legislature has succeeded in passing transportation bills that would alleviate the funding lack but the governor has vetoed the bills. The only leg left standing was this proposed amendment which could not be vetoed. Shouldn't state government function to address outstanding needs of the state without resort to constitutional amendments? If they cannot agree on something that appears to have such support how can they be trusted to replace the funds taken for other purposes? Will we need more constitutional amendments to command them to do their job? Also bear in mind that the two frontrunners for governor have both said they will not raise taxes.

Should LWVMN support this amendment? Oppose? Or do pro-con voter education? I think you can perceive my bias on this matter but it is a real policy question for the board to decide.

Discussion

8. **Voter Service update:** Stacy: Voter Guides are out, Hotline planning is underway, Debate schedule as of October 11 will be reported.

Susan Hoyt is seeking citizen and constituent questions for US Senate, Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General and Congressional debates (Districts 3, 5, 6). Please send them to Barbara Person, bperson@lwvmn.org. If you want tickets for the US Senate and Governor debates, scheduled for October 29, please make reservations through Barbara Person, bperson@lwvmn.org.

You all should have viewed the news story on 5 Eyewitness News by Tom Hauser, concerning the incumbent Congressional candidates who have declined participation.

9. **Communications:** Juanita will report on billboards, news releases, and website, with additional comment from Ady, who has done a remarkable job.
10. **Voting Rights Coalition/Election Protection:** Myers, Palmer, Sawyer will report. This coalition of organizations is recruiting and training hotline volunteers to provide legal advice and interpreters on election day. There will also be pairs of volunteers at certain precincts where voters experienced some barriers during the 2004 election to give advice and direct them to appropriate assistance. There has been some concern about making sure that the volunteers are trained to conduct themselves in a strictly nonpartisan manner.
11. **Nominating Committee:** Alice Moormann will report.

"OUR WORK IS ABOUT JUSTICE." Vivian

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Pres. Report October 11, 2006

Holiday party!!! Dec 9 (Sat)

Mary K and debate issue—nonpartisanship

Congrats to LLs esp St Cloud—Nightline,

Update on Inv Comm ~~Kay will be at next meeting?~~ —comm., will propose authority statement and conflict of interest statement—will be emailed ahead of time.

*Sally's
Refinement*

" Transition Planning (Carol?) Jane Callahan, Stacy, Carol, Laurie Halverson, Joan Higinbotham, Sandi Lutz, Vivian, Juanita, self as ex-officio

remind people to tell Tania if they're speaking somewhere (my talk at Target, my panel pres. At MCN conference Profile of an Issue Campaign, Sally's talk today, Juanita's yesterday, Stacy's (?) at MSU)

update on Quie commission, what I said

what Arne said about civic education and jud selection at

Hamline forum on jud. Independence

Be sure to ask folks to jjoin the League Membership issue: get busy in the league when professionals are at home raising children, to avoid the "hole in the resume."

Gwen, Joe Mansky at next Action mtg., *HOMAP*

Closure brunch for P3

LOTT has proposed Diane Tran

Vote date ?



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Testimony Re: SF1691
Presented to the Senate Judiciary Committee
April 4, 2006

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee:

Good afternoon. My name is Helen Palmer and I am president of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. Thank you very much for allowing me to speak today regarding Senate File 1691.

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota believes that this bill, which proposes an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution on same-sex marriage, amounts to an assault on a minority group. While the League of Women Voters has no position on marriage, we do have a strong position in support of equal opportunity in public services for all people. The proposed amendment's language barring recognition of a "legal equivalent" of marriage appears designed to prevent same-sex partners from having the responsibilities and protections of a civil union.

Furthermore, we believe that this highly divisive amendment is dangerous and unnecessary. It is dangerous because it sets apart a minority group and specifically denies to them the civil rights of the majority. In fact, this proposal is of special concern because it would turn constitutional history on its head by requiring Minnesota to restrict, rather than guarantee, the civil rights of a portion of its citizens.

The proposed amendment is unnecessary because the State Supreme Court ruled unanimously in 1971 that there is no right to same-sex marriage contained in the state Constitution. And although the League of Women Voters does not agree with the action, the Legislature has already acted to make same-sex marriage illegal in Minnesota.

The fundamental rights of any minority should not be subject to the vagaries of the majority. In this representative democracy we depend on and expect our elected officials to make informed decisions and to safeguard the civil rights of *all* our citizens.

The Minnesota Constitution is a remarkable document: it is about rights and liberties, and its spirit is honorable and generous. Alterations to it should be rare and deeply considered, and made with the good of all the people in mind. The amendment proposed in SF 1691 does not belong in our Constitution, and the League of Women Voters of Minnesota urges you to reject it.

Thank you very much for your attention.

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
Board Meeting Minutes
Minnesota Women's Building
Wednesday, September 13, 2006

Members Present: Palmer, Frisch, Myers, Salisbury, Steen, Peterson, Regal, Benson, Langsjoen, Palank, Oliver, Stuthman, Thompson

Members Absent: Simmons, Hondl, Doepner-Hove

Staff Present: Sawyer, Wickstrom

Off Board Present: Morem

Visitor: Mae Brooks, Diversity Project Director

President Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. **Housekeeping:** Sawyer asked for expense vouchers and volunteer hours as well as articles and enclosures for the Presidents' Mailing, to be mailed the week of September 18th.

2. **President's Report:** Palmer reported that

- Kathy Fennelly has been selected to serve on the LWVUS Immigration Study Committee. There will be five people on this committee. Fennelly is a University of Minnesota professor.

- Donna Lauffer has been appointed by the national board to be liaison with the LWVMN. She is from Kansas and has already made contact with Palmer and asked a lot of questions. Local leagues should send a copy of their newsletters to Donna Lauffer.

- Palmer is in the process of naming seven members to a transition committee planning for Sawyer's retirement as executive director.

- We have been asked recently by a number of different organizations to give a "seal of approval" to their endeavors. This speaks well to our reputation in the community.

- A survey funded by the Joyce Foundation has been completed and the results will be on the Joyce Foundation website. The survey of 2,040 randomly selected adults from five states was on the state of democracy. Focus groups were also used. The overwhelming result was that citizens want honesty from their government and there is currently a lack of trust. However, most of those surveyed do not feel powerless. There is great concern about the role of money in politics. This concern is on a par with concern about health care and other issues. The survey tends to show that we need to highlight solutions and not promise too much. It might be useful to educate by linking issues.

3. **Minutes:** Thompson moved to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2006 Board Meeting. Seconded and passed unanimously.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Sawyer presented the July 31, 2006 LWVMN Treasurer's Report. The report will be filed for audit.
5. **Revision of the Agenda:** Palank asked to strike LOTT from the agenda. Peterson and Wickstrom asked to be added to the agenda.
6. **Resignation:** Regal moved to accept with regret the resignation of Qamar Ibrahim from the LWVMN Board. Seconded and passed unanimously.
7. **By-Laws:** Myers moved to appoint Kay Thompson, Anne Salisbury and Judy Stuthman to the LWVMN Bylaws Committee. Seconded and passed unanimously.
8. **Communications:** Peterson reported that the pre-primary televised debate was a good trial run. Unfortunately, LWVMN was not given credit as a sponsor in the Star/Tribune news story the following day so she contacted the reporter. KSTP prefers to be called "5 Eyewitness News." A letter regarding civility at election time and education of the public written by Peterson has been used by several local leagues. The Eastern Carver County League President adapted the letter and it was published in the Chaska newspaper. Other leagues are adapting the letter and sending it to their local newspapers. President Palmer was interviewed on a noontime 5 Eyewitness News show on Primary Election day.
9. **Diversity:** Mae Brooks, Diversity Project Director, was introduced. She would like to visit with local leagues or local league presidents and discuss the formation of dialogue groups. She would like to identify people relevant to the diversity discussion. Dialogue groups will be forming. Would like to involve ten local leagues in the project. She needs to identify other groups that would be helpful with the project. Wants to communicate that the project is working toward action. Can be marketed as a social action project.
10. **State Agency Study:** Steen reported that she is in the process of writing the draft of the study. She is about 2/3 of the way through the first draft. The draft will be reviewed by the committee. The committee has learned a huge amount this year. Local leagues can plan on unit meetings on the state study after Christmas.
11. **Convention:** Regal reported that the theme of the May 17-19, 2007 state convention at Breezy Point is the *Gift of Time*. One goal of the convention is to build relationships between local leagues. Accordingly, Thursday will allow adequate social time for local league presidents to share and interact. Another theme of the convention will be water. Regal is pursuing some ideas for speakers.
12. **Program Planning:** Sawyer reported that the first round of program-planning will go to local LWVs in September with a response deadline of October 31st. The program-planning packet will go to local LWVs in November for program planning meetings in December, January, February. Program suggestions will be presented to LWVMN Board in March and the Proposed Program will be sent to local LWVs in March, 2007 for debate and action at Convention May 18 and 19.

13. **LWVMN/EF Budget Process:** Sawyer and Morem discussed the budget process. Look for materials in the last board mailing.

14. **Board Liaison Assignments:** Regal has assigned each board member to act as liaison to two or three local leagues. Regal provided a list of questions for LWVMN board members to ask local league presidents. This is a way to keep in touch with local leagues and establish better communication.

15. **Action:** Myers distributed a handout on the Great Lakes put together by the Alliance for the Great Lakes. There is a compact regarding protecting the Great Lakes that has been signed by the governors of affected states. The compact needs to be passed by the state legislature. The Action Committee needs more lobbyists for the 2007 session in such areas as transportation, environment, education policy, early childhood, and gun legislation.

16. **Voting Rights Coalition:** We are a member of the Voting Rights Coalition. Currently, the coalition is disturbed by the lack of publicity given to the Tribal Voting Rights law. The Secretary of State neglected to get pertinent information out to native Americans regarding the change in the law allowing Tribal ID's to be used for same day registration. Stuthman reported that 794 new citizens were registered to vote this morning. Palmer stated that working on voting rights is very important and we're glad to be involved with other organizations that also do this. As a result of our efforts, challengers at polling places now have to be Minnesota citizens and state that they have "personal knowledge" that the challenged voter is not eligible to vote.

17. **Nominating Committee Guidelines:** Regal reported that the guidelines are up to speed. These will be passed on to the nominating committee.

18. **Spirit of Democracy Awards:** Regal asked board members with suggestions to email them to Sawyer.

19. **LWVUS Membership Initiative:** Langsjoen reported that five leagues have been selected to participate in the LWVUS membership initiative pilot program. Myers encouraged local leagues to have voter registration, election information and LWV membership information at high school open houses as a way of attracting new members.

20. **Voter Service Update:** Sawyer reported that there are 12 debates scheduled in October. They will be taped on Saturdays. There will be live governor and senate candidate debates on October 29th. The site has yet to be determined. It may be the Guthrie Theater. The *Voter Guide* will be out on October 1.

21. **Board Leave of Absence:** Peterson moved to accept with understanding a request for a two month leave of absence from the LWVMN board from Miriam Simmons effective immediately. Seconded and passed unanimously. Simmons will return to the board in November.

22. **Member Resources Committee:** Langsjoen noted that we need new people on the Member Resources Committee. Simmons is now off the committee.

23. **Voting Machines Working Group:** Wickstrom reported. The working group is made up of county clerks, elected officials, members from the office of the Secretary of State and others, including Wickstrom. They are working on the implementation of HAVA requirements re: voting machines. The committee has been getting feedback from election judges, voters and election administration officials. There is general agreement that the HAVA law was not well thought out. A lot of money was thrown at the election problems without much analysis. The committee is looking at what will work best in the future.

Palmer adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Kay Thompson, Secretary

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison
 As of August 31, 2006

	Aug 31, 06	Aug 31, 05
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Cash and temp. cash investments		
1010 · USbank checking	1,894.32	2,807.09
1050 · USbank savings	392.60	392.36
1080 · Hope Washburn savings		
1081 · CD #2776	2,000.00	2,000.00
1082 · CD #3023	2,000.00	2,000.00
1083 · Wells Fargo - Hope Washburn	2,828.96	2,757.68
Total 1080 · Hope Washburn savings	6,828.96	6,757.68
1099 · Petty cash	25.00	25.00
Total Cash and temp. cash investments	9,140.88	9,982.13
Total Checking/Savings	9,140.88	9,982.13
Accounts Receivable		
1100 · A/R - LWVMNEF	103,132.28	63,418.10
1150 · A/R - due from LL	12,006.75	9,507.50
1200 · A/R - Other	55.69	55.71
Total Accounts Receivable	115,194.72	72,981.31
Other Current Assets		
1450 · In-Kind	1,780.00	1,780.00
Total Other Current Assets	1,780.00	1,780.00
Total Current Assets	126,115.60	84,743.44
Fixed Assets		
Office equipment, net		
1700 · Office equipment	15,622.49	15,622.49
1750 · Accumulated depreciation	-15,622.49	-15,607.26
Total Office equipment, net	0.00	15.23
Total Fixed Assets	0.00	15.23
TOTAL ASSETS	126,115.60	84,758.67
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
2000 · Accounts Payable	2,952.31	1,646.68
2400 · A/P Rent due LWVMNEF	7,624.57	4,516.14
2500 · A/P PMP due to LWVUS	3,289.70	5,152.10
Total Accounts Payable	13,866.58	11,314.92
Other Current Liabilities		
2100 · Payroll Liabilities	6,267.62	4,958.59
2200 · Sales Tax Payable	262.76	265.26
2350 · In Kind	1,780.00	1,780.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	8,310.38	7,003.85
Total Current Liabilities	22,176.96	18,318.77
Total Liabilities	22,176.96	18,318.77
Equity		
3000 · Net assets		
3100 · Unrestricted		
3120 · Hope Washburn Fund	5,309.00	5,309.00
3130 · LWVUS Education Fund	42.80	42.80
Total 3100 · Unrestricted	5,351.80	5,351.80
3400 · Permanently restricted		
3410 · Swisshelm Endowment Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total 3400 · Permanently restricted	1,000.00	1,000.00

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As of August 31, 2006

	Aug 31, 06	Aug 31, 05
Total 3000 - Net assets	6,351.80	6,351.80
3800 - Opening Bal Equity	-0.10	0.00
3900 - Retained Earnings, prior year	47,666.82	37,899.49
Net Income	49,920.12	22,188.61
Total Equity	103,938.64	66,439.90
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	126,115.60	84,758.67

League of Women Voters of Minnesota

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

April through August 2006

	Apr - Aug 06	Budget	% of Budget
Income			
4000 · Membership dues			
4001 · Per member payments	27,352.50	30,000.00	91.2%
4002 · Members at large	3,925.00	10,000.00	39.3%
4005 · CMAL Assessment	0.44	300.00	0.1%
Total 4000 · Membership dues	31,277.94	40,300.00	77.6%
4100 · Contributions			
4101 · Cash contributions - members	7,637.54	7,500.00	101.8%
4102 · Non-cash contributions - member	0.00	55,000.00	0.0%
4105 · Cash contributions - Non-member	830.00	750.00	110.7%
4113 · Honorarium	50.00		
Total 4100 · Contributions	8,517.54	63,250.00	13.5%
4200 · Publication sales			
4210 · Voter	0.00	50.00	0.0%
4220 · DPM / BD memos	0.00	150.00	0.0%
4222 · Membership brochures	2.00	100.00	2.0%
4225 · Capitol Letter	10.00	100.00	10.0%
4228 · Program for Action	0.00	50.00	0.0%
4250 · Calendars	0.00	50.00	0.0%
4290 · Other	0.58	50.00	1.2%
Total 4200 · Publication sales	12.58	550.00	2.3%
4300 · Registration and other fees			
4310 · LWVMN convention			
4311 · 2005, 2007	0.00	100.00	0.0%
Total 4310 · LWVMN convention	0.00	100.00	0.0%
4320 · LWVMN council			
4321 · 2006, 2008	660.00	2,000.00	33.0%
Total 4320 · LWVMN council	660.00	2,000.00	33.0%
4330 · Regional workshops	0.00		
Total 4300 · Registration and other fees	660.00	2,100.00	31.4%
4500 · Services provided LWVMNEF			
4510 · LL Ed. Fund account admin.			
4511 · Direct Costs	1,306.14	4,249.00	30.7%
4512 · Admin. Reimbursements	1,451.96	4,751.00	30.6%
Total 4510 · LL Ed. Fund account admin.	2,758.10	9,000.00	30.6%
4520 · Grant projects			
4521 · Direct costs	41,443.75	123,878.00	33.5%
4522 · Admin. reimbursement	46,307.76	139,693.00	33.1%
Total 4520 · Grant projects	87,751.51	263,571.00	33.3%
4530 · Program services			
4531 · Direct costs	6,260.32	23,500.00	26.6%
4532 · Admin. reimbursement	6,877.43	26,500.00	26.0%
Total 4530 · Program services	13,137.75	50,000.00	26.3%
4550 · Administration and development			
4551 · Direct costs	15,305.56	31,255.00	49.0%
4552 · Admin. reimbursement	16,830.48	35,245.00	47.8%
Total 4550 · Administration and development	32,136.04	66,500.00	48.3%
Total 4500 · Services provided LWVMNEF	135,783.40	389,071.00	34.9%
4700 · Interest and investment income			
4701 · Savings interest income	0.08	10.00	0.8%
4702 · Board directed investment income	0.00	50.00	0.0%
4703 · Hope Washburn income	21.55		
Total 4700 · Interest and investment income	21.63	60.00	36.1%
4900 · Other income			
4905 · Product sales	32.50	1,200.00	2.7%
4910 · Copier business	0.00	25.00	0.0%
4915 · Trip revenue	100.00		

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 April through August 2006

	Apr - Aug 06	Budget	% of Budget
Total 4900 · Other income	132.50	1,225.00	10.8%
Total Income	176,405.59	496,556.00	35.5%
Gross Profit	176,405.59	496,556.00	35.5%
Expense			
5100 · Membership			
5101 · MAL PMP to LWVUS	3,289.70	5,480.00	60.0%
5102 · EF LL PMP up to 25%	773.77	5,500.00	14.1%
5103 · LL early payment discount	702.90	1,000.00	70.3%
5104 · LL rebate for state MAL's	225.00	1,000.00	22.5%
Total 5100 · Membership	4,991.37	12,980.00	38.5%
5200 · Direct service to LL			
5203 · Membership /field service comm.	0.00	5,000.00	0.0%
5205 · Calls and visits to LL	0.00	1,500.00	0.0%
5210 · Membership campaign	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
5220 · MAL	0.00	100.00	0.0%
5230 · Outreach	0.00	500.00	0.0%
5299 · Office costs	10,067.91	29,112.00	34.6%
Total 5200 · Direct service to LL	10,067.91	37,212.00	27.1%
5300 · Convention and council			
5310 · LWVMN convention			
5311 · 2005	113.15		
5312 · 2007	0.00	500.00	0.0%
Total 5310 · LWVMN convention	113.15	500.00	22.6%
5330 · LWVMN council			
5331 · 2006, 2008	2,443.92	2,500.00	97.8%
Total 5330 · LWVMN council	2,443.92	2,500.00	97.8%
5360 · LWVUS convention			
5361 · 2006, 2008	1,796.95	1,000.00	179.7%
Total 5360 · LWVUS convention	1,796.95	1,000.00	179.7%
5399 · Office costs	3,069.27	7,652.00	40.1%
Total 5300 · Convention and council	7,423.29	11,652.00	63.7%
5400 · Publications / communications			
5410 · MN Voter			
5411 · Voter Committee	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
5412 · Printing	2,540.15	7,300.00	34.8%
5413 · Postage	492.96	2,500.00	19.7%
5415 · LWVMNEF contribution - 1/3	0.00	-3,500.00	0.0%
5419 · Office costs	856.79	772.00	111.0%
Total 5410 · MN Voter	3,889.90	8,072.00	48.2%
5420 · Public relations - staff costs	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
5425 · Directory Listings	0.00	500.00	0.0%
5480 · Other publications			
5481 · Publication costs	2.50		
Total 5480 · Other publications	2.50		
Total 5400 · Publications / communications	3,892.40	9,572.00	40.7%
5500 · Action / affiliations			
5510 · Action and program comm.	0.00	12,000.00	0.0%
5520 · Lobbying and monitoring	0.00	7,000.00	0.0%
5530 · Program for Action	0.00	400.00	0.0%
5540 · Resource materials	100.00	300.00	33.3%
5560 · Coalitions and affiliations	475.00	600.00	79.2%
5599 · Office costs	5,059.57	14,837.00	34.1%
Total 5500 · Action / affiliations	5,634.57	35,137.00	16.0%
5700 · Program Support			
5701 · LWVUS	0.00	50.00	0.0%
5702 · MN Study and Consensus	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%

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Accrual Basis

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 April through August 2006

	Apr - Aug 06	Budget	% of Budget
5799 · Office Costs	249.47	1,728.00	14.4%
Total 5700 · Program Support	249.47	2,778.00	9.0%
5800 · Other expenses			
5810 · Product Sales			
5811 · Direct Costs	0.00	500.00	0.0%
5812 · Office costs	481.33	1,667.00	28.9%
Total 5810 · Product Sales	481.33	2,167.00	22.2%
5820 · Copier business			
5821 · Direct costs	288.04	594.00	48.5%
5822 · Office costs	67.56	173.00	39.1%
Total 5820 · Copier business	355.60	767.00	46.4%
5830 · Fundraising			
5831 · Direct Costs	1,045.00	3,000.00	34.8%
5832 · Office Costs	530.76	1,699.00	31.2%
Total 5830 · Fundraising	1,575.76	4,699.00	33.5%
Total 5800 · Other expenses	2,412.69	7,633.00	31.6%
6000 · Administration			
6010 · President and board	-0.01	30,000.00	-0.0%
6015 · Conferences for board	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
6030 · Budget committee	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
6040 · Nominating committee	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
6050 · Bylaws committee	0.00	200.00	0.0%
6060 · Office management committee	0.00	5,000.00	0.0%
6099 · Office costs	23,909.78	49,748.00	48.1%
Total 6000 · Administration	23,909.77	87,948.00	27.2%
6100 · Operating expenses			
6110 · Payroll Expenses	83,877.70	289,134.00	29.0%
6120 · Payroll taxes	7,660.23	25,432.00	30.1%
6130 · Employee benefits	8,860.90	28,760.00	30.8%
6135 · Tech Consultants	0.00	500.00	0.0%
6140 · Staff training	0.00	5,000.00	0.0%
6200 · Office rent	3,793.35	9,100.00	41.7%
6210 · Telephone	1,039.06	6,500.00	16.0%
6220 · Insurance	733.34	2,600.00	28.2%
6225 · Small equipment	0.00	300.00	0.0%
6230 · Equipment rental / mtn.	1,826.48	4,400.00	41.5%
6240 · Copier rental / mtn.	2,927.34	7,300.00	40.1%
6250 · Office supplies	1,724.60	4,000.00	43.1%
6255 · Computer software and supplies	0.00	5,000.00	0.0%
6260 · Internet service provider	237.57	350.00	67.9%
6270 · Postage and shipping	1,198.99	5,000.00	24.0%
6285 · Bank charges	103.33	250.00	41.3%
6290 · Audit and accounting fees	0.00	6,000.00	0.0%
Total 6100 · Operating expenses	113,982.89	399,626.00	28.5%
6300 · LWVMN staff cost alloc.	-46,078.89	-107,982.00	42.7%
Total Expense	126,485.47	496,556.00	25.5%
Net Income	49,920.12	0.00	100.0%

GETTING SOME PERSPECTIVE ON IMMIGRATION

Getting Some Perspective on Immigration will attempt to provide a context to the immigration debate by exploring immigration myths—that the United States' immigration challenge is unique, or that America has always been a nation welcoming of immigrants. The conference will also look at myths that dominate the discussion in Minnesota and at the local level. Facilitated break-out sessions will build on the contextual information and allow conference participants to articulate a set of common goals or values that should undergird immigration policy. Their observations and recommendations will then be presented to a panel of state and local policymakers.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

*Cowles Auditorium
Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs
301 19th Avenue South, Minneapolis*

8:30 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. *Global Perspective*

Demetrios Papademetriou
President, Migration Policy Institute

9:45 a.m. *Historical Perspective*

Donna Gabaccia
Professor of History and President,
Immigration History Research Center,
University of Minnesota

10:40 a.m. Audience Q&A

Demetrios Papademetriou
Donna Gabaccia
Michael LeMay
Professor Emeritus, California State

11:30 a.m. Lunch

Katherine Fennelly
Professor, Humphrey Institute

Steve Berg [to be invited]
Star Tribune

12:45 p.m. *Debate at the Local Level*

Panel discussion featuring representatives
of immigrant groups

Facilitated discussion in break-out sessions:
*What are the values that should undergird
immigration policy?*

Panel of state and local policymakers
respond to values discussion

3:30 p.m. Event Concludes

REGISTRATION

The registration fee for this conference is \$25. Please submit this form with payment before October 25.

NAME _____

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Conference Registration
Center for the Study of Politics and
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Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs
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Minneapolis, MN 55455

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League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund
Board Meeting

Minnesota Women's Building

Wednesday, September 13, 2006, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

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Mission

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AGENDA

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| 1. | 2 | Minutes of September 13, 2006 (Thompson) |
| 2. | 5 | Treasurer's Report for August 31, 2006 (Hondl) |
| 3. | 3 | Development Report (Frisch) |
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| 5. | 2 | Power of 3 (Frisch) |
| 6. | 2 | Donor Cultivation (Frisch) |
| 7. | 5 | Annual Appeal (Frisch) |

ACTION

(21) Approval of LH projects

1. Minutes: (Thompson) MOTION: To accept minutes of the Board Meeting of September 13, 2006.
2. Treasurer's Report: (Hondl) Treasurer's Report for the period ending August 31, 2006 will be filed for audit.
3. Development Report: (Frisch) MOTION: To accept the Development Report through October 4, 2006.
4. Revision of Agenda.
5. Power of 3 Update (Frisch).
6. Donor Cultivation Committee: (Frisch).
7. Annual Appeal (Frisch).

a. Total as of October 4, 2006 \$23,078.58

10/11 \$26,870.16

\$27K
to Ann.
Appeal

ID	Company/Foundation	Project	Req Date	Req Amount	Rcv Date	Rcv Amount	Refuse Date	Comments
14	3M	Voter Service	8/2/2006	\$15,000.00		\$0.00		Sponsorship
1	Allianz	Diversity	4/28/2006	\$10,000.00		\$0.00	7/17/2006	
7	Ameriprise	Voter Service	7/26/2006	\$15,000.00		\$0.00		Sponsorship
12	Andersen Windows	Voters Service	8/1/2006	\$15,000.00		\$0.00	7/17/2006	Sponsorship
5	Andersen, Elmer & Eleanor	Gen Op		\$0.00	6/26/2006	\$1,000.00		
8	BC/BS	Voter Service	7/25/2006	\$15,000.00		\$0.00		Sponsorship
16	Dorsey & Whitney	Voter Service	8/2/2006	\$15,000.00		\$0.00		Sponsorship
17	Goff & Howard, Inc.	Voter Service	8/18/2006	\$0.00		\$0.00		Sponsorship Heidi Larson from Laurie
19	LWVUS	By the People		\$0.00	8/21/2006	\$700.00		October Forum
6	Medtronic Fdtn	Voter Service	7/7/2006	\$20,000.00	8/9/2006	\$10,000.00		
2	Minneapolis Fdtn	Voter Service	4/25/2006	\$0.00		\$0.00		All prgms, inquiry updated 6/22/ & 7/21
3	MN State Bar Fdtn	jud Voter Guide	5/23/2006	\$6,000.00		\$0.00	6/30/2006	
13	Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi	Voter Service	8/1/2006	\$15,000.00		\$0.00		Sponsorship
15	SMSC	Voter Service	8/2/2006	\$15,000.00		\$0.00		Sponsorship
18	St. Paul Fdtn	Donor desig	8/23/2006	\$0.00		\$0.00		donor designated fun
4	Target	Debates	2/1/2006	\$20,000.00	5/19/2006	\$20,000.00		
10	United HealthCare	Voter Service	8/1/2006	\$15,000.00		\$0.00		Sponsorship
9	US Bank	Voter Service	7/28/2006	\$15,000.00		\$0.00		Sponsorship
11	West Publising	Biennial Report	6/1/2006	\$0.00	8/1/2006	\$1,984.61		In-kind printing

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League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund
Board Meeting Minutes
Minnesota Women's Building
Wednesday, September 13, 2006

Members Present: Palmer, Frisch, Myers, Salisbury, Steen, Peterson, Regal, Benson, Langsjoen, Palank, Oliver, Stuthman, Thompson

Members Absent: Simmons, Hondl, Doepner-Hove

Staff Present: Sawyer, Wickstrom

Off Board Present: Morem

Visitor: Kay Erickson

The meeting was preceded by a discussion of the LWVMN nonpartisan policy.

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by President Palmer. Palmer read the Mission Statement and the Diversity Statement.

1. **Minutes:** Thompson moved the minutes of the Board Meeting of August 9, 2006 be approved. Seconded and passed unanimously.

2. **Treasurer's Report:** Sawyer presented the Treasurer's report in the absence of Connie Hondl. We are still lacking money to completely fund the state study. This has been a disappointment but work is still going on to secure funding. Unrestricted gifts to the Ed Fund would be helpful. The Treasurer's Report for the period ending July 31, 2006 will be filed for audit.

3. **Development Report:** Frisch moved to accept the Development Report through September 7, 2006. Seconded and passed unanimously.

4. **Revision of Agenda:** None.

5. **Approval of Local League Projects:** Frisch moved to approve Local League projects as Education Fund Projects by general consent. Seconded and passed unanimously to approve the following:

- a. Duluth - EF materials storage space. (EF space is a percentage of Duluth LWV office space), \$585.
- b. CMAL - Mission Flyer to inform members and public of CMAL mission and program, \$62.95.
- c. RoMaFH - Public meeting on transportation, \$200.

6. **Approval of State League Projects:** Frisch moved to approve State League projects as

Education Fund projects by general consent. Seconded and passed unanimously to approve the following:

- a. LOTT - Purchase rights to LOTT image and logo from designer, \$750.
- b. LOTT - Women Making a Difference in Public Policy January 11-13, 2007, up front costs, \$10,000. Registration fees are projected to cover these estimated costs.

7. Investment Committee Report: Kay Erickson presented the investment committee report. The committee is getting educated, looking at previous LWVMN investment policies, learning about committee duties and legal issues. It is projected that the committee will be investing around one million dollars, with \$700,000 on hand now. The committee is looking at four main issues: authority of the committee, conflict of interest statement, goals and reporting policy. A decision as to the authority of the committee will be made by the Board. A conflict of interest statement will be adopted after study of various non-profit board statements. The Minnesota Council of Non-Profits has a model statement that is being looked at. The goals of the committee will lay out the acceptable risk tolerance. LWVUS may have a model laying out risk tolerance for the committee to study. Another issue for the committee is whether to hire a professional to manage the funds. Palank suggested that a background check be run on anyone with direct influence on investments. Other suggestions were to look at asset mix and diversification and also look at making socially responsible investments. The fund will most likely need to be in equities in order to stay ahead of inflation.

8. Millenium Campaign Grant. Benson reported that for a number of reasons, it has been decided not to have the October 15 event at this time and therefore the grant has been returned to LWVUS.

9. Power of 3 Update: Frisch reported that we are very close to the \$3.9 million goal. We are about \$63,000 short.

10. Donor Cultivation Committee: Frisch reported that the Donor Cultivation Committee met to write personal notes on the Annual Appeal letter to many high donors. The committee plans to host a book release party upon the publication of *Indians in Minnesota* at the end of 2006 to which board members and high donors will be invited.

11. Annual Appeal: Frisch reported that the Annual Appeal mailing is out and over \$15,000 has been received. A phonathon is scheduled for September 26th and 28th. The board is encouraged to make their gifts and also participate in the phonathon.

12. Biennial Report Update: Peterson distributed the 2003-2005 biennial report of the League of Women Voters Minnesota Education Fund.

Palmer adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Kay Thompson, Secretary

LEAGUE/WOMEN VOTERS--EDUCATION FUND
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

	PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	REMAINING BUDGET
	CURRENT PERIOD	DATE	BUDGET	BUDGET
PROGRAM: MISC PROJECTS				
10026	VOTING PUB	0.00	0.00	0.00
10027	VOTING SYS PUB	23.80	36.01	0.00
10028	NEW STUDY	90.00	108.92	10,000.00
10029	STUDY/NEW	843.10	6,844.29	25,000.00
10030	IMMIGRATION INVENTORY	0.00	0.00	0.00
10034	IMMIGRATION FREE	0.00	0.00	0.00
10037	VOTING SYSTEMS FREE	0.00	0.00	0.00
10070	SUFFERAGE MEMORIAL	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
10073	SUFFERAGE SERVICES	0.36	130.92	500.00
10090	BB COMMUN.	0.00	0.00	0.00
10096	DIVERSITY	5,000.00	7,787.71	15,000.00
10097	DIVERSITY SERVIES	609.28	5,322.22	15,000.00
11008	FAIRBAUT IMMIGRATION PROJ	0.00	0.00	0.00
11009	SERVICES - FAIRAUT PROJ	0.00	0.00	0.00
11036	IN KIND CITIZENS NETWORK	0.00	0.00	0.00
11037	CITIZENS NETWORK	0.00	0.00	0.00
11038	CIT NET/SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00

	SUBTOTAL	6,566.54	20,230.07	66,500.00
				(46,269.93)
SOCIAL POLICY				
12030	INDIANS	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
12031	INDIANS SERVICES	22.45	329.66	10,000.00

	SUBTOTAL	22.45	329.66	15,000.00
				(14,670.34)
VOTERS SERVICE				
16010	DEBATE 98	1,578.00	4,578.00	30,000.00
16011	LWVMN SERVICES	1,403.67	3,957.75	15,000.00
16012	INKIND DEBATES	0.00	0.00	0.00
16019	VOTER GUIDE FREE	0.00	0.00	0.00
16020	VOTER GUIDE	3,002.10	4,502.10	30,000.00
16021	LWVMN SERVICES	9,463.12	22,897.68	10,000.00
16026	PRIMARY VOTER GUIDE	0.00	0.00	0.00
16027	SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00
16028	ON LINE VOTER GUIDE	0.00	0.00	9,000.00
16029	SERVICES ON LINE YG	208.48	2,347.65	35,000.00
16030	ELECTION HOTLINE	0.00	0.00	7,000.00
16031	LWVMN SERVICES	125.44	193.07	5,000.00
16039	IN KIND MISC. VOTER SERVI	0.00	0.00	0.00
16040	VOTER & CI INFO/OUTREACH	0.00	0.00	12,000.00
16041	SERVICES VOTER & CI	1,390.09	4,906.31	30,000.00
16065	LWVMN SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00
16068	WGP PICKS	0.00	0.00	0.00
16069	WGTP SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00
16070	ELECTION PROCESS FREE	0.00	0.00	0.00
16071	LWVMN SERVICES	0.00	113.72	1,000.00
16072	MN COMPACT	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
16073	MN COMPACT SERVICES	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
16080	MISC VOTER SERVICE	445.77	997.27	2,500.00
16081	LWVMN SERVICES	3,698.19	24,353.43	24,591.00
16082	ED VIDEO	0.00	175.00	0.00
16083	ELECTION VIDEO FREE	0.00	0.00	0.00
16084	INKIND EL. VIDEO	0.00	0.00	0.00
16090	LL GET VOTE	3,565.50	3,565.50	3,000.00

LEAGUE/WOMEN VOTERS--EDUCATION FUND
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

16091 SERVICES

SUBTOTAL

PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 31, 2006

3,214.92

6,104.54

5,000.00

1,1

28,095.28

78,692.02

239,091.00

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CURRENT
PERIOD

YEAR TO
DATE

ANNUAL
BUDGET

REMAINING
BUDGET

CITIZEN INFORMATION

17001 SERVICES LEADERSHIP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17005 CITIZENSHIP TRAINING	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
17006 CIT. TRAIN. SERVICES	0.00	33.68	10,000.00	(9,966.32)
17010 FOCUS TPT	0.00	2,240.00	5,000.00	(2,760.00)
17011 SERVICES	22.45	473.89	5,000.00	(4,526.11)
17018 IN KIND EXP LOTT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17020 LOTT	0.00	51.42	20,000.00	(19,948.58)
17021 LOTT SERVICES	447.89	675.66	20,000.00	(19,324.34)
17022 CIA MEETING	0.00	8.00	8,000.00	(7,992.00)
17023 LWVMN SERVICES	634.14	1,150.51	13,000.00	(11,849.49)
17024 HOW TO MAKE DIFF	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
17025 LWVMN SERVICES	67.23	472.84	2,000.00	(1,527.16)
17026 FREE DIST HOW DIFF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17027 HTMD INVENTORY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17029 IN KIND CIA EXPENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17040 PUBLICATIONS/AV LIBRARY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17041 LWVMN SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17043 MN CONVENTION	188.36	1,341.05	2,500.00	(1,158.95)
17045 MINN VOTER	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17046 MISC. ACCOUNTS PAY. (AUDI	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	(3,500.00)
17047 IN KIND WEB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17048 WEB SITE & DATA BASE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17049 WEB SITE SERVICES	0.00	508.59	350.00	158.59
	33.68	1,321.27	15,000.00	(13,678.73)
SUBTOTAL	1,393.75	8,276.91	107,350.00	(99,073.09)

20000 LWVMNEF RESERVES

TOTAL LWVMNEF DIRECT EXPENSES	\$ 54,984.99	\$ 344,859.40	\$ 655,091.00	\$ (310,231.60)
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NET INCOME (LOSS)

	\$ 62,029.64	\$ 3,599.72	\$ 307,159.00	\$ (303,559.28)
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HP

LWVMN/EF Board Meetings
September 13, 2006
5:30 to 8:30 pm
Minnesota Women's Building
550 Rice Street
St. Paul
Large Meeting Room

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Note: box lunches will be ordered for those requesting them no later than 1 pm on Tuesday, September 12.

Nonpartisan policy discussion	4:00 pm
LWVMNEF Board Meeting	5:30 – 6:15 pm
Break for supper	6:15 – 6:30 pm
LWVMN Board Meeting	6:30 – 8:30 pm

Agenda

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| 1. | 2 | Housekeeping/Sawyer |
| 2. | 10 | President's Report/Palmer |
| | | Action |
| 3. | 3 | Minutes of 8/9/06 Minutes/Thompson – <i>David Nausha</i> |
| 4. | 5 | Treasurer's Report/Hondl |
| 5. | 2 | Revision of the agenda/all |
| 6. | 2 | Acceptance of resignation from the Board/Regal |
| 7. | 5 | Bylaws Committee appointments/Myers |
| | | Discussion |
| 8. | 5 | Communications/Peterson |
| 9. | 5 | Diversity Report/Jenkins Nelsen, Brooks |
| 10. | 5 | State Agencies Study update/Steen |
| 11. | 5 | Convention/Regal |
| 12. | 5 | Program-Planning/Sawyer for Simmons |
| 13. | 5 | Budgets for 2007-08, 2008-09 Planning/Morem |
| 14. | 5 | Board liaison assignments/Regal |
| 15. | 5 | Leaders of Today and Tomorrow update/Palank |
| 16. | 5 | Action report/Myers, Salisbury |
| 17. | 5 | Voting Rights Coalition report/Myers, Palmer |

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18. 3 Nominating Committee guidelines update/Regal
19. 2 Spirit of Democracy Awards process/Regal, Langsjoen
20. 5 LWVUS Membership Initiative/Langsjoen
21. 5 Voter Service project updates/Sawyer for Doeppner-Hove

Agenda

1. **Housekeeping:** Sawyer: turn in expense vouchers and volunteer hours as well as articles and enclosures for the Presidents' Mailing, to be mailed the week of September 18th.
2. **President's Report:** Helen Palmer
Action
3. **Minutes:** Thompson: Motion: to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2006 LWVMN Board Meeting as enclosed (and corrected).
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Hondl: will present the July 31, 2006 LWVMN Treasurer's Report which will be filed for audit.
5. **Revision of the agenda:** changes to the agenda may be made at this time.
6. **Resignation:** Regal: Motion: to accept with regret the resignation of Qamar Ibrahim from the LWVMN board.
7. **Bylaws:** Myers: Motion: (move up to action if we're ready for this) to appoint *Kay Thompson, Sally Sawyer, and Qamar Ibrahim* to the LWVMN Bylaws Committee.
Background: a bylaw amendment form will be sent to local LWVs next month. LWVMN bylaws committee will review those suggestions as well as suggestions from LWVMN board members. Proposed bylaw amendments will be reviewed by the LWVMN board for recommendation; all proposed amendments, with or without the recommendation of the board, will be sent to local LWVs six weeks before the Convention.
Discussion
8. **Communications:** Peterson: will give an oral report.
9. **Diversity Project:** Jenkins Nelsen: will report with Mae Brooks on the status of the diversity project.
10. **State Agencies Study:** Steen: will give an oral report on the status of the study; she is in the process of writing a first draft, to be finished by mid-September for committee review and comment.
11. **Convention:** Regal: will report on arrangements for the May 17-19 LWVMN Convention to be held at Breezy Point. Member Resources Committee is looking for speaker and workshop ideas.
12. **Program-Planning:** Sawyer: will review program-planning process for 2007-2009; will we have one or two rounds? For the last few cycles, LWVMN has solicited ideas from local LWVs for hot topics/lively issues in a first round to avoid the appearance of dictating studies; the second round contains information on those suggestions plus any others submitted by the board or individuals plus our current program positions; the final program-planning discussion guide with response form will be mailed in October or no later than November, 2006.
13. **LWVMN/EF Budgeting process for 2007-2009:** Budget Chair Marilyn Morem (or Sally Sawyer on her behalf) will briefly discuss the budget process

for 2007-2008 & 2008-2009 fiscal years for LWVMN and LWVMNEF. The committee will have representatives from 4 to 5 local LWVs of various sizes and locations; ex officio members are Treasurer, President, Executive Director, Development Director. You will hear more from Budget chair and Executive Director about how your input will be solicited and integrated into the budget process.

14. **Board Liaison Assignments & Questions:** Regal will report. The member resources committee will bring assignments of two to three local LWVs per board member and a list of discussion items for liaison calls.
15. **Leaders of Today and Tomorrow:** Palank: will give a brief report on Seminar and other LOTT plans.
16. **Action Committee Report:** Myers, Salisbury: will report.
17. **Voting Rights Coalition update:** Myers and Palmer will report.
18. **Nominating Committee Guidelines/Best Practices:** Regal: the revised Nominating Committee Guidelines, will be available at the meeting and will also be emailed to you. These will be passed on to the LWVMN Nominating Committee.
19. **Spirit of Democracy Awards:** Regal, Langsjoen will discuss briefly. Board members have been asked to review the guidelines which were emailed last month. Please send your comments and suggestions to Sawyer.
20. **LWVUS Membership Initiative:** Langsjoen will discuss. See enclosed.
21. **Voter Service Update:** oral reports on behalf of Doepner-Hove, by Palmer, Peterson, Sawyer

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| 6. | 2 | Approval of State League Projects as Education Fund (Frisch) |
| 7. | 15 | Investment Committee Report (Erickson) |
| 8. | 2 | Millennium Campaign (Benson) |
| 9. | 2 | Power of 3 (Frisch) |
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4. Revision of Agenda.

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BACKGROUND: Preliminary Review Committee, consisting of the LWVMNEF President, Executive Director and Development Director or Treasurer, has read and reviewed projects. Full applications are available at the meeting.

- a. Duluth – EF materials storage space, \$585.
- b. CMAL -- Mission Flyer to inform members and public of CMAL mission and program, \$62.95
- c. RoMaFH – Public meeting on transportation, \$200.

6. Approval of State League Projects: (Frisch) MOTION: To approve State League project as Education Fund project by general consent.

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- a. LOTT – Purchase rights to LOTT image and logo from designer, \$750.
- b. LOTT – Women Making a Difference in Public Policy January 11-13, 2007, registration fees are projected to cover the estimated cost of \$10,000.

7. Investment Committee Report (Erickson).

BACKGROUND: See enclosed background information.

8. Millennium Campaign, Oct. 15, grant (Benson).

BACKGROUND: For several reasons, it has been decided not to have the event at this time, and therefore the grant will not be accepted. LWVEF has advised that consideration will be given to a proposal for a program in the future.

9. Power of 3 Update (Frisch).

10. Donor Cultivation Committee: (Frisch).

11. Annual Appeal (Frisch).

- a. Labor Day mailing.
- b. Prospects from Board for Annual Appeal.

12. Biennial Report update (Peterson)

ID	Company/Foundation	Project	Req Date	Req Amount	Rcv Date	Rcv Amount	Refuse Date	Comments
14	3M	Voter Service	8/2/2006	\$15,000.00		\$0.00		Sponsorship
1	Allianz	Diversity	4/28/2006	\$10,000.00		\$0.00	7/17/2006	
7	Ameriprise	Voter Service	7/26/2006	\$15,000.00		\$0.00		Sponsorship
12	Andersen Windows	Voters Service	8/1/2006	\$15,000.00		\$0.00	7/17/2006	Sponsorship
5	Andersen, Elmer & Eleanor	Gen Op		\$0.00	6/26/2006	\$1,000.00		
8	BC/BS	Voter Service	7/25/2006	\$15,000.00		\$0.00		Sponsorship
16	Dorsey & Whitney	Voter Service	8/2/2006	\$15,000.00		\$0.00		Sponsorship
17	Goff & Howard, Inc.	Voter Service	8/18/2006	\$0.00		\$0.00		Sponsorship Heidi Larson from Laurie
19	LWVUS	By the People		\$0.00	8/21/2006	\$700.00		October Forum
6	Medtronic Fdtn	Voter Service	7/7/2006	\$20,000.00	8/9/2006	\$10,000.00		
2	Minneapolis Fdtn	Voter Service	4/25/2006	\$0.00		\$0.00		All prgms, inquiry updated 6/22/ & 7/21
3	MN State Bar Fdtn	jud Voter Guide	5/23/2006	\$6,000.00		\$0.00	6/30/2006	
13	Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi	Voter Service	8/1/2006	\$15,000.00		\$0.00		Sponsorship
15	SMSC	Voter Service	8/2/2006	\$15,000.00		\$0.00		Sponsorship
18	St. Paul Fdtn	Donor desig	8/23/2006	\$0.00		\$0.00		donor designated fun
4	Target	Debates	2/1/2006	\$20,000.00	5/19/2006	\$20,000.00		
10	United HealthCare	Voter Service	8/1/2006	\$15,000.00		\$0.00		Sponsorship
9	US Bank	Voter Service	7/28/2006	\$15,000.00		\$0.00		Sponsorship
11	West Publisig	Biennial Report	6/1/2006	\$0.00	8/1/2006	\$1,984.61		In-kind printing

League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund
Board Meeting Minutes
Minnesota Women's Building
August 9, 2006

Members Present: Benson, Doepner-Hove, Frisch, Hondl, Langsjoen, Myers, Oliver, Palmer, Peterson, Regal, Simmons, Steen

Members Absent: Ibrahim, Jenkins-Nelsen, Palank, Salisbury, Stuthman, Thompson

Staff Present: Sawyer, Wickstrom

Visitor: Mae Brooks, Coordinator of Diversity Committee

Palmer called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Palmer read the Mission and Diversity Statements

1. **Minutes:** Peterson moved that the minutes of the June 28 LWVMNEF meeting be approved. Seconded and passed unanimously.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Hondl presented the EF Treasurer's Report for the period ending June 30, 2006. Hondl encouraged questions about the Report. The Report will be filed for audit.
3. **Development Report:** Accepted through June 22, 2006. Frisch discussed Bremer Bank's response to our funding request. They asked that we not submit until 2007 because their money for charitable giving is used up for this year. Peterson pointed out that West Publishing is now called Thomson Publishing.
4. **Revision of Agenda:** None
5. **Approval of State League Projects**
Frisch moved that we approve State League project as Education Fund by General consent.
 - a. *Millennium Campaign: Voices against poverty.* The goal of the Millennium Campaign is to raise citizen awareness and build political will for the achievement of the Goals and to enable people to take action to hold their own governments to account for their Millennium pledges. Motion approved.

6. **Appointment of LWVMNEF Investment Committee** Frisch moved to approve the appointment of Janet Flack to the LWVMNEF Investment Committee. Motion approved.

We will invite Kay Erickson, Chair of the Investment Committee, to the September or October meeting to give the board a report on the work of the committee to date.

7. **Power of 3 Update:** (Frisch) Met in August and did another distribution of funds. The steering committee will meet September 27 to celebrate nearing the goal of \$3.9 million in pledges.
8. **Donor Cultivation Committee:** Frisch presented several valuable tips for cultivating donors.
9. **Annual Appeal**
 - a. Labor Day mailing—Frisch mentioned that we get positive results from member to member requests.
 - b. Prospects from Board for Annual Appeal. Frisch passed out envelopes so that we can say we have unanimous support from the Board.
10. **Biennial Report update:** Peterson reminded the Board to thank designer Colleen Myer from the College of Visual Arts (CVA) and her advisor John DuFresne for making the Biennial Report her senior project. We also thank Martha Field and Katie Ohlund of Thomson West Publishing for printing the Biennial Report.

Meeting Adjourned

Marsha Oliver
Acting Secretary

**League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund
Annual Meeting Minutes**

Minnesota Women's Building
August 9, 2006, 5:30-5:45 p.m.

Members Present: Benson, Doepner-Hove, Frisch, Hondl, Langsjoen, Myers, Oliver, Palmer, Peterson, Regal, Simmons, Steen

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1. Motion approved to appoint Miriam Simmons and Juanita Peterson as readers of LWVMNEF Annual Meeting minutes.
2. Motion approved (Hondl) to accept the Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006. See attached.
3. Motion approved (Hondl) to adopt LWVMNEF budget for FY April 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007. See attached.
4. Motion approved for LWVMN to rent office space (Simmons) from LWVMNEF at 40% of the total cost.
5. Motion approved for LWVMNEF to enter into a written agreement with LWVMN stating that LWVMN will provide administrative, management and fiscal services for LWVMNWF for FY 2006-2007 (Peterson).

Meeting Adjourned at 5:45

Marsha Oliver, Acting Secretary

LEAGUE/WOMEN VOTERS--EDUCATION FUND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
JULY 31, 2006

	CURRENT YEAR	LAST YEAR	INCREASE DECREASE

ASSETS			
102 LWVMNEF/SPECIAL FUND	\$ 37,413.03	\$ 8,901.10	\$ 28,511.93
103 LWVMNEF CHECKING	862.10	3,695.61	(2,833.51)
104 LWVMNEF SAVINGS-LL ACCTS	48,728.81	49,390.27	(661.46)
105 THE POWER OF THREE	328,444.62	1,019,492.03	(691,047.41)
106 IN KIND P-3	13,019.00	0.00	13,019.00
119 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGES	662,558.34	662,558.34	0.00
120 LWVMNEF ACCOUNTS RECEIVAB	11,186.72	6,201.73	4,984.99
121 IN KIND	1,753.00	0.00	1,753.00
122 VOTING PUB	(330.33)	(330.33)	0.00
124 WGP REVISED PUB	0.00	0.00	0.00
128 INDIANS	6,067.57	10,273.32	(4,205.75)
130 ADVANCE TO LWVMN	0.00	0.00	0.00
131 ROAD TO ELECTION BOOK	0.00	0.00	0.00
132 PERMANENT ENDOWMENT	94,902.45	92,142.38	2,760.07
133 ELECTION VIDEO	0.00	0.00	0.00
134 TPT	12,309.83	15,845.16	(3,535.33)
135 LOTT	7,981.79	10,740.04	(2,758.25)
136 VOTER SERVICE\PJ	79,732.00	620.31	79,111.69
137 JUDGES PUB	0.00	0.00	0.00
138 IMMIGRATION PUB	0.00	0.00	0.00
139 SPANISH CURR PUB	0.00	0.00	0.00
140 STUDY VS/WC RESERVE	649,239.35	473.28	648,766.07
141 MN COMPACT/DIVERSITY	39,585.81	109.14	39,476.67
142 05-07 STUDY	1,024.87	224.07	800.80
144 HTMD PUB	(15.36)	(11.52)	(3.84)
145 MN WOMENS BLDG PARTNERSHI	250,501.00	250,501.00	0.00
160 EQUIPMENT	51,431.68	51,431.68	0.00
165 ACCUM DEPREC\EQUIPMENT	(44,984.41)	(44,984.41)	0.00
174	0.00	0.00	0.00

TOTAL ASSETS	2,251,411.87	2,137,273.20	114,138.67
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LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES			
200 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	977.09	94.15	882.94
203 IN KIND EXPENSES	1,753.00	0.00	1,753.00
204 IN KIND P-3 EX	13,019.00	0.00	13,019.00
205 ACCTS PAY TO LWVMN	90,651.21	62,442.20	28,209.01
206 DUE TO MWC-P3	43,200.00	43,200.00	0.00
240 CAPITAL BLDG FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00
310 LOCAL LEAGUE ACCTS	54,016.77	64,661.44	(10,644.67)
320 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	(222,685.39)	(222,685.39)	0.00
330 DESIGNATED FUND BAL	956,387.57	956,387.57	0.00
331 PERM RESTRICTED NET ASSET	90,618.84	90,618.84	0.00
340 BLDG FUND BALANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00
349 SUSPENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00
397 INV FR MN 96-97 OFFICE CO	0.00	0.00	0.00
399 RETAINED EARNINGS - PRIOR	1,281,903.70	1,120,824.83	161,078.87
RETAINED EARNINGS - CURR	(58,429.92)	21,729.56	(80,159.48)

TOTAL LIAB & FUND BAL	\$ 2,251,411.87	\$ 2,137,273.20	\$ 114,138.67
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LEAGUE/WOMEN VOTERS--EDUCATION FUND
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

PERIOD ENDING JULY 31, 2006

	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	REMAINING BUDGET
LWVMEF INCOME				
LOCAL LEAGUE ACCT ADMIN				
400 LOCAL LEAGUE DEPOSITS	1,115.00	2,651.50	25,000.00	(22,348.50)
490 INTEREST LL DEPOSITS	13.93	79.42	1,000.00	(920.58)
SUBTOTAL	1,128.93	2,730.92	26,000.00	(23,269.08)
UNASSIGNED CONTRIBUTIONS				
500 LWV MN MEMBERS	350.00	3,771.00	55,000.00	(51,229.00)
505 NON MEMB (ANNUAL AP)	1,025.00	1,906.58	10,000.00	(8,093.42)
510 CORPORATIONS/FOUNDATIONS	0.00	1,000.00	15,000.00	(14,000.00)
525 MEM NON-CASH CONTRIB	10.80	92.25	1,000.00	(907.75)
527 PERMANENT ENDOW./INTEREST	130.16	529.20	4,000.00	(3,470.80)
528 SPECIAL FUND	7.82	62.76	0.00	62.76
532 LEGACY CIRCLE	0.00	625.00	500.00	125.00
565 BLDG/RENT/REPAIR	760.22	3,040.88	9,200.00	(6,159.12)
590 MEMORIALS/HONORS	50.00	150.00	500.00	(350.00)
592 POSTAGE & HAND	0.00	8.00	600.00	(592.00)
593 SALES TAX	20.48	51.81	500.00	(448.19)
SUBTOTAL	\$ 2,354.48	\$ 11,237.48	\$ 96,300.00	\$ (85,062.52)
PROGRAM: MISC PROJECTS				
1030 NEW STUDY	3.85	14.23	27,000.00	(26,985.77)
1038 DIVERSITY TASK F	152.66	595.53	30,000.00	(29,404.47)
1070 SUFFERAGE MEMORIAL	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	(1,500.00)
1092 POWER OF 3 CAMPAIGN	(149,521.64)	(101,236.00)	500,000.00	(601,236.00)
1093 IN KIND P-3	6,822.00	6,822.00	0.00	6,822.00
1094 WC RESERVE	187,900.68	308,795.68	0.00	308,795.68
SUBTOTAL	45,357.55	214,991.44	558,500.00	(343,508.56)

LEAGUE/WOMEN VOTERS--EDUCATION FUND
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

	PERIOD ENDING JULY 31, 2006			
	CURRENT	YEAR TO	ANNUAL	REMAINING
	PERIOD	DATE	BUDGET	BUDGET
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SOCIAL POLICY				
1110 IMMIGRATION FAIRBAULT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1200 INDIANS IN MN-SALES	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
1210 INDIANS IN MN - ROYALTIES	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
1230 INDIANS STUDY GRANT	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	(12,000.00)
1233 INDIANS INTEREST	22.90	307.12	0.00	307.12
1136 CIT. NET GRANTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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SUBTOTAL	22.90	307.12	15,000.00	(14,692.88)
VOTERS SERVICE				
1610 GENERAL ELECTION DEBATE	0.00	0.00	45,000.00	(45,000.00)
1612 INKIND DEBATES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1620 VOTER GUIDE-SALES	225.00	300.00	10,000.00	(9,700.00)
1625 VOTER GUIDE-GRANT	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	(25,000.00)
1629 ONLINE VOTER GUIDE	0.00	0.00	44,000.00	(44,000.00)
1630 ELECTION HOTLINE	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	(12,000.00)
1639 IN KIND MISC. VOTER SERVI	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1640 VOTER INFO/OUTREACH	50.00	50.00	15,000.00	(14,950.00)
1665 ELECTION PROCESS TRAIN. B	30.00	30.00	1,000.00	(970.00)
1666 ELECTION VIDEO	60.00	60.00	1,000.00	(940.00)
1667 INKIND EL. VIDEO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1672 MN COMPACT	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	(20,000.00)
1690 LL VOTER PROJ	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1692 VOTER SERVICE PJ INTEREST	303.22	855.24	100.00	755.24
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SUBTOTAL	668.22	1,295.24	173,100.00	(171,804.76)
CITIZEN INFORMATION				
1710 FALL/SPRING FOCUS MEALS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1715 IMMIGRATION - TPT	46.45	192.05	10,000.00	(9,807.95)
1720 LOTT	32.79	92.89	45,000.00	(44,907.11)
1721 IN KIND LOTT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1722 CIA ADMISSINS	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	(3,500.00)
1725 CIA GRANTS	0.00	0.00	17,500.00	(17,500.00)
1726 HOW TO M DIFF SALES	0.00	30.15	2,000.00	(1,969.85)
1727 HOW TO M DIFF GRANT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1740 PUBLICATIONS/AV SALES	133.20	567.20	0.00	567.20
1742 WEBSITE D/COM.FAC	0.00	0.00	15,350.00	(15,350.00)
1743 IN KIND WEB SITE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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SUBTOTAL	212.44	882.29	93,350.00	(92,467.71)
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TOTAL LWVMNEF INCOME	\$ 49,744.52	\$ 231,444.49	\$ 962,250.00	\$ (730,805.51)
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LEAGUE/WOMEN VOTERS--EDUCATION FUND
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

PERIOD ENDING JULY 31, 2006

	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	REMAINING BUDGET
LWVMEF EXPENSES				
LOCAL LEAGUE PROJECTS				
4000 LOCAL LEAGUE GRANTS	515.41	1,039.48	18,000.00	(16,960.52)
4095 LL ADMIN-LWVMN SERVICES	408.67	2,125.59	9,000.00	(6,874.41)
SUBTOTAL	924.08	3,165.07	27,000.00	(23,834.93)
LWVMNEF ADMINISTRATION				
5002 STAFF DEVELOPMENT	88.00	88.00	300.00	(212.00)
5005 DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES	7.80	127.60	250.00	(122.40)
5006 IN KIND DEVEL	0.00	0.00	250.00	(250.00)
5007 ANNUAL FUND DR	0.00	26.50	6,000.00	(5,973.50)
5008 ANNUAL FUND DR/L.L. EARNI	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
5009 SERVICES A FUND DR	1,345.11	2,339.60	20,000.00	(17,660.40)
5030 OTHER DIRECT EXPENSES	94.86	243.79	600.00	(356.21)
5040 GEN AD. SERVICES	3,341.37	14,629.33	30,000.00	(15,370.67)
5045 PLANNED GIVING EXPENSES	9.00	1,318.07	1,500.00	(181.93)
5047 PLANNED & MEALS	0.00	1,270.67	1,200.00	70.67
5050 LWV MN SERVICES	109.56	4,387.43	9,000.00	(4,612.57)
5065 BLDG/RENT/MANAGEMENT	1,900.55	7,602.20	24,000.00	(16,397.80)
5067 LWVMN SERVICES	404.30	1,826.60	5,000.00	(3,173.40)
5068 BLDG. IMP. CAMP	5,526.66	69,994.34	23,000.00	46,994.34
5069 BLDG. CAP. CAMPAIGN SERVI	0.00	3,014.03	2,500.00	514.03
SUBTOTAL	\$ 12,827.21	\$ 106,868.16	\$ 125,600.00	\$ (18,731.84)
PROGRAM RELATED COSTS				
7000 EF BOARD EXPENSE	13.00	13.00	500.00	(487.00)
7001 CONFERENCES (BD)	0.00	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
7010 EF ANNUAL REPORT	0.00	442.04	0.00	442.04
7015 EF LEGAL FEES & BANK CHGS	0.00	156.39	650.00	(493.61)
7020 STATIONERY & PERM SUP	401.00	1,184.66	500.00	684.66
7025 SUBS & RESOURCES	0.00	0.00	400.00	(400.00)
7030 LWUMNEF AUDIT	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	(7,000.00)
7040 SERVICES PROG RELATED	869.88	5,576.29	15,000.00	(9,423.71)
7045 POWER OF 3	79,144.97	85,811.64	20,000.00	65,811.64
7050 POWER OF 3 SERVICES	2,732.33	8,384.52	30,000.00	(21,615.48)
7051 IN KIND EX	6,822.00	6,822.00	0.00	6,822.00
SUBTOTAL	89,983.18	108,390.54	74,550.00	33,840.54

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LEAGUE/WOMEN VOTERS--EDUCATION FUND
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

	PERIOD ENDING JULY 31, 2006			
	CURRENT	YEAR TO	ANNUAL	REMAINING
	PERIOD	DATE	BUDGET	BUDGET
PROGRAM: MISC PROJECTS				
10026 VOTING PUB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10027 VOTING SYS PUB	0.00	12.21	0.00	12.21
10028 NEW STUDY	18.92	18.92	10,000.00	(9,981.08)
10029 STUDY/NEW	198.00	6,001.19	25,000.00	(18,998.81)
10030 IMMIGRATION INVENTORY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10034 IMMIGRATION FREE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10037 VOTING SYSTEMS FREE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10070 SUFFERAGE MEMORIAL	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
10073 SUFFERAGE SERVICES	0.00	130.56	500.00	(369.44)
10090 BB COMMUN.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10096 DIVERSITY	2,500.00	2,787.71	15,000.00	(12,212.29)
10097 DIVERSITY SERIVES	609.98	4,712.94	15,000.00	(10,287.06)
11008 FAIRBAUT IMMIGRATION PROJ	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11009 SERVICES - FAIRAUT PROJ	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11036 IN KIND CITIZENS NETWORK	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11037 CITIZENS NETWORK	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11038 CIT NET/SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	3,326.90	13,663.53	66,500.00	(52,836.47)
SOCIAL POLICY				
12030 INDIANS	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	(5,000.00)
12031 INDIANS SERVICES	48.94	307.21	10,000.00	(9,692.79)
SUBTOTAL	48.94	307.21	15,000.00	(14,692.79)
VOTERS SERVICE				
16010 DEBATE 5.28	1,500.00	3,000.00	30,000.00	(27,000.00)
16011 LWVMN SERVICES	135.69	2,554.08	15,000.00	(12,445.92)
16012 INKIND DEBATES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16019 VOTER GUIDE FREE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16020 VOTER GUIDE	0.00	1,500.00	30,000.00	(28,500.00)
16021 LWVMN SERVICES	8,305.79	13,434.56	10,000.00	3,434.56
16026 PRIMARY VOTER GUIDE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16027 SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16028 ON LINE VOTER GUIDE	0.00	0.00	9,000.00	(9,000.00)
16029 SERVICES ON LINE YG	559.18	2,139.17	35,000.00	(32,860.83)
16030 ELECTION HOTLINE	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	(7,000.00)
16031 LWVMN SERVICES	21.03	67.63	5,000.00	(4,932.37)
16039 IN KIND MISC. VOTER SERVI	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16040 VOTER & CI INFO/OUTREACH	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	(12,000.00)
16041 SERVICES VOTER & CI	1,552.03	3,516.22	30,000.00	(26,483.78)
16065 LWVMN SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16068 WGP PICKS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16069 WGTP SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16070 ELECTION PROCESS FREE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16071 LWVMN SERVICES	0.00	113.72	1,000.00	(886.28)
16072 MN COMPACT	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	(10,000.00)
16073 MN COMPACT SERVICES	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	(10,000.00)
16080 MISC VOTER SERVICE	526.00	551.50	2,500.00	(1,948.50)
16081 LWVMN SERVICES	5,456.40	20,655.24	24,591.00	(3,935.76)
16082 ED VIDEO	0.00	175.00	0.00	175.00
16083 ELECTION VIDEO FREE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16084 INKIND EL. VIDEO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16090 LL GET VOTE	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	(3,000.00)

LEAGUE/WOMEN VOTERS--EDUCATION FUND
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

		PERIOD ENDING JULY 31, 2006			
		2,290.50	2,889.62	5,000.00	(2,110.38)
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16091	SERVICES				
	SUBTOTAL	20,346.62	50,596.74	239,091.00	(188,494.26)
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		CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	REMAINING BUDGET
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CITIZEN INFORMATION					
17001	SERVICES LEADERSHIP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17005	CITIZENSHIP TRAINING	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
17006	CIT. TRAIN. SERVICES	22.45	33.68	10,000.00	(9,966.32)
17010	FOCUS TPT	130.00	2,240.00	5,000.00	(2,760.00)
17011	SERVICES	293.33	451.44	5,000.00	(4,548.56)
17018	IN KIND EXP LOTT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17020	LOTT	0.00	51.42	20,000.00	(19,948.58)
17021	LOTT SERVICES	104.54	227.77	20,000.00	(19,772.23)
17022	CIA MEETING	8.00	8.00	8,000.00	(7,992.00)
17023	LWVMN SERVICES	325.54	516.37	13,000.00	(12,483.63)
17024	HOW TO MAKE DIFF	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
17025	LWVMN SERVICES	22.69	405.61	2,000.00	(1,594.39)
17026	FREE DIST HOW DIFF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17027	HTMD INVENTORY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17029	IN KIND CIA EXPENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17040	PUBLICATIONS/AV LIBRARY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17041	LWVMN SERVICES	277.05	1,152.69	2,500.00	(1,347.31)
17043	MN CONVENTION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17045	MINN VOTER	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	(3,500.00)
17046	MISC. ACCOUNTS PAY. (AUDI	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17047	IN KIND WEB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17048	WEB SITE & DATA BASE	508.59	508.59	350.00	158.59
17049	WEB SITE SERVICES	55.60	1,287.59	15,000.00	(13,712.41)
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	SUBTOTAL	1,747.79	6,883.16	107,350.00	(100,466.84)
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20000	LWVMNEF RESERVES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL LWVMEF DIRECT EXPENSES	\$ 129,204.72	\$ 289,874.41	\$ 655,091.00	\$ (365,216.59)
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	NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ (79,460.20)	\$ (58,429.92)	\$ 307,159.00	\$ (365,588.92)
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The Legal Environment

For many years, the operative rule governing investments by fiduciaries was the Prudent Man Rule. The Prudent Man Rule is now being replaced by the Prudent Investor Rule. This transition represents important and substantive changes in the law and not just a politically correct name change.

The recommendations of a 1969 Ford Foundation report led to the widespread adoption of the Prudent Investor Rule, which brings modern portfolio theory to fiduciary investing.

Background: The Prudent Man Rule

The Prudent Man Rule traces its roots to the 1830 case of *Harvard College v. Amory* in the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts. In that case, the judge wrote that when investing, a trustee:

... is to observe how men of prudence, discretion, and intelligence manage their own affairs, not in regard to speculation, but in regard to the permanent disposition of their funds, considering the probable income, as well as the probable safety of the capital to be invested.

As written, the Prudent Man Rule is reasonable and accommodating. In practice, however, it became narrow and restrictive, particularly as expressed in various state statutes. Some statutes actually prescribed lists of acceptable investments and became known as legal list statutes. These statutes generally restricted fiduciaries to investments in U.S. government securi-

ties and high-grade corporate bonds. Common stocks were often prohibited.

More importantly, judicial interpretation of the Prudent Man Rule tended toward certain results. First, nothing was more important than the preservation of capital; the primary responsibility of trustees and board members was to never lose money. In addition, investments were expected to generate current income, which made non-income producing assets suspect if not inappropriate per se. Finally, in determining prudence, each investment was judged independently.

By judging each investment independently, board members could be liable for losses incurred in a portfolio, even if the portfolio's overall performance was excellent. Taken together, these three characteristics of judicial interpretation made it difficult to invest in common stocks, even when such investments were not prohibited by statute. The profile of a "prudent man" was one who invested in U.S. government bonds.

The attitudes created during the 150-year primacy of the Prudent Man Rule still linger in the nonprofit community. Many smaller organizations continue to invest endowment and other long-term funds exclusively in certificates of deposit and U.S. government bonds. As we shall see, such an approach is no longer considered prudent investing.

Changes in the Investment Environment

Two broad changes occurred in the 1960s and 1970s that heralded the need for revised standards for fiduciary investments. The first was a dramatic increase in the rate of inflation. With inflation reaching an unprecedented 13.3 percent, holders of fixed-income portfolios found themselves consistently losing money. Second, much of the academic work on portfolio theory discussed above was published and available for practical application.

These two trends—high levels of inflation and the development of modern portfolio theory—merged most notably in a 1969 Ford Foundation study entitled “The Law and the Lore of Endowment Funds.” It recommended allowing colleges to spend realized capital gains as a means of combating the poor, inflation-adjusted performance of many endowments. That recommendation led to the widespread adoption of the Prudent Investor Rule.

The Prudent Investor Rule

As with many broad legal concepts, the Prudent Investor Rule is not itself a law. Rather, it is an idea embodied in state statutes and eventually reflected in judicial decisions interpreting those statutes. Two statutory expressions of the Prudent Investor Rule exist. One is the Uniform Management of Institutional Funds Act (UMIFA), first promulgated in 1972 and presently enacted in 39 states and the District of Columbia.

More recently, the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws promulgated the Uniform Prudent Investor Act (UPIA), which applies these same investment concepts to trusts. Since its promulgation in 1994, the UPIA has been enacted in seven states, including New York, Florida, and California. Both statutes reflect the same investment standards but vary in certain details. The following discussion deals primarily with the Uniform Management of Institutional Funds Act. (For a copy of the Act, see Appendix A on page 18.)

The most important point in this context is that the Prudent Investor Rule is rapidly becoming the law of the land. The Uniform Act broadly applies to any “incorporated or unincorporated organization organized

and operated exclusively for educational, religious, charitable, or other eleemosynary purposes . . .”

The new UPIA applies to trusts. Consequently, it is important for all nonprofit boards to review their investment policies for compliance with these legal expressions of the Prudent Investor Rule.

The Prudent Investor Rule permits a board to include riskier investments in its portfolio without fear of being held liable, after the fact, for the losses on any one investment.

The Standard of Care

Under both acts, the measure of prudence focuses on investment processes, as opposed to classifying an investment or course of action as prudent or imprudent per se. In addition, the standard of care language in the Uniform Act provides that:

... a governing board shall exercise ordinary business care and prudence under the facts and circumstances prevailing at the time of the action or decision.

In other words, hindsight is no longer a component of the investment standard. In addition, a board is to consider “expected total return on its investments.” Thus, capital gains are placed on an equal footing with dividends and income. Collectively, this language permits a board to include riskier investments in its portfolio without fear of being held liable, after the fact, for the losses on any one investment.

The standard of care provision for the new Uniform Prudent Investor Act, a partial copy of which is provided in Appendix A on page 21, makes the incorporation of portfolio management theory explicit:

(b) A trustee's investment and management decisions respecting individual assets must be evaluated not in isolation but in the context of the trust portfolio as a whole and as part of an overall in-

vestment strategy having risk and return objectives reasonably suited to the trust.

Inherent in this portfolio approach is a diversification requirement that is implied in the UMIFA and made explicit in the UPIA and in many state statutes.

Notice that in determining prudence, a board is entitled to take into consideration the organization's "educational, religious, charitable, or other eleemosynary purposes." This is good news for an organization with strong political or religious beliefs. If such an organization wishes to eschew investments it believes are philosophically incompatible with its purposes, it may do so, even if the result is a lower total return.

Finally, in evaluating anticipated returns, both acts acknowledge the importance of protecting a portfolio against inflation. Section 6 of the UMIFA provides that a board is to consider both "*the long and short term needs of the institution*," as well as "*price trends and general economic conditions*." The UPIA also refers directly to inflation.

The permission in the Uniform Prudent Investor Act to consider the impact of inflation is particularly beneficial to a nonprofit with substantial charitable remainder trust assets. In such trusts, the donor is typically the income beneficiary for his or her lifetime following which the charity receives the remaining principal. Frequently, nonprofit trustees are under enormous pressure to favor the donor by investing exclusively for the production of current income. By expressly authorizing a trustee to include growth investments to protect the remainder interest against inflation, the UPIA acts to reduce that pressure.

Delegation

Another significant change embodied in the Prudent Investor Rule is express permission for board members to delegate investment authority. Not only may a board "*delegate to committees, officers, or employees of the institution or the fund*," but a board may also "*contract with independent investment advisors, investment counsel or managers, banks, or trust compa-*

nies..." This new-found authority is a reflection of the tremendous complexity associated with modern investing.

The Uniform Prudent Investor Act also specifically authorizes a trustee to delegate investment and management functions. In doing so, this act also specifically provides that a trustee shall not be liable to the beneficiaries of the trust for the decisions or actions of the agent. In other words, a charitable board may delegate management of its planned gift trusts to an investment manager and thereby relieve the board of directors of liability for the investment decisions.

To avail themselves of this provision, board members must use reasonable care and skill in selecting the advisor, directing the advisor, and reviewing the advisor's performance. If the board delegates authority to an outside advisor, it must convey to that advisor the organization's investment policy objectives. Consequently, in the area of managing charitable trusts, the existence of appropriate policies is a component of limiting the organization's and the board's liability.

Scam-Proofing

Keeping your organization's assets safe is a significant concern. How do you avoid the scams that seem to plague the nonprofit world? In 1995, hundreds of Christian ministries and public charities were deceived by Jack Bennett and his Foundation for New Era Philanthropy. It was a classic Ponzi scheme in which the contributions of the subsequent participants were used to pay off the earlier entrants. All told, several hundred million dollars in nonprofit assets were involved.

Continued on page 12.

"Whatever you decide is
fine w. me"

Back in SC Valley
League for
Ghana

Anne S -

"really disappointed"

Qamar did try to come - went to
H.H.H. M.S.R. -

"overwhelmingly busy"

Call from US office - rec Brian Atwood
someone to talk about the
Millennium Goals - 20 mins of
apprising -

BARAK +
un. -
co-sponsor
initiative

Back - now MD
responsible to Millennium Goals - he will be the
final responder -

later in November

Other major
events taking
place
10/23 25
Dec 12

"highly annoying"

→ Nigeria

Anne ?

Everlyn ?

Cameroon

Melissa - "good speaker"

- Zimbabwe too busy -

Qamar - speaker ?

Mae never
called Anne S -

hardheaded decision
Global village ann. mtg -
advertising



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August 25, 2006

Zaida Arguedas
Deputy Executive Director and
Director of Global Democracy Programs
League of Women Voters
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Dear Zaida:

Enclosed please find check #1217 in the amount of \$350 which represents the first half of a grant awarded to LWVMNEF for the forum "Voices Against Poverty—Focus on Africa" which was to have been held on October 15, 2006.

As Joyce Benson discussed with you, we determined that such a program isn't feasible at this time. We are pleased that there will be opportunities for us to submit a proposal in the future.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support, Zaida.

Sincerely,

Sally Sawyer

Sally Sawyer
Executive Director

LWVMNEF

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Sally D. Sawyer

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League of Women Voters of Minnesota

Board Meeting Minutes

Minnesota Women's Building

August 9, 2006

Members Present: Benson, Doepner-Hove, Frisch, Hondl, Langsjoen, Myers, Oliver, Palmer, Peterson, Regal, Simmons, Steen

Members Absent: Ibrahim, Jenkins-Nelsen, Palank, Salisbury, Stuthman, Thompson

Staff Present: Sawyer, Wickstrom

Visitor: Mae Brooks, Coordinator of Diversity Committee

Mission

League of Women Voters Minnesota, a nonpartisan, political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Diversity

League of Women Voters Minnesota affirms its commitment to reflecting the diversity of Minnesota in its membership and strives to overcome barriers of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability in the activities of the organization.

Palmer called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m.

1. Housekeeping: Sawyer passed around the folder for articles for the Board Memos and President's mailing as well as expense vouchers and volunteers hours.

2. President's Report: Palmer is on Governor Quie's Commission studying the method of selection of our judges. Very few people have attended the public meetings although the discussions have been good. Their report is to be ready for the next legislative session. Palmer pointed out that our position is outdated because of the Supreme Court's ruling that judicial candidates may speak out on issues, seek party endorsement, etc. Also, Palmer wrote an article on this topic for the *Minnesota Women's Press*.

We had four international visitors from the Minnesota International Institute via the State Department: a women lawyer from Singapore, a young man from Bahrain, a journalist from Egypt, a woman from Uganda. They enjoyed a free-wheeling discussion. They wanted to know why more American women were not in office at high levels.

Palmer passed out a revised brochure for Citizens for Election Integrity.

We are anticipating Sally's retirement. The transition planning committee has not been named: Palmer is beginning the process with a brain-storming session with six past state presidents and then will proceed to appoint the committee.

3. Minutes from 6/28/06. Hondl moved to correct the minutes as follows:
under 17C, minutes should read "Hondl: office management committee members need to respond to Hondl's email request." Motion to approve corrected minutes passed.

4. Revision of the Agenda: None

5. Treasurer's Report for 5/31/06: Hondl presented the Treasurer's report which will be filed for audit.

6. Resignation from the LWVMN Board: Peterson moved to accept with deep regret the resignation of Barbara Derus from the LWVMN Board. Motion passed.

7. Nominating Committee

a. **Appointment of Nominating Chair:** Frisch moved to approve the appointment of Alice Moormann, LWV Minneapolis, as the chair of the Nominating Committee. Motion approved.

b. **Appointment of two Board Members to Nominating Committee:** Joyce Benson and Vivian Jenkins Nelsen were approved to represent the Board on the Nominating Committee.

8. Transit Partners: Myers moved that LWVMN join "Transit Partners," a loosely organized coalition to work toward finding a stable funding source for Minnesota transit. Motion tabled until November Board meeting.

9. Nominating Committee Guidelines: Regal thanked Doepner-Hove for putting together a packet for the Nominating Committee. Board members were requested to send e-mails to Joan Regal if they have more ideas or wish to change the by-laws. Peterson said she discovered a wide range of experience with nominating committees. Steen doesn't recall Board acting on guidelines for committees. Peterson said Board should put guidelines under Member Resources on the Web.

9.5 Member Resources: Karen Langsjoen moved to increase the LWVMN State Unit members' dues from \$45 per year to \$50 per year, with periodic re-evaluation. Motion passed.

10. Diversity Project Update: Vivian Jenkins Nelsen was not present to give her report. Mae Brooks gave us an overview of what the Diversity Committee plans to do. She said the group is working on a timeline. Sally Sawyer mentioned a summit for the Diversity Committee.

11. Board meeting calendar 2006—2007

Wed. Sept. 13 5:30-8:30 pm

Wed.	Oct. 11	5:30-8:30 pm
Sat.	Nov 18	9:00 am-noon
Sat.	Jan. 13	9:00 am-noon
Sat.	Feb. 10	9:00 am-noon
Sat.	Mar. 10	9:00 am-noon
Wed	April 11	5:30-8:30 pm

12. Voter Service Update: Doepner-Hove reported that moderator training at Hamline was very successful. About thirty people attended. Martin and Brown grants were disbursed. Local leagues are planning some wonderful things. Doepner-Hove gave an extensive discussion of the activities of the Voter Service Committee. Wickstrom reminded everyone to go to their city's website and see if the information is correct. Peterson announced that we have a tentative commitment for 35 billboards.

13. Non-partisan policy review: Palmer said she would take it under advisement whether to convene a meeting to discuss nonpartisanship.

14. LWVMN Convention 2007 Planning: Joan Regal talked about getting speakers. Do we want to take advantage of the lakeside location of the convention? Perhaps environmental observation. Take a tour the areas that have been destroyed by the ATV's. She solicited ideas for what people want at the convention. Benson remarked that people in Duluth are knowledgeable about water quality issues. Seniors could discuss their experience. Transportations, etc. Additional moderator training. Additional presidents training.

15. LWVUS Convention 2006: Carol Frisch read Natalie Testa's e-mail about the convention praising our committee reports. Judy Duffy went to Washington and heard that whenever there is a non-Washington convention, it should be in Minneapolis. Local arrangements committee (LAC) had \$10,000 to work with. Most substantial was hotel bills for committee chairs. We shared the profits from the fundraiser and tours with the Minneapolis league, receiving \$3117.54. In addition we received \$1630.41 (adjusted since the board meeting) for the use of the office and staff for a total of \$4747.95 in income for the convention.

16. Communications: Juanita Peterson distributed a list of Talking Points about LWV and led us through some exercises to practice responding to questions about LWV.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25

Marsha Oliver, Acting Secretary

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison
 As of July 31, 2006

	Jul 31, 06	Jul 31, 05
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Cash and temp. cash investments		
1010 · USbank checking	2,570.24	2,164.97
1050 · USbank savings	392.58	392.32
1080 · Hope Washburn savings		
1081 · CD #2776	2,000.00	2,000.00
1082 · CD #3023	2,000.00	2,000.00
1083 · Wells Fargo - Hope Washburn	2,818.72	2,747.46
Total 1080 · Hope Washburn savings	6,818.72	6,747.46
1099 · Petty cash	25.00	25.00
Total Cash and temp. cash investments	9,806.54	9,329.75
Total Checking/Savings	9,806.54	9,329.75
Accounts Receivable		
1100 · A/R - LWVMNEF	90,651.21	55,103.05
1150 · A/R - due from LL	12,137.75	10,625.75
1200 · A/R - Other	1,650.44	36.01
Total Accounts Receivable	104,439.40	65,764.81
Other Current Assets		
1450 · In-Kind	1,780.00	1,780.00
Total Other Current Assets	1,780.00	1,780.00
Total Current Assets	116,025.94	76,874.56
Fixed Assets		
Office equipment, net		
1700 · Office equipment	15,622.49	15,622.49
1750 · Accumulated depreciation	-15,622.49	-15,607.26
Total Office equipment, net	0.00	15.23
Total Fixed Assets	0.00	15.23
TOTAL ASSETS	116,025.94	76,889.79
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
2000 · Accounts Payable	7,549.05	2,939.45
2400 · A/P Rent due LWVMNEF	8,369.95	3,763.45
2500 · A/P PMP due to LWVUS	0.00	5,152.10
Total Accounts Payable	15,919.00	11,855.00
Other Current Liabilities		
2100 · Payroll Liabilities	6,297.17	4,735.50
2200 · Sales Tax Payable	260.97	263.21
2350 · In Kind	1,780.00	1,780.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	8,338.14	6,778.71
Total Current Liabilities	24,257.14	18,633.71
Total Liabilities	24,257.14	18,633.71
Equity		
3000 · Net assets		
3100 · Unrestricted		
3120 · Hope Washburn Fund	5,309.00	5,309.00
3130 · LWVUS Education Fund	42.80	42.80
Total 3100 · Unrestricted	5,351.80	5,351.80
3400 · Permanently restricted		
3410 · Swisshelm Endowment Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total 3400 · Permanently restricted	1,000.00	1,000.00

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League of Women Voters of Minnesota
Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison
As of July 31, 2006

	Jul 31, 06	Jul 31, 05
Total 3000 · Net assets	6,351.80	6,351.80
3800 · Opening Bal Equity	-0.10	0.00
3900 · Retained Earnings, prior year	47,666.82	37,899.49
Net Income	37,750.28	14,004.79
Total Equity	91,768.80	58,256.08
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	116,025.94	76,889.79

League of Women Voters of Minnesota

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

April through July 2006

	Apr - Jul 06	Budget	% of Budget
Income			
4000 · Membership dues			
4001 · Per member payments	27,352.50	30,000.00	91.2%
4002 · Members at large	3,240.00	10,000.00	32.4%
4005 · CMAL Assessment	0.00	300.00	0.0%
Total 4000 · Membership dues	30,592.50	40,300.00	75.9%
4100 · Contributions			
4101 · Cash contributions - members	4,520.00	7,500.00	60.3%
4102 · Non-cash contributions - member	0.00	55,000.00	0.0%
4105 · Cash contributions - Non-member	780.00	750.00	104.0%
4113 · Honorarium	50.00		
Total 4100 · Contributions	5,350.00	63,250.00	8.5%
4200 · Publication sales			
4210 · Voter	0.00	50.00	0.0%
4220 · DPM / BD memos	0.00	150.00	0.0%
4222 · Membership brochures	2.00	100.00	2.0%
4225 · Capitol Letter	10.00	100.00	10.0%
4228 · Program for Action	0.00	50.00	0.0%
4250 · Calendars	0.00	50.00	0.0%
4290 · Other	0.58	50.00	1.2%
Total 4200 · Publication sales	12.58	550.00	2.3%
4300 · Registration and other fees			
4310 · LWVMN convention			
4311 · 2005, 2007	0.00	100.00	0.0%
Total 4310 · LWVMN convention	0.00	100.00	0.0%
4320 · LWVMN council			
4321 · 2006, 2008	660.00	2,000.00	33.0%
Total 4320 · LWVMN council	660.00	2,000.00	33.0%
4330 · Regional workshops	0.00		
Total 4300 · Registration and other fees	660.00	2,100.00	31.4%
4500 · Services provided LWVMNEF			
4510 · LL Ed. Fund account admin.			
4511 · Direct Costs	1,007.29	4,249.00	23.7%
4512 · Admin. Reimbursements	1,118.30	4,751.00	23.5%
Total 4510 · LL Ed. Fund account admin.	2,125.59	9,000.00	23.6%
4520 · Grant projects			
4521 · Direct costs	30,419.19	123,878.00	24.6%
4522 · Admin. reimbursement	33,915.57	139,693.00	24.3%
Total 4520 · Grant projects	64,334.76	263,571.00	24.4%
4530 · Program services			
4531 · Direct costs	5,099.00	23,500.00	21.7%
4532 · Admin. reimbursement	5,578.59	26,500.00	21.1%
Total 4530 · Program services	10,677.59	50,000.00	21.4%
4550 · Administration and development			
4551 · Direct costs	12,498.12	31,255.00	40.0%
4552 · Admin. reimbursement	13,698.87	35,245.00	38.9%
Total 4550 · Administration and development	26,196.99	66,500.00	39.4%
Total 4500 · Services provided LWVMNEF	103,334.93	389,071.00	26.6%
4700 · Interest and investment income			
4701 · Savings interest income	0.06	10.00	0.6%
4702 · Board directed investment income	0.00	50.00	0.0%
4703 · Hope Washburn income	11.31		
Total 4700 · Interest and investment income	11.37	60.00	19.0%
4900 · Other income			
4905 · Product sales	7.50	1,200.00	0.6%
4910 · Copier business	0.00	25.00	0.0%
4915 · Trip revenue	100.00		

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
April through July 2006

	Apr - Jul 06	Budget	% of Budget
Total 4900 · Other income	107.50	1,225.00	8.8%
Total Income	140,068.88	496,556.00	28.2%
Gross Profit	140,068.88	496,556.00	28.2%
Expense			
5100 · Membership			
5101 · MAL PMP to LWVUS	3,289.70	5,480.00	60.0%
5102 · EF LL PMP up to 25%	773.77	5,500.00	14.1%
5103 · LL early payment discount	702.90	1,000.00	70.3%
5104 · LL rebate for state MAL's	215.00	1,000.00	21.5%
Total 5100 · Membership	4,981.37	12,980.00	38.4%
5200 · Direct service to LL			
5203 · Membership /field service comm.	0.00	5,000.00	0.0%
5205 · Calls and visits to LL	0.00	1,500.00	0.0%
5210 · Membership campaign	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
5220 · MAL	0.00	100.00	0.0%
5230 · Outreach	0.00	500.00	0.0%
5299 · Office costs	7,465.54	29,112.00	25.6%
Total 5200 · Direct service to LL	7,465.54	37,212.00	20.1%
5300 · Convention and council			
5310 · LWVMN convention			
5311 · 2005	113.15		
5312 · 2007	0.00	500.00	0.0%
Total 5310 · LWVMN convention	113.15	500.00	22.6%
5330 · LWVMN council			
5331 · 2006, 2008	2,443.92	2,500.00	97.8%
Total 5330 · LWVMN council	2,443.92	2,500.00	97.8%
5360 · LWVUS convention			
5361 · 2006, 2008	1,796.95	1,000.00	179.7%
Total 5360 · LWVUS convention	1,796.95	1,000.00	179.7%
5399 · Office costs	3,033.91	7,652.00	39.6%
Total 5300 · Convention and council	7,387.93	11,652.00	63.4%
5400 · Publications / communications			
5410 · MN Voter			
5411 · Voter Committee	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
5412 · Printing	1,220.09	7,300.00	16.7%
5413 · Postage	492.96	2,500.00	19.7%
5415 · LWVMNEF contribution - 1/3	0.00	-3,500.00	0.0%
5419 · Office costs	737.63	772.00	95.5%
Total 5410 · MN Voter	2,450.68	8,072.00	30.4%
5420 · Public relations - staff costs	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
5425 · Directory Listings	0.00	500.00	0.0%
Total 5400 · Publications / communications	2,450.68	9,572.00	25.6%
5500 · Action / affiliations			
5510 · Action and program comm.	0.00	12,000.00	0.0%
5520 · Lobbying and monitoring	0.00	7,000.00	0.0%
5530 · Program for Action	0.00	400.00	0.0%
5540 · Resource materials	100.00	300.00	33.3%
5560 · Coalitions and affiliations	325.00	600.00	54.2%
5599 · Office costs	5,054.15	14,837.00	34.1%
Total 5500 · Action / affiliations	5,479.15	35,137.00	15.6%
5700 · Program Support			
5701 · LWVUS	0.00	50.00	0.0%
5702 · MN Study and Consensus	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
5799 · Office Costs	249.47	1,728.00	14.4%
Total 5700 · Program Support	249.47	2,778.00	9.0%
5800 · Other expenses			

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Accrual Basis

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 April through July 2006

	Apr - Jul 06	Budget	% of Budget
5810 · Product Sales			
5811 · Direct Costs	0.00	500.00	0.0%
5812 · Office costs	429.96	1,667.00	25.8%
Total 5810 · Product Sales	429.96	2,167.00	19.8%
5820 · Copier business			
5821 · Direct costs	250.08	594.00	42.1%
5822 · Office costs	8.02	173.00	4.6%
Total 5820 · Copier business	258.10	767.00	33.7%
5830 · Fundraising			
5831 · Direct Costs	1,045.00	3,000.00	34.8%
5832 · Office Costs	497.06	1,699.00	29.3%
Total 5830 · Fundraising	1,542.06	4,699.00	32.8%
Total 5800 · Other expenses	2,230.12	7,633.00	29.2%
6000 · Administration			
6010 · President and board	-0.01	30,000.00	-0.0%
6015 · Conferences for board	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
6030 · Budget committee	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
6040 · Nominating committee	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
6050 · Bylaws committee	0.00	200.00	0.0%
6060 · Office management committee	0.00	5,000.00	0.0%
6099 · Office costs	18,243.73	49,748.00	36.7%
Total 6000 · Administration	18,243.72	87,948.00	20.7%
6100 · Operating expenses			
6110 · Payroll Expenses	66,903.30	289,134.00	23.1%
6120 · Payroll taxes	6,157.73	25,432.00	24.2%
6130 · Employee benefits	7,088.72	28,760.00	24.6%
6135 · Tech Consultants	0.00	500.00	0.0%
6140 · Staff training	0.00	5,000.00	0.0%
6200 · Office rent	3,033.35	9,100.00	33.3%
6210 · Telephone	862.88	6,500.00	13.3%
6220 · Insurance	733.34	2,600.00	28.2%
6225 · Small equipment	0.00	300.00	0.0%
6230 · Equipment rental / mtn.	1,826.48	4,400.00	41.5%
6240 · Copier rental / mtn.	2,254.30	7,300.00	30.9%
6250 · Office supplies	1,320.48	4,000.00	33.0%
6255 · Computer software and supplies	0.00	5,000.00	0.0%
6260 · Internet service provider	219.62	350.00	62.7%
6270 · Postage and shipping	903.99	5,000.00	18.1%
6285 · Bank charges	90.73	250.00	36.3%
6290 · Audit and accounting fees	0.00	6,000.00	0.0%
Total 6100 · Operating expenses	91,394.92	399,626.00	22.9%
6300 · LWVMN staff cost alloc.	-37,564.30	-107,982.00	34.8%
Total Expense	102,318.60	496,556.00	20.6%
Net Income	37,750.28	0.00	100.0%

Helen

From: <QIbrahim@aol.com>
To: <helenpalmer@mn.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 09, 2006 3:38 PM
Subject: Re: board meeting tomorrow!

Helen hi,

I want to regretfully resign from the LWV board due to tremendous duties of LEAD Group at this time. We have a shortage of staff now and lot of work and deadlines. I understand the roles, responsibilities and expectations from a board member and unfortunately I do not think at this point in time I will be able to fulfill that responsibility.

I will be happy to assist the LWV in any other way if you need me. I am grateful for the opportunity for the experience of being a board member of the League.

Please give my regards to all.

Thanks.

Qamar

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Voter Guide Questions
Judicial
Draft 2

1. Why did you or did you not file with political affiliation?
2. Is it acceptable for ^{s to} a judge publicly articulate their position ^s on issues that may come before the court? Explain.
3. ~~Should incumbency be designated on the ballot for judicial races? Why or why not?~~
4. How do you perceive the role of the judiciary in relation to the other branches of government?
5. How much discretion should judges have ^{is required to} in sentencing? ^{predelictions +} ^{abstain from} ^{sentencing}?
6. What qualities should a ^{good} judge possess?

Notes from 8/31/06 Meeting re Leaders of Today and Tomorrow

Present: Ellen Biales, Emily Reilly, Helen Palmer, Sally Sawyer

It was agreed that:

1. Purchase of LOTT logo is cost effective and allows many different applications; currently every usage requires a payment to the designer. (pending EF board action)
2. LOTT will hold its seminar from January 11-13, 2007. Location is pending.
3. LOTT will send out a fundraising letter to support its scholarship program for the seminar to a limited list, including its regular donors. The timing will be coordinated with Carol Frisch, Development Chair and Heidi Losinski and Mary Santi, Development staff. The LOTT mailing list (those to whom the mailing will go) will be shared with LWVMNEF staff to avoid conflicts.
4. LOTT will add Helen and Sally to notices about LOTT committee meeting notices and will communicate information about programming on a regular basis to the LWVMN/EF board.
5. LWVMN board will include a member representing the LOTT program; the individual so appointed must be approved by the LWVMN Board. The current possibilities are Jane Gelbmann and Diane Tran. Jane has LOTT experience but has a potential conflict of interest with the LWV's nonpartisan policy; the decision about who to nominate will be contingent upon a board discussion of its nonpartisan policy and how it is applied. Approval by October, 2006 board meeting.
6. Sally will email EF approval form to Emily Reilly who will prepare the seminar request for EF approval and submit to LWVMNEF for approval at 9/13 board meeting.
7. It was agreed that LWVMN should find ways to capitalize on LOTT participants who automatically become members of LWVMN and involve them through communicating opportunities via email, newsletters and follow-up phone calls. Pursuant to this goal, LOTT will forward the email list of its participants to LWVMN.
8. LWVMN will make every effort to fully integrate LOTT and LOTT participants into the programs of the LWV.

THE MINNESOTA COMPACT ON CAMPAIGN STANDARDS

A Citizen Initiative to Improve Elections

PROJECT SUMMARY

The Minnesota Compact on Campaign Standards is designed to raise the level of political discussion among Minnesota candidates, campaigns, the media, and voters. It seeks to persuade candidates, political parties and interest groups to maximize the presentation of issues and candidate qualifications and to minimize attacks. It works to strengthen the tradition of substantive, informative debates. It asks news organizations to cover the substance of political campaigns with less emphasis on campaign strategy. It encourages fuller participation of citizens in the election process. The standards are voluntary with the only enforcement method that of public opinion. The Compact encourages citizens to hold candidates, the media and themselves accountable during an election season.

This project is a continuation of an election reform initiative begun in 1996. The Humphrey Institute assembled a coalition of community, education, media and political groups in response to an article by Star Tribune reporter, Tom Hamburger, challenging Minnesotans to improve political campaigns. That group wrote and promoted standards, called planks, for candidates, campaign advertising, the media and the public. In 1998 the Minnesota Compact became a project of the League of Women Voters Minnesota Education Fund and operated as a part of a national project in cooperation with the Alliance for Better Campaigns. The latter was funded by a grant from the Pew Charitable Trusts and was based in part on the Minnesota model.

Now in its third election cycle, the 2000 Compact is again a project of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund. The League convened the steering committee and will print and distribute the campaign standards to news media and candidates statewide. Committee members and cooperating organizations will provide advice and encourage citizen, media and candidate support throughout the election season. The steering committee is comprised of interested individuals and representatives from several organizations. All major political parties have been invited to attend the meetings and to comment during discussions.

Supporting organizations and individuals include the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund; Common Cause of Minnesota; the Minnesota Newspaper Association; E Democracy; the Humphrey Policy Forum, Humphrey Institute, University of Minnesota; Dean Alger of the Minnesota Alliance for Better Campaigns; and John Kostouros, Educational Consultant.

Observing organizations and individuals include Bill Hanley of KTCA TV, Jenny Martin of the Martin Foundation, Bill Blazar of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, Brad Stokman of the Minnesota Citizen's Forum, Larry Werner, Reader Involvement Editor of the Star Tribune, and Jim DuBois of the Minnesota Broadcasters Association.

Three political scientists have agreed to be interviewed about the Minnesota Compact. They are Christopher Gilbert, Gustavus Adolphus (507-933-6093), Charles Backstrom (651-792-9904) and Steve Smith (612-624-6820), the University of Minnesota.

Five Pilot Leagues Selected for Membership Recruitment Initiative

LWVUS received an overwhelming response to its call to Leagues to participate in the pilot phase of a new membership recruitment initiative. Dozens of Leagues, representing twenty-two states and the District of Columbia, applied to be part of the pilot program that will examine new approaches to recruiting members. A rigorous review process was undertaken by a team of LWVUS Board members and staff, and five pilot Leagues were ultimately selected. They are the Leagues of Greater Omaha (NE); of Oakland (CA); Palm Beach County (FL); Saginaw County (MI); and Spartanburg County (SC).

The pilot phase also involves a separate, but additionally important group of dedicated Leagues. Six other Leagues have been selected to be part of a "control" group. These Leagues will help us assess additional aspects of the project that we believe are essential to understand, prior to rolling the project out nationwide after the pilot phase. They are the Leagues of Atlanta-Fulton County (GA), Greater Pittsburgh (PA), Metropolitan Columbus (OH), Pikes Peak Region (CO), Rockland County (NY), and Tyler (TX).

Not everyone understands that the League is a unique organization because every day, our members do the hands-on work that democracy requires. We educate new citizens and first-time voters about their rights and responsibilities, monitor our system of checks and balances, and help protect our natural resources. Our network of energetic and engaged members in communities across the nation is dedicated to making an impact - from city council meetings to Capitol Hill. And, as we all know, the League wants to engage more people in this important work.

To that end, the pilot Leagues will be reaching out to newly retired women, a vast and dynamic group that shares aspirations and goals similar to LWV, "testing" new outreach strategies during FY2006-07. They will also be adding new messaging techniques to already planned events, creating new programs around Election Day and Sunshine Week 2007, and establishing a signature event such as a "Making Democracy Work" Award celebration.

As the initiative develops, LWVUS will be measuring areas of success, which will be shared with the larger League community. We also will be sharing some of the materials developed during the pilot phase more broadly with Leagues around the country over the coming months.

To keep on top of what is going on in the initiative, please check out the Membership Recruitment Initiative's section on the LWVUS Website regularly. If you have any questions please contact Danielle Duffy at dduffy@lww.org.

HP

LWVMN/EF Board Meetings

August 9, 2006

5:30 – 8:30 pm

Minnesota Women's Building

550 Rice Street

St. Paul

Large Meeting Room

Mission

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, a nonpartisan, political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Diversity

League of Women Voters of Minnesota affirms its commitment to reflecting the diversity of Minnesota in its membership and strives to overcome barriers of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability in the activities of the organization.

Note: box lunches will be ordered for those requesting them no later than 1 pm on Tuesday, August 8.

LWVMNEF Annual Meeting	5:30 – 5:45 pm
LWVMNEF Board Meeting	5:45 – 6:30 pm
Break for supper	6:30 – 6:45 pm
LWVMN Board Meeting	6:45 – 8:30 pm

9/26 + 9/28
phonathon

Agenda

1. 2 Housekeeping/Sawyer
2. 10 President's Report/Palmer
- Action**
3. 3 Minutes of 6/28/06 Board Meeting/Thompson
4. 5 Treasurer's Report for the period ending 6/30/06
5. 2 Revision of the agenda/all
6. 2 Acceptance of Resignation from the Board/Palank
7. 3 Appointment of Nominating Committee Chair/Frisch
8. 5 Approval of joining Transit Partners Coalition/Myers
9. 10 Approval of Nominating Committee Guidelines/Doepner-Hove, Regal
- 9.5 — **Discussion**
10. 10 Diversity Project update/Jenkins Nelsen
11. 15 Review of Outlook Calendar 2006-2007 & board meeting dates/all
12. 5 Voter Service update/Doepner-Hove
13. 5 Review of current non-partisan policy/all
14. 10 LWVMN Convention update & planning/Regal
15. 5 LWVUS Convention 2006/Frisch
16. 10 Communications/Peterson

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Time is a gift
& we give our time

Agenda

1. **Housekeeping:** Sawyer: please bring expense vouchers, volunteer hours, articles & enclosures for Presidents' Mailing, to be mailed from office the week of August 14. **Please bring calendars for 2006-2007 for calendar discussion (see agenda item #11 and enclosed draft calendar for 2006-2007).**
2. **Presidents' Report:** Palmer
3. **Minutes of the 6/28/06 LWVMN Board Meeting:** Thompson: Motion: to approve the minutes of the 6/28/06 LWVMN Board Meeting, as printed (and corrected).
4. **Treasurer's Report for the period ending 6/30/06/Hondl**
5. **Revision of the Agenda:** items may be added or deleted at this time
6. **Resignation from the LWVMN Board:** Palank: Motion: to accept with deep regret the resignation of Barbara Derus from the LWVMN Board.

Background: Helen will read Barbara's letter of resignation.

7. **Appointment of Nominating Committee Chair:** Frisch: Motion: to approve the appointment of Alice Moormann, LWV Minneapolis, as the chair of the Nominating Committee.

Background: Alice Moormann is a longtime member of LWV Minneapolis, having served on the board in several capacities and as LWV Minneapolis president. She has most recently co-chaired the 2006 LWVUS Convention Local Arrangements Committee (LAC), becoming very knowledgeable about LWV leaders and volunteers from around the state.

8. **Transit Partners:** Myers: Motion: that LWVMN join the "Transit Partners," a very loosely organized coalition of environmental groups, religious groups, transit for livable communities, the senior federation, and a few others who are working toward a long-term, stable, dedicated funding source for Minnesota transit.

Background: Transit Partners supports the *Transportation Choices 2020* initiative, which would provide a dedicated, stable source of funding for transportation choices in Minnesota. The goal of the initiative is to generate approximately \$365 million annually, which would be used to expand transit in Greater Minnesota to all counties and provide more evening and weekend service; double bus service, create better transit facilities and expand Park & Ride capacity in the Metro; construct at least eight dedicated bus and rail transitways in both the Metro area and connecting with key cities in greater Minnesota; and provide revenue to local governments for transit, bicycle & pedestrian projects.

Current members of Transit Partners include the Sierra Club, Transit for Livable Communities, ISAI AH, Senior Federation, MCEA, Minnesota Public Transit Association, the Transit Union Alliance for Metropolitan Stability and Fresh Energy. The primary commitment they're looking for between now and January would be for someone from the League to attend coalition meetings (about every month, but sometimes more frequently as things come up). It would also be nice if we could raise the transportation choices issue in the electoral debate between now and November. While candidate questions have been completed, maybe if we raise the profile of the issue, it will come up in questions from the floor.

If LWVMN joins this group, we will try to find someone to attend these meetings so we can take an active part.

9. **Nominating Committee Guidelines:** Doepner-Hove, Regal: Motion: to approve the Nominating Committee Guidelines, as enclosed (and/or revised).

Background: A draft of the guidelines as prepared by Stacy Doepner-Hove is included for your background and information. The guidelines will be reviewed by the Member Resources Committee at its August 8th meeting. Proposed revisions will be presented at the Board Meeting.

10. **Diversity Project Update:** Vivian Jenkins Nelsen will update the board on the diversity project. We have invited Mae Brooks, our new project director, to come to the meeting to be introduced to board members

11. **Calendar for 2006 – 2007 & Board Meeting dates: all**

Background: See the enclosed DRAFT calendar. Note proposed board meeting dates; in some cases either a Wednesday evening or Saturday morning are provided as options. Please also review the calendar and bring additions or corrections.

12. **Voter Service Update:** Doepner-Hove will report on status of voter service projects, including August 5 candidate forum/moderator training and Martin & Brown grants, as well as Voter Guides, website election pages, hotline, debates, and voting rights coalition work.
13. **Non-partisan policy review:** Below is the current non-partisan policy of LWVMN for your review. Several board members have indicated an interest in having a discussion in a smaller group. Helen will convene such a group in the near future.

Nonpartisanship

The nonpartisanship of the LWVMN is the basis of our public credibility and must be carefully maintained. All members are responsible for maintaining the LWVMN's reputation for fairness and objectivity.

Members are encouraged to seek elective/appointive office in government as well as responsible positions in the private sector. To avoid any perceived or actual conflict with the integrity of LWVMN, the following guidelines apply:

Directors in highly visible positions such as president, voter service, action, and executive directors may not undertake any action which would publicly identify them with partisan activity. They may not run for public or party office or publicly support campaigns at the regional, state or national levels.

Directors may not run for national or state elective office. Should they choose to run for local office they will first consult with the State Board and notify the local Leagues affected.

Directors may not be highly visible in the campaign of any candidate running for U.S. Senate, Congress or for Minnesota executive or legislative office. They may make contributions to candidates at all levels and work on local campaigns. Directors not in highly visible positions may hold positions in a political party at any level with Board approval, after consideration of possible conflicts of interest.

The political activities of a spouse or relative of a Board member are to be considered as separate and distinct from the activities of the Board member.

Directors may accept appointment to commissions, boards, or committees where such service would not conflict with an LWVMN program. It must be clear to all whether the member is acting as an LWVMN representative or as an individual. If a member is acting as an LWVMN representative, the appointment must be approved by the LWVMN Board of Directors.

14. **Convention 2007 Planning:** Joan Regal: the Member Resources Committee is seeking ideas from Board members for speakers and workshops to offer at the Convention. The Convention is scheduled for Thursday evening, May 17, Friday, May 18 and Saturday, May 19 at Breezy Point.

From the minutes of the MR Committee meeting: Speakers need to be contacted as soon as possible. Ideas include a panel of former governors; at the banquet, someone to talk about the ethical use of time; since we are on the water, someone to talk about water issues. Workshops/Programming: how to address the needs of those interested in action and of those interested in voter service? We should have time for LLs with multiple jurisdictions to share their concerns and what works and what doesn't (ABC, Wayzata/Plymouth, RoMaFH, MEPH, etc.). For the Presidents' orientation, we will get feed back from them about interests/needs.

15. **LWVUS Convention 2006:** Carol Frisch will give us some good news!
16. **Communications:** Juanita Peterson will lead us through an exercise using the Name it—Claim it—Proclaim it! Sheet enclosed in your packet. Yes, this is the elevator speech!

**League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund
Annual Meeting**

Association of Minnesota Counties Building at Charles and Rice Street (behind the Minnesota Women's Building)
Wednesday, August 9, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

AGENDA

ACTION

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| 1. | 1 | Minutes of Annual Meeting read by Minutes Committee (Thompson) |
| 2. | 4 | Treasurer's Report for March 31, 2006 (Hondl) |
| 3. | 5 | Adoption of Budget for 2006-2007 (Hondl) |
| 4. | 1 | Approval of Rent Agreement with LWVMN (Simmons) |
| 5. | 4 | Approval of services agreement with LWVMN (Peterson) |
- Handwritten notes:*
"where is this?" (above item 1)
"where is this?" (above item 4)

ACTION

1. Approval of appointments to Minutes Committee: (Thompson) MOTION: To appoint Miriam Simmons and Juanita Peterson as readers of LWVMNEF Annual Meeting minutes.
- Handwritten note:* "who?" (above item 1)

Background: The minutes of the Annual Meeting will be read by the Minutes Committee and approved at the next regular board meeting of LWVMNEF.

2. Treasurer's Report: (Hondl) MOTION: To accept the Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006 (Enclosed).
3. Adoption of Budget: (Hondl) MOTION: To adopt LWVMNEF budget for FY April 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007 (Enclosed).
4. Approval of rent agreement with LWVMN: (Simmons) MOTION: To approve LWVMN rent office space from LWVMNEF at 40% of the total cost.
BACKGROUND: Currently rent for LWVMN is \$760.22
5. Approval of purchase of services from the LWVMN. (Peterson) MOTION: that LWVMNEF enter into a written agreement with LWVMN stating that LWVMN will provide administrative, management and fiscal services for LWVMNEF for FY 2006-2007.

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LEAGUE/WOMEN VOTERS--EDUCATION FUND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
MARCH 31, 2006

		CURRENT YEAR	LAST YEAR	INCREASE DECREASE

ASSETS				
102	LWVMNEF/SPECIAL FUND	\$ 75,321.39	\$ 14,896.12	\$ 60,425.27
103	LWVMNEF CHECKING	740.17	1,214.72	(474.55)
104	LWVMNEF SAVINGS-LL ACCTS	47,669.66	51,844.16	(4,174.50)
105	THE POWER OF THREE	602,233.36	977,583.37	(375,350.01)
106	IN KIND P-3	6,197.00	6,588.00	(391.00)
119	CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGES	662,558.34	468,388.38	194,169.96
120	LWVMNEF ACCOUNTS RECEIVAB	27,765.16	4,691.89	23,073.27
121	IN KIND	1,753.00	104,800.00	(103,047.00)
122	VOTING PUB	(330.33)	1,222.13	(1,552.46)
124	WGP REVISED PUB	0.00	0.00	0.00
128	INDIANS	6,388.00	16,804.93	(10,416.93)
130	ADVANCE TO LWVMN	0.00	0.00	0.00
131	ROAD TO ELECTION BOOK	0.00	(127.40)	127.40
132	PERMANENT ENDOWMENT	94,373.25	90,518.84	3,854.41
133	ELECTION VIDEO	0.00	(6,614.85)	6,614.85
134	TPT	14,478.97	6,802.87	7,676.10
135	LOTT	8,627.66	10,359.80	(1,732.14)
136	VOTER SERVICE\PJ	79,350.20	617.02	78,733.18
137	JUDGES PUB	0.00	0.00	0.00
138	IMMIGRATION PUB	0.00	0.00	0.00
139	SPANISH CURR PUB	0.00	0.00	0.00
140	STUDY VS/WC RESERVE	340,524.53	5,381.76	335,142.77
141	MN COMPACT/DIVERSITY	45,466.90	108.56	45,358.34
142	05-07 STUDY	1,010.64	1,408.81	(398.17)
144	HTMD PUB	(15.36)	0.00	(15.36)
145	MN WOMENS BLDG PARTNERSHI	250,501.00	183,750.00	66,751.00
160	EQUIPMENT	51,431.68	44,843.68	6,588.00
165	ACCUM DEPREC\EQUIPMENT	(44,984.41)	(43,574.66)	(1,409.75)

TOTAL ASSETS		2,271,060.81	1,941,508.13	329,552.68
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LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES				
200	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	175.09	13,712.51	(13,537.42)
203	IN KIND EXPENSES	1,753.00	104,800.00	(103,047.00)
204	IN KIND P-3 EX	6,197.00	6,588.00	(391.00)
205	ACCTS PAY TO LWVMN	59,442.40	47,075.07	12,367.33
206	DUE TO MWC-P3	43,200.00	0.00	43,200.00
240	CAPITAL BLDG FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00
310	LOCAL LEAGUE ACCTS	54,016.77	43,372.10	10,644.67
320	UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	(222,685.39)	(535,394.12)	312,708.73
330	DESIGNATED FUND BAL	956,387.57	1,228,505.14	(272,117.57)
331	PERM RESTRICTED NET ASSET	90,618.84	88,085.00	2,533.84
340	BLDG FUND BALANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00
349	SUSPENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00
397	INV FR MN 96-97 OFFICE CO	0.00	0.00	0.00
399	RETAINED EARNINGS - PRIOR	1,120,824.83	687,675.36	433,149.47
	RETAINED EARNINGS - CURR	161,130.70	257,089.07	(95,958.37)

TOTAL LIAB & FUND BAL		\$ 2,271,060.81	\$ 1,941,508.13	\$ 329,552.68
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LEAGUE/WOMEN VOTERS--EDUCATION FUND
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 2006

	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	REMAINING BUDGET
LWVMEF INCOME				
LOCAL LEAGUE ACCT ADMIN				
400 LOCAL LEAGUE DEPOSITS	2,575.00	8,278.25	25,000.00	(16,721.75)
490 INTEREST LL DEPOSITS	39.86	174.26	1,000.00	(825.74)
SUBTOTAL	2,614.86	8,452.51	26,000.00	(17,547.49)
UNASSIGNED CONTRIBUTIONS				
500 LWV MN MEMBERS	16,969.15	80,592.95	50,000.00	30,592.95
505 NON MEMB (ANNUAL AP)	265.00	12,607.06	10,000.00	2,607.06
510 CORPORATIONS/FOUNDATIONS	0.00	6,000.00	10,000.00	(4,000.00)
525 MEM NON-CASH CONTRIB	353.73	624.27	1,000.00	(375.73)
527 PERMANENT ENDOW./INTEREST	176.89	2,854.41	4,000.00	(1,145.59)
528 SPECIAL FUND	61,676.46	64,860.21	0.00	64,860.21
532 LEGACY CIRCLE	0.00	295.00	500.00	(205.00)
565 BLDG/RENT/REPAIR	827.99	9,107.58	9,050.00	57.58
590 MEMORIALS/HONORS	25.00	5,850.14	500.00	5,350.14
592 POSTAGE & HAND	19.00	75.15	300.00	(224.85)
593 SALES TAX	7.89	30.81	100.00	(69.19)
SUBTOTAL	\$ 80,321.11	\$ 182,897.58	\$ 85,450.00	\$ 97,447.58
PROGRAM: MISC PROJECTS				
1030 NEW STUDY	0.00	1,079.37	27,000.00	(25,920.63)
1032 VOTING PUB	0.00	128.50	0.00	128.50
1038 DIVERSITY TASK F	145.07	50,715.82	30,000.00	20,715.82
1070 SUFFRAGE MEMORIAL	0.00	1,000.00	6,000.00	(5,000.00)
1092 POWER OF 3 CAMPAIGN	(334,025.26)	487,567.79	500,000.00	12,414.73
1093 IN KIND P-3	0.00	6,197.00	0.00	6,197.00
1094 WC RESERVE	340,159.69	340,159.69	0.00	340,159.69
1096 IN KIND SUPPLIES	400.00	400.00	0.00	400.00
SUBTOTAL	6,679.50	887,248.17	563,000.00	324,248.17

LEAGUE/WOMEN VOTERS--EDUCATION FUND
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

	PERIOD	YEAR TO	ANNUAL	REMAINING
	CURRENT	DATE	BUDGET	BUDGET
	PERIOD			

SOCIAL POLICY				
1110	IMMIGRATION FAIRBAULT	0.00	0.00	0.00
1200	INDIANS IN MN-SALES	0.00	0.00	0.00
1230	INDIANS STUDY GRANT	0.00	20,000.00	(20,000.00)
1233	INDIANS INTEREST	20.38	0.00	287.40
1136	CIT. NET GRANTS	0.00	0.00	0.00

	SUBTOTAL	20.38	20,000.00	(19,712.60)
VOTERS SERVICE				
1610	GENERAL ELECTION DEBATE	0.00	15,000.00	5,000.00
1612	INKIND DEBATES	0.00	0.00	0.00
1620	VOTER GUIDE-SALES	0.00	0.00	0.00
1625	VOTER GUIDE-GRANT	0.00	30,000.00	25,000.00
1629	ONLINE VOTER GUIDE	3,000.00	16,000.00	(8,000.00)
1630	ELECTION HOTLINE	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
1639	IN KIND MISC. VOTER SERVI	0.00	0.00	0.00
1640	VOTER INFO/OUTREACH	0.00	10,000.00	0.00
1665	ELECTION PROCESS TRAIN. B	0.00	11,000.00	(11,000.00)
1666	IN KIND E VIDEO	1,353.00	2,000.00	(647.00)
1667	INKIND EL. VIDEO	0.00	0.00	0.00
1672	MN COMPACT	0.00	5,500.00	(5,498.70)
1690	LL VOTER PROJ	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
1692	VOTER SERVICE PJ INTEREST	14.80	100.00	17.49

	SUBTOTAL	19,367.80	90,600.00	18,871.79
CITIZEN INFORMATION				
1710	FALL/SPRING FOCUS MEALS	0.00	0.00	0.00
1715	IMMIGRATION - TPT	130.13	10,000.00	700.25
1720	LOTT	3,252.37	45,000.00	(27,059.53)
1721	IN KIND LOTT	0.00	0.00	0.00
1722	CIA ADMISSINS	0.00	3,500.00	(3,500.00)
1725	CIA GRANTS	0.00	17,500.00	(17,170.00)
1726	HOW TO M DIFF SALES	0.00	2,500.00	(2,379.00)
1727	HOW TO M DIFF GRANT	0.00	0.00	0.00
1740	PUBLICATIONS/AV SALES	113.00	0.00	441.40
1742	WEBSITE D/COM.FAC	9.74	20,350.00	(20,278.70)
1743	IN KIND WEB SITE	0.00	0.00	0.00

	SUBTOTAL	3,505.24	98,850.00	(69,245.58)

	TOTAL LWVMNEF INCOME	\$ 112,508.89	\$ 883,900.00	\$ 334,061.87
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LEAGUE/WOMEN VOTERS--EDUCATION FUND
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 2006

	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	REMAINING BUDGET
LWVMEF EXPENSES				
LOCAL LEAGUE PROJECTS				
4000 LOCAL LEAGUE GRANTS	3,049.83	17,164.80	18,000.00	(835.20)
4095 LL ADMIN-LWVMN SERVICES	673.52	6,629.40	9,000.00	(2,370.60)
SUBTOTAL	3,723.35	23,794.20	27,000.00	(3,205.80)
LWVMNEF ADMINISTRATION				
5002 STAFF DEVELOPMENT	0.00	0.00	300.00	(300.00)
5005 DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES	0.00	396.50	250.00	146.50
5006 IN KIND DEVEL	0.00	0.00	250.00	(250.00)
5007 ANNUAL FUND DR	47.44	3,806.93	6,000.00	(2,193.07)
5008 ANNUAL FUND DR/L.L. EARNI	0.00	2,210.00	2,000.00	210.00
5009 SERVICES A FUND DR	(10,496.55)	7,533.69	20,000.00	(12,466.31)
5030 OTHER DIRECT EXPENSES	47.55	728.04	600.00	128.04
5040 GEN AD. SERVICES	(19,903.67)	11,535.17	40,000.00	(28,464.83)
5045 PLANNED GIVING EXPENSES	300.00	300.00	1,000.00	(700.00)
5047 PLANNED & MEALS	0.00	768.00	1,000.00	(232.00)
5050 LWV MN SERVICES	(207.19)	3,477.05	8,000.00	(4,522.95)
5065 BLDG/RENT/MANAGEMENT	1,881.73	22,580.76	23,000.00	(419.24)
5067 LWVMN SERVICES	(663.89)	1,620.04	6,000.00	(4,379.96)
5068 BLDG. IMP. CAMP	775.18	466,896.94	800,000.00	(333,103.06)
5069 BLDG. CAP. CAMPAIGN SERVI	0.00	29,664.48	25,000.00	4,664.48
5070 BANK FRAUD	0.00	(1,750.00)	0.00	(1,750.00)
5093 SALES TAX	24.52	99.52	0.00	99.52
SUBTOTAL	\$ (28,194.88)	\$ 549,867.12	\$ 933,400.00	\$ (383,532.88)
PROGRAM RELATED COSTS				
7000 EF BOARD EXPENSE	9.75	138.85	500.00	(361.15)
7001 CONFERENCES (BD)	0.00	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
7010 EF ANNUAL REPORT	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	(3,000.00)
7015 EF LEGAL FEES & BANK CHGS	0.00	605.81	600.00	5.81
7020 STATIONERY & PERM SUP	203.97	203.97	500.00	(296.03)
7025 SUBS & RESOURCES	0.00	0.00	400.00	(400.00)
7030 LWUMNEF AUDIT	0.00	3,666.59	6,500.00	(2,833.41)
7040 SERVICES PROG RELATED	1,586.08	16,039.63	20,000.00	(3,960.37)
7045 POWER OF 3	64,581.03	244,477.21	40,000.00	204,477.21
7050 POWER OF 3 SERVICES	1,613.09	47,021.92	35,000.00	12,021.92
7051 IN KIND EX	0.00	6,197.00	0.00	6,197.00
7060 LRP SERVICES	400.00	400.00	0.00	400.00
SUBTOTAL	68,393.92	318,750.98	107,000.00	211,750.98

LEAGUE/WOMEN VOTERS--EDUCATION FUND
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	PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 2006			
	CURRENT	YEAR TO	ANNUAL	REMAINING
	PERIOD	DATE	BUDGET	BUDGET
PROGRAM: MISC PROJECTS				
10026 VOTING PUB	0.00	19.93	0.00	19.93
10027 VOTING SYS PUB	33.55	334.76	0.00	334.76
10028 NEW STUDY	310.85	318.35	2,000.00	(1,681.65)
10029 STUDY/NEW	2,220.72	11,426.43	25,000.00	(13,573.57)
10030 IMMIGRATION INVENTORY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10034 IMMIGRATION FREE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10037 VOTING SYSTEMS FREE	0.00	314.60	0.00	314.60
10070 SUFFERAGE MEMORIAL	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	(5,000.00)
10073 SUFFERAGE SERVICES	(323.14)	253.54	1,000.00	(746.46)
10090 BB COMMUN.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10096 DIVERSITY	0.00	1,201.00	15,000.00	(13,799.00)
10097 DIVERSITY SERVIES	1,358.22	21,036.16	15,000.00	6,036.16
11008 FAIRBAUT IMMIGRATION PROJ	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11009 SERVICES - FAIRAUT PROJ	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11036 IN KIND CITIZENS NETWORK	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11037 CITIZENS NETWORK	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11038 CIT NET/SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	3,600.20	34,904.77	63,000.00	(28,095.23)
SOCIAL POLICY				
12030 INDIANS	183.78	3,931.31	5,000.00	(1,068.69)
12031 INDIANS SERVICES	57.82	4,762.21	15,000.00	(10,237.79)
SUBTOTAL	241.60	8,693.52	20,000.00	(11,306.48)
VOTERS SERVICE				
16010 DEBATE 98	6.00	6.00	5,000.00	(4,994.00)
16011 LWVMN SERVICES	472.58	2,037.09	10,000.00	(7,962.91)
16012 INKIND DEBATES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16020 VOTER GUIDE	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
16021 LWVMN SERVICES	67.02	307.51	2,000.00	(1,692.49)
16026 PRIMARY VOTER GUIDE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16027 SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16028 ON LINE VOTER GUIDE	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
16029 SERVICES ON LINE YG	4,182.54	19,067.17	15,000.00	4,067.17
16030 ELECTION HOTLINE	4.50	4.50	0.00	4.50
16031 LWVMN SERVICES	35.50	36.04	1,000.00	(963.96)
16039 IN KIND MISC. VOTER SERVI	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16040 VOTER & CI INFO/OUTREACH	631.00	731.00	10,000.00	(9,269.00)
16041 SERVICES VOTER & CI	554.15	4,487.41	20,000.00	(15,512.59)
16065 LWVMN SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16068 WGP PICKS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16069 WGTP SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16070 ELECTION PROCESS FREE	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	(5,000.00)
16071 LWVMN SERVICES	148.65	910.21	6,000.00	(5,089.79)
16072 MN COMPACT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16073 MN COMPACT SERVICES	0.00	0.00	5,500.00	(5,500.00)
16080 MISC VOTER SERVICE	7.50	19.70	500.00	(480.30)
16081 LWVMN SERVICES	2,376.40	33,197.50	14,610.00	18,587.50
16083 ELECTION VIDEO FREE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16084 INKIND EL. VIDEO	1,353.00	1,353.00	0.00	1,353.00
16090 LL GET VOTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16091 SERVICES	11.10	82.10	1,000.00	(917.90)
SUBTOTAL	9,849.94	62,239.23	98,610.00	(36,370.77)

LEAGUE/WOMEN VOTERS--EDUCATION FUND
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 2006

	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	REMAINING BUDGET
CITIZEN INFORMATION				
17001 SERVICES LEADERSHIP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17005 CITIZENSHIP TRAINING	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
17006 CIT. TRAIN. SERVICES	0.00	391.76	10,000.00	(9,608.24)
17010 FOCUS TPT	0.00	1,645.95	5,000.00	(3,354.05)
17011 SERVICES	120.62	1,512.97	5,000.00	(3,487.03)
17018 IN KIND EXP LOTT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17020 LOTT	80.00	16,073.84	20,000.00	(3,926.16)
17021 LOTT SERVICES	(115.78)	6,999.91	20,000.00	(13,000.09)
17022 CIA MEETING	126.97	148.47	8,000.00	(7,851.53)
17023 LWVMN SERVICES	644.19	1,663.37	13,000.00	(11,336.63)
17024 HOW TO MAKE DIFF	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	(5,000.00)
17025 LWVMN SERVICES	344.90	1,621.50	5,000.00	(3,378.50)
17026 FREE DIST HOW DIFF	0.00	15.36	0.00	15.36
17027 HTMD INVENTORY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17029 IN KIND CIA EXPENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17040 PUBLICATIONS/AV LIBRARY	0.00	7.75	0.00	7.75
17041 LWVMN SERVICES	298.29	5,390.73	3,500.00	1,890.73
17043 MN CONVENTION	0.00	2,834.58	1,000.00	1,834.58
17045 MINN VOTER	2,278.46	2,278.46	3,500.00	(1,221.54)
17046 MISC. ACCOUNTS PAY. (AUDI	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17047 IN KIND WEB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17048 WEB SITE & DATA BASE	0.00	1,160.54	350.00	810.54
17049 WEB SITE SERVICES	300.71	16,836.16	20,000.00	(3,163.84)
SUBTOTAL	4,078.36	58,581.35	120,350.00	(61,768.64)
20000 LWVMNEF RESERVES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL LWVMEF DIRECT EXPENSES	\$ 61,692.49	\$ 1,056,831.17	\$ 1,369,360.00	\$ (312,528.83)
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 50,816.40	\$ 161,130.70	\$ (485,460.00)	\$ 646,590.70

PROPOSED LWVMN EDUCATION FUND BUDGETS FOR 2005-2006, 2006-2007

	Budget 2005-2006	Budget 2006-2007
INCOME		
LOCAL LEAGUE ACCOUNT ADMINISTRATION		
400 Local League Deposits	25,000	25,000
490 Interest LL Deposits	1,000	1,000
SUBTOTAL	26,000	26,000
UNASSIGNED CONTRIBUTIONS		
500 Members (An. App/ Mem)	50,000	55,000
505 Non-Members (An. Appeal/Mem)	10,000	10,000
510 Corporations/Foundations	10,000	15,000
525 Member Non-Cash Contributions	1,000	1,000
527 Permanent Endow./Interest	4,000	4,000
528 Special Fund - Endowment		
532 Legacy Circle Luncheon	500	500
536 Dinner Fund Raiser		
565 Building Rent/Repair	9,050	9,200
590 Memorials/Honors/Bequests	500	500
592 Postage & Handling	300	600
593 Sales Tax	100	500
SUBTOTAL	85,450	96,300
PROGRAM/MISC. PROJECTS		
1028 Judges/Jud. Independence		
1030 LWVMNEF Study	27,000	27,000
1032 In Kind Annual Report/Voting Pub		
1035 Ag. Study /Immigration Sales		
1038 Cable Channel 6 Program/Diversity Task Force	30,000	30,000
1070 75/19 Amendment/Suffrage Memorial	6,000	1,500
1092 Power of 3 Campaign	500,000	500,000
1093 In Kind - P3		
SUBTOTAL	563,000	558,500
1110 Immigration Grants/Faribault Immigration project		
1111 Study Circles Lunch		
SUBTOTAL	0	0
SOCIAL POLICY		
1200 Indians in Minnesota-Sales		2,000
1210 Indians in Minnesota-Royalties		1,000
1230 Indians in Minnesota Study Grant	20,000	12,000
1233 Indians in Minnesota Interest		
1136 Cit. Net Grants		
SUBTOTAL	20,000	15,000
VOTERS SERVICE		
1610 General Election Debates/Congressional/Leg.	15,000	45,000
1612 In Kind Debates		
1620 Voters Guide - Sales		10,000
1625 Voters Guide - Grant	30,000	25,000
1629 On Line Voter Guide	16,000	44,000
1630 Election Hotline	1,000	12,000
1640 Voter Information/Outreach	10,000	15,000
1661 Spanish Curr Sales		
1665 Election Process Training	11,000	1,000
1666 Election Video/Packet Sales	2,000	1,000
1672 MN Compact	5,500	20,000
1692 Voter Service PJ Interest	100	100
SUBTOTAL	90,600	173,100
CITIZEN INFORMATION		
1700 Politics & Money/Leadership Plenty training		
1715 Immigration program:MN Community Campaign	10,000	10,000
1720 LOTT	45,000	45,000
1721 CIA - In Kind		
1722 CIA-Admissions/Public Policy Forums	3,500	3,500
1725 CIA-Grants Iraq Women Mtg./Public Policy Forums	17,500	17,500

PROPOSED LWVMN EDUCATION FUND BUDGETS FOR 2005-2006, 2006-2007

	Budget 2005-2006	Budget 2006-2007
1726 How to Make a Difference Sales	2,500	2,000
1740 Publication/Audio Visual Sales		
1742 Website & Database design	20,350	15,350
1743 In Kind Web Site		
SUBTOTAL	98,850	93,350
TOTAL LWVMNEF INCOME	883,900	962,250
EXPENSES		
LOCAL LEAGUE PROJECTS		
4000 Local League Grants	18,000	18,000
4095 Services - LL Administration	9,000	9,000
SUBTOTAL	27,000	27,000
LWVMNEF ADMINISTRATION		
5002 Staff Development	300	300
5005 Development Committee	250	250
5006 Investment Committee	250	250
5007 Annual Fund Drive	6,000	6,000
5008 Annual Fund Drive LL Earnings	2,000	2,000
5009 Services-Annual Fund Drive	20,000	20,000
5030 Other Direct Expenses	600	600
5040 Services-General Administration	40,000	30,000
5045 Planned Giving/Major Donor Program Expenses	1,000	1,500
5047 Planned Giving/Major Donor Meals	1,000	1,200
5050 Services-Planned Giving/Major Donor	8,000	9,000
5065 Building Rent/Management	23,000	24,000
5067 Services-Building Rent	6,000	5,000
5068 Bldg. Imp. Camp	800,000	23,000
5069 Services Bldg. Imp. Camp	25,000	2,500
5093 Sales Tax		
SUBTOTAL	933,400	125,600
PROGRAM RELATED ADMINISTRATION		
7000 EF Board Expense	500	500
7001 Conferences (Board)	500	500
7010 EF Annual Report	3,000	
7015 EF Legal Fees & Bank Charges	600	650
7020 Stationary & Permanent Supplies	500	500
7025 Subscriptions & Resources	400	400
7030 LWVMNEF Audit	6,500	7,000
7040 Services-Program Related	20,000	15,000
7041 Program Related Bonus		
7045 Power of 3 Campaign	40,000	20,000
7050 Services Power of 3 Campaign	35,000	30,000
7051 In Kind Exp P3		
SUBTOTAL	107,000	74,550
PROGRAM: MISC. PROJECTS		
10026 Judicial Independence/Voting Pub		
10027 Services Judicial Independence/Voting Pub		
10028 LWVMNEF Study	2,000	10,000
10029 Services LWVMNEF Study	25,000	25,000
10030 Immigration Inventory		
10034 Immigration Free		
10037 Voting Systems Free		
10070 75th History/19th Amen./Suffrage Memorial	5,000	1,000
10073 Services-75th Hist/19th Amend/Suffrage Mem.	1,000	500
10096 Cable Ch 6 Program/Diversity Task Force	15,000	15,000
10097 Services Diversity Task Force	15,000	15,000
11008 St. Circles/Faribault Immi. Project		
11009 Services-St. Circles/Faribault Immi. Project		
11037 Website/ Citizen Network		
SUBTOTAL	63,000	66,500

PROPOSED LWVMN EDUCATION FUND BUDGETS FOR 2005-2006, 2006-2007

	Budget 2005-2006	Budget 2006-2007
SOCIAL POLICY		
12030 Indians in Minnesota - 5th ed.	5,000	5,000
12031 Services-Indians in MN 5th ed.	15,000	10,000
SUBTOTAL	20,000	15,000
VOTERS SERVICE		
16010 General Election Debates/Congressional/Leg.	5,000	30,000
16011 Services-Debate	10,000	15,000
16012 In Kind Debates		
16020 Voter Guide Direct Expenses	2,000	30,000
16021 Services-Voter Guide	2,000	10,000
16028 On Line Voter Guide	1,000	9,000
16029 Services On Line Voter Guide	15,000	35,000
16030 Election Hotline		7,000
16031 Services-Election Hotline	1,000	5,000
16039 In Kind Voter Info		
16040 Voter Information/Outreach	10,000	12,000
16041 Services-Voter Information/Outreach	20,000	30,000
16068 WGTP English		
16069 Services - WGTP English		
16070 Election Process Training	5,000	
16071 Services - Election Process Train.	6,000	1,000
16072 MN Compact		10,000
16073 Services-MN Compact	5,500	10,000
16080 Misc. Voter Service	500	2,500
16081 Services-Misc. Voter Service	14,610	24,591
16083 Services - Election Video		
16090 LL Get Vote		3,000
16091 Services - LL Get Vote	1,000	5,000
SUBTOTAL	98,610	239,091
CITIZEN INFORMATION		
17000 P&M/Leadership Plenty		
17001 Services-P&M/Leadership Plenty		
17005 Citizen Information/ Outreach	1,000	1,000
17006 Services C I/Outreach	10,000	10,000
17010 Immigration program: MN Community Campaign	5,000	5,000
17011 Services Imm. program: MN Community Campaign	5,000	5,000
17018 In Kind Exp. LOTT		
17020 LOTT	20,000	20,000
17021 Services LOTT	20,000	20,000
17022 Citizens in Action/Iraq Meeting/Public Forms	8,000	8,000
17023 Services-Citizens in Action/Iraq Mtg/Public Forms	13,000	13,000
17024 How to Make a Difference	5,000	2,000
17025 Services - How to Make a Diff	5,000	2,000
17026 Free Distribution - How to MAD		
17040 Publications/Audio Visual Library		
17041 Services-Publications/AV Library	3,500	2,500
17043 Services MN Convention	1,000	
17045 EF Share of LWVMN Voter	3,500	3,500
17048 Website & Database design	350	350
17049 Services Website & Database design	20,000	15,000
SUBTOTAL	120,350	107,350
20000 LWVMNEF Reserves		
TOTAL LWVMNEF EXPENSES	1,369,360	655,091
Net Income (Loss)	-485,460	307,159



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LWVMNEF also agrees to pay an administrative reimbursement fee based on a cost derived from the following:

<u>Project or service salaries</u>		Total annual LWVMN operating
Total budgeted salaries	X	budget*

Less operating expenses previously billed.

President, LWVMNEF

Executive Director, LWVMNEF

Date

Date

*Adjusted to exclude occupancy (rent), insurance and accounting service.

League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund
Board Meeting
Minnesota Women's Building
Wednesday, August 9, 2006, 5:30 – 8:30 pm

Mission

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota, a nonpartisan, political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Diversity

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota affirms its commitment to reflecting the diversity of Minnesota in its membership and strives to overcome barriers of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability in the activities of the organization.

AGENDA

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| 1. | 2 | Minutes of June 28, 2006 (Thompson) |
| 2. | 5 | Treasurer's Report for June 30, 2006 (Hondl) |
| 3. | 3 | Development Report (Frisch) |
| 4. | 2 | Revision of Agenda |
| 5. | 2 | Approval of State League Projects as Education Fund (Frisch) |
| 6. | 5 | Investment Committee Appointment (Frisch) |
| 7. | 2 | Power of 3 (Frisch) |
| 8. | 2 | Donor Cultivation (Frisch) |
| 9. | 5 | Annual Appeal (Frisch) |
| 10. | 1 | Biennial Report update (Peterson) |

ACTION

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1. Minutes: (Thompson) MOTION: To accept minutes of the Board Meeting of June 28, 2006.
2. Treasurer's Report: (Hondl) Treasurer's Report for the period ending June 30, 2006 will be filed for audit.
3. Development Report: (Frisch) MOTION: To accept the Development Report through ~~June 30~~ ^{Aug. 3}, 2006.
 - a. Sponsorship packets will be sent out in July.
4. Revision of Agenda.
5. Approval of State League Projects: (Frisch) MOTION: To approve State League project as Education Fund project by general consent.
 - a. *Millennium Campaign: Voices against poverty.* The goal of the Millennium Campaign is to raise citizen awareness and build political will for the achievement of the Goals and to enable people to take action to hold their own governments to account for their Millennium pledges. Please see attached.
6. Appointment to LWVMNEF Investment Committee: (Frisch) MOTION: To approve the appointment of Janet Flack to the LWVMNEF Investment Committee.

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appeal*

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Background: Janet Flack is Assistant Vice President, Wealth management Advisor, CFM, CIMA, in Rochester, Minnesota. Janet has worked for Merrill Lynch for 22 years, after graduating Magna Cum laude from Winona State University with a S.S. in Business Administration. In 2002 she earned her Certified Investment management Analyst (CIMA) designation through the Investment Management Consultants Association (IMCA), of which she is also a member, and The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

We will invite Kay Erickson, Chair of the Investment Committee, to the September or October meeting to give the board a report on the work of the committee to date.

7. Power of 3 Update (Frisch).
8. Donor Cultivation Committee: (Frisch).
9. Annual Appeal (Frisch).
 - a. Labor Day mailing.
 - b. Prospects from Board for Annual Appeal.
10. Biennial Report update (Peterson)

League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund
Board Meeting Minutes
Association of Minnesota Counties Building
Wednesday, June 28, 2006

Members Present: Palmer, Regal, Peterson, Hondl, Benson, Salisbury, Steen, Simmons, Stuthman, Palank, Oliver, Frisch, Doepner-Hove, Thompson

Members Absent: Ibrahim, Jenkins Nelsen, Derus, Langsjoen, Myers

Staff Present: Sawyer, Loskinski

Off Board Present: Judy Duffy

Visitors: Mark Halvorson, Laura Wolff, Jenny Thomas of Citizens for Election Integrity

The board convened at 5:35 p.m. to hear from guests, Halvorson, Thomas and Wolff of Citizens for Election Integrity (CEI) regarding the statewide election audit observation project. CEI has recruited about 200 citizens to date, from all political parties in Minnesota, to observe the audit process that will occur after this year's elections. Their goal is to recruit 500 citizen volunteers for this project. They are asking LWVMN to be a co-sponsor to their education and recruitment effort related to this audit project. One LWVMN board member, Anne Salisbury, is on their advisory board. They could use our help with publicity (i.e. to our members) and maybe some help with space for training. If we wish to be more actively involved with CEI, we could have input in designing the training sessions, actively recruiting volunteers, and shaping the education and recruitment strategy. Volunteer training will take place from mid-September through mid-October. This should involve about a two hour session. The time and place of the audits have to be announced before the election and will be held one week after the election, so people would know their time commitment in advance. Palmer thanked the guests for their time and presentation and welcomed them to stay for the discussion of their request at item 9 on the LWVMN board meeting agenda.

Palmer called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m.

1. **Minutes:** Thompson moved to accept the minutes of the Board meeting of May 10, 2006. Seconded and passed unanimously.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Hondl presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending May 31, 2006. The report will be filed for audit.
3. **Development Report:** Frisch moved to accept the Development Report through June 22, 2006. No written report was available. Frisch withdrew the motion until a written report is available for

board members to review.

4. Approval of Local League Projects: Frisch moved to approve local league projects as Education Fund projects by general consent. Seconded and passed unanimously to approve the following projects:

- a. Duluth - Forum on the state of elections in Minnesota, \$400
- b. St. Louis Park - Girls State sponsorship, \$250

5. Funds for Voting Rights Coalition monitoring position: Doepner-Hove moved to approve a \$500 contribution to the Voting Rights Coalition for the purpose of supporting a staff person to monitor Office of Secretary State's follow-up on 2006 election legislation and training of election officials prior to the 2006 Election. Seconded and passed unanimously.

7. Investment Committee and Members: Hondl moved to approve the establishment of an Investment Committee to oversee the management of league investments. Seconded and passed unanimously. Hondl moved to approve the members of the Investment Committee: Kay Erickson, chair; Amy Alvero, Chris Hansen and Carol Frisch. Seconded and passed unanimously. Doepner-Hove asked that the committee report to the LWVMNEF Board at least two times a year. She stated that the committee will need their own by-laws in order to establish standard rules and policies and need to have them reviewed by the LWVMNEF board.

8. Power of 3 Update: Frisch reported that the executive committee will be meeting in July and dispersing more funds. A 100K pledge was received last month. There is a preliminary promise of 50k from Mary Lee Dayton. Two Anderson Foundation gifts are also anticipated. IBM gave an in kind gift of computers. \$3,752,000 has been raised with more anticipated.

9. Donor Cultivation Committee: Frisch reported that this committee has met three times to do strategic planning. They are setting up a system to keep in communication with key donors.

10. Annual Appeal: A mailing will go out around Labor Day for the annual appeal.

11. Biennial Report update: Peterson reported that the Biennial report is ready.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25

Champagne and cake were served to celebrate the LWVUS Convention successes.

Kay Thompson, secretary

LEAGUE/WOMEN VOTERS--EDUCATION FUND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
JUNE 30, 2006

		CURRENT YEAR	LAST YEAR	INCREASE DECREASE

ASSETS				
102	LWVMNEF/SPECIAL FUND	\$ 46,015.60	\$ 14,901.10	\$ 31,114.50
103	LWVMNEF CHECKING	3,964.70	2,670.12	1,294.58
104	LWVMNEF SAVINGS-LL ACCTS	47,933.32	48,815.27	(881.95)
105	THE POWER OF THREE	574,583.12	1,042,416.57	(467,833.45)
106	IN KIND P-3	6,197.00	0.00	6,197.00
119	CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGES	662,558.34	662,558.34	0.00
120	LWVMNEF ACCOUNTS RECEIVAB	10,126.78	5,442.77	4,684.01
121	IN KIND	1,753.00	0.00	1,753.00
122	VOTING PUB	(330.33)	(330.33)	0.00
124	WGP REVISED PUB	0.00	0.00	0.00
128	INDIANS	6,044.67	11,624.83	(5,580.16)
130	ADVANCE TO LWVMN	0.00	0.00	0.00
131	ROAD TO ELECTION BOOK	0.00	0.00	0.00
132	PERMANENT ENDOWMENT	94,772.29	92,142.38	2,629.91
133	ELECTION VIDEO	0.00	0.00	0.00
134	TPT	12,387.94	15,845.16	(3,457.22)
135	LOTT	7,949.00	9,864.56	(1,915.56)
136	VOTER SERVICE\PJ	82,188.83	620.31	81,568.52
137	JUDGES PUB	0.00	0.00	0.00
138	IMMIGRATION PUB	0.00	0.00	0.00
139	SPANISH CURR PUB	0.00	0.00	0.00
140	STUDY VS/WC RESERVE	461,338.67	5,202.99	456,135.68
141	MN COMPACT/DIVERSITY	42,567.95	109.14	42,458.81
142	05-07 STUDY	1,021.02	807.58	213.44
144	HTMD PUB	(15.36)	(3.84)	(11.52)
145	MN WOMENS BLDG PARTNERSHI	250,501.00	250,501.00	0.00
160	EQUIPMENT	51,431.68	51,431.68	0.00
165	ACCUM DEPREC\EQUIPMENT	(44,984.41)	(44,984.41)	0.00
174		0.00	0.00	0.00

	TOTAL ASSETS	2,318,004.81	2,169,635.22	148,369.59
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LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES				
200	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	1,846.76	4,579.15	(2,732.39)
203	IN KIND EXPENSES	1,753.00	0.00	1,753.00
204	IN KIND P-3 EX	6,197.00	0.00	6,197.00
205	ACCTS PAY TO LWVMN	83,736.28	65,885.39	17,850.89
206	DUE TO MWC-P3	43,200.00	43,200.00	0.00
240	CAPITAL BLDG FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00
310	LOCAL LEAGUE ACCTS	54,016.77	64,661.44	(10,644.67)
320	UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	(222,685.39)	(222,685.39)	0.00
330	DESIGNATED FUND BAL	956,387.57	956,387.57	0.00
331	PERM RESTRICTED NET ASSET	90,618.84	90,618.84	0.00
340	BLDG FUND BALANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00
349	SUSPENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00
397	INV FR MN 96-97 OFFICE CO	0.00	0.00	0.00
399	RETAINED EARNINGS - PRIOR	1,281,903.70	1,120,824.83	161,078.87
	RETAINED EARNINGS - CURR	21,030.28	46,163.39	(25,133.11)

	TOTAL LIAB & FUND BAL	\$ 2,318,004.81	\$ 2,169,635.22	\$ 148,369.59
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LEAGUE/WOMEN VOTERS--EDUCATION FUND
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2006

	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	REMAINING BUDGET
LWVMEF INCOME				
LOCAL LEAGUE ACCT ADMIN				
400 LOCAL LEAGUE DEPOSITS	806.50	1,536.50	25,000.00	(23,463.50)
490 INTEREST LL DEPOSITS	13.08	65.49	1,000.00	(934.51)
SUBTOTAL	819.58	1,601.99	26,000.00	(24,398.01)
UNASSIGNED CONTRIBUTIONS				
500 LWV MN MEMBERS	3,050.00	3,421.00	55,000.00	(51,579.00)
505 NON MEMB (ANNUAL AP)	531.58	881.58	10,000.00	(9,118.42)
510 CORPORATIONS/FOUNDATIONS	1,000.00	1,000.00	15,000.00	(14,000.00)
525 MEM NON-CASH CONTRIB	25.50	81.45	1,000.00	(918.55)
527 PERMANENT ENDOW./INTEREST	0.00	399.04	4,000.00	(3,600.96)
528 SPECIAL FUND	15.09	54.94	0.00	54.94
532 LEGACY CIRCLE	0.00	625.00	500.00	125.00
565 BLDG/RENT/REPAIR	760.22	2,280.66	9,200.00	(6,919.34)
590 MEMORIALS/HONORS	50.00	100.00	500.00	(400.00)
592 POSTAGE & HAND	0.00	8.00	600.00	(592.00)
593 SALES TAX	5.50	31.33	500.00	(468.67)
SUBTOTAL	\$ 5,437.89	\$ 8,883.00	\$ 96,300.00	\$ (87,417.00)
PROGRAM: MISC PROJECTS				
1030 NEW STUDY	7.09	10.38	27,000.00	(26,989.62)
1038 DIVERSITY TASK F	147.79	442.87	30,000.00	(29,557.13)
1070 SUFFRAGE MEMORIAL	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	(1,500.00)
1092 POWER OF 3 CAMPAIGN	111,401.64	48,285.64	500,000.00	(451,714.36)
1094 WC RESERVE	212.95	120,895.00	0.00	120,895.00
SUBTOTAL	111,769.47	169,633.89	558,500.00	(388,866.11)

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	PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2006			
	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	REMAINING BUDGET
SOCIAL POLICY				
1110 IMMIGRATION FAIRBAULT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1200 INDIANS IN MN-SALES	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
1210 INDIANS IN MN - ROYALTIES	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
1230 INDIANS STUDY GRANT	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	(12,000.00)
1233 INDIANS INTEREST	42.72	284.22	0.00	284.22
1136 CIT. NET GRANTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	42.72	284.22	15,000.00	(14,715.78)
VOTERS SERVICE				
1610 GENERAL ELECTION DEBATE	0.00	0.00	45,000.00	(45,000.00)
1612 INKIND DEBATES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1620 VOTER GUIDE-SALES	75.00	75.00	10,000.00	(9,925.00)
1625 VOTER GUIDE-GRANT	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	(25,000.00)
1629 ONLINE VOTER GUIDE	0.00	0.00	44,000.00	(44,000.00)
1630 ELECTION HOTLINE	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	(12,000.00)
1639 IN KIND MISC. VOTER SERVI	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1640 VOTER INFO/OUTREACH	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	(15,000.00)
1665 ELECTION PROCESS TRAIN. B	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
1666 ELECTION VIDEO	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
1667 INKIND EL. VIDEO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1672 MN COMPACT	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	(20,000.00)
1690 LL VOTER PROJ	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1692 VOTER SERVICE PJ INTEREST	290.49	552.02	100.00	452.02
SUBTOTAL	365.49	627.02	173,100.00	(172,472.98)
CITIZEN INFORMATION				
1710 FALL/SPRING FOCUS MEALS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1715 IMMIGRATION - TPT	98.79	145.60	10,000.00	(9,854.40)
1720 LOTT	0.00	60.10	45,000.00	(44,939.90)
1721 IN KIND LOTT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1722 CIA ADMISSINS	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	(3,500.00)
1725 CIA GRANTS	0.00	0.00	17,500.00	(17,500.00)
1726 HOW TO M DIFF SALES	30.15	30.15	2,000.00	(1,969.85)
1727 HOW TO M DIFF GRANT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1740 PUBLICATIONS/AV SALES	59.00	434.00	0.00	434.00
1742 WEBSITE D/COM.FAC	0.00	0.00	15,350.00	(15,350.00)
1743 IN KIND WEB SITE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	187.94	669.85	93,350.00	(92,680.15)
TOTAL LWVMNEF INCOME	\$ 118,623.09	\$ 181,699.97	\$ 962,250.00	\$ (780,550.03)
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PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2006

	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	REMAINING BUDGET
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LWVMEF EXPENSES				
LOCAL LEAGUE PROJECTS				
4000 LOCAL LEAGUE GRANTS	332.14	524.07	18,000.00	(17,475.93)
4095 LL ADMIN-LWVMN SERVICES	385.42	1,716.92	9,000.00	(7,283.08)
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SUBTOTAL	717.56	2,240.99	27,000.00	(24,759.01)
LWVMNEF ADMINISTRATION				
5002 STAFF DEVELOPMENT	0.00	0.00	300.00	(300.00)
5005 DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES	0.00	119.80	250.00	(130.20)
5006 IN KIND DEVEL	0.00	0.00	250.00	(250.00)
5007 ANNUAL FUND DR	26.50	26.50	6,000.00	(5,973.50)
5008 ANNUAL FUND DR/L.L. EARNI	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
5009 SERVICES A FUND DR	322.17	994.49	20,000.00	(19,005.51)
5030 OTHER DIRECT EXPENSES	101.14	148.93	600.00	(451.07)
5040 GEN AD. SERVICES	4,617.31	11,287.96	30,000.00	(18,712.04)
5045 PLANNED GIVING EXPENSES	415.32	1,309.07	1,500.00	(190.93)
5047 PLANNED & MEALS	0.00	1,270.67	1,200.00	70.67
5050 LWV MN SERVICES	427.20	4,277.87	9,000.00	(4,722.13)
5065 BLDG/RENT/MANAGEMENT	1,900.55	5,701.65	24,000.00	(18,298.35)
5067 LWVMN SERVICES	557.13	1,422.30	5,000.00	(3,577.70)
5068 BLDG. IMP. CAMP	554.25	64,467.68	23,000.00	41,467.68
5069 BLDG. CAP. CAMPAIGN SERVI	1,527.71	3,014.03	2,500.00	514.00
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SUBTOTAL	\$ 10,449.28	\$ 94,040.95	\$ 125,600.00	\$ (31,559.05)
PROGRAM RELATED COSTS				
7000 EF BOARD EXPENSE	0.00	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
7001 CONFERENCES (BD)	0.00	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
7010 EF ANNUAL REPORT	442.04	442.04	0.00	442.04
7015 EF LEGAL FEES & BANK CHGS	55.09	156.39	650.00	(493.61)
7020 STATIONERY & PERM SUP	401.00	783.66	500.00	283.66
7025 SUBS & RESOURCES	0.00	0.00	400.00	(400.00)
7030 LWUMNEF AUDIT	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	(7,000.00)
7040 SERVICES PROG RELATED	1,098.07	4,706.41	15,000.00	(10,293.59)
7045 POWER OF 3	2,200.45	6,666.67	20,000.00	(13,333.33)
7050 POWER OF 3 SERVICES	2,125.84	5,652.19	30,000.00	(24,347.81)
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SUBTOTAL	6,322.49	18,407.36	74,550.00	(56,142.64)

LEAGUE/WOMEN VOTERS--EDUCATION FUND
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

	PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2006			
	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	REMAINING BUDGET
PROGRAM: MISC PROJECTS				
10026 VOTING PUB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10027 VOTING SYS PUB	0.00	12.21	0.00	12.21
10028 NEW STUDY	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	(10,000.00)
10029 STUDY/NEW	678.86	5,803.19	25,000.00	(19,196.81)
10030 IMMIGRATION INVENTORY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10034 IMMIGRATION FREE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10037 VOTING SYSTEMS FREE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10070 SUFFERAGE MEMORIAL	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
10073 SUFFERAGE SERVICES	47.61	130.56	500.00	(369.44)
10090 BB COMMUN.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10096 DIVERSITY	0.00	287.71	15,000.00	(14,712.29)
10097 DIVERSITY SERVIES	634.80	4,102.96	15,000.00	(10,897.04)
11008 FAIRBAUT IMMIGRATION PROJ	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11009 SERVICES - FAIRAUT PROJ	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11036 IN KIND CITIZENS NETWORK	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11037 CITIZENS NETWORK	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11038 CIT NET/SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	1,361.27	10,336.63	66,500.00	(56,163.37)
SOCIAL POLICY				
12030 INDIANS	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	(5,000.00)
12031 INDIANS SERVICES	113.82	258.27	10,000.00	(9,741.73)
SUBTOTAL	113.82	258.27	15,000.00	(14,741.73)
VOTERS SERVICE				
16010 DEBATE 98	1,500.00	1,500.00	30,000.00	(28,500.00)
16011 LWVMN SERVICES	353.10	2,418.39	15,000.00	(12,581.61)
16012 INKIND DEBATES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16019 VOTER GUIDE FREE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16020 VOTER GUIDE	1,500.00	1,500.00	30,000.00	(28,500.00)
16021 LWVMN SERVICES	794.95	5,128.77	10,000.00	(4,871.23)
16026 PRIMARY VOTER GUIDE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16027 SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16028 ON LINE VOTER GUIDE	0.00	0.00	9,000.00	(9,000.00)
16029 SERVICES ON LINE YG	100.90	1,579.99	35,000.00	(33,420.01)
16030 ELECTION HOTLINE	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	(7,000.00)
16031 LWVMN SERVICES	0.00	46.60	5,000.00	(4,953.40)
16039 IN KIND MISC. VOTER SERVI	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16040 VOTER & CI INFO/OUTREACH	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	(12,000.00)
16041 SERVICES VOTER & CI	914.12	1,964.19	30,000.00	(28,035.81)
16065 LWVMN SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16068 WGP PICKS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16069 WGTP SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16070 ELECTION PROCESS FREE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16071 LWVMN SERVICES	0.00	113.72	1,000.00	(886.28)
16072 MN COMPACT	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	(10,000.00)
16073 MN COMPACT SERVICES	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	(10,000.00)
16080 MISC VOTER SERVICE	25.50	25.50	2,500.00	(2,474.50)
16081 LWVMN SERVICES	8,610.39	15,198.84	24,591.00	(9,392.16)
16082 ED VIDEO	175.00	175.00	0.00	175.00
16083 ELECTION VIDEO FREE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16084 INKIND EL. VIDEO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16090 LL GET VOTE	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	(3,000.00)

LEAGUE/WOMEN VOTERS--EDUCATION FUND
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

		PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2006			
16091 SERVICES	11.10	599.12	5,000.00	(4,400.88)	
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SUBTOTAL	13,985.06	30,250.12	239,091.00	(208,840.88)	
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	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	REMAINING BUDGET	
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CITIZEN INFORMATION					
17001 SERVICES LEADERSHIP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
17005 CITIZENSHIP TRAINING	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	
17006 CIT. TRAIN. SERVICES	0.00	11.23	10,000.00	(9,988.77)	
17010 FOCUS TPT	2,110.00	2,110.00	5,000.00	(2,890.00)	
17011 SERVICES	124.56	158.11	5,000.00	(4,841.89)	
17018 IN KIND EXP LOTT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
17020 LOTT	0.00	51.42	20,000.00	(19,948.58)	
17021 LOTT SERVICES	33.68	123.23	20,000.00	(19,876.77)	
17022 CIA MEETING	0.00	0.00	8,000.00	(8,000.00)	
17023 LWVMN SERVICES	134.70	190.83	13,000.00	(12,809.17)	
17024 HOW TO MAKE DIFF	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	
17025 LWVMN SERVICES	101.03	382.92	2,000.00	(1,617.08)	
17026 FREE DIST HOW DIFF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
17027 HTMD INVENTORY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
17029 IN KIND CIA EXPENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
17040 PUBLICATIONS/AV LIBRARY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
17041 LWVMN SERVICES	344.89	875.64	2,500.00	(1,624.36)	
17043 MN CONVENTION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
17045 MINN VOTER	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	(3,500.00)	
17046 MISC. ACCOUNTS PAY. (AUDI	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
17047 IN KIND WEB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
17048 WEB SITE & DATA BASE	0.00	0.00	350.00	(350.00)	
17049 WEB SITE SERVICES	33.61	1,231.99	15,000.00	(13,768.01)	
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SUBTOTAL	2,882.47	5,135.37	107,350.00	(102,214.63)	
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20000 LWVMNEF RESERVES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL LWVMNEF DIRECT EXPENSES	\$ 35,831.95	\$ 160,669.69	\$ 655,091.00	\$ (494,421.31)	
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NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 82,791.14	\$ 21,030.28	\$ 307,159.00	\$ (286,128.72)	
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ID	Company/Foundation	Project	Req Date	Req Amount	Rcv Date	Rcv Amount	Refuse Date	Comments
14	3M	Voter Service	8/2/2006	\$15,000.00		\$0.00		Sponsorship
1	Allianz	Diversity	4/28/2006	\$10,000.00		\$0.00	7/17/2006	
7	Ameriprise	Voter Service	7/26/2006	\$15,000.00		\$0.00		Sponsorship
12	Andersen Windows	Voters Service	8/1/2006	\$15,000.00		\$0.00		Sponsorship
5	Andersen, Elmer & Eleanor	Gen Op		\$0.00	6/26/2006	\$1,000.00		
8	BC/BS	Voter Service	7/25/2006	\$15,000.00		\$0.00		Sponsorship
16	Dorsey & Whitney	Voter Service	8/2/2006	\$15,000.00		\$0.00		Sponsorship
6	Medtronic Fdtn	Voter Service	7/7/2006	\$20,000.00		\$0.00		OK
2	Minneapolis Fdtn	Voter Service	4/25/2006	\$0.00		\$0.00		All prgms, inquiry updated 6/22/06
3	MN State Bar Fdtn	jud Voter Guide	5/23/2006	\$6,000.00		\$0.00		
13	Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi	Voter Service	8/1/2006	\$15,000.00		\$0.00		Sponsorship
15	SMSC	Voter Service	8/2/2006	\$15,000.00		\$0.00		Sponsorship
4	Target	Debates	2/1/2006	\$20,000.00	5/19/2006	\$20,000.00		
10	United HealthCare	Voter Service	8/1/2006	\$15,000.00		\$0.00		Sponsorship
9	US Bank	Voter Service	7/28/2006	\$15,000.00		\$0.00		Sponsorship
11	West Publisng	Biennial Report	6/1/2006	\$0.00	8/1/2006	\$0.00		In-kind printing



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June 2006-June 2007

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION SEPTEMBER 30, 2006

(Only Leagues up to date with the PMP are eligible to receive pass-thru grants.)

In its continuing quest to engage communities in dialogues and to energize citizens around an important issue, the League of Women Voters has partnered with the Millennium Campaign of the Better World Foundation. League is very proud of this partnership as it continues the efforts began with *Women Engaging Globally* in 2005 – to discuss issues of U.S. Foreign Policy and its impact on the world.

The goal of the Millennium Campaign is to raise citizen awareness and build political will for the achievement of the Goals and to enable people to take action to hold their own governments to account for their Millennium pledges. The goals are to:

1. **Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger**
2. **Ensure that all boys and girls complete primary school**
3. **Promote gender equality and empower women**
4. **Reduce 2/3 the mortality rate among children under five**
5. **Reduce by ¾ the ratio of women dying in childbirth**
6. **Halt and begin to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS and incidence of malaria and other major diseases**
7. **Ensure environmental sustainability**
8. **Develop a global partnership for development**

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Submit the following information:

Name of League: League of Women Voters of Minnesota

City, State: St. Paul, Minnesota

Lead Coordinator: Anne Salisbury

Phone number: (651) 430-1091

*Email (required : annesal@comcast.net

Partner Organizations (if any):

Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program, University of Minnesota
United Nations Association of Minnesota
Confederation of Somali Communities in Minnesota
Minnesota African Women's Association (MAWA)
Union of Sierra Leone
Leadership Empowerment and Development Group (LEAD)
Oromo Community Organization of Minnesota

Name and address of site for event: Human Rights Center, Room 40

Location: University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

Event Date: October 15, 2006 Time: 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Topic: *Voices Against Poverty: Focus on Africa*

Potential Panelists: (Please include name, organization and title)

Bharat Parekh, UN Association of Minnesota, Board member/ Events Coordinator
Melissa Nambangi, Exec. Director, MAWA
Qamar Ibrahim, Exec. Director, LEAD
Saeed Fahia, Exec. Director, Confederation of Somali Communities
Alemayehu Baisa, Exec. Director, Oromo Community of Minnesota
University of Minnesota, Humphrey Fellow from Africa (TBA)

FUNDING INFORMATION

Twenty four grants of \$700 are available – first come, first serve. The funds will be disbursed as follows: 1/2 when application is received, reviewed, and approved and 1/2 at the successful completion of the event and submission of report, pictures, etc.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

The Millennium Campaign and the League wants to encourage creativity and innovation in holding local events and we refrain from being overly prescriptive in shaping local events. We simply require that activities support and promote dialogue and a diversity of opinions and that any panels represent a broad and balanced range of opinions. The following are examples of events: discussion forums, workshops, panel discussions, book discussions.

GRANT RESPONSIBILITIES

The participating League assumes the following responsibilities:

1. Must acknowledge funding from The Millennium Campaign and the League of Women Voters Education Fund on any correspondence relating to your event and also in any invitation, or letter of invitation that you may issue.
2. Must document the event via an article in your League's newsletter
3. Must work hard to ensure coverage of the event in a local newspaper or local TV channel.
4. Must distribute information about the event widely to ensure at least 50 attendees – other than League members.
5. Document age of attendees (seniors, students, other), title of participants, indicate if the event was covered by the press, if so which press, newspaper, radio, TV.
6. Submission of at least 5 event photos (preferably digital) within a week after the event.
7. Submission of original promotional materials, program materials, press clippings (if any) and event related video (if any) with the grant report.
8. Maintain close contact with Zaida Arguedas, Deputy Executive Director and Director of Global Democracy Programs at zarguedas@lwv.org or at 202-263-1351. Final report should be submitted to Zaida no later than 3 weeks after conclusion of event. Questions? Zaida.

Helen

From: "Sally Sawyer" <ssawyer@lwvmn.org>
To: <board@lwvmn.org>
Cc: <mmorem@juno.com>; <staff@lwvmn.org>
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2006 4:28 PM
Subject: [lwvmn board] Additional information for LWVMNEF board agenda re annual appeal

The following message was sent to board@lwvmn.org. Please remember that if you reply to this message it will go to all members of the board list. If you intend to reply only to the sender, please change the address in the "To:" line of your reply before hitting "Send".

This information was inadvertently omitted from the LWVMNEF Board Meeting agenda. My apologies for the oversight.

The LWVMN Education Fund Annual Appeal begins in the next few weeks. The letter will go out the first week of Sept. to 5,000 members and friends followed by follow-up Phonathons. This is a major source of unrestricted Education Funds—last year between the letter and Phonathons, the Appeal raised over \$93,000. Thank you for your participation and support.

We will have appeal letters for board members at the meeting. Please come prepared to make your annual gift. Our goal is to have 100% Board of Directors participation, at whatever level you are comfortable with.

You can also help make this appeal a success by participating in a Phonathon session for high donors. These will be on Tuesday evening Sept. 26 and Thursday evening, Sept. 28 at the State Office. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting.

 Sally Sawyer

LWVMN Executive Director

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To subscribe to or unsubscribe from any LWVMN email lists see <http://www.lwvmn.org/members/emaillists.asp>

8/8/2006

President's report, board meeting August 9, 2006

Ground rules

Welcome Mae Brooks, project director for the diversity Project

As soon as mtg dates are set, will call LLs and invite to send folks to one mtg/year

Are we going to have a report from the study committee?

Update on Governor Quie's commission: public hearings, St Paul and Brainerd—bring copies of article

Ask Carol to read the following?

Dear Carol and Alice and all of the LAC:

While in Washington last weekend for my first LWVUS Board meeting, I heard more and more rave reviews of the Convention and the local and state League efforts. The staff had held their post convention evaluation and they agreed that whenever there is a non-Washington convention, it should be in Minneapolis at the Hilton. They said the responsiveness of the hotel to all of their needs was the best they had ever had. Most regretted that they were not able to get out to see and enjoy more of what the city had to offer and would love another opportunity! Board members were unanimous in their assessment as well.

You all did us proud!!!

Thanks so much.

Judy Duffy

Intl Visitor Leadership Program (Juanita joined me) Mtg with foreign visitors to discuss citizen participation in a democracy woman lawyer from Singapore, chair of Workers Party, arr by State Dept at last minute: Bahrain head of PR, council of Representatives, Egyptian political researcher and journalist; woman from Uganda, member of Parliament and minister of state for the environment

As to nom. Committee guidelines, more like a job description than a policy issue for the board; nom comm. Will come up with final, published list, no need for board approval

Hand out CEI brochures

Transition planning committee to be appointed by pres and responsible to Office Mgt Comm; 6-12 mo. framework, and we met mid-April. 6-10 people; "Committee 'may' interview rather than 'draw on' League members only." Have report ready in Jan. to give board. No one named yet: Stacy has volunteered to serve. I am meeting with 6 former state presidents on Aug 28 to brainstorm. Carol, Jean, Judy, Jean, Anne, Joan

Voting Rights Coalition mtg today: Take Action (MAPA plus Progressive MN), MCN, Edu MN, us—including Linda Loomis, our intern, Gwen, Sally, me: Election Protection: languages, legal advice, hotline, debates, training for Election Protection watchers, tel no. etc.

Investment Comm met June 29 and Aug 1: Amy Alvero, Chris Hansen, woman from Rochester who is not a league member and whose profession is wealth management, chair is Kay Erickson who would've liked to have been here this evening, Sally, Connie, Carol, myself as ex officio

When is next **Voter** deadline, and when will the summer one be out?

Mtg with Doug Tice

Study Committee - 28 interviews

League of Women Voters of Minnesota Board Meeting Minutes
Association of Minnesota Counties Building
Wednesday, June 28, 2006

Members Present: Palmer, Regal, Peterson, Hondl, Benson, Salisbury, Steen, Simmons, Stuthman, Palank, Oliver, Frisch, Doepner-Hove, Thompson

Members Absent: Ibrahim, Jenkins Nelsen, Derus, Langsjoen, Myers

Staff Present: Sawyer, Loskinski

Off Board Present: Judy Duffy

Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m. Palmer announced that Barb Derus is resigning from the board.

1. **Housekeeping:** Sawyer passed around the folder for articles for the Board Memos and President's Mailing as well as expense vouchers and volunteers hours. Hondl encouraged all board members to record their volunteer hours for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006 and get them to her even if they have not done so all year.

2. **President's Report:** Palmer thanked board members who responded to email requests for board votes on participation in the Citizens for Election Integrity audit project and votes on the paper trail resolution presented at the LWVUS convention. Palmer congratulated Judy Duffy on her election to the LWVUS board. The convention was deemed a great success with many positive comments received from attending leagues. Palmer thanked Carol Frisch and Alice Moorman and their 250 plus volunteers. Other thanks: Peterson for the press coverage and the great t-shirts; Simmons, Stuthman and Regal for work on the immigration panel and immigration study proposal; Miriam Simmons and Joan Niemiec of the Minneapolis League for the delightful fund-raiser; Wickstrom for work on the resolution regarding SARA; Salisbury for work on the popular vote initiative Duffy for her work on the LWVUS budget and Jenkins Nelsen for the diversity workshop. Consensus that the anthem singer was wonderful. It was moved seconded and passed unanimously to give Nancy Ellis, the anthem singer, a gift membership to LWV and a packet of information. Frisch will get her address to Sawyer. In summary, the convention was a huge success and Minnesota was involved, visible and instrumental.

3. **LWVUS Board Member Judy Duffy:** Duffy reported that she is eager to take her place on the LWVUS board. She is pleased that the PMP increase was passed as it is essential to fund the membership initiative and the immigration study. There were 125 directions to the board at the end of convention. All directions will be looked at by the board. Duffy will be chairing the advocacy committee.

4. **Minutes of May 10, 2006 Board Meeting:** Thompson moved that the minutes of the 5/10/06 board meeting be approved. Four corrections were noted as follows: opening paragraph: Susan Hoyt is the campaign debates *project director*, paragraph 14: the state study committee *is working with* a research intern, paragraph 15: the LWVUS may be pursuing *retired* women, paragraph 19 C: 4 LOTT *participants*. Seconded and passed unanimously to adopt minutes as corrected.

5. **Treasurer's Report for 5/31/06:** Hondl presented the Treasurer's report which will be filed for audit.

6. **Revision of the Agenda:** Palank asked to add an announcement regarding LOTT and Palmer asked to add next board meeting date.

7. **Appointment of Margit Berg:** Simmons moved the appointment of Margit Berg as the LWVMN representative to the *Living the Questions ...As Minnesota Ages* project. Seconded and passed unanimously.

8. **Appointment of Ady Wickstrom to working group on voting equipment:** Doepner-Hove moved to approve the appointment of Ady Wickstrom to the working group on alternatives for voting equipment to meet HAVA requirements. Seconded and passed unanimously. See agenda for more background information.

9. **Citizens for Election Integrity Statewide Election Audit:** Simmons moved to approve Anne Salisbury as LWVMN representative to the Election Audit Advisory Board. Seconded and passed unanimously. Salisbury moved that LWVMN co-sponsor the statewide election audit project. This option will involve a greater commitment of time, recruitment of volunteer observers and a more active planning role. General discussion ensued with agreement that we are in support of the project. Doepner-Hove questioned where we will get the volunteers to work on this and who will be doing the training of the volunteers. Question was raised as to where Citizens for Election Integrity gets their money and whether we might have any conflict should the funder be an affiliate of one of the political parties. Peterson moved to table the motion until we could be satisfied that the group is in no way partisan. Seconded and passed with one dissent. General agreement that Palmer and Sawyer will check into this and email board members for approval of main motion.

10. **President's Mailing:** Peterson reported that only 3 people responded to her question regarding preferences for the President's mailing. The issue is cost savings for email versus mailing. She will continue to look into possibility of changing to email communication of President's mailing.

11. **Nonpartisan policy and speaking with one voice:** Peterson reviewed the importance of maintaining a nonpartisan stance in this election year. All oral and written materials issued in the LWVMN name must be approved by LWVMN President Helen Palmer and LWVMN Executive Director Sally Sawyer. Be careful to avoid partisan remarks, asides or innuendos in anything associated with the League of Women Voters.

12. **Media Report:** Peterson handed out Tips for Working with the News Media. She reminded members that news releases should be reviewed by Palmer and Sawyer if speaking for LWV.

Peterson handed out her letter to the Star/Tribune after the disappointing Star/Tribune news article and especially disappointing headline on LWVUS convention. She also handed out the response she received from Kate Parry at the Star/Tribune.

13. **Voter Service Report:** Susan Hoyt is working with KSTP to set dates for candidate debates. Laura Wang will send out candidate questions to be used for the Voter Guide as soon as filings close. Barb Person of the St. Louis Park League starts next week as the newly hired Voter Service coordinator. She will do moderator training and many other functions. The election website will be accessible during the election season via the LWVMN website. Linda Loomis, project director, will handle the election Hotline. Hotline will be staffed day before and day of primary and general election in collaboration with KSTP. Applications for the Martin & Brown pass through grants for local candidate forums are due August 1. Discussion as to role we will take in voter registration drives. Simmons will pull out guidelines on voter registration. We have moderator and candidate forum training scheduled for August 5 at Hamline. Discussion as to participating in a joint moderator training session with the Minnesota Participation Project, a project of the Minnesota Council of Non-Profits. They have asked for our curriculum. Consensus that we have a public checklist-type publication on moderator training that we sell to the public but the detailed one we have for local leagues should not be shared. We want to be collaborative, but need to protect our intellectual property.

14. **Nominating Committee:** Regal reported that the committee needs to meet and needs a chair. Suggestions to contact: Alice Moorman, Carol Bergeson, Kathy Tomsich. Palmer will contact them.

15. **Global Democracy - Millennium Development Goals:** Benson reported that grants are available to sponsor an event on October 15 when people all over the world will be standing up for Millennium Development Goals of the UN. She is looking for collaborators on such a project. The UN will provide a speaker but we would need to provide airfare and expenses which is expensive. The deadline for grant application is Sept. 30. Benson will call Qamar Ibrahim for suggestions.

16. **LWVMN Convention 2007 - May 17-19:** Regal: Local league presidents will be encouraged to come to Breezy Point on Thursday for some new president orientation sessions. Regular sessions of convention will begin on Friday. Board decided it would work best to let Thursday attendees purchase their own meals for Thursday and Friday breakfast rather than trying to include those expenses in one of the registration options.

17. **Miscellaneous items:**

A. Palank: LOTT was well received at convention. Kentucky wants to start a LOTT program, as does Georgia.

B. Next board meeting: **Wednesday, August 9, 5:30-8:30 p.m.**

C. Hondl: office management committee needs to meet.

members respond to the email request

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Kay Thompson, Secretary

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison
 As of June 30, 2006

	Jun 30, 06	Jun 30, 05
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Cash and temp. cash investments		
1010 · USbank checking	2,282.90	2,353.96
1050 · USbank savings	392.56	392.29
1080 · Hope Washburn savings		
1081 · CD #2776	2,000.00	2,000.00
1082 · CD #3023	2,000.00	2,000.00
1083 · Wells Fargo - Hope Washburn	2,818.24	2,746.99
Total 1080 · Hope Washburn savings	6,818.24	6,746.99
1099 · Petty cash	25.00	25.00
Total Cash and temp. cash investments	9,518.70	9,518.24
Total Checking/Savings	9,518.70	9,518.24
Accounts Receivable		
1100 · A/R - LWVMNEF	83,736.28	60,795.82
1150 · A/R - due from LL	12,772.25	10,625.75
1200 · A/R - Other	55.69	36.01
Total Accounts Receivable	96,564.22	71,457.58
Other Current Assets		
1450 · In-Kind	1,780.00	1,780.00
1499 · Undeposited Funds	0.00	720.00
Total Other Current Assets	1,780.00	2,500.00
Total Current Assets	107,862.92	83,475.82
Fixed Assets		
Office equipment, net		
1700 · Office equipment	15,622.49	15,622.49
1750 · Accumulated depreciation	-15,607.26	-15,607.26
Total Office equipment, net	15.23	15.23
Total Fixed Assets	15.23	15.23
TOTAL ASSETS	107,878.15	83,491.05
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
2000 · Accounts Payable	5,962.90	7,616.37
2400 · A/P Rent due LWVMNEF	7,609.73	3,010.76
Total Accounts Payable	13,572.63	10,627.13
Other Current Liabilities		
2100 · Payroll Liabilities	6,145.12	5,125.08
2200 · Sales Tax Payable	260.97	263.21
2350 · In Kind	1,780.00	1,780.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	8,186.09	7,168.29
Total Current Liabilities	21,758.72	17,795.42
Total Liabilities	21,758.72	17,795.42
Equity		
3000 · Net assets		
3100 · Unrestricted		
3120 · Hope Washburn Fund	5,309.00	5,309.00
3130 · LWVUS Education Fund	42.80	42.80
Total 3100 · Unrestricted	5,351.80	5,351.80
3400 · Permanently restricted		
3410 · Swisshelm Endowment Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total 3400 · Permanently restricted	1,000.00	1,000.00

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League of Women Voters of Minnesota
Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison
As of June 30, 2006

	<u>Jun 30, 06</u>	<u>Jun 30, 05</u>
Total 3000 · Net assets	6,351.80	6,351.80
3800 · Opening Bal Equity	0.01	0.00
3900 · Retained Earnings, prior year	47,255.98	37,999.43
Net Income	32,511.64	21,344.40
Total Equity	<u>86,119.43</u>	<u>65,695.63</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>107,878.15</u>	<u>83,491.05</u>

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 April through June 2006

	Apr - Jun 06	Budget	% of Budget
Income			
4000 · Membership dues			
4001 · Per member payments	27,352.50	30,000.00	91.2%
4002 · Members at large	2,745.00	10,000.00	27.5%
4005 · CMAL Assessment	0.00	300.00	0.0%
Total 4000 · Membership dues	30,097.50	40,300.00	74.7%
4100 · Contributions			
4101 · Cash contributions - members	4,280.00	7,500.00	57.1%
4102 · Non-cash contributions - member	0.00	55,000.00	0.0%
4105 · Cash contributions - Non-member	655.00	750.00	87.3%
4113 · Honorarium	50.00		
Total 4100 · Contributions	4,985.00	63,250.00	7.9%
4200 · Publication sales			
4210 · Voter	0.00	50.00	0.0%
4220 · DPM / BD memos	0.00	150.00	0.0%
4222 · Membership brochures	2.00	100.00	2.0%
4225 · Capitol Letter	10.00	100.00	10.0%
4228 · Program for Action	0.00	50.00	0.0%
4250 · Calendars	0.00	50.00	0.0%
4290 · Other	0.58	50.00	1.2%
Total 4200 · Publication sales	12.58	550.00	2.3%
4300 · Registration and other fees			
4310 · LWVMN convention			
4311 · 2005, 2007	0.00	100.00	0.0%
Total 4310 · LWVMN convention	0.00	100.00	0.0%
4320 · LWVMN council			
4321 · 2006, 2008	635.00	2,000.00	31.8%
Total 4320 · LWVMN council	635.00	2,000.00	31.8%
Total 4300 · Registration and other fees	635.00	2,100.00	30.2%
4500 · Services provided LWVMNEF			
4510 · LL Ed. Fund account admin.			
4511 · Direct Costs	813.25	4,249.00	19.1%
4512 · Admin. Reimbursements	903.67	4,751.00	19.0%
Total 4510 · LL Ed. Fund account admin.	1,716.92	9,000.00	19.1%
4520 · Grant projects			
4521 · Direct costs	20,451.42	123,878.00	16.5%
4522 · Admin. reimbursement	22,805.79	139,693.00	16.3%
Total 4520 · Grant projects	43,257.21	263,571.00	16.4%
4530 · Program services			
4531 · Direct costs	3,764.47	23,500.00	16.0%
4532 · Admin. reimbursement	4,109.72	26,500.00	15.5%
Total 4530 · Program services	7,874.19	50,000.00	15.7%
4550 · Administration and development			
4551 · Direct costs	10,053.67	31,255.00	32.2%
4552 · Admin. reimbursement	10,942.98	35,245.00	31.0%
Total 4550 · Administration and development	20,996.65	66,500.00	31.6%
Total 4500 · Services provided LWVMNEF	73,844.97	389,071.00	19.0%
4700 · Interest and investment income			
4701 · Savings interest income	0.04	10.00	0.4%
4702 · Board directed investment income	0.00	50.00	0.0%
4703 · Hope Washburn income	10.83		
Total 4700 · Interest and investment income	10.87	60.00	18.1%
4900 · Other income			
4905 · Product sales	7.50	1,200.00	0.6%
4910 · Copier business	0.00	25.00	0.0%
Total 4900 · Other income	7.50	1,225.00	0.6%

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
April through June 2006

	Apr - Jun 06	Budget	% of Budget
Total Income	109,593.42	496,556.00	22.1%
Gross Profit	109,593.42	496,556.00	22.1%
Expense			
5100 · Membership			
5101 · MAL PMP to LWVUS	0.00	5,480.00	0.0%
5102 · EF LL PMP up to 25%	773.77	5,500.00	14.1%
5103 · LL early payment discount	702.90	1,000.00	70.3%
5104 · LL rebate for state MAL's	185.00	1,000.00	18.5%
Total 5100 · Membership	1,661.67	12,980.00	12.8%
5200 · Direct service to LL			
5203 · Membership /field service comm.	0.00	5,000.00	0.0%
5205 · Calls and visits to LL	0.00	1,500.00	0.0%
5210 · Membership campaign	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
5220 · MAL	0.00	100.00	0.0%
5230 · Outreach	0.00	500.00	0.0%
5299 · Office costs	4,701.25	29,112.00	16.1%
Total 5200 · Direct service to LL	4,701.25	37,212.00	12.6%
5300 · Convention and council			
5310 · LWVMN convention			
5312 · 2007	0.00	500.00	0.0%
Total 5310 · LWVMN convention	0.00	500.00	0.0%
5330 · LWVMN council			
5331 · 2006, 2008	2,443.92	2,500.00	97.8%
Total 5330 · LWVMN council	2,443.92	2,500.00	97.8%
5360 · LWVUS convention			
5361 · 2006, 2008	1,002.04	1,000.00	100.2%
Total 5360 · LWVUS convention	1,002.04	1,000.00	100.2%
5399 · Office costs	4,607.53	7,652.00	60.2%
Total 5300 · Convention and council	8,053.49	11,652.00	69.1%
5400 · Publications / communications			
5410 · MN Voter			
5411 · Voter Committee	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
5412 · Printing	1,220.09	7,300.00	16.7%
5413 · Postage	492.96	2,500.00	19.7%
5415 · LWVMNEF contribution - 1/3	0.00	-3,500.00	0.0%
5419 · Office costs	537.71	772.00	69.7%
Total 5410 · MN Voter	2,250.76	8,072.00	27.9%
5420 · Public relations - staff costs	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
5425 · Directory Listings	0.00	500.00	0.0%
Total 5400 · Publications / communications	2,250.76	9,572.00	23.5%
5500 · Action / affiliations			
5510 · Action and program comm.	0.00	12,000.00	0.0%
5520 · Lobbying and monitoring	0.00	7,000.00	0.0%
5530 · Program for Action	0.00	400.00	0.0%
5540 · Resource materials	100.00	300.00	33.3%
5560 · Coalitions and affiliations	325.00	600.00	54.2%
5599 · Office costs	5,054.15	14,837.00	34.1%
Total 5500 · Action / affiliations	5,479.15	35,137.00	15.6%
5700 · Program Support			
5701 · LWVUS	0.00	50.00	0.0%
5702 · MN Study and Consensus	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
5799 · Office Costs	249.47	1,728.00	14.4%
Total 5700 · Program Support	249.47	2,778.00	9.0%
5800 · Other expenses			
5810 · Product Sales			
5811 · Direct Costs	0.00	500.00	0.0%
5812 · Office costs	382.43	1,667.00	22.9%

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Accrual Basis

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 April through June 2006

	Apr - Jun 06	Budget	% of Budget
Total 5810 · Product Sales	382.43	2,167.00	17.6%
5820 · Copier business			
5821 · Direct costs	163.10	594.00	27.5%
5822 · Office costs	7.81	173.00	4.5%
Total 5820 · Copier business	170.91	767.00	22.3%
5830 · Fundraising			
5831 · Direct Costs	1,070.89	3,000.00	35.7%
5832 · Office Costs	430.00	1,699.00	25.3%
Total 5830 · Fundraising	1,500.89	4,699.00	31.9%
Total 5800 · Other expenses	2,054.23	7,633.00	26.9%
6000 · Administration			
6010 · President and board	70.19	30,000.00	0.2%
6015 · Conferences for board	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
6030 · Budget committee	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
6040 · Nominating committee	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
6050 · Bylaws committee	0.00	200.00	0.0%
6060 · Office management committee	0.00	5,000.00	0.0%
6099 · Office costs	13,621.04	49,748.00	27.4%
Total 6000 · Administration	13,691.23	87,948.00	15.6%
6100 · Operating expenses			
6110 · Payroll Expenses	49,527.57	289,134.00	17.1%
6120 · Payroll taxes	4,679.03	25,432.00	18.4%
6130 · Employee benefits	5,316.54	28,760.00	18.5%
6135 · Tech Consultants	0.00	500.00	0.0%
6140 · Staff training	0.00	5,000.00	0.0%
6200 · Office rent	2,273.13	9,100.00	25.0%
6210 · Telephone	826.44	6,500.00	12.7%
6220 · Insurance	585.34	2,600.00	22.5%
6225 · Small equipment	0.00	300.00	0.0%
6230 · Equipment rental / mtn.	895.58	4,400.00	20.4%
6240 · Copier rental / mtn.	2,135.54	7,300.00	29.3%
6250 · Office supplies	1,287.91	4,000.00	32.2%
6255 · Computer software and supplies	0.00	5,000.00	0.0%
6260 · Internet service provider	201.67	350.00	57.6%
6270 · Postage and shipping	900.00	5,000.00	18.0%
6285 · Bank charges	66.27	250.00	26.5%
6290 · Audit and accounting fees	0.00	6,000.00	0.0%
Total 6100 · Operating expenses	68,695.02	399,626.00	17.2%
6300 · LWVMN staff cost alloc.	-29,754.49	-107,982.00	27.6%
Total Expense	77,081.78	496,556.00	15.5%
Net Income	32,511.64	0.00	100.0%

----- Original Message -----

From: Derus, Barbara

To: Helen Palmer

Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2006 10:46 AM

Subject: LOTT

Helen,

Please ~~except~~^{accept} my apologies for all the absences from the board as of late. After speaking with you yesterday, I think we both agreed that it would be in both our best interests for me to step down from the board and give someone else the chance to represent LOTT. It is a fantastic program and I wish I had more time to give to them, but unfortunately right now I just don't. They deserve to have someone who can be there on a regular basis and have their voice heard. I thank you for the chance to serve on your board and all that it taught me.

On a more personal note, I sincerely want to thank you for your guidance and support. You have been a great mentor and I very much admire the job that you do. As a citizen and a league member, thank you for all your commitment to voters across the nation. I hope we can keep in touch. I will be running for office someday in the near future and my time with the League has only given me more drive to do so. Thank you for everything!

Barb Derus

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LWVMN/EF Board Meetings
Wednesday, June 28, 2006
5:30 to 8:30 pm
Association of Minnesota Counties
125 Charles Avenue (immediately behind the Minnesota Women's Building)
St. Paul
651/224-5445~1-800-663-9328
office@lwvmn.org~lwvmn.org

Mission

League of Women Voters Minnesota, a nonpartisan, political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Diversity

League of Women Voters Minnesota affirms its commitment to reflecting the diversity of Minnesota in its membership and strives to overcome barriers of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability in the activities of the organization.

5:30 to 5:45 pm	Guests Mark Halvorson, Jenny Thomas, Laura Wolff of Citizens for Election Integrity (re LWVMN agenda item 9)
5:45 to 6:15 pm	LWVMNEF Board meeting
6:15 to 6:30 pm	Break for supper
6:30 to 8:30 pm	LWVMN Board meeting

Note: for supper we will pass the hat to cover costs. Volunteer still needed—but we may just order pizza or sub sandwiches.

	Mins.	Agenda
1.	2	Housekeeping/Sawyer
2.	15	President's Report/Palmer
3.	10	LWVUS board member report from Judy Duffy
		Action
4.	3	Minutes of 5/10/06 Board Meeting/Thompson
5.	5	Treasurer's Report for 5/31/06/Hondl
6.	2	Revision of the Agenda/all
7.	5	Approval of Margit Berg as rep. to <i>Living the Questions</i> project/Simmons
8.	5	Approval of Ady Wickstrom as rep. to legislative working group on voting equipment/Doepner-Hove
		Discussion
9.	15	Citizens for Election Integrity statewide election audit project/Salisbury
10.	3	Presidents Mailing preference poll/Peterson
11.	5	Media update/Peterson
12.	5	Non-partisan policy/speaking with one voice Peterson

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 14. 10 Nominating Committee/ Regal
 15. 10 Global Democracy—Millennium Development Goals/Salisbury
 16. 10 LWVMN Convention 2007/Regal, Simmons, Morem

Agenda

1. **Housekeeping:** Sawyer: please bring articles for Board Memo/Presidents' Mailing as well as expense vouchers and volunteer hours. Note that the LWVMN office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, July 3rd & 4th.
2. **President's Report:** Palmer will review US Convention.
3. **LWVUS Board Member Judy Duffy:** congratulations from the board. Comments/perspective from Judy.
4. **Minutes of 5/10/06 Board Meeting:** Thompson: Motion: to approve the minutes of the 5/10/06 LWVMN Meeting as printed and enclosed (or corrected).
5. **Treasurer's Report for 5/31/06:** Hondl: the report will be filed for audit.
6. **Revision of the Agenda:** items may be added at this time.
7. **Appointment of Margit Berg:** Simmons: to approve the appointment of Margit Berg as the LWVMN representative to the *Living the Questions. . . As Minnesota Ages*, project.

Background: This is a project of the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging (MAAA). Margit discussed the project, the mission of which is to engage all sectors in the planning for the aging of Minnesota, with LWVMN Board on 5/10; she has agreed to follow the project on behalf of LWVMN. As board members will recall, there are several options for LWVMN involvement: encouraging local study, sponsoring fellows, providing consultation and directing the fellowship program.

8. **Appointment of Ady Wickstrom to working group on voting equipment:** Steen: Motion: to approve the appointment of Ady Wickstrom to the working group on alternatives for voting equipment to meet HAVA requirements.
Background: "As a result of a meeting between the OSS, legislators, county election officials and other interested parties (I was asked to attend by Jim Hanson from the OSS), an amendment was written to an election bill that created a working group charged with looking at alternatives for voting equipment to meet the HAVA requirements. The group will be chaired by Mark Halvorson (Election Integrity MN) and Mai Thor (Disability Law Center). In addition to the chairs the amendment requires the membership of 4 legislators (2 from each body and 2 from each party), representatives of the OSS, city and county election officials, and other interested people to be approved by the committee. As a party to the creation of the working group, I would like to be appointed and have spoken to Mark Halvorson. If appointed, I would like to be on the task force as a representative of LWVMN."

Discussion

9. **Citizens for Election Integrity Statewide Election Audit:**
 Simmons: **Motion:** to approve Anne Salisbury as LWVMN representative to the Election Audit Advisory Board.
 Salisbury: **Motion:** that LWVMN co-sponsor the statewide election audit project.

Background: You will recall from our recent board meeting that we talked about the proposal from Citizens for Election Integrity that LWVMN participate in their 2006 election audit observing project program and serve on their advisory board. Following the board meeting, board members agreed via email that LWVMN should be represented on the Audit Advisory Board, and that LWVMN officially endorse the audit program. A third option, co-sponsorship of the audit program, will involve a greater commitment of time, recruitment of volunteer observers, and a more active planning role. Enclosed is the brochure describing the project—it was distributed at the LWVUS Convention.

10. **Presidents' Mailing preference:** Peterson will report.
11. **Media Report:** Peterson will report on convention coverage and media contacts. See enclosed letter to Kate Parry, reader rep. of the Star Tribune.
12. **Nonpartisan policy and speaking with one voice:** Peterson will review the importance of maintaining a nonpartisan stance in this election year as reflected in the following statement:
LWVMN Nonpartisanship and Communications: *"The nonpartisanship of the LWVMN is the basis of our public credibility and must be carefully maintained. All members are responsible for maintaining the LWVMN's reputation for fairness and objectivity."* All oral and written materials issued in the LWVMN name must be approved by LWVMN President Helen Palmer and LWVMN Executive Director Sally Sawyer. As Communications/PR chair Juanita is the coordinator/liaison/point person of print/air/media publicity and information.
13. **Voter Service Report:** Doepner-Hove will report on the status of voter service projects: Debates, Voter Guide, Judicial Voter Guide, website election pages, voter service coordinator, Martin & Brown pass-through grants for local candidate forums, Election Hotline, Election Protection/Voting Rights Coalition (see EF agenda)
14. **Nominating Committee:** Regal: the member resources committee will review revised Nominating Committee Guidelines as prepared by Stacy Doepner-Hove and present them to the board in August for approval. We are sorry to report that the Nominating Committee Chair who was elected at the 2005 LWVMN Convention, Michelle Kukoleca Hammes, has resigned. We need your suggestions for a chair, who will then be appointed at the August Board Meeting along with two members of the LWVMN Board. The two elected members of the committee are Ann Berry of RoMaFH and Cathy Cella of Edina.
15. **Global Democracy—Millennium Development:** Salisbury: will report on the Global Democracy Domestic Programs session she attended at Convention. She suggests that LWVMN have an event on October 15th which is the day when people all over the world will be standing up for Millennium Development Goals. She suggests speakers to inspire us in understanding and awareness of the Goals: eliminate poverty and hunger especially in Africa. LWVMN has an opportunity to show African immigrants that we appreciate what is happening in their homelands and want to help.

Voices of
poverty

UN speaker -
pay for
air fare

Work on a
project, get
some \$ from
LWVUS!

16. **LWVMN Convention 2007:** Regal, Simmons, Morem: planning is underway for our May 17-19, 2007 state convention at Breezy Point. Budget, Bylaws, Program, Nominating Committees will begin their work in the fall. Be thinking about workshops, speakers to fit in with our theme of The Gift of Time.

Aug 9th?
next mtg.
17. LOTT
18. mtg date

Helen

From: "Kay Thompson" <KayMarieT@msn.com>
To: "Helen Palmer" <helenpalmer@mn.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2006 10:38 AM
Subject: minutes copied into email

League of Women Voters of Minnesota Board Meeting
 Minutes
 Minnesota Women's Building
 Wednesday, May 10, 2006

Members Present: Palmer, Thompson, Jenkins Nelsen, Oliver, Steen, Simmons, Langsjoen, Salisbury, Benson, Peterson, Stuthman, Hondl, Regal, Myers, Frisch, Palank

Members Absent: Derus, Doepner-Hove, Ibrahim

Staff Present: Sawyer, Losinkski, Wickstrom

Off-Board Present: Morem

Visitors: Gail Schoenfelder, Margit Berg, Ellen Biales, Shirley Nelson, Susan Hoyt

Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Palmer welcomed Susan Hoyt, newly hired campaign debates chair to the meeting.

Housekeeping. Sawyer passed around the file for vouchers, volunteer hours and articles for Presidents' Mailing.

2. President's Report:

- Breezy Point has been selected as the site for the state convention in 2007.
- Kay Erickson will chair the newly formed investment committee. The state president will appoint 5 to serve on the committee. Three committee members will be LWV members and two committee members will have expertise in financial matters. The terms will be for two years. It is anticipated that the committee will meet 3-4 times a year.
- There will be a transition planning committee to look for a replacement for Sally Sawyer upon her retirement. Materials outlining some of the ways to handle transition were passed out. One method is to hire an interim executive director. A copy of an Executive Transition Board Checklist was provided to all board members. The Office Management Committee has suggested a 7 member transition committee made up of 4 board and 3 non-board members. Nothing has been decided at this point; the interim executive director is just one way to approach this.
- Palmer is representing the LWVMN on former Governor Quie's Commission on the Preservation of an Impartial Judiciary. A report will be issued at the end of December
- LWVMN has been invited to work on the Judicial Campaign Conduct Committee of the Minnesota State Bar Association. More to follow, as we work out an appropriate role for the League.
- We collaborated with the St. Paul league and moderated a May 1 Law Day Forum on the separation of Powers. About 60 people attended the forum.
- Judy Duffy and Helen Palmer appeared on Joan Higinbotham's TV show.
- Things are popping on the list serves related to the upcoming LWVUS convention.

3. Minutes: Thompson moved to approve the minutes of the 3/15/06 LWVMN board meeting as mailed.

Paragraph 9 was corrected at line 4 to change "volunteer from Northfield" to "intern from St. Olaf." At paragraph 19 a, "a journalist whose beat is philanthropy, Margaret Steen" was added at the end of the first sentence. Seconded and passed unanimously to approve minutes as corrected.

Thompson moved to approve the minutes of the 2006 Council meeting as mailed. The direction to the board at paragraph 9 was corrected from "standardized dues form" to "standardized membership form." Seconded and passed unanimously to approve Council minutes as corrected.

4. Treasurer's Report: Hondl presented the Treasurer's Report for 3/31/06 and answered questions regarding the report. The report will be filed for audit.

5. Revision of the Agenda: Simmons, Palank, Frisch and Wickstrom asked to add items to the agenda.

6. President's Mailing: Peterson moved that LWVMN switch from hard copy to email to send the President's Mailing after the May 2006 edition. After much discussion, Peterson withdrew the motion.

7. Battered Women's Coalition: Salisbury moved that LWVMN join the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women (MCBW). LWVMN would serve as a "supportive, non-voting organization." Seconded and passed unanimously to join the Coalition and pay the dues of \$75.

8. Women Candidate Development Coalition: Ellen Biales and Shirley Nelson of the Women Candidate Development Coalition were introduced. They asked that the LWVMN increase its membership dues in the coalition from \$50 to \$100. LWVMN has been a part of the coalition since 1986. League members including Joan Higinbotham, Kay Erickson and Ellen Biales have served on the board. The coalition's goal is to promote pro-choice women candidates for public office. Moved, seconded and passed unanimously to increase our dues amount to \$100.

9. LWVUS Convention Local Arrangement Committee Report: Frisch reported that everything is under control. Board members are urged to check the delegate list available online to make sure that your local league has submitted delegate names properly. Some of the tours offered to convention delegates may be cancelled due to lack of registrants. There are still many tour opportunities.

10. LWVUS Convention Publicity: Peterson and her committee have been working on this for two years and can enthusiastically report that much publicity is in the works. A media panel is being planned featuring outstanding journalists from the twin cities area. Peterson has yellow convention T-Shirts available for sale for \$18. The profits from these sales will go to defray the costs of providing convention volunteers with free purple T-Shirts.

11. LWVUS Convention: Proposed Study on Immigration: Simmons reported that several variations of a national immigration study have been submitted to LWVUS. The issue now is how to word the study so as to define the scope. National has recommended a study of "Immigration Policy." LWVMN is sponsoring a caucus on Friday of convention from 8 - 10 p.m. Judy Stuthman has arranged a panel. There will be another caucus on Saturday night. 1000 copies of our immigration study are being printed to give to convention delegates.

12. LWVMN Council, April, 2006: Simmons announced that the Council evaluations were good. About 33 evaluations were received out of 73 in attendance. Langsjoen felt that the PMP discussions were very interesting. A qualified majority seem to think that a \$2.50 raise in national PMP was okay.

13. LWVMN Convention 2007 Site: Regal announced that the 2007 convention site will be Breezy Point Resort near Brainerd, Minnesota. This site was approved by the LWVMN Board via email on April 27. It has been suggested that the Presidents come a day early for a President's Workshop.

14. State Study: Steen reported that the study committee continues and has hired a research intern from St. Olaf for about 18 hours a week during the summer. The first draft of a written report from the committee should be out in August. Local leagues could probably schedule their meetings on the study for sometime in January or February, 2007.

15. Diversity: Jenkins Nelsen will be conducting a workshop on diversity at LWVUS Convention with 300-400 expected to attend. There will be a display table with books etc, regarding diversity issues at convention.

**League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund
Board Meeting**

Association of Minnesota Counties' Building
Wednesday, June 28, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

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ACTION

- Minutes of May 10, 2006 (Thompson)
- Treasurer's Report for May 31, 2006 (Hondl)
- Development Report (Frisch)
- Revision of Agenda
- Approval of Local League Projects as Education Fund (Frisch)
- Approval of funds to support Voting Rights monitoring position (Doepner-Hove)
- Approval of establishment of Investment Committee & members (Hondl)
- Power of 3 (Frisch)
- Donor Cultivation (Frisch)
- Annual Appeal (Frisch)
- Biennial Report update (Peterson)

ACTION

1. Minutes: (Thompson) MOTION: To accept minutes of the Board Meeting of May 10, 2006.
2. Treasurer's Report: (Hondl) Treasurer's Report for the period ending May 31, 2006 will be filed for audit.
3. Development Report: (Frisch) MOTION: To accept the Development Report through June 22, 2006.
 - a. Sponsorship packets will be sent out in July.
4. Revision of Agenda.
5. Approval of Local League Projects: (Frisch) MOTION: To approve Local League projects as Education Fund projects by general consent.

BACKGROUND: Preliminary Review Committee, consisting of the LWVMNEF President, Executive Director and Development Director or Treasurer, has read and reviewed projects. Full applications are available at the meeting.

- a. Duluth – Forum on the state of elections in MN, \$400
- b. St. Louis Park – Girls State, \$250

6. Funds for Voting Rights Coalition monitoring position: (Doepner-Hove) MOTION: to approve a \$500 contribution to the Voting Rights Coalition for the purpose of supporting a staff person to monitor Office Secretary of State's follow-up on 2006 election legislation and training of election officials prior to the 2006 Election.

BACKGROUND: LWVMN has been part of the voting rights coalition (also known as Election Protection) which formed originally before the 2004 election; it has been spearheaded and staffed by MAPA. This year MAPA and Progressive Minnesota merged to form an organization entitled Take Action Minnesota. The staff person who has worked on voting rights issues will not be continuing and Take Action Minnesota only has funds for some of the coalition's pre-election projects but not for monitoring of OSS election activities. Coalition members are trying to raise sufficient funds to support this monitoring project. Because it is monitoring and not action, these funds can be drawn from our Education Fund, either from unrestricted funds, Bridge funds or possibly from unrestricted voter service funds. Gwen Myers has notified the coalition that LWVMNEF can provide \$500, contingent upon board approval. If the Board has concerns about supporting this project with EF funds, funds could come from unrestricted sources in the LWVMN Budget. Note: the fiscal agent for this project must be a 501c3 organization in order for the funds to come from LWVMNEF.

7. Investment Committee and Members: (Hondl) MOTION: to approve the establishment of an Investment Committee to oversee the management of league investments.

BACKGROUND: The committee will consist of five members. A majority will be League members and at least two shall have professional investment experience. The LWV President, Executive Director and Treasurer will serve as *ex officio* members. Ten years ago the LWVMN/EF formed an Investment Committee to supervise its investments. The committee set gift acceptance policies, standards of conduct and investment fund policies for LWVMN and LWVMNEF. Because of the success of the P3 Campaign it is time to review and perhaps revise those policies. A group of potential members has met three times to begin reviewing the committee's role and responsibilities. (See enclosed June 1, 2006 meeting minutes.)

(Hondl) MOTION: to approve the members of the Investment Committee: Kay Erickson, chair; Amy Alvero, Chris Hansen, and Carol Frisch. (We have one additional person we are waiting to hear from.)

BACKGROUND: Here are brief bios of committee members.

Kay Erickson, Chair, has been an LWV member since 1981 and is a current member of the South Tonka LWV. She has served LWVMN/EF in a number of areas including development, field service, action and as president from 1992-1995. She has also served on the Minnesota Women's Consortium Steering Committee, the Women Candidate Development Coalition, Minnetonka Charter Commission and Comprehensive Plan Citizen's Committee and the LOTT Board.

Amy Alvero has been a member of LWV Edina since 1998, fulfilling such roles as finance drive chair, budget chair and treasurer. Amy worked in various finance, accounting and budgeting functions at Ameriprise Financial between 1989 and 1997. Since then, she has fulfilled similar and many other types of functions for a variety of volunteer organizations (LWVE, Edina ECFE, Concord PTO, Normandale Lutheran Church,

Edina hockey and soccer associations). She has a BA in economics from St. Olaf College and an MBA from the University of Minnesota as well as CPA certification from the state of Minnesota.

Carol Frisch is currently chair of the Power of 3 Campaign and LWVMN/EF Development Director. She has served LWV, both at the local and state levels, in many capacities and is the immediate past president of LWVMN/EF.

Chris Hansen, member of Unit 48 in LWV Minneapolis, has over 15 years in the financial services industry (banking, insurance and brokerage). She is currently Vice President of U.S. Bank Private Client Group in Minneapolis. She has an MBA in Marketing and Finance from Northwestern University in Evanston, IL. She lives in Minneapolis with her husband and two children.

8. Power of 3 Update (Frisch).
9. Donor Cultivation Committee: (Frisch).
10. Annual Appeal (Frisch).
 - a. Labor Day mailing.
 - b. Prospects from Board for Annual Appeal.
11. Biennial Report update (Peterson)

President's report for board meeting June 28, 2006

Before I talk about the convention, I want to thank you for your quick responses to to e-mail votes that you made since the last board meeting. First, and this has to do with the Citizens for Election ~~into a gritty~~ ^{Integrity} audit observation project, you agreed (unanimous vote) that

a. LWVMN be represented on the Audit Advisory Board, and

b. LWVMN officially endorse the audit program

The second vote, also unanimous, gave ~~you~~ ^{us} approval to our Minnesota resolution requiring a voter verified paper record/ballot for all voting systems

The LWVUS supports only voting systems that are so designed that:

- a) they employ a voter verifiable paper record; that paper record being the official record of the voter's intention; and
- b) the voter may verify, either by eye or with the aid of suitable devices for those who have impaired vision, that the paper record accurately reflects his or her intent; and
- c) such verification takes place while the voter is still in the process of voting; and
- d) the paper record can be used for audits and recounts; and thus
- e) the vote totals can be verified by an independent hand count of the paper records, and
- f) that routine, random audits of a portion of the paper records be conducted in every election, and published by the jurisdiction.

X Because you supported this, we were able to presented at the convention as an official LWVMN resolution, that no doubt helped it succeed.

And now to the convention. *(Queen's report)*

Congratulations to Judy Duffy, one of eight national board members elected at the convention.

And huge thank yous to:

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Message: 9

Date: Sat, 25 Oct 2003 20:49:51 -0700

From: "CarsonLWV" <carsonlwv@earthlink.net>

Subject: RE: "A DEFENSE OF TOUCHSCREEN SECURITY IN GEORGIA"

Dear Barbara,

Obviously in the mathematical and scientific world there are some issues for which there is only one "true answer." However the areas of broad public policy which the League of Women Voters addresses at all levels of government, are just not simple mathematical or scientific problems for which there is a single answer. Rather there is always a minimum of two "sides" to these broad public policy issues, and often many more than two. Choosing among competing voting systems is not a matter of "proving" the truth of a geometry problem. It involves an analysis of many complex factors in order to arrive at the best feasible solution, but obviously not the only possible solution. This kind of policy issue is just not reducible to a single mathematically determined "right answer".

It is obviously possible for a single computer in a single environment to be manipulated for any number of purposes, legal or illegal. However this basic concept has been expanded by the advocates of voter verified ballots to a conclusion that voting across the country over extended periods of time can be similarly manipulated. Such a conclusion must be based upon a belief that there could be a continuing nationwide conspiracy between voting system manufacturers and all election officials throughout the country, and that there is only a single method of preventing the possible success of this vast conspiracy. Personally I cannot envision how such a vast conspiracy, involving so many people, could ever be implemented; and even if it could ever be implemented, how it could continue for any length of time without being discovered. And finally I can't believe there is only one possible way to prevent such a Doomsday scenario.

✓ Carol Frisch (and Alice Moormann and all their committee chairs and volunteers)
✓ Juanita Peterson -- T-shirts, billboards, Garrison Keillor, media panels, on-site press relations. Huge success of Meeting in the Middle logo/message

✓ Miriam Simmons -- immigration national program item, immigration panel, fundraiser (Ann Reed), voter verified paper record/ballot work, encouraging and educating new delegates involved and up to speed, and making everything else work

✓ Judy Stuthman (Joan Regal?) -- immigration panel and discussion

✓ Ady Wickstrom -- got the paper ballot/record resolution passed, and this involved some tricky diplomacy with the CARL group, no small feat. 439-269

✓ Vivian Jenkins Nelsen -- three-hour workshop on diversity

✓ Anne Salisbury -- National Popular Vote caucus

it was by all accounts an outstanding convention (I didn't want it to end, "omnipleasant"). It was invigorating, intellectually stimulating there was a kind of energy in the air from the very start; helped by the St. Paul Pioneer press many editorial beginning with "Welcome Wonder Women" and ending with "Hail to Thee LWV!" Proclamation from Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak making Saturday, June 10, 2006 League of Women Voters day in Minneapolis.

It was also an outstanding convention purely for Minnesota -- the election of Judy Duffy, the passage of our voter verified paper record/ballot motion. And let's not forget the victory of our SARA resolution two years ago: the impact of that was felt throughout this convention; the adoption of the three-year national study on immigration with considerable publicity for our own study; Judy Duffy's fine work as national budget chair and the victory of the PMP increase and funds set aside for the immigration study; our continuing harmonious relns with Kay Maxwell who by the way was interviewed by Gary Eichten on MPR's noon show the day before the convention.

✓ Death penalty concurrence
✓ New officers, incl. New pres. Marie Wilson
✓ "citizens" removed, so that it reads "encourage informed participation in government" (Mpls motion)
balance of powers to be added to Democracy Agenda
✓ As was Internet Neutrality

✓ MN also central because of White decision

7. We need to bring up the fact that the Nominating Committee chair position is now vacant and ask for help. (Also will need to appoint two board members to the committee -- will do that in August)

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>It is a response from Georgia's Former Gov. Barnes' Chief of Staff

>in light of the ongoing "conspiracy" theories relating

>to touch-screen voting that have proliferated on this list-serve.

>I would copy it, but it contains links to other places and is

>somewhat long.

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>If Governor Barnes and his staff are statisfied that the vote

>count was accurate ... why does the conspiracy theory persist?

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>Robin Tokmakian LWV Monterey Peninsula - CA

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ask Sally

What about another member of the investment committee?

Barb Derus has resigned from the board; we need to think about replacing her

Mary Wilson's elevator speech *"We're the org you go to to help get people involved in pub. policy."* *"We can show you how to go about getting that done"*
Garrison Keillor's remark about our timidity
grass roots is also key

~~Announce Barb Person, voter service coordinator~~

not recs. Much attention is being paid to the issue of judicial independence, as was evident in the very fine panel during a plenary session and also the caucus that featured Minnesota's Justice Wilhelmina Wright. Former Governor Quie came to that plenary session panel, was introduced by President Maxwell, and then sat with the Minnesota delegation. The fact that LWVMN is represented on his commission looking at the issue is no small thing.

not recs. Citizen participation is the only way (Bobby King)

Should we write a letter to the national office asking for our resolution to be publicized?

Dear board members:

You will recall from our recent board meeting that we talked about the proposal from Citizens for Election Integrity that LWVMN participate in their 2006 election audit observing project. Stacy Doepner-Hove had e-mailed you the project proposal prior to the board meeting May 10 with her suggestion that we might serve on their advisory board and also endorse the audit program.

Mark Halvorson, CEI Director, and Jenny Thomas, CEI Board Chair, met May 17 with Sally, Anne Salisbury and me for more detailed discussion of how the project will work. It looks very exciting, and we think the League should definitely be involved at least at the level of endorsing the program and serving on their advisory board. In her note Stacy also finds it doable.

So! I am asking you for your approval that

a. LWVMN be represented on the Audit Advisory Board, and

b. LWVMN officially endorse the audit program

Neither of these involves spending any money. Either Stacy or Anne Salisbury will serve on the advisory board, should you approve this request. CEI is also interested in having us participate as an official cosponsor of the audit program, but this is more complicated and will require board discussion when we meet on June 28.

Since CEI needs to get out a brochure right away, I am asking for your speedy response: I will need it by Monday evening May 22 at the latest. If you have questions, please call me (612 377 5972). I think this is an exciting development and a great opportunity for LWVMN. I hope for your support.

Leonard to the serious technical questions being raised by LWV members, those of us who are fighting to preserve democracy in this country have shown incredible restraint.

Regards,
Barbara

P.S. If you think that my saying that Ms. Maxwell has been non-responsive is a personal attack, then I guess that you and I have a very different notion of what "personal attack" means. I intend to continue referring to Ms. Maxwell as non-responsive until she responds to the very serious technical issues that we have raised.

On 10/24/03 11:17 PM, "CarsonLWV" <carsonlwv@earthlink.net> wrote:

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Dignity went out the window when the nasty personal attacks on Kay Maxwell and the National Board began. They continue, and are getting worse.

As far as my personal statement of opinion is concerned, the "experienced computer programs who believe that it is possible to modify the program code to produce results different from what an outsider would expect" have not hesitated to be as brutally frank as possible about their opinion of those who do not totally agree with them. What's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.

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Transit Partners

Goal Statement Transit (7/13/06 DRAFT)

To convince the 2007 Minnesota Legislature (and Governor) to substantially increase funding for transit in order to implement the Metropolitan Council's transit plan¹ by 2020 rather than 2030, and to provide for expansion of transit in greater Minnesota.

In support of this goal, we believe the following:

- A new funding source for transit is urgently needed to increase access for all citizens and to promote economic development.
- The estimated amount needed is \$300 million/yr (or \$180 million per year if the Transportation Referendum passes in November 06).
- The new funding source should be dedicated revenue that enables MN to match federal "new starts" funding for planned transitways.
- We support the existing Metropolitan Council transit plan which stipulates that over 50% of new money for transit be used to double the bus system.
- The new transit funding source should be equitable and provide for efficient implementation.
- To date, we think a regional (7-county) sales tax (approximately ½ cent) offers the best prospect for gaining the political support necessary for passage. (* however we are open to dialogue about other funding sources including raising and "un-dedicating" gas tax revenues/license tab fees)

¹ This plan does a good job of identifying priorities for future transit investments. However, we anticipate that it will need to be adjusted over time to reflect changing conditions and opportunities.

League of Women Voters of Minnesota (LWVMN)
Nominating Committee Guidelines
Adopted by the LWVMN Board ?????, 2006

The LWVMN Nominating Committee is the most important committee at all levels of LWV: local, state and national. The choices of this committee shape the future of the League of Women Voters. The Nominating Committee is responsible to the LWV membership as a whole rather than to the board, the executive director or the president. These guidelines are intended to help the Committee in its work, but are not to be considered the absolute rule on anything. It is up to the Committee to do what it thinks is right in any given situation, bound only by the LWVMN bylaws as follows:

Article X
Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members, two of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. The chairperson and two members, who shall not be members of the Board of Directors, shall be elected by the Convention. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. Further nominations may be made from the floor of the Convention. The other members of the committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors immediately after the Convention. Vacancies occurring in the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors. The president of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall send the name and address of the chairperson of the nominating Committee to the president of each recognized local League.

Section 2. Suggestions for Nominations. The Chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall request through the president of each local League suggestions for nominations for offices to be filled. Any member may send suggestions to the chairperson of the Nominating Committee.

Section 3. Report of the Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor. The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for officers, directors, chairperson of the Budget Committee, and the chairperson and two members of the succeeding Nominating Committee shall be sent to local Leagues at least six weeks before the date of the Convention. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be presented to the Convention on the first day of the Convention. Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any member of the Convention, provided that the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.

Section 4. Election. The election shall be under the direction of an Election Committee appointed by the president on the first day of the Convention. The election shall be by ballot. When there is but one nominee for each office, it shall be in order to move that the secretary cast the ballot for every candidate. A majority vote of those present and voting shall constitute an election.

Guidelines

I. Composition of the Nominating Committee

- a. The size and composition of the Nominating Committee is set forth in the LWVMN bylaws and it should be noted that the majority of members on the Committee are elected by the membership at Convention and are not appointed by the Board.
- b. The Nominating Committee chair is an off-board position and neither the LWVMN president nor the LWVMN executive director hold a place on the Nominating Committee, not even in an ex-officio capacity.
- c. Any Nominating Committee member who chooses to be nominated for one of the officer positions should resign from the nominating Committee.

- d. Members of the Nominating Committee should understand and be able to explain the responsibilities of a board member and how the LWVMN functions. They should also understand the LWVMN non-partisanship policy and should be well acquainted with the membership.

II. General Procedures

- a. Review the LWVMN bylaws and portfolio descriptions to determine the offices to be filled and the requirements for each office or portfolio.
- b. Visit Board meetings and other LWVMN meetings as observers to become familiar with likely candidates for office.
- c. Solicit suggestions from the Board and the membership through the *Voter*, the President's mailing, lwvmn-share and by announcements at meetings.
- d. Review membership lists, committee involvement, local league officers, etc. for other possibilities.
- e. Interview potential nominees and make clear the expectations for the position.
- f. Meet as a Committee to discuss candidates and make selections.
- g. Be available to help suggest names to fill Board positions due to resignations.

III. Suggested Timetable

- a. LWVMN Council in April of year following convention
 - i. Remind those attending Council that the Board will be elected again at Convention the following year and nominations will be solicited in the fall. Interested members should talk with the Nominating Committee chair when the call for nominations goes out.
- b. September preceding Convention
 - i. Orientation meeting for Nominating Committee
 - ii. Make an announcement to the LWVMN Board that nominations will be open within the next month.
- c. October
 - i. Call for nominations with a due date of early December
 1. The Nominating Committee should consider the approach taken to solicit nominations. Board positions should be looked upon as a good thing, an honor, a privilege and fun-not just "another thing to do." Consider making nomination forms that are marketing pieces as well.
 2. Think broadly about how to market the positions, be realistic about what is expected but pitch it as a goal to reach for in being a LWV member.
 3. Be sure to make the call as widely as possible, using many forms of communication. Encourage lots of applications and remember to encourage members to try again if they are not selected.
 4. Pay particular attention to reaching members of the LWVMN community who are diverse in terms of race, age and socio-economic status.
- d. December
 - i. Committee meets to see what nominations have been received and what spots remain open. While there is nothing in the LWVMN bylaws stating that the Committee must assign portfolios to elected Board members, most people feel better knowing what they will be doing before agreeing to be members of the Board. So, use the nomination time to get not only general willingness to be on the Board, but what position or portfolio the person is interested in. The Committee should secure those who have been nominated at this time.
- e. January and February
 - i. Committee meets to determine where there are still holes in the slate. Work continues until slate is completed. The Nominating Committee Chair should be notified as each acceptance is secured.

- ii. If the Committee feels it would be helpful, the LWVMN Board can be consulted to ask for suggestions to fill positions that remain open. This is not mandatory, but can be of great help to the Committee.
- f. March
 - i. It is a courtesy to announce the completed slate to the LWVMN Board before making the public announcement, since it is helpful in getting an early start on planning for the next LWVMN year.
 - ii. The completed slate must be published to the membership at least six weeks prior to the LWVMN Convention. The Committee should also publicize the right of the membership to present additional nominations from the floor.
 - iii. If the slate is not complete at the time it is published to the membership, the Committee should continue to work to secure candidates who will then be nominated from the floor of the Convention.
- g. LWVMN Convention
 - i. The Committee chair shall present the slate to the members and move its election.
 - ii. Any nominations from the floor and subsequent elections should be presided over by the Nominating Committee chair.

IV. Suggested Dos

- a. Make a positive approach
 - i. Discuss the importance of the position to be filled and the opportunity the nominee will have to make a contribution to the LWVMN and to broaden her/his experience and contacts. Be confident that the LWV is a highly respected national organization and it is an honor to represent the LWV in the community.
 - ii. Make this a marketing tool for the LWV. Consider a nomination form that includes the names and bios of past national LWV board members. Make it a big deal to be part of this board.
- b. Be candid as possible
 - i. Explain the expected workload for the position in question. Give an estimated timeline, if possible.
 - ii. Make it clear that the nominee is expected to:
 - 1. Attend all LWVMN Board meetings
 - 2. Help with membership and development
 - 3. Put the LWVMN in their "top five" for personal charitable contributions
 - 4. Actively contribute to total LWVMN Board planning
- c. Try to achieve a balanced Board
 - i. A variety of viewpoints, backgrounds and experiences is helpful in maintaining a proper balance on the LWVMN Board.
 - ii. The Nominating Committee should be particularly attentive to racial, socioeconomic and age considerations when looking for Board members.
 - iii. Consider the political affiliation of potential nominees, the broader our Board the better we can reach the political community with whom we work.
- d. Discuss the LWVMN non-partisan policy
 - i. See below for a copy of the LWVMN Political Activity Policy
- e. Consult with the prospective LWVMN President
 - i. Discuss any concerns she/he may have with her/his ability to work with the potential nominees.
 - ii. This does not mean that you do not nominate someone because the prospective President has an issue, but it may be a consideration.

V. Suggested Don'ts

- a. Ever allow discussion among the Nominating Committee members to be aired outside the committee.

- i. Violation of this rule can reflect poorly on the LWV and may make the Committee's work unnecessarily unpleasant.
 - ii. Comments and suggestions from outside should be welcomed to inform the Committee, but discussions and decisions are confidential.
- b. Feel you have to assign portfolios
 - i. This is the LWVMN Board's responsibility. However, in reality potential Board members often want to sign up for a specific position rather than an open-ended directorship.
 - ii. Keep communication open with the prospective President for her/his ideas on portfolios as well.
- c. Necessarily renominate persons simply because they have served well in the past
 - i. Rotation in office is the best way to ensure that the LWVMN will grow and develop new leadership.
 - ii. Consider asking current Board members to take on new positions as a way to spark new ideas as well.
- d. Fill an office with an unqualified or uncommitted person simply to fill the slate
 - i. The LWVMN Board is a hard working Board. It needs to be filled with people who are willing to do the work required.
 - ii. It is a disservice to the person and the LWVMN to simply put bodies into positions.
- e. Let good prospects get away
 - i. If someone is unduly modest about her/his abilities, explain how much you think of her/him.
 - ii. If good nominees appear to busy to serve, ask them anyway. Let it be their choice. You will never get that for which you do not ask.
 - iii. If someone is a great candidate, but you choose not to nominate-be sure to follow up with the person and encourage her/him to try again. Actively ask an appropriate Board member to recruit the person to join that committee. Pass the name on to the next Nominating Committee, if appropriate.
- f. Allow the Nominating Committee to restrict nominees to a single group, area or clique
 - i. A wide variety of experiences and viewpoints is essential to a healthy LWV.
 - ii. Get outside of your comfort zone and look broadly for nominees.
 - iii. If you don't feel you know enough about a particular nominee, ask others, have an interview and visit them in action. Don't put aside a nominee just because you don't know them.
 - iv. Be honest with yourself about your own viewpoints and biases and work to get past them.
- g. Allow the LWVMN Board to decide on its successors
 - i. The current LWVMN Board can be of great service when looking for potential nominees.
 - ii. However, it is the Nominating Committee's job to recruit nominees for its slate. Do not allow the Board to overrun your decisions.

VI. Reference materials

- a. LWVUS Nominating Committee guidelines
- b. LWVMN Bylaws
- c. LWVMN Political Activity Policy (below)
- d. Updated job descriptions (available www.lwvmn.org)
- e. Current membership list with file on member interest, local leadership positions, etc
- f. Nominating Committee file including suggestions from the past committee members.

Political Activity Policy

You may adapt these policies for your Local League.

The nonpartisanship of the League of Women Voters is the basis of our public credibility and must be carefully maintained. All members bear responsibility for maintaining the League's reputation for fairness and objectivity. The discussion of nonpartisan policy should be a part of new board orientation.

The mission of the LWV is to encourage the informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League is political and takes action on selected governmental issues after membership study and agreement. It encourages members to be informed participants in political activity, but as a nonpartisan organization, it does not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

All members are encouraged to seek elective or appointive office in government as well as responsible positions in the private sector. To avoid any perceived or actual conflict with the nonpartisan integrity of League, the following restrictions are accepted:

I. League Action

A Board member may not speak publicly or work against a League position.

II. Partisan Activity

Directors in highly visible positions such as president, voter serve chair and action chair may not undertake any action which would publicly identify them with partisan activity. They may not run for public or party office or publicly support campaigns at the regional, state or national levels.

Directors may not run for national or state elective office. Should they choose to run for local office, they will first consult with the State Board and notify the local Leagues affected.

Directors may not be highly visible in the campaign of any candidate running for US Senate, Congress, or for MN executive or legislative office. They may make contributions to candidates and work on local campaigns. Directors not in highly visible positions may hold position in a political party at any level with Board approval after consideration of possible conflicts of interest.

The political activities of a spouse or relative of a Board member are to be considered as separate and distinct from the activities of the Board member.

III. Appointed Office

Directors may accept appointment to commissions, boards, or committees where such service would not be in conflict with League program. If a member is acting as a LWVMN representative, the appointment must be approved by the LWVMN Board of Directors. It must be clear to all whether the member is acting as a League representative or as an individual. The Board shall review this policy annually and update it as necessary.

Reaffirmed March 15, 2006.

League of Women Voters of Minnesota (LWVMN)
Awards Nominating Committee Guidelines
Adopted by the LWVMN Board ?????, 2006

Guidelines

VII. Composition of the Nominating Committee

- a. The LWVMN awards Nominating Committee is the same committee as the LWVMN Board Nominating Committee.

VIII. General Procedures

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IX. Suggested Timetable

- a. October preceding Convention
 - i. Make an announcement to the LWVMN Board that nominations will be open within the next month.
- b. November
 - i. Call for nominations with a due date of early March
 1. The Nominating Committee should be broad in the approach taken to solicit nominations. Make sure to contact all local LWVs in as many ways possible to be sure they have received the message.
 2. Explain both awards specifically and create an informational piece that is a marketing piece as well. Explain how these awards are both an honor and recognition for past services.
 3. The Committee could decide to let local LWVs who made nominations in the past year that were not the winning nominations to see if they want to re-nominate these people.
- c. January
 - i. Send out follow-up solicitations for nominations reminding local LWVs of the deadlines, forms, etc.
 - ii. Be sure that the nomination forms are complete and work with the local LWVs to get them in line if necessary.
- d. March
 - i. Copy nomination packets for the Committee to read at the decision meeting. Because these awards are meant to be secret, the packets should not be sent out to potentially "float around" out there. All packets should be kept in the office.
 - ii. Committee meets to review nominations and select winners.
 - iii. Winners must be selected at least one month ahead of the Convention to assure the plaques are ready and the winners can be arranged to be in attendance.
- e. April
 - i. Work with person who completed the nomination of the winners to make sure that the award winners will be at the LWVMN Convention in May.
 - ii. Contact the past year's award winners to be sure they will be able to attend the LWVMN Convention to read the bios of the new award winners at the banquet.
 - iii. Create a bio for each winner to be read when the award is presented.
- f. LWVMN Convention
 - i. The Committee chair shall introduce each of the award winners from the past year and then each past winner will present the awards to the new winners.
- g. After the Convention
 - i. Write a press release announcing the winners.

X. Suggested Dos

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XI. Suggested Don'ts

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Calendar for 2006-2007

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota office is located in the Minnesota Women's Building (MWB), at 550 Rice Street in St. Paul. Meetings are frequently held in the LWVMN Office or in meeting rooms in the MWB.

- + LWVMN committee meetings will be added to Outlook Calendar as they are scheduled.
- + Watch for further information and updates to the calendar in the Presidents' mailing, sent to local League Presidents and Duplicate Presidents Mailing (DPM) subscribers following state board meetings.
- + Check for updates to the calendar in the Member Resources section of the LWVMN web site (www.lwvmn.org).

June, 2006

- 9-13 LWVUS Convention, Minneapolis Hilton
- 28 LWVMN/EF Board Meetings, Association MN Counties, 5:30 – 8:30 pm
- 29 Investment Committee, 8:00 am

+ LOTT fundraising appeal?

July, 2006

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- 3-4 LWVMN Office closed for July 4th observance
- 5 Presidents' Mailing this week
- 13 Power of 3 Executive Committee Meeting, 9:30 am
- 14 Member Resources Committee Meeting, 10:00 am
- 18 LWVMN Study Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm
- 25 LWVMN Study Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm

+ Committees meet as needed; LWVMN will include scheduled meetings in *Board Memo* calendar.

August, 2006

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- 1 LWVMN/EF Investment Committee Meeting, 8:30 am
Deadline for Martin & Brown grant applications, training
- 5 Candidate Forum/Moderator training, Hamline, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
- 7 Voter Service Committee, MWB, 9:00 am
- 8 Member Resources Committee, MWB, 9:30 am
LWVMN Study Committee, LWVMN office, 5:30 pm
- 9 LWVMN/EF Board Meetings, MWB, 5:30 – 8:30 pm
- 14 Presidents' Mailing this week
- 21 Diversity Task Force, MWB, 11 am – 1:00 pm
- 26 Woman Suffrage Anniversary
- 31 *Voter Guide* order deadline

- + **Pre Primary debate at Minnesota State Fair?**
- + Summer *VOTER* mailed this month
- + Annual Appeal for the LWVMN Education Fund begins
- + Committee Meetings: Study, Diversity Task Force, Development, Member Resources, Communications, Voter Service, LOTT, as needed

September, 2006

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- 1 Second Quarter PMP Due to LWVMN
- 4 Labor Day - LWVMN Office Closed
- 11 Election Hotline, with 5 Eyewitness News, 6:00 am to 11:00 pm
- 12 **PRIMARY ELECTION DAY**
Election Hotline, with 5 Eyewitness News, 6:00 am to 8:00 pm
- 13 **LWVMN/EF Board Meetings, MWB, 5:30 – 8:30 pm**
- 14 Power of 3 Executive Committee, MWB, 11:30 am
- 15 LWVMN/EF Investment Committee, 8:30
- 18 Presidents' Mailing this week
- 27 Power of 3 Steering Committee, final meeting & celebration!
- 28 Pizza & Politics presentation at Target, Noon

- + Annual Appeal letter mailed around Labor Day, high donor phonathons: 9/26 & 9/28
- + Committee Meetings, as listed above
- + LWVMN Nominating, Budget Committees begin meeting
- + CMAL Quarterly Meeting

October, 2006

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1 Voter Guides available, orders filled (delivery to Target 9/28)

11 LWVMN/EF Board Meetings, MWB, 5:30 – 8:30 pm or 10/14, 9:00 am – Noon?

15 Voices Against Poverty: Focus on Africa forum, Humphrey Institute

16 Presidents' mailing this week; to include program planning, bylaws & nominating committee information, First call to Convention, Spirit of Democracy Award Application

29 Debates, Governor and US Senate, KSTP-TV studios, 5:00 – 7:00 pm (tentative)

+ Committee Meetings: as above, add Action

+ Congressional debates, televised at KSTP TV studios? To be announced

+ VOTER, Fall issue (or in November)

November, 2006

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6 Election Hotline, 5 Eyewitness News studios, 6:00 am – 11:00 pm

7 General Election Day

Election Hotline, 5 Eyewitness News studios, 6:00 am – 8:00 pm

11 LWVMN/EF Board Meetings, MWB, 9:00 am – Noon or

15 Board Meetings, MWB, 5:30 – 8:30 pm

20 Presidents' mailing this week; include Hope Washburn/Peggy Thompson
Nomination forms

23 Thanksgiving Day - LWVMN Office closed

24 LWVMN Office closed

+ *Indians in Minnesota, fifth edition*, published by University of Minnesota Press, celebration?

+ Legislative Interview packets to LLs

+ Annual Appeal/phonathon for LWVMNEF ongoing

+ LOTT Seminar and Fundraiser planning?

+ Committees, as above

+ LWVMN Study on the MPCA published, mailed to local Leagues with discussion guide?

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December, 2006

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- 1 Third Quarter PMP due to LWVMN
- 25-29 LWVMN Office closed for holidays

- + Annual appeal follow up for 2006
- + Local Leagues conduct legislative interviews, or in January

January, 2007

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- 1 Happy New Year! LWVMN office closed
- 10 LWVMN/EF Board Meetings, MWB, 9:00 am – Noon
Or 1/13, 9:00 am to Noon
- 11-13 Women Making A Difference in Public Policy Seminar,
sponsored by LOTT????
- 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday—LWVMN office closed
Presidents Mailing to local LLs this week

- + Local Leagues schedule program-planning for LWVMN/CMAL this month or next month; schedule MPCA study for this month or February
- + Legislative Interviews deadline to be announced
- + Local LWV online membership update deadline to LWVUS (basis of pmp)
- + Legislature Convenes, date to be announced
- + Committees meet, Action, Diversity Task Force, Budget
- + CMAL Quarterly Meeting
- + Winter issue of VOTER
- + Diversity Project Summit? Or in February?

February, 2007

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- 10 LWVMN/EF Board Meetings, MWB, 9 am to Noon
- 12 Presidents' mailing this week
- 14 Susan B. Anthony's birthday
- 19 Presidents' Day - LWVMN Office open, no postal service
- + Committees, Diversity Task Force, Action twice monthly during session
- + Registration packet for LWVMN Convention mailed to LLs this month
- + Final work this month and March on proposed program, budgets, bylaw amendments, nominations

March, 2007

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1 Fourth Quarter PMP due to LWVMN Office

1 Consensus deadline (if any) for MPCA study

14 LWVMN/EF Board Meetings, MWB, 5:30 – 8:30 pm

19 Presidents' mailing this week

31 LWVMN/EF fiscal year ends

+ Committees, Action, Diversity Task Force,

SPIRIT OF DEMOCRACY APPLICATIONS DUE

+ Presidents' Mailing to include proposed bylaw amendments, nominating committee slate of officers & directors, proposed program & budgets for 2007-08 & 2008-2009

April, 2007

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2 First day of Passover

8 Easter Sunday

14 LWVMN/EF Board Meetings, 9:00 am to Noon or

18 MWB, 5:30 – 8:30 pm

+ Committee meetings, as above

+ Spring issue of VOTER with promo for LWVMN Convention

May, 2007

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7 Registrations deadline for LWVMN Convention?

17-19 **LWVMN Convention, Breezy Point**

+ Legacy Circle luncheon/dinner, date to be announced

June 2007

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LWVMN/EF Board Meetings and orientation?
LWVUS Council?

Name it—Claim it—Proclaim it!

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by Juanita Peterson, 1st Vice President, Communications jkpete@comcast.net

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Helen

From: "Sally Sawyer" <ssawyer@lwvmn.org>
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Cc: <staff@lwvmn.org>; "Marilyn Morem" <mmorem@juno.com>
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Subject: [lwvmn board] Additiion to LWVMN Board Meeting

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Please note the following addition to the LWVMN Board Meeting; this is a recommendation from the Member Resources Committee as decided at its 8/8/06 meeting.

Increase in dues: Karen Langsjoen: Motion: to increase the LWVMN State Unit members' dues from \$45 per year to \$50 per year, with periodic re-evaluation.

Background: Member-at- Large dues have been set at two different rates. For members-at-large who affiliate with no local LWV or LWV unit, the dues are \$60.

Members of state units pay \$45 each to LWVMN and each unit receives a \$5 rebate per member to support local activities. LWVMN pays the per member payment due to LWVUS for both types of members. When MAL dues were recently raised to \$60 for the purpose of not underselling local LWV memberships, state unit dues were not raised. The Member Resources Committee proposes to begin closing the disparity in dues between the two types of MAL members by raising the state unit dues from \$45 to \$50. This increase would go into effect September 1, 2006. We bill members on the anniversary date of their membership.

State units are Brainerd Lakes Area, Lakes Area, Chisago County, Park Rapids, Winona, and Bloomington.

 Sally Sawyer

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STATE STUDY OF GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

Interviews conducted by the committee

Dr. Calvin Alexander, recognized expert in karst geology, Professor of Geology and Geophysics at the University of Minnesota

Martha Brand, Executive Director, Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy

Sheryl Corrigan, MPCA Commissioner (resigned June 2006)

Dr. Dan Foley, member of MPCA Citizens Board since 1985; Chair before the legislature changed the structure; now the Governor-appointed Commissioner chairs the Board.

Lea Foushee, Indigenous Women's Mercury Investigation, North American Water Office

Judith Helgen, retired MPCA research scientist studying deformed frogs

John Hofland and Becky Kenow, Public Relations officers for Flint Hills Resources (formerly Koch Refinery)

Craig Johnson, Intergovernmental Relations, League of Minnesota Cities, former MPCA employee

Bobby King, Policy Program Organizer, Land Stewardship Project

Sen. John Marty (DFL), Chair of Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee

Grant Merrit, former Executive Director, MPCA

Rep. Dennis Ozment (IR), Chair of House Environment and Natural Resources Finance Committee

David Preisler, Executive Director of Minnesota Pork Producers Association

Mike Robertson, Environmental Consultant, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce

Kris Sigford, Water Quality Program Director, Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy

Sharon Taff, Assoc. Professor and Extension Economist, specialist in environmental policy, University of Minnesota

Marion Watson, LWV St. Paul, former Chair of the MPCA Citizens Board

Interviews conducted by local leagues:

Warren Affeldt, county commissioner, Polk County, board member of the Nat. Resource & Environment Committee of the Association of Minn. Counties, former president of MN Wheat Growers

Mitch Davis, Managing Partner, Northern Plains Dairy, St. Peter

Harriet Mason, LWV St. Peter

Dr. Clair McRostie, emeritus professor of Economics, Gustavus Adolphus College

Darby Nelson, former MN State Representative, Chair of House Environment Committee

John Persell, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Environmental Policy

Forrest Peterson, Public information officer, MPCA Willmar office

Jeff Schneider, MPCA Regional Planner for Solid Waste, S.E. District (formerly with Office of Environmental Assistance)

Ronald H. Schneider, former County Atty, Willmar

Willie Root, Goodhue County Public Works Dept., Environmental technician: Solid waste.

T. Rosenstein, Nicollet County Environmental Services Director

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LWVMN/EF Committees, 2005-2007

Notes: President Helen Palmer and Executive Director are ex-officio on all committees.

LWVMN/EF Boards

Chair, Helen Palmer, President
Staff: Sawyer, Losinski, Dolphy

Executive Committee

Chair, Helen Palmer, President
Officers: Peterson, Simmons, Steen, Thompson, Hondl
Staff: Sawyer

Action Committee

Co-chairs: Gwen Myers, Anne Salisbury
 Juanita Peterson (communications)
Staff: to be hired, support from Wickstrom, Sawyer
Members: volunteer lobbyists

Communications Committee

Chair: Juanita Peterson
Staff: Wickstrom
Members: Marsha Oliver (VOTER), others from local Leagues

Development

Chair: Carol Frisch
Staff: Losinski, Santi, Hondl, Dolphy

Diversity Task Force

Chair: Vivian Jenkins Nelsen
Staff: project director to be hired; Losinski for development
Members: Frisch, Regal, Stuthman, other LWV members & beyond

Government Agency Study

Co-Chairs: Barbara Finley-Shea & Mary Kivi (off-board)
Staff: Sawyer, Losinski for development
Members: Steen, Morem, others from local Leagues

Immigration Communities

Chair: Judy Stuthman
Committee Members: Frisch, Regal, Ibrahim?

International Relations

Chair: Joyce Benson
Working with Simmons (Program) and Peterson (Communications), fall, 2005

Leaders of Today and Tomorrow (LOTT)

Chair: Barbara Derus

Staff: project director, Emily Reilly

Members: Palank and off-board

Member Resources *

Chair: Joan Regal

Staff: to be hired; Dolphy, Wickstrom, Sawyer in support roles

Members: Langsjoen (Membership*); Simmons (Program*); Jenkins Nelsen

(Organizational Development, Diversity task force chair*); Ibrahim (Outreach); Steen

(Regional Workshops); Peterson? & off-board

***Membership (to be formed)**

Chair: Karen Langsjoen

***Program**

Chair: Miriam Simmons

Members: Joyce Benson, Juanita Peterson (members may rotate depending on project)

Diversity Task Force (see above)*Office Management**

Chair: Connie Hondl

Primary Staff: Sawyer

Members: Palmer, Doepner-Hove, Myers, Frisch, Peterson, Simmons

Voter Service

Chair: Stacy Doepner-Hove

Staff: project directors, Losinski for development, Wickstrom for website

Members: Peterson, local League reps.

Other (off-Board)

Budget: Chair, Marilyn Morem

will activate in Fall, 2006

Nominating: Chair: Michelle Hammes

will activate in Fall, 2006

Power of 3 Campaign Steering Committee

Chairs: Beverly McKinnell, Carol Frisch, Campaign Coordinator, Jean Tews

Staff support: Santi, Hondl, Sawyer, Wickstrom, Dolphy (as needed)

Will wind down by end of fiscal 2005-2006

Minnesota Women's Building General Partnership Committee (name & legal structure will change)

Chair: Lorraine Hart, MWC

Secretary: Sally Sawyer

Voting delegate for LWVMNEF: Helen Palmer

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August 8, 2000

Dear News Editor/Reporter:

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund's (LWVMNEF's) Minnesota Compact on Campaign Standards is designed to raise the level of political discussion among candidates, campaigns, the media and voters. It seeks to persuade candidates, political parties and interest groups to maximize the presentation of issues and candidate qualifications and to minimize attacks. The standards are voluntary with the only enforcement method being that of public opinion, so we need your help.

One plank of the Minnesota Compact is that news organizations cover the substance of political campaigns with less emphasis on campaign strategy.

Therefore, our request of you is twofold:

First:

As a news provider, we urge that you cover this project in an article in the near future for the public's information. With early coverage during the campaign, Minnesota citizens can learn about the Minnesota Compact and contact the League if they would like to receive a brochure or obtain more information.

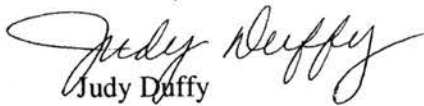
Second:

As a watchdog of the election season, we also request that you adhere to these standards individually and as an organization. In our democracy, it is critical that media organizations provide fair, accurate information during an election. This includes:

- Emphasizing issues
- Placing less emphasis on strategy and predictions of outcomes
- Checking accuracy and fairness of campaign advertisements
- Promoting and broadcasting debates, then following-up on those debates and candidate promises after the election
- Encouraging participation in elections
- Describing your news organization's decisions on when and how to cover controversial and/or ethically challenging news about the candidates or the campaigns.

Enclosed is a press release and a brochure. If you have any questions, please call Chair Anne Borgen, Executive Director Sally Sawyer or me at 651-224-5445. Thank you for helping us keep campaigns accurate, fair and more than just "soundbites."

Sincerely,


Judy Duffy
President

What Is Your Organization's "Elevator Message"?

Excerpt from *Attracting the Attention Your Cause Deserves*

When I first heard the phrase "elevator message," I wondered what was so important about delivering a message while rising to the 15th floor. Then someone explained the idea was to be able to describe an organization's work to an outsider in the short space of an elevator ride. I've been a confirmed elevator man ever since.

I've known several masters of the elevator message. Each knew how to sound a few simple and powerful notes about his organization in such a way that every visitor left with an understanding of why the group mattered.

There is a knack to honing a simple message. The more tightly focused your niche, the easier it is to express who you are—witness groups from a local hospice to Habitat for Humanity. But even the sharpest niche can be subverted if you insist on saying too much in your message.

Given about 90 seconds, what would you say if asked, "What does Save Our Families do?"

You'll need to be direct and focused, answering just the basic questions:

- What does our organization do?
- Where is it heading?
- Why should anyone care?

The fact is, your time with reporters and visitors is fleeting. You want to impart key bits of memorable information that characterize your work.

Maybe you're a "camp for sick kids" that "transforms lives" by allowing youngsters to "play and be themselves for the first time." There is much more that leaders of the Hole in the Wall Gang Camps would want you to know. But, as I learned in working with the group, it is the beauty of allowing kids to be just kids that lies at the heart of the program.

Rest assured that Paul Newman, who founded the camps, could speak at length about the numbers of campers served, the careful medical management of the camps, the wonderful facilities that have been created for the kids, and the important respite that the kids' going away to camp offers stressed-out parents.

But you have to restrain yourself in the elevator—offering just enough to convey who you are and what's special about what you do, and no more.

Another way to think about an elevator message is to imagine a friend standing a hundred yards away on the other side of a river, and you have to shout for her to hear. What are the few declarative sentences you would be sure to get out if you were describing your organization? In the case of the Hole in the Wall Gang Camps, it would be:

We have camps for sick kids!
The experience transforms their lives!
The kids can play and be themselves—for the first time!

What do you want to shout for the world to hear? Figure that out, and you have the tight, focused message that will inform all of your publicity efforts.

Telling Your Story

Once you've polished your elevator message, it's time to tell your story.

Amid the chaos of life, nothing gives order and meaning as much as a well-told story. More to the point, stories grab people. Give a reporter a tale about a 75-year-old grandmother graduating from your business college, and he'll go for it every time.

You don't have to be a great storyteller to pitch a story to reporters. Just be sure you know all the facts—no surprises, please—and can provide the outline of why the story will make a great feature or broadcast segment.

Let's say yours is a community hospital with new outreach programs for inner-city families. Greater visibility will help boost patient numbers and perhaps scare up some new donors to meet the high costs of additional staff and facilities

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA BYLAWS

As adopted by the 1947 Convention and as amended by the
1951, 1953, 1955, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1963, 1965, 1967, 1971, 1973, 1975,
1977, 1979, 1981, 1983, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2003,
2005 Conventions.

ARTICLE I

Section I. The name of this corporation shall be the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. This state League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

ARTICLE II

Purpose and Policy

Section I. Purposes. The purposes of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota are to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

Section 2. Political Policy. The League shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section I. Eligibility. Any person who subscribes to the purposes and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. Types of Membership.

- a) Voting members. Citizens at least 18 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local Leagues, state Leagues and LWVUS.
 - 1) individuals who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League;
 - 2) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large;
 - 3) those who have been members of League for 50 years or more shall be honorary life members excused from the payment of dues.
- b) Associate members. All others who join the League shall be associate members.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers

- a) The officers of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall be a president, a first vice-president, a second vice-president, a third vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer. They shall be elected by the Convention and shall hold office until the conclusion of the next regular biennial Convention or until their successors have been elected and qualified. Two individuals may be elected to share one position, or two positions may be held by one individual elected to the dual-position office, except that the offices of president and treasurer shall be held by two different individuals.
- b) The officers of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall constitute the executive committee. In addition, the president may appoint up to two members of the Board to serve on the executive committee. The executive committee shall confer when immediate action is necessary and a meeting of the Board of Directors is not feasible, and shall in those instances have the powers and duties of the Board of Directors for planning and directing the Program and carrying out organizational responsibilities.

Section 2. The President. The president shall preside at all meetings of the corporation and of the Board of Directors unless the president shall designate another person to preside. The president may, in the absence or disability of the treasurer, sign or endorse checks, drafts or notes. The president, or a designated representative in the president's absence, shall sign all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board. The president shall be, ex officio, a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee and shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of the president and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board.

Section 3. The Vice-Presidents. The three vice-presidents, in the order of their rank, shall, in the event of absence, disability, resignation or death of the president, possess all the powers and perform all the duties of that office. In the event that no vice-president is able to serve in this capacity, the Board of Directors shall elect one of its members to fill the vacancy. The vice-presidents shall perform such other duties as the president and Board may designate.

Section 4. The Secretary. The secretary shall keep minutes of Convention, Council and of meetings of the Board of Directors and shall perform such other functions as may be incident to the office. If a second signature is necessary on a contract or other instrument, the secretary shall sign when so authorized by the Board.

Section 5. The Treasurer. The treasurer or a duly appointed representative, shall receive all money due, shall be the custodian of such funds, deposit them in a bank designated by the Board of Directors, and shall disburse them only upon order of the Board of Directors. The treasurer shall present periodic statements to the Board at its regular meetings. The treasurer shall present an annual report, including a report of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Reserve Fund, to the Convention or Council. The books of the treasurer shall be audited annually and the report made available to the membership.

ARTICLE V *Board of Directors*

Section 1. Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota, eight elected directors and not more than eight appointed directors. The elected directors shall be elected by the Convention and shall serve until the conclusion of the next regular biennial Convention or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The elected members shall appoint such additional directors, not exceeding eight, as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The term of office of the appointed directors shall expire concurrently with the term of office of the elected directors.

Section 2. Qualifications. Any voting member of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota can be elected or appointed to serve as an officer or director of this corporation.

Section 3. Vacancies. Any vacancy other than in the office of the president may be filled, until the next Convention, by appointment by the president and final approval by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors. The office of the president shall be filled in accordance with Article IV, Section 3 of these bylaws.

Section 4. Powers and Duties. The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the corporation with full power and authority to manage and conduct the same, subject to the instructions of the Convention. The Board shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the Program on selected governmental issues as adopted by the Convention. It shall accept responsibility delegated to it by the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of the United States for the organization and development of local Leagues, guidance of inter-League organizations, for the carrying out of Program and for promotion of finance programs in the local Leagues. Such local finance programs are requisite to further the work of the League as a whole, including transmission of funds toward the support of adequate state and national budgets. The Board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.

Section 5. Regular Meetings. There shall be at least four regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The president shall notify each of the directors of all meetings at least one week before any such meeting. No action taken at any regular Board meeting attended by three-fourths of the members of the Board shall be invalidated because of the failure of any member or members of the Board to receive any notice properly sent or because of an irregularity in any notice actually received.

Section 6. Special Meetings. The president may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five members of the Board. Members of the Board shall be notified of the time and place of special meetings by personal telephone contact, email or letter sent at least six days prior to such meeting. At the time of a Convention the president may, and upon the request of five members of the Board shall, call a special meeting of the Board by handing the members of the Board a written notice of the time and place of said meeting.

Section 7. Leave of Absence. Any member of the Board of Directors may request a leave of absence from the Board of up to six months. This leave must be approved by a

majority of the Board. When on leave, the absent Board member will not be included in the quorum needed for the Board to conduct business.

Section 8. Removal of Officers and/or Directors. At any regular or duly called special meeting of the Board of Directors, any one or more of the officers and/or directors may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. Any vacancy to come of such removal shall be filled in accordance with Article V, Section 3 of these bylaws. Any officer and/or director whose removal has been proposed shall be given at least thirty days notice of intent to take such action and an opportunity to be heard at this meeting.

Section 9. Quorum. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum, and a majority of the members in attendance at any Board meeting shall, in the presence of a quorum, decide its action.

ARTICLE VI

Recognition of Local and Provisional Leagues and State Units

Section 1. Local Leagues.

- a) Local Leagues are those Leagues which have been so recognized by the League of Women Voters of the United States.
- b) The Board of Directors shall recommend to the national Board of the League of Women Voters of the United States that it recognize as a local League any group of members of the League of Women Voters of the United States in any community within the state, provided the group meets qualifying standards for local Leagues as adopted by the national Convention.
- c) In the event of recurring failure of a local League to meet these qualifying standards, the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota may recommend to the national Board that it withdraw recognition from the local League. All funds held by a local League from which recognition has been withdrawn shall be paid to the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. In the event the non-qualifying League is merging with another local League, its funds would go to the merged League minus a reorganization fee paid to and determined by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

Section 2. State Units

- a) State units are those which have been so recognized by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.
- b) The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota has responsibility for the establishment of new Leagues. For this purpose the Board may organize a group in a community in which no local League exists and shall recommend the group for recognition as a state unit when it meets the qualifying guidelines as set forth by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Board of Directors.
- c) In the event of recurring failure of a state unit to meet these qualifying guidelines, the Board of Directors of the LWVMN may recommend that recognition be withdrawn. All

funds held by state units from which recognition has been withdrawn shall be paid to the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

ARTICLE VII

Finance

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall commence on the first of April each year.

Section 2. Budget. The Board shall submit to the Convention for adoption budgets for the ensuing two fiscal years. These budgets shall provide for the support of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. The Per Member Payment amount shall be determined for the ensuing two fiscal years only by the delegates at the state convention. A copy of the proposed budgets shall be sent to each local League president at least six weeks in advance of the Convention. The budget shall be adopted by a majority vote of the delegates at the state convention.

Section 3. Budget Committee. The budgets shall be prepared by the elected chair and a committee which shall be appointed by the Board for that purpose at least six months in advance of the Convention. The treasurer shall be ex officio a member of the Budget committee but shall not be eligible to serve as chairperson.

Section 4. Distribution of Funds on Dissolution. In the event of a dissolution for any cause of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota, all monies and securities which may at the time be owned by or under the absolute control of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall be paid to the League of Women Voters of the United States, after the Board of Directors has paid or made provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. All other property of whatsoever nature, whether real, personal or mixed, which may at the time be owned by or under the control of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota, shall be disposed of by any officer or employee of the corporation for such public, charitable or educational uses and purposes as may be designated by the then League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

Section 5. League of Women Voters of Minnesota Reserve Fund. The fund shall contain the \$1,000 restricted principal of the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund and all other monies, securities and property of whatever nature, which the League of Women Voters of Minnesota may receive by gift, bequest or otherwise, which the Board of Directors may designate as reserve funds. Expenditures of monies from the fund and of interest earned on monies in the fund shall be for League purposes as may from time to time be determined by the Board of Directors subject only to restrictions which may have been imposed by the donor at the time the funds were received.

ARTICLE VIII

Convention

Section 1. Place, Date and Call. A Convention of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall be held biennially at a time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. The president shall send a first call for the Convention to the presidents of the local Leagues and State Unit chairs not less than four months prior to the opening date of the Convention fixed in said call. Thereafter the Board of Directors may advance or postpone the opening date of the Convention by not more than two weeks. A final call for the Convention shall be sent to the presidents of the local Leagues and State Unit chairs, and the delegates at least six weeks before the opening date of the Convention.

Section 2. Composition. The Convention shall consist of the delegates chosen by the members enrolled in the local Leagues, and delegates chosen by members-at-large of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota, as provided in Section 4 of this article; the presidents of local Leagues or an alternate in the event the president is unable to attend; and the members of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

Section 3. Qualification of Delegates and Voting. Each delegate shall be a voting member enrolled in a recognized local Minnesota League whose State Per Member Payment is paid or be an at large member of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. The State Board may make an exception in the case of proven hardship. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote only at the Convention even though the delegate may be attending in two or more capacities. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted. The Convention shall be the sole judge of whether a delegate is qualified to vote.

Section 4. Representation.

- a) The members of the League of Women Voters of the United States who are organized into recognized local Leagues in the State of Minnesota shall be entitled to voting representation in the Convention as follows: Each local League shall be entitled to two delegates, in addition to the president of the local League or an alternate in the event the president is unable to attend; these additional delegates shall be chosen by the local League. The members in each local League having more than twenty-five voting members shall also be entitled to one additional delegate for each additional twenty-five members or major fraction thereof belonging to said local League on January 1st of said year. The record in the state office of paid voting members as of January 1st of said year shall determine the official membership count for this purpose.
- b) Members-at-large of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall be entitled to one delegate for each 25 members, chosen by a procedure determined by the Board of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

Section 5. Powers. The Convention shall consider and authorize for action a Program; shall elect officers and directors, the Budget Chairperson, Nominating Committee Chairperson and two Nominating Committee members; shall adopt budgets for the ensuing two fiscal years; and shall transact such other business as may be properly presented.

Section 6. Quorum. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the delegates registered at the Convention provided that no fewer than ten local Leagues are represented.

ARTICLE IX ***Council***

Section 1. Place, Date and Call. A meeting of the Council shall be held in the interim year between Conventions, approximately twelve months after the preceding Convention at a time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. A formal call shall be sent by the president of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota to the presidents of the local Leagues in Minnesota at least thirty days before the opening date of a Council meeting. Special meetings may be called in the event of extreme emergency.

Section 2. Composition. The Council shall be composed of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota, the presidents of local Leagues or an alternate in the event the president is unable to attend, and one delegate chosen by each local League.

Section 3. Powers. The Council shall consider Program, and methods of work and review the budget as submitted to the Board of Directors. The Council is authorized to change the Program only in the event of an emergency, provided that notice of proposed modification of the Program shall have been sent to the presidents of the local Leagues at least two months in advance of the meeting of the Council, and provided also that a two-thirds majority of the members of the Council present and voting shall be required to adopt the modification. The Council shall review the budget for the ensuing year and may modify it to meet current needs and shall transact such other business as shall be presented by the Board.

Section 4. Quorum. A quorum shall consist of no fewer than twenty members other than the Board of Directors for the transaction of business at a Council meeting.

ARTICLE X ***Nominations and Elections***

Section 1. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members, two of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. The chairperson and two members, who shall not be members of the Board of Directors, shall be elected by the Convention. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. Further nominations may be made from the floor of the Convention. The other members of the committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors immediately after the Convention. Vacancies occurring in the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors. The president of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall send the name and address of the chairperson of the Nominating Committee to the president of each recognized local League.

Section 2. Suggestions for Nominations. The Chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall request through the president of each local League suggestions for

nominations for offices to be filled. Any member may send suggestions to the chairperson of the Nominating Committee.

Section 3. Report of the Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor.

The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for officers, directors, chairperson of the Budget Committee, and the chairperson and two members of the succeeding Nominating Committee shall be sent to local Leagues at least six weeks before the date of the Convention. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be presented to the Convention on the first day of the Convention. Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any member of the Convention, provided that the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.

Section 4. Election. The election shall be under the direction of an Election Committee appointed by the president on the first day of the Convention. The election shall be by ballot. When there is but one nominee for each office, it shall be in order to move that the secretary cast the ballot for every candidate. A majority vote of those present and voting shall constitute an election.

ARTICLE XI
Program

Section 1. Principles. The governmental principles adopted by the national Convention and supported by the League as a whole constitute the authorization for the adoption of Program.

Section 2. Program. The Program of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall consist of:

- a) action to implement principles, and
- b) those state governmental issues chosen for concentrated study and action.

Section 3. Convention Action. The Convention shall act upon the Program using the following procedures:

- a) Local Leagues shall make recommendations for a Program to the Board of Directors at least three months prior to the Convention.
- b) The Board of Directors shall consider the recommendations and shall formulate a proposed Program which shall be submitted to the local League Boards at least six weeks prior to the Convention.
- c) A majority vote shall be required for the adoption of the Program proposed by the Board of Directors.
- d) Any recommendation for the Program submitted to the Board of Directors at least three months before the Convention, but not proposed by the Board, may be adopted by the

Convention provided consideration is ordered by majority vote and at a subsequent session the proposal for adoption receives a three-fifths vote.

Section 4. Council Action. The Council may change the Program as provided in Article IX.

Section 5. Member Action. Members may act in the name of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota only when authorized to do so by the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

Section 6. Local League Action. Local Leagues and inter-League organizations may take action on state governmental issues only when authorized to do so by the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. Local Leagues may act only in conformity with, and not contrary to, a position taken by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota and/or the League of Women Voters of the United States.

ARTICLE XII

National Convention and Council

Section 1. National Convention. The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota, at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the national office, shall elect delegates to that Convention in the number allotted to the League of Women Voters of Minnesota under the provisions of the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Section 2. National Council. The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall elect delegates to the meeting of the Council of the League of Women Voters of the United States at a meeting preceding such Council meeting in the number allowed the League of Women Voters of Minnesota under the provisions of the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

ARTICLE XIII

Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. Parliamentary Authority. The rules contained in Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the corporation in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

ARTICLE XIV

Amendments

Section 1. Amendments. These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any Convention of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota, using the following procedures:

- a) Proposals for changes shall be submitted by any local League Board in Minnesota to the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota at least three months prior to the opening date of the Convention.
- b) All such proposed amendments together with the recommendations of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall be sent to the presidents of local Leagues at least six weeks prior to the opening date of the Convention.
- c) The presidents of the local Leagues shall notify the members of their respective Leagues of the proposed amendments. Failure of a local League president to give such notice or failure of any member to receive such notice shall not invalidate amendments to the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

Calendar for 2006-2007

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota office is located in the Minnesota Women's Building (MWB), at 550 Rice Street in St. Paul. Meetings are frequently held in the LWVMN Office or in meeting rooms in the MWB.

- + LWVMN committee meetings will be added to Outlook Calendar as they are scheduled.
- + Watch for further information and updates to the calendar in the Presidents' mailing, sent to local League Presidents and Duplicate Presidents Mailing (DPM) subscribers following state board meetings.
- + Check for updates to the calendar in the Member Resources section of the LWVMN web site (www.lwvmn.org).

June, 2006

- 9-13 LWVUS Convention, Minneapolis Hilton
- 28 LWVMN/EF Board Meetings, Association MN Counties, 5:30 – 8:30 pm
- 29 Investment Committee, 8:00 am

July, 2006

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- 3-4 LWVMN Office closed for July 4th observance
- 5 Presidents' mailing this week
- 13 Power of 3 Executive Committee Meeting, 9:30 am
- 14 Member Resources Committee Meeting, 10:00 am
- 18 LWVMN Study Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm
- 25 LWVMN Study Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm

- + Committees meet as needed; LWVMN will include scheduled meetings in *Board Memo* calendar.

August, 2006

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- 1 LWVMN/EF Investment Committee Meeting, 8:30 am
Deadline for Martin & Brown grant applications, training
- 5 Candidate Forum/Moderator training, Hamline, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
- 7 Voter Service Committee, MWB, 9:00 am
- 8 Member Resources Committee, MWB, 9:30 am
LWVMN Study Committee, LWVMN office, 5:30 pm
- 9 LWVMN/EF Board Meetings, MWB, 5:30 – 8:30 pm
- 14 Presidents' mailing this week
- 21 Diversity Task Force, MWB, 11 am – 1:00 pm
- 26 Woman Suffrage Anniversary
- 31 *Voter Guide* order deadline

- + Summer *VOTER* mailed this month
- + Annual Appeal for the LWVMN Education Fund begins
- + Committee Meetings: Study, Diversity Task Force, Development,
Member Resources, Communications, Voter Service, LOTT, as needed

September, 2006

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- 1 Second Quarter PMP Due to LWVMN
- 4 Labor Day - LWVMN Office Closed
- 5 **Pre-Primary Debate for 5th Congressional District, Channel 45, 8:00 pm**
- 6 Member Resources Committee meeting, MWB, 9:30 am
- 11 Election Hotline, with 5 Eyewitness News, during news broadcasts
- 12 **PRIMARY ELECTION DAY**
Election Hotline, with 5 Eyewitness News, 6:00 am to 8:00 pm
- 13 **LWVMN/EF Board Meetings, MWB, 5:30 – 8:30 pm**
- 14 Power of 3 Executive Committee, MWB, 11:30 am
- 15 LWVMN/EF Investment Committee, 8:30
- 18 Presidents' mailing this week, includes Spirit of Democracy Award application
Voter Service Committee Meeting, MWB, 9 am to Noon
- 22 LWVMN Action Committee Meeting, MWB, 11 am to 1 pm
- 27 Power of 3 Steering Committee, final meeting & celebration!
- 28 Pizza & Politics presentation at Target, Noon

- + Annual Appeal letter mailed around Labor Day, high donor phonathons: 9/26 & 9/28
- + Committee meetings, as listed above
- + LWVMN Nominating, Budget Committees begin meeting
- + Action Committee meetings dates are tentative, pending approval by committee

October, 2006

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- 1 Voter Guides available, orders filled (delivery to Target 9/28)
- 7 Congressional District 1 candidate debate taped, 10:00 am
Congressional District 7 candidate debate taped, 11:30 am
- 9 Voter Service Committee Meeting, MWB, 9:00 am to Noon
- 11 LWVMN/EF Board Meetings, MWB, 5:30 – 8:30 pm
- 14 Congressional District 2 candidate debate taped, 10:00 am
Congressional District 8 candidate debate taped, 11:30 am
- 15 **Voices Against Poverty: Focus on Africa forum, Humphrey Institute**
- 16 Presidents' mailing this week; to include program planning, bylaws & nominating committee information, First call to Convention
- 20 LWVMN Action Committee, MWB, 11 am – 1 pm
- 21 Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues (CMAL) Quarterly Meeting, 9:30 – 11:30 am, location to be announced
Congressional District 3 candidate debate taped, 10:00 am
Minnesota Secretary of State candidate debate taped, 11:30 am
- 28 Congressional District 4 candidate debate taped, 10:00 am
Congressional District 5 candidate debate taped, 11:30 am
Minnesota Attorney General candidate debate taped, 1:00 pm
- 29 **Debates, Governor and US Senate, KSTP-TV, live, 7:00 – 9:00 pm**
- + Committee Meetings: as above, add Action
- + **Congressional, Secretary of State, Attorney General debates taped at KSTP-TV studio, aired on Channel 45 and local affiliates, times to be announced**
- + **Congressional District 6 candidate debate to air live, date & time tba**
- + VOTER, Fall issue (or in November)

Note re Debates Taping: Please note for your information; do not publicize taping dates and times until further notice; this is a tentative schedule. Thanks.

November, 2006

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- 6 Election Hotline, 5 Eyewitness News studios, 6:00 am – 11:00 pm
- 7 **General Election Day**
Election Hotline, 5 Eyewitness News studios, 6:00 am – 8:00 pm
- 17 LWVMN Action Committee, MWB, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
- 18 **LWVMN/EF Board Meetings, MWB, 9:00 am to Noon**
- 20 Presidents' mailing this week; include Hope Washburn/Peggy Thompson Award Nomination forms, Legislative Interview Packets
- 23 Thanksgiving Day - LWVMN Office closed
- 24 LWVMN Office closed

- + *Indians in Minnesota, fifth edition*, published by University of Minnesota Press
- + Legislative Interview packets to LLs
- + Annual Appeal/phonathon for LWVMNEF ongoing
- + LOTT Seminar and Fundraiser planning
- + Committees, as above

- + LWVMN Study on the MPCA mailed to local Leagues with discussion guide, tentative

December, 2006

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- 1 Third Quarter PMP due to LWVMN
- 25-29 LWVMN Office closed for holidays

- + Annual appeal follow-up for 2006
- + Local Leagues conduct legislative interviews, or in January

January, 2007

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- 1 Happy New Year! **LWVMN office closed**
- 3 Minnesota Legislature convenes
- 12 LWVMN Action Committee, MWB, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
- 13 **LWVMN/EF Board Meetings, MWB, 9:00 am to Noon**
- 11-13 **Women Making A Difference in Public Policy Seminar**, sponsored by LOTT, tentative
- 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday—LWVMN office closed
Presidents mailing to local LLs this week
- 20 CMAL Quarterly Meeting, 9:30 – 11:30 am, location tba
- 26 LWVMN Action Committee, MWB, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

- + Local Leagues schedule program-planning for LWVMN/CMAL this month or next month; schedule MPCA study for this month or February
- + Legislative Interviews deadline to be announced
- + Local LWV online membership update deadline to LWVUS (basis of pmp)
- + Committees meet, dates to be announced
- + Winter issue of VOTER
- + **Diversity Project Summit or in February**

February, 2007

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- 9 LWVMN Action Committee Meeting, MWB, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
- 10 **LWVMN/EF Board Meetings, MWB, 9 am to Noon**
- 12 Presidents' mailing this week
- 14 Susan B. Anthony's birthday
- 15 **LWVMN Bylaws Amendment recommendations due to LWVMN**
- 19 Presidents' Day - LWVMN Office open, no postal service
- 23 LWVMN Action Committee, MWB, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

- + Committees meet as above
- + Registration packet for LWVMN Convention mailed to LLs this month
- + Final work this month and March on proposed program, budgets, bylaw amendments, nominations

March, 2007

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- 1 Fourth Quarter PMP due to LWVMN Office
- 1 **Consensus deadline for MPCA study**
- Program recommendations due to LWVMN**
- 9 LWVMN Action Committee, MWB, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 10 **LWVMN/EF Board Meetings, MWB, 9:00 am - Noon**
- 19 Presidents' mailing this week: see note below
- 23 Action Committee, MWB, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 24 CMAL quarterly meeting, 9:30 - 11:30 am, location tba
- 31 LWVMN/EF fiscal year ends

- + Presidents' Mailing to include proposed bylaw amendments, nominating committee slate of officers & directors, proposed program & budgets for 2007-08 & 2008-2009

April, 2007

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2 First day of Passover

SPIRIT OF DEMOCRACY AWARD APPLICATIONS DUE

Hope Washburn/Peggy Thompson Award Applications due

6 LWVMN Action Committee, MWB, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

8 Easter Sunday

11 LWVMN/EF Board Meetings, MWB, 5:30 – 8:30 pm

20 LWVMN Action Committee, MWB, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

+ Committee meetings, as above

+ Spring issue of VOTER with promo for LWVMN Convention

May, 2007

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4 LWVMN Action Committee, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

7 Registrations deadline for LWVMN Convention, tentative

12 CMAL Annual Meeting, details to be announced

17-19 **LWVMN Convention, Breezy Point**

+ Legacy Circle luncheon/dinner, date to be announced

June 2007

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LWVMN/EF Board Meetings and orientation, to be announced
LWVUS Council

Helen Palmer



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Program for Action

2003-2005

A Summary of Positions of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota

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INTRODUCTION

To the League of Women Voters, *Program* means those issues chosen by the members for study and action. At each level of the League--national, state or local--Program includes items adopted for current study, and carefully worded, study-based consensus positions that lead to action.

State Program is selected by League of Women Voters of Minnesota (LWVMN) members in individual units through proposals to their local boards of directors, who send the proposals to the state Board. The state Board then formulates a recommended Program of old, new and/or amended items consisting of those most frequently mentioned. All items, whether recommended or not, may be discussed, amended and adopted or rejected at the biennial state Convention.

Following adoption of the Program, research committees are formed to prepare study information on new items. In small units and at large meetings, members weigh the pros and cons of issues to reach consensus on each study item. The state Board receives the consensus reports from the local Leagues, determines areas of agreement, and formulates position statements. Only after consensus is reached and a position is formed can the League take action. The state Board also evaluates specific legislation and decides what action should be taken. There are two kinds of action: 1) developing public support for League positions; 2) supporting specific measures and policies which promote a League position or opposing those which threaten it. The process works similarly for the Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues (CMAL), except that the Program items have regional significance and are chosen and studied by members in the metropolitan area.

Leagues at all levels may "concur" with a position of another League either within Minnesota or in another state. A possible concurrence study is considered at state Convention in the same manner as any other Program item. Study materials developed for the original study may be used and are supplemented by the committee overseeing the concurrence study. The LWVMN position on Prevention of Violence, for example, was originally adopted by the LWV-Minneapolis and concurred with by Leagues throughout the state.

Included in this booklet are summaries of the 2003-2005 Programs of the LWVMN, of the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS), and of the CMAL, which consists of the local Leagues in the seven-county Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area. For each LWVMN Program item on which a position has been reached, you will find:

- a summary of the position, along with a brief statement of the relevant LWVUS position, if there is one (all in boldface);
- details of the LWVMN position, including the date when consensus was reached on each section; and
- a history of League and governmental action on the topic since 1990. Prior history will be found in *Positions for Action 1999-2001*.

LWVMN positions have been grouped according to LWVUS classifications: Social Policy, Natural Resources and Government. Exceptions to these groups are Education and Criminal Justice, which LWVMN retains as separate categories. To emphasize the fact that the state League often acts on national positions, summary statements of LWVUS positions have been included where appropriate.

League members throughout the state promote public support for positions by talking with legislators and community leaders; attending precinct caucuses and participating in the political process; and using the media, public meetings and personal contacts to tell their story. Local Leagues may take action themselves if the action is consistent with national, state and/or CMAL positions; their membership is informed and in general agreement; and, when the action affects other Leagues, they confer prior to taking action.

The state Board takes official action in the name of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. This action may consist of writing letters, personal lobbying of members of the Legislature or executive agencies, testimony at legislative hearings, holding press conferences, or any other measure deemed useful by the Board. Individual Leagues speak for themselves only and not as League members unless directed to do so by state, national or local League boards.

The League of Women Voters strongly endorses citizen involvement in the political process. It encourages League members to participate in the political party of their choice. The League itself is nonpartisan; LWV, as an organization, does not support candidates or political parties. State Board members are restricted to low-level partisan political activities and may not run for party-designated public office.

For more complete information on the Program of the League of Women Voters of the United States, the reader should see *Impact on Issues*, 2002-2004 (Publication No. 386, LWVUS, 1730 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036, \$5.00 plus postage and handling).

LEAGUE PRINCIPLES

In addition to the items adopted for LWVUS and LWVMN Programs, League Principles may be the basis for state and local League actions. The Principles have served two functions according to LWVUS Bylaws: 1) as authorization for adoption of national, state and local Program, and 2) as a basis for taking action at the national, state and local levels. Action to implement the Principles is authorized by the appropriate League board once it determines that member understanding and agreement exist and that the action is appropriate.

League Principles are as follows:

- The League of Women Voters believes in representative government and in the individual liberties established in the Constitution of the United States.
- The League of Women Voters believes that democratic government depends upon the informed and active participation of its citizens and requires that governmental bodies protect the citizen's right to know by giving adequate notice of proposed actions, holding open meetings and making public records accessible.
- The League of Women Voters believes that every citizen should be protected in the right to vote; that every person should have access to free public education which provides equal opportunity for all; and that no person or group should suffer legal, economic or administrative discrimination.
- The League of Women Voters believes that efficient and economical government requires competent personnel, the clear assignment of responsibility, adequate financing and coordination among the different agencies and levels of government.
- The League of Women Voters believes that responsible government should be responsive to the will of the people; should maintain an equitable and flexible system of taxation; promote the conservation and development of natural resources in the public interest; share in the solution of economic and social problems that affect the general welfare; promote a sound economy; and adopt domestic policies that facilitate the solution of international problems.
- The League of Women Voters believes that cooperation with other nations is essential in the search for solutions to world problems, and that the development of international organization and international law is imperative in the promotion of world peace.

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Program Adopted by League of Women Voters of Minnesota

I. CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Judiciary: Support of a judicial system with the capacity to assure a speedy trial and equal justice for all.

Corrections: Support of a correctional system responsive to the needs of the individual offender and of society. Support of sentencing decisions based on circumstances in relation to the crime, the offender and the effect on public safety, made by the judge within legislative guidelines.

Selection of Judges: Support present system of selection and retention of appellate and district judges with certain modifications. Oppose allowing candidates to accept and use endorsement by political parties.

II. EDUCATION

Equal Opportunity: Support of increased state responsibility in creating equal public educational opportunities for all Minnesota children through measures to correct racial imbalance and ensure adequate financing of public schools.

Financing of Education: Support of equal access to a good public education for all Minnesota children. State funding for education should be at a level that makes programs of comparable substance and quality available to all. A student's access to a good education should not depend on the wealth of his or her school district.

Collective Bargaining and Tenure: Support of improvements in the collective bargaining and tenure laws of the state as they apply to K-12 teachers only.

Library Funding: Support for increased and restructured funding for public libraries.

III. GOVERNMENT

Citizen Rights: Support of improvements in election laws regulating election procedures, voting and school district elections. Support of improvements in election laws regulating campaign practices.

Organization of Government: Support of improved structure and procedures for the Minnesota Legislature and Executive Branch; support of an improved process for amending the Minnesota Constitution; support of timely redistricting based substantially on population of congressional districts and of all elected state and local governmental bodies; opposition to a unicameral state legislature.

Initiative, Referendum and Recall: Support of the continuation of legislative initiative and compulsory voter referendum on constitutional amendments; and support of voter approval by a majority of those voting on the question.

Oppose most forms of voter initiative and referendum and recall of members of the legislature and state constitutional officers.

Oppose term limits for members of the legislature and state constitutional officers.

Financing State Government: Support of a balanced and diversified revenue system which relies on broad-based taxes and user fees. Support of an evaluation of each individual revenue source to determine if it is competitive with other states, efficient, equitable, progressive, reliable, responsive and simple. Support of a broad-based sales tax with exemptions for essential items. Support of an equitable property tax as the primary source of financing services provided by local governments and as a partial funding for education. Support of a corporation franchise tax competitive with other states. Support of achieving social goals through open and visible expenditures rather than by granting deductions, exclusions and credits. Support of the principle that state legislation mandating local government action should identify sources of revenue. Support of long-term financial management, budget projections and budget reserve.

State Government Spending: Belief that a long-term vision as well as immediate concerns should guide state spending decisions. Support of the following broad goals, in order of priority: provide high-quality K-12 educational opportunities; provide basic level of health and human services; protect natural resources; encourage economic self-sufficiency; provide for public safety; provide high-quality post-secondary educational opportunities; and preserve open spaces. Support of the use of specific criteria when faced with the need to limit spending, i.e. curtailing subsidies for sports teams and convention centers, maintenance of existing infrastructure over increased infrastructure, tax relief targeted to low-income households and providing services first to the most needy.

Firearms: Action to support restrictions on the sale, possession and use of firearms by private parties in the state of Minnesota. Opposition to an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution granting to an individual the right to bear arms. Support for the ability of local municipalities to regulate ownership and possession of firearms and ammunition more strictly than state law allows.

IV. NATURAL RESOURCES

Water Resources: Support of a state role in the preservation and management of Minnesota's water resources through protection, allocation, conservation, pricing and interbasin transfer policies protective of Minnesota's current and future needs.

Solid Waste: Support of measures to reduce generation of solid waste and ensure safe treatment, storage and disposal of all wastes.

Air Quality: Support measures to reduce air pollution from vehicular and stationary sources.

Land Use: Support of an overall land use plan with maximum cooperation and implementation at the regional and local levels, with state help in developing and exercising land use management, with opportunity for maximum local decision making, and with regional planning and regulation for matters of more than local concern.

Agriculture: Support of a system of sustainable agricultural production which provides safe, healthful food and which preserves and protects the state's human and natural agricultural resources and enhances the environment. Support of a state policy which promotes research and technical assistance in farming practices and rural economies that improve the economic viability of family farms, environmental health and the quality of life of family farmers and their communities.

V. SOCIAL POLICY

Equal Opportunity: Support of policies to ensure equality of opportunity in employment, real property, public accommodations, education and other public services for all persons. Support of administrative enforcement of antidiscrimination laws. Support of state responsibility for and responsiveness to Indian citizens.

FAMILY ISSUES

Family Violence: Support for improved procedures for agencies dealing with family violence; support for improved services for the victims.

Child Support: Support of stricter enforcement of court-ordered child support payments.

Child Protection: Support of adequate staffing and resources for child protection services.

Child Health: Support access to comprehensive prenatal and child health care.

Child Care: Support of coordinated public policies and funding to ensure safe, affordable, quality child care throughout the state.

Teen Pregnancy: Support prevention efforts to lower the rate of teenage pregnancy.

Housing: The League believes that all people have a right to housing. The public and private sectors should work together to ensure that everyone has access to adequate, decent, affordable housing. Support an active state role in providing long-term decent and affordable housing for very low-, low-, and moderate-income households. Support of incentives to local units of government to promote a mix of housing opportunities. Support of disincentives to local units of government that do not promote a mix of housing opportunities. Support of revision of the tax system to narrow the tax disparity between rental and owner-occupied residential property; reduction of the tax rate on rental property available to very low-, low-, and moderate-income households; encouragement of maintenance of rental property available to very low-, low-, and moderate-income households.

Mental Health: Support of a comprehensive and coordinated system of programs and services for mentally ill adults and emotionally disturbed children and adolescents (hereafter referred to as "persons with mental illness"). Priority should be given to persons with serious and persistent mental illness and/or acute mental illness. Minnesota public policy and funding should sustain an array of community-based services that are available and accessible to persons with mental illness. Administration of that policy should provide clients with appropriate and adequate services.

Violence Prevention: Support for violence prevention programs in Minnesota.

Alcohol and Tobacco Use: Support statutes, ordinances, enforcement efforts and public funding designed to promote chemical health and reduce illegal use of alcohol and tobacco.

Support educational programs to improve chemical health and prevent illegal use of tobacco and alcohol starting in elementary school and continuing in middle and high school.

Immigration: Support incorporating immigrants into our communities by providing access to education, by endorsing the development of secure identification documents, and by respecting the right of law enforcement personnel to perform their duties without the burden of interpreting federal immigration policies. Oppose residents with legal immigrant status running for local office

Program Adopted by League of Women Voters of the United States

I. REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT

Promote an open governmental system that is representative, accountable, and responsive; that

has a fair and adequate fiscal basis; that protects individual liberties established by the Constitution; that assures opportunities for citizen participation in government decision making; and that preserves public health and safety through gun control measures.

Citizen Rights

Citizen's Right to Know/Citizen Participation:

Protect the citizen's right to know and facilitate citizen participation in government decision making.

Individual Liberties

Oppose major threats to basic constitutional rights.

Public Policy on Reproductive Choices

Protect the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices.

Congress and the Presidency

Congress: Support responsive legislative processes characterized by accountability, representativeness, decision-making capability and effective performance.

The Presidency: Promote a dynamic balance of power between the executive and legislative branches within the framework set by the Constitution.

DC Self-Government and Full Voting Representation

Secure for the citizens of the District of Columbia the rights of self-government and representation in both houses of Congress.

Election Process

Apportionment: Support apportionment of congressional districts and elected legislative bodies at all levels of government based substantially on population.

Campaign Finance: Improve methods of financing political campaigns in order to ensure the public's right to know, combat corruption and undue influence, enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office and promote citizen participation in the political process.

Election of the President: Promote the election of the President and Vice-president by direct popular vote and work to abolish the Electoral College; support uniform national voting qualifications and procedures for presidential elections.

Fiscal Policy

Support adequate and flexible funding of federal government programs through an equitable tax system that is progressive overall and that relies primarily on a broad-based income tax; promote responsible deficit policies; support a federal role in providing mandatory, universal, old-age, survivors, disability and health insurance.

Gun Control

Protect the health and safety of citizens through limiting the accessibility and regulating the ownership of handguns and semi-automatic weapons.

Voting Rights

Protect the right of all citizens to vote; encourage all citizens to vote.

II. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Promote peace in an interdependent world by cooperating with other nations, strengthening international organizations, fostering long-term development, negotiating arms control measures and encouraging the successful resolution of conflicts through nonmilitary means.

Arms Control

Reduce the risk of war through support of arms control measures.

Military Policy and Defense Spending

Work to limit reliance on military force; examine defense spending in the context of total national needs.

Trade

Support systematic reduction of tariff and nontariff trade barriers and support broad long-range presidential authority to negotiate trade agreements.

United Nations

Support a strong, effective United Nations and its efforts to promote world peace and security, and meet the social, economic and humanitarian needs of the world's people.

U.S. Relations with Developing Countries

Promote US policies that meet long-term social and economic needs of developing countries.

III. NATURAL RESOURCES

Promote an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest by recognizing the interrelationships of air quality, energy, land use, waste management and water resources.

Resource Management

Promote resource conservation, stewardship and long-range planning with the responsibility for managing natural resources shared by all levels of government.

Environmental Protection and Pollution Control

Preserve the physical, chemical and biological integrity of the ecosystem, with the maximum protection of the public health and environment.

Public Participation

Promote public understanding and participation in decision making as essential elements of responsible and responsive management of our natural resources.

Agricultural Policy

Promote adequate supplies of food and fiber at reasonable prices to consumers and support economically viable farms, environmentally sound farm practices and increased reliance on the free market.

IV. SOCIAL POLICY

Promote social and economic justice, secure equal rights for all, achieve universal health care coverage at reasonable cost, promote the well being of children, and combat discrimination, poverty and violence.

Child Care

Support programs, services and policies at all levels of government to expand the supply of affordable, quality child care for all who need it.

Early Intervention for Children at Risk

Support policies and programs that promote the well being, development and safety of all children.

Equality of Opportunity

Support equal access to education, employment and housing. Support ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and efforts to bring laws into compliance with the goals of the ERA.

Health Care

Promote a health care system for the United States that provides access to a basic level of care for all US residents and controls health care costs.

Meeting Basic Human Needs

Support programs and policies to prevent or reduce poverty and to promote self-sufficiency for individuals and families.

Gun Control

Protect the health and safety of citizens through limiting the accessibility and regulating the ownership of handguns and semi-automatic weapons.

Urban Policy

Promote the economic health of cities and improve the quality of urban life.

Violence Prevention

Support violence prevention programs in all communities.

Whatever the issue, the League believes that government policy, programs and performance must meet these criteria:

- competent personnel with clear responsibilities;
- coordination among agencies and levels of government;
- adequate financing;
- effective enforcement;
- well defined channels for citizen input and review.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

JUDICIARY

LWVMN Position: Support of a judicial system with the capacity to assure a speedy trial and equal justice for all.

Details

Support of:

- administrative reforms that expedite justice: establishment of a unified court system, an intermediate appellate court, and procedures to strengthen and streamline judicial administration; additional staff for prosecution, public defenders and legal services when such needs are established; statewide guidelines on bail-fixing process; standardization of forms and procedures; use of technology in administration; use of juries in civil cases only by request.
- methods to improve judicial quality: a nonpartisan selection with a commission to propose names for all appointments to the bench; mandatory training for all judges; adequate salary increases for judges and related revision of retirement benefits.
- procedural reforms that ensure individual rights and access to due process of law: reform of bail process to recognize methods other than monetary to ensure appearance of accused at trial; strict guarantees to ensure protection of the defendant and society in the use of plea bargaining; sentencing alternatives; methods to reduce disparity in sentencing; no-fault divorce procedure using irremediable differences as grounds for dissolution; guarantees to witnesses in grand jury proceedings re: counsel in proceedings, availability of information to defense counsel and restrictions on waiving immunity in later trials; retention of age 18 for persons under jurisdiction of juvenile court; mandatory first appearance in juvenile court for all persons under jurisdiction of such court; requirement for formal transcript of commitment hearings with a rule or regulation protecting privacy of such records.
- the development of community alternatives as an adjunct to the judicial system: alternatives for

sentencing; alternatives for handling behavior now defined as "status offenses" and "social (or victimless) crimes." (1973)

CORRECTIONS

LWVMN Position: Support of a correctional system responsive to the needs of the individual offender and of society. Support of sentencing decisions based on circumstances in relation to the crime, the offender and the effect on public safety, made by the judge within legislative guidelines.

Adult Corrections Position Details

Support of:

- correctional options which will protect society from the offender.
- provision for a continuum of correctional options available according to the needs of the individual offender. The continuum should range from maximum security to facilities and services in the community.
- treatment and rehabilitative programs for all offenders. Among the programs should be those of mental health, education, job preparation, employment assistance and counseling. There should be appropriate incentives to encourage offender participation in programs.
- recognition of the offender as an individual with basic human rights commensurate with constitutional rights except as necessary for the protection of offenders and society. These rights include, but are not limited to, healthful conditions and due process.
- ongoing programs of evaluation and research as an aid in setting program priorities. Included within the scope of the program are need identification, data collection and retrievability, and the use of scientific methods in designing the evaluation plan.
- education programs aimed at increasing citizen knowledge and awareness of all facets of corrections.
- up-to-date personnel procedures including, but not limited to, training, compensations plans, grievance procedures. (1975)

History of State Action

In 2000 LWVMN submitted written testimony to the Senate Crime Prevention Committee in support of a statewide integrated criminal justice information system. The bill to provide for sharing information between agencies was signed into law.

Juvenile Justice Position Details

Support of:

- a program of evaluation of the juvenile justice system in Minnesota.
- continual evaluation of all existing programs for juveniles and their families funded and/or used by public agencies.
- the availability of a complete continuum of services for troubled, delinquent, abused and neglected youth and their families. This includes quality community-based corrections in all geographic areas as an alternative to the traditional institutional setting in an attempt to assure the most successful rehabilitation and prevent further offenses. It does not deny the value of secure institutional treatment for some. We define quality as including proper supervision, standards, inspections and screening of residents.
- maximum effort directed toward finding adequate alternatives to detention, juvenile court processes and institutionalization.
- diversion of juveniles to community alternatives from the formal judicial process at all levels.
- the consideration of confidentiality in efforts to coordinate services for juveniles.
- constitutional protections for juveniles equal to those for adults, including due process of law, and protection from invasion of privacy and unwarranted removal from their families. (1975)

Sentencing Position Details

Support of:

- a presumptive sentencing model, but not indeterminate sentencing, the presumptive sentencing model to be fixed by administrative or judicial staff.
- consideration of mitigating and/or aggravating circumstances.
- the use of diversion and contracts between offenders and authorities.
- sentencing based on both the seriousness of the crime and the needs of the offender.
- sentencing taking into consideration:
 - ⇒ the need for drug counseling
 - ⇒ whether the offender has a marketable skill
 - ⇒ academic training of the offender
 - ⇒ need for psychiatric treatment
 - ⇒ restitution when appropriate
 - ⇒ the availability of a residence and/or employment
 - ⇒ resolution of the causative situation

No consensus was reached on plea bargaining, sentence length, time off for good behavior, or determinate or legislatively-fixed models. (1976)

SELECTION OF JUDGES

LWVMN Position: LWVMN supports the present system of selection and retention of appellate and district court judges with certain modifications. LWVMN strongly opposes allowing candidates for appellate and district judge to accept and use endorsements by political parties. (1999)

Details

- A candidate for judge at the appellate or district court level should have at least five years experience as a practicing attorney.
- The state government should be required to publish voter information on all candidates running for judicial office.
- The governor should be required to appoint appellate and district court judges from among the nominees provided by the selection commission.
- LWVMN strongly favors retaining the incumbency designation on judicial ballots. (1999)

EDUCATION

(See Social Policy section for additional positions.)

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

LWVMN Position: Support of increased state responsibility in creating equal public educational opportunities for all Minnesota children through measures to correct racial imbalance. Support equal access to education, employment and housing.

LWVMN Position: Support of policies to ensure equality of opportunity in employment, real property, public accommodations, education and other public services for all persons.

Details

Support of:

- correction of racial imbalance in the schools. The state should have the power to investigate, to set and enforce standards, and to give extra financial help to achieve these standards. (1967)
- life-long access to public education for expanded job opportunities and personal enrichment to achieve education equity for all citizens. (Convention 1983) (see Social Policy section)

FINANCING OF EDUCATION

LWVMN Position: All Minnesota children should have equal access to a good public education. State funding for education should be at a level that makes programs of comparable substance and quality available to all. A student's access to a good education should not depend on the wealth of his or her school district.

Details

Support of:

- the concept of the foundation formula program (general education revenue). Any revisions in the current education financing system should support:
 - ⇒ provision of adequate funding to meet the real costs of education; (1983) until the State of Minnesota can ensure consistent and adequate funding of education throughout the state, the LWVMN supports the continuation of local excess referendum levies to raise additional money from property taxes; (1991)
 - ⇒ state funding of the following cost differences between students: pupil unit weighting, poverty, special education for various handicapping conditions, gifted and language differences (ESL and LEP); (1991)
 - ⇒ state funding of the following cost differences between school districts: scarcity, training and experience, desegregation and transportation; (1991)
 - ⇒ using the income tax as the mainstay of school funding; (1983)
 - ⇒ encouragement of financial efficiencies; (1983)
 - ⇒ requiring school districts to raise money from property taxes for building construction and debt service with local bond referendum levies. Such expenditures must be approved by the state Department of Education; (1991)
 - ⇒ allowing local districts to raise a limited amount of additional funds for supplemental programs through local levies, to maintain local choice and ensure local accountability; (1983)
 - ⇒ reorganization of school districts with extremely low enrollments; (1983)
 - ⇒ the gradual phasing out of supplemental revenue; (1991)
 - ⇒ maintaining most social and recreational services now offered at schools but seek alternative funding sources for many. (1983)

Opposition to:

- continuation of the current Minnesota private school tuition tax deduction. (1983)
- state funding of cost of living differences between districts. (1991)

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND TENURE

LWVMN Position: Support of improvements in the collective bargaining and tenure laws of the state as they apply to K-12 teachers only.

Details

Support of:

- collective bargaining for teachers, with changes in Minnesota's collective bargaining law to:
 - ⇒ require that teacher bargaining agents and school boards publish first offers and all subsequent written offers during the negotiations.
 - ⇒ require that arbitrators hearing teacher contracts know school law and procedures.
 - ⇒ allow a limited number of school board bargaining strategy sessions that are closed to the public.
- the present bargaining law provision that allows parties to negotiations in each district to determine for themselves which items they consider negotiable. If necessary, the district court would make the final decision.
- the school board as the representative of the public in the negotiation process. Neither parent-community advisory committees nor representatives on the negotiation team should be required by the state.
- Tenure/Continuing Contract laws for teachers, with changes in the current state law to:
 - ⇒ require periodic review and evaluation of tenured teachers' performance, leading to remedial help when indicated,
 - ⇒ retain teacher probationary periods, but lengthen the probation period of Continuing Contract teachers. (Continuing Contract does not apply to first class cities,)
 - ⇒ require school boards to consider factors in addition to order of employment when they must make staff dismissals due to reduction of positions. Such factors include recent teaching experience in the field of certification, program needs of the district, and special expertise of the individual faculty member,
- retention of state laws defining fair dismissal procedures. (1978)

LWVMN does not support extension of the right to strike.

LWVMN opposes *mandatory* negotiation of procedures for reducing staff.

LIBRARY FUNDING

LWVMN Position: Support for increased and restructured funding for public libraries.

Details

Support of:

- increased funding of Minnesota public libraries by means of a combination of substantial local funding, an increase in state funding, and a moderate increase in special-purpose federal funding. LWVMN considers the 1978 funding proportions--85% local government, 6% other local funds, 6% state, 3% federal--to be inequitable in that funding depends predominantly on the local property tax.
- substantial local funding (more than the 30% proposed by the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) but less than the current 91%), in the belief that local control ensures sensitivity to local needs.
- an increased level and greater proportion of state funding for public libraries (but not to the 50% proposed by NCLIS), based on the belief that public libraries, like public schools, share significantly in the education of the state's citizens.
- an increased level and moderately increased proportion of federal funding for public libraries (but less than the 20% proposed by NCLIS).
- distribution of state and federal funds to Minnesota public library systems according to a formula based largely on population, but also taking into account square miles of area served and the inverse of assessed adjusted valuation, so as to achieve the most equitable and satisfactory distribution of funds.
- four goals of the Minnesota Long Range Plan for Library Service, ranked as follows: (1) making services accessible to all citizens; (2) fostering a system of shared resources; (3) developing multi-county regional systems; (4) establishing libraries in areas without them.
- the sharing of resources; using trained and supervised volunteers; and charging fees for time-consuming research and special materials, programs, equipment and services.

LWVMN opposes cutting services and/or hours. (1979)

HISTORY OF STATE ACTION

Equal Opportunity: In 1980 LWVMN published What's the Score in Minnesota, a project to monitor equality of opportunity for women in athletics in public schools. In 1995 and 1996 LWVMN joined several other organizations in a letter to the Legislature opposing making danceline an interscholastic sport.

In 1993 LWVMN lobbied in support of maintaining measurable standards to determine racial imbalance. LWVMN opposed the wholesale repeal of many education rules and mandates which was proposed during the 1993 session. We urged an interim review to assure that no loss of equality of opportunity resulted. We continued to support human relations training for school staff and programs for health and violence prevention. Legislative rules that we advocated retaining included gender equity in sports, and the Inclusive Educational Program Rule which requires each school district to create a plan for multicultural, gender-fair, disability-sensitive curriculum. The League was instrumental in developing the latter rule.

Finance: LWVMN opposed a limited demonstration voucher plan which could be used for private or independent schools because of our concern that use of public money for private K-12 education erodes the financial support of public education. In 1996 the LWVMN actively opposed school vouchers for K-12 education; the League believes the focus of state resources should be on continuing to improve the system that serves all children.

During the 1989 session LWVMN supported the Alliance for Commitment to Education in their proposal for school funding. We opposed shifting more of the burden for the cost of special education onto the local districts as proposed in the Governor's budget. During the Special Session called in September 1989 to consider property tax reform, LWVMN supported the increased state responsibility for school funding as a way to assure less reliance on local property wealth for school programs.

Financing education was restudied in 1991 and the consensus updated. During the 1991 session the LWVMN's goal was to support funding at an adequate level. We also supported supplemental funding to correct racial imbalance. We opposed funding alternative education in non-sectarian schools. In 1992 we supported the American Indian post-secondary grants and the school breakfast program.

The League lobbied in 1997 in support of legislation to expand programs for reading readiness. The bill required early reading instruction to be a mandatory part of curriculum for teacher candidates and provided challenge grants to schools for early intervention reading instruction. The legislation was rolled into the Omnibus Education Finance bill. The 1997 bill was vetoed by the Governor because it did not include his requested increase in tax deductions and tax credit for education expenses. The League contacted the Governor urging him to sign the bill. A special session convened in June 1997 passed a bill including tax credits and doubling deductions for private school tuition.

In 1998 LWVMN opposed a proposed voucher plan for students in K-12. The plan did not pass. The 1999 legislative session considered abolishing the Profiles of Learning. LWVMN cautioned that this would be a retreat from meaningful statewide standards. The proposal failed.

GOVERNMENT

Promote an open governmental system that is representative, accountable, responsive; that has a fair and adequate fiscal basis; that protects individual liberties established by the Constitution; that assures opportunities for citizen participation in government decision making; that provides sound agriculture policies; and that preserves public health and safety through gun control measures.

CITIZEN RIGHTS

LWVUS Position: Protect the citizen's right to know and facilitate participation in government decision making. (1974, 1976)

PUBLIC POLICY ON REPRODUCTIVE CHOICES

LWVUS Position: Protect the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices. (1983)

HISTORY OF STATE ACTION

Citizen Rights: In 1995 the LWVMN was a member of the Information Access Policy Discussion group which sponsored legislation to make it easier to access information via the rapidly emerging cable and phone line technology.

In 1996 LWVMN was very involved in a debate to continue the dual-track airport planning process so that citizen groups could provide input to the decision process. Legislation to abort the process was successful, despite League efforts.

Public Policy on Reproductive Choice: Over the years LWVMN has worked in coalitions to monitor state developments on reproductive choice. In 1989 LWVMN became a member of the MN Alliance for Choice, encouraging local League members to help with a Choice Attitude Survey conducted by Planned Parenthood of Minnesota (PPM). More recently LWVMN has joined with PPM and MN National Abortion Rights Action League (MN NARAL) in the effort to protect reproductive choice.

During the 1990 legislative session, LWVMN focused on opposing legislation which would have made abortions illegal in Minnesota. During the 1991 session, the League worked with the Alliance for Choice to emphasize preventing unintended pregnancies and reducing the abortion rate in Minnesota as set forth in the Minnesota Women's Consortium's Prevention, Not Prohibition campaign. This campaign was rated as an effective advocacy and educational tool.

During the 1990s the LWVMN focused on opposing the multiple efforts to restrict access to abortions or to make them illegal, and to increase funding for the full range of family planning services for low-income people. In 1993 the League worked to pass the "health clinic access bill" assuring the right of unimpeded approach and departure from abortion clinics.

Our pro-choice coalitions were successful in either derailing anti-choice legislation or in convincing pro-choice governors to veto

the bills that got through. In 1995, for example, the "Woman's Right to Know" was deleted from the Welfare Reform Bill.

Anti-choice efforts increased over the decade. With an anti-choice governor and anti-choice majorities in both houses, the challenge was to get the anti-choice forces to agree that preventing unwanted pregnancies was the best way to reduce the number of abortions. This met with mixed success. The "Woman's Right to Know" bill passed in 2003 and was signed into law, but state-subsidized family planning was saved with Gov. Pawlenty's help. The "Super Gag Rule" failed to get a hearing in either house, anti-choice Constitutional amendments were foiled for the moment, and the effort to force a dual-track sex education program also failed. This last item would have forced the state to spend tax dollars for religious-based, just-say-no sex ed programs. Many of these bills will return in the 2004 session, unfortunately.

ELECTION LAWS

LWVUS Position: Promote the election of the President and Vice-president by direct popular vote and abolish the electoral college; support uniform national voting qualifications and procedures for presidential elections. (1970, 1976)

LWVMN Position: Support of improvements in election laws regulating election procedures, voting and school district elections.

Details

Support of:

- centralized responsibility in the state government for achieving uniform election procedures and for training election officials. (1961)
- extension of mandatory voter registration prior to election day to cover more voters through inclusion of more municipalities through county-wide registration, or through state-wide registration. (1961)
- extension of election laws to cover school district elections, including uniform, mandatory voter registration. (1972)
- rotation of names of candidates for the same office on ballots. (1972)

HISTORY OF STATE ACTION

Election Laws In 1995 the League was asked to provide testimony on elections to the Election Division of the House General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Elections Committee. The League testified on what is right and wrong with the current election process and on our general position on elections and the campaign process. The Grove Commission, an 18-member bipartisan commission of which LWVMN President, Kay Erickson, was a member, published its report on Electoral Reform.

During the 1995 session the League testified in support of appropriating money to produce and mail 3 voter guides: to the caucus, to the primary and to the general election. The League assured the legislators that such guides can be produced in a non-partisan way, in a manner similar to our production of voter guides, and offered to produce the guides. Funding was not forthcoming.

In 1996 the LWVMN supported an unsuccessful attempt to authorize mail ballots in special elections for the increased accessibility to the voting process which it provides in elections with traditionally low voter turnout.

In 2002 and again in 2003, LWVMN supported a bill to allow election judge appointing authorities to appoint individuals who are not affiliated with a major political party. Despite wide support, the bill failed in both sessions.

The 2001 Help America Vote Act (HAVA), passed by the U.S. Congress after active support by LWVUS, authorizes and finances statewide improvements in voter access by setting standards for access for the disabled, provisional voting, improved registration procedures and purchase of improved voting machines. LWVMN representatives served on a task force advisory to the Secretary of State for implementation in Minnesota.

School District Election Laws: League members reached consensus in 1972 and lobbied for a bill which passed in 1973, simplifying absentee balloting, requiring rotation of candidates' names on non-partisan ballots, and forbidding election day campaigning or solicitation of votes within 100 feet of a polling place.

Presidential Primary: In 1991 the League supported adding a presidential primary in addition to caucuses and supported a bill to clarify issues of candidate withdrawal to help elections be more "voter friendly." A primary was held in 1992, with League support and involvement at the polls. However, due to an insufficient voter turnout a primary was not held in 1996.

Term Limits: LWVUS Convention 1992 adopted a motion "to amend the Government position of the LWVUS national program to allow state and local Leagues to use national positions and principles to take action against term limits for state or local officeholders." At the January 1993 Board meeting, LWVMN voted to oppose term limits for the legislative branch of Minnesota state government. LWVMN in 1994 established an "opposition to legislative term limits fund" and worked in coalition with such organizations as Common Cause, AFL-CIO, League of Minnesota Cities and MEA to successfully oppose the placement of a term limits measure on the ballot.

In 1995 the League voiced its strong opposition to both national and state efforts to adopt term limits legislation. As an alternative to term limits, the League supported successful legislation to rotate committee chairs. Limiting the number of years a member can be chair allows new ideas.

Permanent Absentee Voter Status: During the 1990 session LWVMN supported the enactment of a bill establishing permanent absentee voter status for eligible voters who are permanently unable to go to the polling place on election day due to illness or disability.

CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

LWVUS Position: Action to improve methods of financing political campaigns in order to ensure the public's right to know, combat corruption and undue influence, enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office and promote citizen participation in the political process. (1973)

LWVMN Position: Support of improvements in election laws regulating campaign practices.

Details

Support of:

- the public's right to comprehensive disclosure of all political campaign contributions and expenditures: mandatory, timely, uniform and complete reports of campaign contributions and expenditures should be made to a central authority responsible for disseminating such information to the public; responsibility for reporting contributions to the candidate's campaign and for reporting expenditures by the candidate and those made on the candidate's behalf rests squarely on the candidate; penalties should be stringent enough to ensure compliance by candidates. (1961)
- judicious use of public resources to finance campaigns. (1972)
- reduction of the amount of money spent on campaigns. (1972)

HISTORY OF STATE ACTION

LWVMN has been active on this subject since 1961.

LWVMN has supported efforts to limit fundraising events for legislators during sessions each year since 1985. The 1990 Legislature enacted a bill prohibiting principal campaign committees and "friends of" committees from holding fund-raisers during a regular legislative session.

During the 1995 session LWVMN lobbied hard to keep the current ethics law, and in the end was successful. There were several attempts to weaken the laws passed the previous year. In particular an attempt to create a loophole was monitored by League lobbyists.

The 1999 legislative session saw a renewed effort to relax the gift ban with other campaign finance changes. LWVMN testified in opposition and the measures failed to get out of conference committee. LWVMN supported a proposed measure to prohibit lobbying by former legislators for one year after leaving public office. The measure failed.

The League continues to work to make the federal election process more open and equitable. Recent national action has focused on support for legislation mandating public financing for congressional elections and placing limits on the size of donations that political action committees can give to candidates. Leagues continue to apply the position in working for campaign reform measures at the state and local levels.

In 1993 LWVMN supported action by the legislature to improve campaign finance laws in Minnesota. Working with a coalition formed by Common Cause, a reform measure passed which decreased financing from political action committees, lobbyists and large donors for candidates for state office and encouraged increased participation by small donors and the general public. The measure also eliminated abuses of the system by prohibiting "friends of" committees, the transfer of funds between candidates, disallowed public subsidy for unopposed candidates and prohibited caucus fund-raisers during legislative session. Recognizing the incumbent advantage, first-time candidates for state office are permitted to increase their spending limit by 10%. For the first time contribution limits were placed on candidates for local office.

To provide funding for these changes, more emphasis was placed on public financing for state-office candidates. The check-off system remains with an additional state appropriation. Small contributors may receive a one-time reimbursement from the state for a contribution to a candidate running for state office.

In 1996, in conjunction with Common Cause, local leagues lobbied US representatives in support of a comprehensive campaign finance reform bill in the House of Representatives: voluntary spending limits; reduced cost ways for candidates to communicate with the public; controls on "soft-money" contributions; limits on large individual contributions; and cuts in the amount of PAC donations.

The League issued a statement in 1997 regarding our position on campaign finance reform measures considered in Congress.

LWVMNEF moderated a town meeting on campaign finance (attended by Senator Wellstone, Representatives Gutknecht, Ramstad, Luther and Vento), at which the League was able to present our position directly to some of our elected officials.

At the state level, LWVMN lobbied against the relaxation of a gift ban included in campaign reform legislation passed in 1994. We urged legislators to avoid the perception of undue influence at a time when the public is asking for continued reform.

In 2000 legislation was introduced in both houses that would provide candidates with the option of full public financing. The bill also placed limits on the size of contributions individuals and PACs can give to political parties and legislative caucuses. The bill did not reach either floor for a vote. In 2001 LWVMN joined the FACE (Fair and Clean Elections) Coalition to promote the bill introduced in 2000. Vigorous advocacy was presented in both houses and there were press conferences, letters to legislators, committee testimony. The League remains a co-sponsor of the FACE Coalition.

OPEN MEETINGS AND OPEN RECORDS

LWVUS Position: Governmental bodies (should) protect the citizens' right to know by giving adequate notice of proposed actions, holding open meetings and making public records accessible. (Principles, 1974)

HISTORY OF STATE ACTION

Open Meetings: The 1990 legislature passed a bill which applies the requirements of the open meeting law to the Legislature. (Caucuses of members from the same party are excluded.)

Open Records: LWVMN continues to monitor all bills dealing with the Data Privacy Act. The League has resisted attempts to facilitate the classification of materials since such classification impedes the public's right to know.

ORGANIZATION OF GOVERNMENT

LWVUS Position: Action to support responsive legislative processes characterized by accountability, representativeness, decision-making capability and effective performance. (1972) Action to promote a dynamic balance of power between the executive and legislative branches within the framework set by the Constitution. (1976) Action to support reapportionment of congressional and elected legislative bodies at all levels of government based substantially on population. (1966, 1972)

LWVMN Position: Support of improved structure and procedures for the Minnesota Legislature and executive branch; support of an improved process for amending the Minnesota Constitution; support of timely redistricting based substantially on population of congressional districts and of all elected state and local governmental bodies. Opposition to a unicameral state legislature.

Details

Support of:

- legislative reform through improved procedures for providing information, adequate research assistance, no increase in size (reduction in size is desirable), realistic compensation for legislators, improved organization of committees, legislative sessions of adequate length, and allowing the Legislature to call itself into special session. The Legislature should meet annually and should have the power to determine the time of meeting and length of session and should have the power to recess. (1955, 1968)
- a post-auditor appointed by and directly responsible to the Legislature. (1955)
- changes in executive structure characterized by clear lines of authority and responsibility, elimination of duplication and overlapping of agencies, a structure of organization designed to focus on current and emerging problems, and a system of standard nomenclature. (1970)
- measures to change the process of amending the state Constitution by retaining a simple majority vote by the Legislature in proposing an amendment and requiring a simple majority of those voting on the question for ratification. (1947, 1962)
- regular and equitable reapportionment, with definite procedures established to ensure prompt redistricting by the Legislature or by a reapportionment commission; support of procedures which provide for:
 - ⇒ compact, contiguous districts giving advantage to no particular person or group,
 - ⇒ public accessibility to legislative or commission deliberations and action,
 - ⇒ prompt judicial review. (1979)

Opposition to:

- ⇒ Unicameral legislature. (1999)

III. INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL

LWVMN Position: Support of the continuation of legislative initiative and compulsory voter referendum on constitutional amendments; opposition to most forms of voter initiative and referendum on statutes; opposition to recall by voters of members of the Legislature and state constitutional officers; support of strict procedural limits on any process of initiative, referendum or recall.

Details

Support of:

- the continued initiation of constitutional amendments by the legislative branch; opposition to all forms of voter initiative of such amendments (direct, indirect or advisory).
- the continuation of compulsory voter referenda on constitutional amendments.
- strict procedural limits on any form of initiative, referendum or recall considered or adopted in Minnesota, including restrictions on:
 - ⇒ time span for collecting signatures,
 - ⇒ eligibility requirements for persons signing and collecting petitions,
 - ⇒ percentage of signatures required, geographic distribution of signers, and verification of signatures,
 - ⇒ size of vote required for passage,
 - ⇒ procedure for repeal or amendment of a successful initiative or referendum,
 - ⇒ contributions to and spending for ballot issue campaigns. (1980)

Opposition to:

- direct initiative and advisory initiative on statutes; no agreement on indirect initiative on statutes.
- optional and compulsory referenda on statutes; no agreement on petition referenda on statutes.
- Voter recall of members of the legislature and state constitutional officers, no agreement on recall of judges or appointed officials.

HISTORY OF STATE ACTION

Redistricting: During the 1991 session, LWVMN worked with a coalition to support timely redistricting of the state legislature. As in previous redistricting efforts the legislative process was contentious and the resulting plan controversial. A final plan was mandated by the court, thus reinforcing the need for a bipartisan redistricting commission. In 2001 the House, Senate and a Governor's advisory commission presented widely different plans. No compromise was reached and again a court plan was adopted.

Initiative, Referendum and Recall: In the 1999 session a constitutional amendment to establish Initiative and Referendum for both statutes and constitutional amendments passed the House but died in the Senate. LWVMN joined a coalition to defeat the amendment.

The League Action Committee and the State Board reiterated its 1979 position against recall. A bill, including recall enabling legislation, passed during the 1996 session, to place on the November ballot a question to include recall as part of the constitution. The amendment passed but LWVMN raised many procedural questions both before and after the passage.

Unicameral Legislature: In 2000 a strong effort was put forward to introduce a constitutional amendment to establish a unicameral legislature. LWVMN opposed it by testifying before committees, sending letters to legislators who were members of key committees, issuing action alerts and participating in a rally at the Capitol. The bill did not pass.

In 2002 LWVMN testified against a renewed effort to establish a unicameral legislature. The effort failed.

IV. FINANCING STATE GOVERNMENT

LWVMN Position: Support of a balanced and diversified revenue system that is equitable, competitive with other states, progressive and reliable. Support of long-term financial management, projections and a budget reserve. (1995)

Support of:

- a balanced and diversified revenue system which relies on a combination of broad-based taxes and user fees.
- the following criteria for evaluating individual revenue sources and the overall revenue system:
 - ⇒ Competitiveness: Allows Minnesota to compete with other states and nations as a location of economic activity, recognizing that the revenue system is only one of many factors involved in location choice and that the level and effectiveness of public services affects competitiveness,
 - ⇒ Efficiency: Maintains a reasonable relationship between administration and compliance costs and the amount of revenue generated,
 - ⇒ Equity: Imposes a similar revenue burden on taxpayers in like circumstances,
 - ⇒ Progressivity: Requires that those with a greater ability pay a larger percentage of their income in taxes,
 - ⇒ Reliability: Provides a stable source of revenue.
 - ⇒ Responsiveness: Adjusts to changes in economic conditions and reflects long term growth,
 - ⇒ Simplicity: Is understandable to the taxpayer.
- a progressive **individual income tax** with a graduated rate schedule.
- a broad-based **retail sales tax** with exemptions for essential items to reduce the impact on low-income persons.
- the use of an equitable **property tax** as the primary source of financing for services provided by local

governments and a partial source of financing education (see the Financing Education position.).

- a **corporation franchise tax** which is competitive with other states providing a comparable level of public services. The LWVMN supports a corporation franchise tax which equitably taxes all corporations earning profits from their business activities within the state.
- the use of other sources of revenue, such as user fees and special assessments, for funding specific activities and projects. These charges should be assessed with a sensitivity to the criteria established to judge the overall revenue system.
- achieving social policy goals through open and visible expenditures rather than by granting deductions, exclusions and credits. If deductions, exclusions and credits are granted, they should be:
 1. Evaluated on the basis of their compliance with the criteria established to judge the overall revenue system;
 2. Determined to be the most cost-effective means of achieving the intended purpose;
 3. Reviewed periodically to justify continuance.
- the distribution of state-collected revenues to local governments based upon the following principles:
 - ⇒ It is appropriate for state and local governments to share in the cost of services provided by local governments that benefit all Minnesotans,
 - ⇒ If necessary, state funding may be used to assure that local community services are available on an equitable basis,
 - ⇒ The state should not impose statutory limits on local governments' ability to raise and spend revenue for local community services,
 - ⇒ Programs which distribute state-collected revenues to local governments should enhance the equity, progressivity and efficiency of the overall revenue system,
 - ⇒ Once enacted, promised distributions of state-collected revenues to local governments should be a reliable source of revenue to local governmental units.
- the principle that state legislation mandating local governments to provide specific services should identify adequate and appropriate revenue sources.
- long-term financial management of all state government funds.
- consideration of long-term projections of revenue and expenditures when making budget decisions.
- an adequate budget reserve, established during good economic times, to be used in recession years to sustain expenditures for necessary services.

HISTORY OF STATE ACTION

Since the mid '50s the LWVMN has studied the financing of state and local governments. Early studies focused on the property tax, resulting in LWVMN support of property tax reform.

In the October 1989 Special Session, the Legislature enacted a property tax reform bill which began to restructure state-local finances. The goal was for the state to fund state-mandated programs and for property tax to support local programs. For example, starting in 1991, the state funded income maintenance programs formerly paid for by state and local money. In 1990 the state also assumed district court administration and certain other court costs. Other features of the bill were changes in property tax rates, a decrease in the number of rates, and more detailed property tax statements. LWVMN supported the bill's effort to break the link between local property tax and state mandated services.

In 1999 the Legislature had to determine what to do with large surpluses. LWVMN lobbied the legislative leadership and the Governor to retain a healthy reserve and invest in long-range programs for Minnesota citizens rather than returning all the surpluses to the taxpayers. LWVMN also lobbied to use the one-time tobacco lawsuit funds for tobacco cessation and medical programs. In 2001 the State again enjoyed huge surpluses and a significant Tax Reform Bill was passed which will reduce the local property tax levies for education. The state will assume more educational costs but local governments will lose state grants. The aim is to tie taxes more exactly to the controlling arm of government.

In 2003 facing unparalleled deficits and determined to enact "no new taxes," the state budget was slashed across the board for 2003 and the 2004-05 budget. LWVMN lobbied for selective tax increases to blunt the effect of spending cuts to programs especially beneficial to women, children and the most vulnerable. Support for this position increased during the session but "no new taxes" won the day.

GOVERNMENT SPENDING

I. Broad Goals

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota (LWVMN) believes long-term vision as well as immediate concerns should guide state spending decisions. The League strongly supports the following broad goals: (by priority)

1. Provide high-quality K-12 educational opportunities for Minnesotans,
2. Provide for a basic level of health and human services for all Minnesotans,
3. Protect the state's natural environment,
4. Encourage economic self-sufficiency,
5. Provide for the public safety,
6. Provide high-quality post-secondary educational opportunities for Minnesotans, and
7. Preserve the state's open spaces (i.e., parks, state buildings).

LWVMN also supports the following goals:

1. Ensure that all Minnesotans receive a basic level of local public services without regard to individual or community wealth,

2. Maintain a viable state-wide transportation system, including public transit.
3. Create a business climate that will allow MN businesses to compete nationally and internationally and,
4. Ensure timely resolution of court cases.

LWVMN does not support the goal of limiting state and local expenditures to a legislated percent of personal incomes.

Spending Priorities

LWVMN believes that the highest priority areas for state spending are the following:

1. K-12 (regular) education
2. Health Care
3. Environmental protection

When considering specific proposals requiring choices, the League believes that some components of state spending should be given higher priority than others.

Relative Priority

Regular education over vocational education.

Vocational education over special education.

Special education over community education and recreation.

Health care and family support over nursing home care.

Environmental protection over parks and recreation.

Roads and transit over highway patrol.

Job-related economic security over business incentives.

Property tax relief related to income over Homestead and .
Agricultural Credit Aid (HACA).

HACA over Local Government Aid.

The court system and law enforcement over correctional Institutions.

III. Criteria for Limiting Spending

When the state finds it necessary to limit spending, LWVMN supports use of the following criteria (by priority):

1. State subsidies for sports teams, convention centers, and similar projects should be among the first items to be curtailed.
2. Maintenance of existing infrastructure should take precedence over expenditures to increase the infrastructure.
3. Property tax relief programs should be directed to those with lower household incomes.
4. Services should be provided first to the most needy citizens.
5. Eligibility guidelines for public services should be adjusted to increase individual responsibility.

The League opposes the following:

1. Making across-the-board cuts first, as a way to allocate funds,

2. Placing more reliance on non-government organizations (such as churches and not-for-profit organizations) to deliver services,
3. Reducing state funding for higher education and increasing reliance on tuition,
4. Allowing services for the elderly to take precedence over those for children.

IV. Efficiency

The League supports enhancing efficiency and cost effectiveness in the provision of quality government services. To this end, the League strongly supports:

1. Emphasizing prevention over treatment of problems,
2. Encouraging inter-governmental cooperation.

The League also supports:

1. Providing funds/grants to individuals to allow them to select providers of child-care services and housing assistance,
2. Giving government employees more flexibility and incentives to manage the way they do their jobs
3. Using performance-based budgeting to emphasize outcomes over inputs and to hold government officials responsible for results,
4. Encouraging competition (private-private, public-private and public-public) to enhance efficiency.

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota does not support providing funds/grants to individuals to allow them to select providers for K-12 education.

VI. FIREARMS

LWVUS Position: Protect the health and safety of citizens through limiting the accessibility and regulating the ownership of handguns and semi-automatic assault weapons, and support the allocation of resources to better regulate and monitor gun dealers. (1990)

LWVMN Position: Action to support restrictions on the sale, possession and use of firearms by private parties in the state of Minnesota. (1990)

Details

Support of:

- licensing of long guns, hand guns and assault weapons.
- registration of long guns, hand guns and assault weapons.
- a waiting period for the purchase of long guns, hand guns and assault weapons.
- a waiting period as preferable to an instant computer background check.
- a ban on the manufacture, sale and importation of assault weapons and assault weapon parts.

- mandatory firearm safety training before the purchase of a firearm.
- the concept of gun owner liability when others are harmed due to the owner's negligence.
- stiffer and/or mandatory penalties for people who commit crimes with firearms.
- the ability of local municipalities to regulate ownership and possession of firearms and ammunition more strictly than state law allows.

Opposition to:

- an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Minnesota granting an individual the right to bear arms.

LWVMN does not support or oppose an instant computer background check.

HISTORY OF STATE ACTION

Following the adoption of the LWVMN position in 1990, LWVMN members played a key role at the LWVUS Convention in the adoption of a gun control position through concurrence with the Illinois position.

In January 1991, LWVMN joined "Citizens for a Safer Minnesota," a coalition of organizations and individuals dedicated to: supporting legislation regulating availability of military assault weapons and handguns; educating Minnesotans about the causes of and solutions for gun-related violence; promoting awareness that gun-related violence is not just a crime issue, but also affects public safety, child protection, health and the educational climate as well.

The Coalition lobbied successfully in 1992 for legislation that would prohibit handgun permits from being granted to persons with a history of domestic assault; and in 1993, for the Omnibus Crime Bill which enacted a statewide ban on carrying rifles in a public place, a ban on kits that would convert semi-automatics to full machine guns, and legislation that would permit municipalities to regulate gun shops through zoning laws. The Child Accident Protection Bill passed; this requires adults to store loaded weapons away from children and enhances penalties for guns in schools and drive-by shootings.

The League, as part of Citizens for a Safer Minnesota, lobbied unsuccessfully in 1996 to raise the age from 14 to 18 as the threshold for adults to store loaded weapons away from children. In 1993 LWVMN successfully lobbied members of Congress for passage of the Brady Bill after several years of effort. In 1995, the League lobbied representatives to stop the repeal of the Brady Bill. League lobbyists were active in opposition to a proposal to place a "Right to Bear Arms" amendment on the ballot.

From 1996 to 2000, the League continued to lobby successfully against the expanded right to carry a loaded handgun in public and bills that would limit local zoning of gun shops.

In 2000, the gun violence prevention efforts by the LWVMN and Citizens for a Safer Minnesota were strengthened by the addition of the Minnesota Million Mom March, which was founded by League members. This coalition was able to keep "carry conceal" legislation from passing until April 28, 2003, when the "Carry Conceal Weapons" bill, attached to a non-germane bill in the MN House, passed. The MN Senate bypassed the committee process and passed the "Conceal Carry Weapons" portion of the bill. A

"Repeal Conceal" effort (petitions and lawsuits) was immediately supported by the League and its coalition members beginning May 28, 2003---the day the bill became law.

VII. NATURAL RESOURCES

Promote an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest by recognizing the interrelationships of air quality, energy, land use, waste management and water resources.

LWVUS Position: The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that natural resources should be managed as interrelated parts of life-supporting ecosystems. Resources should be conserved and protected to assure their future availability. Pollution of these resources should be controlled in order to preserve the physical, chemical and biological integrity of ecosystems and to protect public health. (1986)

WATER RESOURCES

LWVMN Position: Support of a state role in the preservation and management of Minnesota's water resources through protection, allocation, conservation, pricing and interbasin transfer policies protective of Minnesota's current and future needs. (1985)

Details

Support of:

- state water policies which emphasize planning for supply, use and quality, and effective coordination of agencies and levels of government with responsibility for water resources. Support for statewide, comprehensive planning to protect both ground and surface water. Support for policies which:
 - ⇒ recognize regional differences in supply and use,
 - ⇒ integrate both ground and surface water management,
 - ⇒ integrate quality and quantity management.
 - ⇒ provide for research on hydrogeology and best use of water resources,
 - ⇒ consider future use (of water resources),
 - ⇒ promote data acquisition to characterize quality and quantity,
 - ⇒ provide for maintenance and repair of water facilities,
 - ⇒ distinguish between withdrawal and consumption.
- a state water conservation plan which emphasizes preservation and efficient use of water resources. The plan should, at a minimum:
 - ⇒ continue to develop the protected stream flow and aquifer-safe yield programs,
 - ⇒ provide for education and technical assistance,

- ⇒ require specific conservation plans from those who propose interbasin transfers,
- ⇒ provide incentives for recycling and reuse.
- water-pricing policies which include full costs of production and delivery in water prices. Support for rate structures which encourage conservation. Support for user fees or taxes to cover costs in state water management.
- interbasin transfers (both intrastate and interstate) only if water remaining in the basin would be sufficient for present, future and instream needs. Decisions to transfer water should consider environmental effects, future water needs of basin of origin and conservation practices of the receiving basin.
- clear legislative definition of the decision-making process for interstate and interbasin transfers. This process should include at least an advisory role for local governments affected by the transfer and a regulatory role for state government. Each of the following options should be considered:
 - ⇒ Minnesota legislation governing interbasin transfers,
 - ⇒ uniform legislation among Great Lakes states,
 - ⇒ federal legislation requiring basin-of-origin state approval,
 - ⇒ interstate compacts with authority for transfer decisions,
 - ⇒ increased state and province participation in International Joint Commission procedures.

AIR QUALITY

LWVMN Position: Support measures to reduce air pollution from vehicular and stationary sources.

SOLID WASTE

LWVMN Position: Support of measures to reduce generation of solid waste and ensure safe treatment, storage and disposal of all wastes.

Details

Support of:

- state government's taking measures to reduce the generation of municipal solid waste through research and development of alternatives to sanitary landfills.
- measures to discourage the use of nonreturnable beverage containers.
- flexibility in the establishment and enforcement of standards in solid waste management to allow the state to adopt more stringent standards than federal standards. (1973)

LAND USE

LWVMN Position: Support of an overall land use plan with maximum cooperation and implementation at the regional and local level, with state help in developing and exercising land use management, with opportunity for maximum local decision making, and with regional planning and regulation for matters of more than local concern.

Details

Support of a state plan that should:

- be tied closely to integrated planning (e.g., human services, highways).
- be coordinated with plans and policies of local and regional agencies.
- require local government to exercise at least a minimum level of planning and control.
- recognize fragile or historic land, renewable resource lands, and natural hazard lands as critical areas and subject them to at least minimum control.
- require impact statements of major public and private development.
- provide financial aid for research, technical assistance and state data for local and regional governmental units.
- provide authority to local and regional governmental units to exercise innovative planning and regulatory techniques such as land banking, planned unit development, transfer of development rights, timed development ordinances
- provide for an appeals board to arbitrate conflicts among governmental bodies and between citizens and governmental bodies. (1975)

AGRICULTURE

LWVUS Position: *Promote adequate supplies of food and fiber at reasonable prices to consumers and support economically viable farms, environmentally sound farm practices and increased reliance on the free market.*

LWVMN Position: *Support of a system of sustainable agricultural production which provides safe, healthful food and which preserves and protects the state's human and natural agricultural resources and enhances the environment; research and technical assistance in farming practices and rural economies that improve the economic viability of family farms, environmental health, and the quality of life of family farmers and their communities.*

Details

Support of:

- family-owned, moderate- and small-sized farms.
- research directed to moderate- and small-sized farm operations.
- beginning farmers.
- innovative practices and crops for moderate- and small-sized farms.
- access to markets for all producers.
- providing crisis supports based on need (crisis understood to be an event beyond the farmer's control such as a natural disaster).
- monitoring contracts for the protection of farmers.
- ensuring that corporate farms be held liable for their share of losses, environmental damage, public health hazards, etc.
- incentives for sustainable farming practices.
- incentives for contributions to clean water and air, healthy soil and conservation of wildlife.
- incentives for the preservation of agricultural land.
- shared liability for environmental damage (caused by agriculture) between farmers and businesses under contract.
- stricter standards for animal confinement operations (based on concerns for both animals and human health as well as ethical issues relating to the treatment of animals).

In order to promote the stability of rural communities, support of:

- community and regional planning.
- education (retraining, farm management, marketing, etc.).

- infrastructure.
- livable wages for workers.
- crisis assistance.
- development of leadership skills.
- networking with farmers and community leaders.
- research into viable and sustainable rural communities.
- exports should be promoted as long as this does not hold priority over promotion of a local/regional food system.
- Research into genetically modified foods is supported if the purpose of such research is to ensure the long-term safety of GMO food and crops, to advance basic research knowledge, to benefit sustainable agricultural practices and to serve the public good.

Note on terms used: "Family farm" generally implies that the family owns and lives on the land, provides most of the labor, assumes the economic risk, and makes management decisions.

According to the Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture, sustainable agriculture seeks to balance three long-term goals: quality of life (to satisfy personal, family, and community needs for health, safety, food and happiness); environment (to enhance finite soil, water, air and other resources; economics (to be profitable). In any given situation, the most sustainable choice is the one where the net effects come closest to meeting all three goals.

HISTORY OF STATE ACTION

Water: In 1995 the League closely monitored some legislators' attempts to relax Wetlands restrictions. The session ended without changes. In 1996 the LWVMN actively participated with the Wetlands Coalition to monitor the changes to the Wetlands Protection Act. The League wanted to keep the "no-net loss" policy on drainage ditch repair and construction.

In 2003 the LWVMN was an active part of a coalition supporting legislation to control the use of Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs). The damage they do to our wetlands and to the environment in general is very detrimental. A watered-down OHV bill was passed and signed into law in the spring of 2003, an important component is the requirement that all state forest trails will be closed to OHVs unless posted open by 2010. OHV clubs began organizing to repeal the law immediately after passage.

In 2003, LWVMN supported legislation developed by the MN Environmental Partnership that would remove and/or severely limit phosphorus in dishwashing detergent. Septic system upgrade requirements were also supported. Both issues were referred for more study and will resurface in the 2004 legislative session.

Air: Since 1981 LWV has worked to strengthen and readopt the National Clean Air Act; a bill passed in 1990.

LWVMN has supported acid rain controls at both the state and national levels, and continues to monitor the acid rain situation both in Minnesota and other areas of the country.

Solid Waste. During the 1989 session LWVMN supported passage of amendments to the waste management statute fostering an integrated waste management system through reduction and reuse, waste recycling, yard waste composting and resource recovery. A portion of the fees charged for disposal of solid waste is used to assist counties in their waste reduction efforts. LWVMN also supported proposed ordinances in Minneapolis and St. Paul requiring that food packaging be returnable, degradable or recycled, and was represented in the Advisory Committee on implementing these ordinances.

From 1990 to 1993 LWVMN supported legislation designed to reduce packaging waste through fees including container deposit. We also supported provisions which had mandatory recycled content requirements for products.

In 1991 we opposed the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Citizens Board's granting of a permit for the Dakota County's incinerator based on LWVUS' seven minimum conditions necessary to support an incinerator.

Hazardous Waste: LWVMN supported the adoption by the state Legislature of the Waste Management Act of 1980, and has continued to support citizen action as the Waste Management Board seeks to site waste facilities.

Since 1984 when Minnesota became a part of the Midwest Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact, LWVMN has joined with other midwest state Leagues to monitor siting of a low level radioactive waste disposal site.

In 1997 and again in 1999 LWVMN and other states opposed the transport of nuclear wastes through the heavily populated areas of the state without a clear nuclear waste disposal program from the federal government.

LWVMN opposed the Northern State Power Company's request in 1992 to the Public Utilities Commission to grant a Certificate of Need for dry cask storage of high-level radioactive waste at the Prairie Island facility. This was based on Minnesota Statute Sec. 116C.72, which requires legislative consent to create a high-level radioactive waste facility in Minnesota. In 1993 a Minnesota Appeals court upheld that position. Our opposition was based on the process rather than the facility. LWVUS has granted permission for LWVMN to oppose the storage facility as proposed by NSP.

Land Use: In 1997 the League lobbied for mandatory state planning which would require the units of government to coordinate their plans with neighboring communities. A softer version of the bill was passed, merely recommending planning and providing assistance to those localities who choose to do it.

In 2003 LWVMN supported stronger control of off-highway vehicles because of excessive damage to public and private lands. Restrictions were vigorously fought by industry and some user groups, but a bill with some long-sought relief finally emerged.

Energy: The LWV continues to support conservation and development of alternatives to fossil fuels.

Agriculture: The LWVMN position adopted in 2001 was immediately used to lobby against a bill appropriating \$192,000 to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) for a court ordered Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a large hog operation. LWVMN believes this subsidy sets a dangerous precedent.

LWVMN also opposed a bill (which passed) expanding nuisance liability protection for farm operations.

From July 1998 through January 2002 LWVMN's representative participated in the working of the Citizen Advisory Committee for the Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) on Animal Agriculture. The purpose was to help the state of Minnesota understand the issues and controversy surrounding animal agriculture and to produce recommendations for public policy. The recommendations were to be ready for the 2002 legislative session.

In September 2001 LWQVMN testified at a public hearing of the GEIS in support of the policy recommendations for animal agriculture put forth by the Citizen Advisory Committee which were consistent with League positions.

LWVMN testified against legislation proposed in 2003 that eliminated citizen and/or local governments from initiating the environmental review process for feedlots having under 1,000 animal units. The legislation passed despite strong opposition by environmental groups and supporters of local control.

SOCIAL POLICY

Promote social and economic justice, secure equal rights for all and combat discrimination and poverty.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

LWVUS Position: Support equal access to education, employment and housing. Support ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and efforts to bring laws into compliance with the goals of the ERA.

LWVMN Position: Support of policies to ensure equality of opportunity in employment, real property, public accommodations, education and other public services for all persons. Support of administrative enforcement of antidiscrimination laws. Support of state responsibility for and responsiveness to Indian citizens.

Details

Support of:

- the principle that the state is responsible for all its citizens on an equal basis and should work to ensure equal treatment for all citizens by all levels of government. (1951)
- antidiscrimination legislation as a necessary means of eliminating discrimination. (1957)
- the principle of fair housing and antidiscrimination laws governing transactions of all real property, regardless of whether the financing is public or private. (1961)
- adequately financed enforcement of antidiscrimination laws dealing with employment, housing, real property, public accommodations, education and other public services. (1961)
- state legislation to ensure services for Indian citizens which are equal to those provided for other citizens.

Where Indians are singled out for special attention, that attention should be directed towards solving existing jurisdictional conflicts in order to guarantee equal treatment of Indian citizens by all levels of government. Programs should have the explicit recognition that the basic decisions regarding Indian lives and property are to be made by the Indians themselves. (1963)

- a state agency of Indian affairs which meets the following criteria: acceptable to the Indians themselves; permanent; staffed by professionally qualified people, authorized to act in setting up, carrying out and coordinating programs; empowered to use the services of other existing agencies and provided with adequate funds. (1963)
- the correction of racial imbalance in the schools. (1967)
- life-long access to public education for expanded job opportunities and personal enrichment to achieve education equity for all citizens. (Convention 1983)

FAMILY AND CHILD ISSUES

FAMILY VIOLENCE

LWVMN Position: Support for improved procedures for agencies dealing with family violence. Support for improved services for the victims.

Details

Support of:

- a multi-disciplinary approach in dealing with child abuse.
- more advocates to protect the interests of victims of family violence.
- more shelters for battered women.
- a complete and continuing system of data collection on incidents of family violence to aid in planning and evaluation of services.
- a continuing program of mediation as an alternative to criminal prosecution in resolving domestic disputes.
- provision of immediate legal remedies for victims of family violence.
- a coordinated training program for all legal and human services professionals to address the problems of family violence. (1980)

CHILD SUPPORT

LWVMN Position: Support of stricter enforcement of court-ordered child support payments.

Details

Support of:

- efforts to make support collections and enforcement services equally available to non-public assistance families.
- efforts to adequately publicize available services.
- providing adequate staff to enforce child support in an efficient and expeditious manner. (1982)

CHILD PROTECTION

LWVMN Position: Support of adequate staffing and resources for child protection services. (1986)

Details

Support of:

- the assignment of a high priority to state and county level Child Protection Services to ensure adequate staffing and sufficient resources to provide meaningful services to families experiencing abuse and neglect.
- a Children's Trust Fund to support programs aimed at preventing the abuse and neglect of children.
- funding programs to promote good parenting and to provide support for parents, especially those in high risk groups, in order to prevent child abuse and neglect.
- modifications of juvenile and criminal court proceedings in cases of abuse and neglect, reducing the trauma to the child victim while still protecting the rights of the alleged abuser.

CHILD HEALTH

LWVMN Position: Support access to comprehensive pre-natal and child health care. (1987)

Details

Support of:

- public policies that provide access to comprehensive pre-natal and child health care because of the cost effectiveness of preventive health care for pregnant women and children.
- publicly supported health insurance for pregnant women and children with family incomes up to at least 200% of the poverty level.
- publicly and privately sponsored programs that ensure adequate nutrition for pregnant and nursing mothers and young children.
- ensuring adequate care for children with disabilities and chronic illness.

CHILD CARE

LWVUS Position: Support programs, services and policies at all levels of government to expand the supply of affordable, quality child care for all who need it, in order to increase access to employment and to prevent and reduce poverty.

LWVMN Position: Support of coordinated public policies and funding to ensure safe, affordable, quality child care throughout the state. (1987)

Details

Support of:

- adequate funding of a child care sliding fee program to ensure quality child care for low income children.
- public policies and adequate funding at the state and county level to create and sustain quality programs, including grants and loans and resource and referral services to meet the demand.
- policies in the public and private sectors that recognize the value of the child care professional and provide adequate wages and benefits to trained child care workers.
- providing an unpaid leave of absence for the parent of a newborn or newly adopted child.

TEENAGE PREGNANCY

LWVMN Position: Support prevention efforts to lower the rate of teenage pregnancy. (1988)

Details

Support of:

- the Minnesota Department of Education requiring school districts to collect data on drop-outs for reasons of pregnancy or adolescent parenting.
- increased prevention efforts in the public schools in order to lower the rate of teenage pregnancy.
- a prevention curriculum that includes the legal and financial responsibilities of male teenage parents.
- health care providers publicizing the necessity of prenatal care and the locations of free and low cost health services.

HOUSING

LWVMN Position: The League believes that all people have a right to housing. The public and private sectors should work together to ensure that everyone has access to adequate, decent, affordable housing.

Details

Support an active state role in providing long-term decent and affordable housing for very low-, low-, and moderate-income households. Specifically support programs that:

- increase a community's capacity to provide a full range of housing opportunities.
- preserve and expand the existing affordable housing stock.
- prevent homelessness.
- promote rental housing subsidies.

Support incentives to local units of government to promote a mix of housing opportunities including home ownership and rental housing for people of all ages with very low-, low- and moderate- incomes. Support disincentives to local units of government that do not promote such a mix of housing opportunities.

Support revising the tax system to:

- narrow the tax disparity between rental and owner occupied residential property.
- reduce the tax rate on rental residential property available to very low-, low- and moderate- income households.
- encourage maintenance of rental property available to very low-, low- and moderate- income households.

HEALTH CARE

LWVUS Position: The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that a basic level of quality health care at an affordable cost should be available to all US residents. Other US health care policy goals should include the equitable distribution of services, efficient and economical delivery of care, advancement of medical research and technology and a reasonable total national expenditure level for health care. (1993) (See 'National Program At a Glance' for full position.)

MENTAL HEALTH

LWVMN Position: Support of a comprehensive and coordinated system of programs and services for mentally ill adults and emotionally disturbed children and adolescents (hereafter referred to as "persons with mental illness"). Priority should be given to persons with serious and persistent mental illness and/or acute mental illness. Minnesota public policy and funding should sustain an array of community based services which are available and accessible to persons with mental illness. Administration of that policy should provide clients with appropriate and adequate services. (1989)

Details

Support of:

- adequate and consistent funding for services for persons with mental illness. Public funding should be flexible, following the client's needs, yet accountable to the public.
- a range of appropriate housing options for persons with mental illness.
- a commitment process which ensures prompt and appropriate treatment for persons with mental illness while protecting their civil rights. The commitment process should enable the commitment of persons so gravely disabled by mental illness that they cannot meet their basic human needs.
- a coordinated system of quality assurance (including standards, mechanisms to monitor and the ability to take corrective action) for programs and services for persons with mental illness with an emphasis on evaluating outcomes and consumer response.
- continuing state financial responsibility for improved intensive treatment programs and adequate living conditions for persons currently served in regional treatment centers.

PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE

LWVUS Position: Support violence prevention programs in all communities.

LWVMN Position: Support for violence prevention programs in our community.

Details

Support of:

- educational programs that emphasize self-esteem, healthy sexuality, problem solving, positive expression of emotions, non-violent conflict resolution and respect for others to prevent violent behavior. This would include support for:

- ⇒ government sponsored parenting and early childhood classes;
- ⇒ local or state government mandating or encouraging such education programs in school curricula;
- ⇒ use of public money to train teachers and administrators to use non-violence curricula;
- ⇒ training for child care providers.

- a requirement that adult educators, including coaches, participate in prevention of sexual harassment and violence education programs, and that public money be provided for adequate training.
- the use of public money for a statewide public information and communication campaign designed to prevent violent and sexually violent behavior; i.e., to promote healthy sexuality, non-violent conflict resolution, and gender and racial equality.
- efforts of state and local government to develop and coordinate programs dealing with primary prevention of violence.
- allocation of public moneys in governmental programs to combat violence through reducing substance abuse and poverty, and by identifying and responding to individuals who have been violent or are at risk for violent behavior.
- the following social institutions taking an active role in preventing violent behavior: religion, business, law, medicine, media, civic and recreational organizations.
- efforts to encourage the media industry to exercise self-restraint in the promotion of violence.
- efforts to encourage the pornography industry to exercise self-restraint in the promotion of sexually-violent pornography.

ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO USE

LWVMN Position: LWVMN supports educational programs that advance improved chemical health.

Details

Support of:

- Ongoing programs, starting in the elementary school and continuing in the middle and high school.
- Regular, continuing education for adult educators, coaches and school administrators.
- Alternatives to suspension for alcohol and tobacco violations in the schools.
- Allocation of public funds for state and community initiatives to prevent illegal alcohol and tobacco use.
- Consistent city and school guidelines for adults who chaperone youth activities.

- State laws, city ordinances and law enforcement efforts designed to promote chemical health and reduce illegal alcohol and tobacco use. (Convention 1999)

IMMIGRATION

LWVMN Position: LWVMN supports incorporating immigrants into our communities by providing access to education, by endorsing the development of secure identification documents, and by respecting the right of law enforcement personnel to perform their duties without the burden of interpreting federal immigration policies. Oppose residents with legal immigrant status running for local office.

Details

Support of:

- State funding of Adult Basic Education for each program site should be adequate to meet the needs of the eligible residents.
- All Minnesota residents, regardless of their immigration status, should be eligible for in-state tuition at state colleges and universities under the same conditions, such as one year's state residency or graduation from a Minnesota high school.
- The Department of Public Safety should recognize the *matricula consular* as an acceptable document to prove identity for obtaining a driver's license.
- Law enforcement employees of state, county, or local government agencies, such as the Department of Public Safety and state and local police, should not be deputized by the INS to enforce immigration laws.
- Residents with legal immigrant status should not be allowed to run for local offices. (As adopted by the LWVMN Board, March, 2003)

HISTORY OF STATE ACTION

Antidiscrimination and ERA: In 1993 LWVMN joined the coalition "It's Time Minnesota" which lobbied successfully for the inclusion of sexual preference in Minnesota's anti-discrimination legislation. A LWVMN lobbyist served on Governor Carlson's 1994 task force on gays and lesbians, instrumental in passing the Human Rights Amendment.

During the 1990 session LWVMN lobbied in favor of clearer definitions of an equitable compensation relationship, provisions for reviewing and accepting plans by the Department of Employee Relations, and penalty provisions. The revised measure was passed and signed into law.

Family Violence: The League lobbied for legislation incorporated in a 1996 crime prevention bill to fund visits to homes and nurseries. The visits provide early intervention in abusive situations, given that the number one indicator of criminal behavior is child abuse.

Child Support: LWVMN has supported child support legislation to make services more equitable for non-Public Assistance families and to withhold income automatically for court-ordered support.

Child Protection: LWVMN has worked to support adequate staffing and resources for Child Protection Services at the county and state levels.

Child Health: The League took action in support of the Children's Health Plan and expanding pre-natal health care services. In 1997, the League strongly supported a bill to restrict the sale of tobacco to minors by licensing retailers and setting criteria for display of tobacco products. The legislation was passed and signed into law.

In 1999 LWVMN supported adolescent health clinics.

In 2003 the Legislature cut about \$1 billion from current levels of support in the Health and Human Services bill, in spite of efforts in opposition by the LWVMN and others. The cuts resulted in a raise in health care insurance premiums for people covered under the MinnesotaCare Program, eliminating basic health care coverage for undocumented immigrant children and their families, and raising premiums for families receiving Minnesota Medical Assistance for disabled children. In addition, the governor's unallotments imposed severe cuts on WIC, a nutritional program for women, infants and children.

Child Care: In a coalition the League helped to found, Child Care WORKS, LWVMN has aggressively worked for expansion of the Child Care Sliding Fee Program for low-income parents and development grants to increase the supply of quality child care. The League supported legislation to guarantee an unpaid parental leave.

The League supported a proposal to expand the basic sliding fee program to subsidize low- and middle-income Minnesotans who pay child care expenses. The bill was incorporated into the Omnibus Human Services legislation. The League lobbied for the appropriation of money for crisis nurseries and home visiting programs.

In 1997 the League successfully lobbied for expansion of child care in welfare reform legislation. One provision of the package was to exempt parents with babies under one year from immediate work requirements. Parents will receive a portion of the child care subsidy and be allowed to stay at home with their infant.

In 2003 cuts to the Health and Human Services bill included significant reductions in state-subsidized childcare assistance, e.g., eliminating from the program families earning more than 175% of the Federal poverty level, or \$15,000 for a family of three. The league opposed these reductions, and testified against budget cuts in health and human service and in favor of a "diversified revenue system."

Teenage Pregnancy: LWVMN testified in 1994 for the inclusion in the Omnibus Education Finance Bill for money to fund a program to teach male responsibility to teen fathers.

In 2003 funding for family planning clinics was protected and the effort to mandate dual-track sex education in public schools was defeated. The latter would have mandated religious-based, abstinence-only sex-ed programs offered along with the standard program. The League submitted testimony on Emergency Contraception and did action alerts on it and the 24-hour wait bill.

Housing: LWVMN lobbied in 1993 in support of a bill that would provide "comprehensive choice" in housing throughout the metropolitan area. The vision was to distribute a full range of housing throughout the metro area enabling very low-, low-, and moderate- income people to live near new entry level jobs opening up in outer ring suburbs.

In 1997 the League followed with interest legislation to increase affordable rental housing through no-interest mortgages or deferred loans. The program received \$16.4 million for the biennium.

In 2000 LWVMN issued action alerts to members urging that TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) funds be used to expand affordable housing programs rather than replace existing funding. New affordable rental housing received \$30 million and \$20 million went to Habitat for Humanity.

Health Care: The national Health Care position arrived just in time to allow crucial lobbying by LWVMN for the establishment of Minnesota's HealthRight legislation in 1992 (now called MinnesotaCare). The League continued monitoring its development in the 1993 legislative session and also monitored rulemaking by the Minnesota Health Care Commission and Department of Health. A primary concern is that the consumers' point of view be included in Commission decisions.

LWVMN is also working with the Health Care Reform Project, a national coalition to promote health care reform at the federal level. Included in any plan the Project supports are: universal coverage and mandatory employer participation; serious cost containment; comprehensive benefits for all; and reform now.

The League concentrated its health care lobbying efforts in 1995 to prevent the erosion of the 1994 MNCare bill and to seek funding for universal coverage.

The League took action on several health care issues in 1997, including a Prescription Drug Fair Competition bill to negotiate lower drug prices for independent pharmacies. The Governor used a line item veto to eliminate the funding to allow the Department of Administration to negotiate on behalf of the pharmacies. Also, a weakened Patient Protection Act passed and was signed. We had hoped the bill would include an independent appeals process and a strong patient advocacy program, but it certainly is a good beginning.

In 1999 LWVMN wrote to the legislators asking that funds from the tobacco lawsuit be used to establish endowments for the health care of Minnesotans and not be used for tax rebates.

LWVMN joined a new health care coalition in 2000—Seniors and Workers for Quality Coalition. We monitored bills related to patient protection and prescription drug programs for seniors. Legislation passed relating to training for nursing home resident assistants and developing alternative procedures for nursing home inspections. Participation in the coalition during the 2001 session also proved successful. Advocacy efforts brought gains for workers' wages, limits on the use of temporary nursing pools and funding for studying staffing needs.

Mental Health: During the 1993 session the League supported refinements of the Comprehensive Mental Health Act. LWVMN lobbied for community-based homes for persons with mental illness. The League has consistently supported increased funding for community services. We also supported the Anoka Alternatives, a fund to find housing for difficult-to-place persons at Anoka Regional Treatment Center. We supported the closing of Moose Lake Regional Treatment Center and increased funding for community services for those clients. LWVMN also supported innovative employment programs in the community which will be an ongoing concern.

In 1995 the League provided testimony in support of a bill to create delivery system pilots which would pool the resources of regional treatment centers with community dollars. In 1996 the League lobbied successfully for the continued funding for five Coordinated Employment Projects. The projects provide job counseling for persons with mental illness. In 1997, the League lobbied for the additional employability projects.

Bridges, a temporary housing program for persons with mental illness, was expanded in the 1997 after strong lobbying from the League. Other mental health issues that arose during the 1997 session included a cost of living increase for mental health employees, and additional funding for the relocation of Regional Treatment Centers staff into community services.

Legislation to implement the recommendations of the Supreme Court Civil Commitment Task Force was successful in 1997. Funding was made available for a civil commitment training and resource center.

In 1998 and 1999 LWVMN lobbied for expansion of the Bridges Program and the Employability Program. LWVMN issued action alerts to members on a number of issues in 2000: employability projects, housing, prescription drug programs and adequate wages for community health workers. Advocacy efforts during 2001 for many bills included action alerts, letters to legislators and newspaper editors and committee testimony. Among successes were expansion of the civil commitment criteria, increased wages for mental health workers and \$1 million to save the supported employment projects.

Long Term Health Care: In 2003 the League supported:

- * Investment in long-term care targeted to ease chronic staffing problems in facilities and community service.
- * Dedication of new funds to the wages and benefits of workers to improve the quality of care for the residents and their family members.
- * Provision of Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) benefits to the children of all long-term care workers.
- * Regulation of supplemental staffing pools and limit what they can charge.
- * Expansion of training and education opportunities for potential and current long-term care workers; and a commitment to updating the Nursing Assistant and Home Health Aide curriculum.
- * Assurance of public accountability and solid planning for the future with these studies and reports: results of the rate increases for wages, benefits, and major expenditures, time studies of staffing needs and financial implications; report on the changes in supplemental staffing pool usage; improved reporting of Vulnerable Adult caseloads, backlogs, and issues.
- * Equal rates protections ensuring equal access to care regardless of the ability to pay.

Relatively speaking, the long-term care system fared well in the 2003 session. While the Governor's budget cut other programs funded with state aid, such as childcare and health insurance for adults without children, according to the Department of Human Services, nursing facilities received only a 1.6 percent overall reduction in aid for the 2004-06 biennium compared to 2003 payments. Originally, the Governor had proposed cutting nursing home rates by 4 percent per year and eliminating the Worker Scholarship Program on top of the 1.6 percent reduction. Below is a list of some of the areas where nursing facilities will see budget reductions and policy changes:

- * State reduces what it pays facilities to hold beds, cuts \$865,000 in state aid for '04-05.

- * State reduces 90 day enhanced rate to only 30 days; cuts \$5,141,000 in state aid for '04-05.

- * State increases surcharge payments for nursing homes; gains revenue through intergovernmental transfer.

- * The surcharge for nursing homes is increased from \$990 per licensed bed to \$2,815 per licensed bed paid to the state. That \$1825 per bed per year increase will largely fall on private pay patients.

*Because of reimbursement from the federal government, the state nets over \$98 million.

- * According to the new law, workers in nursing homes, assisted living, home care and day services that market services to people with dementia are now required to be trained in understanding the disease, helping people with activities of daily living, solving problems with behavior, and learning ways to communicate.

Prevention of Violence: In coalition with the Minnesota Attorney General, the Violence Against Women Coalition, the Citizens Council, the Battered Women's Coalition and other groups, LWVMN has lobbied successfully for violence prevention programs at the Legislature. Minnesota now has among other innovations: anti-violence curricula in its schools with funding provided to districts that offer such curricula in grades K-12; an Office for a Violence Free Minnesota, which coordinates state-wide efforts in violence prevention; foundation grants specifically targeted to violence prevention programs; and in Ramsey County, an urban, county-wide Community Action Plan using a multi-faceted approach to end family violence. Delegates to LWVUS Convention in 1994 concurred with LWVMN violence position in its essentials following a campaign led by Minnesota delegates.

Minnesota American Indians: In the 1993 session LWVMN supported legislative ratification of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians agreement regarding the 1837 Treaty rights to hunting, fishing and gathering by the band. Legislative ratification would have honored the rights of the Ojibwe, protected the environment and avoided a costly court fight. The Legislature failed to act and the agreement was sent to trial. The federal Court of Appeals has ruled in favor of the band following an appeal by the State of Minnesota of the federal district court's ruling also in the band's favor. In 1999 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the Mille Lacs Band retained the hunting and fishing rights guaranteed to them by the 1837 treaty.

Alcohol and Tobacco Use: The 1999 LWVMN Convention adopted by concurrence the Edina LWV's Alcohol and Tobacco Use position.

Immigration: During the 2003 session, LWVMN supported an 8% growth factor in funding for Adult Basic Education. However, this growth factor was eliminated in the budget.

LWVMN members adopted a study of the challenges and opportunities facing Minnesota with regard to immigration in May 2001. Members did not reach consensus on three issues:

- * In the "Details" of the League Equal Opportunity (Social Policy) Position, to change the working from "citizens" to "all persons" to match the position statement

- * Should the driver's licenses of non-citizens on short-term visas be marked to indicate their status?

- * Should residents with legal immigrant status be allowed to vote in local elections?

COUNCIL OF METROPOLITAN AREA LEAGUES

The Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues (CMAL) was established in 1962. It is an interleague organization composed of all the local Leagues in the seven-county metropolitan area which includes Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington counties. Through CMAL, League members work to address governmental issues of metropolitan concern.

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

CMAL Position: Support of the development of the Metropolitan Council as the decision-making body for metropolitan needs in accordance with these criteria: efficiency and economy, equitable financing, flexibility, citizen control and responsiveness to the electorate. CMAL supports provisions for coordinated metropolitan services focused through the Metropolitan Council. CMAL supports retention of an appointed Metropolitan Council with greater use of its existing powers. (1969, 1976, 1993)

Details

CMAL supports:

- retention of an appointed Metropolitan Council.
 - ⇒ The appointed Council is seen as less parochial, less subject to special interests, and better able to adopt and maintain unpopular positions for the good of the entire area.
 - ⇒ The appointed Council is responsible to our elected state Legislature and watched over by our elected local officials. (1969, 1976, 1993)
- an open appointment process including publicized vacancies; increased citizen, local government and legislative influence on appointments; formal qualifications for office, a return to fixed, staggered terms, establishment of a removal procedure for members of the Council and district apportionment based on population.

In the event that it appears that the Council may become an elected body, CMAL supports nonpartisanship of candidates, with availability of public financing, with selection of the chair made by the council members from among their number; maintaining population as the basis for districts, election of Council members at the same time as local officials (assuming passage of the Uniform Election Law), continuance of a part-time Council and of the per diem basis for compensation. (1976, 1993)

HOUSING

CMAL Position: Support of the Metropolitan Council as the Housing and Redevelopment Authority acting as an administrative agency providing technical assistance to communities requesting service. CMAL opposes an independent regional body separate from the Council to own and operate subsidized housing. (1981)

HEALTH

CMAL Position: Support of the continuation of health planning and coordination at the metropolitan level with state and/or regional funds, if federal funds are reduced. (1981).

FUNDING/FINANCING

FISCAL DISPARITIES

CMAL Position: Support for area-wide sharing of fiscal resources, to move towards the solution of problems created by fiscal disparities and to finance services which benefit the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area as a whole or affect the lives of all its citizens. (1970) The integrity of the area-wide pool used in the sharing of fiscal resources should be maintained with no exceptions. (1997) Loans from the pool should be discouraged and if made should not be forgiven. (1997)

FINANCING METROPOLITAN SERVICES

CMAL Position: Support for operating and maintaining the metropolitan systems and services with a mix of funding sources specific to each service (federal, state and local funds and user fees). If a supplemental fund is created, CMAL supports additional user fees, new or increased, appropriate to the service. (1985)

Details

CMAL supports:

- improved accountability of metropolitan agencies by:
 - ⇒ uniform reporting and submittal dates of agency development programs to the Metropolitan Council
 - ⇒ a responsible, uniform system of administrative procedures for all metropolitan agencies.
- improved accountability of the Metropolitan Council by:
 - ⇒ the establishment of a permanent legislative committee/commission for metropolitan affairs,
 - ⇒ regular reports to the legislature on regional programs for financing,
 - ⇒ regular reports and discussion sessions with local elected officials,
 - ⇒ responsible administrative procedures.

SCHOOL INTEGRATION/DESEGREGATION

CMAL Position: Support the following measures to achieve school integration/desegregation in the metropolitan area: mandatory participation by the school districts; voluntary participation by students; combination of student exchanges, magnets and incentives; combination of incentive plans for school districts and individuals funded by state money; redrawing of school district lines (as necessary). (1991)

HOUSING/HEALTH CARE FOR THE AGING

CMAL Position: Support for local planning for the housing and service needs for the elderly and disabled in the community. Support for the preparation of a local "Blueprint for Action." (1989)

Details

CMAL supports:

- the provision of a single telephone number at the local level for information and referral for senior housing and services available in that area. (CMAL supports the city as the most appropriate provider of this service.)
- local ordinances which allow for the provision of housing and services necessary to meet the needs of the aging.
- the provision of additional health, home care, and housing support services as they become necessary. CMAL supports flexibility in the provision of these services. Providers can be in the private sector (profit or non-profit), the county, city, school district, community center, the informal network, or any combination of these.

LAND USE AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

CMAL Position: CMAL recognizes that increased pressures for development in the entire Twin Cities area indicate the need for a strong public voice in land-use decisions. CMAL supports metropolitan-level planning, programs and policies directed toward channeling development in ways that will: (1) preserve and enhance the natural environment; (2) use public investment to the best advantage; and (3) provide area residents with diversity in choice of facilities and amenities. (1972) (Also see LWVMN and LWVUS positions.)

Details

CMAL supports

- channeling growth so that necessary public services are provided in an efficient, orderly pattern.

- preserving the natural environment to the extent possible by protecting land and water during and after development, and from development where necessary, and preserving open space for recreation, protection and amenities.
- using land in the seven-county area to implement social goals, such as a full range of housing choices, adequate transportation, parks and the necessary facilities and amenities to enhance the quality of life.
- the Metropolitan Council should be authorized to develop the policy tools necessary to implement these goals, provided local governments are involved in decisions affecting them.

ENVIRONMENT

CMAL Position: Support for a requirement that local governments adopt implementation ordinances for protection of environmental quality for review and approval by the Metropolitan Council. (1981)

CMAL Position: Support the Metropolitan Council as the agency to plan and coordinate the water supply needs of the region. (1995)

Details

CMAL supports:

- water supply as a regional system with Metropolitan Council review and approval of local plans and implementation of the water supply system through local water utilities.
- Consideration of water supply availability in shaping the growth of the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area and the Metropolitan Council should have the authority to deny approval of development in areas with limited water supply availability through approval of amendments to land use plans.
- Protection of water supply resource, emergency response, and water conservation as high priorities in a regional water supply plan with plans for alternative sources of water a slightly lower priority.
- Water supply becoming a regional operating system only if implementation of local water supply plans is ineffective and threatens the water supply of the region, or major regional investments are needed for interconnections to provide for the water supply of the region, and/or if supplies of water must be brought in from outside the region.
- Metropolitan Council having a role in educating the public.

SOLID WASTE

CMAL Position: Support for the establishment by the Metropolitan Council of a system for controlling the flow of solid waste for recycling and resource recovery. (1981)

HISTORY OF CMAL ACTION

Water Resources: CMAL adopted at its 1993 convention a study of Regional Government Structures and Management Efforts to Provide an Adequate, Safe Water Supply. Their report, Water Supply: A Regional Perspective, was released in January 1995.

Solid Waste: In 1985 CMAL testified before the Metropolitan Council and State Legislature. It supported mandatory source separation, cautioned against total reliance on high tech solutions to waste management, and supported the 1990 deadline for cessation of landfilling of unprocessed mixed municipal wastes. Subsequent legislation mandated the 1990 deadline, but source separation remains voluntary unless mandated by individual metropolitan counties.

TRANSPORTATION

CMAL Position: Support of the Metropolitan Council as the single metropolitan agency to plan and coordinate a diverse transportation system, meeting varied needs, and to have approval authority over this system's major capital expenditures. New funding sources should be service related. (1983) (Also see LWVUS position in Impact on Issues, p. 59-60.)

Details

CMAL supports:

- various modes of transportation, both public and private: ridesharing, carpools, vanpools, paratransit, buses and deregulated taxis. A light rail transit mode can be supported if assured high ridership, economic feasibility and integration into the total transportation system.
- transportation service for the handicapped, fringe parking, and feeder services; High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes, bikeways, walkways and selected reduced fares.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

CMAL Position: Support of measures to ensure accountability and visibility of county government. Support of measures to improve cooperation and communication between the Metropolitan Council and county government within the metropolitan area. (1975)

Details

- Accountability of a governmental body is obtained by the effective communication of its policies and procedures to residents of its jurisdiction. While accountability to the citizenry is recognized as a responsibility of all governments, CMAL also recognizes the responsibility of citizens to become adequately informed and involved as well as to participate in the election process. Accountability of county government would be increased by the following (but not limited to):
 - ⇒ public access to the budget process where priorities and policies are set, including, for example, citizen review of revenue-sharing allocations and funding for public services and citizen review of methods of setting budget priorities,
 - ⇒ systematic and objective evaluation of county programs,
 - ⇒ creation of a public information system to ensure not only public access to meetings of the county board and advisory committees but also more understanding of the issues being considered by the county board; ample publication of location, time, date and agenda of meeting; dissemination of information on the procedures for citizen appointments; and publication of background information prior to the decision-making time when policy is set,
 - ⇒ regular communication between county and municipalities and other levels of government,
 - ⇒ full disclosure of campaign financing by every candidate in county elections.

The Metropolitan Council is viewed as the regional planning and coordinating body, while the counties are viewed as administrators, implementers, and enforcers of regional policy. CMAL believes that counties should be involved in the initial planning and policy-making stages of Metropolitan Council activities in order for counties to carry out their eventual implementation.

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