



League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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BOARD MEMO

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As we start the New Year we hardly have time to look back with satisfaction over a job well done because we are so busy keeping up with local, state and national activities of the day and at the same time planning for tomorrow.

U.N. We are going to take time to look back a bit as we consider 20 years of the United Nations February 23rd. We are fortunate to have arranged a luncheon that day at the Thunderbird Motel, Highway #494 - 12:00 noon - at which time John E. Horner, Director, Office of Public Services, Bureau of Public Affairs, State Dept., will address us on "The U.N. and the Impact of the Newer Nations." Send your reservations into the state office by February 19. Cost \$2.20 including tip. (See enclosed card)

As for today's activities how about the Legislative Observer's Course? We think they are great. It is not too late to participate. If you should miss a session KUOM is taping parts of the morning session and broadcasting these tapes - watch your local radio listing for time. We look forward to seeing you at the Capitol. If you have any particular problems or ideas you would like to discuss with your consultant, make arrangements ahead of time to meet her for lunch that day.

We regret there was a problem with subscriptions to CAPITOL LETTER. Some of you got quite upset when your money was returned because it came in after the deadline. Have you stopped to think what it means to set up a subscription list for this newsletter? The purpose for a deadline is so that we can buy the needed stamped envelopes, get them addressed so everything is ready to go. Another session we will "advertise" for subscriptions earlier so you will have no trouble meeting the deadline. Because of the problems with this year's subscriptions we printed extra copies of the first issue out January 25 so you may still subscribe.

PUBLIC RELATIONS Are you neglecting a great bargain? Think of the public relation value of a few gift subscriptions to the "Capitol Letter." How else can you give so much for so little? Be sure that your legislators receive copies. (If there are several Leagues in your district, call the others and give a joint gift.) Newspaper editors and radio or TV stations will be most appreciative and don't forget schools and libraries. Perhaps this would be a nice way to say thank you to your contributors - or maybe encourage a prospective donor.

But don't put it off another day. The first issue is already out so **DO IT NOW!!** Get your names, addresses and check in the mail TODAY. This is your last chance. The reason we are giving you this opportunity after the cutoff date is that so many of you forgot to include a gift subscription to your legislators.

When you come in for the Legislative Observers Course, why not bring along some of the interested people from your town? Editors, reporters, businessmen, scholars, farmers, governmental officials, laborers, loafers, housewives, whoever is interested, are all most welcome. Come and bring them all.

When you bring these interested friends with you to the Capitol, perhaps you can give them some background on our state Program. Tell them about our study of apportionment (copies of "Apportionment in Minnesota" are still available) - how each local League studied and discussed before reaching consensus.

For future use:

1. Would you favor including an area factor in the Minnesota Constitution if the Federal Constitution is amended to make this permissible? The League has no consensus on this point. There was an almost even split between Leaguers who desired an area factor and those who did not. There was surprisingly little division on urban-rural lines, thus some out state Leagues favored population only; some metropolitan Leagues favored an area factor, many Leagues were split. In other words no consensus.
2. Are you in favor of a unicameral legislature? No consensus. The majority of Leaguers who were willing to answer this question at this time seemed to prefer a bi-cameral legislature. However many Leaguers expressed a desire for more information on the subject, and a considerable number felt they would be in favor of a single house if it were politically practical.

On the basis of this report the Board formulated the following position:

"The League of Women Voters of Minnesota supports the principle of regular and equitable reapportionment. The League favors an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution which would:

1. Leave the primary responsibility for reapportionment with the legislature but would establish definite procedures if the legislature fails to act.
2. Specify the maximum deviation of any district from the ideal (total population divided by number of legislators).
3. Prohibit an increase in legislative size."

While you are following all of this activity at the Capitol, you are no doubt developing quite specific ideas on future state Program.

PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS ARE DUE IN STATE OFFICE FEBRUARY 19

From reports in bulletins and minutes, we find that many local Leagues have been holding Program discussion meetings as their first step in the League Program-making process. Lively discussion of the many pressing problems facing our state should engender much interest among members, and the actions of the legislature should spark additional interest.

Following the Guide for Informed Program-making which appeared in the November Board Memo, suggestions have been made by units by this time, and Boards are in the process of evaluating these suggestions.

The Board's job is just as important as discussion in the units. Be sure to take adequate time to review these items, relate them to the current situation, consider possibilities for consensus and also for action. Discuss a single list Program. Spend enough time on wording so your direction for study and action is clearly outlined. Then send the suggestions in to the state office.

After your suggestions have been assembled by the State Board Program Committee, the entire state Board will evaluate the suggestions at the February 25 meeting. Following that meeting your League will receive the state Board's recommendations for the first round Program suggestions. Local Leagues will then send back to the state Board their second round suggestions by April 12. The final step in the process is consideration at the May Convention. Be sure to get your items in by the February 19 deadline as first round suggestions or those items cannot be given further consideration.

We hope that you have sufficient interest in one or more Program suggestions to do some "campaigning" for its support by other Leagues. This adds interest, knowledge and excitement to the whole process of Program selection.

BYLAWS While you are considering Program-making don't forget your suggestions for state bylaw revisions. Your recommendations for amending our bylaws must be submitted to the Board of Directors at least three months prior to a Convention or at the same time as Program suggestions - February 19.

While we are thinking of bylaws we want to remind you that if you are contemplating amendments to your local bylaws, the proposals should be sent to the state Board for comment and advice well in advance of presentation of the proposals to your members. We recommend your using Explanation of Standard Bylaws for Local Leagues if you are contemplating any revisions.

LOCAL By now local Program work is in all stages of development throughout the state. Some Leagues may have reached consensus, others are still re-searching, interviewing, and discussing.

No matter what stage you are in at this time, it is important that your community is aware that your League is working on local items. Has anyone outside your League heard about local Program since the announcement of its adoption last spring? Have you worked with your public relations chairman?

As you read chapter nine of your Local League Handbook and Tips on Reaching the Public you see repeatedly, "bring the community along with your local program." It takes some brain stretching and lively imaginations to catch the somewhat elusive attention of "the public." But these efforts will bring dividends when the time comes for action.

This is also Program-making time on the local level. We suggest you check "Basic Program Procedures" pp. 16-17 in your Local League Handbook. Our experiment in flexibility extends to your local Program. It will help you make decisions on this type of Program if you remember that the wording of a CR is a statement of League position. Work on a CR does not extend to study of new aspects of the issues. If you wish to or anticipate the possibility of such an opportunity, the item should remain as one of your CAs with perhaps more limited attention.

In order to help you with your research on Local Program we want to update the Local Current Agenda Bibliography. Enclosed in this mailing is a separate sheet to be returned to us indicating the local publications you have available. Please return this sheet to the state office before February 19.

CORRESPONDENCE We wish to remind you that "a copy of all letters sent from a local League to the national office, to another local League, or to a state Board member should be sent to the state President so she can be aware of all League activity in her state." We also like to have three copies of information (other than your bulletin) which you give your members.

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE MARCH 1. A complete list of your members should be in the state office. Please check with your treasurer to be sure this has been done. Also, be sure to indicate re-instatement of old members on your list of new members (these neither want nor need the New Member Kit sent to the others on the list of new members).

BULLETIN EDITORS The first Local League Bulletin Recognition Award of 1965 goes to the St. Peter Leaguer for its combined December-January issue. This issue is typical of the excellent background material the bulletin offers its membership every month. Of special interest are two resource articles, one a book review dealing with human resources, and another, a report of a speech by Reapportionment Commission Chairman Franklin Rogers - some extras that added to understanding of League Program. The St. Peter Leaguer is also used as a public relations tool -- it is sent to unit visitors and also to other community leaders. Co-editors of this fact-filled bulletin are Mrs. Robert Long and Mrs. John Seaquist. Congratulations.

Among the most recent batches of bulletins to come into the state office were newly published newsletters from Provisional Leagues of Winona and New Brighton. Faribault has resumed publication of its bulletin as a means of keeping its members informed.

Sample local bulletin story:

1965 HOPE WASHBURN AWARD

If "you were there" at the 1956 Council meeting you know that a very surprised Hope Washburn received the first award which bears her name. It was a fond farewell. She was leaving us for California. It was recognition of her outstanding service to the League of Women Voters. But it was more than that. It was a salute to the kind of spirit that created the League and continues to make it count.

If you know Hope you know that physically she is a little woman. When she sits on a regulation size chair her feet don't touch the floor, so a favorite niece made her a portable footstool to take to meetings and conventions. It helps, she says. Nothing else about Hope is "little." She cares about her community and her world. She works at making them better, and she believes it can be done. In brief, she brings alive our concept of a true Leaguer: one who puts the public interest first, does a job that needs doing--even when it's not convenient--and has no concern about who gets the credit; digs for facts, tries to be objective, respects the other fellow's point of view; helps her co-workers develop their potential and develops her own in the process; keeps her aspirations in the clouds and her feet on the ground (or a footstool); compromises sometimes if she has to, but never loses sight of the ultimate goal; hangs on to her sense of humor, gets some fun out of what she does, and even laughs at herself once in a while.

We all know someone who exemplifies that spirit. This is the time to nominate her for the 1965 award. The procedure? See your January-February Minnesota Voter.

OFFICE OPERATION Mrs. John Creger, our Executive Secretary, has resigned so at the present time we are short on staff and will appreciate your being patient with us. Mrs. E. C. Williams former Executive Secretary is assisting us on a part time basis until a replacement for Mrs. Creger can be employed.

STATE CONVENTION Exciting plans are developing for our Convention May 19 & 20 at the Radisson Hotel in Minneapolis. Mrs. Robert Einsweiler of Minneapolis is Convention Chairman for the hostess League. Charles Adrian, Ph.D., Political Science Department of Michigan State College will be our banquet speaker.

PRESIDENTS As we announced in our December Board Memo there will be a Presidents' Workshop starting at noon May 18, the day before Convention opens. This is the year that most of our local Leagues will be electing new Presidents so this workshop will be planned especially for her. Two years ago we held a similar workshop (though separate from Convention) for you who are now President.

In order to make this the kind of meeting you think new Presidents want and need we ask your assistance in planning the agenda. Please tear off the bottom of this sheet, check subjects you think should be included (all comments are welcome) and send to the state office. Thank you.

Board assignments and orientation

Planning and conducting Board meetings

Personnel Problems

Planning Sessions

Improving the Unit Meeting

Calendar Planning

Communications in the League

Board responsibility for Consensus

Nonpartisanship Policy

The League and the Community

Problem Solving Session

Local - State - National Relations within the League

Additional ideas or comments:

U. N. TOUR We regret it is necessary to cancel the U.N.-Washington, D.C. tour. The national office has advised us that Congress recently announced a recess for the very days we were to be in Washington, D. C. and that there would be little, if any, activity on Capital Hill during that time. Inasmuch as the number going on the tour was small, it was not feasible to attempt to change the arrangements and dates on such short notice. If we receive indication of interest from some of you, perhaps a tour can be arranged at some other time.

TV Program We remind you to watch the second of Telsun's specials on the ABC network. This is the second in the series on the United Nations. The memo from the national office of January 21st gives all the details.

Radio Series The Alliance for Progress eight week 15-minute radio series produced by the Leagues of Women Voters in Metropolitan Washington, in cooperation with the National Educational Radio Network, will be heard on KUOM radio (770 K.C. on your dial) beginning Monday, February 15, from 4:45 to 5:00 p.m. The series will run through March 5.

Development of Leagues statewide are beginning their study and activity on
Human Resources our new national item. With the proliferation of material from a variety of sources, the biggest difficulty is that of condensing into one or two unit meetings a general overall view of the national scene and a well directed discussion that doesn't allow bogging down on one aspect of the problem to the detriment of the others. Discuss the various groups with which we are concerned and the extent of the problem in Appalachia, in large cities as New York and Chicago, in the South so that when the time comes to reach consensus your perspective goes beyond the borders of Minnesota.

As those of us on the state national item committee have been confronted with the scope of the item in preparing a state publication for you, it is our judgment that the information you are able to procure about Minnesota from newspapers and articles is all you can feasibly handle at this time to merely use as examples as you discuss the many faceted problems nationwide. Our intent is to release our publication on the extent Minnesota shares these problems and on the various programs in existence in Minnesota to cope with them, as well as some programs under consideration, late in the spring so that with its help you will be able to take a concentrated look at Minnesota beginning next fall. A workshop, perhaps in September, to help you begin this second phase of the study will be planned also.

Publications The enclosed blue sheet should be added to your Annual Report. Also enclosed is the supplement to "Indians in Minnesota."

Your State Publications Chairman would like to know what you have done to promote the two national publications, Prospects and Freshening East-West Trade Winds. Will you please fill out the form below and return it immediately to the State Office.

Publications Promotion - include giveaways, sales projects, reviews in bulletins, or at unit meetings, etc.

Promotions on PROSPECTS _____

Promotion on FRESHENING EAST-WEST TRADE WINDS _____

BOARD MEMO

March 1, 1965

We're still trying to fit together all those pieces we mentioned in our memo last month - do you wonder if perhaps you have a split personality? Don't worry about it - just plan ahead - delegate responsibility so that more can be involved in the excitement of League activity as we plan for new Program and follow our present Program in Congress, the legislature or at city hall.

There are lots of "extras" in this mailing because the proposed amendments to the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota and the proposed State Program with explanation are included as well as the final Call to Convention including delegate credentials and information for each delegate.

Proposed Program Of course the most exciting is the proposed Program. We want you to share it with your members and all of you discuss it so that by April 12 we will have your second round suggestions. Time at Convention for direction to the Board on Program is always limited so we would like you to give us as much as possible on the second round. Give us your ideas on what you want (or do not want) included under the various items. Specific comments on our suggested scope will be helpful. We will then try to summarize these ideas when the final proposals are made so that you will have this as a guide in making your suggestions during Convention.

We were glad to have so many Leagues participating in program-making. Unfortunately quite a number of your reports were received late so we urge you to get your second round report in early so it will be considered. We have followed the suggestion we made at State Council last May to continue the experiment in Program structure started at our 1964 National Convention.

Of course all of this work would depend upon your direction to the Board. We will present the areas for new study in our final proposal but the Convention can change these areas as long as any proposals come within the subject-matter scope of the item.

We propose this experimental approach to state Program at this time because we feel it is important to follow the national Program approach on the state and local levels to make it a true experiment. We are hoping you are following our suggestions and trying experimental Program at your local level. In order to develop this kind of Program your members must first have a good understanding of what is a CR and what should be a CA. Are you sure all of your Board members understand?

Program Promotion This is not the usual Program promotion to which we are referring. The kind of promotion we would like to see is for the various proposals. We will have a much livelier and exciting Convention if you will join forces ahead of time and plan presentations, demonstrations, caucuses, etc. The Convention program provides an hour and a half free lunch period Wednesday for get-togethers.

Convention The delegate and observer credentials for your League are enclosed with hotel reservation cards. We are also enclosing "What Every Delegate Should Know" for each of your delegates or observers. You will find information in these instructions for Visitors credentials. Also enclosed are the Advance Registration sheet and the Convention Representation list.

PRESIDENTS Don't forget in making arrangements for Convention that the Presidents
WORKSHOP Workshop is the preceding day. Registration starts at 1 p.m. with the meeting to start promptly at 1:30 p.m. A dinner and a short evening session will complete the workshop. An agenda and further information will be included in the Board Memo which will come to you following the March Board Meeting, Tuesday, March 16 (instead of the usual third Thursday).

Legislative The attendance at the Legislative Observers Program has been re-
Observers markable. In spite of sub-zero weather, storms and slippery streets
Program about 200 came to each of the first three sessions. The last session (Febr. 24) topped them all, with about 300 people from all parts of the state in attendance.

There are two sessions left in the series - March 10 and 24. In order to accommodate ever larger crowds we will be in the main auditorium of the Armory. There will be plenty of room for all. After the morning program you can join a party-guided tour of the Capitol, meet your legislator or sit in on Legislative committee meetings - or if you have a lot of energy you might manage to do all of these things in one afternoon!

The subject on March 10 is "How Does the Governor Influence Legislation?" Gov. Rolvaag will speak informally after the lecture by Prof. Backstrom. March 24 the subject is "What interests shape laws?" The role of pressure groups.

Clippings The Legislative Chairman and lobbyists have appreciated the clippings and copies of correspondence with your legislators that you have sent in. We find one of the most useful items is the column that your legislator writes periodically for your local paper. We would appreciate it so much if you would send this item in regularly, immediately after it appears in your paper. If you have no legislative chairman, perhaps the Board secretary could take care of it. Send clippings directly to:

Mrs. L. G. Murray
Route 1, Box 27C
Wayzata, Minnesota 55391

Calls to Action How does your League comply? Please report to the state League office.

Public Has your League been busy with activities related to state government?
Relations Have you been attending the Observers Course? Have you been bringing your editor or other interested citizens with you to these lectures? Are you planning a get-together with your legislators? State government will be the focus for the spring public relations campaign. See the January National Board Report, page 31. Now is the time to be planning ahead for publicity during March 15-April 15. Think of ways to capitalize on what you are already doing - or ways to make your activities more newsworthy. Talk it over with your legislative and/or state item chairman. See if you can't work out a plan which will let your community know what the League is and does - and in so doing will give a "shot in the arm" to your League.

KUOM Are you in the KUOM listening area? If so, your members will probably be interested in the enclosed brochure. The Dr. Backstrom lectures listed are the tapes made at our Observers Course meetings. Perhaps you'd like to reprint the schedule in your bulletin.

Budgeting All members have received the January-February VOTER by now, and have had an opportunity to read the State Budget Chairman's message and the State Budget. Here are a few sidelights about Budget Building Day that might interest you. Twenty-four Leagues were represented. The planning session started at 1 p.m. and adjourned at 3:45 p.m. The Board discussed the coming year, and their plans and suggestions were reflected in a figure of \$35,170. The State Budget Committee convened at 4 p.m. and adjourned at 11 p.m. Considering the expenditures and income took considerable thought, and as you know, the final figure was \$34,686. Did you know that the pledge to National is always accepted, and if any adjustment has to be made, it is made elsewhere?

Your local budgets are in their final stage. This is the important and opportune time to start your members' financial education. Your approaches through the bulletin and the units are most necessary in developing their continued faith and trust that the League is a democratic organization and the voice and vote is heard and is important. Perhaps a budget committee "task force" could visit each unit and explain the budget and what you hope to "buy" in this coming year. Do you inform your members what is your suggested pledge to National and State Services, and the reasons for either increasing, meeting, or decreasing your pledge? Here is the opportunity for real understanding and communication about the whole League picture. Can you, this year, stimulate enough interest and concern so that they might not be satisfied and suggest areas for growth? The members who insist on a growing League and budget are truly your most valuable assets!

In 1962, the delegates to the National Convention realized the need for financial growth, and pledged themselves to a five-year plan of increased finance. This first step was accomplished, and a new vitality and strength has come about. In 1964, the National Board questioned should the next step-up be made, and the answer was over-whelmingly, "Yes"! This "step-up" is reflected all the way down in budgets. You are urged to brief yourself by reading the finance sections of the National Board Reports. To refresh your memories and your dedication, let me quote from the National Board Report, May, 1964. Get out your measuring stick and see how tall you have grown!

Rx For Treating the League's Growing Financial Needs
(to be taken at regular intervals for the next 10 years)

1. a 3% increase in membership every year.
2. Dues of \$7.50
3. Every member contribute \$2.50
4. 30% of membership working in drive
5. Every member responsible for a solid gold prospect who contributes \$10.00
6. Increase size of nonmember contributions by increased efforts to obtain more business contributions.

Voters Service Local elections for school board, township offices, city offices, or special ballot issues may be coming up soon on your Voters Service calendar. As you plan your VS activities remember that here is one area all members may serve--including those new members whose enthusiasm may inspire your "old faithfuls"! A word to Leagues planning candidates meetings for areas beyond their own municipalities--state Board permission must be secured for such meetings, so plan to address your requests to the Board in plenty of time. The next state Board meeting will be March 16, so check your calendar now.

6. What action has been taken under the CR? What criteria has the Board used in determining whether action could be taken under this CR? Has the action been successful? Have you fulfilled the goal set forth in your CR? Do your members see this as a "watch-dog" type CR? Why?
7. What have you done to keep your members up-to-date on developments in each CR area? What have you done to present the information in questions 1-6 above to your members? Do they know the League's position on each CR?
8. Do your members and Board fully understand that a CR position cannot be enlarged? To repeat, do you have a statement explaining your League's position which can serve as criteria for the Board in determining whether action on a particular issue would be narrowing or broadening the CR?

(The above is reprinted from March 1964
Board Memo)

Local Program Each year at this time the importance of good program discussion at annual meetings is stressed. With many Leagues proposing an experimental single list program it is even more important. The Board must know on which items the members wish to place the most emphasis. Of course, any new item will be treated as always, and so will have a great deal of emphasis. But the Board will need to know the scope that the members foresee. Member direction on CRs that are being placed on CA is a necessity.

Urge your members to speak out. Work with your president to see what methods can be used to stimulate discussion. Don't let the number one item of June Board and local CA committee meetings be "reading the members' minds"!

Legislative Chairman We are enclosing for your information the proposals for strengthening the State Act Against Discrimination which are being submitted by the Minnesota Council for Civil and Human Rights. These represent the broad suggestions for changes which may be expected in this session. The LWV will oppose none of these suggestions, but will not work as an organization for the removal of exemptions in housing coverage - our original study did not cover this point. Your membership may want to be informed of these proposals so that they can take individual action.

Publications Congratulations to Hutchinson, New Ulm, Mankato and Bloomington on their new surveys - Meet Hutchinson, Your Brown County Government, Focus on Mankato, and Bloomington In Brief. Good work! And a reminder to all local Leagues: please send three copies of any new local publication to the state office. Our President, State Publications Chairman and the state office should each have one. Get as much exposure as you can!

Water There is more and more interest developing in this item. As the session progresses this interest will increase with many bills already under consideration. Since this is a national item we present the following summary taken from National Board Reports relating to legislative activity under this item.

Water Resources: Support of national policies and procedures which promote comprehensive long-range planning for conservation and development of water resources.

I. National Level

1. The League supports proposed Water Resources Planning Act. (Time for Action now out)
2. The League expects to support some amendment to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (PL660).
3. The League expects to support water aspects of a proposed Resources and Conservation Act.

oppose the Disunion Amendment in their state legislatures. This was an unprecedented authorization, but national felt this was an unprecedented situation. This January the national Board extended authorization to amendments which affect only one house of a state legislature. Authorization is only in state legislatures and only on resolutions memorializing Congress. At the same time the national Board indicated it would not authorize action in Congress or action on an amendment submitted to the states for ratification by Congress. To take action in these areas, the national Board felt it would be necessary for a study of reapportionment on the national level and a national consensus. This is what is being proposed by Tennessee. In its January meeting the National Board also decided it would not make any recommendations on the Tennessee proposal, but would consider it again at their pre-council Board meeting.

Minnesota Consensus: Neither we nor any other state have made a specific study of amending the Federal Constitution. As part of our state study we did ask the question "Would you favor an area amendment to the Minnesota Constitution if the Federal Constitution is amended?"

The response indicated that about half of our members would be in favor of an amendment in Minnesota. We realize there would not be a one to one correlation between those who desire an "area" factor in Minnesota and those who would wish to amend the U.S. Constitution. We did not ask members to consider the possible advantages of "area" for a state such as Alaska, nor the possibility of the abuse of an "area" factor in some Southern states. Again we did not ask members to differentiate between the various ways of amending the U.S. Constitution. Certainly some members who would like an "area" factor in Minnesota would not wish to completely remove apportionment from the jurisdiction of federal courts as is proposed by the Disunion Amendment.

Despite these considerations it is clear that there is considerable support among members for at least some type of amendment to the federal constitution. On this basis we will not oppose the resolutions that have been introduced into the Minnesota Legislature.

The nature of the consensus, or more accurately the lack of consensus in Minnesota on an "area" factor was also determinative in the Board's thinking that reapportionment would not make a good national study. Since we do not have agreement on the basic question of "area" versus population, the possibility for agreement would be limited to opposition or support of certain specific amendments. This would require an exhaustive study. We wonder if members who have shown great enthusiasm for our new national study of equal opportunity and renewed interest in water would be willing to undertake such a study at this time. Discuss this with your members if possible but certainly at your next Board meeting and give us your ideas so our Council delegates will know the thinking of our local Leagues.

Bulletin
Editors

Ideas, ideas and more ideas are what bulletin editors are looking for! One of the best ways to share ideas for improvement of your bulletin is through exchange of publications with other Leagues.

We have special plans for a bulletin exchange at Convention that can be a big help to editors. Those who would like to take part in the bulletin swap should print extra copies (two or three dozen) of your April or May issue to bring to Convention. We will have space set up in the publications area for display of the bulletins, and editors or their representatives will be welcome to help themselves to samples. The bulletins for exchange should be either sent to the state office with your usual monthly set labeled for Convention use or brought to Convention the morning of May 19 before the opening session. Left over bulletins will not be returned, but can be picked up as Convention ends. Also on display will be the monthly Local League Bulletin Recognition Award winners, so you can take a peek at these top notch publications.

BOARD MEMO

March 26, 1965

Now that you have your driveways shoveled and can see over or around (depending upon where you live) the snow drifts, your thoughts should turn to Easter hats, spring clothes and the state League Convention. In spite of adverse weather conditions with cancelled meetings and snow vacations, plans and arrangements for the 1965 Convention are going ahead on schedule. Fortunately phone service has been good.

A committee of present local League presidents met to discuss what help they would find most valuable for new presidents and blocked out the broad plans for the Presidents' Workshop to be held the afternoon of May 18. The Workshop is for new presidents and for those who are serving another term. There will not be another meeting exclusively for presidents this year. See the enclosed flyer for details. Plan now so that your president will be there! There will be a \$10 subsidy for presidents from Leagues located 50 miles or more from Minneapolis.

SECOND ROUND PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS These are due April 12. Reports received after that date cannot be considered. State Board meeting is April 15.

CONVENTION Advance registrations are due in the League office by April 30. There are many advantages in registering in advance. There are no long waits at the registration desk - just the time it takes to pick up your badge and tickets. Advance registrants receive their Convention Workbooks ahead of time. This allows you some time to prepare yourself for the business of the Convention - helps you to be able to participate more fully. Last but not least, it helps the office and the Convention committee.

Press releases are enclosed for your help and convenience.

Plans for Convention displays are in the hands of the Minneapolis Convention committee. We need and want your new League publications (see March 1 Board Memo), and they must be in the office by April 15. Are you going to participate in the bulletin exchange? For directions see the March 1 Board Memo.

The Hope Washburn Award presentation is always a highlight at Conventions and Council Meetings. Your nominations must be postmarked no later than April 15.

WATER For those who continue to have questions about the water item, we suggest that you review the outline in the March 1 Board Memo. Your president has recently received the national publication, Current Review of Water Resources.

Because of the interest in the controversy between wetlands and agriculture indicated by local Leagues in their earlier water resources studies, the material explaining the federal wetland program is enclosed. Take it to your unit meetings and pass it around among your members. The white pamphlet explains the procedure of wetland acquisition, and the green pamphlet explains the easement program. The program cooperates with the Minnesota Conservation Department's Wetlands Program. This could be an example of a progress report - another means of conserving water resources.

Also included in this mailing is an announcement of the Seminar on Water Resources. This will be of particular interest to metropolitan area Leagues and CMAL.

FINANCE In order to finish your year's work in business-like fashion and to earn the undying respect of those officers who follow you, it is most important that you leave a summary of your plans for this last year and how they were fulfilled. In setting down your accomplishments you can provide guidelines for the future. Perhaps much of your work will be duplicated or show areas to avoid and changes to be made.

One important area often neglected is to show how you spent your allotted share of the budget, and also to set down what the future budget provides for your portfolio. This would be a good time to add what you would like to see take place in your area and what an enlarged budget could accomplish. Future chairmen will appreciate your ideas on those days when they run out of ideas or are discouraged. It is hoped that all officers will follow this pattern not just finance chairmen and treasurers. As Board members interested in finance, you can make sure that the new directors are informed what monies do belong to their portfolio and what the budget planners had in mind for their expenditure.

To all Finance Chairmen of local Leagues in Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey and Washington Counties: The Metropolitan Finance Committee will meet at Convention, May 19, during the lunch hour, if there is enough interest. Please indicate to the state office at once if you desire this meeting.

PUBLIC RELATIONS Enclosed with this Board Memo are two sample press releases for your use before Convention. We're sending them now so you'll have plenty of time to visit your editor well in advance of the first release.

Rewrite the two releases adapting them to your own local use - names, officers, Program, etc. If your paper comes out on Thursday instead of Wednesday, you will want to change the references to the days of Convention in the second release to correspond - yesterday and today rather than today and tomorrow. Check them all the way through the release. Then call on your local editor well before May 12 with the first release and indicate that the other will follow. Arrange beforehand to have one of your delegates write an article about Convention for use immediately afterwards. Let your editor know who will be doing it, and when he can expect it. Then see that he gets it.

Good luck, and please send us clippings of all publicity. Thank you.

BULLETIN EDITORS Thirteen pages packed with all sorts of League information and activities - that's the March issue of the St. Paul Voter, this month's recipient of the Local League Bulletin Recognition Award.

The March issue did an especially fine job of providing Human Resources Program material and included a flyer on a League sponsored symposium on Opportunity for Education and Employment in St. Paul and Minnesota. The well-written and rousing lead article put the spotlight on the finance drive taking place this month. The St. Paul Voter uses standing heads for various sections, Local Affairs, State Issues, National Information, Listening in at City Hall, and each month the newsletter includes a League Calendar of Events for easy reference.

All in all this was a fine issue thanks to the Voter editor, Mrs. Keith Johnson.

LEGISLATIVE Enclosed is the statement by Mrs. Harold Watson before subcommittees of the Senate Finance Committee and House Appropriations Committee in support of full appropriations for SCAD.

BOARD MEMO

April 23, 1965

Last month it was the snow that caused some difficulty in maintaining business as usual. This month it is the floods. Our sympathy goes out to those members who may be flood victims. We trust that life in the flood ravaged areas of our state will soon return to normal--we will all welcome spring when it finally comes to Minnesota!

LEGISLATURE In spite of our problems of living and moving about in our Theater of Seasons, our lobbyists keep on the job at the Capitol. Enclosed are the statements made by Mrs. Roy Letourneau in opposition to the labeling of imported meats and by Mrs. William Whiting on anti-discrimination legislation.

Once again, our thanks for all the clippings from your local papers. We find it very helpful to know what the legislators are saying to their constituents.

WATER When it's water, water everywhere it's a good time to look through the new national publication, Current Review of Water Resources! Have you had a difficult time keeping your copy? Don't bury it in your own file--let your members share this resource with you (they are available from the national office, 50¢ each). Some of the agencies you contacted in filling out the Water Resource Agency Survey last fall, might like to see this publication. They may wish to order one for their file.

Enclosed is a listing of the regional and state offices of the federal agencies listed in the Current Review of Water Resources and a map of the Soil Conservation Districts. Would you please attach them to your copy or file it with the Current Review as an additional source of information?

Review of Survey Response

Because only half of the Leagues responded to this survey, a detailed evaluation has not been sent out. There were several interesting patterns brought out, however.

Most League municipalities were involved in keeping water supply and treatment plants up-to-date. Very few Leagues indicated a need for improvement here. As expected, in the metropolitan area the emphasis was not only local but regional.

In the Upper Mississippi area the regional emphasis was in flood control and geological survey. There was a strong indication of activity in flood control, navigation and survey in the metropolitan area and the St. Louis-Lake Superior Basin.

Activity at the county level was most evident in Soil Conservation Districts, Rural Area Development and Watershed Districts - all working primarily with county-wide organization and administrations. There was some indication of problems in the Rural Area Development program. This is a citizen organization that develops a representative group to analyze the need and goals of their county. This group may put together an Overl-all Economic Development Plan that is a requirement for eligibility for Area Redevelopment Administration loans in depressed counties.

RCCD - the Resource Conservation Development pilot project in Minnesota is in the process of implementing approved project plans in the five participating counties East Otter Tail, Todd, Wadena, Kandiyohi and Swift.

From the answers to the water source and treatment questions as well as the survey, a widespread area of interest in Minnesota's water resources was indicated by the responding Leagues.

If your League was not able to participate in the survey last summer, perhaps there is sufficient interest and personnel to complete it for your area at this time. A good way to help create more interest in this national Program that is of vital importance to all of us and certainly should be a general community interest now.

NEW LEAGUE We are pleased to announce the recognition of the League of Women Voters of International Falls as a local League. In recognizing this League Mrs. Stuart, national president, stated: "The national Board was most enthusiastic about the accomplishments of your League during its provisional period. Voters Service work and other community activities were outstanding. Membership growth has been very good (now 76 members). Your first finance efforts were a fine team effort and your increased budget proposed for next year shows that you are rapidly assuming your responsibilities for adequate support of League work at all levels." We are all proud of our newest League and express a special "thank you" to Miss Hazel Shimmin and Mrs. Romaine Powell of the Bemidji League who served as advisers during the provisional period.

CONVENTION Plans for State Convention are completed and we are waiting for your reservations (remember advance reservations must be in the state office by April 30).

We regret a couple of errors in pre-Convention information sent to you. On the ADVANCE REGISTRATION form (green sheet), item #4 under "Enclose," which is "registration fee--delegates and observers" should read \$5.00 instead of the \$4.00 shown. In the Press Releases for State Convention sent with the March 26 BOARD MEMO, the theme of Convention was inadvertently turned around--it should be corrected to read "TOMORROW IS TODAY"--(see "Opening" on page one of gold sample release).

UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE Plans are well underway for the 1965 Institute on Minnesota Government and Politics to be held July 19-30, 1965 at the Center for Continuation Study. The theme of this year's institute is Developing Minnesota which will be discussed in terms of Minnesota's human, natural and adapted resources. University professors, along with various government officials, legislative leaders, business, farm labor and civic leaders including League leaders, will discuss such topics as: goals for Minnesota; rebuilding Minnesota's communities; transportation and highways; governmental resources and capabilities; urban development; development of human resources; attracting business and industry; and state-wide planning for development. It will be possible to register for one session only or for the entire conference. Registration fee for individual sessions is \$2.00; for the entire conference of ten sessions \$15.00. We will send registration information to you as soon as it is available, in the meantime we suggest you alert your members so that they may plan to participate in this institute which should be of value to your League in your service to your members and your communities.

NATIONAL PROGRAM The new tape (30 minutes) on trade - "East-West Trade - Are New Policies Needed?" will soon be available in the state office. See memorandum of March 29 from the national office for description of this tape.

BULLETIN Our Local League Recognition Award winner for April is The Bear Facts,
EDITORS bulletin of the White Bear League. The bulletin has combined this clever title with the outline of a bear into a neat heading which adds sparkle to the first page.

Month after month the quality of material and writing in this publication is high and coverage complete. Of special note in the April issue is an Annual Report to the membership plus the usual very concise coverage of local affairs by observers. Mrs. Crampton has done an outstanding job and can be proud of the continuing high quality of her bulletin.

REAPPORTIONMENT FLYER The first question the average voter asks about reapportionment is, "How would it affect me and my district?" We have decided that any flyer which did not contain this information would be of limited use and interest. Therefore, we are delaying the flyer until after the senate and house have agreed upon a plan and the governor has signed it. The new flyer will contain district lines and a brief explanation of why Minnesota had to reapportion in 1965.

LOCAL AGENDA Now is the time of change for many local agenda chairmen. Some of you are changing portfolios, some are changing topics. Don't forget to take some time to review the past year's work. Take a good look at your observers' programs and their results. Many Leagues are developing observer's programs. Don't let all this good work fall by the wayside through lack of continuity or summer apathy.

I hope all local agenda chairmen noted all the members with strong feelings and opinions -- both pro and con. Here are your best committee members. The sooner your committee meets to discuss member program discussion and direction, the better. You should present preliminary local program plans to your Board in June.

FINANCE No requests have been received to hold a meeting of the Metropolitan Finance Committee. Due to this lack of response no meeting will be held at Convention.

MAY BOARD MEMO There will be no BOARD MEMO issued in May. There will be a post-Convention meeting for the new Board and following the June Board meeting you will receive a special Outlook for Work issue of the BOARD MEMO.

PRESIDENTS See enclosure - local League reporting forms.
Please send the name and address of your membership chairman to the office if you want all New Member Kits to go directly to her for distribution.

ENCLOSURES: Regional and State Offices of Federal Agencies
Map of Soil Conservation Districts
2 Statements before legislative committees
Report forms
Map of Health Districts and Offices, Minn. Dept. of Health

MEMBERSHIP

In 1963 our past national President, Mrs. Phillips, challenged the League to increase its membership with the same energy and enthusiasm that it devotes to Program. We have had a 10,000 membership gain in two years with the results showing in almost every state. We in the League of Women Voters of Minnesota can be proud that we have had a 3% rise or a gain of 325 members in the past year, but we cannot become complacent and each League should show by its budget a continued effort for growth in membership. Our official total membership as of March 31, 1965 was 5,841. There were only two state Leagues which attained a higher percentage of new members.

Getting and keeping members for the LWV - both are important considerations for local Leagues as this is where the final responsibility lies. We need to attract the prospective member and plan to orient her to League ways and Program, but we must not fail to give attention to keeping the members we now have satisfied and loyal to League. Good meetings with lively discussion attract members, both new and experienced, and a pleasant and enthusiastic unit leader is a valuable asset. Keep tabs on new additions to your units; special invitations to meetings and to serve on committees are incentives which will keep her interest in League. Although it may seem insignificant, offer her a ride and greet her with a smile. Each League member should consider herself a member of the Membership committee and willing to work on a year-round basis.

Each League has its own techniques for membership drives etc. - a word of advice - don't be afraid to try something different. Try having your special affairs at different hours of the day; some events work well in the morning with baby sitters provided. State Board members are willing to attend your membership meetings; let us know well in advance of your date. Don't forget the state publication, Let's Talk League, an excellent way to inform new members and to review basic League facts. The new flyer from the national LWV is now available, Facts about the League of Women Voters; it contains new membership information and finance figures.

FIELD SERVICE

The work of the Field Service Committee is planned with major emphasis upon helping existing Leagues to increase their effectiveness. To do this we are planning the following:

Continuing the State Board Consultant program -- each state Board member will be a consultant for several local Leagues. We do this to keep the state Board in as close touch as possible with the members of our local Leagues. By serving as a consultant a Board member is able to communicate with more than just the members in her own unit and thus have a broader picture of the thinking and the needs of the members in the local League. Your consultant will be reading your bulletins and your minutes and visiting you on occasion. Local League presidents and Board members are urged to contact the state Board consultant for clarification of questions, for suggestions and for help as needed.

Continuing the Adopt-a-League program -- under which an established League serves as a "parent League" in establishing a new League and assisting them through their provisional period. At the present time we have the following Leagues working under this program: Bemidji-Crookston, Duluth-Cloquet, Brooklyn Center-Brooklyn Park, St. Anthony-New Brighton, Edina-Northfield, White Bear Lake-Blaine. This program will be expanded as other established Leagues are prepared to work with the Field Service Committee in organizing a new League. Our basic requirements include: a community of over 5,000 population, potential League leadership;

paid membership of 40, with at least \$5 dues. If your League is interested in the adopt-a-League program, contact the field service chairmen.

Improving League procedures and techniques -- is an on-going responsibility of this committee. Many good procedures have been worked out through the years and we believe these established ways are always worth a try and after that we will help you with an imaginative approach. All state Board members are anxious to work with you. They welcome the visit of local League presidents to a state Board meeting (held the third Wednesday each month except July).

The Presidents' Workshop before Convention offered us an opportunity to meet most of our local League presidents, to become acquainted with you and to discuss your problems. We hope you are enjoying putting to use the tips on Board training and the many other ideas presented at this workshop.

We plan to follow this with area workshops in October with ideas on local agenda, unit discussions and annual meetings. The plans are underway now for this series so any suggestions or ideas to be included should be sent immediately to the state office. In June 1966 we hope to have the Leadership workshops for all Board members.

We feel very fortunate to have two field service chairmen on the state Board working with the rest of the Board to provide the kind of service you expect. If we are not providing satisfactorily for your needs, let us hear from you.

SECRETARY

Yes, you too should have plans for the year ahead. Your duties can be many and varied according to the needs of your president and Board. Some of the basic responsibilities are listed on pp. 13-14 of the Local League Handbook.

Good reporting is a vital part of the chain that links local, state and national League together. You can assume responsibility for this vital link and relieve your president of concern for many of the details. There is a check list of reports on p. 56 of the handbook. Your president recently received the 1965-66 Local League Presidents Check List from the national office -- you too should become familiar with this.

If you do not have a copy of Sample Local League Minutes do get one from the state office so that the form of your minutes will be good. Often manuals for parliamentary procedure offer tips on taking minutes so that your reports will be complete. Remember too that those of us at the state level -- your consultant, the organization chairmen, president, vice president and organization secretary -- all read your minutes so please make them complete enough so that we can understand the who, what and why, and then send one copy to the state office and one copy to your consultant.

Are your Bylaws up-to-date? This is a good time to check them and then send an up-to-date copy to the state office before September 1.

As Secretary, there are many ways for you to assist your president and Board. One way is to keep them posted on all deadlines. Feel a real responsibility for the League calendar so that these deadlines are not suddenly upon you. You can also be responsible for mailing out the Board agenda and also for the distribution of the Board Memo (these should be distributed to Board members as soon as they are received).

PUBLICATIONS

Is your Publications Chairman an order clerk or is she a sales manager?

The publications chairman of each local League should be an enthusiastic, imaginative sales manager who looks ahead and sees that every member is supplied with the proper League materials before her unit meeting and that every Board member is supplied with the materials she needs to do her job. She plans with the Program resource chairmen and even has ideas of her own on how to make the best use of League publications -- not only within the League but throughout the community.

The state Board expects to send along with new publications a tip sheet on how to promote and use the publication just as the national Board does when it issues a new publication. The publications chairman in each local League should use these suggested promotion ideas as well as developing ways unique to her community's needs to insure the widest possible use of publications.

The publications chairman should receive a duplicate president's mailing from both state and national. Although she may not be able to read and digest all the material that will come to her in this way, she should have examined and skimmed each piece and know what it is about and how it is intended to be used and come to her local Board meeting with definite recommendations as to use and possible methods of promotion and distribution. If your state DPM has not been ordered, you should do so immediately. The cost is \$5.00 per year and begins with the June mailing.

You will read about plans and projects for several new publications in other sections of the Outlook for Work, however this section is directed especially to you, the publications chairman and your role in dealing with these publications.

Human Resources: Minnesota's Changing Patterns.

This should be a best seller! Not only an every-member necessity, but a real chance to reach outside the League to church groups, other civic groups working with disadvantaged persons, educators, employers, school board members, contributors and others that you may be able to think of. We have sent them to your Congressmen, but you should take care of your legislators. This summer is a good time to promote this publication.

Voters Service Sights the You in Youth

This new state publication for voters service chairmen should open up a whole new area of activity and concern for local Leagues. It is due in August. This publication is designed to help launch the local Leagues on a new program of Voters Service directed to cooperation with various youth groups who include citizenship and government in their programs. This will be a guide to the voters service chairman and her committee in the local League to acquaint her with the program and requirements of the various organizations serving youth and will suggest ways of establishing contact with their leadership so that the League can serve them in the area of citizenship training with both personnel and the resources of our publications. Each local League will want at least one copy of this publication for each of its Board members as well as copies for committee members who may be working directly with the different youth groups.

Your Vote Makes a Difference

An up-dated version of this publication is being planned for early spring 1966. Make plans now on how you can use this in your community. Last year this small but very popular red, white and blue folder, packed with voter information, was given away and sold widely throughout the state. Many were sold to businesses who used them as a public service mailing included with a regular billing or advertising piece.

Minnesota Facts

This folder is scheduled to be up-dated and revised this summer. The new edition of this folder is scheduled to be as valuable a piece of information as you will be able to obtain both for prospective members, contributors and prospective contributors and for all groups that should be informed about the basic facts of the League of Women Voters. It will be brief, fact-packed, and attractive as well as very inexpensive. Include it in your planning.

Home Rule in Minnesota

This will be a resource flyer, due to be distributed by September with

Housing: Equal Opportunity in Minnesota

This will be a brief resource publication to be prepared by September.

Financing Government in Minnesota

A basic publication on our new item will be ready for distribution in February, 1966.

State Publications Catalogs

Enclosed are enough State Publications Catalogs for all the local League Board members. More are available for use in your community upon request.

A good publications chairman should:

1. Find a friend who is as enthusiastic about League publications as you are and plan a series of sales calls on:
 - a. Your local librarian. Ask if you can have shelf space or a display place for League publications. Follow up on this contact every time you have a new publication to offer. Be sure the librarian has the current state and national publications catalogs.
 - b. The school administration. Try to meet with the school librarian, someone from the school board and the social science department head. If you can afford to give away some League publications, here is a good place to be effective. Supply these people with publications catalogs and point out that you will be happy to supply the school with any of our publications in quantity for class room use.

2. Work closely with your voters service chairman. Always arrange a display of League publications for all League sponsored public meetings. Are there any other groups in your town that you might contact and ask if you could arrange a publications display for them at some of their meetings?
3. Work with the finance chairman in providing provocative publications for contributors and finance workers.
4. Work with the Speakers Bureau chairman to provide speakers with display materials and League publications to give away.
5. If your League does not already provide its own Local Subscription Service, we suggest you join the group of Leagues that are finding this the ideal way of providing local, state and national publications for every member. There are several ways of handling such a service. If you need help in setting one up for your members, just let us know.
6. Write to me: Mrs. Allan J. Wash, 4708 Phlox Lane, Edina, Minnesota 55424 to let me know what plans you have made and suggestions on how the publications chairman on the state Board can help you. If you need help in your League on planning the publication of a local survey or resource paper, please feel free to ask us for tips on how to publish League material.

VOTERS SERVICE

"Outlook? Re: Sources." As our Program items on national and state levels encourage an examination of human, physical, and financial resources, so the other arm of our League purpose invites consideration of the sources of voting participation as we plan our 1965-1966 Voters Service activities.

We are preparing a publication to assist local Leagues in cooperating with the citizenship and government programs of your communities' youth-serving organizations. Voters Service Sights the You in Youth can help your League by affording member participation in a variety of projects with the voters of your town's tomorrow. You will receive the publication in time to plan activities with youth groups as they select their programs this fall. Included will be tips on working with each organization and with the various age levels within each organization.

Youth is one of the largest groups accounting for voluntary non-voting, according to the recent report of the President's Commission on Registration and Voting Participation. By extending our local VS to youth programs we are tapping one source of increased voting participation.

The 1965 Legislature eliminated one source of involuntary non-voting by passing the new resident voting law. Voters service chairmen will want to include an explanation of this law and its application to presidential elections as part of community voting information. A 1966 election year edition of the VS flyer, Your Vote Makes a Difference, is planned for next spring to include voting qualifications, information on political parties, and a calendar for the 1966 elections.

Participation often starts at the precinct caucus. In order to promote this kind of party participation by all citizens we will provide basic information on party caucuses in Minnesota. This, with our Digest of Minnesota Election Laws and the flyer Your Vote Makes a Difference should give you the necessary tools for promoting citizen involvement in the political parties.

At this stage in our planning no one knows whether or not Minnesota is or will be reapportioned. Because of the uncertainty we have held up the publishing of our proposed reapportionment flyer. Regardless of what finally happens to this legislation and to apportionment in our state, the League of Women Voters will help to inform the voters. We will appreciate your suggestions for the best way to make this information available for your use as election time approaches.

Another source of increased participation in voting is awareness of the issues in each election. The League's nonpartisan approach through candidates questionnaires, candidates meetings, and public forums increases total awareness in a community. This fall suggestions will be welcomed for topics to be included in the questionnaires to be sent to candidates for U.S. Congress, candidates for legislative and state-wide offices to be elected in 1966. As you weigh these questions, remember the questionnaires your own Board will be preparing for candidates for local office.

To assist local Leagues in serving their communities through a "Focus on State Government," we are preparing a rollcall of key legislative votes in the 1965 Legislature. There will be a copy sent to each League after January 1966. These key votes will include items of state-wide interest and will not be limited to League Program items.

The new national SWAP SHOP outlining techniques in reaching voters the League has never been able to reach before will be a source for the VS chairman's evaluation of which of these techniques will work best in her community.

OUTLOOK FOR WORK in 1965-1966 VOTERS SERVICE can be a source of renewed activity in a so-called off-election year. Label YOUR calendar "Re: Source of Service to ALL Voters in YOUR community."

1965-1966 Voters Service Calendar

Summer: Voters Service Sights the You in Youth publication to assist your League's cooperation with youth groups in your community

Fall: National SWAP SHOP exchange of VS techniques
Suggestions due for questions to be submitted to national and state candidates in 1966 election - send to state office
Suggestions for questions for local League candidates questionnaires for candidates for local office in 1966 for local Board decision
Candidates meetings for local elections

Winter: 1965 Legislative Rollcall of key votes
Promote party participation at the grass roots level starting with precinct caucuses
Lay groundwork for distribution of 1966 VS Flyer, Your Vote Makes a Difference
Focus on State Government and participation in political party activities

Spring: Candidates meetings for local elections and school board elections
Evaluate your year's activities and plan for 1966 Primary and General Election activities.

Re: Source of Permissions: A candidates meeting in an area outside the municipal jurisdiction of your League requires permission from the state Board (p. 40 - Local League Handbook). State Board meetings are the third week of each month, so please time your request so that it can be considered at a regular Board meeting in plenty of time before the date you select for the candidates meeting. This Board has decided not to take "emergency action" for such permission when inadequate planning has prevented your sending a written request to the state Board.

FINANCE

Just as with all other League activity informed participation can be a key to success in League finance. How do we get our money and how do we spend our money? If all of our members know and understand the answers to these questions they are better able to carry out their responsibilities for League financial support.

We suggest this year that you take the time at a unit meeting for discussion of budgetary needs. Perhaps you may want to do this at the same time as you discuss program suggestions or perhaps you could have a panel from your budget committee visit units to gather suggestions, talk about Board proposals and to discuss some of the choices the committee faces. Do follow up any such unit activity with good bulletin articles giving the general flavor of the discussions and then later when the budget is finally presented in the bulletin include a full explanation so that members will realize and appreciate their contributions to the final decisions.

We urge all Leagues in Minnesota to continue their efforts to increase the members' share in League support. Many of you have already started an upward trend in dues and more and more are making a concerted effort to secure member contributions. (Remember this is often a case of businesslike bookkeeping so that all contributions are recorded.) A trend has been developing in our Minnesota Leagues that we regret -- we refer to it as "cut rate" membership. We don't know of other worthy organizations to which you belong where you can join at a reduced rate depending upon the month of the year. We urge all Leagues to have yearly dues only. If a new member joins after the first of the year and your annual meeting is soon after the close of the fiscal year, you can extend her the courtesy of the following year. Perhaps you all need to take a look at the dates of your annual meetings when you wind up the business of the year and prepare to start a new year. If this meeting is scheduled as close to March 31 as possible, you have a better chance of collecting dues for the new year and having that committed membership.

We have always assumed in Minnesota that fund raising was an every member responsibility. There is a place for each of your members in this vital League activity. Make it meaningful and make it fun and all will be glad to participate.

The state League seems to be getting the "squeeze" as we do a better job of financing League activity on the local and the national levels. This year we ask that our Leagues make that extra financial effort so that we can show financial growth on all levels. One way is to get those reserves out and working. Unless you maintain an office at all times you do not need more than a two or at the very most three months' balance while the majority of our Leagues closed out the fiscal year with a six to eight month balance and dues to be collected and finance drives still to be held! It is difficult to convince the members of your community of your financial needs with a growing savings account.

We again plan a state Budget Building Day early in December and would like to have representatives from most of our local Leagues participate in this important planning function of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. This will be your opportunity to be heard on state financing.

LOCAL AGENDA

The outlook for work on local agenda varies with each League. At this time of year everyone will be at a different stage of development of their work plan.* Put your file of Board Memos together in a notebook, and all of a sudden you will have quite a guide on development of local Program.

A good many first impressions of the League of Women Voters are created by members of the local agenda committees and local observers. This responsibility cannot be taken lightly. If a local item is done well -- carefully researched, factually accurate, all viewpoints presented -- those who disagree with the League's position will still respect and support the League.

While you are concentrating on informed participation of your members, have you thought about informed participation of your community? Why not consider a community workshop that will update the general public as well as members on areas of League concern? Use a reaction panel to stimulate discussion and audience participation. Why not a publication comparing the city's (or county's) plans to the actual implementation? Go See tours are always popular. Review page 35, Community Activities on Program, in your Local League Handbook.

Use your new list of local agendas, available in August, to find out which Leagues have similar programs. Is there one nearby? Why not get on the phone with that LA chairman (get her name from the president of her League) and exchange ideas? There is no one easier to talk with than a Leaguer with a similar interest. If there are no Leagues in phoning distance, get into the letter writing habit now. Sometimes putting a vague problem down on paper points the direction to the answer, but don't forget a copy of inter-League correspondence to the state office, please. Never hesitate to call on your state CA chairman.

Let your Board know your plans well in advance. Ask for and use their constructive criticisms. The Board is involved in local Program from the first program suggestions through the action that results from consensus.

Give special attention to your local publications. They can be your best or poorest tool for informed participation. Use a number of League readers as well as your technical readers. A local agenda chairman is so closely involved with her subject, that her own viewpoints may show through without her even realizing it. If this happens, let the League's friends, not critics, spot it. If your Board says, "rewrite," be grateful, smile, and rewrite.

Plan to attend the area conference on Local Government in October (see Field Service outlook) - bring your problems. Don't wait until then to start work. Order all the helps you can for developing local Program. Don't forget that Know Your Local Government can be used as a guide for things other than a survey. Review the chapter that deals with your subject. If you do not have Local Agenda publications from other state Leagues, the following list will give you some excellent helps on working on local Program from start to finish.

Local Program, How to Choose, Research, Present, Publish, Act - LWV of Indiana, 506 Illinois Building, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 - \$1.00

Guide to Local Program - LWV of Washington, 7615 Sand Point Way N.E., Seattle, Washington - 15¢

Guide to Local Program - LWV of Wisconsin, 119 E. Washington Ave., Madison 3, Wisconsin - 30¢

Road to Successful Local Programs - LWV of Louisiana, 8082 Sholar Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana - 30¢

*However, the basics of local agenda are the same everywhere.

Resources. In Foreign Policy we will be focusing on ICY and continuing with calls to action on Trade. Remember as you study that First Round National Program suggestions will be due in November, second round in February.

✓ Apportionment. This should be a provocative and worthwhile topic for our League members. Last year we discussed the desirability of using some other factor than population in one house of the Minnesota Legislature if the federal constitution were amended to make this permissible. We did not discuss whether the federal constitution should be amended, or how it should be done, or what form an amendment should take or whether states other than Minnesota should be permitted to use factors other than population if they desired. These are questions we will consider this year.

As an emergency item our study will be limited to the basis of representation in legislatures, the types of amendments proposed and the mechanics of amending the federal constitution. We will not be able to consider in any detail how the present rule of one-man one-vote is being implemented: what is equal? how permissible is gerrymandering and who decides that a particular bill is gerrymandering? Nor will we be able to consider the trend in constitutional revision. Any of these questions might make good state or national programs so keep them in mind as you study.

You as an item chairman should have received a kit from national which will give you background material for unit discussion. You will also want the May National Board Report and of course the July National Voter which will have a special section on reapportionment. A copy of the United States Constitution would also be useful.

For the latest information on the current status of bills in Congress you will have to watch your papers. Probably the key to the passage or defeat of an amendment by Congress will lie in the role President Johnson chooses to play. Even his rather mild support of a population basis was credited with stiffening Senate opposition to the Dirksen Amendment. The outcome, however, is still very much up in the air. Resolutions calling for a national convention to pass an amendment had as of late May passed 20 state legislatures and been defeated in 11. Prediction is that a few more states will endorse the resolution but the total will be short of the necessary 34.

Your members will be well prepared for unit discussion if they have read the July National Voter and Apportionment in Minnesota (this is again available) which summarizes the court decisions and gives pros and cons on area versus population.

At this time we are not planning additional material on the state level. If we should have any specially pertinent information, we will send it out with the August Board Memo.

Plan unit meetings for October or November so you will have a chance to evaluate the consensus at your December Board meeting and meet the January 1st deadline.

Human Resources. This second year of our study will permit us to take a closer look at the problems of inequality in education and employment in our own state and community through the new state publication, Human Resources: Minnesota's Changing Patterns.

We will also be reaching consensus on criteria for evaluating programs, considering the problems of depressed areas which cut across state lines, and discussing the role of the federal government in assisting integration and enforcing non-discrimination. Deadline for consensus is March 1.

To do justice to these topics Leagues should plan at least two meetings. Note that the consensus questions from national are divided into two sections. It would be possible to devote one meeting to a discussion of existing programs and possible criteria using as basic resource material "The First Step--On a Long Journey" from the Office of Economic Opportunity, "Programs to aid the Unemployed in the 1960s" by Becker and Levitan and Minnesota's Changing Patterns plus whatever material from magazines and newspapers seemed pertinent. This type of meeting could be held either in the fall or the early winter.

A second meeting would then be devoted to civil rights and regional development. The national Board is planning additional material on these subjects to come out in the late fall, so you won't want to schedule discussion on these problems until after the first of the year.

As an alternative you might want to devote an entire meeting to the discussion of state and local problems and save the national consensus questions for a second meeting. We will send you discussion questions in August which will help you use the state booklet in unit meetings.

Expect a continued flood of books, pamphlets and newspaper and magazine articles dealing with problems in employment and education and the various government programs designed to alleviate or cure them. For Leagues with a large committee it should be possible to divide up the reading, but don't feel guilty if you can't get through the entire list in the May National Board Report. The four pamphlets that are starred will be the most helpful.

Let us hear from you if there are questions or we can give you further assistance on this item.

Foreign Policy and United Nations. The focus for the coming year on both of these items will be on International Cooperation Year. PEACE KEEPING and PEACE BUILDING are to serve as the main emphases for the League during ICY. They constitute, as a national Board member said at National Council last month, "the sheltering umbrella of the League's entire foreign policy program."

The June 1965 Current Review of Foreign Policy will feature the International Cooperation Year. An ICY flyer, pointing up areas of international cooperation and U.N. achievements, will be substituted this year for the U. N. Pocket Reference.

In considering our item on foreign economic policy, local Leagues should take note of and explain to their members our new position on East-West trade, arrived at as a result of consensus reports this spring from local Leagues in all 50 states. The new position, announced at National Council is "Support of East-West trade policies which will relax restrictions and permit flexibility and selectivity." This position was elaborated upon in the May National Board Report. If action is needed on our position on this issue, we will be notified by the national office.

During the summer League members will keep abreast of developments of the Foreign Aid program in Congress. A FACTS and ISSUES on aid will appear in the fall in the form of a pamphlet. It is to be used during ICY under PEACE BUILDING.

The League's support of the U.N. is one of long stand. Here again the focus will be on ICY. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the U.N. Local Leagues will certainly want to cooperate with local chapters of the UNA-USA and other community groups in October to commemorate U.N. week and U.N. day.

The UNA-USA is the successor, through merger, to the American Association for the United Nations and the U.S. Committee for the United Nations. The merger took place last fall.

Support of ICY should be quite a challenge to League energies. Its effectiveness will be limited only by your supply of imagination and woman power. If you have any ideas or suggestions that might be of value to other local Leagues, be sure to let the state office know. We would like to know your specific plans.

The UNA-USA is planning to issue an ICY NEWSLETTER bimonthly during the remainder of 1965 to give a continuing picture of the variety of ways in which American groups are responding to ICY. If your League would be interested in subscribing to this publication, for \$1.00, write to UNA-USA, 345 East 46th Street, New York, New York, 10017.

League members will want to follow closely the results of the White House Conference on International Cooperation, called by President Johnson for late November of this year. No action by the League is foreseen at this time on the subjects of amending the U.N. charter or taking a stand on the Vietnam issue.

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota works closely with the World Affairs Center at the University of Minnesota. The state office will keep local Leagues informed as to the programs and activities planned by the World Affairs Center that are related to League Program. A listing of their Pamphlet Shop materials and their audio-visual aids on world affairs is readily available. The address is State Organization Service, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

Water Resources. The National Board Report, May 1965, pp. 41-43, describes the Water Resources program -- from where we are -- to what lies ahead. After reviewing these pages, check the file for the other National Board Reports and publications that were mentioned. This will provide a basis for a Water Resources committee to develop this phase of national Program for the local League.

What about this item? What can be done to continue or step up member interest and education? Leagues take tours, send observers, write bulletin articles, interview officials, as well as using unit meetings. Perhaps there is a water project being developed in your local area to be explored. A watershed project, a water treatment plant, wetland projects or flood control are possible suggestions. One other reminder, local Leagues are encouraged to keep their Congressmen informed of League interest and position on water resources.

Regional activity

Starting up north with the St. Louis River and Lake Superior watershed, we shall look forward to hearing about the watershed project in the Superior National Forest, the water research center, pollution control progress and decisions of the Great Lakes Commission that affect Minnesota.

The Red River Basin Leagues will have to review their position on water resources. This should be done by March 1, 1966. New material will be available from the Corps of Engineers, Water Resources Board, Minnesota Outdoor Recreation Resources Commission, and the U. S. Public Health Service, and will be sent to the local Leagues as soon as it is available. There is also a possibility that there will be a water resources seminar at the Crookston Winter Show in February 1966. We have been invited to participate.

Governor Rolvaag has called for a federal enforcement conference on pollution of the Red River of the North. In order to prepare an effective statement, local up-to-date information in the form of clippings, interviews, water samples and/or pictures will be needed. Send the information to the state office as soon as it is obtained. If the League is asked to speak, the League can then be adequately prepared.

Another area of regional water resource work is about to be initiated. This concerns the Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters. Passage of legislation in Minnesota and very likely in Wisconsin, will give the Leagues in the two states the opportunity of following the compact to Congress for approval. The next step could be to prepare to observe the activities of the commission after it is created. This will mean that League members involved will have to let the state Board know how they think on matters of development, water standards, and other pertinent questions. The specific details will have to be worked out with the Wisconsin Leagues involved. Another challenge on the waterfront.

Following is a listing of Leagues according to the Minnesota Division of Waters designated watershed units in Minnesota. If Leagues in a watershed unit wish to hold a joint meeting, information may be available for your area. The dates listed under Progress Report are the projected completion dates of the bulletin dealing with each watershed. These bulletins may be obtained from the Division of Waters, Minn. Conservation Dept. If a bulletin is listed it indicates that one is already available for that watershed. HA indicates a completed report in the Hydrologic Atlas. If the bulletin date looks far into the future, check with the state Board water resource chairman for available information. This would be a good year for the metropolitan Leagues to show us how this might be done.

Legislative notes

This was the session of almost but not quite! The reorganization of the Water Pollution Commission passed both houses but did not get through conference committee. The proposed change of the authority of the Commission was not passed by the House. The bill that did pass was the requirement that boats needing toilet facilities have until April 1, 1966 instead of January 1965 to be installed except on the Mississippi which was extended to January 1967.

The Watershed Act was amended as recommended by the Water Resources Board. An interim commission was established for a Study of Minnesota River Valley. Local Leagues in that watershed can be alert to this study.

The Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Waters Commission that passed was described above.

Water resources are involved in a great number of proposed bills. It directly affects us by over supply and undersupply, competition and purity. It cannot be taken for granted. Let's keep all League members informed on this vital resource this year.

Next time you are in the library check the June 1965 issue of the League of Minnesota Municipalities magazine. There is a good review of Water Pollution Control activities in Minnesota. It is only two pages long. This could be recommended reading for all members or digested for your bulletin or used as introduction to a unit meeting.

<u>Watershed Unit</u>	<u>League</u>	<u>Progress Report</u>
I St. Louis River	Chisholm Hibbing Virginia Clcquet	Bulletin 22
II Lake Superior	Duluth Silver Bay	Bulletin
III Rainy Lake	Int'l Falls	1973
IV Little Fork		1973
V Big Fork		1972
VI Lake of the Woods		1972
VII Mustinka-Bois De Sioux		Jan. '66
VIII Otter Tail	Battle Lake Fergus Falls	July '66
IX Buffalo River	Moorhead	Jan. '67
X Wild Rice		July '67
XI Red Lake River	Crookston	Jan. '68
XII Middle River		HA-201
XIII Two Rivers		Jan. '65
XIV Roseau River		July '65
XV Mississippi Headwaters	Bemidji Brainerd Cass Lake	Jan. '66
XVI Crow Wing	Alexandria	1967
XVII Crow River	Hutchinson Buffalo	1971
XVIII Rum	Anoka	1970
XIX Mississippi-Sauk	St. Cloud Anoka	1968
XX Big Stone Lake		HA-
XXI Pomme De Terre		Jan. '65
XXII Lac Qui Parle		Jan. '65
XXIII Chippewa		July '66

Watershed Unit

XXIV Yellow Medicine
 XXV Redwood River
 XXVI Cottonwood River
 XXVII Blue Earth
 XXVIII Minnesota River-Hawk Creek
 XXIX Lower Minnesota
 XXX Kettle River
 XXXI Snake River
 XXXII Lower St. Croix
 XXXIII Metropolitan
 XXXIV Cannon River
 XXXV Zumbro
 XXXVI Root River
 XXXVII Cedar River
 XXXVIII Des Moines
 XXXIX Rock River

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We have on our national Program four continuing responsibilities. Though no specific action by the League is expected at present on these CRs, it is important to let old and new members know our positions on these issues. This fall will be National Program making time and League members should be reminded that Program procedure requires them to make recommendations to adopt each Continuing Responsibility if they wish to retain it on the Program. The March 1964 Current Review of Continuing Responsibilities, published by the national office, still provides an excellent background on these subjects.

If you have not yet responded to the Time for Action on Home Rule for the District of Columbia, there is still time to do so if you get your letters in the mail promptly.

There was more activity than we expected in our 1965 legislature on the so-called "Liberty Amendment." We opposed the resolution when it was presented and it did pass in our Senate Tax Committee but made no further progress. The proponents of this legislation -- the Liberty Amendment Committee of the U. S. A. -- are a determined, well-financed group that we can expect to continue to work in our state through many other organizations. Be alert to such activities as they lay their groundwork for their next campaign effort and keep us posted so that we can be prepared to counteract such activity.

STATE ACTION CHAIRMAN

It is increasingly apparent that to be effective in the promotion of our state Program we must be more active in its support between sessions of our legislature. In order to carry on such a project of Program promotion, we have appointed a State Action Chairman to our state Board. She will also be responsible for the development of the state items:

Home Rule: Support of policies that promote fair and workable application of home rule.

Election Laws: Support of party designation for legislators and improvements in election laws in the field of campaign practices, election procedures and voting.

The LWV of Minnesota will support legislation to regulate lobbying and conflict of interests.

The LWV of Minnesota will support constitutional revision by convention and by amendments based on previously reached positions as follows:

- 1) an easier amending process; 2) regular and equitable reapportionment;
- 3) provision for a post auditor; 4) legislative sessions of adequate length; 5) clearly fixed executive responsibility.

We suggest that you appoint a counterpart -- that is your local state action chairman -- with similar responsibilities so that we can all work together for more effective action on our state Program.

During the year she will:

1. Review once again the Legislative Outlook for 1965; also read the Program section in the 1965 Convention Workbook.
2. Meet soon with your senator and your representative -- perhaps at a luncheon with your Board, at an open house for League members, and/or at a League-sponsored public meeting in your community. Tell them how pleased you are with the passage of the New Resident Voting bill, increased appropriations for SCAD, staffing the Indian Commission and passing 3 Civil Rights bills.

Remind your legislators of your continuing interest in:

- a) party designation and election laws improving campaign practices, voting and election procedures;
 - b) an easier amending process, regular reapportionment, a post-auditor, long enough sessions, fixed executive responsibility (including joint election of governor and lieutenant governor);
 - c) laws regulating lobbying and conflict of interests.
3. Watch your paper for statements from your legislators that indicate how they feel about subjects the League is interested in. Please clip and send to the state office.
 4. Urge your non-Board members to join their party as active workers -- they will be enthusiastically welcomed.
 5. Find out time and place of precinct caucuses and publicize them. Urge your members to be informed and to attend; this is really "grass-roots" political activity, something every League member should engage in. Arrange ahead of time for introduction of resolutions concerning League Program.
 6. Plan ahead for League representation at party endorsing conventions. League members should be prepared to ask of those seeking endorsement specific questions relating to League Program so that we are aware of their stands at the time of endorsement.

There may be a special session of the Legislature, we will keep you informed about this.

There will be a constitutional amendment on the ballot in 1966; it allows legislators to seek other elective positions, calls for resignation if they are elected, and provides a method for their resignation from the Legislature. We have no position on this amendment; can neither support nor oppose it, but we will provide voters service information before the election to increase public understanding of what the amendment will do. We will provide the usual amendment broadside to help you in your Voters Service work.

Please send the name of your state action chairman to the state office as soon as she is appointed.

For your convenience, we are enclosing a complete set of Capitol Letters. This will serve as a legislative report of the 1965 session.

These workshops are designed to help you develop a local program that is stimulating and satisfying for your members. They will offer techniques for reaching the community with your program. As we do this, we will be using various discussion techniques that can be used in your League meetings to keep them effective and meaningful.

The consultants and we in Organization do read your bulletins and minutes; please send them to the appropriate person promptly. One copy of your minutes should go to your consultant, and one to the State Office; 18 bulletins to the State Office. We hope you include all your plans and activities in your minutes as we like to keep up to date with each local League.

PLEASE RETURN THE FORM STATING THE NUMBER OF UNITS IN YOUR LOCAL LEAGUE THAT YOU WILL FIND AT THE END OF THE BOARD MEMO, TO THE STATE OFFICE BY September 15.

MEMBERSHIP If you operate like other organizations, this is the season you are thinking of how to increase your membership. One should probably start early on the theory that it is simpler to recruit members before groups start competing for them. Some Leagues have already begun membership luncheons and drives which started in August. The "Go See Tour" often proves quite popular; this could be adapted to attract new members with the emphasis on a local program item.

We have a brand new **FACTS ABOUT THE LWV OF MINNESOTA** to offer you. This pamphlet is of modest price and makes an ideal giveaway to the prospective member. Each League should have a supply on hand. Unit chairmen find **FACTS** invaluable to have at unit meetings. Even the old Leaguer might enjoy having a copy to review League history and accomplishments.

What are your plans for attracting new members: Are you going to try a new approach? Did you get good publicity? How many responded? Was it a success? Please send reports, newspaper clippings, comments, etc., into the State Office so that we may share your joys and/or disappointments. Other Leagues can benefit from your experiences.

INTERNATIONAL ITEMS ON NATIONAL CURRENT AGENDA There is a wealth of information in the recent Presidents' Mailing from the National Office on the League's International Current Agenda items, especially the focus on International Cooperation Year. There are also many suggestions as to how local Leagues could plan action on these items. Be sure your Foreign Policy Chairman receives a copy of this material. The July 24, 1965 issue of The Saturday Review is devoted almost exclusively to "The U.N.: The Next Twenty Years". Articles included are by such authors as U Thant, Andrew Cordier, Paul Hoffman, Arthur Larson, Richard C. Hottelet, Clark Eichelberger, Norman Cousins. Many other national magazines and periodicals have published articles on the U.N. during the summer.

The first number of a new bi-monthly publication, Vista, published by the UNA-USA, is available from the United Nations Association of the U.S.A., Inc., 345 East 46 Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.

REAPPORTIONMENT: Included with this Board Memo is a separate sheet giving suggestions for a unit meeting.

EMERGENCY

ITEM Be sure to order extra copies of the July-August National Voter for new members in your League. A few copies of Apportionment in Minnesota are still available.

Three new publications are now available from the National Municipal League, 47 East 68th Street, New York, N.Y. Changing Patterns of Apportionment (75¢), a sequel to the earlier publication which you may have already in your League library. Reapportionment: Third Year in Review (\$1.00), reprint of articles in the NATIONAL CIVIC REVIEW; and Suburbia Takes Over (25¢), by William Boyd. All three will provide valuable background for a Reapportionment Item chairman. However, since all deal with the problems of statutory apportionment they are not "musts" for our current national study. Legislative Apportionment, edited by Howard D. Hamilton, a paperback by Harper & Row is similar to Reapportionment by Glendon Schubert, which you received in your apportionment kit.

DEVELOPMENT Human Resource Chairmen have certainly been kept aware of their item OF HUMAN over the summer. Newspapers and magazines have been full of articles RESOURCES about projects under the Economic Opportunity Act and about the implementation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Keep Clipping. But it will not be possible for you to share your bulging folder of clippings with every member in your League. For them the answer is HUMAN RESOURCES: MINNESOTA'S CHANGING PATTERNS, the Minnesota League's newest publication.

Whether you have scheduled human resource meetings in the spring or fall or not, order the booklet now so it can become a part of every member's library. The section on population trends is most pertinent to our study of reapportionment. The facts on economic growth and poverty relate to our finance item. Information on discrimination will be valuable as we discuss housing. In other words, this book is a must as a reference work for all Leaguers.

But a word of warning: All those valuable facts we have been talking about may prove an indigestible lump if the book is used as the sole resource for a unit meeting. Use HUMAN RESOURCES in conjunction with discussion questions and relate the information on the state as a whole to the situation in your own community. Included in this mailing is a discussion outline showing how you might utilize information in the book as you discussed the list of criteria given in the NATIONAL BOARD REPORT as a basis for possible criteria.

The State Item Committee has been following the development of various programs in the state during the summer. We will be sending out some supplemental reports as the information is compiled. Some subjects under consideration are an evaluation of Project Headstart; a summary of the new federal law on education and its early implementation in Minnesota, a comparison of the provisions of the federal Civil Rights Act with Minnesota statutes. Do you have any additional suggestions? Did your community have a notable success or possibly a failure? Is there anyone in your League who is interested in serving on the state committee? Let us know.

Speech: "Human Resources", Mrs. W. E. Pharis - A director of LWV of U.S., 1965 Convention of LWV of Minnesota. Copy enclosed. Tape recordings available.

The State League Office has three tape recordings available for use by local Leagues. These are suitable for use in a general membership meeting or for replay on your local radio station.

1. 30 minutes: Address by Sargent Shriver to May 1965 National Council, "Where Are We in the War on Poverty?"
2. 15 minutes: Interview with Dr. Washington, Sister Barberis and Mrs. Stuart, "Breaking the Pattern of Poverty".

MEMBERSHIP We hope that you have your membership sights set high. Do you show in your budget each year an anticipated gain in members, or are you content to operate with the status quo? It is a fact that each League must expect to lose members each year through dropouts and business transfers. In order to show a total increase you must plan to replace your losses plus attracting additional members. New names on your roster can be deceiving; your League must show a larger total number to really be growing.

The next two months are the best ones to really concentrate on a concerted membership drive. Convince your friends and neighbors that League will fit into their busy schedules along with the PTA, Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, etc. Our League members are active in other organizations in addition to the LWV. Your complete, up-to-date membership list, as of January 1, must be sent into the state League office after the first of the year. The total number of your members at this time will determine your representation at the National Convention in April; in even-numbered years, it will determine your number of delegates to the state Convention.

A new "Membership Matters" has just arrived from the national LWV. This publication has many tips from local Leagues throughout the country, and it should be put in the hands of the local membership chairman. We have had a total League membership gain of 10,000 or 7% --- and don't miss a chance to use our new "Facts" to boost the current figures!

HOME RULE ACTION Your state Board has been keeping up with Times for Action on D.C. Home Rule -- we wonder what has been happening at the local level. In order for us to know what has been happening, we are asking you to please complete the attached card and mail to the state office.

NATIONAL PROGRAM-MAKING This is the time for national program-making. It is the responsibility of members of local Boards to see that units and individual members of their Leagues send their program suggestions to their local Boards on time. Local Boards will have to consider these suggestions and draw up a proposed program at their October or November Board meeting, since all first-round Program suggestions are due in the national office by December 2.

The responsibilities, therefore, of local Board members are to:

1. Urge unit leaders to see that adequate time is provided for the consideration of national Program. This cannot be done in a short limited bloc of time. Ample time must be allowed for careful examination and discussion of proposed items.
2. Urge units to get informed members to study suggested proposals and present national Program items one by one, both CA's and CR's.
3. Urge units to ask all their members to read the July, August and September issues of the National VOTER and come to the program-making session of the unit with definite ideas and opinions.

Perhaps your local bulletin could promote enthusiasm for, and give helpful tips on, national program-making. Visual aids might be useful: Charts, a roll of shelf paper over a door for listing suggestions, or any other methods of making visually clear to unit members what Program items are being proposed. Perhaps the enclosed "National Program-making Tips," prepared by the Minneapolis League would be of assistance.

Tell your units and individual members to word their proposed items in the words they would like to see used in the final form of the item: Not just "Conservation" or "Welfare", but specific designated areas to be studied or acted upon. Urge them to outline the scope of their proposed items. For instance, study during the first year; concentrate on legislative action in a specific area during the second year.

Above all, make every effort to insure that League members realize that they are the ones who choose the national Program. Their proposals are ~~changed~~ through their local Boards to the national office. The choice of national Program items is made by individual League members. Each member should be made to realize that her voice is really important.

Let's make our issues for the next two years really "Lively Issues."

UNITED NATIONS In the Outlook for Work in the June Board Memo, we asked you to send us reports on your ICY plans by August 20. Perhaps our timing was poor — we'd still like to know your specific plans relating to ICY. This activity offers an excellent opportunity for cooperation with other organizations in your community which have an interest in the United Nations.

October 24 will be UN Day, the beginning of UN Week. You will undoubtedly want to commemorate that week with some kind of League activity. Through study, through discussion, through opinion building, through working with lawmakers and through countless person-to-person exchanges, members can make an effective contribution to international understanding and laying the basis for world peace.

WATER RESOURCES Now is the time to review National's publications and articles on water resources, start a clipping file, or plan a local tour. Are there water-related projects in your area that are a part of the Economic Opportunity Act or a locally sponsored program that will be reviewed under the human resources study? This may be a cooperative venture for your League.

We would like to have a slide series representing Minnesota's water resources. We need your help. If you have a water resource project or problem or scene representative of your area, a color slide accompanied by a brief description of it will be appreciated. Ideas: It might be a new water treatment plant, an improved river bank, a watershed structure; or it might be a scene of the spring flood, a polluted area, a conflict of interest. If we get a good response, this series will be available to local Leagues. Locate your local League photographer. Put another talent to work!

NATIONAL REAPPORTIONMENT These are the questions local Leagues have been asking on reapportionment:

What will Congress do about an amendment? At various times during the 15 months since the US Supreme Court handed down the ruling that both houses of a state legislature must be apportioned on population, political commentators have stated positively: That Congress would pass an amendment; that Congress certainly would not pass an amendment; that the outlook for an amendment is uncertain. We'll go along with the last statement.

Here is the situation now. On August 4, the Senate defeated Senator Dirksen's proposal. At this point, Representative Celler suspended the hearings of the House subcommittee on reapportionment. On August 11, Senator Dirksen introduced a new amendment, Senate Judiciary Resolution 103. This amendment was approved by the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitutional Amendments on August 25. Senator

Dirksen, however, has said that he does not plan to bring the amendment up until January when the second session of Congress begins.

What exactly does the Dirksen Amendment say? Remember first that Dirksen has had a number of different proposals. This is a summary of the major provisions of SJR 103. Because the precise legal phraseology of an amendment is sometimes significant in debate, we are including a copy with this memo.

Purpose: To permit a state to apportion one of its House on factors other than population if the people of that state so desire.

Ratification: Before a state legislature can ratify the amendment, one of its houses must be apportioned on the basis of population.

Features: 1. Before a reapportionment plan could be put into effect, it would have to be submitted to a state-wide referendum.

2. These referendums would be held after each 10-year census.

3. At the referendum voters would be presented with at least two apportionment plans, one of which must be based strictly on population.

4. Factors to be considered in the non-population house of a bicameral legislature are population, geography and political subdivisions.

5. The plan approved by a majority of those voting on that issue would be placed in effect.

Don't attach undue importance to the exact provisions of this proposal, for they, too, may be changed. Senators Tyding and Douglas have already indicated strong opposition.

How important is the method of ratification? This is for your League member to decide. When an amendment was first proposed last year, many people felt that it would be unfair to allow malapportioned legislatures to rule on their own apportionment. Most states will have been apportioned before Congress could submit any amendment, so perhaps the issue loses some of its urgency.

How many states passed a resolution for a constitutional convention? As of mid-summer, 23 states had passed this resolution. Five states requested Congress to propose an Amendment, resolutions failed in six states, and six states had not taken action.

The National VOTER, in discussing the Colorado case, refers to factors other than population vs. area which may have influenced the Colorado electorate. What were these factors? The population plan provided that Senators were to be elected at large from county-wide districts. The area plan allowed counties to be divided into single-member senatorial districts. Some people feel that voters in the metropolitan areas preferred single-member districts and this influenced them to choose the area plan.

STATE ACTION CHAIRMEN Please remember that it is never too early to get better acquainted with your state legislators; an excellent reason to see them now is to ask their opinions about the Local Consent provision of the 1958 Home

Rule Amendment, so

1. You can use their comments in your study of this item; and
2. You can forward them to the state LWV office to give us a good idea of how this issue is developing throughout the state.

When talking with your legislators or scheduling meetings with them, keep in mind the fact that the LWV is a nonpartisan organization and we want opinions from both majority and minority members. If you have two legislators from different caucuses representing your area, talk or meet with both of them. This will be good groundwork for us when we are seeking bipartisan support for our legislative program.

PROJECT Copies of the first issues of Project Update have been sent to your Leagues. UPDATE This material on 'Home Rule' and 'Discrimination in Housing' has been prepared as background information for every member. It is available to you at 10¢ per copy or at a bulk rate of 15 copies for \$1. We urge you to send your orders immediately so that each member may have this material before your units meet to discuss these important issues.

FINANCING . Enclosed with this Board Memo is a kit containing a bibliography, four GOVERNMENT reprints from the League of Minnesota Municipalities' monthly magazine, Minnesota Municipalities, and Fiscal Facts about Minnesota State Government from the state Department of Administration. We were able to obtain only enough copies of these reprints to provide one per local League. Although the cost of each kit is approximately 50¢, they are being provided to you as a part of your state service. With this material all Leagues will be able to get started working now on our new item. We're hoping that each committee will also be able to obtain the other books, articles, etc. that are listed on the bibliography. The enclosed material and the other suggestions should give you a good background for our study. Get your committee working NOW. Here's best wishes for an exciting and stimulating study!

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Voting Law and other election law changes enacted at the 1965 Legislature is at the printer's now. Your trusty Voters Service resource for ready reference still answers such questions as:

Can an organization transport voters to the polls?

What hours are polls open?

How does a member of the armed services vote in a local election back home?

When I move from one municipality without voter registration to one with voter registration, three weeks before an election, do I lose my vote?

A new section contains information on political parties -- precinct caucuses, who may participate, what business is transacted, conventions, committees. The shape is new (fits handily into a large business envelope). It's bright and colorful -- red and blue on white, printed in an eight-page booklet. It's priced right, too: Ideal to give to contributors in Finance drives -- or how about asking local businesses to purchase them to distribute to customers or employees? Space is pro-

vided on the publication for a "gift imprint". Available in October, A DIGEST OF MINNESOTA ELECTION LAWS can help YOU in your Voters Service. Plan now with your Board how YOUR League will put it to work!

Additional details on Voters Service Sights the YOU in YOUTH were to be given in this Board Memo. In October we will send you promotional information -- final decisions on its publication were made at the September state Board meeting. It looks great!

LOCAL PROGRAM League observer programs tend to drop off during the summer no matter how much we try to keep all of the council, board and commission meetings covered. This might be a good month to review and evaluate your League's observer program. Are you covering all the meetings that you feel should be observed? Are you involving your newer members? Are all of your observers aware of the "do's and don'ts" for League observers? What are the results of your program -- for members -- for informing on program -- for developing new program, etc.?

If it hasn't been done recently, this might be a good time for the local agenda chairman and president to cooperate in writing a letter to chairmen of all bodies observed by your League. In this letter the policy of no one speaking for your League unless authorized by your Board should be emphasized.

You might state in a friendly manner how much your members enjoy watching the proceedings and how much they learn about this phase of government. When you are explaining about no one speaking for League unless authorized, it would be a good idea to tell them that if the League Board wishes to make a statement they will request agenda time. This type of letter can serve two purposes. It is good public relations and opens lines of communication. Also it can protect the League from the rare observer who forgets herself in the heat of discussion and says something she shouldn't. Needless to say, all observers, especially the new members, should be briefed in League observer policy: Ears open, mouth shut, courteous, friendly and noncommittal.

Page 8 of Local Program How-To, by the League of Women Voters of Indiana has an excellent guide for observers. Observers are there to learn on behalf of their League, not to spy.

FLASH!!

Minneapolis invites all Leagues to their briefing session on October 13, at 10:00 A.M. Speakers will be Mr. Clayton LeFevre, a Richfield attorney, and Mr. William Anderson, of the Farm Bureau. Mr. LeFevre filed the most recent apportionment suit in Minnesota on behalf of Metropolitan area officials. He has also testified in Washington at the Congressional hearings. Mr. William Anderson, of the Farm Bureau, is an able exponent of using factors other than population in state legislatures. This should provide a very interesting morning!

Enclosures: Dirksen Amendment
Finance Kit
National Program-Making Tips

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New Dirksen Amendment

S. J. Res. 103

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to preserve to the people of each State power to determine the composition of its legislature and the apportionment of the membership thereof in accordance with law and the provisions of the Constitution of the United States.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein). That, the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years of its submission to the States by the Congress, provided that each such legislature shall include one house apportioned on the basis of substantial equality of population in accordance with the most recent enumeration provided for in Section 2 of Article I:

"Article --

"Section I. The legislature of each State shall be apportioned by the people of that State at each general election for Representatives to the Congress held next following the year in which there is commenced each enumeration provided for in section 2 of article I. In the case of a bicameral legislature, the members of one house shall be apportioned among the people on the basis of their numbers and the members of the other house may be apportioned among the people on the basis of population, geography and political subdivisions in order to insure effective representation in the State's legislature of the various groups and interests making up the electorate. In the case of a unicameral legislature, the house may be apportioned among the people on the basis of substantial equality of population with such weight given to geography and political subdivisions as will insure effective representation in the State's legislature of the various groups and interests making up the electorate.

"Sec. 2. A plan of apportionment shall become effective only after it has been submitted to a vote of the people of the State and approved by a majority of those voting on that issue at a statewide election held in accordance with law and the provisions of this Constitution. If submitted by a bicameral legislature the plan of apportionment shall have been approved prior to such election by both houses, one of which shall be apportioned on the basis of substantial equality of population; if otherwise submitted it shall have been found by the courts prior to such election to be consistent with the provisions of this Constitution, including this Article. In addition to any other plans of apportionment which may be submitted at such election, there shall be submitted to a vote of the people an alternative plan of apportionment based solely on substantial equality of population. The plan of apportionment approved by a majority of those voting on that issue shall be promptly placed in effect."

BOARD MEMO

October, 1965

NATIONAL CITIZENSHIP TEST You have received notice from the national Board that CBS News is planning a nationwide television program for Tuesday, November 9, featuring a National Citizenship Test. (See National Board Report, September 1965, p. 33.) We have been asked to cooperate in getting word of the broadcast out to the widest possible audience and to encourage use of the test.

The state Board is sending out a news release through the Minnesota Newspaper Association which will go to all of the newspapers in Minnesota explaining the test and urging that it be reproduced in all papers. We will also furnish them with a form which can be reproduced. Local Leagues can help by visiting their local papers to request that the form be printed.

WCCO-TV will send 100,000 test forms to the state office for distribution by local Leagues. Please let us know immediately how many of these you can use so that we can send them to you. Time is short, which means that plans for distribution should be kept simple. Perhaps they could be made available at the check-out counters of super markets. Perhaps they can be distributed through the schools. You may have better ideas. Minneapolis and Saint Paul are requesting that their contributors whose companies publish house organs include copies of the test. Enclosed you will find several glossy mats which can be offered for use in this way. Any portion of this mat may be used. However, if credit is given to any distributing agency other than WCCO or CBS, credit should be given to them as well. Possibly groups like the Boy or Girl Scouts or Campfire Girls would be willing to take on the distribution of forms as a citizenship project.

CBS will place an ad containing the test form in the national edition of TV Guide and probably in the Minneapolis and Saint Paul papers. WCCO-TV will purchase similar space in most of the Twin Cities suburban papers. If the time is right, copies of the test form should appear in all local League bulletins.

The following CBS stations are heard in Minnesota:

WCCO-TV, Minneapolis, Channel 4
KDAL-TV, Duluth, Channel 3
KGLO-TV, Mason City, Iowa, Channel 3
KELO-TV, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Channel 11
WKBT-TV, LaCrosse, Wisconsin, Channel 8
KDIX-TV, Fargo, North Dakota, Channel 2

All of these stations are CBS affiliates, but that does not necessarily mean that they all carry "CBS Reports."

Please fill out and return the enclosed card before November 11 to let us know how your League handled this project.

The size is right! Fits into your handbag, your knitting bag for instant reference. Fits a business envelope for mailing. Price fits, too!

5¢ for single copies on orders up to 500

3 for 10¢ on orders over 500

For quantities over 5,000, consult the state office.

FINANCING ATTENTION ALL LEAGUES IN ANOKA, DAKOTA, HENNEPIN, RAMSEY AND WASHINGTON GOVERNMENT COUNTIES: There will be a meeting on "Financing Government" sponsored by the Agricultural Extension Service on Tuesday, November 9 at Greenhaven Country Club in Anoka. It runs from 9:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M., and lunch is \$1.50. Contact the Home Agent in your county for reservations before November 3. This is one of a series of Town and Country Public Affairs Conferences being held throughout the state. This is the only one scheduled for the metropolitan area so we have been asked to limit attendance to one or two from each League. All resource chairmen will surely want to attend. If more than a couple from your League would like to go, call your Home Agent and see how reservations are coming. If there's room, they'll be most welcome.

The morning session will be concerned with spending and tax patterns. In the afternoon, the policy-making process will be discussed along with consideration of the major taxes now in use.

BUFFALO, HUTCHINSON, SAINT CLOUD AND WILLMAR LEAGUES are all invited to a similar meeting for their area in Litchfield on Wednesday, November 10. Reservations must be in before November 4. Your Home Agent can give you information as to place and price of the lunch. Here's an excellent opportunity for all your members to obtain a fine background for our study of financing government in Minnesota. We're hoping that as many League members as possible will attend these meetings.

The meetings for the northern part of the state will be held in April. We will let those Leagues know when arrangements have been made. The southern Leagues were notified of the meetings for their areas and report that these conferences provide excellent basic information for our consideration of financing government in Minnesota.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION YEAR On October 16, a "Pathways to Peace" International Cooperation Year Conference was held in Minneapolis. The conference was sponsored by 25 organizations and institutions in the Twin City community, of which the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was one. The two main speakers were Ambassador Marietta Tree, former U. S. delegate to the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations, who spoke on "The United Nations in Today's World," and A. William Loos, president of the Council on Religion and International Affairs, who spoke on "Ethics and Foreign Policy."

These two talks were taped by the KUOM radio station. Mrs. Tree's speech was broadcast over KUOM on October 22. Mr. Loos' talk was broadcast by KUOM on Friday, October 29 on the Public Affairs Forum Program. At one of the workshops of the conference an excellent talk was made by Dr. LaFrances Rose, a sociologist at Saint Olaf, on the "Challenge of the Population Explosion." This also was taped and broadcast by KUOM on October 27.

WATER The statement included with this Board Memo was prepared for the report of the Conference on Water Pollution Control of the Red River of the North held at Fargo, North Dakota, September 14, 1965. This conference was called at the request of Governor Rolvaag and Governor Guy. Mr. Murray Stein of the U. S. Public Health Service conducted the meeting and six representatives of water-related agencies of the two states served as panel members.

The report of the U. S. Public Health Service was presented. The establishment of water quality standards was debated between state and federal agency representatives. An outstanding contribution of the U. S. Public Health Service study was development of new techniques for isolating the pathogenic micro-organism, salmonella. Copies of the report are available from local Public Health offices in the Red River Basin, the Minnesota Water Pollution Control Commission, and the state office of LWV.

MEMBERSHIP While you may be making a concerted effort this time of year to attract new members, we hope that you consider how you may add to your ranks all during the year. By all means, use gimmicks such as tours, teas, and special membership programs, but do not neglect the friendly personal approach, too.

A new tool has just arrived from the national League of Women Voters -- HOW TO GET AND KEEP MEMBERS. This is an updated publication to aid your membership chairman. The introduction states: "There are many reasons for joining the LWV and all of them should be kept in mind when undertaking to get and keep members. Reasons run the gambit from wanting to help build a better world to meeting stimulating people, from self-education to getting acquainted in the community, from learning in depth about a particular issue to simply having fun or getting out of the house." The publication proceeds to do exactly what its title indicates; you in the local League will find fresh approaches and novel ideas here to try in your own community. See to it that your membership chairman has her own copy -- it's only an investment of 40¢! Then have additional copies to be shared with other Board members and membership committee members. We all share this responsibility for getting and keeping members.

Revision of Let's Talk League has been completed and will be ready for distribution in November. This is an excellent tool for orientation of all League members -- new and experienced. All Board members should have copies and plan for the use of "their" sections as appropriate for your League's activities.

LOCAL PROGRAM In the Local Government Workshops held by the state Board this past month, various techniques were used by which we hoped to help both local program and organization people. From our symposium we hope you were given ideas for general and public meetings. Realizing that the unit meeting is the foundation of everything done in League, we tried to "illustrate by action" some of the tried and true methods for a successful unit meeting.

As the unit reports are evaluated, it can be seen that the participants recognized the need for a discussion leader, resource person, and recorder. The need for a third person doing the recording was felt necessary, especially in meetings involving lively discussion and conclusions from the membership. The importance of good communication to the Board of all discussion and consensus (sense of the meeting) came up often.

One strong opinion coming clearly through the reports was the agreement that a written report to the Board, summarized to unit members at the conclusion of the meeting, was the most accurate way to convey members' feelings to the Board. At this time

members can make any additions or corrections they feel necessary, giving them the feeling of more direct contact with their Board.

Other things that were illustrated were the importance of involving all the members in discussion, the importance of opinions of both the new and long-time member, the importance of keeping the discussion moving in the right direction, and the importance of allowing enough time for complete discussion. (The latter is impossible in a demonstration which is a part of a workshop.)

In the field of local Program-making there was a great deal of agreement. There were some new ideas and methods suggested.

For the most part, League members get their program ideas from the sources suggested in the Local League Handbook and the local agenda "how to" publications, i.e., surveys, news media, resource committee, observers' programs, contacts with business and civic leaders, etc. A great many program ideas come to the members from the current year's agenda - a continuation of the current item, an outgrowth of the current item or CRs. So be sure your members are up-to-date on the local Program, including CRs.

Leagues often prepare their members for Program-making by publishing a "Lively Issues" bulletin, by publishing -- with great care -- observers' reports, by reporting regularly all local action taken by their Boards, etc. An idea for a lively issues general meeting was presented. This might be a good idea to "cross-pollinate" ideas from one unit to another. The effectiveness of this would depend upon how well-planned it was and upon the load of the calendar. One word of caution: To get the best thinking of the most League members, follow this general meeting with the actual Program-making in unit meetings. In this familiar atmosphere the member feels more free to speak up on her ideas. A larger cross-section is more apt to be represented in suggestions from the units.

Many of the common problems in local Program can be avoided by good orientation of new members, care and attention given to wording, planning and preparation by the Board, and by letting the public know at periodic intervals about League Program -- how we decide what it is, how we study and reach decisions and what action we will take and what support is needed.

A great many people judge the League by its local Program and action. This is a challenge and responsibility for each local Board and local Program committee. We hope this workshop has stimulated your thinking to accept and welcome this.

PUBLICATIONS We are pleased to announce the appointment of a new state publication chairman, Mrs. Albert Schultz, 4247 York Avenue North, Robbinsdale 55422. Mrs. Schultz, a past president with much local Board experience in Robbinsdale, is looking forward to working with our local Leagues in the use and promotion of our League publications.

Many orders have been received lately for our excellent publication, Human Resources: Minnesota's Changing Patterns. This publication is still available. Since it was published as an every member basic resource we urge you to make it available to your members. If you have not placed your order we recommend that you do so as soon as possible so that we can order additional copies if they are needed.

Enclosures	Citizenship Test Copies(Proofs)	Treasurer's Report Explanation
	Six-Month Budget Report(Treasurer)	Water Conference Report
	Local League Pledge Report	Digest of Minnesota Election Laws
	Budget Building Res. Card	Citizenship Test Report Card
	Time for Action Report Card	Local League President List
		State Board Members List

October 26, 1965

Present: Irene Janski (presiding), Jean Ingham, Nancy Rozycki, Roberta Williams, Billie Gipple, Dorrie Peterson

Review of recognition standards - national asks for 25 paid members; we require 40 paid members. Ordinarily we don't attempt to organize in communities of less than 5000, but this can be waived by the state Board. 40 paid members must be registered at time of request for recognition as provisional. This number must include at least 12 persons who will make competent leaders. State pledge - \$25 sent along with request for recognition. \$100 to be paid after first finance drive.

State League provides the first basic publications to a new League free. Each advisor receives a state mailing and can order national material that she needs. National Board Reports should be sent to all advisors. Advisors should turn in expenses - mileage (stationery also to be provided).

Advisors should feel free to refer questions about Program, Voters Service, etc. to the appropriate Board member to answer. This should be done through the Organization people; they should be contacted to speak and also answer advisors questions.

Advisors should help to organize the League's Board meetings, agenda, etc. Help new president to keep order. An advisor must use her own judgement to know how close an eye to keep on her League. Does the president need prodding? Keep a friendly relationship but be firm.

Urge the local League to send in its minutes promptly to the state office - within one week. Five copies - for local president, local secretary, organization and office sent to state office, and advisor. Encourage them to make copies for all their own Board members. Bulletin - 18 copies to state office and one to advisor. Try to attend all the local League's Board meetings and others when able. Advisors' reports - 4 copies; three to state office and one for yourself.

When the League is ready, stay away from a Board meeting, but inform them of this first.

Budget should be started early enough so that the state Board can approve. It should be submitted one month before requesting recognition. The state Board should approve it before it is presented to the members.

No deadline on provisional period - up to the state Board.

Provisionals may have candidates meetings when state Board feels that the situation indicates it would be advisable, only when state Board approves their request.

Interim report - 4 copies - shouldn't be confined to only one sheet; expand and give details. Office has supply of these sheets - 2 copies to state office, one for advisor and one for local League.

Fact to remember - national does not consider local League applications during the two months preceding the Convention.

Local survey must be completed and given to membership in some printed form. It may be done section by section and presented at several different meetings.

Application for recognition - three copies of everything to state office. The local League president should write a letter accompanying the request for recognition which should be sent to Mrs. Whiting. Here she can answer the last question about the League abiding by the nonpartisan policy. Special publications, survey, VS materials should be sent with request.

The Budget Committee met following the Workshop to finalize its proposal for 1966-67 which was presented to the state Board for its final approval at the December Board meeting. This proposal and an explanation are enclosed with this mailing. We look to 1966-67 as the year in which Minnesota Leagues will make a breakthrough on all levels of League finance.

We know the support for League activities is not lacking. What is lacking is member understanding of how money can be used more effectively and the member's responsibility in League finance. If you would like assistance in talking budget with your members, members of the state Board and of the state Budget Committee are available.

ANNUAL REPORTS As you begin to plan for another year, you start with a look at what you have done this year - only three months left in which to carry out all you had intended for this year! With the Annual Report in your hands, you should have an additional incentive to make the last quarter of this League year full of meaningful activity for all your members.

You will receive five annual report forms in January - one for your files, two to be sent directly to the national office and two copies to be sent to the state office. Please don't be casual about these reports - they have real meaning as we compile them. We want to include the accomplishments of every one of our 67 Leagues. Distribute pages of your sample copy to the appropriate Board members so that they can begin to assemble the necessary information for their sections. This will facilitate the completion of your report when you receive the copies in January. (Remember, where necessary, as in the treasurer's reports, we want estimated figures on past experience and your predictions.)

STATE BOARD We are happy to announce the appointment to the state Board of Mrs. Alden Thomas, Rte. 1 Box 92, Wayzata, 471-7876. Mrs. Thomas will be responsible for the national item, Human Resources, and the state item, Equality of Opportunity. With this appointment we are reorganizing our state Board. Mrs. Earl Colborn will now serve as Program Coordinator. Her responsibilities will be many and varied - one of the most important will be in helping you to do a better job with Program in your Leagues and in taking League Program to the community. We do not expect you to appoint a counterpart to Mrs. Colborn, for she will be working with your Board as a whole, helping you to carry out your total Board responsibility.

ANNUAL MEETINGS We promised at the Local Program Workshops this fall that we would remind you when to start preparing for your annual meeting. We are glad to see from your minutes that many of you are well on your way with plans. It is none too soon to decide on a location, date and time - if you make reservations early you will not be disappointed in the spring trying to compete with other organizations. (Do give first consideration to a contributor's facilities!)

Go over your Annual Meeting Checklist which you received at the Workshops. Nominating, Budget and Bylaws Committees (if you foresee the need for change, especially to bring your Bylaws in line with the recommended Standard Bylaws) should be at work. The membership of these committees should be active members who attend your League's meetings regularly so they are aware of leadership emerging in the units, and who also are aware of member thinking about your League and its needs. All of these committees should feel welcome to meet with or to consult your Board members.

Details on the operation of these committees are available in the Local League Handbook. They also should have available for their use the publications listed for their committees in Basic Publications Needed By Local League Boards (remember

to substitute new national publications on budget building).

STATE ACTION There should be no further delay in the appointment of this key person on your Board. Not only is she needed right now to help you focus your thinking on state action as it relates to next year's budget, she also is needed to plan the promotion of League Program at your party caucuses in February and March. Please send her name to the state office on the card attached for that purpose.

In a special mailing we will be sending you specific suggestions for taking state Program to party caucuses. Remember, this activity is Program Action - not a part of Voters Service. Your Board will be planning this Action at the same time it is planning Voters Service related to citizen participation in party caucuses. One of the best ways to promote League Program is through the party participation of non-Board members.

VOTERS SERVICE INVITATION: "Come to the Party!" . . . You Voters Service chairmen can be the hostesses with the mostest. . . if you plan now to promote citizen participation in your community in the precinct caucuses to be held early in 1966 by the political parties. These caucuses are regulated by Minnesota Election Laws (check the LWV's new Digest of Minnesota Election Laws for details). Get in touch now with local leaders of political parties to see when and where caucuses for 1966 are scheduled. Did you know that the county chairman is required by law to publish a notice of the place, date and time for holding the caucus two weeks before that date? The county chairman must also post notice at the regular polling place at least six days before the caucus stating this same information. Contact your county chairman explaining the League's interest in promoting citizen participation in party caucuses.

Be prepared with posters showing the relationship between caucuses and elections.

Map out a talk to go with your visual aids and telephone organizations who share your interest in citizen information.

-- Volunteer your chart-talk for one of their regular meetings.

-- Suggest a special open meeting.

Distribute copies of the enclosed flyer, "Comment on Caucus", at PTA, men's and women's civic clubs, schools, adult education classes, door-to-door. (Copies are available for 2¢ each from the state office - or you may duplicate your own!)

How about coffees to allow women party chairmen a chance to explain caucus participation - the feminine angle?

Hurry, hostesses! The party needs your mostest! Republican caucuses are held in February, Democratic-Farmer-Labor in March. **INVITATION: Urgent! Plan NOW!**

Resources? Digest of Minnesota Election Laws
The Role of Political Parties U.S.A.
Choosing the President (especially pp. 20-23)
Give the Voter a Hand (especially Chapter IX)

Remind your members they are the citizens who lead the way to more active, informed participation!

Films The following films would be of interest to your members and other organizations in your community.

"Cast Your Vote Not Your Shadow" - a nonpartisan film on party caucuses. Available from: Republican State Central Committee, Endicott-on-Robert Building, St. Paul. Telephone: CA2-2541. Cost: postal charges. You can check on the actual amount when you place your order.

"Where Were You" - how apathy of good citizens permits election of unqualified candidate. Available from: Ford Film Library, The American Road, Dearborn, Mich. Cost: return postage and insurance. Time: 28 minutes.

"True Story of an Election" - story seen from both sides of an election campaign for Congressman. Available from: Audio-Visual Extension Service, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. Cost: \$9.00. Time: one hour.

REAPPORTIONMENT We know you are concerned about what you should do when we finally have reapportionment in Minnesota. We cannot make plans to assist you in voter education until we know what will be needed. A year ago, you may remember, we had planned a state-wide flyer on this - our chairman was psychic (and well-informed) for she delayed it.

If changes are mainly in the metropolitan area, we may concentrate on this area because such district changes often take considerable voter education. If your League has suggestions for handling information on reapportionment, we would appreciate hearing from you. Remember - this will be Voters Service only for we have no position on statutory reapportionment.

**NATIONAL PROGRAM
SUGGESTIONS**



Help us fill in this
profile!

So far 41 of Minnesota's Leagues have sent copies of their national Program suggestions to the state office. Let's hear from the rest of you.

This is a composite report of those Leagues who have responded to date. For simplicity the results are reported in terms of whole Leagues.

Human Resources: 31 Leagues favored retaining this item as a CA, making it the most popular topic. Many Leagues expressed concern about trying to focus the item before their membership had completed this year's study. A focus on education was favored by those Leagues that defined the direction they thought the item should take. Three Leagues wished to add housing as an area of concern. The majority left the wording and direction the same as our present study.

UN and FEP: 27 Leagues wished to keep FEP on the Current Agenda; 19 Leagues wanted to retain a UN study item. 10 Leagues mentioned China as their major concern. China was proposed both as a study under either our present UN or FEP items and as a separate study. A re-evaluation of our aid position was suggested by several Leagues; one League wished to examine U.S. monetary policies; another mentioned a study of world population problems as a focus under our UN item.

Water: 21 Leagues feel our study of water problems should be continued. A number of Leagues wished to expand this study to include conservation, air pollution or land use. Two Leagues suggested a man and environment item.

Reapportionment: Since we do not yet have a position under this emergency item, Leagues were not sure what should be done with it. The general consensus was that we will have completed our study, and this item can become a CR.

New Current Agenda Items: League members for the most part seemed to be satisfied with present Program items. None of the following list was supported by more than five Leagues.

Man and Environment
Population
Food and People
Individual Liberties
Home Rule for Washington, D.C.

Federal Aid to Education
Intergovernmental Relations
Congressional and Legislative
Reform

How Many Current Agenda Items?: 3 Leagues proposed 1 item; 7 Leagues proposed 2 items; 8 Leagues wanted 3 items; 13 retained a 4-item agenda; 10 Leagues listed more than 4 items.

The CRs: Tax powers, Treaty-making, Home Rule for Washington, D.C. were retained by almost all Leagues. Two Leagues wished to make Home Rule a Current Agenda item to focus attention on the problem. Loyalty-Security was dropped by nine Leagues as being out of date. Three Leagues wished a Current Agenda item which would retain our Loyalty-Security positions and include a study of individual liberties.

WATER The state office has received notice of Public Hearings on Establishment of Future Water Use Classifications and Standards of Water Quality and Purity for All Waters of the State. The hearings will be held by the Water Pollution Control Commission or authorized members, employees or agents. Each hearing will begin at 10:00 a.m. They will be held January 5 in the North Hall of the Civic Auditorium in Rochester; January 19 in the Moorhead Theater in Moorhead; February 2 at the National Guard Armory in Moorhead and the Little Theater of the Memorial Building in Hibbing; March 2 in the Auditorium of the State Office Building in St. Paul. The purpose of the hearings is to receive and consider testimony and evidence bearing on the establishment of water use classifications and standards of water quality for all waters of the state.

All local Water Resources chairmen are urged to attend the hearing in their areas. If Leagues have a local consensus on Water Resources that would provide testimony or evidence pertinent to the subject of the hearing, they are encouraged to submit it for consideration. A copy should be sent to Mrs. Grady Mann, state Water Resources Chairman. If Leagues have information that would be applicable under the national item, this must be cleared through the national chairman and checked with Mrs. Mann before the statement is submitted. Statements may be presented at the hearings or mailed to the Water Pollution Control Commission, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, by March 2, 1966.

MEMBERSHIP Included in this mailing is a copy of the revised Let's Talk League. It is an invaluable tool. All Board members and unit leaders should have a copy. All your members, not just the new ones, would find it an excellent reference, especially when trying to interest a friend in joining the League. A list of suggested uses is included in the publication.

NEW PUBLICATION AVAILABLE

The LWV of St. Paul has produced a two-fold flyer on precinct caucuses. It is designed to encourage citizen participation in the precinct caucuses. It has an eye-catching title and contains all pertinent information about precinct caucuses. Flyers may be ordered from the LWV of St. Paul, 26 E. Exchange, St. Paul. The cost is 2¢ each.

BOARD MEMO

January 1966

Consensus
January is that exciting month when we look back and also look ahead. It seems too often in L.W.V. we get so involved with today and so busy with plans for tomorrow that we forget to evaluate what we have done or may be doing.

We have had a good opportunity to see the results of some of what we have been doing as we have considered the consensus reports received in the last month: copies of our national reapportionment consensus, and your reports on the housing and home rule decisions. In the first place we regret to report that not all of our 67 local Leagues reported. Does this mean that your members were not given the opportunity to discuss these subjects? Or does it mean that someone failed to report the results of your study and discussion? In your June Board Memo a calendar was given to you so that you could plan for deadlines such as those for consensus. Only those reports received by the date given can be considered because the Board committee charged with the responsibility for their evaluation meets at that time. It is important, however, to remember that the position of the League is determined on the basis of the reports received.

As you prepare your consensus reports for Human Resources we suggest you re-read all of the sections in the Local League Handbook listed under "consensus" in the index. This should help you prepare a meaningful report, copies of which are sent to the state as well as to the national office on the forms provided.

It was interesting to note in studying the consensus reports, the range from excellence to quite a bit less. In checking the reasons for this variation we found the good reports came from Leagues whose members had read (or at least had available to them, because our records showed orders) the Project Update material before the meeting. The reports from those Leagues which had not provided this 10¢ per member study material had less meaningful discussions. Need we say more about your role in making publications available to every member? (This material is still available for new members or those who would like background information on League positions.)

APPORTIONMENT You have all received a statement of position on Apportionment of State Legislatures as announced by our national Board. You have also received an immediate follow-up of this in a Time for Action. It is not often that we have an opportunity for immediate action in which all members should feel prepared to communicate because of their very recent study and discussion. We trust you will make the most of this opportunity; have your members share their responses. An every-member response that is spontaneous (but not stereotyped) should add excitement and interest to your League's action. As usual, we are interested in your response and request that every League complete and return to us the enclosed card.

"The members of the League of Women Voters of the United States believe that both houses of state legislatures should be apportioned substantially on population..."

We had planned to send you a summary of the consensus reports of local Leagues in Minnesota on Apportionment, but it seems more appropriate to simply repeat the statement of position as announced by the national Board. For this statement is a summary of the thinking of the majority of League members in Minnesota.

As of January 15, we had received report forms from 57 local Leagues. The support for a population standard of apportionment was clear since only nine of these Leagues indicated a consensus for an amendment. The support for population was widespread throughout the state and represented the majority viewpoint in seven of Minnesota's eight congressional districts. More than 70 percent of our members were in agreement

that the constitution should not be amended.

Now, as we have said, the next step is to implement our new position. Let's not forget our state legislators. Alert your members to oppose resolutions amending the U. S. Constitution if these are offered at their precinct caucuses. This year the focus will be on Congressional Action, but we will also be looking ahead to the 1967 Legislature where we can expect resolutions calling for a constitutional convention to amend the federal constitution.

EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY: A New Position on Housing. At its January Board Meeting the state Board amended our position on equality of opportunity to read: "The League of Women Voters of Minnesota opposes discriminatory practices which deny rights to any citizen on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin or age. Anti-discrimination legislation, enforced by commission administration, is a necessary means of eliminating such discrimination.

"We support the present legislation regarding employment, real property and public accommodations as partially achieving this end.

"In the area of housing, we support the present legislation and recommend its strengthening to include all housing except the rental of space in private homes or owner-occupied duplexes. Regulation of such facilities in owner-occupied property might constitute an invasion of privacy."

The last statement is added as a result of the study on housing and the state Board's evaluation of the consensus report forms received from local Leagues. The thoughtful consensus reports of local Leagues with the careful reporting of minority and majority sentiment was of great assistance to the state Board in its evaluation. A summary of what you told us follows:

Discussion in the various unit meetings proceeded along two main lines. Some units debated whether, as a matter of principle, an anti-discrimination law should contain any exceptions. Other groups discussed whether or not the present law should be strengthened. Most Leagues reported that discussion was lively and that many members felt strongly on this and related issues. From the discussion emerged two main points.

First, there was overwhelming support of the League's past position: members indicated almost unanimous agreement on the principle of non-discrimination in housing, of the necessity of legislation in this field, and reiterated support for the commission method of enforcement. Only a few, widely scattered League members felt the coverage of our present law was too broad.

Second, there was widespread concern for individual liberties. Debate in most groups centered on balancing government regulation of individuals in their private lives against the protection of a vulnerable minority. This was the issue, rather than integration, per se. Typical comments were, "Members are in favor of integration, but feel very strongly that home owners should have the personal right to judge the people who buy or rent their homes." Or, "Considerable comment was made of behavior pattern of renters. There did not seem to be a strong racial dissent." "In rental of rooms in a private home, individual preferences should be considered." Or, "The minority opinion held that to extend the law further would too greatly increase governmental control."

Most groups had "many shades of feeling." The Minnesota League, too, taken as a whole reflected this diversity. The minority and majority sentiment was divided as follows: (The quotes are from local League reports;)

1. "We had a minority with the strongly held opinion that all the exceptions should be removed as it implied second-class citizenship."

2. "A minority felt there should be no change in the fair housing law at present." "The existing law should be in effect longer before changes are made." "They felt that education would better aid elimination of discrimination....Race is being used, consciously or unconsciously, to extend the influence of the government into all aspects of life."
3. "A clear-cut majority would oppose extending the law to cover owner-shared rental facilities." "Invasion of privacy was an important consideration." "Some members felt duplex owners were in the rental business and really should be included."
4. "Our consensus shows that the one exception which should be removed is the exception concerning the rental, lease or sale of a one-family dwelling." "SCAD should be allowed to operate in the majority of one-family residences." "Most felt there should be no distinction between privately financed and government financed housing." "However, a majority of those wanting to retain exemptions would go along with including all one-family dwellings under jurisdiction." "We must act now to prevent the formation of ghettos."

Support for extending the coverage of the fair housing act to cover the sale of all single-family dwellings came from all portions of the state, from big Leagues and small. However, sentiment was strongest in the Twin Cities metropolitan area where members seemed to feel a more direct involvement. 44 Leagues reported. 19 had a consensus for extending the law, 18 favored keeping the law as it is and 7 were inconclusive. Considering the membership of each League and majority and minority sentiment reported within each League, over 60 percent of the members in the Leagues reporting favored extending coverage as the position statement indicates

HOME RULE In a nearly unanimous consensus, the LWV supports the requirement of local consent in the case of special laws affecting one city, village, township, or school district and modification of the local consent requirement in the case of special laws affecting two or more local units of government to facilitate the solution of intergovernmental problems.

Preference was shown for the method of modification which retains local consent on special laws affecting one unit and abolishes it on special legislation affecting two or more units. Of the membership of the 46 Leagues involved in this consensus, 44 percent preferred this method. 33 percent of the members recommended modification without specifying how, 19 percent said some percentage of affected units and/or population should approve a special law, 3 percent believed all local consent should be abolished, while 1 percent believed the provision should not be modified.

There was no statewide pattern apparent in consensus results. Using approximate averages, the results appear this way:

	<u>Abolish when 2 or more units involved</u>	<u>No Preference</u>	<u>Percentage of Affected Units and/or Population</u>
City	33%	33%	33%
Suburban	25%	25%	50%
Outstate	40%	40%	20%

Nearly every League in their consensuses indicated belief and support of the Home Rule principle, expressing the opinion that local matters should best be handled at the local level. Phrases such as, "Local government affairs are the responsibility of those directly involved," appear on many consensus reports. Yet, there seemed to be no doubt

that after the Project Update study of how the present local consent provision requiring 100% approval of affected units is hampering legislative solution of intergovernmental problems, this provision must be modified.

As a result of this consensus our new position on Home Rule is:

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota believes in the principle of Home Rule. We support the requirement of local consent in the case of special laws affecting one city, village, township or school district. We support modification of the requirement of local consent in the case of special laws affecting two or more local units of government to facilitate the solution of intergovernmental problems.

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota also supports realistic restrictions on special legislation and broader provisions for the adoption and amendment of home rule charters.

Some Leagues enclosed remarks from their legislators on the local consent question. These will be most helpful in lobbying. Often, these legislators said they wanted guidance from their constituents on this question and with our firm consensus of retention on single units (city, village, township, or school district) and need for modification when two or more units are involved, we can give this direction.

In some reports it was apparent that members thought many of the local requests for special laws had to go to the legislature and that requests for special laws would lessen with more home rule. Actually, councils often have the power to do what they request a special law to do, but they find it easier in several ways to request action from the legislature. This is as true for cities as for villages, and more home rule would probably not alter the number of these requests. For background information on this problem we refer you to your March 1964 resource edition of The Minnesota VOTER. Under our League position we can support as a legislative policy the principle that no special law will be enacted when a general law can be made applicable.

Leagues from whom no consensus reports were received by the deadline are:

Bemidji*	Mahtomedi Area
Brainerd	Maplewood*
Brooklyn Park*	New Ulm
Chisholm*	North Saint Paul*
Excelsior	South Saint Paul
Falcon Heights	Wayzata*
Fridley*	Wells
Jackson	Winona

League consensus reports received late

STATE ACTION CAIRMAN Caucus time is approaching and lots of League interest is being generated. Many of the January bulletins included the locations of Republican caucuses scheduled from February 7 through February 16, and these editors plan to put DFL March 1 caucus locations in their February bulletins. Several Leagues have scheduled meetings with local party leaders to learn about becoming more active in party work and to get an "inside" explanation of what to expect at a caucus. Our January-February 1966 Minnesota VOTER emphasizes how the League and political parties work together and has been sent to all DFL and Republican county chairmen and chairwomen.

Be sure to encourage members going to party caucuses to offer resolutions supporting our new positions on local consent and housing discrimination, as well as party designation for legislators, governor - lieutenant governor on one ballot, provision for agency to reapportion if legislature fails to do so and any others your members are interested in. Program-oriented non-Board members should be encouraged to become

delegates to county and district conventions, and to continue to support League positions at these levels. Being a delegate is really fun and educational and with a little organization and willingness, precinct caucuses will elect you!

Let's face political realities: The best way to ensure our grass roots resolutions getting beyond the precinct caucus is to "send" a well-informed member through the party "channels" to guide and support our positions.

If you have members who are elected as delegates to the county and state conventions, be sure they are aware of the importance of the resolutions committees at that level. Urge them to seek strong support from members of those very important committees for resolutions that embody League positions.

We can't leave the state Program field without something for the Financing Government chairmen!

FINANCING GOVERNMENT CHAIRMEN Here's the word you've been awaiting. The new publication, Financing Public Services in Minnesota, is at the printers! Have your publications chairman send your orders to the state office now. Then the booklets can be mailed to you as soon as they come off the press the latter part of February. The price will be 50¢ a copy if ordered through League publications chairmen and 75¢ a copy otherwise. This is written as an 'every member' piece so be sure to order enough for all of your members -- and give-aways too!

Read the publication as soon as you receive it so you'll have time to think about it and discuss it with your committee members. Then bring your committee and come to one of the regional workshops scheduled for the last two weeks of March. The purpose of these workshops is to help you develop this item in your League. They will be held in Duluth on March 22, Moorhead, March 24, Richfield, March 28, Falcon Heights, March 30 and Owatonna, April 1. (See enclosed flyer.)

The morning will be a "how to" session: How to conduct a planning session on this topic, how to present the material in your unit meetings, how to use which visual aids, how to use in general membership meetings and what activities to plan in your community. After lunch we hope to have three outside speakers. These have not yet been chosen but we'd like to have a different group at each workshop, people from that particular part of the state.

We'll send more details with the next Board Memo. In the meantime, alert your committee members, mark your calendars, and order your publications. See you in March!

Let's move from state to local Program -- Local Agenda.

LOCAL AGENDA You have a big responsibility in making sure your Board is prepared to recommend local Program. As we read your bulletins, we've seen more and better member preparation. We suggest all Board members review the section on Local Program in their Handbooks, especially the sections on PROCEDURES and BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES on page 21. Remember, it is easier to seek our advice beforehand than it is after you find yourself in a questionable area, position, study, etc.!

All of this Program actively involves every member. We wish we had more of them! We need more! Are your membership figures up-to-date? Recruiting members is a year-round activity for all of us. Often those new members recruited this time of the year feel lost in the shuffle. They needn't be so if you use --

LET'S TALK LEAGUE By all means, let's! Let's use every opportunity to make League understood and respected everywhere. **LET'S TALK LEAGUE** (1965 revised edition) is our newest tool to help you, the local Board, reach this goal. Let's put a copy in the hands of each unit leader and urge her not to file it away under the bed.

In addition to the suggested uses listed on page 1, let's come up with more and better ideas. Share it with all members equally, old as well as new. Let's budget funds to replace worn-out copies and continue the need for replacement. Let's use LET'S TALK LEAGUE as it was meant to be used: to interest and inform and stimulate all women everywhere.

Enclosed with this mailing is a "Guide for State Boards on Local Community Basis for League Organization." We are not sending this to give you ideas, but rather to help you grasp your own geographical basis of organization and your relation to your surrounding governmental units.

As you see from this information, a League's basis of organization does not extend just like Topsy, but must follow certain guidelines under the jurisdiction of the state Board. If you have questions relating to your League, you should check with the state Organization Committee.

CONSULTANT LIST With a full Board now in operation, the consultant list has been revised. There are some changes. Please check carefully and see that your secretary has the correct name and address. There has been no change in procedure: Each consultant should receive a copy of the minutes from "her" Leagues one week following the local Board meeting. The secretary should also send one copy to the state office with equal promptness. (Provisional Leagues send copies to advisors and two to the office.) Don't wait for your consultant to request permission to visit a Board meeting. Call on her often for advice. Her job is to serve you, the local League.

BULLETIN EDITORS You know by now how important it is for you to link your unit members with your Board members. By your attendance at Board meetings you can glean what can and must be communicated to your members. Carrying this communication responsibility a step further, by sending 18 copies to the state office each month, you, state Board members and state office staff can keep in touch. We read them, we keep them on file, and we admire the job you are doing. (Don't forget the three copies to the national office and one to Mrs. Vernon C. Stoneman, 366 Marsh Street, Belmont, Massachusetts 02178.)

Did you know that Public Opinion Telegrams to senators and representatives (and state legislators, too) go at a special rate? Fifteen words for 85¢ -- keep this in mind for response to Times for Action.

Enclosed is a flyer from the U. S. Chamber of Commerce on their Aircade Meetings for Citizenship Action. It will be in Minneapolis, February 28. Interesting to see how others work in the field of citizen education and encouraging citizen participation

Also enclosed is your League's flyer on the Minnesota Conference on Communist China, sponsored by the World Affairs Center through the General Extension Division of the University. An outstanding group of experts has been recruited as speakers. This conference should be given top priority by your League, for this subject is certainly going to be discussed extensively at our national Convention in Denver just as it was in Pittsburgh.

HUMAN RESOURCES The enclosed flyer describes a program to be presented by the Minnesota Adult Education Association. A close look at one phase of the Poverty Program, Adult Basic Education, gives us the opportunity to see the problems and the potential, and to carefully evaluate our consensus questions in the light of what is actually happening. The MAEA has corralled the top people for this program, people looking at basic education from conflicting points of view. Any League member or potential member is welcome, but if you want to eat, do call ahead for a reservation. Luncheon is at 12 noon, price \$1.75. Program starts at 1:00 P.M.

Speaking again of national Convention, we've heard from the Burlington Railroad

(which goes through Chicago) if anyone would like information. Perhaps you'd rather take the Rock Island to Des Moines (no sleepers or diners, but there is a snack bar car), and get the Burlington there.

Anyone for a chartered bus? We would need a minimum of 33 passengers. It would probably leave Minneapolis Sunday afternoon and Denver Friday afternoon. If you would be interested, let us know so we can follow this up before March 15.

FINANCE Does your local League have a finance flyer? There will be a display at the national Convention of interesting finance flyers from throughout the U. S. If you have already planned or are planning to send a flyer to the Convention, please send at least two copies to the state office also. Share your creative ideas with the rest of the Minnesota Leagues at our Leadership Workshop in June. Check your Money Matters No. 4, July 1965 for further ideas.

VOTERS SERVICE 1966 is young, and so is our youth Voters Service project. With this mailing your president receives a promotional flyer about the new state Voter Service publication, Voters Service Sights the YOU in Youth. With tips on helping local Leagues assist youth in their communities in meaningful citizenship activities, this publication will have a long and useful life in your League. Workshops with helps on implementing a youth Voters Service project in your League are being planned for Council and the June Leadership Workshops.

In figuring publication costs, we had to face the reality that due to the limited sale possibilities of such an intra-League publication, each copy printed must be sold for 75¢. No "sample copies" available! So see that your League's order is sent by return mail so that you can begin your acquaintance with this project. As you begin to work with it, you'll find you may want to have a copy for each unit? for each of your VS committee members? for the Public Relations Chairman?

Incidentally, copies of the promotional flyer are being sent to every state League and to Leagues in major cities throughout the country. Inquiries and orders have already been received from Leagues in many states -- and such sales will help our publication budget!

A REMINDER The National Citizenship Test produced by CBS News last year is now available on Minnesota paperback bookstands, complete with an introduction by Vice President Humphrey and containing the test forms and answers. Published by Bantam Books, this illustrated book contains the complete texts of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. 75¢ a copy.

PUBLICATIONS Have you followed through on the national office memorandum of December 27, 1965 suggesting the promotion of the three new Human Resources publications? If not, take another look because you may want to start out the New Year by sending copies of Rights of "Another Nation", The 89th Congress Acts, and Development for Distressed Areas to your local newspaper, civil rights groups, other education and civic organizations, appropriate local, state and federal (those working in your community) government officials, and to civics teachers before the second semester begins. There is a good sample press release in the memo that can be sent to your local newspaper along with copies of the new material.

As you read earlier in this Board Memo, we are taking orders for our newest publication, Financing Public Services in Minnesota. Don't delay in sending your order. We expect to start filling orders soon after February 15. We are selling through you at 50¢ per copy, bulk orders over 500 at 10% discount. We are selling single copies outside the League at 75¢ and recommend your selling at the same price so that you can cover the cost of a promotional program including "giveaways".

BOARD MEMO

February 1966

We realize you will not be receiving this until March! It is not because February was a "short" month - we neglected to tell you last month that our February Board meeting was postponed until the 23rd because Mrs. Whiting and Mrs. Nash were in Chicago for an inter-League Conference on Financing Government (29 states were represented. We will be able to share this experience with you in the development of our item) and Mrs. Lewis Daniel was attending the Minnesota Conference on Communist China (a more timely conference we could not have had -- as we consider second round of National Program suggestions!).

1966 STATE COUNCIL

In compliance with our state Bylaws we are sending this as the formal call to the 1966 meeting of the State Council in Saint Paul at the Lowry Hotel from Wednesday, May 18 (9:30 A.M.) to Thursday, May 19 (2:00 P.M.).

The Council is composed of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota, the Presidents of local Leagues and one delegate chosen by each local League. Provisional Leagues may send the President and one delegate as observers. All Leagues are encouraged to send as many visitors as possible but each League must first fill its quota of delegates (or observers).

Reservation cards for use in reserving accommodations at the Lowry Hotel will be sent with the March BOARD MEMO.

A unique feature of this Council meeting will be an evening with the gentlemen -- yes, your husbands are included for the social hour and dinner Wednesday evening. Our speaker will be Mr. John Shannon, Senior Analyst, Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, Washington, D.C. The Hope Washburn Award is also a special feature of this evening -- don't forget to send in your League's nominations for this year's award to Mrs. Jerome S. Gray, 1401 West Minnehaha Parkway, Minneapolis 55409, Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

We will give you more details on the agenda next month, and the March-April Minnesota VOTER will also feature State Council.

PLANS When we haven't been traveling, we've been meeting, preparing exciting plans for the year ahead. Most of these will come to you at Council and in the June BOARD MEMO which is our OUTLOOK FOR WORK. The state Board will be meeting at the usual time in March and in April. The May meeting will be immediately following the Council on May 19. There will be no May BOARD MEMO -- instead we will be preparing the June issue so that it can be made available to your Board members at the Leadership Workshops the first week in June. These workshops, following a similar format to those two years ago, are planned as Board training for all Board members. They will be held in the metropolitan area for a third of the Leagues on three consecutive days, June 7, 8 and 9. Specific information will be available in the March BOARD MEMO but we wanted to let you know about this now so that it might assist your nominating committees in their recruiting.

You can help us right now with our planning for State Council. Since there are no caucuses for Program as we have at Convention, we wondered if some of you would like what are often called "Little Meetings" -- an opportunity to get together informally for an exchange of conversation, ideas, even complaints, if you like.

END OF FISCAL YEAR As we think ahead, we are also involved with year-end activities including annual reports and closing our books. We are anxious to have our publications bills paid promptly this month so that our year-end statement is as accurate as possible. (Furthermore, we do need to pay our printers!) There are also few Leagues still owing some payment on pledges. This should be accomplished before the end of March. We will appreciate your cooperation.

BUDGETING Speaking of finances, League that is, it is very gratifying to see the number of local Leagues who are accepting their suggested pledges, and making an even further effort to provide support for state and national services! It is also exciting to see the number of Leagues who want their members to make a more realistic effort to pay their way by a raise in dues. We all realize such changes do not happen overnight, but at least we can all work in the same direction: providing the funds needed to do the job we believe in.

ANNUAL MEETINGS We wish we could attend all your annual meetings. This we can not do in any one year, but don't forget that state Board members are always glad to be invited and if given sufficient notice will also be your speakers.

We hope that when at all possible your annual meetings will be held in your community or League area. Do give consideration to your contributors. The public relations value of your annual meetings can be tremendous, but you cannot expect this if the meeting is outside your League area.

This is an excellent opportunity to explain how League Program is selected, and also what your local item means and how it will be developed. Pictures of new officers are fine but the most important activity at your annual meeting is the adoption of new Program. This is what sets the League apart from all the other organizations who are having annual meetings now. This is significant and should be newsworthy!

BYLAWS Along with annual meetings comes revision of Bylaws. Your present Bylaws state the provisions for such revision. Also, page 12, Local League Handbook tells about submitting contemplated amendments to the state Board well in advance for comment and advice.

We are now in the process of checking all local League Bylaws, comparing them with "Standard Bylaws for a Local League." If it is apparent a complete revision may be the best procedure for bringing your Bylaws up-to-date we will notify you and recommend that at your annual meeting, your members approve the appointment of a Bylaws revision committee so that adoption of such a revision can be expedited at your 1967 Annual Meeting.

While we are discussing Bylaws, we should mention the proposals on our National Bylaws as presented in the January National Board Report. It is our hope that the Convention will adopt the revisions to all but Articles II and III without debate, so that the Convention time will not be used for discussions on semantics which are insignificant.

Watch the March NATIONAL VOTER for the comments on the national Board's proposals in regard to Article II, Purpose. Your state Board's recommendations for revision of the Article are on page 29 of the January National Board Report. We would appreciate any comments you have in respect to our proposals, for we expect to bring them before the Convention, perhaps as a "compromise" between those in League who object to making Program a part of the statement of purpose, and those who wish to see it spelled out in this Article.

NATIONAL PROGRAM-
MAKING

The deadline (in the national office) for Second Round Program-making is April 11. This should give all Leagues an opportunity to consider member thinking. All members have the proposals in their February NATIONAL VOTER. The criteria used by the national Board are listed on page 3 of their Board Report. As is stated, seven are "challenging yardsticks." The eighth -- "manageability" -- is the one each local League must consider now -- a year from now when you find your members unable to cope with their Program on national, state and local levels will be too late.

One way to help make it manageable is through careful definition of scope for each item. Remember, the length of explanation of proposed current agenda in no way indicates the "scope" or the amount of time you might be expected to devote to any one item! It might interest you to know that in the First Round, your state Board omitted the Human Resources item (note change to "Equality of Opportunity"). It was the majority's feeling that the item in its present form was a casualty of the war on poverty. It was the feeling of the Board that the development of the item has lacked continuity and definite direction so that its study has been generally unproductive. The only sustained interest seems to have developed on the local level where you have become interested and involved in locally-oriented programs. This immediately creates questions as to "action" at this level on a national item.

If the state Board includes this item in its recommendations in the Second Round its suggestions may well be to eliminate the words "employment" and "education." The suggested scope would be limiting ourselves to legislation that is concerned with equality of opportunity in the narrowest sense, and discuss ways the federal government can implement equality of opportunity in programs and projects which have federal funds.

Make the most of this challenging and meaningful League member responsibility!

NATIONAL CONVENTION (Transportation information to the National Convention will be found on the enclosed Travel Page at the end of the Board Memo.) Please send the names of your delegate to the state office as soon as they are so designated, and when they expect to arrive in Denver. We are planning a pre-Convention briefing for all Minnesota delegates, but the plans will be determined to some extent by the number and the time of arrival in Denver.

If you would like to share a room with other Minnesota delegates, we will be glad to put you in touch with one another. We just need to know your wishes in the state office.

We have selected Mrs. Whiting, Mrs. Colborn and Mrs. Richdorf as state Board delegates and Mrs. Rozycki as alternate. Mrs. McCoy will also be present representing her Granite Falls League. We would hope you would give serious consideration to sending your state Board member if your local Board members are not available.

APPORTIONMENT In the February 14 TIME FOR ACTION did you nine local Leagues (the tenth was your state president's letter) note mention of your letters appearing in the Congressional Record for February 7? Senator Mondale was responsible for placing these, but he should have had over 60 such letters. He is pleading for more so we trust by now your official letters have been sent and also the letters from your individual members and supporters throughout your communities.

Many of you may know that the Committee for Government of the People has organized in Minnesota with the following: State Reps. B. F. DuBois, Sauk Centre and R. N. Nelson, Breckenridge; State Sen. Norman J. Walz, Detroit Lakes; C. D. Hempstead, Saint Paul, Farm Bureau President; Wm. B. Pearson, Ogilvie, Grange master; Lyle Fisher, Saint Paul, vice president 3M; E. H. Flitton, Austin, vice president, Hormel's; T. T. McBurney, Minneapolis, president of Tescom and Minnesota Employers' Association.

We are not proposing direct opposition to this group, for they have been given little attention to date by our Minnesota mass media. It is important, however, for us to keep in touch with their activities throughout the state. Please alert us (through the state office) to any activity by this group in your community or surrounding area.

Leagues in Minneapolis and Saint Paul have set up committees to write letters to the editor in their metropolitan papers, beginning with an official letter from the president, to be followed from time to time with letters from individual members. We are hoping these will foster editorials. Don't overlook the possibilities available to you through your local officials.

We are contacting state offices of those organizations listed as "Cooperating Organizations in the National Committee for Fair Representation" which should help your contacts at the local level.

In writing press releases in Minnesota you should point out that the Minnesota Constitution now requires and has always required that both houses of our legislature be apportioned on the basis of population and that three attempts to change that provision have been defeated by the voters of Minnesota.

Keep us posted on your response to this TIME FOR ACTION.

HUMAN RESOURCES HUMAN RESOURCES CHAIRMAN: SEND A COPY OF YOUR CONSENSUS ON HUMAN RESOURCES TO THE STATE OFFICE.

Once a National Position has been determined it may be possible for the Minnesota Board to make statements concerning state programs. It is therefore imperative that we know your thinking.

INDIANS Attached are excerpts from the February 1966 TWIN CITY INDIAN NEWS, which we thought would be of interest to League members. This information may be used in your local bulletins verbatim. We think the employment of Mr. Buckanaga promises a new look to the activities of our Indian Affairs Commission.

STATE ACTION CHAIRMEN There seems to be some confusion over the new title "State Action Chairman." In order to help you better understand the functions of this key person on your Board, we refer you to page 25 of your June 1965 BOARD MEMO. We do not expect to have Legislative Chairmen. The duties formally carried on by this chairman will be a part of the responsibilities of your State Action Chairman. As with any newly defined Board position, it takes a certain period of time to develop a real concept of the total responsibility. Mrs. Earl Colborn, our Program Coordinator on the state Board and Mrs. M. Richdorf, our State Action Chairman, are planning specific helps for these chairmen between now and the next session of the legislature.

This is the usual time to say, "Make your members familiar with their legislative district," and "Get acquainted with aspirants for the house and senate," but guess these suggestions will have to be put away for awhile. One advantage of the redistricting though: it certainly has focused state attention on our legislature.

Both our stands, for annual sessions, and for an outside agency to reapportion if the legislature fails to, are really current. We hope you are watching with much interest what the Governor does with the Bipartisan Commission's plan (of which former state Board member, Mrs. L. G. Murray, is a vital member.) Keep your members interested in what may happen to your area and legislators.

LOCAL AGENDAA There is another good background resource piece available now. It is "State and Local Government - Policies and Processes," by G. Theodore Mitau. Sometimes in the press of activities to prepare our local agenda program, we forget to keep up on reading which will broaden our general background in local government. When you find some interesting reading as you do your research, are you passing the information along to the members via the bulletin? (An item that would be worth looking into is the recent periodical offer of the National League of Cities. For further information refer to your Memorandum from National to Local League Presidents from Mrs. Louis Hirsch, Chairman, State and Local Government Committee, November 1965.)

VOTERS SERVICE S. O. S. -- F. D. A. C. Save Our Service in promoting attendance at precinct party caucuses -- For Display At Council. Let's have our own BRAG ART SHOW. Gather together clippings of newspaper publicity, copies of promotional material your Voters Service committee used to call attention of your members and your community to the importance of participation in precinct caucuses. Include samples of publications distributed, stories in your bulletins, TV and radio spot announcements, posters, handbills.

We plan a "Come-See Gallery" for our "Many Woman Show." Mount your display on self-standing tagboard posters. Include a scrapbook and/or a step-by-step "How-To" chart to tell how you planned your attack on citizen apathy -- and include results! Interview local party leaders to assay whether this year's caucuses in your community were better attended? More vital? Same as always? And include these comments in your display.

Council's our time to pause and reflect and yes, brag a bit. So start now to plan your League's entry in the Voters Service Brag Art Show. ** See below.

PUBLICATIONS Now that our latest League publication, FINANCING PUBLIC SERVICES IN MINNESOTA, is off the press, Publications Chairmen will find that there are a number of things that they will want to do to insure the widespread distribution of this booklet. If you aspire to being more than an order clerk, and believe me, it is more fun if you do, advance yourself to Sales Manager and put your heart into promoting this publication, remembering that we have been looking forward a long time for an opportunity to study taxes -- and it is being talked about by most everyone!

You have two plainly defined markets: your local membership and your community. Many Leagues have already ordered booklets for each member; if you haven't already done this we urge you to do so before your unit meetings. Don't stop there, encourage your members to buy copies to present to their friends. Publications, being the best tool we have to arouse citizen responsibility in government, should be put to work in the community. Here you can shine. Consult with your local Board about plans for buying copies of FINANCING PUBLIC SERVICES IN MINNESOTA TO GIVE TO LEADERS IN YOUR COMMUNITY, AND to schools, libraries and businesses that may order more. Let them know where to order. Local League prices are 50¢ each to members. Orders for 500 or more will have no 10% handling charges.

TEAR HERE

League will participate in the Voters Service Brag Art Show at Council. Our entry will require approximately _____ inches table or wall space.

Voters Service Chairman

Ask your local newspaper editor, minister, or organization editor to review it in his paper or newsletter; or have your Public Relations Chairman review the booklet for your local newspaper.

The following is a list of likely prospects for giveaways:

Legislators	School Superintendent
County Commissioner (living in your area)	School Principal
Party Chairman and Chairwoman	Social Science Teachers
(in your area)	Ministers
Mayor	School Librarians
Editor (local newspaper)	Public Librarians
Community Leaders	

(Non-League bulk orders can be filled in the state office if they are first ok'd. by state Publications Chairman. Prices are as follows:

single copies, 75¢
 100-500 " 65¢
 501-1,000 " 55¢
 over 1,000, contact state office or Ruth Schultz for special prices.)

Speaking of flyers: Have you taken advantage of the offer from the national office to order fifty flyers, promoting new national publications, for only 25¢? This is an opportunity to do social studies teachers, librarians, leaders of community organizations and civic-minded church groups a service by distributing these flyers to them. The publications they list dealing with today's VITAL ISSUES should be of great interest and value to them.

BULLETIN EDITORS Reporting your local consensus on state and national Program may
CONSENSUS COMMENT be a bit misleading. A superficial glance at a local consensus report on a state or national item may lead one into asserting, "The League believes...", when, in fact, the areas of agreement have not as yet been determined on a state or national basis. Your local consensus may be somewhat divergent from the final statement of position. After the statement of position is received it should be included in your Bulletins and it might interest your members to know how your local consensus agreed with or differed from the majority.

FINANCING GOVERNMENT Does your world look dark and dreary because you're puzzled
CHAIRMEN and perplexed? Do you have "tired blood"? Do you feel inadequate to the task that lies ahead? Come to the workshop that's been planned just for you! Your blood will come alive with vim and vigor and your world will change to sunshine and smiles!*

The morning session is guaranteed to help solve all your problems related to informing your members on this item. One method of presentation will be demonstrated complete with visual aids and new information that's not in the publication. Other methods will be suggested and small discussion groups will consider what to do about some of the situations that are apt to occur in your unit meetings.

After a fabulous lunch we will hear about the many and varied alternatives open to Minnesotans in coping with the financing of government. Should we cut down on services? If so, where and how? If not, what are the possible methods of raising enough money to pay for them? Next, two outside speakers, each with a specific but differing point of view, will have a short time to make their cases. Following this, questions will be in order. (See enclosed flyer for places, dates, cost, speakers, etc.)

All indications are that this will be a lively, invigorating conclave. Do come and let us revive your spirits! It'll be fun!

*If your answer to the foregoing questions is "no," please come to the workshop and share your knowledge and enthusiasm with the others. We need you.

Please Note: Enclosed you will find a sample press release which can be modified for use in your local newspapers. It should appear in advance of the workshop. Feel free to write one of your own if you prefer.

OUTSTATE FINANCING Here's one time when you're being offered an "extra" that's not available to the metropolitan Leaguers. The Agricultural Extension Service is conducting a series of public affairs seminars on "Taxing Policies in Minnesota." The schedule is as follows: Rochester, March 22; Mankato, March 24; Marshall, March 29; Morris, March 31; Saint Cloud, April 5; Moorhead, April 7; Bemidji, April 26; and Duluth, April 27. They will run from 9:15 (registration 9:15 to 9:45) to 3:30. Chief emphasis will be on the Minnesota property tax system and recent proposals regarding alternative sources of additional revenues for meeting state and local requirements. Rolland Hatfield, Commissioner of Taxation and Lloyd Woodruff, Director of Research and Planning for the Minnesota Tax Department will be the featured speakers along with Mrs. Carole Yoho, Public Affairs Specialist and Arley Waldo, Extension Economist in Public Affairs, both from the University of Minnesota.

They hope to have a broad representation of local community leadership from a multi-county area in attendance at each program. Since it should supplement our own workshops and provide much valuable additional information, we urge your attendance at one of these if at all possible. You and/or any interested League members should contact your own local County Agent. Enrollment is limited to 75 so act NOW. Be sure to read Financing Public Services in Minnesota before you go.

MEMBERSHIP We hope you are always thinking membership in your League -- this phase of League could and should be combined with almost every activity in which you engage. Each Voter Service project and Program promotion puts the League's name before the public; capitalize on this publicity to interest new women in the LWV. While you are attracting women who have never belonged to League, do not forget about your members who have dropped out. Do you ever really try to find out why? "Too busy" is often given as the excuse, but we all know that it is not always the real reason -- meetings that are too repetitious, too long, less than stimulating discussions are more than likely the cause. Your membership chairman might find a dropout analysis illuminating; she could help your League to find a remedy for this all too common malady. You could use an interview system, either by phone or questionnaire. Try to get the former member to honestly tell you why she became disenchanted with League, but at the same time, do not try to shame her into returning. You might find a definite trend in the comments which would help you in bolstering up your organization and redefining your goals.

Many Leagues complain that they have too many "inactives!". You will always have some, and this is to be expected; each of us has certain periods in which we are involved elsewhere. We cannot turn women away from the League because they will not actively participate, but we should try to find out why. We have so many in this category. This might be the appropriate place for personal interviews with these "inactives" -- did they deliberately choose this role or did they slip into it? Some former "leaders" might be persuaded to again take part in unit discussions or to serve in some special capacity. It might be that you will find that they, along with the "drops", are disillusioned for the same reasons; heed their advice and make them feel they are missed.

Enclosures (5)

Insert

Candidates Meetings

How to Lobby for a Program Item at State Convention

The Trouble with the State Board
Is

How to Keep up with Reading Your League Mail

How to Sell Publications

How to Keep the Members Active

We envision these as being informal meetings but purposive. They would break up at 11 P.M. at the latest. They would not be led by state Board members but would be visited by any interested in the subject under discussion.

We will only include them in State Council plans if there is enough interest displayed -- no need to shout, but you may show interest by sending back the check list checked on, with comments or suggestions.

Comments:

May I suggest:

T*R*A*V*E*L* *P*A*G*E

Special League Group Flight to Denver Convention

Because of the savings involved in group air travel, the state office, with the assistance of Western Airlines and Americans Abroad, Inc., travel service, has blocked group space going to and returning from the Denver Convention. The special fare of \$83.20 affords you a savings of about \$20.00 on your round trip air fare. To qualify for this fare, we must have 25 members traveling together on the flight to Denver, and return by air to the Twin Cities. The type of plane is jet. Class of flight is tourist. Flight route is direct to Denver.

To provide you with this advantage we have blocked 45 seats for our group as follows:

Western Airlines Flight #701

Depart Wold Chamberlain Airport 8:15 A.M., May 2

Arrive Denver Airport 8:55 A.M.

This will allow you ample time to register and get freshened up.

The return flight is as follows:

Western Airlines Flight #474

Depart Denver Airport 12:30 P.M., May 6

Arrive Wold Chamberlain Airport 3:00 P.M.

Coordination and tickets for the group flight is being handled by American Abroad, Inc., Travel Service of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Return the tear sheet with your check for \$83.20 to Americans Abroad before April 15, 1966 and your tickets will be mailed to you April 25. Space will be assigned on a first come, first assigned basis and should insufficient number sign up to qualify for this group fare, you will be notified.

League of Women Voters Group Flight to Denver

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Yes, I am interested in the group flight and am enclosing check for \$83.20 to cover this air transportation.

Mail to: Americans Abroad, Inc. Travel Service
317 14th Avenue S.E.
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414

Bus Charter Tour to Denver Convention

There has been some interest shown in setting up a Bus Charter Tour for the national convention in Denver and this may answer some of your preliminary questions. If enough League members decide to travel by bus, we'll go ahead and set up the arrangements.

Greyhound gave us this information:

A 38-passenger bus costs \$1,087.50 to charter. There must be a minimum of 33 passengers. The bus includes lavatories, picture windows (scenic cruiser).

The trip takes roughly 18 hours with a comfort stop at Worthington, Breakfast stop at Grand Island and a coffee stop at Sterling, Colorado. The sample schedule, by no means the actual time set, would run something like this: Leave Minneapolis 9:00 P.M. April 30, Arrive Denver 4:00 P.M. May 1. Passengers would load in Twin Cities. You would change drivers in Grand Island, Nebraska. If you wanted, an overnight stop could be arranged in Grand Island, Nebraska, or in North Platte and then go on in the morning, making your arrival time later, of course. If this were the case, then \$6-\$6.50 should be figured into your costs for your room.

If the bus on which you traveled were to be used in Denver for sightseeing purposes, then there would be an additional 62.5¢ per mile charged while there. The rough figure given the office for bus fare was \$28.70+ apiece, not including overnight stop nor sightseeing in Denver. If there are any more questions, drop us a card here at the state office or call. We'll try to answer them for you.

League of Women Voters Bus Charter to Denver

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Yes, I am interested in the charter tour via Greyhound Bus.

I would like a roommate for the national Convention in Denver, May 2-6, 1966.

I am _____

of the League of Women Voters of _____, Minnesota.

My address is _____

BOARD MEMO

March 1966

FLASH! We have just received word that a team from the national Board will participate in our Leadership Workshops scheduled for June 7, 8 and 9! Last month we were informed that a visit with Minnesota League leaders was a part of the tentative national field work for the 1966-67 fiscal year. Rather than confine this opportunity to the state Board, we suggested the visit be timed with the Leadership Workshops so that our local League Boards could benefit from this field service. We are now making final arrangements and will have the information available in the April BOARD MEMO.

NATIONAL All the advance material is starting to arrive to help prepare us for
CONVENTION National Convention. We have not received enough inquiries about a charter bus to date. Please let us know by April 5 if you are interested. If we do not have enough interest by that date, we will send a card to this effect to those wishing bus transportation.

The special League Group Flight reservations are due before April 15. We will be able to change that hour of departure as soon as the rest of you who are flying get your reservations in to Americans Abroad, Inc., 317 14th Avenue S.E., Minneapolis 55414. For those of you who will remain to sightsee, there will be other later flights which you may take. The return flight is flexible concerning flight time. We must arrive Denver together; however, we may return more at will. Hence the insistence on letting Americans Abroad know just as soon as possible.

As soon as we know who you are and when you expect to arrive in Denver, we will set the time and place for our Minnesota Delegate Briefing. It is tentatively scheduled for 10:30 A.M. Monday, May 2. (Yes, in Denver.) In order not to miss anyone, please return the enclosed card with the necessary information. (See Enclosure 1)

We hope that your delegates are starting early on their "homework" so that they will be well-read and prepared to enter into the discussions in the various Program fields. It will be helpful to them to know the thinking of your members on suggested scope of the various items as well as the particular focus for the next two years. Delegates go uninstructed, but they should be well-informed participants.

STATE
COUNCIL This is the time of year for important meetings, and our own State Council is right at the top of the list. This is a family affair with all the informality and the opportunity to talk that the word "family" implies. Of course, the main focus of our attention at Council is on our discussion of Program: Where do we go from here? We hope, too, to give serious consideration to an expansion in membership. We also use this opportunity to plan exciting Voters Service activity in the election year ahead. Plans are moving along for the "Little Meetings," Wednesday evening.

We add to this our speakers: Mr. John Shannon of Washington, D.C., and Professor Ronald Brown of the University of Minnesota, and we have all the ingredients for a fun and exciting State Council. We'll see you there — send in your reservations before April 29, please. If League husbands plan to attend the banquet, their reservations may be sent in later, on an individual basis. (See information on Council Reservation sheet.)

VOTERS SERVICE 1966 is an election year, all right. In planning toward the fall elections, don't lose sight of the spring municipal and school elections. Check on dates, candidates who have filed, issues to be considered. Your Voters Service committee will want to review past participation in such elections and make recommendations to your Board about this year's elections. Will you hold a coffee for candidates or some informative open meeting on issues? Will you be preparing information to distribute door-to-door? Will you be informing your own members through the bulletin?

Two words of caution: Be sure that both sides are presented in any ballot information, or in any public meeting you sponsor for this purpose.

And you should be considering Voters Service beyond your municipality. (See page 40 of LOCAL LEAGUE HANDBOOK.) Remember that permission must be granted by the state Board. Apply in time to receive consideration at the April 20 or May 19 state Board meeting. To speed processing of your request, send your letter directly to the state office.

If there appears to be no contest in your election, do you still encourage voters to exercise their franchise? Maybe a special feature article in the newspaper emphasizing the importance of the franchise, even when no contest will help continue citizen awareness of the importance of the elective process. As creatures of habit, humans need to exercise habitually their franchise as well as their critical and evaluative nature!

LOCAL AGENDA For the Local Agenda chairman the annual meeting may be a beginning, an ending, or a continuation or extension. For here the members make their wishes known on local Program. Each year at this time the local chairmen are urged to sharpen up their pencils and take careful notes of all Program discussion. Hopefully, the members will clarify their intent of scope and focus. Listen carefully to both the pro and con comments. Opposition to a recommended item can point out its weaknesses. Be sure the minutes of the annual meeting contain accurate wording of the items as adopted, and careful record of direction from your members. All of the material gathered at the annual meeting should be put to use at a committee meeting as soon as possible. (The annual meeting is also a good place to recruit committee members.) Plan the development of the item to present to the Board for approval while it is fresh in everyone's mind.

Whether you are leaving your position as local agenda chairman or carrying on for another year, an evaluation of the past year's work is in order at this time. Did you accomplish all that you had hoped to? Was it a satisfying program for all the members? Did they gain experience in local citizen activity? Were the observers programs successful? What was the community reaction to local Program? What improvements could be made in the coming year?

Advance planning is one of the most important keys to the success of the local Program. As we look back, we plan ahead. We can share this enthusiasm with all the members and the whole community right now.

MEMBERSHIP Many of you hold your annual meetings in April, and most of your preliminary planning has already been done. We hope you have planned for this throughout the year to make it a real occasion for your members, remembering that you will transact important League business, but also that you should enjoy yourselves. If your last annual meeting met with apathy, do you know why and did you plan to remedy the situation?

Will you have an agenda along with the annual meeting program duplicated for the members? Even a simple one-page affair with proposed Program, budget, and agenda

will be of benefit and interest to those attending; this can also be given to those who were absent. You may include reports from the Board and make it a booklet -- a record of your meeting and the past year.

Have you planned for publicity? Your newspaper may want a photo of your new officers -- by all means, accept! Accept this opportunity for publicity but try to stress the adoption of local Program which should be newsworthy. Here, too, you can explain how League members choose Program. Although this is the end of the League year, don't neglect membership at this time. Use this publicity; bring prospective members to the annual meeting, especially if they have already visited a unit meeting. Do you make a special effort at your annual meeting to collect dues? You could have a table at a prominent location and give a special recognition for those who pay: ribbon, star, etc.

The whole Board should participate in planning the annual meeting; they should know what part they will play and how to carry on the business for which they are responsible. Do not forget to introduce the retiring Board as well as the new one. Once the officers are elected, they should take office immediately, which means that the new president will then preside over the remainder of the meeting.

Hopefully, this meeting will be the culmination of the League year and an inspiration to start on the new one. Do give it a light touch and above all, have fun!

PUBLICATIONS Publications Chairmen, if you remember in last month's BOARD MEMO, you were urged to promote yourselves to Sales Managers. I hope you've done this, because in these fast-moving times you will have plenty of opportunity to exercise this newly acquired responsibility. Take the publication HUMAN RESOURCES: MINNESOTA'S CHANGING PATTERNS. It is evident that this booklet has not found its way to as many readers as it should have. How aware is your community of this good publication -- how widely has it been distributed? Have you given copies to the leaders in your community: local editors, social science teachers, librarians, school superintendents, legislators, county commissioners, party chairmen and chairwomen in your area, local officials, religious leaders and others? Well-chosen distribution of gift copies should bring inquiries of where more can be obtained; your efforts bring orders.

Work in the home market: Leagues that did not provide their members with copies could remedy this by taking orders at unit meetings.

LIVELY ISSUES This request is pointing to the September-October Minnesota VOTER. We want lots and lots of possible topics and then we'll choose the ones to be written up. The October issue will precede a "position" VOTER which will come out in November and will be preparation for the legislative session. It may seem previous but by the time the wheels go around we may have regrets we didn't plan ahead even more!

When the topics for the Lively Issues VOTER are selected they will be assigned to members of the local Leagues who are particularly interested in doing a good piece of research and presentation of the topic assigned to them. This leads to another request...many of the members of your local Leagues who would be willing and qualified to submit articles are unknown to the members of the state Board so we need your help. Submit names of writers along with your Lively Issues suggestions, please, on the sheet enclosed for this purpose. (See Enclosure 2)

HOPE WASHBURN
AWARD

We must remind you again to send in your nominations for this award by April 15. Don't let your deserving League member down by failing to send her name and qualifications to Mrs. Jerome S. Gray, 1401 West Minnehaha Parkway, Minneapolis, 55409

Enclosed^{*} for your convenience is a copy of the room rate schedule sent to the state office by Mr. Delton Rames, Convention Manager of the Denver Hilton. For those who have not made their reservations, this may speed things up a bit.

* Local League President's mailing only.

ITEM: Tenth Biennial Conference on Children and Youth
University of Minnesota
April 15-17, 1966

Theme: "Freedom: Our Rights and Responsibilities."

Conference Chairman: Robert W. Johnson, Chairman, Governor's Advisory Council on Children and Youth.

Keynote Speaker: Dr. O. Meredith Wilson, President, University of Minnesota
Detailed information available from state office.

Enclosures (7)

Convention Delegates Card

Lively Issues

Minnesota Participants, Land and Water Use Seminar

Advance Registration Blank, State Council Meeting

Credentials Card

Room Reservation

*Hilton Hotel Room Rate Card (Denver)

*see above

March 1966

LIVELY ISSUES

Please check the items your League would like to have included in a "Lively Issues" Minnesota VOTER. At the bottom of the page list the names of members who would be willing to submit articles and indicate on what subject.

Future State Needs in an Urbanized Society
Land and Water Use in Minnesota
Continued Study of Financing State Government
Annual Legislative Sessions
Adoption Procedures
Reorganization of State Government
Uniform Election Procedures
Mental Health
Public Welfare
Public Health
Public School System
Juvenile Delinquency
Intergovernmental Relations
Constitutional Convention
Minnesota Legislature
Judicial System
County Government
Corrupt Practices
Civil Service
Corrections System
Executive Branch
State Park System
Regional Planning
Recount Procedures
Any Others:

The following members would be willing to submit articles for the "Lively Issues" VOTER.

NAME	ADDRESS	SUBJECT
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LWV of _____

BOARD MEMO

April 1966

It was three years ago that we made an important step forward in our procedures for inter-League communication by providing sufficient funds in our state budget for a copy of this Board Memo for every member of your local League Board. In providing a complete copy for each Board member, we were helping you to understand better your total Board responsibility.

No one likes to take a step backward. We had anticipated continued growth in our state budget, but it is apparent from the reports we are receiving that the local Leagues in Minnesota are not budgeting for continued progress on the state and national levels. Since you are the beneficiaries of the many services which the state and national Leagues provide in leadership, training, publications and coordination of League efforts, you must decide what services you will go without.

And how do we decide what is fair, for we do have many local Leagues who are more than willing to assume their fair share of the responsibility for financing the work of the League at all levels? Are these Leagues to have reduced services because of those who do not meet their suggested pledges?

These are some of the decisions to be made at State Council next month. One way to retrench is to go back to the format we are using with this Board Memo - sending two copies to each League: 1) for the president and 2) to be cut up and given in sections to the various Board members. We do not mimeograph on both sides when we prepare it in this way. We will have approximate figures on comparative costs at Council.

Perhaps this is not a typical Board Memo, for at this time of year when the legislature is not in regular session there is not as much information as in other months.

NEW LEAGUES We are pleased to announce a new provisional League in Burnsville. For a number of years members from Burnsville have been in the West St. Paul League. With the growth in the Burnsville area there has been continued growth in interest in a local League.

The president of this new provisional is Mrs. Perry Roth, 5 Ridge Road. They are organized under our Adopt-a-League program with the Bloomington League "adopting" them and providing Mrs. Gregory Mellen as their advisor. We shall look forward to meeting observers from this League at our State Council.

Since the last VOTER, we have received word of the recognition of the League of Women Voters of Crookston.

FINANCING GOVERNMENT WORKSHOPS Just a brief resume for you on these interesting Workshops. Originally we had planned a seminar type meeting in the metropolitan area. When the University's Agriculture Extension Service set up their series on "Tax Policies in Minnesota", we changed our plans to the type of workshop which would give your committees help in planning unit meetings for this item.

330 members attended the five area Workshops. This represented all but nine of our local Leagues. Very few evaluation sheets have been returned so far. We would appreciate having your candid comments to help us plan future workshops of this type.

NATIONAL CONVENTION The following Leagues will be represented at our National Convention starting Monday, May 2, in Denver: Moorhead, Robbinsdale, Bloomington, Granite Falls, Faribault, Golden Valley, Falcon Heights, Hibbing, Owatonna, Willmar, St. Paul, So. St. Paul, St. Croix Valley, Deephaven, Brooklyn Center, Westonka, New Brighton, Red Wing, St. Louis Park, Wayzata, Fridley, Edina-Morningside, Duluth, Roseville, Fergus Falls, Excelsior, Rochester, Richfield, Mahtomedi Area, Minnetonka, Crystal, White Bear Lake, Minneapolis, Arden Hills.

Tuesday evening there will be "Little Meetings" on non-elective Voters Service activities, and representatives from St. Paul, Owatonna and the state Board have been asked to report on some of our special activities.

If your League does not have a delegate, perhaps one from another League would be happy to share this exciting experience with your members.

STATE COUNCIL If your Council registration was not sent in by the April 29 deadline, remind your delegates and visitors that they will have to register on the morning of May 18 at the delayed registration desk.

We want to remind you of banquet reservations, including husbands, for \$4.00. Registration is not required, but we must have these reservations with the money no later than May 16. We hope your League is promoting this "new look" for our State Council, for we know all husbands will enjoy the evening starting with the social hour at 6:00 p.m. in the Gold Room on the mezzanine.

The response to the suggestion that we have "Little Meetings" after the banquet on Wednesday night was not tremendous. We have decided to abandon the idea. We'll do as one respondent suggested and "sit down and absorb the 'goodies' of the day" each in her own way.

Program Workshops at Council: This is a special invitation to all Leagues to send a delegate or an observer to the Program Workshops. This will be your chance to help determine your future in unit discussions, consensus and at the 1967 Legislature. Here is what we have in store for you (Council Workbooks will have a more detailed explanation):

Finance Workshops: Mrs. Nash will present alternative directions for the finance item. Choices will be based on suggestions made by local Leagues. Remember to send in your unit reports as soon as your meetings are completed.

Equality of Opportunity: A panel under the direction of Mrs. Watson will discuss possibilities for new study as well as action under our present positions.

Legislative Workshop: Mrs. Richdorf will give a forecast for the 1967 Legislature and spotlight CRs where your members may need updating.

Before coming to Council you will want to consider the amount of time your League will have for state Program next year. Just how will you want to spend this time? A new study? Updating your members on our CRs? Is there an area where you see the possibility of reaching consensus before the legislature meets in 1967? What kinds of materials would you like the state to provide?

Remember, the choice will be yours.

you who are able to make them early. Our balance has a disturbing tendency to drop in the summer even though our expenses continue.

All forms should be returned to the state office no later than June 1.

LISTEN WITH Kuom - 11:15 a.m. - Tuesdays
THE LEAGUE

May 17 - Minnesota Tax Picture

Professor Francis Boddy, Professor of Economics, U. of M.
Member Governor's Tax Study Committee
interviewed by
Mrs. Burton Paulu, LWV of Minneapolis

May 24 - Possible Revenue Sources for Minneapolis

Professor Lloyd Buckwell, Professor of Economics, Macalester
interviewed by
Mrs. N. J. Berkwitz, LWV of Minneapolis

May 31 - Summary of the Year

Mrs. Richard Hunt, President, LWV of St. Paul
Mrs. Leonard Inskip, President, LWV of Minneapolis

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LOCAL The following is an excerpt from Local Program. How To Choose, Research, Present, Publish, Act published by the LWV of Indiana in response to queries, "Where do I start?"

The Indiana guide recommends an outline for a starting point of local Current Agenda. It is as follows:

- "1. Item:
2. Scope:
3. Interest:
4. What is the present situation?
5. What has been the history of this situation in your community? Have changes been made to meet changed conditions? How does the situation compare to standards advocated by authorities on the subject; to situations elsewhere?
6. If different, why? Have special interests kept the situation as it is? Apathy? (The above questions will help evaluate the pressures you are likely to meet, the forces you may have to deal with. It will also help shape your education program in the community.)
7. What are the alternatives?
8. What are the effects of each alternative? (For example, doing nothing is one alternative. What happens if nothing is done?)

The committee develops tentative plans for the year, including a calendar with deadlines for completing research, go-see trips, and other activities. Allow time for emergencies - sick children, unexpected relatives, holidays, etc. Set deadlines for research and writing the material sufficiently far in advance so that the whole committee can read the copy, editing can be done, and the Board can make final decisions. Allow plenty of time for typing and the mechanics of production of any material."

This is just a bare beginning. If it is not in your portfolio, this helpful handbook can be ordered from the LWV of Indiana, 506 Illinois Building, Indianapolis

Indiana 46204 for \$1.00.

Check the past years' Outlook for Work. They will have more ideas for planning. Get a headstart before the summer doldrums set in. Many Leaguers like to use the summer for research and "heavy reading." Take advantage of this and start looking up sources of material.

Remember to plan for the Leadership Workshop in June for more help and training.

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BULLETIN EDITORS If you wish, you may put the National Municipal League on your mailing list. Their address is: 47 East 69th Street, New York. They scan them for news of your activities in areas where they would have an opportunity to offer their technical help.

The National Municipal League is a citizens' organization for better government. They presently have Wayne E. Thompson of Minneapolis on their Council.

Only five local Leagues in Minnesota are currently sending them their bulletins, and they would like to receive all of our bulletins.

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PUBLICATIONS A new state Publications Catalog, originally scheduled for this month, will be out in June. We hope it will be ready in time for the Leadership Workshops.

This is the time to order the Duplicate President's Mailing for the coming year. (Your present DPMs expire the end of May.) This mailing is valuable to state item chairmen, publications chairmen and other Board members. The cost is \$5.00 a year, and it includes a copy of everything that is sent to the president from the state office, except for occasional non-League printed material. Order from the state office using order blanks for state publications, and your League will be billed.

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UN RALLY October 27th - SAVE THE DATE

Featuring three United Nations Observers

Mrs. Marion McVitty - observer United World Federalists

Mrs. Esther Hymer - observer American Baptist Convention

Mrs. George Little - observer League of Women Voters

Workshops in the morning - luncheon and speakers in the afternoon

Please highlight this date in your spring bulletins and meetings so your members can plan to attend.

than other Board members.

We realize that we must continually strive to understand our nonpartisanship policy and interpret it for our members and in the community. All questions relating to this policy should be approached with realism touched with caution. We recognize that circumstances do vary from community to community. The local Board must reach decisions based on such factors as community understanding of the non-partisanship policy of the League, political customs of the community and acceptance of the League by the community.

BOARD MEETING During the three days of the Leadership Workshops, Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Montgomery also met with the state Board. This gave us an opportunity to discuss with them the role of your state Board in providing services to our local Leagues. We also discussed our responsibilities in the development and promotion of League Program at all levels. Trends in local League organization, problems of membership growth and financial support were also covered. The valuable suggestions and ideas as well as the inspiration we received from these outstanding League leaders will be shared with you throughout the year.

The state Board held a regular meeting the third Wednesday in June, and its next regular meeting will be the third Wednesday in August, the 17th. This meeting will be held at the President's home in Owatonna. All subsequent meetings will be held the third Wednesday of the month in the Clay School Building, on 4th Street on the west bank of the University campus. Local League presidents are welcome to attend a state Board meeting, but we would appreciate knowing when you plan to attend so that we have adequate accommodations for you.

Because of summer activities of state Board members, this Board Memo comes to you later than we normally plan following our Board meetings.

To help you in your calendar planning, we call your attention to two more specific dates. First round Program suggestions are due in the state office by February 10, and second round suggestions are due on April 10.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS We regret to announce the resignations of Mrs. Alden Thomas, Mrs. G. K. Haukebo and Mrs. Darrel Walker from the state Board. Mrs. Ralph Ebbott, 409 Birchwood, White Bear Lake has been appointed to the Board as chairman of the state Equality of Opportunity item, and Mrs. John Herb, 6001 Crescent Dr., Edina is the new state finance chairman.

PLEDGES The State Council delegates from Worthington are to be congratulated for they went back to their League and explained the need for greater support for state and national services and the League voted to meet their suggested pledge. This was an increase from \$150 to \$160. We have also received a correction from Hutchinson. They do intend to accept their pledge of \$135.

COVER CONTEST The deadline for entries to the contest for a design for the new state handbook which will replace You Are the Government has been extended to August 10.

The Rules:

1. You must belong to a League in Minnesota.
2. Your design must be submitted in color.
3. Your design must be contained in a space 6" wide and 9" long.
4. All cover designs become the property of the LWV of Minnesota.

The Prize:

A year's subscription to the National Publication Service

Please encourage your talented members to represent your League in this contest.

TIME FOR ACTION We are not sending cards for a follow-up on the "first in a series of Times for Action" on foreign economic aid at this time, but we remind you to send copies of your response, etc. to the state office and also to the action chairman of your congressional district. We need to keep in touch with one another so that we know what community action you are developing and the responses you may be receiving to correspondence. Check pages 25-26 in your Local League Handbook. Have you sent your Congressmen a copy of Foreign Aid at the Crossroads, and how about your newspaper editors, radio and TV stations?

WATER Checklist for Water Resources.

1. Please correct the calendar on the back page of all copies of Outlook for Work by deleting Leader's Guide on Water Resources from January and placing it under September 1966. This will help you in your Program planning before the consensus date of January 3.
2. Start that planning now by appointing a Water Resources chairman (at least for this fall).
3. See that this chairman has the Water Resources section of the National Board Report.
4. Plan to use the national publication, Who Pays for a Clean Stream, and other suggested readings as summer League reading. Plan to use summer for special tours or projects.
5. Many Leagues have late spring unit meetings with Water Resources as the discussion topic. Evaluate membership information needs with this in mind as you decide the best way to proceed in the consensus process.
6. Several Leagues have discussed the possibility of planning programs and/or studies together. We encourage this and would like to hear about it and offer assistance as well as encouragement.
7. There is one copy of Disaster by Default by Graham in the state League office if your local library does not have a copy.
8. Any local water related news items would be a welcome addition to the state Water Resources file. Please clip an extra copy and send it into the state office.

DEVELOPMENT OF During this year, the emphasis under the DHR item will be "action."
HUMAN RESOURCES Before any action is taken, it will be the local League Board's responsibility to determine whether action should be taken, the kind of action and when and how. In order to do this, all Board members must be familiar with the national statement of position and the Guidelines for Action (see May National Board Report, pages 7-17). In addition, they will need to know member thinking and be sure that the members are prepared to act. The Board must also be familiar with what is happening in the community and the needs of the community.

In evaluating the various programs, you will find that in some respects our national position is very broad and in other respects it is limited. We will be concerned only with those areas dealing with education and employment but for all persons, not just the poor. The Guidelines outline this very carefully.

The outlook for establishing joint DHR committees of Leagues within a community action council area looks very promising. Within the framework of this committee, responsibility for an observers program and sharing of information can be quite

STATE PROGRAM

CURRENT AGENDA

- I. Financing Government in Minnesota: Evaluation of revenue sources with consideration of state and local needs.
- II. Equality of Opportunity: 1. Support of policies to insure equality of opportunity in employment, housing, public accommodations, education and other public services for all citizens. 2. Support of commission administration of anti-discrimination laws. 3. Support of state responsibility for Indian citizens.
- III. Home Rule: Support of policies that promote fair and workable application of home rule.
- IV. Election Laws: Support of party designation for legislators and improvements in elections laws in the field of campaign practices, election procedures and voting.

CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

- I. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support legislation to regulate lobbying and conflict of interests.
- II. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support constitutional revision by convention and by amendments based on previously reached positions as follows: 1. an easier amending process; 2. regular and equitable reapportionment; 3. provision for a post auditor; 4. legislative sessions of adequate length; 5. clearly fixed executive responsibility.

This is the second year of the modified single list experiment adopted by the 1965 Minnesota League of Women Voters State Convention. This year, in accordance with Council direction we will:

1. Continue our study of Financing Government with new material available in September.
2. Make Equality of Opportunity an "action" item, combining positions reached in previous state studies with positions reached under the national item, Development of Human Resources. We will issue a special Project Update, "Equality of Opportunity": Focus on Education.
3. Furnish material to prepare our members for the 1967 legislative session. A special position VOTER will be available in December. In addition, there will be two new Project Updates - one on Election Laws and a second on Constitutional Convention.

Financing Government in Minnesota

In our first year of study on this topic we have learned how government is currently financed in Minnesota. Before we go on to an evaluation of this system, you will want to be sure your members have a good foundation in this basic material. In the fall, you may want to do some reviewing via your local bulletin or perhaps even use part of a unit meeting.

The second year's study will be a continuation of the item as adopted in 1965. It will begin with an evaluation of the major revenue sources - property, income and sales taxes - both as now used in Minnesota and as might be used here. We will also

want to consider the collection and distribution of revenue among the various levels of government.

Another area of concern will focus on services. We plan to have the first new material ready for you by September 30. You can plan meetings on this topic for November or December.

We do not want to press for a consensus until you are ready. We will need reports from you as you proceed so that we can keep up with your thinking. If it appears that a consensus is emerging, we will certainly follow up on it. Your schedule should be sufficiently flexible to allow at least part of a unit or general meeting to determine whether or not there really is consensus.

At least one of the observers programs will be devoted to some aspect of financing government. Be sure to plan to attend both the Legislative Workshops and the observers program.

If you are interested in some summer reading, you might like The Role of the States in Strengthening the Property Tax, Vol. I and II, Federal-State Coordination of Personal Income Taxes, Tax Overlapping in the United States, Measures of State and Local Fiscal Capacity and Tax Effort, or Local Nonproperty Taxes and the Coordinating Role of the States. Single copies of all of these may be obtained free of charge from the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, Washington, D.C. 20575. Also, many articles continue to appear in both newspapers and magazines.

Publications

Publications Catalogs - state and national
Inventory of Work on State Fiscal Policy by State Leagues
Financing Public Services in Minnesota
New material coming this year
Speech by Dr. John Shannon

Equality of Opportunity

"We've studied enough; we have positions; let's act!" This was the reaction of Council delegates in discussing direction for our state Equality of Opportunity item. Delegates showed particular interest in applying the positions on education reached under our national item, Development of Human Resources, to problems in education in Minnesota.

At this point it might be useful to review the history of League study on the state and national level. Our concern with civil rights in Minnesota dates back to 1949. The League worked for the passage of state FEPC legislation and then kept FEPC as a CR. In 1961 discrimination was back on the Current Agenda, enabling us to study and reach positions on housing, employment and public accommodations. Next, we examined the special problems of Indians, and finally last year, we reexamined housing, recommending the strengthening of present legislation to include all housing except the rental of space in private housing or owner-occupied duplexes.

In studying Equality of Opportunity in Minnesota, we were concerned with discriminatory practices which denied rights to any citizen on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin or age. We did not discuss the problems of citizens who were denied equality of opportunity through poverty, inadequate training or geographic location, except in the special case of Indians. Although we added "education" to the wording of our state item, we have had no specific study of the role of state agencies in this field.

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(See separate promotional information of Flyer included in this mailing.)

PUBLIC RELATIONS The most noteworthy request made in the public relations sections of the Leadership Workshops, a feeling apparently generally shared by local PR chairmen, was that we devise a way to exchange ideas - a sort of PR swap shop. There was a request for coordination by the state Board of those Leagues involved in dealing with common TV, radio or newspaper outlets. And there was a demand for a channel of communication between local PR chairmen. We will use the Board Memo for this purpose. If you have a program or inspiration that you think another League will find valuable, send it to Marion Watson in the state office. If you have a perplexing PR problem, solved or unsolved, write to us. It may help others.

We were asked to send lists of local PR chairmen to their counterparts on other Boards. Until all lists of new Boards are in the office, this is impractical. When our list is more complete, we will send it to you. Enclosed is a compilation of suggestions made in the PR workshop.

PUBLICATIONS The following tapes are now available on request from the state office:

"U.N. Report to the 1966 National Convention" - Mrs. George Little
"Financing the League without Tax Deduction" - Mr. Arent, Attorney
"Report to the 1966 National Convention" - Mrs. Robert Stuart
"Political Effectiveness" - Panel
"The Unfulfilled Promise of the American City" - Secretary Weaver - 28 min.
"The States under Reapportionment" - William Boyd - 28 min.
"The War on Poverty" - Bookbinder and Alinsky - 55 min.
All are recorded at 7 1/2

If you have not already done so, your state Duplicate Presidents Mailings should be ordered immediately.

FOREIGN POLICY A state Foreign Policy committee has been organized and will hold its first meeting July 8, 10:00 a.m., in Room 307 in the Social Science Building on the west bank campus of the University.

We were recruiting members for this vital committee at State Council and the Leadership Workshops. We would like to have more members and urge anyone interested to contact the chairman, Mrs. Lewis Daniel, 3912 York Ave. S., Minneapolis, and to plan to attend this initial meeting.

The June 1966 Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists is a special double issue containing selections from the papers presented by outstanding authorities at the Conference on Mainland China in early February. This was the national Conference which directly preceded the five regional ones, including the one presented by the World Affairs Center in Minneapolis. Copies of the June issue, entitled, "The People's Republic of China Today," are available on order from the Bulletin, 935 E. 60th St., Chicago 60637 - \$1.25 each.

TREASURERS During September we are planning to provide person to person help with the bookkeeping details of the treasurer's job. These sessions will be conducted in the state office. Please make your appointment early.

Thank you for making your pledge payments so promptly this summer. This enables us to keep current on our payments to nationals.

REPORT FORMS We do not have Board lists, local budgets, local Programs from the following Leagues. They were due in the office on June 1 so we would appreciate having them immediately.

Albert Lea
Alexandria
Anoka
Arden Hills
Blaine
Chisholm
Deephaven
Falcon Heights
Faribault
Fergus Falls
International Falls
Jackson
Mahtomedi Area

Maplewood
Moorhead
North St. Paul
Owatonna
Rochester
St. Cloud Area
St. Paul
Wells
White Bear Lake
Winona

If you wish the New Member Kits to be sent to your membership chairman instead of to the individual members, will you please notify the state office giving us the name and complete address of the person who will be responsible for the distribution of the Kits.

summer's action. You will find it useful in orienting new members, updating old ones.

For the present, support of liberal trade policies will be a holding operation with the possible exception of action on East-West trade. However in 1967, the Trade Expansion Act which we worked for so effectively in 1962 will expire, and the League will face the challenge of working for an extension of the present act or supporting a new one.

Of course, League commitment to the United Nations is strong. Traditional U.N. Day and Week activities will be encouraged. We would also expect a continuation of member interest in the peace-building activities of the United Nations and its agencies which was stimulated by your lively response to International Cooperation Year (ICY). League concern with U.N. peace-keeping activities will certainly remain strong, and we will be alert to take advantage of any opportunity for useful action.

Publications

May National Board Report

Facts and Issues on Foreign Economic Policy - 1963-64

Facts and Issues on the United Nations - 1962-65

Current Review of Foreign Policy, Number 4 - December 1965

Current Review of Foreign Policy, Number 3 - July 1965

Current Review of Foreign Policy, Number 2 - January 1965

Current Review of Foreign Policy, Number 1 - September 1964

Water Resources: Support of national policies and procedures which promote comprehensive, long-range planning for conservation and development of water resources and improvement of water quality.

This can be a year of action! The increased interest in water resources in local Leagues will tell the story by the end of the year. A good reason for this interest has been the excellent national publications - and local Leagues are using them.

Population + Production = Pollution was used by League members and other organizations. It worked well as a discussion guide with the film, "Clean Water: It's Your Decision." This combination leads the way to the most recent Facts and Issues - Who Pays for a Clean Stream?. This helps to prepare Leagues for a possible consensus on the last phrase of the Water Resources statement - "improvement of water quality." The National Board Reports will provide further information.

Local League, inter-League, intra-League studies are possible. Where does your League want to orient Water Resources study and action? As a guideline, "Any local or state League and regional or river basin inter-League group can come to agreement on any aspect of water resources conservation or development which is covered by the national position without having to adopt a water item if it chooses. Leagues can work for mandatory standards for secondary treatment, as an example, or flood plain zoning; they can work for a dam or wild river. They can work to achieve higher stream standards or better coordination of state agencies. Any such action is possible as long as there is member understanding and support." Permission to act must be obtained through state and national Boards.

The best suggestion for a successful year with the Water Resources item is to start by selecting a person to be responsible for this item and this item only. She may just clip, read and report to fellow members. She may have one or two unit meetings on water. Perhaps there will be an opportunity for a tour - by bus or canoe. How about working with other Leagues in the watershed or with other organizations? By assigning at least one person to this Water Resources item, there will be a contribution from every local League to the success story of the total Program.

Publications

Facts and Issues: Who Pays for a Clean Stream? - April 1966

Population + Production = Pollution - November 1965

Current Review of Water Resources, Number 1 - March 1965

Current Review of Water Resources, Number 2 - November 1965

National Board Reports

National VOTERS

Additional Resource Material

Minnesota Conservation Volunteer - published by Minn. Conservation Department

List of Minnesota State Publications - Documents Section, Centennial Bldg., St. Paul Federal, State and Local Agencies Concerned with Water Resources Research in Minn.,

Water Resources Research Center, U. of M., Minneapolis

Minnesota Out of Doors - Minnesota Conservation Federation, by subscription

Conservation Report - National Wildlife Federation, 1412 - 16th St. NW, Washington
a free service, this is a legislative report of conservation bills in Congress

NATIONAL CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

Apportionment of State Legislatures: Support of apportionment of both houses of state legislatures substantially on population.

District of Columbia: Support of self government and representation in Congress for citizens of the District of Columbia.

Loyalty-Security: Support of standardized procedures, "common sense" judgment, and greatest possible protection for the individual under the federal loyalty-security programs; opposition to extension of such programs to non-sensitive positions.

Tax Rates: Opposition to constitutional limitation on tax rates.

Treaty Making: Opposition to constitutional changes which would limit the existing powers of the Executive and the Congress over foreign relations.

The May National Board Report provides further information for the Continuing Responsibilities.

Publications

NCRs 1962-64

Current Reviews of Continuing Responsibilities: Number 3 - October 1961
Number 4 - December 1962
Number 6 - August 1963

Facts and Issues: Home Rule for the District of Columbia? - 1965

FIELD SERVICE

The job of the field service committee is designed to carry out the task of communication between the state Board and local Leagues. In order to facilitate the program, we will continue the Consultant Program which, after three years, has proved to be invaluable. Under this program, each state Board member serves as an advisor to several Leagues. In addition to regular visits to "her" Leagues' Board meetings, she is anxious to serve you in any way she can and will come, upon invitation, to special meetings. Call on her for advice on any phase of League activity and remember to send her your minutes as well as a copy to the state office.

The Adopt-a-League program will also be continued, thanks to the excellent cooperation of Leagues currently enrolled. Under this program, an advisor from an established League (which "adopts" a provisional) accepts the responsibility of assisting the new League throughout this demanding period. She attends all Board and general membership meetings and is often accompanied by a member of her own League who is experienced in a specific area such as finance, membership, Program, etc. Currently working under the adopt-a-League program are:

Blaine and White Bear Lake; Burnsville and Bloomington
Cloquet and Duluth; Northfield and Edina

Cloquet and Northfield have requested recognition.

This program will be expanded as other areas in Minnesota indicate an interest in organizing a League. Information concerning basic requirements (procedures, dues, minimum number of members) can be obtained from the state office. If your League is interested in the program, do let us know.

There will be Legislative Workshops in the fall (details will be noted elsewhere in this Outlook), and we are just beginning to make plans for a workshop on Red China to be held in March. Watch also for information to be sent in a later Board Memo regarding the Budget Workshop in December. The day preceding state Convention next year will be devoted to local League presidents . . . plan now for your president to attend. Remember, the Convention is in Rochester in 1967.

MEMBERSHIP

We are now in a National Election Year. Will our membership figures reach the 150,000 mark in 1966-67? Only if we have a goal; make plans and use PLEASANT PERSEVERANCE in our approach; and let every prospect and new member know that the League is "fundamental and fun."

It is the job of the membership chairman to make the plans and see that they are carried out. Refer to the Local League Handbook, page 45, for the Board responsibility toward membership and discuss it during calendar planning time. With your committee, plan for membership growth and present tentative plans to the Board. . . their cooperation is a must if the League is to be effective.

How To Get and Keep Members is an excellent tool and, hopefully, more than one copy is available for the use of the committee. Use as a guide the calendar found on the last page . . . refer to it often and revise as necessary.

The membership committee might consist of one enthusiastic, knowledgeable member per unit. She should distribute material; keep a record of attendance; set up a system (buddy) for rides; and report regularly to the chairman. Review the growth pattern of your League . . . study methods used effectively in the past and try again. Although one League function may be held strictly to recruit new members, every other meeting can also be used for this purpose. Invitations to state-oriented meetings, such as the legislative observer course, Program workshops, etc., show prospects more of what the League does. Remember to include these functions as well as local "doings" in the membership calendar.

As new members join they should be promptly welcomed (name, address, phone) in the bulletin. Do you always have a copy of FACTS to give a visitor? It is wise to have extra copies of the latest LWV publications to show a new member. Any way you choose to recruit and keep . . . remember that it is a year-round, person-to-person job.

Publications

How To Get and Keep Members
Membership Matters
Let's Talk League
FACTS - local, state and national
It Makes a Difference
40 Years of A Great Idea

PUBLIC RELATIONS

What kinds of public relations projects can we expect for the coming year? Your May National Board Report will outline any nationwide projects in which you may be involved.

On the state level, we can expect considerable activity. This is an election year, and the state legislature will meet during the first half of 1967. This means that you will be involved with your Voters Service chairman in pre-election voter campaigns. Find out just what her plans are and where you can cooperate. Can you be of help in contacting other organizations? In interviewing candidates? In assisting in Voters Service speaking engagements?

We hope you will be involved in promoting state Program. A public relations chairman can help to create a climate in which our legislative goals can be reached. This fall we will be getting ready for the legislative session. How active is your speakers bureau - or do you have one at all? In September we are planning a "How To . . ." Workshop on reaching the public through your speakers bureau. We hope you will then launch a campaign of bringing our state Program to the public. This means you should be thinking of what other organizations might provide audiences for us. Wouldn't your PTA be interested in a program this fall? How about men's luncheon groups? Other women's organizations? Members can suggest use of League speakers in other organizations to which they belong. Consult your state Program chairmen, your state action chairman and your Voters Service chairman on how to use materials they receive from the state and national Boards.

During the legislative session itself, you will have some ready public relations tools. We are once again having a legislative observers program. Once again, we will be working with both political parties and with other organizations. This has been excellent for our relations with these groups. Perhaps you could include invitations to other organizations when your League comes to observe our program, tour the Capitol and talk to your legislators. The Capitol Letter is another service which has good public relations possibilities. Cooperate with your state action chairman and publications chairman in getting subscriptions outside the League. A couple of well-placed give aways of the Capitol Letter might be a good idea, for it has been extremely well-received. How about your newspaper or radio station? We find editorials occasionally lifted from its pages.

Let us know what you are doing. If you have an interesting project which another League might consider, let us know so we can communicate it. We do appreciate receiving your newspaper clippings as well as any scripts you are using.

If you are a new PR chairman, be sure to read the national League's Tips on Reaching the Public, August 1962. If you are an experienced PR chairman, reread it. It is invaluable for getting ideas on how to approach your job.

Publications

Publications Catalogs
Local Budget, Bylaws and Program
Tips on Reaching the Public
The Art of Raising Money for the LWV
The Art of Spending Money for the LWV

PUBLICATIONS

Publications are stepping stones to League leadership, growth and effectiveness. They show the Board member how to do her job and inform the membership and the public on the issues League has elected to study. But progress can be slow without the help of a good publications chairman who will work toward becoming skillful in providing the local Board with the necessary publications it needs and in promoting the wide distribution of publications to the membership and community.

STEPPING STONES TO LEADERSHIP

- I. Skills: Study "how to" publications which are designed to help you do your job.
 - A. Read the section on publications in the Local League Handbook.
 - B. Familiarize yourself with the new state publications catalog. The national catalog is published bi-annually. Read thoroughly the part about how to order. See that Board members have both catalogs. There is no need to save old ones. List new publications in your catalogs as they come out.
 - C. Order all publications for your local Board, League and community which have been decided upon by your Board. This means you and you alone do the ordering.
 - D. Order state and national Duplicate President's Mailings for your Board. Your state DPM begins in June and costs \$5.00 per year. If you have not done so, order it immediately. The national DPM is \$10.00 per year - consult your national catalog on how to order it.
 - E. Cultivate the good habit of planning ahead. Late distribution of materials can ruin a fine plan. Be sure members receive their Program material a month before it is to be discussed at unit meetings.
- II. Effectiveness: Use your imagination to add spice to the ways that have worked in the past and attempt to create new and exciting ideas.
 - A. Have a committee made up of one person from each unit to help with ideas and to help distribute League publications to your members and to the community.
 - B. Find the best way for your League to get publications to the members, either by a local subscription service, assessment, selling in the units, or out of regular dues. Don't overlook the value of advertising and promoting publications in the units, in the bulletin and at general meetings.
 - C. Make League material available to: leaders in the community, contributors, legislators, libraries, schools, editors, ministers, and businessmen. It is possible to sell publications to: social studies classes, study clubs, banks, industries and political party workers. Provide your schools and libraries with catalogs.

- D. Have your committee dream up new sales promotion ideas or new approaches to old ways. Some already in use are: window displays, reviews and ads in local papers, radio and television, displays at fairs and conventions, talks to Chambers of Commerce and other community groups, and "give aways" to people who influence public opinion.
- E. Make a practice of working closely with your public relations, Voters Service and finance chairmen. Your public relations chairman can help you launch new publications in the community by telling about them in newspaper stories. Suggest to your finance chairman publications that are appropriate to give to contributors. Assist your Voters Service chairman by arranging eye-catching displays of League publications at all League-sponsored public meetings.

A LOOK AHEAD TO REVISED AND NEW PUBLICATIONS FOR 1966-67

(When a publication is scheduled to come out a certain month, do not plan on it until the very last of that month.)

Your Vote Makes a Difference

This updated publication came out May 12, 1966. It is an attractive red, white and blue folder filled with voter information and is valuable for Voters Service use. It sells at 1¢ each. In the past, many of these were sold to businesses who use them as public service pieces, therefore this year we have left space for a donor's name.

State Publications Catalog

The revised catalog will be available at the June 7,8,9 Workshops and after that at the state office upon request. Free.

Material on Financing Government Services in Minnesota - September 1966

Update Equality of Opportunity: Education - October 1966

Update Election Laws - November 1966

Deadline for Capitol Letter subscriptions - December 1, 1966

Update Constitutional Convention - January 1967

You Are the Government - Revised Edition

A handbook of Minnesota government covering the operation of state, local and national government. Will be out in January 1967.

Publications

Publications Catalogs

How to Order League Publications

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Local Bylaws, budget and Program

Put Publications to Work

First Things to do on Becoming a Publications Chairman

Basic Publications Needed by a Local League Board by Portfolio

LOCAL AGENDA

As you begin your work on Local Current Agenda, there are several things that you must keep in mind. Many times the League of Women Voters is judged entirely upon its local Program. This is quite a responsibility. Also, it may be an important key to membership. The member derives satisfaction from being able to identify closely with the local issues. A good item, well done from research to unit to action, leaves members with a feeling of increased knowledge and effectiveness.

So we must plan well. There are as many ways of approaching Local Agenda as there are Leagues, but certain basics remain the same.

Plan ahead and have an outline of proposed local work ready for your Board's calendar planning. Be able to fit it into the overall plan for Program. Keep in mind dates of community functions that might have an influence on your local Program.

Thorough, objective research is an absolute must. Start sending for literature from the expert agencies. Start library research. Correspond with other Leagues that have similar items on their Program. Plan your interviews carefully. Don't send three people to see the same person for related information. Be sure you are getting all sides of the picture. Don't just take the City Clerk's word for it.

Use your observers program to know what is going on. League has no crystal ball to see the community's future. However, through regular attendance at council, commission and board meetings, we hear plans being made and the community's future discussed. (League observers are just "ears", remember!)

Member involvement means better Program. Plan interesting meetings, both unit and general, that present the material in an interesting, factual, unbiased manner. Use all methods available to present your material. Keep your Board informed of your plans so that you go ahead with their approval. Use all of the tools you can to make sure the members will reach meaningful consensus.

Take the community with you in order to make any action on the League's part more acceptable. By letting the whole community know what you are doing, they are more likely to join you in action when the time comes.

Don't be afraid of consensus and action when the members are in agreement. We become effective citizens when we inform ourselves, let our opinions be heard in decision-making, and follow through in implementation of plans for that which we approve.

Keep a Program record to make the job easier next time, to help you keep your Board up-to-date, to answer any questions or criticisms, to eliminate confusion in future years.

And all of the time, keep in mind next year's Program. Plan for a good, well-edited "Lively Issues", review CRs and be sure the members are up-to-date, study wording of items, and take an active part in planning for Program discussion at the annual meeting.

For those of you in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area, don't forget that CMAL is a part of local Program. There may be separate chairmen or one person may be handling all of the local Program. Be sure that the same rules are followed. Keep your members aware of this part of the Program all year through. Promote the use and sale of the Metropolitan Handbook.

There will be consensus due on Transportation on December 1st. Are your members being brought along with all of the CMAL activities? Are you keeping them up-to-date with bulletin articles and suggested reading? Is the community being brought along with the League? Are the unit meetings being carefully planned?

Be sure that all of your Board members are being informed of the CMAL functions and activities so that they feel they are an active part of this organization.

Always obtain Board approval for your Local Agenda plans! Use your committees efficiently and wisely. Enjoy one of the most exciting and rewarding jobs in the League of Women Voters!

Publications

Know Your Local Government

Know Your County

Basic textbook on local government

Local Program Guides - Indiana, Wisconsin, Washington

School Survey Guide

Planning in the Community

Local Current Agendas and CRs of Minnesota Leagues

Minnesota's Twin Cities Metropolitan Area (if applicable)

Agreement for Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues (if applicable)

CMAL Program materials (if applicable)

BOARD MEMO

August 1966

In a recent letter from a local League president, she said she felt the League "has much to learn about the Art of Plain Talking!" Still others have said we don't need to be so verbose in the Board Memo - and then there are those who say they appreciate getting all the information and like it just the way it is.

We know there's a great deal to read - this is part of being an active and effective organization. We also feel it is important to communicate with you - each local Board member - on a regular basis so that you are kept up-to-date on what your state Board is thinking and doing.

These Board Memos should be distributed to all Board members as soon as they are received. Then at your next Board meeting we hope you discuss those items which apply to your Board as a whole. We know from very recent experience that such is not always the case, and it necessitated our memorandum on the policy relating to statewide candidates being invited to local candidates meetings (p. 7 of the June Board Memo). It is always regrettable that those Leagues which do a good job, follow through on suggestions and adhere to policies tend to lose out by the actions of those Leagues which choose to ignore communications. Let's be fair to one another.

STATE COUNCIL As you know, we keep a special account for our State Conventions and Councils feeling that this is an item which should not directly affect our operating budget. We always plan that the registration and other fees will cover all expenses.

This year our two speakers came to us without charge. (Dr. Shannon's travel expenses were paid by us.) We felt the attendance was good, nevertheless we spent over \$125 more than we took in. This is reported to you at this time so that you will better understand the need for adequate registration fees at future Conventions and Councils.

Plans are underway for our 1967 State Convention in Rochester. Mrs. O. J. Janski is our state Board chairman, and she will be working with the Rochester League and their general Convention chairman, Mrs. Everett Brooks.

The dates for the 1968 State Council in Minneapolis are April 17 and 18. This will precede National Convention, an innovation we would like to try. (We're even considering a one-day Council.) We will follow both of these with the Leadership Workshops and our Outlook for Work.

ELECTIONS No matter what your particular Board assignment may be this is one of the most exciting and rewarding periods of League activity - pre-election time! We hope you can share this excitement and stimulation with the entire membership - and potential members, too!

Just hearing continual references to the League of Women Voters and the straw vote at the fair should make each of us stand taller. We hope we see lots of you there. WCCO-Radio and IBM have been wonderful to work with - if you get to the fair and are impressed, how about a "thank you" to WCCO-Radio, Mr. Larry Haeg, General Manager or Mr. Gordon Mikkelsen, Public Relations, Minneapolis.

We will be handing out maps of the new legislative districts and the congressional districts. We are indebted to Midland Cooperatives, Inc. for their generous gift of the printing of these for our distribution.

We are finalizing arrangements with WCCO-TV for the televised candidates meetings we mentioned in previous Board Memos and at the Voters Service Workshops. This will be a series of eight, starting Saturday, September 17, 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. Included will be candidates for Congress from districts 3, 4 and 5, for Attorney General, Lieutenant Governor, Senator and Governor. Five of the programs will devote about 25 minutes to those candidates, and the rest of the time will be used to explain the duties of the other state offices, show pictures and give brief biographical sketches of the candidates for those offices. (See enclosed flyer.)

MEMBERSHIP It may seem like we are going in all directions - and we are - which means there is something for everyone. Furthermore, there is a place for more.

Now is the time for all good Leaguers to come to the aid of their organization. How? By carrying out the carefully formulated plans of the membership committee. If you use the each-one-bring-one approach (or any other, for that matter), make it a continuous follow-up program for each guest. Invite her to the next unit meeting; put her on the bulletin mailing list for a few months . . . do all you can think of to make her feel welcome and needed. Keep your membership goal in mind always . . . are the members aware of the importance of reaching (and surpassing) that magic number? Have you set your goal high enough to make you stretch? Check the suggested goals made at Council.

Are the unit leaders thoroughly briefed on their specific responsibilities regarding guests? Try using "League" colored name tags - red for members; white for guests; blue pencil. Often this method helps the guest feel more secure when she looks around and sees others in the same boat. Collect the tags after each meeting and reuse . . . the prospect will soon feel a sense of belonging when she realizes you're counting on her. Do remember to transfer her name to member roster immediately when her dues are paid and give her a warm welcome via the bulletin. The Leadership Workshop membership section participants agreed that personally delivered New Member Kits are more effective than those mailed from the state office directly to the new member. They will continue to go directly to the latter if we do not have the name of one person in your League who is to receive them.

STATE NOMINATIONS As we bring in more members we also carry on our talent search. We have received this memorandum from your state Nominating Committee. We would appreciate your immediate attention to their request.

"The state Nominating Committee will be meeting early this fall to select a slate of nominees for the state Board to be elected at the 1967 State Convention. It is our fervent hope that the state Board which the guiding spirit of all the local Leagues will be representative of the entire state in its makeup. To make this possible we need your cooperation in the form of the names of suggested nominees. Suggestions may be sent in by individual League members as well as by local Boards. Enclosed are forms for you to fill out and return immediately to Mrs. J.S. Gray, 1401 W. Minnehaha Pkwy., Minneapolis. Please give this careful thought and immediate attention."

State Nominating Committee
Mrs. Jerome S. Gray, Chairman
Mrs. L. V. Rozycki
Mrs. Harold Nash
Mrs. John Lundquist
Miss Hazel Shimmin

PUBLICATIONS Publications chairmen, get off to an early start this fall by doing the following things: A. Send a Financing Government Services Flyer (one enclosed) to each school, library, business and labor organization in your area that you think would be interested in buying our Finance booklet. The flyers are free from the state office for as long as they last. We know that financing government is a major campaign issue in our state so don't neglect this opportunity for continuing the promotion of this "best seller." B. Go to your social studies teachers with a publications catalogue and copies of Financing Government Services, Changing Patterns, Your Vote Makes a Difference, as well as national publications and your local publications, too, if you have them. Get those school orders now and then follow up this call as future publications arrive. C. Consult with your Board about providing members, who do not already have them, with the Human Resources: Minnesota's Changing Patterns booklet and the Human Resources Newsletters. They are listed in your new catalogue. D. Discuss the new Your Vote Makes a Difference with your Voters Service chairman - she will want to plan for the best way to use these in your community. This is also a good public service piece - try to sell to any businessmen in your community who you feel would be likely to need such a piece to give to his employees, customers or the public. Remember, we went over the importance of this area of publications at the June Workshops.

It was exciting to receive the entries for the cover design contest. Thanks to all contestants. Your entries are being judged, and the winner will be announced in the next Board Memo.

VOTERS SERVICE We have a candidates meeting calendar in the state office which is maintained to avoid scheduling conflicts with your candidates for U.S. Representative - as well as for legislative offices where there is more than one League in a district. Before selecting a date, please clear with this calendar by calling or writing the state office, and when you have firmly set a date, notify the office and have your meeting added to the roster.

Copies of a Voters Service broadside explaining the proposed amendment may be ordered from the state office - price 1¢ (see enclosed sample copy). Order NOW for distribution . . . at candidates meetings

- . . . at community gatherings (PTA, community clubs)
- . . . door-to-door
- . . . by mail to absentee voters
- . . . with your League bulletin
- . . . at unit meetings

The Amendment Broadside is ideal to distribute by speakers bureau members whenever they are called upon to address groups. Used in conjunction with the VS Flyer on Election '66, Your Vote Makes a Difference (also 1¢ a copy), the team furnishes factual voting information ideal for mailing to service men and other out-of-town residents who are casting absentee ballots. And don't forget your contributors when you are distributing this excellent VS material.

You are also receiving a more detailed description of the proposed amendment for background as League members and for use in preparing speakers bureau talks.

Do you recall that this proposed amendment, in a slightly different wording, was studied by the League about six to eight years ago? At that time a sentence was included which would have permitted school attorneys (attorneys employed by local boards of education) to have served in the legislature. At present the constitution allows postmasters to serve as legislators. This is the only public office that a legislator may hold concurrent with his term. League members, concerned about possible conflict of interest arising from such dual responsibility to school board and legislature, reached a consensus indicating a position of "take no stand." The proposed amendment was defeated.

In the 1965 session League lobbyist, Elsa Carpenter, testified on this proposed amendment and was successful in having this sentence deleted. In choosing our state Program at our State Convention in May 1965, we did not continue a position in regard to this question. At the time of the Convention, the proposed amendment had not been passed.

All of which finds League members conducting Voters Service on a proposed amendment - an amendment on which their lobbyist successfully lobbied! Repeat: we have no position on this proposed amendment. You, as a voter, may find the foregoing of interest as you cast YOUR vote on the proposed amendment on November 8.

VOTERS GUIDE Your Minneapolis Tribune Voters Guide orders will be available on September 9. Metropolitan area Leagues may pick up their orders after 12:00 noon at the Tribune office, 425 Portland, Minneapolis. Outstate Leagues will pick up their orders at their local Tribune stations. Check with your station for delivery time.

Enclosed is an order card for the general election Guide. It must be returned to the state office by October 15.

WHO'S WHERE? Here's a handy reference to political party headquarters for use in checking dates with candidates as you plan your candidates meetings:

Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party
1637 Hennepin Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota 335-9421

Minnesota Socialist Labor Party (5th congressional district
329 - 5th Avenue SE candidates only)
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Republican Party
4940 Viking Drive
Minneapolis, Minnesota 920-5750

OVERSEAS VOTERS Maybe your League has already received requests for ballot information from overseas voters channeled through the national League office - see the July 1966 Memorandum from the national office. Be sure that you have plenty of copies of the VS flyer (Your Vote Makes a Difference), the amendment broadside (see sample with this mailing), Voters Guide (pre-primary and pre-general election editions), and the information on local candidates which you compile from their responses to the candidates questionnaires. Keep a note of such requests - this kind of Voters Service makes news of interest to your members and to your community.

PUBLIC RELATIONS We are continuing our attempt to respond to your requests for an exchange of ideas and concrete assists in carrying out your portfolio. This month we are enclosing a list of PR chairmen in other local Leagues to facilitate your informal contacts. Please be sure to keep the state Board informed of any inter-League activities. There are times when we may want to make suggestions and others when permission may actually be needed as standard procedure.

We hope your calendar planning includes the Speakers Bureau Workshop, a flyer for which is enclosed. We are only holding one - since this is sort of a grand experiment - on September 14. This is planned to give you "how to" on setting up and promoting a speakers bureau, actual demonstration speeches with sample speeches on various League subjects made available. Please make every effort to be there and to bring your Voters Service chairman and any other interested co-workers.

BOARD MEMO

September 1966

One of the main responsibilities of your state Board is to provide service to the local Leagues, to help them promote League purpose, and another responsibility is the promotion of our state Program. It was with all this in mind that we planned and prepared for the Speakers Bureau Workshop earlier this month. It was planned at this time so that you would have all the material and be prepared to contact organizations in your area now - when interest in political issues is high.

Since you couldn't be there in person, we have sent the material out in a special mailing to your public relations chairman (if we knew who she was), and we also are including the material in this mailing for the use of other members of your Board. Read your Tips on Reaching the Public - the section on speakers bureau - and put this material to use in promoting League, the informed citizen and League Program!

STATE ACTION WORKSHOPS You'll get additional ideas and tips for promoting state Program at the State Action Workshops - don't miss this opportunity!

We've been planning and preparing right up to deadline so we can bring you the very latest information about what may happen at the next session of the legislature. These Workshops are a must for the president, state action chairman, state Program and Water Resources chairmen.

We plan to try to predict how the legislative candidates who survived the primary will caucus, if elected, what the state's political parties' platforms say with reference to League Program, what reapportionment and the absence of some familiar faces in the legislature will mean, and then also discuss plans for the new Equality of Opportunity and Water studies on the state level.

Come prepared for a challenging, interesting day - 9:30 to 2:30. Materials plus lunch will total \$3.00. We've scheduled four Workshops:

- Thursday - October 6 - Battle Lake Motel
- Saturday - October 8 - St. Paul Capp-Towers
- Tuesday - October 11 - Cloquet Golf Club
- Thursday - October 13 - Minneapolis Leamington

If you are unable to attend the Workshop to which you were assigned, plan to come to another. Note the Workshop at St. Paul is scheduled on a Saturday. Reservations for the first two are due September 30 (hope you got yours in on time), for the third by October 4 and for the last by October 7.

EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY It's coming! A Project Update on equality in Minnesota's schools is in process. It may not make it until the far end of October, but it is coming! If you would like to get eager, there are two booklets that will be most valuable to you. Equality of Educational Opportunity, Summary Report, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Office of Education, July 1966. This is the summary of a massive study of 645,000 students in 4000 public schools all over the country. The study was authorized by the Civil Rights Act of 1964. It probes many facets of the availability of equal educational opportunities to those of all races. Your Congressman or Senator will probably send it to you if you ask him. A good summary of its findings was written up in The

National Observer, Monday, September 12, 1966.

The other publication may be harder to find. It's the Ninth Report of the State Advisory Commission on School Reorganization, January 1965. This gives valuable background on the school district reorganization problems and progress. A new report is being prepared in time for the next legislative session, but it is not yet available. Your state legislator might help you locate a copy, perhaps a school official has one, or they may be available through the State Department of Education.

FINANCING GOVERNMENT A copy of the quiz on Financing Public Services, which was promised in last month's Board Memo, is included in this mailing. If you have not yet sent in your order, you will want to do so right away. You may want to send them out with your bulletin before your meetings on this item, or perhaps you'll want them for your unit meetings. However you use them, you'll find they are a handy way to review last year's work and prepare your members for the new and exciting part of our study.

Also enclosed is a copy of the new publication, Property, Income and Sales Taxes. This is an every-member piece. Please see that your members all have a copy before your meetings on this item. We think you can have a lot of fun with your discussions of this. The enclosed discussion guide indicates one way you might handle it.

Another way that should be exciting would be to begin with a skit. One or more persons could represent legislators conducting a hearing and witnesses could tell them why they want a tax change, more money, or whatever. For example, a farmer could tell why he wants the personal property tax abolished; the Tax Commissioner could say that to completely replace the property tax Minnesota would need to increase the income tax four times or levy a 10% general sales tax. So the property tax will probably be with us for a long time; the Education Commissioner could say that it will take a \$40 million increase to maintain the present state school-aid formula. If the formula is changed so that the state pays about 50% instead of 48%, costs for the next biennium would be about \$100 million more than for the last two years; etc. After the skit, the members could be legislators and decide what should be done. The discussion questions enclosed can serve to guide your deliberations. If you have time, you could do the skit at a general meeting, and the discussion could be at the next unit meetings. If both are done at the same meeting, the skit will have to be brief to allow plenty of time for discussion.

You will note the report form is more detailed than usual. If you will answer as many as possible of the questions, we will have a pretty good idea of what your members are thinking. We are sending a copy for each unit. As soon as you have had your meetings, would you please send all report forms to the state office. Thank you very much - and have fun!

FOREIGN POLICY The state Foreign Policy committee will have its next meeting in Minneapolis on the morning of October 11th. We would welcome more members on our committee. If anyone in your League is interested in working on this committee, please contact Mrs. Lewis Daniel, 3912 York Ave. S., Minneapolis, 612-920-3315.

The September issue of the monthly periodical Diplomat is devoted exclusively to China. It contains many fascinating articles by leading authorities on China.

Two series of meetings are planned that will be of interest to Foreign Policy committees. The first series is sponsored by the First Unitarian Society. It will consist of six consecutive Wednesday evening meetings at 8:00 at the Unitarian

Society, 900 Mt. Curve Ave., Minneapolis. All the meetings will be workshops on Red China and will be open to the public. The first meeting will be on October 5th. The second series will be held in Rochester, Mayo High School Auditorium, 1420 - 11th Ave. S.E. This will be a five-week lecture series entitled "Forces of Change in the Soviet Bloc." Although some of the talks may not concern China specifically, two of the speakers are experts on China: Harry Schwartz (Oct. 19) and Donald Zagoria (Nov. 2). These meetings will also be held on five consecutive Wednesday evenings at 8:00, starting on October 12th. So the two series will overlap. There is a registration fee for the Rochester series - \$7.50 for the whole series, \$2.00 for single admissions. If further details are desired, write to Mrs. Lewis Daniel, 3912 York Ave. S., Minneapolis.

The World Affairs Center in conjunction with the League of Women Voters of Minnesota will publish later this year an attractive pamphlet which will list available speakers, films, pamphlets and paperbacks on Red China. This pamphlet should be of great help to local League Foreign Policy committees. It will be sent free of charge to local Leagues. We would appreciate knowing approximately how many of these pamphlets you think your League might like to receive.

There will be a statewide workshop on Red China on February 2, 1967 - 9:30 to 3:00. This will be somewhere in the metropolitan area. There will be qualified outside experts who will talk to us in the morning and conduct workshops in the afternoon. Also included will be a session during which we will give helpful suggestions as to how to present this item to local League membership. There will be ample time for questions. Details on the workshop, such as location, luncheon arrangements, registration fee, names of speakers, etc. are still to be worked out, but put February 2nd down on your calendar.

UN RALLY Don't forget the UN Rally on Thursday, October 27, 10:00 a.m. at the Nicollet Hotel. See the August Board Memo for details on speakers and subjects. Tickets are \$3.50 which includes luncheon and registration and are available at the state office, all Dayton's stores or may be purchased at the door.

WATER RESOURCES Now is the time to prepare your members for the national consensus on the tax incentives for industry. Look at your community, clip timely articles from newspapers, check out suggested books and magazines from your library, leave League water publications about in strategic places for thoughtful reading, and be prepared for a lively group discussion that will lead to group decision. One reminder - please send a copy of your national consensus to the state office.

Each League in Minnesota will receive a packet of materials relating to A Metropolitan Sanitary District in 1967? Additional copies of the resource publication are available from the state office at 50¢ per copy. The Leagues in the metropolitan area can use this information and discussion guide for membership information prior to the legislative session. Leagues could provide guidelines as a result of their discussions for your state Water Resources chairman.

Outstate Leagues will find the suggested uses for the study can provide information for their Leagues also. This study helps to point out the role of state government in metropolitan and regional affairs. You see, we are all involved in solving this perplexing problem.

Please note the request for a local report of industrial use of water in your own community, including any remedial steps that have or should be taken. This is included on the report form in the water packet. A description of local League decisions on tax incentives that might apply to state legislation is also requested.

The Ad Hoc Metropolitan Water Resources Committee has worked very closely with the state Board in the preparation of this material. Metropolitan sewerage needs are one of Minnesota's major water problems. Proposals for a Metropolitan Sanitary District have faced the legislature in 1961, 1963 and 1965. In each session intense disagreement among the metropolitan legislators has stymied legislative action. Pressure for compromise is mounting. This will be one of the major issues before the 1967 Legislature.

Ever since Water Resources was put on the national Current Agenda in 1956, the national Board has encouraged state Leagues to look at their own problems. This material should help us increase citizen understanding of this problem. On October 12 at 9:30 a.m. an open meeting will be held in Room 253 of the Minneapolis Public Library. "What Future Does the '67 Legislature Hold for the Metropolitan Sanitary District?" will be discussed. Keynoted by Representative Howard R. Albertson, Chairman of the House Metropolitan Affairs Committee, a panel representing a wide range of viewpoints will discuss metropolitan sewerage needs. The panelists will be Sam Hobbs, Bloomington City Engineer; Eugene E. Avery, Chief Engineer of St. Paul, Department of Public Works; Donald Thimsen, Minnesota Water Pollution Control Commission; and a representative from the Citizens League. All League members are invited as well as any interested citizens they may wish to invite.

Current Events on the Federal Level: Fifty-six bills have been introduced in the House of Representatives (through August 18, 1966) during the 89th Congress supporting federal aid through the tax system to help companies in industrial pollution abatement. In the U.S. Senate, 24 Senators have co-sponsored one bill on the topic. The latter bill provides an incentive tax credit for water and air pollution control facilities and permits the amortization of the cost of constructing such facilities over a period from one to five years. So far (until September 1), no hearings have been scheduled by the House Ways and Means Committee. The Senate Finance Committee was expected to hold hearings in September, but with pressures to adjourn, hearings will probably not be scheduled until next year.

To assist in "cooling off" the nation's economy, the President has asked for legislation which would suspend for 16 months (until January 1968) two programs which give businessmen an added incentive to invest in new plants and machinery - a 7% investment credit and a provision for speeded-up depreciation of new equipment. Automatic reinstatement in 1969 unless Congress voted affirmatively then to continue the suspension. The House Ways and Means Committee is now holding hearings on this legislation, which will undoubtedly pass Congress before the end of the session. Despite, therefore, the large number of bills filed to offer federal tax incentives for pollution abatement, the state of the economy makes it doubtful that any federal program will be legislated during 1967.

ALL RESOURCE CHAIRMEN All the new publications have little meaning if not put to proper use! A new national publication has just arrived - MEANINGFUL MEETINGS. It is sure to fulfill a need in our organization. Our Local League Handbook (page 30) tells us how to plan a discussion unit meeting. MEANINGFUL MEETINGS tells the resource committee how to plan the content or meat of the meeting. A unit meeting should provide a forum for presenting new information and for an exchange of opinions and ideas by the participants. Do yours measure up? Do your members leave with a better understanding of the issues discussed? Are your meetings a satisfying experience for your members? Keep in mind that each League meeting represents your organization to prospective members and helps to bind the old ones closer to the LWV.

MEANINGFUL MEETINGS is helpful to Leagues of all sizes. It points out the role of the resource committee - the size, duties, etc. It gives suggestions on how to plan the meeting, what additional research might be needed and responsibility

to the Board. There are tips on how to arrive at consensus questions, to budget manpower, and how to focus the study. The problems and questions which arise within the committee foretell what will transpire within the unit discussion. It is suggested that the resource committee start with goals, make an outline, and then list the essential information. By this time the committee should see how to handle the subject and proceed on its way.

We know that many Leagues have been asking for a publication on this very subject. Many of you who don't think you need it will be surprised at how useful you will find it. It is only 40¢, so order enough for all your members involved in resource. Use MEANINGFUL MEETINGS along with your Local League Handbook in planning meetings to utilize your resource material for the benefit of your League.

FINANCE Cultivating Contributors? In all the hub-bub of informing, registering and reminding the electorate, let's not forget that very special voter - the one whose contribution helps make your Voters Service possible. Why not send him a letter telling him about the WCCO-TV interviews with candidates for U.S. Senator and statewide offices (see August Board Memo) and inviting him to your candidates meeting. Perhaps you would like to include a copy of the Voters Service broadside on the proposed amendment and a map with the local legislative districts and polling places on it. Just prior to the November general election, you might want to send this very special voter - the contributor - a copy of the answers to your candidates questionnaires. Property, Income and Sales Taxes is a "natural" for our contributors!

Expensive? Not necessarily. Why not check with your local post office on bulk mailing if you will have 200 pieces or more or on sending an unsealed letter for 4¢. You could have your solicitors deliver these items in person or have the solicitor mail them together with a handwritten note. (See pages 24 and 25 of The Art of Raising Money for ideas on the type of notes appropriate to your situation.)

Painless Solicitation Tip: Have you, your publications chairman and your Voters Service chairman discussed selling the Amendment Broadside and/or Legislative and Congressional Maps to the "butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker" for a small profit? You can purchase these publications from the state office - 1¢ for the broadside, 2¢ for the map. You could sell them for 2¢ and 3¢ respectively to all the businesses in town. There is space on both publications for the business to stamp its name, address and phone number. Not only would the businessman be performing a patriotic, civic deed for the community (while simultaneously creating good will with his clients), but also he would be making an indirect, painless contribution to your League (not to be confused with his regular contribution at the time of your drive).

Budget Analysis Form: Enclosed with this Memo is a Budget Analysis Form which is to be completed, preferably by the treasurer, and returned to the state office no later than November 1st. This synopsis will facilitate the changeover from the previous system of recording local League budgets to a more efficient card file system. You might find the information - the evolving pattern of growth - so interesting that you will want to make copies for each of your Board members and perhaps print it in the local bulletin.

BUDGET WORKSHOP Madam President, please appoint your budget committee chairman as soon as possible. She, the finance chairman, the treasurer and, of course, you presidents are the invitees to the Budget Workshop scheduled for December 1, 1966. To help us make the Workshop more meaningful and useful to the attendants, please have all these key people read and be thoroughly familiar with The Art of Spending Money for the League of Women Voters (national publication #308,

November 1965, 40¢). On the enclosed Budget Workshop questionnaire, please submit any questions, any areas your representatives wish clarified further and any improvements they, the entire local Board or your members wish in state operations. Your suggestions, as well as those which your state budget and finance chairman receive at a national Finance Conference in late October, will determine the final agenda for this December 1st Budget Workshop.

VOTERS SERVICE Now that the LWV-WCCO Radio State Fair Straw Vote and the Primary Election are history, perhaps you would like to have a few statistics from same to store in your personal information - especially you gals from the 32 metropolitan area Leagues who steered almost 18,000 fair-goers into the appropriate voting booth ("no, the pink cards go in the pink booth, the manila-colored go in . . ."), demonstrated just how to punch your vote on the IBM Votomatic or marveled, as we all did, at the interest which kept people queuing up in 90 degree temps to cast a straw vote!

William S. Fuhrmann, WCCO's Research Director, furnished us with the following comparisons:

Based on the Minneapolis Star figures published September 14 with 3500 out of 3800 precincts in:

Primary Vote - Mondale	10 X Franklin	Straw Vote - 9½ X
Forsythe	4½ X Johnson	6 X
Rolvaag	2.2 X Keith	2 X
LeVander	45 X Tarnowski	19 X
Short	1.9 X Christenson	2¼ X
Goetz	49.2% of a 3-man total	50.2%
Olson	58% of a 3-man total	52%
Head	unopposed in the primary	

Final Totals
1966 Straw Vote at the State Fair

<u>Republican</u>		<u>Democrat-Farmer-Labor</u>	
<u>SENATOR</u>			
Robert Forsythe	7,221	Walter Mondale	7,533
Henry Johnson	1,171	Ralph Franklin	785
<u>GOVERNOR</u>			
Harold LeVander	8,188	A.M. Keith	2,795
Lorna Tarnowski	429	Karl Rolvaag	5,864
		Cyrus Magnuson	515
		Jerome Daly	65
		John Peterson	99
		Belmont Tudisco	75
<u>LT. GOVERNOR</u>			
James Goetz	4,259	Gerald Christenson	2,562
Bruce Hasselberg	2,537	Robert Short	5,865
R. J. Stassen	1,690	Joel Saliterman	275
		John Stopka	311
<u>ATTORNEY GENERAL</u>			
Douglas Head	7,907	Robert Latz	2,680
		Wayne Olson	4,353
		Jack Omvedt	1,325

BOARD MEMO

October 1966

VOTERS SERVICE By the time this reaches you, we should all be ready to wrap up our final push in Voters Service for the general election - 1966. The list of your various activities is long and impressive. Do use this list to "blow your own horn" as you go to your community for financial support.

While all these projects are still fresh in your mind is the time to evaluate them. We are enclosing two sheets for this purpose. Please send one to the state office before December 1 (please, could we have one from each of our 69 Leagues?). Keep the other copy in your file to use in making out your annual report. These evaluation sheets will help you carry out the suggestions on page 31 of the September 1966 National Board Report.

MEMBERSHIP Records in the state office indicate a definite growth in membership. Do keep your records up-to-date so you are not spending money for members you do not have. At the same time, make an effort to get all those good prospects as paid-up members. Remember, it is this January you must send in complete membership lists as a basis for your representation at State Convention.

Have you set your membership goal reflecting a 5% increase? In 1962 our national goal was set at a 3% increase per year. We in Minnesota were almost 400 short of that goal for the four years ending in March 1966. Now is the time to capitalize on general interest in government generated by the elections and bring our total membership up to the pace set by Leagues in other states.

NEW LEAGUE Helping us reach our goal are the 43 new members in our newest League - the provisional League of Women Voters of Rock County. Their president is Miss Evelyn Stager, Luverne, Minnesota. Take out your maps - Rock County is in the southwest corner of our state. A committee from the Worthington League under the supervision of the state organization chairmen is advising this new group.

This is a new basis organization for Minnesota - a county League. It will be a challenge to them and to us. We are delighted to welcome this, our 69th, League!

VISITS Rock County may seem quite a distance, as are many of our local Leagues.

In spite of the miles, your state Board members are eager to visit you. We have been meeting with your Boards, which we will continue to do, but we would also like to visit your unit meetings, planning sessions, orientation meetings, as well as general meetings. This would give us an opportunity to know your members, what they are thinking, what they would like us to do - all of this to help us do a better job serving all our members. We don't plan to drop in but will write to you ahead of time as we do when we visit your Board meetings. We will appreciate your cooperation in helping us set up these visits.

STATE ACTION Hope you enjoyed the State Action Workshops as much as we liked presenting them and meeting all of you. We found your interest in the upcoming session tremendous and your political knowledge up-to-date and informed.

We will send you the legislative interview forms in November along with the assignments of specific legislators for each League to cover. Please read the

November-December Position VOTER before your interview so you will be current in all areas of state Program action.

Every Board should now include a State Action chairman (formerly the legislative chairman), and she should be planning a meeting, early next year if not this year, to bring your members information about and to stimulate their interest in the 1967 session. Extra copies of the Workshop materials are available in the state office to help you with this meeting.

In checking your year's calendars, we find many of you have not planned much for December. Do use this time to become better informed on state Program. Use it, too, to become better acquainted with your legislators and to help them become informed on League - how we choose Program, reach positions and work to promote these items in the public interest.

Circle November 9 on your calendar. On that date you should begin building support for the Short Ballot. Before the election your Voters Service chairman has been concentrating on helping the voter know the candidates that would be on the November 8 ballot. With the election over, the League can concentrate on pointing out the problem to the voter in selecting qualified individuals for a long list of offices as well as the desirability of allowing the governor to appoint his own department heads. You might begin your campaign to build community support by writing a letter to your local newspaper.

The League position is concerned with the constitutional officers - secretary of state, treasurer, auditor and perhaps the attorney general. We believe these positions should be appointive. Our reason for making them appointive is that we feel executive authority should be clearly fixed on the governor. As the chief officer of the state, he is expected to be responsible for the executive branch. Voters hold him responsible. His powers should be commensurate with his responsibility. On this basis, it is possible for the League to point out the desirability of appointing the Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners, even though the election of these men is established by statute.

The League does not have a position concerning an appointive system for judges or on appointing local officials. We do support the election of the governor and lieutenant governor on a single ticket.

CAPITOL LETTER We are enclosing the Capitol Letter order blank for each of your units so that every member will have an opportunity to subscribe. Don't forget all those outside your League who have become avid readers of this lively League publication. We have set up a new system for handling subscriptions so that we will avoid the problems of two years ago, but the best system will not function properly without your cooperation. Please observe deadlines (December 1) and include your legislators (if there are other Leagues in your districts, please check with them and make arrangements at the local level to provide these subscriptions), your news media, schools, libraries, influential citizens, party leaders, etc.

PROGRAM-MAKING We have another "order blank" for each unit - Choosing a State Program for 1967-69 and a form for you to use in sending in your League's first round suggestions for 1967-69 state Program. We would like to suggest that you include time in a planning meeting to discuss Program-making and how your units might best proceed on this important League job.

Your first responsibility as a Board in Program-making is to promote member participation. Free choice by the member in her local League is the democratic foundation of League Program-making. Help your members understand the League "process" and the importance of their role in it!

CONSENSUS A year ago we were hearing from many of you that we were asking for too much consensus. With this in mind at the time of our Minnesota Outlook for Work, we had planned no consensus on state Program. The CMAL Transportation consensus is due December 1, and the national consensus on federal financial incentives to industry for pollution abatement is due January 3.

In this mailing we are including a consensus report form for Equality of Opportunity - Education. This is to be used with the Project Update on this subject (copy enclosed). When we adopted state Program at our last Convention, education was included as a part of our concern. We have previously touched upon the problems involved in our state publication, Human Resources: Minnesota's Changing Patterns, so it is not an entirely new area for us. What we do, what direction our activity takes us will depend upon the reports we receive from the members by March 1, 1967. (Report forms for each unit enclosed.) We know you are flexible enough to include this in your Program coverage.

PROJECT UPDATE We are including with the Project Update: Minnesota Education - Equal for All? presentation and discussion outline suggestions. The enclosed Project Update publication is designed as and priced as an every-member piece - 10¢ per copy, 15/\$1.00. Help to make your meeting on this subject interesting and stimulating by seeing to it that every member has the publication well in advance of the scheduled meeting date. (Order blank enclosed.)

If you have questions or need further assistance in handling this item, please contact our state Equality of Opportunity chairman: Mrs. Ralph Ebbott, 409 Birchwood, White Bear Lake, 426-3643.

DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES This mailing includes a Human Resources Newsletter sketching the use of funds in Minnesota under Public Law 89-10. This publication is meant as background for local Leagues in discussing what their own local school systems have done. It is not meant as a definitive account of the use of federal funds in Minnesota, nor is it an evaluation of the various programs. This has been prepared for use in discussing our national item, Development of Human Resources, but it will be of interest to anyone looking at state education. It is priced at 10¢ a copy. (Order blank enclosed.)

We realize it raises almost as many questions as it answers. The statement that 1240 projects were funded under Title I, the Poverty Title, leads the interested League member to want to know just what these projects were. We do not have a detailed analysis for you. We know many of the projects involved the hiring of additional staff - classroom aides, extra teachers to reduce classload, teachers for remedial reading or writing. Other projects were very diverse ranging from an extra school bus to enable outlying students to participate in after-school activities, an extra librarian to keep the school library open longer hours, an experimental junior high school in Minneapolis. Some funds were spent for equipment which was probably not justified under the intent of the act. Last year all requests had to be handled on a crash basis. We feel an analysis of this year's programs will be more productive for the League.

State Clearing Office: We feel the state office can provide a valuable service to local Leagues in acting as a clearing house for the exchange of information on specific programs. The Leagues in Hennepin and Ramsey Counties have set up machinery to exchange information on the use of federal funds within their schools. These reports will be available in the state office later in the year. We would appreciate each League sending us two copies of reports on the use of 89-10 funds in their school districts. This will enable us to build up an office file and have a circulating report as well. We will also be asking certain local Leagues to interview regional directors.

Now that Congress has adjourned, the national League office will be preparing a Current Review giving an account of congressional action on all League Program. You will want to look at the amendments to 89-10.

Even more significant than the amendments was the debate this bill received. Ever since the Brown decision in 1954, there has been a debate on the role of the government in school desegregation. Is the federal government's responsibility a passive one of removing abuses in segregated schools, or should the federal government play an active part in encouraging integration?

89-10 is not a civil rights bill, nor is it a Negro bill. However, Title I puts emphasis on improving the schools in ghettos and in poorer neighborhoods. It is, therefore, beneficial to most of the Negro students in America. It is a declaration by the government of its responsibility for providing equal educational opportunities for all pupils.

The House added two amendments to this bill. One repeats the provision in the 1964 Civil Rights Act that racial imbalance shall not be a reason for withholding federal funds. The second provides for hearings where the Commissioner of Education finds schools are segregated. Both of these amendments were regarded as an attack on the present Commissioner of Education, Mr. Howe. Southern Congressmen, joined by many northerners, felt that the U.S. government is moving too rapidly in forcing integration. Funds are actually being withheld from only 74 school districts. This does not seem an excessive number.

The New York Times characterized the House amendments as a "giant step backward." However, it is clear that there is no consensus in Congress to move ahead in the civil rights field. Congress reacted to the white backlash shown in various areas of the country: the nomination in the primaries in Georgia and Maryland of avowed segregationists, the gubernatorial campaign in California, a Harris poll which indicated that the public thinks the federal government is moving too rapidly in forcing integration.

There was some discussion of giving state governments the responsibility for enforcing federal guidelines. However, 22 states including most southern states elect their chief educational officer. It seemed impractical to expect an elected official to enforce guidelines which would be unpopular within his state.

FOREIGN POLICY We are considering the possibilities of having Neighborhood Seminars on Red China, conducted by the University of Minnesota's Department of Short Courses. Each seminar would have eight two-hour sessions, either one week apart or two weeks apart. The sessions would be conducted in the daytime or in the evening, according to the group's desire. The minimum membership in each seminar is 15, and the cost per member is \$22.50. The meetings may be held in homes or in some central meeting place.

In the metropolitan area all sessions would be attended and conducted by a professor from the University of Minnesota. For outstate members, the opening session and one or two succeeding sessions would be attended and conducted by a professor from the University. The remaining sessions would be conducted by telephone conferences with this same professor, utilizing a local public address equipment service furnished by the local telephone company.

Since the state office needs to know how many people (they need not all be League members) would be interested in attending these seminars, please put a notice about them in your next League bulletin. The state office should know by December 1 how many persons would be interested in attending the seminars in their area. This may involve some telephoning by your Foreign Policy chairman. Send the necessary information on the enclosed card.

WATER "Good intentions alone will accomplish little in the fight against air and water pollution, against the destruction of wetlands, against the loss of open space, against the planless sprawl of our towns, or in the fight to bring sunlight and space, decency and human dignity into the ghettos of our cities.

"We must understand that the real conservation issues involve major conflicts of interest. That is why they are issues. That is why the goals they represent must be fought for. That is why they are worth fighting for," declared Russell Train, President of the Conservation Foundation.

And so, you are discussing industrial incentives for pollution abatement. Keeping the goals of improving water quality uppermost in discussion and decision will be one step in the "BIG WATER FIGHT." The capitals are for real! Did you order your copy of the LWV Education Fund publication?

Between now and January 1, the state Board will be depending on all local Water Resource chairmen to be the eyes and ears of the League. Please send us clippings, observations, interviews, comments about water in Minnesota. Don't forget to send a copy of your national consensus report to the state office.

Of particular interest is the Red River flooding problem as it affects Canada as well as Minnesota. The proposed federal Red River Planning Commission is being studied by the Water Resource Council. Another northern water that we will keep informed about is the Kawishiwi River and the developing nickel plant. Water quality standards are the major concern here. We will be sending you further information on these two areas of concern as we watch developments.

The Leisure Use Conference, held at Sugar Hills, brought together ministers, planners, social workers, extension specialists and even an LWV member. The need for education in conservation and in human resource development was evident in the discussions. We were challenged to take a more active interest in what was happening at all levels of government.

You should have received by now a copy of the addition to the discussion outline for the metropolitan sanitary district study which was sent to your president. Our apologies for the omission.

PUBLICATIONS The winner of the You Are the Government cover contest is Mrs. Duane Thovson, president of the Hutchinson League. She won with her entry of an artistically executed design of shaded eagles. Mrs. Thovson receives our thanks for her efforts and also a \$5.00 subscription to the national Publications Service. Thanks to all who entered the contest; we appreciate your worthy endeavors.

We also had an exceptionally good contribution from the husband of Gwenn Parkins of the Robbinsdale League (but not as a contestant) which our outside judge (an art instructor) thought was dramatic, eye-catching and different. We welcome and are grateful for his interest in our endeavors and are impressed by his exciting design.

BYLAWS A recent mailing from the national office contained the 1966 edition of STANDARD BYLAWS FOR A LOCAL LEAGUE . . . before filing carefully away, read them and explain to your members (via the bulletin, perhaps) the necessity for up-to-date Bylaws. Plan now to implement these suggested changes so that your Bylaws will be up-to-date after your 1967 Annual Meeting.

The amending procedure has not changed - the job can be accomplished with ease if each committee member has a copy of the form. (Order from the national office - 10¢ each.) The state Board recommends the Standard Bylaws as printed for each local League's use. Pay close attention to Article VII in the new Bylaws - there are now

five (5) sections under the Program heading.

If your League recently received suggestions for Bylaw revision of one form or another from the organization committee, please do not use the old form which was the only one available at that time.

Don't forget to make all Bylaws revision proposals far enough ahead so they can be reviewed by the state Board before formal proposal to your members - see p. 12 of the Local League Handbook.

BULLETIN EDITORS In case you did not see the September 1966 FYI from national, we are reprinting part of it for you.

"FOR BULLETIN EDITORS ONLY: Amateur sleuths in the national office are having great problems tracking down the origins of many local bulletins. Indeed Dick Tracy himself would have difficulty discovering where some come from.

But bulletin editors could help us turn up the evidence we need if they would include THE NAME OF BOTH THEIR LEAGUE AND THEIR STATE AT THE TOP OF THE BULLETIN. Remember that there are 1,227 local Leagues and it's just impossible to know in which state each is.

Sometimes when the state is not mentioned in the masthead we're lucky and find reference to it in the body of the bulletin itself. But other times it's gotten so bad we've had to go to work on an indecipherable postmark with a magnifying glass! All of this unnecessary work of course could be done away with. So please, please help us out and put the name of the state where it belongs.

Does each bulletin editor, incidentally, have a copy of the national office's "Tips on Reaching the Member Through Bulletins?" Prepared last spring, the two-page fact sheet gives editors helpful suggestions as to form, style and content. For a free copy, write to the national League's Publication Department."

Remember to send bulletins to the following: Mrs. Bruce Benson, 2nd Vice President, 46 Sunset Ave., Amherst, Massachusetts 01002; three copies to the national office; 18 copies to the state office. The National Municipal League requests copies of local bulletins. This is optional. The address is: National Municipal League, Carl H. Pforzheimer Bldg., 47 E. 68th St., New York 01121.

PLEASE look up the word consensus. Use it properly.

VOTER We are revising our list of non-member VOTER subscriptions. Unfortunately, we find this list has not been kept current - one of those things that happens when you have personnel turnover such as we had for a time. We feel the only way for us to make this list current is to ask you to renew all such subscriptions at this time (if they have not been renewed in the last three months).

As you consider Capitol Letter subscriptions is a good time to renew your gift subscriptions for the VOTER. Thanks for helping us with this.

FINANCE Heartiest congratulations to the New Brighton and Edina Leagues for the "reviews" they received in the August 1966 edition of MONEY MATTERS.

With last month's Board Memo, your League received a "kit" for the speakers bureau. Have you thought of using the speakers bureau as a vehicle for indirectly "plugging" your finance drive?

When the appropriate opportunity arises, either during the speech proper or the question period following, your local League speaker can remind her audience that

your League's community services are, in part, made possible by the contributions received from civic-minded citizens during the annual local finance drive. Ask your Board and budget committee chairman to help select two or three of your League's most outstanding community services as examples. These may be: the widespread dissemination of League Voters Service information; the donation of League publications to the library and schools; the orientation of students or new residents to the governmental structure of your community; the distribution to residents of printed information about the community, e.g., KNOW YOUR TOWN SURVEY, registration and voting requirements information; go-see tours; open meetings on local, state or national issues; TV and/or radio programs sponsored by the League.

Perhaps your finance chairmen would find it advantageous to speak to local business groups, e.g., Chamber of Commerce or Rotary, giving a detailed report of the various community services which your League is able to provide with the contributions given by these prominent persons. You could also sketch possible community services which the League could, or would like to, provide were additional funds available.

Included with this Memo is a letter from your state finance chairman to her local League counterparts. It explains the "modus operandi" of your new chairman. Perhaps your local League finance chairman would like to keep same in a handy place for easy reference.

BUDGET WORKSHOP If your League has not yet done so, would you please fill out the Budget Workshop questionnaire and return it to the state office immediately. We are counting on your replies to help us determine the final agenda for your Budget Workshop. It is scheduled for 9:30 on December 1 at the Thunderbird Motel, Interstate Highway 494 near Metropolitan Stadium. Cost per person will be \$3.00 which will include lunch and materials. Please send your League's reservations for president, treasurer, finance chairman, budget committee chairman to the state office no later November 25. Leagues will be reimbursed 5¢ per mile for mileage over 150 miles - round trip.

In order to prepare for participation in this Workshop your League's representatives (and we hope you will all send the four people listed above) should study your present budget, including your six months treasurer's report, The Art of Spending Money and the Budget Committee Workbook (bring them with you to the Workshop). They should also be familiar with Money Matters, particularly #3.

RESERVATION BLANK - BUDGET WORKSHOP

Thursday, December 1 - 9:30 a.m.

_____ members of the LWV of _____ will
(No.)
attend the Budget Workshop on December 1 at the Thunderbird Motel. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$_____ (\$3.00 per person).

Please return this reservation blank to the LWV of Minnesota, State Organization Service, U. of M., Minneapolis, Minn. 55455 by November 25.

NEW MEMBER KITS The following is the listing of the contents of the New Member Kits being sent out at this time:

Letter from the state President, Legislative District Maps, Facts, How a Bill Becomes a Law, The Member in the Discussion Unit, and a copy of the current Minnesota VOTER when available.

We will provide this information whenever there are changes so that you may supplement the material provided by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

KUOM Enclosed is the listing of scheduled programs for the KUOM series, "Listen With the League." Tapes of these programs are available for your use per instructions included in the September Board mailing.

CONSULTANTS Enclosed is a revised list of local League consultants. Please check and make sure of the name and address of your consultant. You may have a new one. Remember, she should receive a copy of your minutes every month.

could go.

We have a new supply of the state publication, How a Bill Becomes a Law, which you can order for 3 for 10¢. Please note the price change - rising printer's costs.

BULLETIN EDITORS Many of you aid your members by publishing a monthly calendar of events in your bulletins. Don't forget to include the dates of the Legislative Observers Program (see schedule in State Action section of this Memo). CMAL is having a League Day on January 19th which is a focus on the legislature also. Check your CMAL Newsletter for details.

Hope you have your local "Lively Issues" issue all set. It should go out soon so that your members can follow state Program-making with thoughtful suggestions for new local Program. Have you tried going outside your membership for ideas for a local "Lively Issues"? Those community leaders who understand League Program-making might enjoy challenging your members. Included in this mailing is Local CAs and CRs of Minnesota Leagues. You may find it helpful in providing "Lively Issue" ideas.

LOCAL PROGRAM Have you been caught at the last minute without a really good, proposed local Program? Hindsight is fine, but now is the hour to plan for that spring annual meeting. First, check your Bylaws, Article IX, for the details on Program-making, and don't forget there is only one round for local Program suggestions. Often suggestions from the members are taken at the conclusion of a unit meeting when many have left, and much enthusiasm has waned. Have you ever had a special "Lively Issues" meeting? This could be a supper meeting with the only business being the discussion of proposed Program; state and local Program could both fit very nicely into this meeting. You may need another membership meeting for your schedule. A lively discussion of this kind could brighten up a cold day in January or February.

MEMBERSHIP Has your total membership increased? This is a good time to take stock of what you have accomplished so far, and it is not too late to begin a new approach. Your entire Board should be concerned with League growth, and time should be spent at Board meetings on progress in this field. Many Leagues have a membership committee - this group is responsible for evaluating and making recommendations to the Board. This approach involves the members and also presents alternatives to the Board for their consideration. The membership committee is organized by the membership chairman and can be of a size suitable to the individual League. The make-up of the committee should be representative of the area covered and the various units of the League. It is helpful for the membership chairman to have a counterpart in each unit who can watch for new members and welcome prospects at the grass roots level.

REMINDER - your complete membership list should have been sent to national by now. Be sure to send a copy to the state office if you have not already done so. This needs to be done immediately. We will be determining Convention representation on the basis of these lists in January.

FINANCE As you prepare for the New Year, perhaps you could look through the list of your League's contributors and select several who would enjoy receiving the latest Project Update: Minnesota's School System - Equal for All? and its companion piece, Human Resources Newsletter: Public Law 89-10. These publications are available from the state office for 10¢ or 15/\$1.00 and 10¢ respectively.

Would you believe that one of your sister Leagues started its finance drive on December 14th! They are doing it on the advice of the businessmen in their community. "Rots of Ruck." We will keep you posted on how well this innovation succeeds.

Our thanks to those Leagues which so promptly responded to your state finance chairman's request that you consider her a non-member contributor. She has found your materials very informative and stimulating.

Shortly after the start of the New Year, you will want to start preparing for those annual reports due the state and national offices in March. You will be way ahead if you have filled in and returned those state preliminary fund-raising reports. If you need some, they are available from the state office.

It was wonderful and exhilarating to see so many of you at that December 1st Workshop. There were 38 Leagues represented, more than half of the number of Leagues in the state. Our thanks to those of you who have returned the evaluation sheets given you as you were ready to leave. Would those of you who have not returned same, please do so as soon as possible. It is invaluable to your state Board to have these candid and honest appraisals of its efforts. The comments guide us in our planning for future events, in providing the desired services to local Leagues and in learning from our mistakes.

VOTERS SERVICE Do You Know the ABCs of Your State Government? How about an exercise in research to assist all Voters Service chairmen in retaining that vitality acquired during the recent election activity and to help members focus on state government during the legislative session? How? In March 1965 your president received from national a kit entitled "Focus on State Government." Included in the kit was a questionnaire with the heading, Do You Know the ABCs of Your State Government? The kit and copies of the questionnaire are available from the national office. The Legislative Manual (your public library should have a copy, and your legislator can usually provide you with a copy) will provide the answers to most of the questions.

A use for your ABCs? Surely your bulletin is a good media to inform your members --- and how about your speakers bureau offering it to that local group you've been trying to interest in attending the Legislative Observers Program? In fact, such a speech could become a permanent part of your speakers bureau. Useful, too, for brief "warm up" at unit meetings --- or as a part of a general meeting. And helpful, too, as you plan with youth groups in your community ways your League can assist them in their citizenship activities.

NEIGHBORHOOD SEMINARS Plans for these seminars, conducted by the University's Department of Short Courses, are well under way. You have already been notified of the details of the seminars - a minimum of 15 members (they need not all be League members), a fee of \$22.50 per member, eight, two-hour sessions one or two weeks apart. Refer to your October Board Memo for details.

One series of seminars is being organized in Crookston. Another series will be held in Edina on Tuesday afternoons from 1:15 to 3:15. Another series will be held somewhere in south Minneapolis on Wednesday afternoons from 1:15 to 3:15. Please have your foreign policy chairman do some phoning about possible members for these seminars. Have her send in (or phone) reservations to the state office by January 10th. At that time we will send definite dates, times, places, etc. to those who are interested. The meetings will probably start during the last half of January.

CHINA WORKSHOP The statewide workshop on Red China promises to be an exciting event. It will be held on Thursday, February 2, 1967, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Thunderbird Motel. The cost per person will be \$3.75 which will include luncheon. The League of Women Voters of Bloomington will be the hostess League. The Workshop will be open to all interested persons, whether or not they are League members. Please fill out the registration blank on the flyer which is