



League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
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BOARD MEMO

JANUARY, 1985

CALENDAR

- January 15 - Lobbyist Training, 9:30 a.m. - for all League members
- Action Committee Meeting, 11:30 a.m. - open to all interested Leaguers
- Part I. Membership Annual Reports due to LWVUS and LWVMN
- First Class Board Memo mailing
17 - Third Class Board Memo mailing
- CMAL Quarterly Meeting
22 - LWVMN Budget Committee, 9:30 a.m., state office
29 - MN Women's Consortium Celebration, 5-7 p.m., Ordway Music Theatre
- February 1 - Handgun Concurrence due
5 - Action Committee Meeting, 9:30 a.m., state office
7 - CMAL Executive Committee, 9:30 a.m., state office
12 - LWVMN Executive Committee Meeting (if necessary)
15 - LWVUS Financing Federal Government member responses due
- State Program-making Reports, Bylaws, suggestions due from local Leagues
22 - LWVMN Fundraiser: "Dinner at the Atrium," International Market Square
28 - Water Consensus due from local Leagues
- March 1 - Funal Quarter PMP due to LWVMN
5 - Action Committee, 9:30 a.m., state office
7 - CMAL Executive Committee, 9:30 a.m., state office
9 - Ethics in Government Seminar, Augsburg College
12 - LWVMNEF, LWVMN Board Meetings, 9:30 a.m., state office
- VOTER Deadline
19 - Focus "Bringing Health Care Back Home"
- 1st Class Board Memo mailing
21 - 3rd Class Board Memo mailing

ENCLOSURES

(Mailed 3rd class to Presidents only; Presidents, please distribute to appropriate portfolio chairs; *denotes mailed to DPM subscribers.)

- CITIZENS IN ACTION, 1985, order form*/Buffington
- ACTION AWARD ENTRY form*/Buffington
- Public Relations Award application*/Walters
- 1st Call to Convention and preliminary schedule*/Higinbotham
- Planning your Annual Meeting/Higinbotham
- Hope Washburn Nomination form*/Armstrong
- Long Range Planning Survey/Reynolds
- Focus on Membership, January, 1985/Nordland
- "Dinner at the Atrium" Auction donations*/McKinnell
- Project Request to purchase LWVMNEF Publications/McKinnell
- Focus on "Bringing Health Care Back Home"*/Santi
- Ethics in Government Seminar Program*/Duffy
- Reprint of Pay Equity Editorial, Mpls. Star & Tribune, December 8, 1984/Hendrixson
- High Level Radio Active Waste: The Federal Process and the Minnesota Response/Crampton
- Sociology of Rural Life, Fall, 1984/Hendrixson, Lucas

ENCLOSURES (cont.)

- Commission on the Economic Status of Women, December, 1984/Hendrixson, Lucas
- Education Update, January, 1985/Seitz
- Acid Rain Hearings/Crampton
- Mandatory Recycling FACT sheet/Crampton

S T A T E B O A R D H A P P E N I N G S

At its January 8, 1985, meeting your state Board:

- .decided to form a task force to review factors affecting LWVMN's sponsorship of candidate debates;
- .approved Camp Koinonia as the site for LWVMN Council on April 21 and 22, 1986;
- .approved action to offer classes by LWVMN members through the University of MN Continuing Education for Women;
- .decided to establish a recognition/award to be presented to persons (League or non-League) who have contributed to furthering of League principles;
- .approved lobbyists and observers for 1985 Legislative session;
- .appointed long range planning committee members;
- .concurred with resolution from LWV-Florida to LWVUS that we urge LWVUS to encourage establishment of uniform hours for polling places across the continental U.S. for the 1988 presidential election;
- .appointed committee to compile Handgun concurrence results.

B O U Q U E T S T O

- .Erica Buffington, LWVMN Action Chair, for the beautiful new edition of CITIZENS IN ACTION;
- .Emily Schmitz, LWV-Northfield, for chairing the Development Committee during Beverly McKinnell's absence;
- .Mary Santi, LWVMN Citizen Information Chair, for assuming many of the development tasks during Beverly's absence;
- .Sally Simundson, LWV-Roseville, and Mary Santi, for stuffing and sorting 3,233 Ed Fund solicitation letters to League members;
- .Wendy Weden, LWV-Edina, for helping with non-member Ed Fund solicitation letters;
- .Mary Santi and Erica Buffington for a tremendously successful Citizen Lobbyist Conference.

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PROGRAM PLANNING

REMINDER: State Program Planning forms must be returned to LWVMN office by February 15th. No late forms will be considered. No phone call reports will be accepted.

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P R E S I D E N T

(Tews - 612/426-1011)

I'm crossing my fingers tightly, closing my eyes, wishing on every first star of the evening and indulging in any other hocus-pocus I can think of before tallying up the membership figures from each local League due January 15th. Will our final membership count show an increase? A decrease? How strong will we be in 1985? We have had a significant increase in members-at-large. Did similar increases occur at the local level?

I hope to see you all at "Dinner at the Atrium" on Friday, February 22nd in the International Market Square (the fabulous renovation of the old Munsingwear Building). It will be a superb dinner, terrific entertainment, (Dixon and I are bringing our 14 year old saxophone playing daughter so she can hear the very talented female saxophonist in the HamlineJazz group), a grand auction and, best of all, we all know whenever Leaguers and friends get together, it's always a good time.

PRESIDENT (cont.)

For those of you (entire Leagues and/or individuals) who cannot attend, I urge you to send contributions to be auctioned and/or send a financial contribution (yes, there is a space to check that on the invitations) and/or purchase tickets to give to friends. We need the enthusiastic support of all our local Leagues and members in order to make this event a success and thereby provide much needed funds for our treasury. If we can be assured of raising enough money through our fundraisers, we will not have to consider increases in PMP or local League assessments or drastic cuts in program or services (as suggested in your budget memo of October 30th) in order to balance the budget. We need your help!

Begin now to plan for Convention in Duluth June 6-9, 1985. Send a large delegation! It's an exciting, stimulating and highly enjoyable occasion. The March 3rd class mailing will contain pre-convention materials on program, by-laws, state Board nominations and budget. Also, keep in mind the awards for which you can nominate your League or your members: Action award, PR award, Voter Service award, Hope Washburn award. (The membership award winners will, of course, be determined upon receipt of the membership forms this month.)

The League year is one-half over, yet we have many opportunities and activities taking place between now and Convention. Read on in this memo and consult the calendar. And, remember, you're always invited to observe state board meetings. A Leaguer never needs to be bored!

A C T I O N
(Buffington - 612/929-8168)

DAY ON THE HILL: April seems a long way off - however, it has a way of suddenly being upon us. This year Day on the Hill will be held on April 18th & 19th. The 18th will feature dinner and a speaker; the 19th will be the daytime session. For the first time we will be working in coalition with the AAUW/Mpls and the National Council of Jewish Women/Mpls. Projected cost will be \$5.00 for the 19th. Mark your calendars now. More details will be in the March Board Memo.

ACTION AWARD! Leaguers always plan ahead - right? So, it's time to start thinking about the Action Award, to be given at Convention in Duluth in June. Enclosed in the 3rd class mailing is the Action Award form. Deadline for returning your Action Award entry form is April 8th.

POSTCARD ALERT: An important point was edited out of the VOTER article regarding the POSTCARD ALERT: To make this an effective tool a minimum of 150 is needed. I do appreciate the response I have received so far. Unfortunately, the number is far below the needed 150. If, by January 31st, the number is still below 150, the POSTCARD ALERT system will not be initiated for this legislative session.

F.Y.I. MN WOMEN'S CONSORTIUM CELEBRATION V: LWVMN is one of 126 organizations within the Consortium. We are making a difference at the legislature while recognizing there is still much to accomplish. On January 29th (Tuesday) the Consortium is celebrating its 5th year. Celebration V will be held in the lobby of Ordway Music Theatre, 75 W. 5th Street, St. Paul, from 5-7 p.m. Cost is \$25.00 Mail checks payable to MN Women's Consortium, 316 W. University Avenue, St. Paul, 55103, by January 25th. Come and celebrate our success!

C R I M I N A L J U S T I C E
(Hiles - 612/438-6221)

Just a reminder to get in the ballots for the Handgun Concurrence by February 1st; we're counting on you to make this a valid concurrence. If you wish to serve on the committee which will compile the results, call me or the state office immediately.

Two free publications available are "Overcrowded Time," why prisons are so crowded and what can be done; and "Time to Build?", the realities of prison construction, can be ordered through the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation, 250 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10017. Also available, "Women in Jail..Special Problems, Different Needs" from Coalition, 1828 L Street, N.W., Suite 1200, Washington, D.C. 20036. If you have an interest in this area, these are free for the asking.

E D U C A T I O N
(Seitz - 218/525-5647)

Last fall our crystal ball was very fuzzy. We thought it had a picture of school funding (in the light of budget-cutting) issues and the shadows of tuition tax credits and voucher plans. In November and December education made news...the MN Business Partnership, Inc. report, the Democratic legislators proposals and the Governor's education message. Appearances now are that legislative proposals may include curriculum, school reorganization, competency testing, increased state funding, etc. Now, how do these issues fit with "equal educational opportunity" positions? With financing education positions? We'll have to evaluate as general statements become specific legislative proposals. Watch your newspapers for local reactions. Discuss with local school officials. If you need more information (or have contributions for my resource file), please contact me by phone or mail.

G O V E R N M E N T
(Knighton - 218/557-8728)
(Duffy - 612/429-9703)

Remember to mark Saturday, March 9, 1985, on your calendar for the Augsburg College sponsored and LWVMN cosponsored seminar, "Ethics in Government." A copy of the very interesting program will follow in the 3rd class mailing. Register for the conference by calling Ray Anderson of Augsburg College at 330-1059.

REMINDER! MAKE YOUR MARK ON U.S. TAX POLICY: It's easy to participate in the LWVUS fiscal policy study. Just read your Winter 1985 National VOTER and be sure to make your mark by sending the tear-off form to the national League office. Deadline for receipt of responses is February 15, 1985. Remember, the success of this national study depends on you!

FYI: Roseville LWV is holding a public briefing on Financing the Federal Government on February 11th in the Roseville City Hall, County Road C at Lexington Avenue.

I N T E R N A T I O N A L R E L A T I O N S
(Duffy - 612/429-9703)

Hopefully, you have all received your materials from LWVUS on the new study. This year is basically to review our old and new positions with some helpful suggestions. I urge your League to complete the included questionnaire in order to assist LWVUS - in giving them an idea of where local Leagues are on the issues. They need to hear from you. Also, if any of you have some suggestions for Part II of our new study, please let me know. The National Study Committee will be meeting again the end of February.

Prospects for Peacemaking, Phase II: In cooperation with the cosponsors of the Prospects for Peacemaking process, LWVMN is proceeding with plans for an outreach effort based on the "Minnesota Experiment." We hope to develop both materials for groups to use within our state as well as a manual to assist other communities to organize a similar effort in other parts of the country.

Even if you were unable to participate in the UNA sponsored workshops, the publication, "On the Frontlines: The United Nation's Role in Preventing and Containing Conflict" is very good and helpful to us in our study. Each League should have a copy but if you need more, contact UNA in Minneapolis.

N A T U R A L R E S O U R C E S
(Crampton - 612/926-3760)
(Grimsby - 612/922-9403)

As I write, the Legislature opens for its 1985 session. My history as a prognosicator is not all that hot, but I can say with assurance that the Superfund Law will certainly be considered for revision - particularly the "strict liability" and "Causation" sections. So far, it appears that the perception that those sections are troublesome is the problem, rather than the reality.

NATURAL RESOURCES (cont.)

LWVMN will continue to support those sections in their present form.

In discussions with the Board and Action Committee, it has become apparent that there is general feeling that this will not be a good session to actively pursue a container deposit law. We simply cannot afford to commit money to a campaign that shows little signs of being successful. Which does not mean we are giving up! We in League know that successful battles have in some cases taken many years - so while we may retrench for a session or two, we will be back. Actually, we aren't even leaving. To the best of my present knowledge, the bills will be filed but we will probably not pursue any action. Meantime, what we do intend to be looking at is the Metropolitan Council proposal for householder source separation of compost material and recyclables. We have not yet seen the actual proposed legislation, so cannot give an absolute answer on whether we will be giving such a bill our support, but there is strong likelihood that we will. Incidentally, there is no reason that a container deposit law, and a law governing source separation cannot exist compatibly and even complement one another. A good example is Oregon, which has had a container deposit law for over ten years, and last year implemented the Oregon Recycling Opportunity Act. The "opportunity" is a mandate to governmental units to provide either curbside pickup or a convenient drop-off center, depending on population size. One thing to keep in mind is that mandatory recycling is paid for usually through taxes or service fees, to the government, and requires the accompanying bureaucracy. Under a container deposit law, the mechanics of deposits and returns is handled in a closed loop between brewer and/or bottler, retainer and consumer. Costs remain in the private sector. The bottom line, of course, is that we, as citizens or consumers, always pay the increased cost - whether in taxes or product cost. The only question is, who can do it least expensively?

One last word on deposits: the news from New York State is really good - the beer distributors there financed a study of the new law by a local university, and it came out with pluses in the areas of litter control, energy savings, water conservation and jobs (over 3,000 new ones). All this from the opposition. If there is room, I'll enclose a sheet with the 3rd class mailing.

At present I (Crampton) am serving on the Waste Management Board's Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee and the Governor's Task Force on High Level Radioactive Waste. As a member of the Task Force I chair the Citizen's Advisory Committee to the Task Force. The Advisory Committee will be meeting in Duluth on February 9th (Saturday) at the First United Methodist Church, 230 E. Skyline Pkwy., at 12:30 p.m. and the public is invited. So if you have questions on these subjects, do let me know, or come to the Radioactive Waste meeting. I am also observing when possible, and reading minutes when not, the activities of the Midwest Compact on Low-Level Radioactive Waste, and attended the LWVUS seminar on the subject in Washington in November.

Look in the 3rd Class Mailing for information on the acid rain deposition hearings that will be held around the state in late February, early March. We need citizen comment, either in person or in writing on this subject. If you would be interested in volunteering to spend some time calling on the Sierra Club phone bank (if you are in the Metro area) give me a call. They will be calling February 11-14 and February 18-21, to urge citizens to participate.

By the time you read this, most of you will have completed your water study consensus. The study chairs, committee and I thank you for your patience and concern and hope that you didn't find the consensus itself too daunting. The detail in the consensus should help us to formulate a position that will be very helpful in both the Minnesota Legislature, and our dealings with our members of Congress. Incidentally, should any of you still be interested in a water program, Mr. Ken Gardner of the Public Affairs Office of the St. Paul District Office of the Corps of Engineers called and offered his services. His telephone number is 612/725-7505, and he urges anyone to call and discuss the possibilities. You might want a different point of view presented on the same program as well. Call me if you'd like suggestions on any or all of the above.

S O C I A L P O L I C Y
(Hendrixson - 612/925-5079)
(Lucas - 612/823-8544)

ERA: We reported the disappointing defeat of a state Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) on the ballot in Maine in our last Board Memo. The League of Women Voters of Maine was a leader in the campaign to win voter approval of the ERA. Now those same leaders are reflecting on their loss and the implications and message that loss has for all of us in the League. The Maine League has written to LWVUS President, Dot Ridings, suggesting that:

1. The LWVUS form another ERA committee with a national board member chair and representatives from Leagues around the country to build a coalition of mainstream women's organizations in support of the ERA.
2. This coalition (U.S. Alliance for Equal Rights) would be a communication center for ERA activities in all states, an educational resource center and a source for ERA campaign strategies.
3. The coalition would do nationwide fundraising to help in state and federal ERA campaigns and to support research and surveys for the ERA education of all people.

At the January Board Meeting the LWVMN voted to send a letter supporting Maine's request to President Ridings. In the meantime reach out in your community with educational programs and speeches on the need for a federal ERA. The LWVUS has a good, recent pamphlet on the ERA, ERA, Why We Need It, to help with your educational efforts. We do not want to weaken our commitment to passage of the ERA in these challenging times. We want the League of Women Voters to be a leader in educating everyone of the need for an ERA. When the ERA is passed we want it remembered that the League of Women Voters made a difference. With all of us working, our day will come. Suggested Reading: Griffith, Elisabeth, In Her Own Right, the Life of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Oxford University Press, 1984; Chafe, William, Women and Equality; Oxford University Press, 1977; Evans, Sara Evans, Personal Politics, Vintage Books, New York, 1979; Jane O'Reilly, The Girl I Left Behind, Collier Books (Macmillan), 1980; Paige, Constance, The Right to Lifers, 1984 (Very important as it tells of the development and organization of conservative movement). (League of Women Voters of Maine State Board.)

Pay Equity: Thanks to everyone who responded on local pay equity activities. You are doing a great job! We have enclosed a copy of a pay equity editorial used in the Mpls Star & Tribune. Please feel free to use any or all of the article for an article or letter to the editor in your local newspaper. Keep up the good work!

Battle Lake: studied issue and distributing booklet; Buffalo/Monticello: Held informational meeting. Will monitor progress of city, school, county; Duluth: Held public meeting with Women's Commission of Duluth featuring Nina Rothchild. Monitoring school board and county; Fridley: Invited Bonnie Watkins from Minnesota Department of Employee Relations to speak; Grant County: Closely monitoring county implementation; Mahtomedi Area: Adopted Pay Equity as local action item for 1985. Will monitor city, county and school board. Have a 12-member committee; Mankato: April unit meeting discussion and program; Minneapolis: Held public meeting on issue with representatives from County Board, City Council and respective employees. Monitoring city and county "progress" in implementation; Minnetonka: Invited Glennis Ter Wisscha (Wilmar 8) to speak on pay equity; Moorhead: Observing county and school board actions; Northfield: Has a pay equity committee of League members including several who serve on city council, school board and county board. They are close to the action; Rochester: Monitoring success of chosen consultant for job evaluation study in city; St. Cloud: Planning April pay equity workshop for local officials, school boards, etc. on implementing pay equity; South Tonka: Informational program on pay equity. Monitoring implementation in Excelsior, Greenwood, Tonka Bay, Shorewood and Deeplaven. Also monitoring school district; Winona: Planning a joint educational project with local Women's Resource Center.

C I T I Z E N I N F O R M A T I O N
(Santi - 612/426-5151)

Issues and Approaches for
BRINGING HEALTH CARE BACK HOME

Tuesday, March 19, 1985
9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Vance C. Demong Auditorium
North Memorial Medical Center
Robbinsdale, Minnesota

Registration materials are enclosed for the March 19th conference "Issues and Approaches for BRINGING HEALTH CARE BACK HOME," to be held from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at North Memorial Medical Center, Robbinsdale.

The meeting is directed to those interested in the kind of care that is and has been suggested for the elderly and handicapped as an alternative to hospitals and nursing homes. The program will address the two avenues in which home health care has developed, including what services are being given at present, how they are being financed and how county boards are making purse strings decisions.

Eleven conference speakers and panelists will bring out issues of women as caregivers, that of assuring quality and present proposals for improvement. The final speaker will talk about where home health care will fit into the long term health care picture. Members of the Home Care Alliance will be invited to provide brochures describing their services.

Cost for LWV members is \$15, for non-members \$20, and includes registration, lunch and parking. Send checks payable to LWVMNEF, to the state office, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul, 55102. Registration deadline is Monday, March 11th. The complete program and registration forms are in the 3rd class mailing.

PAY EQUITY VIDEOTAPES: Videotapes from the Pay Equity Focus are available in ½". The program is divided into parts as follows:

- Part I - "Pay Equity: The Quiet Revolution" - Rothchild, "Minnesota's Pay Equity Law" - Berglin, Riveness, Rothchild - 36 min.
- Part II - "How the State Stands Ready to Help" - Rothchild - 30 min.
- Part IV - Panel Discussion "Getting Pay Equity Going" - Zwemke, Farmer, Robinson, Fogarty, 40 min.
- Parts V
and VI - Implications for the Future - Scott, Sachse, and "Monitoring the Pay Equity Act" - Lucas - 51 min.

You may borrow these for a two-week period. Send a \$25 deposit with your requested date.

"Public Servant" is a new weekly newspaper about Minnesota government being published by a St. Paul free lance journalist. A sample copy is included in the 3rd class mailing. Introductory 13-week subscriptions can be ordered for \$5 from Korris Publication, Inc., 1264 Dayton Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104.

V O T E R S S E R V I C E
(Leppik - 612/546-3328)

Secretary of State Joan Grove is forming a task force to study the punch-card voting system. She is soliciting comments related to the make-up and subject matter of this committee and has asked for Leaguers input on the problems we are aware of, our possible participation, and/or our recommendation of interested persons. Contact Elaine Voss, Deputy Secretary of State at 612/296-2309 with questions or let us know if you want us to recommend you.

S E R V I C E T O L O C A L L E A G U E S
(Higinbotham - 612/926-9399)

CONVENTION '85: Convention is coming to Duluth, June 6-9, and we hope that many League members have begun making plans to be there. In this mailing you are receiving the preliminary schedule. As you can see, we are doing something new by repeating the first session again at the end of Convention. This means that LL Presidents will be able to attend general interest workshops as well as those for presidents.

We would like to have all League members with us from Thursday lunch through noon on Sunday, but if schedules don't permit that, we hope this repetition will allow more people to participate in convention activities. This year for the first time we are also allowing delegates to share credentials for League members who can only attend part of the convention.

Help determine the League's future, network with your counterparts from local Leagues and the state board, see Duluth, sharpen your skills at workshops and go jogging up hill and down in Duluth. COME TO CONVENTION! Remember too, visitors are welcome. You don't have to be a delegate to attend any convention activity!

Annual Meeting Planning: It's time to plan your annual meeting. Your bylaws, nominating and budget committees should be meeting already. Enclosed in the 3rd class mailing is a Guide to Planning Your Annual Meeting. If you have specific concerns with reference to your Annual Meeting, please don't hesitate to call or write for assistance.

M E M B E R S H I P
(Nordland - 612/448-3165)

If your local League has not yet completed and returned its 1984 LWVMN Membership Report Form (printed on pink paper), please do so immediately!!! The data on the form is important in formulating a responsible budget as well as in planning effective service to you. Thanks to these "early bird" Leagues: Northern Dakota County, Brooklyn Park/Osseo/Maple Grove, Marshall, Grant County, Bemidji Area, St. Peter.

D E V E L O P M E N T
(McKinnell - 612/646-3690)

DINNER AT THE ATRIUM: Friday, February 22, 1985, 6:30 p.m. at the Atrium of International Market Square, 1128 Harmon Place, Minneapolis.

- Great Food and Fun! Dinner catered by International Market Square (chosen by the Minnesota Symphony Ball for their event). Cash bar.
- Entertainment by SPIRIT, acapella singers, and the Hamline University Jazz Combo.
- Auction. Silent and Live. Many exciting items to choose from to fit all wishes and pockets. Additional auction items are welcome from you or your League or local business. Contact the state office or me.
- Reserve a table of 8 (or two) for your League now. Individual reservations welcome too.
- \$22.50 per person. Mail your check and reservation to the state office today.

Bed and Breakfast available for the February 22nd Frolic. Contact LWVMN Board Members: Carolyn Hendrixson, Mpls; Joan Higinbotham, Mpls; Judy Nordland, Chaska; Joann Buie, Edina.

EDUCATION FUND KICKOFF CAMPAIGN BENEFITS LOCAL LEAGUES: The December mailing requesting gifts to the new LWVMNEF has shown returns for local Leagues too. Thirty-one local Leagues received a 25% share of the money raised in their area, and now have money in their Ed Fund accounts. These small start-up funds can be increased by contributions from your members and fundraising efforts. You can use this money to buy LWVMNEF pubs for your members and your community, or for a project.

NOTE: ED FUND CHANGE: Watch your 3rd class mailing this month for Form A-4 revised January, 1985, "Project Request to Purchase LWVMNEF publications." Throw out the old A-4 at the back of the "How to Use Your League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund: A guide for Local Leagues" and attach the revised A-4. Changes in the form were made to reflect changes in the process mandated by our accountant. You will now get a cash advance from LWVMNEF to purchase LWVMNEF pubs and pay for them with that money.

PUBLIC RELATIONS
(Walters - 612/934-3412)

Enclosed in the 3rd class mailing is the application for the Annual Public Relations Award. The winner of this year's award will be announced during LWVMN Convention in June. This is your opportunity to toot your own horn; tell about your successful activities during the year since last May. Deadline is May 15th, so you still have time to come up with a really dazzling one-shot affair or perhaps your cumulative effort will win for you.

If you have run out of ideas, how about publicizing the studies your League will be doing in February and March, spotlighting some outstanding League member or getting someone to write (you?) an article for your local paper on an issue that bears discussing.

MARKETING
(Buie - 612/941-7979)

A HEARTY THANK YOU to all who have promoted, bought and sold our cookbook. Please continue your efforts - it is paying off! We are able to make our payments to Waldman House Press and keep a savings and checking account running. Please don't let our good project start to slide - we have the potential to make \$14,000 - a real boost to the LWVMN budget and to your LL budget.

COUNCIL OF METROPOLITAN AREA LEAGUES
(Mayne - 612/645-4007)

There was some misunderstanding regarding CMAL's legislative priorities in a mailing recently. So I'd like to review these as established by the CMAL Action Committee and as they are explained in our January Quarterly. We believe our efforts should concentrate on source separation of wastes, an open appointment of Metro Council process, authority for the Metro Council to appoint the chairs of service commissions such as the Waste Control Commission and the Regional Transit Board, supplemental funding for the operation and maintenance of regional parks, centralized regulation of Metro taxis, and a legislative structure to provide focus for Metro affairs.

At our March Quarterly Meeting, which will be hosted by Bloomington, we hope to concentrate on Solid Waste Management - various technologies and their impacts on recycling, the consumers and the haulers. We hope also to draw on the experience of some local Leagues which have had studies and active programs on the subject. This is truly a subject of interest to each of your members.

LONG RANGE PLANNING
(Reynolds - 612/426-3894)

We are looking for volunteers to serve on the Long Range Planning Committee. Please call or write to Sue Reynolds at 11 Dellwood Avenue, Dellwood, MN 55110 or the state office if interested.

The first meetings of the Long Range Planning Committee are scheduled for: a) Tuesday, January 29th at 10:30 a.m. at the LWVMN office or b) Saturday, February 9th at 10:30 a.m. at my house. (This is to encourage greater Minnesota participation.) Hope to see you at one of them.

INTERLEAGUE

Wanted: Someone with a connection to principals in a good ad agency. We want to ask for a donation of creative time to develop TV, radio and print public service announcements with the theme "Join LWV". Contact Jean Tews, Sally Sawyer or Mary Santi at the state office.

LEAGUEKEEPING

Treasurers: Our bookkeeper reminds us that local Leagues must pay invoices from LWVMNEF and LWVMN with separate checks. Our accountant tells us that MN and EF transactions must be kept separate.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Continuing Education for Women, University of Minnesota, is offering a non-credit class series, Ten Years After: 10th Anniversary of International Women's Year in the spring of 1985. See the 3rd class mailing for a flyer and registration form which fully explains the class offerings. Because the LWVMN is a cosponsor, Continuing Education for Women is allowing a price reduction to League members. Prices for the classes will be:

	<u>Regular Price</u>	<u>Price to LWV members</u>
Women's Issues in the U.S. and Abroad	\$42	\$38
The Development of Feminism in MN	36	32
Understanding Comparable Worth	36	32
Women: Activists and Volunteers	36	32
Women's Issues Worldwide: A Study Group	43	43

To receive this reduction League members must write on the registration form (which they send to CEW) that they are a member of the League of Women Voters. Persons 62 years of age or older, whether or not they are members of the League, may take classes at $\frac{1}{2}$ the regular price.

CITIZENS IN ACTION, a citizen lobbyist's handbook, published by LWVMN, 1985 edition.

Cost: \$5.00 per copy
1.50 postage and handling, 3rd class
 \$6.50 total

of copies

Name _____

Address



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ACTION AWARD

TO: Local League Presidents and Action Chairs

FROM: Erica Buffington, LWVMN Action Chair

RE: LWVMN ACTION AWARD

DATE: January 8, 1985

Every year at state council or convention LWVMN presents an action award for a particularly impressive local League action campaign. Winners of the Action Award receive "We know how to act" buttons for every member of their League.

The action campaign may be based on League's principles or positions at the national, state or local level, but it must have been initiated and carried out at the local level. The campaign must have been completed since May 1, 1984. To be eligible, a League must file the attached contest form at the state office by April 8, 1985. The winner will be determined by a state board committee chaired by the state Action Chair.

Entries will be judged on:

Planning

Member involvement

Originality

Visibility

Work with others to achieve the goals

Timeliness

Degree of success - Did community attitudes change? Was a law implemented or stopped? Did you make a difference?

Resource: For information on "How To Do It", see national publication, ACTION, #161, \$1.00; also LWVMN publication, CITIZENS IN ACTION, \$5.00 (plus \$1.50 postage and handling.)

1985 LWVMN ACTION AWARD ENTRY

(Deadline April 8, 1985
(Feel free to attach additional
information)

1. Brief description of the Action Campaign:
2. Was the action taken under a local, state or national position or League principle?
3. Describe how the plan was carried out:
4. Duration of campaign:
5. How was the membership involved?

Percent of members involved:
6. Approximate amount of money spent:
7. Was there a periodic evaluation? Explain:
8. Summarize the outcome, successes and failures of the campaign:

9. Assessment:

Name of League _____

Report prepared by: _____ Date: _____

PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD APPLICATION

League _____

Person filling out application _____

Telephone number _____ Date _____

Describe the public relations activity:

Purpose of the activity:

Results from the publicity generated by the activity:

For further information, contact Marcia Walters, 612/934-3412 (h) or 292-0006 (o), 5112 Forest Road, Minnetonka, MN 55345, or the LWVMN office.

DEADLINE IS MAY 15

F I R S T C A L L T O C O N V E N T I O N

The 50th State Convention of the
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

will be held on

June 6, 7, 8, 9, 1985

University of Minnesota, Duluth

From the Bylaws:

ARTICLE VIII, Convention

Section 1. Place, Date and Call. A Convention of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall be held biennially at a time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. The president shall send a first call for the Convention to the presidents of the local Leagues not less than four months prior to the opening date of the Convention fixed in said call. Thereafter the Board of Directors may advance or postpone the opening date of the Convention by not more than two weeks. A final call for the Convention shall be sent to the presidents of the local Leagues at least two months before the opening date of the Convention.

Section 2. Composition. The Convention shall consist of the delegates chosen by the members enrolled in the local Leagues, and delegates chosen by members-at-large of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota, as provided in Section 4 of this article; the presidents of local Leagues or an alternate in the event the president is unable to attend; and the members of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

Section 3. Qualification of Delegates and Voting. Each delegate shall be a voting member enrolled in a recognized local League in the State of Minnesota. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote only at the Convention even though the delegate may be attending in two or more capacities. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted. The Convention shall be the sole judge of whether a delegate is qualified to vote.

Section 4. Representation. a) The members of the League of Women Voters of the United States who are organized into recognized local Leagues in the State of Minnesota shall be entitled to voting representation in the Convention as follows: Each local League shall be entitled to two delegates, in addition to the president of the local League or an alternate in the event the president is unable to attend; these additional delegates shall be chosen by the local League. The members in each local League having more than twenty-five members or major fraction thereof belonging to said local League on January 1st of said year. The record in the state office of paid voting members as of January 1st of said year shall determine the official membership count for this purpose. b) Members-at-large of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall be entitled to one delegate for each 25 members, chosen by a procedure determined by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

Section 5. Powers. The Convention shall consider and authorize for action a Program, shall elect officers and directors, the Budget Chairperson, Nominating Committee Chairperson and two Nominating Committee members, shall adopt a budget for the ensuing fiscal year, and shall transact such other business as may be properly presented.

Section 6. Quorum. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the delegates registered at the Convention provided that not less than ten local Leagues are represented.

PRELIMINARY CONVENTION AGENDA

Thursday, June 6, 1985

- 12:00 - Lunch
- * - 1:00 - 4:00 - Presidents Workshop; Workshops of General Interest
- 4:00 - 5:00 - Informal Networking meetings
- 5:30 - Dinner in Duluth at Fitgers Brewery; film on Lake Superior

Friday, June 7, 1985

- 9:00 - 11:30 - Workshops and Presidents Workshop
- 11:45 - 12:45 - Lunch
- 1:00 - 5:00 - Convention Session I
- 5:30 - 7:30 - Dinner with Hope Washburn Award and Detroit Lakes
Style Show
- 7:45 - 8:45 - Meet with Counterparts
- 9:00 - Caucuses; Budget Committee meets

Saturday, June 8, 1985

- 8:30 - 12:15 - Convention Session II - Long Range Planning (8:30-10:45)
- 12:30 - 1:45 - Lunch; Awarding of Membership and Voter Service Awards
- 1:45 - 4:15 - Convention Session III
- 4:30 - 5:30 - Networking
- 6:00 - 8:30 - Dinner with speaker on Indians; Recognition of special
guest; Launch INDIANS

Sunday, June 9, 1985

- * 9:00 - 12:00 - Presidents Workshop; Workshops of General Interest

* Workshops Repeated



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

555 WABASHA • ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55102 • TELEPHONE (612) 224-5445

January 17, 1985

Dear Local League President:

Spring means Hope Washburn Award time for the League of Women Voters. Now is the time to submit your nominations. It is our way of honoring a Leaguer who has given outstanding service to the League. This award was established in 1956 to honor Hope Washburn for her outstanding service to the St. Paul League as well as the state League. This year's award will be presented at Convention on June 7th, to a League member who has performed outstanding service to the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. That service can be at any level of League activity, either state or local.

Any League member may nominate another member (except those serving on the current state Nominating Committee) who has been active at any level of League. The nominee does not need to be a member of the nominator's League. A member can be renominated by resubmitting her/his name with an update of League activities in the subsequent year or years. In keeping with the policy adopted in 1974, nominating material will be kept for a period of four years (upon request, the material will be returned to the submitter within that time). The task of selecting one outstanding person from all the outstanding nominees is very difficult. Sometimes the choice between the top two candidates is agonizing and the committee strongly recommends that the nominators consider resubmitting names so that these outstanding individuals can be given another consideration.

The Nominating Committee selects two finalists from the list of nominees; then each of the five committee members send her vote directly to last year's recipient. Only she will know who is to receive the Award before the presentation at Convention on June 7th.

The attached form is for your convenience. It is meant to give you an idea of the information the Nominating Committee believes is essential. If you prefer, you may use your own format. You may nominate more than one person. The deadline for nominations is April 8, 1985. Please send them to Ruth Armstrong, Nominating Committee Chair, 928 Lincoln Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55105.

Please read this call for nominations to your Board and publish it in your bulletin to make sure that all members are aware of this important recognition for League service.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Armstrong, on behalf of the Nominating Committee whose members are:

Lisa Borelli (LWV-Grand Rapids); Erica Buffington (LWV-St. Louis Park); Billie Franey (LWV-White Bear Lake/North Oaks; and Cathy Hegg (LWV-Alexandria).

NOMINATION FOR THE 1985 HOPE WASHBURN AWARD

Name

Address

League

List nominee's League activities and positions held. Please give approximate dates.

List other community activities:

Please give reasons why this person is nominated.

Your name

League

Please return by April 8, 1985 to:

Ruth Armstrong, State Nominating Committee Chair
928 Lincoln Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55105



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PHONE: (612) 224-5445

MEMO

TO: Local League Presidents

FROM: Emily Schmitz & Beverly McKinnell

SUBJECT: Dinner at the Atrium

DATE: January 16, 1985

WE NEED YOUR INPUT! To involve all League members in this exciting social event, we need auction items from your members and friends of the League.

Innovative donations needed are: service items such as gourmet dinners, lunches, tours, fishing trips, a day at the farm, plane rides, balloon rides, cottage use, you name it. Celebrity items, donations from businesses are especially enticing (hotel rooms, meals, tickets for entertainment and events, exercise equipment, sports gear, bathing suits, BBQ stuff, food items, etc.

Please copy and circulate this form to your members. Absolute deadline is February 15, 1985 for inclusion in the Program.

Tell your members to look for their invitations in the mail.

Thanks for sharing.

clip and return

Name _____

Address _____ Phone: _____

City _____ Zip: _____

☐ Item to be donated

☐ Service to be donated. Expiration Date: _____

Description: (If you can be specific it helps) _____

Donor: _____

Do you need a minimum bid? If so, how much? _____

Issues and Approaches for
BRINGING HEALTH CARE BACK HOME

Tuesday, March 19, 1985
9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Vance C. Demong Auditorium
North Memorial Medical Center
Robbinsdale, Minnesota

PROGRAM

- 9:00 Registration and Coffee
- 9:30 The Two Avenues of Home Health Care - Public and Private
Sally Howard, Chairwoman, Minnesota Home Health Care Task Force
- 9:40 Public Health - The Original Trail
Darlene Lind, Director, Public Health Nursing, Meeker County
Mark Andrew, Member, Hennepin County Board of Commissioners
W. J. (Bill) Brakke, Member, Rock County Board of Commissioners
- 10:15 Private Agencies - Alternate Route
Pat Mulligan, Administrator, Integrated Home Care Services
Nancy Olson, Director of Home Care, North Memorial Medical Center
- 10:35 Paying the Tolls
Mike Tripple, Asst. Dir., Health Resources Div., MN Dept. of Health
- 10:45 Structured and Audience Questions of the Previous Speakers
- 11:15 15-Minute Break
- 11:30 Proposals for Changing Course
Lori Wedeking, Asst. Dir., Section of Public Health Nursing, MN Dept. of Health
Sharon K. Patten, Ph.D., Member, Metropolitan Council Long Term Care Task Force
- 12:00 Audience Questions
- 12:30 Buffet Lunch
- 1:30 The Impact of Women as Caregivers
Gayle Kvenvold, Co-chair, Focus Group on Family Roles and Responsibilities in the Care of Older People
- 2:00 Merging Home Health Care into the Health Care Highway
Cynthia K. Polich, President, Polich and Associates
- 2:30 Adjourn

Home health care providers will be invited to have brochures available describing their services.

Cost: \$15 LWV members, \$20 non-members, includes registration, lunch and parking. Make checks payable to LWVMEF and send to the address above. Registration deadline is Monday, March 11th. For more information, call the LWVMN office at 224-5445.

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Registrations due
Monday, March 11, 1985

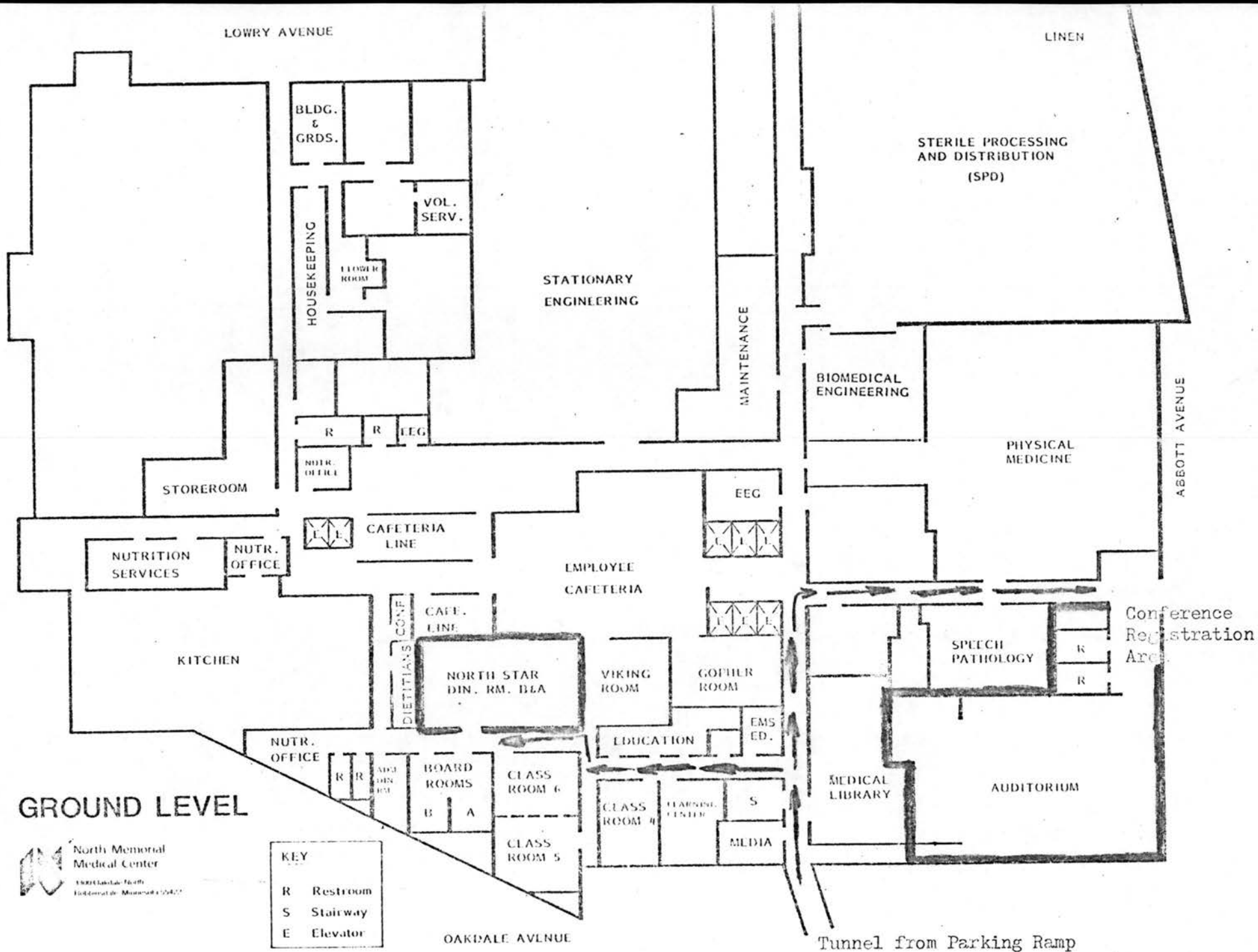
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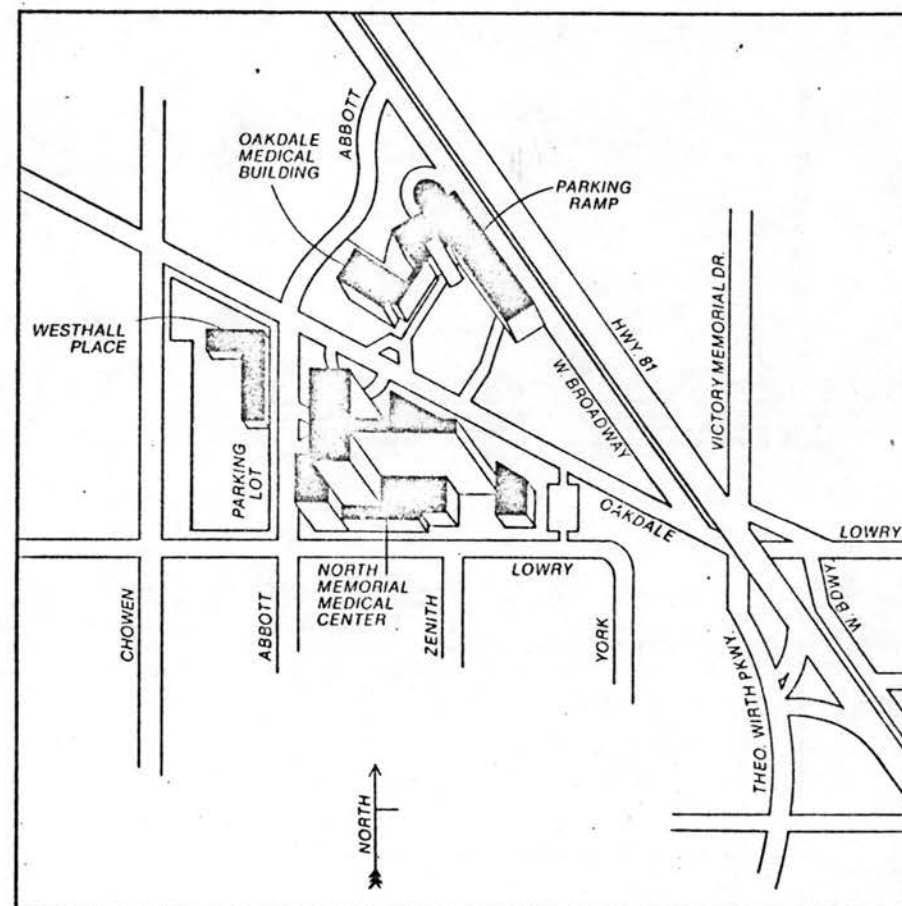
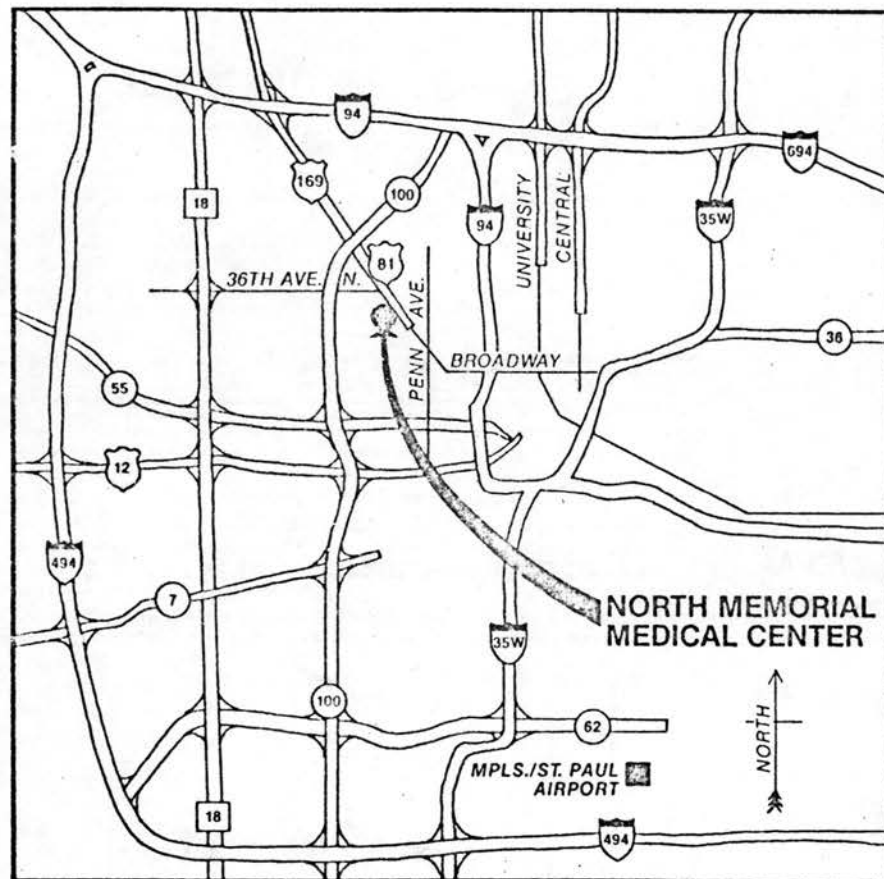
NAME	Registration, meal and parking \$15 LWV members \$20 non-members	Registration & parking \$10 LWV members \$15 non-members	.3 CEU's* \$2.50

The meeting is accessible to the handicapped.

Park in ramp, have ticket validated when you register for conference.

*Those wishing Continuing Education Credits must send name, address, telephone number and social security number as well as \$2.50 fee.





ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT

Fourth Annual Seminar on Applied Ethics

Sateren Auditorium, Augsburg College, March 9, 1985

(In the Music Hall, across Riverside Avenue from Fairview Hospital)

Register by calling: Ray Anderson, 330-1059

8:45 Session: Ethics and Government - how are they related:

Viewpoint: Professor Lance Barker, Professor of Church in Community,
United Theological Seminary, New Brighton

Is there a public ethics?

Whose ethics are the publics? How do we select?

Can religious ethics be social ethics?

Viewpoint: St. Paul Mayor George Latimer

The practitioner's challenge - maintaining an ethical balance.

10:30 Session: How should government promote social and economic justice? What are appropriate goals and means?

Viewpoint: Robert Terry, Director of Reflective Leadership Program at the
Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs

Art, ethics and authority - a context for governance.

Viewpoint: Mulford Q. Sibley, former Professor of Political Science,
University of Minnesota, visiting professor, Hamline School of Law.

An examination of one of the central issues - property, its use and abuse. This raises questions of the nature of the right to property, property as means and end, and the problem of distributive justice.

1:30 Session: PACs - How dangerous is big money in politics?

Viewpoint: Debbie Nankivell, Executive Secretary, Common Cause/Minnesota
The Common Cause view of political action committees, their impact on elections and campaign financing.

Viewpoint: Frank Sorauf, Professor of Political Science, University of Minnesota
There are some dangers in political action committees but the data on PACs do not support the widely held view that they are an important source of corruption in public life.

3:15 Session: Intergenerational justice - How much should we sacrifice for future generations?

Viewpoint: Professor Terence Ball, Professor of Political Science, University of Minnesota

This question arises in many arenas - farmland, waste disposal, protection of wildlife, use of non-renewable resources, etc.

Since the idea of justice tends to entail some notion of reciprocity, what concept of justice can help us to clarify what we owe to future generations?

Viewpoint: Ken Nelson, Legislator, Minnesota House of Representatives
A look at the political realities involved in the effort to meet current needs while also taking seriously the needs of future generations.

You and your guests
are cordially invited to join us

February 22, 1985

at

The Atrium

at International Market Square
Minneapolis, Minnesota

6:30 p.m. • Social Hour (cash bar)

Silent Auction
Hamline University Jazz Combo

7:45 p.m. • Dinner

Cornish Game Hen with Cranberry Vinegar Sauce
Wild Rice Hunters Style
Carrot and Zucchini Batons
Melons and Strawberries on Romaine Lettuce with
Strawberry Vinaigrette
Chocolate Mousse Torte
Coffee, Tea or Milk
Carafes of Wine available at cash bar.

9:00 p.m. • Program



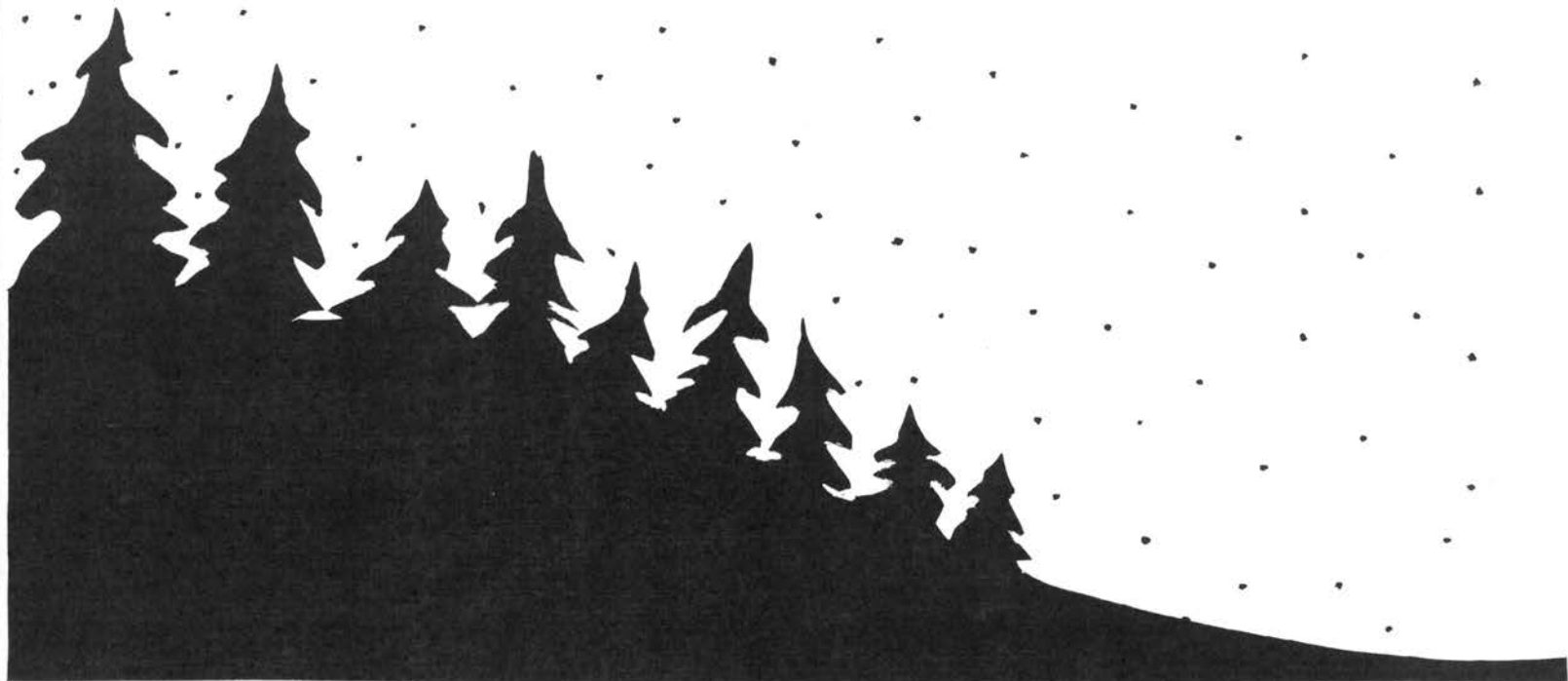
Acappella harmonics featuring a
tasteful blend of swing and blues!

9:30 p.m. • Live Auction

Join in the Merry Making! The Atrium is a spectacular setting in which to
meet ——— dine ——— party ——— watch the stars come out!

Three minutes from downtown
located on the freeway exits of Interstate 94
and Highways 12 and 55.

Free parking adjacent to the main entrance.



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1500 MISSISSIPPI ST
ST PAUL MN 55101

Detach and mail to LWVMN, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul, MN 55102 by February 15, 1985

Please make _____ reservations for me at \$22.00 each.

* Tables for eight may be reserved by including all checks (and names) in one envelope.

I won't be able to attend but enclosed is my check to help continue the activities
of the LWVMN. ____\$44 ____\$22 ____other

Enclosed is my check made out to LWVMN in the amount of \$ _____

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ PHONE NUMBER _____



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BOARD MEMO

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CALENDAR

(Events as we have them on the calendar in the state League office.)

- March 14 - LWVUS Financing Federal Government position released
19 - LWVMN Focus on Home Health Care
1st class Board Memo mailing
20 - Capitol Letter mailed from state office
21 - 3rd class Board Memo mailing (Convention materials)
Long Range Planning Committee, 9:30 a.m., state office
29 - Minnesota VOTER mailed
31 - LWVMN fiscal year ends
- April 1 - LWVUS PMP due
2 - Long Range Planning Committee, 10:00 a.m., Common Cause office
LWVMN Action Committee meeting, 9:30 a.m., state office
3 - Capitol Letter mailed from state office
4 - CMAL Executive Committee, 9:30 a.m., state office
7 - Easter
8 - Hope Washburn nominations due
Action Award nominations due
9 - LWVMNEF & LWVMN Board Meetings, 9:30 a.m., state office (no Board Memo)
12 - Registration Deadline for Day on the Hill
15 - LL Presidents Survey due in state office
Voter Service Award nominations due
16 - Nominating Committee Meeting, noon, state office
Day on the Hill dinner, Capitol Holiday Inn, 7:00 p.m.
17 - Day on the Hill, MN Historical Society, 9:00 a.m.
Capitol Letter mailed from state office
24 - LWVMN Office Management Committee, 10:30 a.m., state office
27-30 - LWVUS Council, Washington, D.C.
- May 1 - Capitol Letter mailed from state office
2 - CMAL Executive Committee, 9:30 a.m., state office
7 - Action Committee, 9:30 a.m., state office
15 - LWVMN Convention Registration deadline
PR Award nominations due in state office
16 - CMAL Convention
- June 6-9 - LWVMN Convention and workshops, Duluth

ENCLOSURES

(Mailed 1st class to Presidents only; Presidents, please distribute to appropriate portfolio chairs. *denotes mailed to DPM subscribers.)

- 1985 LWVMN Convention Registration packet*/Higinbotham
-letter of invitation to LLs from LWV-Duluth
-final call to the 50th LWVMN Convention
-general Convention information
-Convention agenda
-delegate qualifications, count and credentials

ENCLOSURES (cont.)

1985 LWVMN Convention Packet

- Workshop selection sheet
- Registration form
- request for display space
- LL Presidents' Survey
- 1987 Convention site application
- brochures on Duluth & Fitgers Brewery

Proposed LWVMN Program for 1985-87*/Hegg

Proposed Slate of Officers and Directors for LWVMN, 1985-87*/Armstrong

Proposed LWVMN Budgets for 1985-86 and 1986-87*/Hall

Proposed LWVMNEF Budgets for 1985-86 and 1986-87*/Hall

Proposed Amendments to LWVMN Bylaws*/Banitt

Day on the Hill Registration*/Buffington

Access to Excellence Legislation*/Seitz

Access to Excellence Tabloid/Seitz

Government: Size of the Legislature*/Knighton, Duffy

Speaker's Bureau flyers/Buie

Update on Natural Resources*/Crampton

Focus on Membership newsletter/Nordland

Election '84 Voters Service Summary/Leppik

Local League Video Production Listing/Santi

CEW Course Information*/Santi

Bulletin Clip Art/Walters

Commission on the Economic Status of Women/Hendrixson, Lucas

Education Update, Feb., 1985/Seitz

Sociology of Rural Life, Winter, 1985/Hendrixson, Lucas

MN Women's Consortium Workshop on home based business/Hendrixson, Lucas

LWVMNEF Survey

B O U Q U E T S T O

- .St. Louis Park LWV for having the highest number of people attending the Fundraiser for their League size;
- .Emily Schmitz and her Fundraiser Committee: Joann Buie, Harriette Burkhalter, Marylyn Deneen, Barb Hiles, Ginny Levy and Beverly McKinnell for raising over \$7,000 at the Dinner at the Atrium. Also to helpers, Judy Nordland, Irv Deneen, Rose Krauser, Carolyn Hendrixson, Lin Neu, Cap Hiles, Ann, Sally Jean and Jennifer Tews, Martha Schmitz, Ms. Peggler, Ms. Heinz, Bud Buie, Carolyn Hiles, Marcia Walters, Karen Fraase, Mary and Gene Santi, Connie and Roman Hondl, Auctioneer Jim Buras, Joan Higinbotham, Susan McKinnell and to all the local League members and friends of LWVMN who participated in this event.

S T A T E B O A R D H A P P E N I N G S

At its March 12th meeting your State Board:

- .approved Bylaw Committee recommendations for amendments to the LWVMN Bylaws, to be voted upon by LWVMN Convention delegates;
- .approved a proposed Program for LWVMN for 1985-87, to be submitted to LWVMN Convention delegates for adoption;
- .gave final approval to proposed LWVMN Budgets for 1985-86 and 1986-87, to be presented to Convention delegates for adoption;
- .agreed with the Handgun Concurrence Committee report that there was no state League concurrence with the LWV-Minneapolis handgun control position;
- .selected Joan Higinbotham (SLL Vice President) and Beverly McKinnell (Development Vice President) as delegates to the LWVUS Council, April 27-30 in Washington, D.C. and Peggy Lucas (Social Policy) and Sally Sawyer (Executive Director) as visitors;
- .voted to cosponsor a conference on Population and Hunger with Planned Parenthood, United Nations Association, World Affairs Center, AAUW and Hubert Humparey Institute of Public Affairs.

P R E S I D E N T
(Tews- 612/426-1011)

Spring is trying to make an appearance here in MN. It's almost time to put away the boots and mittens and make preparations for annual meetings and the LWVMN Convention in Duluth, June 6-9th. The third class mailing this month contains preliminary Convention material you will want to discuss with your boards and Convention delegates: the proposed budget, bylaws revisions, state program and state board nominations. Also keep in mind the deadlines for your entries for the various special awards which will be presented at Convention: the Hope Washburn Distinguished Service Award, PR Award, Action Award and Voter Service Award.

State Budget Balancing: A very important memo is attached to the proposed LWVMN Budget. Based on local League responses to the LWVMN memo of October 30th requesting advice on how to balance our budget, the state Board is asking local Leagues to make one-time additional contributions to our state operations. Please read the budget memo carefully and discuss it with your Board.

Studies: At the March meeting the state Board determined there was no concurrence on the Handgun Study. The Water Study consensus results will be approved at the April Board meeting. Financing the Federal Government position was announced and mailed to all Leagues by LWVUS on March 10th.

S E R V I C E T O L O C A L L E A G U E S
(Higinbotham - 612/926-9399)

The League year is moving along quickly, and for some of you this means it will soon be time to turn your portfolio over to your successor. Before you do that, take time to "weed" the portfolio, discarding information that is no longer useful and putting other things in back files, to be available if necessary. Plan to meet with the person who is taking over your portfolio, and don't forget to pass on standard League materials (such as your copy of Program for Action, In League). You might also prepare a "tip sheet" for your successor, listing community people who are good resources, League publications which are especially helpful, and any other information that you wish you had had when you became a Board member.

CONVENTION is such a stimulating experience for all who are present. Encourage members to treat themselves to a weekend of learning combined with pleasure, and come to Convention as visitors if there are no delegate seats available. Complete information is included in the 3rd class mailing. Leagues that have a member nominated to the state Board are encouraged to include that person in its delegation.

D E V E L O P M E N T
(McKinnell - 612/646-3690)

Reminder: If your local League's fundraiser or finance drive is six months or less before an election, please take note: The Fair Campaign Practices Act states that you may not solicit contributions from any candidate unless he/she was a member or contributor for more than six months before his/her candidacy.

How to Use Your League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund: A Guide for Local Leagues
Revision: This booklet will be revised this spring - in time for Convention. Please give us your comments for revisions on the form in the 3rd class mailing. Thanks!

P R O G R A M P L A N N I N G
(Hegg - 612/762-1212)

Results of the Program Planning questionnaires returned by 35 out of 64 Leagues, representing about 2/3 of the membership, were discussed at the recent LWVMN Board Meeting. Several Leagues indicated they did not want a new study. However, many Leagues requested updates on current program items or a new study. The Board will be recommending a study of public policies pertaining to protection of children at Convention. See the 3rd class mailing to Presidents for the Proposed LWVMN Program for 1985-87.

COMMUNICATIONS
(Walters - 612/934-3412)

Newsletter Editors: Congratulations! You editors who are using clip art to enliven your newsletters are increasing the readability of your pieces. Enclosed in the 3rd class mailing is a sheet of art work to help you along.

Don't overlook the material that national has started to send out for inclusion in your local League newsletter. Due to the limited issues at the state level we will not be including it in the LWVMN VOTER.

Public Relations: Don't forget the deadline for your entry in the Public Relations Award due May 15th.

MARKETING
(Buie - 612/941-7979)

Always The Perfect Gift - Our People's Choice Cookbook! It's upbeat and up-to-date for our lifestyles demanding practicality and style.

.Mother/Father's Day .Birthdays .High School/College Graduations
.Birthdays .Easter .Shower/Wedding Gifts .Hostess Gifts

Can you help market our Speaker's Bureau? Suggest LWVMN speakers for clubs and organizations in your community. Included in the 3rd class mailing are Speaker's Bureau flyers.

VOTERS SERVICE
(Leppik - 612/546-3328)

We have extra sets of Young Voters Project posters available for LLs. If your League would like one or more sets for use in high school presentations or other voters service activities, call Wendy Weden at 612/926-4015. They will be sent at no charge to your League.

CITIZEN INFORMATION
(Santi - 612/426-5151)

Video Exchange: I have seen and heard of some excellent local video productions. Since other Leagues may have interest in seeing or borrowing them, I am offering to compile a listing to be available at state Convention. These programs have potential as unit programs, general meetings, broadcasting over your local cable network, or as a resource for technical information.

If you would like to have your production listed in the exchange, fill out the form that is included in the 3rd class mailing. Include the name of program, format, length, date of production, a short description and the name, address and phone number of a contact person. Please return this information to the state office by May 6th.

The exchange of video productions can greatly expand the variety of programs you can offer in your League. Local Leagues could consider a similar policy as LWVMN uses in lending productions. Basically LWVMN policy is to ask for a \$25 deposit, which is refunded when the program is returned undamaged and on time. Programs may be kept for three weeks, unless high demand necessitates a shorter period. If material is mailed, the borrowing League pays postage and handling costs (approximately \$3).

Continuing Education for Women Classes: LWVMN Board members will serve as faculty for two four-week Continuing Education for Women non-credit classes next year at the University of MN. "Practical Politics" will run on Wednesday mornings, October 2-23 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at McPhail Center. "Community, Civic and Social Groups: Organizing for Effectiveness" will run from April 2-23, 1986. Cost for each course is \$40. LWV members - \$35. Class descriptions are included in the 3rd class mailing.

A C T I O N
(Buffington - 612/929-8168)

DAY ON THE HILL: LWVMN, AAUW-Mpls and NCJW-Mpls are cosponsoring this year's Day on the Hill. The dinner meeting will be on Tuesday, April 16th, 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, St. Paul. Cost for the dinner, including tip is \$8.75. The speaker for the evening will discuss the education proposal called Access to Excellence.

On Wednesday, April 17th, the meeting place will be the Weyerhaeuser Room in the MN Historical Society Bldg, at 9 a.m. We will hear speakers on the topics "Whatever Happened to the MN Superfund?" and "Impact of Pay Equity on Local Government."

We will break into organizational groups and hear from LWVMN program people and lobbyists. A tour of the Capitol will be available. Cost for the day is \$3. You will be on your own for lunch. If possible, arrange to meet with your legislator(s). Suggestions for eating spots: Capitol, MN Dept. of Transportation cafeteria, Holiday Inn.

Registration forms will be in the 3rd class mailing. Deadline for registration is April 12th. Send your form and money to the state office.

ACTION AWARD: April 8th is the deadline to submit your Action Award entry. The entry form was mailed to you in January. If you've misplaced it, call the state office.

POSTCARD ALERT: Unfortunately 65 people responded. This is not enough to be cost effective. Therefore, there will be no Postcard Alert this legislative session.

C R I M I N A L J U S T I C E
(Hiles - 612/439-6221)

The Handgun Concurrence committee met on February 15th and concluded that due to lack of participation there was no concurrence. Only 16% of the members participated, though votes were overwhelmingly "yes." See article in the next VOTER for details.

The Dept. of Corrections has announced a "National Workshop on the Female Offender" to be held in St. Paul, April 28 - May 1st. Registration due by March 31st, cost \$75 for full package with three meals, or \$15 for the day plus a fee for any workshops attended. Mail registrations to: D. J. Fleming, Supt., MN Correction Facility, Box 7, Shakopee, MN 55379.

Program idea for next year: MN Citizens Council on Crime and Justice have some package programs available on delinquency, child abuse, family violence and correctional system. They consist of books, films, simulation games and audio-visual material. May be borrowed for 3-week periods. Call 612/340-5432 if interested.

I N T E R N A T I O N A L R E L A T I O N S
(Duffy - 612/429-9703)

National Security Study: Part II of the study dealing with U.S. interests and U.S. Aid to Developing Countries should be put into your local League calendar for this fall. Consensus will be due on January 15, 1986. LWVUS promises us the materials by June so that you can work at your leisure over the summer. There will be the usual publication and if all things fall into place (such as funding), a videocassette for this part of the study. Questions will be forthright with no grid. Meanwhile, continue to read the news. For anyone wishing to get started early, a review of Facts & Issues "North and South at the U.N. The Economic Challenge" (Pub. #642, 1976) and a current focus, "MTN: Breaking the Nontariff Barrier" (Pub. #546, 1979) would be good background.

MN AWARENESS PROJECT (MAP) is a program sponsored by the MN International Center and the International Student Advisors Office at the U of MN to assist Minnesota Community representatives in forming education projects on hunger and poverty as it affects developing countries. Teams of international students have been organized to make presentations to schools, churches and civic organizations to do training sessions in communities throughout the state. This is a federally funded program. If you would be interested in more information on this, contact the Minnesota International Center, Carol Steinberg, 612/373-0055 or 373-3200. The Center also has a speaker's bureau that might be helpful for programs.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (cont.)

Prospects for Peacemaking, Phase II: Plans are underway for outreach to other communities in (a) Minnesota and (b) other cities in the U.S. For Minnesota outreach, we will invite organizations and institutions in Minnesota to submit proposals for innovative projects that enable Minnesota citizens to have a voice in national security and arms control policies. A grant of \$2,000 will be awarded to the ten most creative projects. A series of regional meetings at which groups who are interested in submitting proposals can learn more about the project, will be held March 24th through March 29th.

National Security Study Part I: If your League participated in the optional survey and you are able, please send me copies. I would like to see what results you are getting. Even an informal report would be helpful to all of us when planning regional programs. Let me hear from you!

MX Vote: If you have not responded to LWVUS Action Alert, please do so! Especially if you live in Frenzel's, Weber's or Stangeland's district. The vote will be taken this week so register your wishes by phone or telegram.

N A T U R A L R E S O U R C E S
(Crampton - 612/926-8760)

See Natural Resources Update in the 3rd class mail:

C O U N C I L O F M E T R O P O L I T A N A R E A L E A G U E S
(Mayne - 612/645-4007)

The Annual Meeting will be Program Making time this year. The Program recommendation has a slightly different approach. NOTE: You should be receiving the Convention material in a special mailing this week.

You may want to watch the Solid Waste Bill, HF 939, which will be scheduled soon in Local and Urban Affairs Committee in the House. It provides that counties may require separation of usable waste from municipal waste.

E D U C A T I O N
(Seitz - 218-525-5647)

"Access to Excellence": The League of Women Voters of Minnesota supports the proposed "access to excellence" bill (HF 813, SF 666) now before the State Legislature. See the enclosed discussion of LWVMN support for the measure.

LWVMN SUPPORT FOR "ACCESS TO EXCELLENCE"

LWVUS Position: Action to provide equal access to education...

LWVMN Position: Support of increased state responsibility in creating equal public educational opportunities for all Minnesota children... (Program for Action, pp. 7 & 11)

The "Access to Excellence" bill (HF 813, SF 666) has been reviewed in light of LWVMN's equal educational opportunity position. The decision has been made to support this proposal. This is our reasoning:

By the very nature of school district size, personnel and philosophies, we do not currently have "equal educational opportunity." A child with particular needs or interests may not always live in a district which is able to meet those needs or interests. This "access to excellence" proposal will provide increased opportunities for such a child to have needs met. The basic logistics and geography may interfere with this being a realistic option for every child in the state but is seen as a step in the direction of improved educational opportunities.

While the 11th and 12th grade student's "freedom of choice" or "open enrollment" has received the majority of media attention and debate, this is only a part of the bill. Funding for staff and program development will encourage each district to improve its offerings. "Access to learner outcomes and testing" will provide a gauge on how well districts are progressing in improving the quality of education. Model programs (Article 4) that are successful can be extended to other districts to improve quality and equality. Management assistance will be available to improve district functioning - another step in improving education.

Racial balance will not be adversely affected by this bill as provision is made for districts to maintain compliance.

The "increased state responsibility" portion of the LWVMN Education position is addressed by the state allowing school districts funding for improving programs and management and providing a financing method for school districts that will accept students from other districts.

Will this bill in fact create equal public educational opportunities? Probably not but it will increase educational opportunities and provide students some equality in obtaining quality.

This bill is receiving bipartisan support. The authors are: In the House; Kostohryz, Vellenga, Levi, Brandl, Heap; In the Senate; T. Nelson, Dietrich, Pehler, Olson, D.C. Peterson.

Marree Seitz, Education Chair

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DULUTH
Box 3330
Duluth, MN 55803

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March 20, 1985

Dear Minnesota Leaguers,

The members of the LWV Duluth cordially and sincerely invite all of you to attend the LWVMN 1985 Convention in Duluth. We so enjoyed being your hosts in 1983 and we plan to have another successful convention this year.

We know that some Leagues and some individuals question the value of spending money on convention attendance. Let us attempt to answer your "why should I go to convention" questions!

1. You deserve it! A "working vacation", if you will.
2. You are the grassroots. How can League grow and be successful without "roots" in the basic decision making process?
3. You will meet and share ideas and opinions with Leaguers from throughout the state. You can learn - and help others.
4. You'll have fun! Meet people, relax, escape from the hum-drum or hectic normal pace of home.
5. You'll have good food - without having to choose the menu, cook or do the dishes.
6. You'll regress a bit - we always seem to end up with a bit of the "college age, kick up your heels, self-indulgence, late gab fests" life style.
7. You'll be able to see a brand new multi-media presentation on Lake Superior that deals more with beauty and history than water resource management.
8. You'll wander through a recently restored brewery on the shores of Lake Superior that is now filled with shops, restaurants and brewery memorabilia. (A glass of Fitger's beer is worth a trip to Duluth!)
9. Enjoy Duluth - the air-conditioned city! We can't promise picturesque fog or sunny skies but can promise gorgeous scenery if the weather's nice - and full indoor accommodations if it's not.

Still not convinced? It's the cost that bothers you? \$95? For eight meals and three nights, plus workshops, convention sessions and all the rest? Compare that to a hunting or fishing trip - a weekend at a resort or hotel - a night on the town!

Invest in yourself and in League. Plan now to attend the 1985 Convention in Duluth. We don't want you to miss it as we'd really miss you!

Sincerely,

Prudy Cameron

Prudy Cameron, President
LWV Duluth

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Convention Co-chairs

A FEW EXTRA WORDS ABOUT THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 6TH

The plan for Thursday evening, a fun night out, is to go to Fitger's On the Lake, the newly restored brewery/shopping complex. At 6 pm we will see the multimedia presentation "The Lake Superior Experience". The cost is \$3.00 per person and the show runs approximately 45 minutes. Then you are free to browse, shop or eat. Fitger's Restaurant, Chi-Chi's, Rocky Roccoco Pizza and Stephanie's On the Lake (croissants and French pastries) are all in the Fitger complex. The Pickwick is right next door. Or you may venture out to your favorite Duluth restaurant or fast food place.

Fitger's just opened this year and we hope many of you will come and see our latest tourist attraction. It's super!

Duluth's Great Lake Place





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50TH STATE CONVENTION

**FINAL CALL
to the
50TH STATE CONVENTION
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
June 6, 7, 8, 9, 1985
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, DULUTH**

Gather delegates and visitors together for the trip to Duluth. Those of you who were there in '83 know that the Duluth League members and UMD go all out to make Convention a great experience for all. We've added something new this year: the Presidents' workshop will be held concurrently with general interest workshops. These workshops will be given twice, on Thursday afternoon and Sunday morning. We hope this flexible schedule will make it easier to participate in Convention activities. We know it will give you the opportunity to attend both the President's workshops and those of general interest, or a wider variety of the general interest workshops.

We are starting off on Thursday evening with another special "See Duluth" program which includes a media feature, "The Lake Superior Experience," shown in Fitgers on the Lake, the restored brewery. We hope that with a slightly less compact format, you will be able to relax, enjoy Duluth and have more opportunities for exchanging information with other local Leagues and state board members.

Highlights of the Convention will be the series of workshops, special awards for membership, Voters Service, Action and PR, presentation of the Hope Washburn Award and Detroit Lakes' recounting of feminist history through fashion. And, the event that we've all been waiting for, the event that no one will want to miss - the launching of Indians in Minnesota, complete with an exciting speaker on the subject.

Included in this Convention packet is the delegate count list, registration forms, credentials forms, Convention Information, request slips for display space and the Convention agenda. Also in this mailing is the proposed Program, proposed amendments to the Bylaws and a Convention site request form.

Come to Duluth - nowhere else can you get three action-packed days, three nights lodging and eight meals in a city by a lake for the price being offered.

Come to Duluth - help us celebrate the League - 65 years and still going strong!

INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES AND VISITORS
50th STATE CONVENTION
University of Minnesota
June 6, 7, 8, 9, 1985

FINAL CALL This is the final call for all local Leagues in Minnesota to send delegates to the Fiftieth State Convention of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota to be held at the University of Minnesota in Duluth, Minnesota, June 6, 7, 8, 9, 1985. The purpose of the State Convention is to consider and authorize for action a Program for the next two years, to elect officers and directors and to adopt a budget.

Directions for registration are detailed on this sheet and on the attached registration blank.

CREDENTIALS Enclosed are the credential forms for the delegates from your League to the 50th State Convention. If you plan to have two people sharing one delegate seat, please list both their names.

Delegates: Local Leagues are entitled to the number of delegates provided for in Section 4 of Article VIII of the state bylaws. Admittance to the Convention floor is by badge only. Delegate credentials and badges are transferable. This is done for the first time this year in the hope that it will aid local Leagues in keeping a full delegation throughout the Convention. When we speak of "each, a, the" delegate, we refer to one delegate seat. As stated above, if that seat is to be shared, indicate so on the credentials form.

Visitors & Observers Visitors and observers may attend all Convention activities. The visitors and observers do not have a voice or vote during the Convention but do have the valuable opportunity of seeing the League in action. Visitor and observer badges are transferable.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION Credential forms for each delegate and a check covering the cost for each person attending should be returned with the completed registration blank, including workshop selections, to the state office by May 15th. If a delegate seat is to be shared, send the information requested on the registration blank for only the person who will arrive there first. That person will receive the Workbook. The same is true for visitors if they are sharing a package. Visitors attending individual events may be registered individually. Early return of this information to the state office will facilitate the advance preparation of badges and other Convention materials and the mailing of Workbooks. For those who find it impossible to register in advance, there will be a Delayed Registration desk at the college next to the Advance Registration desk.

DELEGATE TRANSFER When two people share a delegate seat, the person who will arrive first is the one registered, the one who will receive the Workbook, who will check in at advanced registration to receive the badge. It is the responsibility of the two sharing the seat to make the transfer. The second person has to receive the badge and Workbook. She can either use that badge or turn it in at the registration desk for one of her own.

DELEGATE CHANGE There is no provision for "alternate" at Convention. The most satisfactory way to handle any last minute change, in the event a delegate is unable to attend, is to request the change through the state office up until May 31st. After that date, changes may be made at the Advance Registration desk at the University. The person replacing the delegate must bring a letter signed by the president or secretary of the League declaring accredited delegate status.

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS After the workshops, the first business session will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. Friday, June 7th with Jean Tews giving the State of the League address. Following dinner that evening, the Hope Washburn Award for 1985 will be presented, and Detroit Lakes will present their feminist history style show. Following that will be time for counterpart meetings and caucuses. Debate and action on the 1985-87 Program and final action on the budget are scheduled for Saturday, June 8th. Recognition of outstanding League activity in several areas will be given both days. That evening,

June 8th, will see the launching of Indians in Minnesota.

THE WORKBOOK Workbook material will include proposals for Program, bylaw amendments, slate of nominees for officers and directors, state budget expenditures and income, and a review of parliamentary procedures. Each delegate will have a copy for pre-Convention study. BRING THE WORKBOOK WITH YOU TO CONVENTION.

In the case of a shared delegate seat, the Workbook will go to the person who will arrive first, the one whose name appears on the registration form. Additional Workbooks, \$6.00 each, may be ordered.

MEALS All meals will be in the Convention complex on the meeting room level (3rd floor) and served cafeteria style. There are vending machines in the lower level of the dormitory and Duluth is well-known for its eating establishments.

SUGGESTIONS FOR COMFORT The Convention meeting rooms and dormitory are under one roof. You may wish to bring hangers, an alarm clock, soap, etc., as the dorm rooms will provide nothing but linens. Rooms will be assigned as delegates arrive.

Clothing will be informal. Air-conditioning can be unpredictable, as can Duluth in June, and the "layered look" is usually most practical.

CAUCUSES Meeting rooms will be available to delegates interested in discussing Program items or other matters of concern after the scheduled events every evening.

All plans for meetings will be announced at the Convention. Arrangements should be made ahead of time. Contact the Convention chair, Joan Higinbotham, through the state office.

MISCELLANEOUS Meetings start and end on time. As a courtesy, smoking is not permitted during Convention sessions. During sessions, admission to the floor is only at times designated by the chair.

The registration fee for all delegates and visitors will be refunded only if we are notified in advance by May 24) that they cannot attend. See registration blank for complete information on costs.

PREPARING YOURSELF AS A DELEGATE By the time you reach Duluth, you should be fully prepared for your role as a delegate from your League. If registration is completed in advance, you will have the advantage of receiving your Workbook ahead of time so that you can become familiar with its content and therefore participate in discussion with more understanding.

Delegates should have all Convention materials that come from the state office and all publications on present state Program. It is important that delegates are fully aware of member thinking about Program choices and all other matters to come before the Convention. Although delegates go uninstructed and cast their votes after careful consideration of Convention discussion, they start from and continue to bear in mind the thinking of the members whom they represent.

League presidents should brief delegates on the powers and authority of the Convention, on the duties and responsibilities of delegates - to be fully informed, listen and discuss. Briefing on parliamentary practices should be part of this preparation. Experienced delegates can describe the atmosphere and procedures of Convention and can give practical advice as well. Plan to get acquainted with members from as many other Leagues as you can.

CONVENTION '85 AGENDA

Note: This year the President's Workshop will be conducted twice - on Thursday afternoon and on Sunday morning. Concurrently with the New Presidents' meetings there will be program workshops. We hope that your entire delegation will take advantage of this opportunity to attend workshops. New Presidents can attend one session of Presidents' Workshops one day and one session of general workshops the other. (As you can see, this means advance registration is very important, so please read over the program carefully and register your League members as soon as possible.)

Thursday, June 6, 1985

10:00 - 12:00 Registration

12:00 - 12:45 Lunch

1:00 - 1:15 Welcome, Introductions and Announcements

1:15 - 2:30 New Presidents

Planning Your League Calendar - Joanne Buie, LWVMN Marketing Chair and Connie Hondl, LWVMN Treasurer, will help you to get your League year off to a good start.

Continuing Presidents/Other Attendees (Choose one)

1. Idea Exchange: Exchange ideas, concerns, etc. with other continuing Presidents at the mid-point of the term - Bobbi Megard, President, LWV-St. Paul.
2. Indians in Minnesota: Learn how to use this valuable resource in your community (school programs, community presentations) and in your League - Liz Ebbott, author of Indians, will be present on videotape to talk about the book; Carolyn Hendrixson, LWVMN Social Policy Chair, will answer questions.
3. Now That You've Adopted a Local Study: What to do after you've chosen a local issue to examine; organizing a study committee, preparing a report, writing consensus questions and organizing an action campaign, using state and national positions - Erica Buffington, LWVMN Action Chair.

2:30 - 2:45 Break

2:45 - 4:00 New Presidents

Organizing Yourself and Your Board - Joan Higinbotham, LWVMN Service to Local Leagues, will give tips on how to develop strategies for dealing with paper flow, setting up a simple filing system, etc.

Continuing Presidents/Other Attendees (Choose one)

1. Idea Exchange: Continuing Presidents should attend one of the idea exchange workshops.
2. Introducing the New Membership Manual: Here is everything you need to know to develop a successful plan for increasing your membership from how to recruit a membership committee to how to evaluate the year's results - Judy Nordland, LWVMN Membership Chair.
3. The Education Fund is for Everyone: Leagues of all sizes can develop successful Education Fund projects. Let Bev McKinnell, LWVMN Development Chair, explain the process and give you some help in getting started.

Convention '85 Agenda (page 2)

Thursday, June 6, 1985 (cont.)

- 4:00 - 5:00 Networking with Leagues of Similar Size: This time will be used to discuss the questions on the questionnaire sent to all local League Presidents.
- 6:00 Film, "The Lake Superior Experience" at Fitger's Brewery.
- 7:00 Dinner in Duluth. You are free to join together for dinner. There are several restaurants to choose from in the Brewery or nearby.

Friday, June 7, 1985

- 8:00 - 9:00 Breakfast
- 8:30 - 12:00 Registration Continues
- 9:00 - 11:30 Workshops (Choose two) Each workshop will be repeated once.
- 9:00 - 10:10 Workshop Selection I
- 10:10 - 10:20 Break
- 10:20 - 11:30 Workshop Selection II

1. "The Land of 10,000...years of nuclear waste?"
This workshop will address the possibility of Minnesota becoming home to High Level and Low Level Radioactive Waste Repositories. Preview a new slide show on the Federal High Level Radioactive Waste Repository Siting Program, available for your use. Find out what our participation in the Midwest Compact means for Low-Level waste disposal. Jeanne Crampton, LWVMN Natural Resources Chair and member of the Governor's Task Force on High Level Radioactive Waste and the Advisory Committee on Low Level Radioactive Waste.
2. "Membership Success Stories"
Back by popular demand! A panel discussion featuring local Leagues who have had successful membership campaigns. Learn from the experts. Judy Nordland, LWVMN Membership Chair.
3. "Me, a candidate?...Why not?"
This workshop will be of interest to you if you have ever thought of running for office, or if you have wanted to learn how to assist and encourage other potential candidates. Members of the Minnesota Women's Campaign Fund will assist you in learning how to follow through with a campaign for yourself or someone else. Barbara Stuhler, Co-chair, and Jean West, Board member, Women's Campaign Fund.
4. "Fund Raisers and Finance Drives"
Tips from the pros on how to decide on and carry out a successful, fun-filled fundraising event and how to plan and execute a finance drive. Joanne Buie, LWVMN Marketing Chair, and Beverly McKinnell, LWVMN Development Chair.
5. "Lights, Action, Camera"
Moving candidates meetings into the video age. How to work with candidates, write good questions, choose moderators and film a candidates' meeting. Marcia Walters, LWVMN Communications Chair, Harriette Burkhalter, LWVUS Board and Peggy Leppik, LWVMN Voters Service Chair.

Convention '85 Agenda (page 3)

Workshop Selection (cont.)

6. "Monitoring Pay Equity"

Learn how to monitor pay equity from a League involved in the monitoring process. Using the LWVMN publication on pay equity as a guide, Lynn Johnson, LWV-South Tonka, will share her experience and answer your questions.

7. "National Security Study - the next step." "To evaluate U.S. economic and military aid to developing countries and its relationship to our international economic and political interests." Get the latest information available in order to undertake this part of the study this fall. (Remember, Consensus will be due on January 15, 1986.) Judy Duffy, LWVMN International Relations Chair and LWVUS IR Committee member; Mary Van Evera, LWVMN National Security Study Chair.

11:45 Lunch

12:45 Action Award and Public Relations Award

First Session:

1:00 Organization of Convention

1:30 Roll Call

1:45 Treasurer's Report

2:00 President's Report: State of the League Address

2:15 Bylaws Committee Report & Action

2:30 Nomination & Election of Officers & Directors

2:45 Presentation of the Proposed Budget

3:15 Presentation of the Proposed Program

Consideration of Non-recommended Program

4:45 Announcements

5:30 - 7:30 Dinner

-Presentation of Hope Washburn Award

-Originals and reproductions of Women's fashions of the past 100 years highlight - LWV-Detroit Lakes retelling of feminist history.

7:45 - 8:45 Meet with Counterparts

This session provides you with an opportunity to learn about LWVMN Board members priorities in each portfolio area and to share your interests with them.

9:00 Caucuses; Budget Committee meets

Saturday, June 8, 1985

7:15 - 8:15 Breakfast

7:45 - 8:15 Registration continues

Second Session:

8:30 Speak Up - Sue Reynolds, LWV-Mahtomedi, LWVMN Long Range Planning Chair

11:00 Report from Budget Chair, Georgeann Hall

Convention '85 Agenda (page 4)

Second Session (cont.)

11:15 - 12:15 Debate and Action on Program

12:30 - 2:15 Lunch

- Membership Award
- Voter Service Award

Third Session:

2:30 - 3:30 Continuation of Debate & Action on Program

3:30 - 4:30 Action on Budget

4:30 - 5:00 Legislative Reports

5:00 - 5:30 Direction to Board

5:30 Convention Sessions Adjourned

6:00 - 8:30 Dinner

- Special guest speaker and recognition of guests
- Introduction of INDIANS IN MINNESOTA

Sunday, June 9, 1985

8:00 - 9:00 Breakfast

9:00 - 11:45 See program for Thursday afternoon

50TH STATE CONVENTION

June 6, 7, 8, 9, 1985

University of Minnesota
Duluth

Total number of delegates (including presidents) per League for the 1985 Convention:

"Each local League shall be entitled to voting representation in the Convention as follows: each local League shall be entitled to two delegates in addition to the president of the local League or an alternate in the event the president is unable to attend; these additional delegates shall be chosen by the local League. The members in each local League having more than 25 voting members shall also be entitled to one additional delegate for each additional 25 members or major fraction thereof belonging to said local League on January 1st of said year."

Members-at-Large:

"Members-at-Large of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall be entitled to one delegate for each 25 members, chosen by a procedure determined by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota."

--Bylaws, LWVMN

Note: Official membership count used taken from Part A, Membership Section, of the Local League Annual Report except in the case of Leagues not submitting reports by late February; those counts were taken from card files in the state office.

LOCAL LEAGUESMembership 1/1/85Delegates

Alexandria	94	6
Anoka/Blaine/Coon Rapids	59	4
Arden Hills/Shoreview	39	4
Austin	27	3
Battle Lake	10	3
Bemidji Area	48	4
Bloomington	43	4
Brooklyn Center	6	3
Brklyn Pk/Osseo/Mpl Grv	23	3
Buffalo/Monticello Area	11	3
Cass Lake/Walker Area	23	3
Columbia Heights	20	3
Crystal/New Hope	41	4
Detroit Lakes	33	3
Duluth	119	7
Eastern Carver County	83	5
Edina	160	8
Freeborn County	31	3
Fridley	33	3
Golden Valley	48	4
Grand Rapids Area	22	3
Grant County	17	3
Hibbing	21	3
Houston County	10	3
Hutchinson	19	3
Jackson Area	18	3
Mahtomedi Area	40	4
Mankato Area	41	4
Marshall	25	3
Mid-Mesabi	20	3
Minneapolis	433	19
MEPH	58	4
Moorhead Area	44	4
Morrison County	21	2 observers
Mounds View	15	3
New Brighton	35	3
New Ulm	31	3

	Membership 1/1/85	Delegates
Northern Dakota County Area	36	3
Northfield	46	4
Owatonna	38	4
Red Wing	45	4
Richfield	48	4
Robbinsdale	37	3
Rochester	77	5
Rock County	15	3
Roseville	115	7
St. Anthony	19	3
St. Cloud Area	55	4
St. Croix Valley	35	3
St. Louis Park	41	4
St. Paul	178	9
St. Peter	12	3
Shakopee	38	4
South Tonka	34	3
Stevens County	22	3
Wayzata Area	21	3
West Dakota County Area	22	3
Westonka	39	4
White Bear Lake/North Oaks	71	5
Wilkin County	18	3
Willmar	43	4
Winona	51	4
Woodbury/Cottage Grove	45	4
Worthington	22	3
MALs		2
CMAL		2 visitors

Please return to
LWVMN by
May 15, 1985

CONVENTION WORKSHOP SELECTION

Indicate the number of people intending to attend each workshop. Each person will choose one in each time slot.

Thurs. 6/6 1:15 - 2:30	New Presidents _____	Idea Exchange _____	Indians _____	Local Study _____			
Thurs. 6/6 2:45 - 4:00	New Presidents _____	Idea Exchange _____	Membership _____	Ed Fund _____			
Fri. 6/7 9:00 - 10:10	Nuclear Waste _____	Membership _____	Candidates _____	Finance _____	Video _____	Pay Equity _____	National Sec. _____
Fri. 6/7 10:20 - 11:30	Nuclear Waste _____	Membership _____	Candidates _____	Finance _____	Video _____	Pay Equity _____	National Sec. _____
Sun. 6/9 9:00 - 10:15	New Presidents _____	Idea Exchange _____	Indians _____	Local Study _____			
Sun. 6/9 10:30 - 11:45	New Presidents _____	Idea Exchange _____	Membership _____	Ed Fund _____			

ADVANCE REGISTRATION
June 6, 7, 8, 9, 1985 - UMD

FROM: League of Women Voters of _____

Total \$ _____ enclosed for _____ delegates, _____ visitors/observers
(no.) (no.)

REGISTRATION
INFORMATION

Complete Delegate Package: \$95.00. Noon 6/6 - a.m. 6/9 - registration, lunch 6/6,
3 meals 6/7, 3 meals 6/8, breakfast 6/9, room for
3 nights.

Partial Packages:

- I. \$90.00. Noon 6/6 thru 6/8 dinner - registration, lunch 6/6, 3 meals 6/7, 3 meals 6/8,
room for 2 nights.
- II. \$80.00. 6/7 - 6/9 a.m. - registration, 2 meals 6/7, 3 meals 6/8, breakfast 6/9, room
for 2 nights.
- III. \$75.00 6/7 thru 6/8 dinner - registration, 2 meals 6/7, 3 meals 6/8, room for 1 night.
- IV. \$65.00 6/8 - 6/9 a.m. - registration, 2 meals 6/8, breakfast 6/9, room for 1 night.

Special Event - 6/6

"The Lake Superior Experience" - \$3.00.

Individual Events:

Convention Registration Fee - includes workshops, Convention Workbook - \$37.50.
Workshops only Registration Fee - \$10.00.
Lunches - \$5.00 each.
Dinners - \$7.50 each.
Additional Workbooks - \$6.00 each.

- REMEMBER:
- Cost of your room, double occupancy, is included in package price. Those desiring a single room, add \$8.35 per night and check appropriate column.
 - Anyone wishing to check in the night before your package date begins, add \$11.55 (\$19.80 if single desired) for room and breakfast the next day before registration. This offer good with any of the partial packages only.
 - "The Lake Superior Experience" is a special event and not included in the packages. It is an additional charge.

REGISTRATION BLANK

RETURN TO STATE OFFICE BY MAY 15TH, 1985

- DIRECTIONS:
1. List president, other delegates, visitors and observers - names (first names, please) and address and check appropriate columns. When paying for packages, check just that column, not individual registrations and meals.
 2. If a delegate seat is to be shared, send name and address of delegate who will arrive first. That person will receive the Workbook. Additional Workbooks may be ordered.
 3. Register and pay for your number of allotted delegates and any visitors. If there are to be delegate transfers, they arrange for all exchanges - keys, Workbooks, badges. New badges may be obtained by turning in the original at the registration desk.
 4. Enclose check/checks payable to LWVMN covering packages, and/or individual events, extra lodging and Lake Superior.
 5. Enclose credential slip for each delegate.
 6. Remember to enclose the workshop selection sheet. You can always change, but this helps us to gauge attendance.

Complete Pkg.

Partial Pkg. #I

" " #II

" " #III

" " #IV

Lake Superior Exp.

Single Room

Room 6/6, Brkfst 6/7

Room 6/7. Brkfst 6/8

Room 6/8, Brkfst 6/9

Registration only - Conv.

Registration only - Wkshp.

Lunch 6/6

" 6/7

" 6/8

Dinner 6/7

" 6/8

NAME

ADDRESS

Amount Paid

Delegate

Visitor/Observer

TO: Local League Presidents
FROM: Joan Higinbotham, Service to Local Leagues
RE: Space for Displays at Convention
DATE: March 8, 1985

Just a reminder! Samples of membership materials, public relations information, slide presentations, collages of especially good newspaper publicity -- almost anything (related to League) that you have produced for your own use that you might want to brag about or that might be useful to other Leagues -- would be welcome. We are willing to provide the necessary space, but ask that you provide your own equipment (projectors, easels, etc.). Space also will be available for the sale of items concerning the League, but you must provide your own salesperson and cash box.

REQUEST FOR DISPLAY/SALES SPACE

Return NO LATER THAN May 15, 1985 to: Joan Higinbotham
LWVMN
555 Wabasha
St. Paul, MN 55102
Phone: (612) 224-5445

The League of Women Voters of _____ plans to have a display at state Convention in Duluth, June 6, 7, 8, 9.

Please describe your display and how much wall, floor or table space you will need -- and whether you will need an electrical outlet, etc.

We do not have a special display but will need table space to display only _____ sell _____ publications or articles (e.g., stationery, buttons, T-shirts, etc.)

Please describe:

Name _____ Portfolio/Office _____
Address _____ Phone _____

1987 LWVMN CONVENTION SITE

Any League interested in hostessing the 1987 state Convention should start now to investigate possible locations in your community.

Facility requirements:

- available in early June.
- large meeting room to seat 250 people, preferably at tables.
- dorm space for 250.
- minimum of 8 extra meeting rooms.
- dining facilities for 250.

People needs from your League:

During the Convention help is needed for registration, timekeeping, monitoring the doors, and pages. As many as 12 people can be needed at any given time.

APPLICATION FOR STATE CONVENTION - 1987

Name of League _____

Description of Facility:

Approximate costs:

Reasons to have Convention in your community:



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MEMO

TO: Local League Presidents

FROM: Joan Higinbotham, Service to Local
Leagues Chair

SUBJECT:

DATE: March 14, 1985

As I have traveled around the state during the past two years, visiting Leagues large and small, I have found that all Leagues seem to need more of the "Three Ts," that is Time, Treasure, and Trumpets. Leaguers are very busy people, who are always short of time. They want to know how to do more things well using fewer volunteers. Leagues too, have felt the economic pinch and need some new strategies on how to find the necessary money to keep the treasury full. Sometimes Leaguers are too modest, they don't blow their own horns often enough or loud enough. These are some of the problems we will be addressing during the President's Workshops and throughout our time in Duluth. You can help us with this process by answering the questions on this form and adding any other comments you feel would be helpful. Thanks for your help!

Please return the questionnaire by APRIL 15th. (That should be an easy deadline to remember.)

Name: _____

Local League: _____

Position in League: _____

1. How many members do you have this year? _____

Is that an increase? ____ Yes ____ No

What did you do to recruit new members?

2. How large is your Board? _____

Do you share jobs on the Board? ____ Yes ____ No

Have you consolidated some jobs? ____ Yes ____ No

3. Describe your money raising efforts: (fundraiser, finance drive?)

4. What was your local program item this past year? _____

What program items (local, state or national) are of most interest in your community?

5. How do you publicize League activities?

6. Comments & concerns:

Proposed LWVMN Program for 1985-87

50th State Convention

June 6, 7, 8, 9, 1985

University of Minnesota Duluth

CHOOSING PROGRAM

HOW TO BE EFFECTIVE AT THE STATE CONVENTION or BECOMING A DYNAMIC DELEGATE*

Some of you feel strongly about a particular item and hope that others share or will come to share your views. There are effective ways in which you, as an individual member, can win friends for your cause and influence people to vote on your side.

Remember that a non-recommended item must have been submitted to the Board at least three months before Convention and requires a simple majority vote to be considered on the first day of Convention and a three-fifths vote to be selected on the second day of Convention.

League Conventions are marked by intelligent discussion, organization, timing, public relations, fair play, and good humor. To start at the beginning:

1. Before going to Convention

- a. Check to see how many other local Leagues suggested the same item you are interested in. Some of them may want to help with organization.
- b. Check to see what other items were suggested which might be related to yours in some way.
- c. Brainstorm ways to appeal to Convention delegates for support for the item you wish to have considered and enlist their aid in working for it.
- d. Set up a caucus the Friday evening of Convention. (Contact the state office so a room will be reserved for you.)
- e. Work up your arguments for your item and why you prefer it at this time. Think of ways in which the areas of interest in the other items could be tied into yours.
- f. Duplicate your information, and either mail it to each local League or be prepared to distribute it to all members as they arrive at the convention hall.
- g. Study up on your Parliamentary Procedure, especially making and amending motions, etc.

2. Final Plans

- a. Get out the vote--encourage all the local Leagues favoring your item to send their delegates and to go to your caucus.
- b. Be ready with a symbol related to your item to pin on others who agree with you.
- c. Have a spokesperson selected--someone with enthusiasm, who projects well, and who is knowledgeable of your item--to present your item. Two seconding speeches are allowed.
- d. Have people selected to ask particular questions for clarification. Read the Convention Rules in the workbook carefully for procedures and time limits.
- e. In order to make certain all arguments are covered, make certain you have a number of people who are well informed on your item who will be ready to speak to your item. Selected speakers should sit close to the microphones and line up early.

* Many thanks to the LWVs of St. Paul and Houston

CRITERIA FOR CHOOSING A STATE PROGRAM FOR 1985-87

For the selection of League Program, two criteria should be met:
(See IN LEAGUE: Guidelines for League Boards, p. 35)

1. Is governmental action needed?
2. Does the proposal fall within the Principles of the League of Women Voters?

Additional questions to consider are:

How much member interest has been expressed for the issue?

Is this the crucial time for the issue?

Is it a current topic of discussion in the community? Could community interest be developed?

Do the political realities permit effective action? Are local/state officials aware of the issue?

Is the issue one on which League members will spend time and effort?

Will the League's involvement make an impact?

Will the League be able to draw on allies?

Will League involvement increase the League's political influence and credibility?

What are the prospects for funding anticipated educational activities and/or action campaign?

Program Adoption

League members receive the program recommended by state Board, including the proposed new study if there is one. Information on non-recommended items is also included.

The wording of a proposed issue may be amended at the annual meeting or convention, provided the intent is not changed nor the scope enlarged. Only program issues submitted by the deadline may be considered. Since League program consists of issues specifically adopted by vote at the annual meeting or convention, issues previously on the program must be readopted in the same or amended form in order to continue to be part of the program.

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PROPOSED PROGRAM 1985-87

Criminal Justice

- Support of a judicial system with the capacity to assure a speedy trial and equal justice for all.
- Support of a correctional system responsive to the needs of the individual offender and of society.
- Support of sentencing decisions based on circumstances in relation to the crime, the offender and the effect on public safety, made by the judge within legislative guidelines.

Social Policy

- Support of policies to insure quality of opportunity in employment, real property, public accommodations, education, and other public services for all persons.
- Support of administrative enforcement of antidiscrimination laws.
- Support of state responsibility for and responsiveness to Indian citizens.

Education

- All Minnesota children should have equal access to a good public education. A student's access to a good education should not depend on the wealth of his or her school district nor upon the willingness of local voters to tax themselves. State funding for education should be at a level that makes programs of comparable substance and quality available to all.
- Support of improvements in the collective bargaining and tenure laws of the state as they apply to K-12 teachers only.
- Support for increased and restructured funding for public libraries.

Natural Resources

- Support of measures to reduce generation of solid waste.
- Support of an overall land use plan with maximum cooperation and implementation at the regional and local level, with state help in developing and exercising land use management, with opportunity for maximum local decision making, and with regional planning and regulation for matters of more than local concern.

Note: The position on Water Rights and Use has not been written at this time, but will be available prior to Convention.

Government

- Support of improvements in election laws regulating election procedures, voting and school district elections.
- Support of improvements in election laws regulating campaign practices.
- Support of improved structure and procedures for Minnesota Legislature and Executive Branch.
- Support of an improved process for amending the Minnesota Constitution.
- Support of apportionment substantially on population of congressional districts and of all elected state and local governmental bodies.
- Support of the continuation of legislative initiative and compulsory voter referendum on constitutional amendments.
- Opposition to most forms of voter initiative and referendum on statutes.
- Opposition to recall by voters of members of the Legislature and state constitutional officers.
- Support of strict procedural limits on any process of initiative, referendum or recall.

Government (continued)

- Support of a flexible Minnesota multi-tax system with emphasis on maintaining state services through a combination of spending cuts and increased taxation when state funds are short and decreased taxation when there is a budget surplus.
- Support of using the Minnesota individual income tax as the elastic tax, making rates more progressive when increasing state revenue and lowering rates for all income levels when decreasing state revenue.
- Support of state relief for property taxes.
- Support of property tax reform.
- Support for setting priorities in allocating state funds.
- Support of state aids to local governments, especially local school districts and to the local governmental unit that provides the major portion of local services (County and/or city).
- Support of more efficient state administrative and legislative expenditures.

NEW STUDY

The LWVMN Board recommends a new study as follows:

A study of public policies pertaining to protection of children.

The scope will be presented in the Convention workbook.

NON-RECOMMENDED PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

The following study items were recommended by some members in one or more local Leagues. Exact wording of some study items can be obtained from the report forms and will be available at Convention.

A "study" is an examination or re-examination of an issue usually leading to consensus. An "update" is information on issues on which the LWV already has a position; does not lead to a new position. In some instances, requests for an update would lead to a new position, and those requests for updates have been listed under New Studies rather than Updates.

Criminal Justice

New Study

- Juvenile Justice (Minneapolis, St. Paul)
- Plea bargaining (Brooklyn Center, Cass Lake-Walker Area)
- Parole policy (Brooklyn Center)
- Include equal justice for women and women who have been raped (St. Cloud, Northern Dakota County)
- Child abuse and/or child rights (Eastern Carver County, St. Cloud, St. Anthony, Richfield, Willmar)

Update

- No specifics (St. Paul, St. Cloud)
- Effect of new Court of Appeals (Minneapolis)
- Study of statistics on no-fault divorce: effect on number and settlements (Moorhead)
- Sentencing guidelines (Cass Lake-Walker Area, Crystal-New Hope, Northern Dakota County, Roseville)
- Female corrections, grievance procedures, job training, maintaining family bonds (New Brighton)
- Victims (Eastern Carver County)
- Drop position as to Judiciary (Fridley)

Social Policy

New Study

Comprehensive policy for healthy development of children (Minneapolis)
Protection of child witnesses (Shakopee)
Child care (St. Croix, Northfield, Duluth, Mahtomedi)
Modified community property system (St. Paul)
(Home) health care (Willmar, Richfield, Northfield, Mahtomedi)
Mental health services (St. Cloud, Minneapolis, Golden Valley)
New immigrant communities (New Brighton)
Child abuse (Crystal-New Hope)

Update

Child support, child care (Minneapolis)
Family violence re police intervention training, particularly in rural areas,
and enforcement of immediate legal remedies (Moorhead)
New immigrant communities (Roseville)
Equal access re shelter for homeless (St. Louis Park)

Education

New Study

Curriculum, competency testing (Mahtomedi, St. Louis Park)
Voucher system (Minneapolis, Arden Hills, Cass Lake, St. Louis Park, Moorhead)
University and State college system (St. Cloud)
Open enrollment re Governor's plan (Edina)
Ways to improve education in Minnesota (Anoka/Blain/Coon Rapids)
Sex equity in curriculum (New Brighton)
Seniority vs. tenure (New Brighton)
Re-evaluate financing education (Crystal-New Hope, Minneapolis, White Bear/North Oaks,
Winona)
Re-evaluate equal opportunity in education (Northern Dakota County)
Expand education position from pre-school through adult (St. Cloud)
State funding vs. state and local joint funding (Minneapolis)

Update

Equal opportunity - no specifics (Alexandria, Minneapolis)
Equal opportunity in light of Governor's proposed changes (Northern Dakota County,
Winona)
Look at excellence in education (St. Paul)
Effect of magnet schools on racial balance (Bemidji)
Re-evaluating mainstreaming handicapped children (Westonka)
Student competency testing (St. Louis Park)
Financing - in light of Governor's proposed changes (White Bear/North Oaks, St. Anthony,
Crystal-New Hope, Winona)
Collective bargaining/tenure - no specifics (Bloomington, Minneapolis)
Current laws and proposed changes re collective bargaining/tenure (Moorhead)
Collective bargaining in light of Governor's proposed statewide bargaining (Duluth)
To clarify position of not supporting extension of right to strike (Bemidji)
To include state colleges (Owatonna)
Equal opportunity - rights of pregnant girls to equal education (Willmar)
Library - no specifics (Minneapolis)
Library re facts behind position and update numbers (Westonka, Winona, Moorhead,
Alexandria)

Drop entire Education position (Fridley)

Drop position as it deals with change in staff reduction with regard to tenure (Marshall)

Natural Resources

New Study

Nuclear and hazardous waste (New Brighton)
Solid waste (use, transportation, etc., including nuclear and hazardous waste)
(Minneapolis)
Acid rain under Water Rights and Use (Crystal-New Hope)
Minnesota agriculture (St. Cloud)

Natural Resources (continued)

Update

No specifics (Minneapolis)

Recycling (Alexandria)

Hazardous waste problems as a part of solid waste? (St. Louis Park)

New technology and cost containment (solid waste) (Northern Dakota County)

Waste incineration plants (White Bear/North Oaks)

Re land use policy covering next 15 years as planned by National Forest Plan
(Cass Lake-Walker Area)

Re peat development in relation to LWVUS energy position (White Bear/North Oaks)

Drop Land Use position (Fridley)

Government

New Study

Size of legislature (Woodbury/Cottage Grove, St. Croix Valley, Roseville, Northern Dakota County, New Brighton, St. Louis Park, St. Paul)

Caucus vs. primary system (Bloomington)

Role of media: media rights vs. citizens rights (Westonka)

Campaign practices (Arden Hills/Shoreview, Minneapolis)

Study and comparison of county government (St. Cloud)

Re-evaluating financing state government (Bemidji, Crystal-New Hope, White Bear/
North Oaks)

Fair Campaign Practices Act--equal justice for corporations and unions (Minneapolis)

Update

Election laws re success or failure of election day registration (Northern Dakota County)

Regulation of election procedure, emphasis on registration (St. Cloud)

Election projections, exit polling, uniform polling (Winona)

Re first detail under Campaign Practices (Moorhead)

Information about PAC's (Winona, Roseville)

Position on apportionment re consideration of natural geographic boundaries (Buffalo/
Monticello, Roseville)

Fact sheet on how we arrived at Initiative, etc. position (Roseville)

Financing to re-evaluate re Tax Commission report (Bemidji, Arden Hills/Shoreview)

Financing - no specifics (Minneapolis, Bloomington)

Income tax and property tax statements (Richfield)

Graduated income tax (White Bear/North Oaks)

Information on tax exempt property and impact of what has happened, especially
church property (St. Cloud)

re-evaluate details to make certain they fit future circumstances (too narrow)
(Roseville)

Drop Election Laws position (Fridley)

Drop Initiative, Referendum and Recall position (Richfield)

Drop Financing position (Fridley)

Other New Studies

Study of Minnesota industries: are they leaving (St. Cloud)

Economic conversion: impact of military spending and its fluctuations in MN, aid for
conversion from military to alternative production (Minneapolis)

Agriculture

Agricultural commodities as political tools (Arden Hills/Shoreview)

Farm problems and financing in Minnesota (St. Paul)

Study of regulations and practices which affect state of family farms in
Minnesota (Eastern Carver County)

Study of impact of changing farm situation - family to corporate - general
economics of farming, banking practices, etc. (Mahtomedi)

Agriculture in Minnesota (St. Cloud)

Economic plight of farmers (Westonka)

What is state government's role/responsibility in regard to rural economic
health (White Bear/North Oaks)

PROPOSED 1985-87 SLATE OF OFFICERS AND ELECTED
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

President	Joan Higinbotham, Minneapolis
1st Vice President - Service to Local Leagues	Erica Buffington, St. Louis Park
2nd Vice President - Development	Beverly McKinnell, St. Paul
3rd Vice President - Action	Mindy Greiling, Roseville
Secretary	Pat Kratky, Moorhead
Treasurer	Connie Hondl, Edina

Elected Directors:

Criminal Justice	Lynn Westphal, Edina
Education	Marree Seitz, Duluth
Membership	Candy Takkunen, Eastern Carver County
Regional Representatives, N.W.	Karen Knighton, Wilkin County
N.E.	Karen Beron, Duluth
S.W.	Betty Haats, Willmar
S.E.	Emily Schmitz, Northfield
Social Policy Co-Chair	Polly Keppel, Minneapolis

Appointed Directors:

Communications	Mary Santi, White Bear Lake
Government	Nancy Crippen, Northern Dakota County
International Relations	Judy Duffy, Mahtomedi
Marketing	Joann Buie, Edina
Natural Resources	Jeanne Crampton, St. Louis Park
Social Policy Co-Chair	Peggy Lucas, Minneapolis
Voter Service	Peggy Leppik, Golden Valley

OFF BOARD:

Nominating Committee:

Jean Tews, Chair, Mahtomedi
Flora Shinkle, St. Cloud
Margit Johnson, Northfield

Budget Committee Chair	Margit Berg, Minneapolis
National Security Study Chair	Mary Van Evera, Duluth

Respectfully submitted by the 1983-85 Nominating Committee: Ruth Armstrong, Chair;
Lisa Borelli, Erica Buffington, Cathy Hegg and Billie Franey.



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**PROPOSED LWVMN BUDGETS
FOR 1985-86 & 1986-87**

TO: Local League Presidents

FROM: Georgeann Hall, LWVMN Budget Chair

DATE: March 21, 1985

Attached are the proposed Budgets for LWVMN for 1985-86 and 1986-87. We have also enclosed for your information Budgets for LWVMNEF for 1985-86 and 1986-87. Please review carefully the attached line by line description or narrative of income and expense items for the proposed LWVMN Budgets as there are several features of the proposed budgets of special interest to local Leagues.

The Budget memo to local Leagues dated October 30, 1984, requested advice from local League Boards about how to balance the proposed LWVMN Budgets for 1985-86 and 1986-87. Many of you took time to discuss various suggestions with your Boards and to relay your recommendations to the state Board and Budget Committee. Your suggestions were most helpful and gave us invaluable guidance in making some difficult decisions.

While local Leagues were divided about an increase in the per member payment, many local Leagues said they had budget surpluses or money in the bank and that they would be happy to make a contribution to LWVMN. As a result the LWVMN Budget Committee rejected a per member payment increase or a per League assessment as a method of balancing the proposed Budget for 1985-86 (the 1986-87 Budget is balanced). The Budget Committee is appealing to local Leagues which are able to make a one-time contribution to the League of Women Voters of Minnesota to balance the 1985-86 Budget (See income item #0410 - Cash from members and local Leagues). A total of \$1,371 in such contributions is needed.

The LWVMN Budget Committee believes this to be the most equitable way of balancing the Budget and one that gives Greater Minnesota Leagues and Twin Cities Metro Area Leagues an equal opportunity to support their state organization. The LWV of Alexandria has just made a contribution of \$100 to LWVMN in appreciation for a program the State League brought to Alexandria. The words of an Alexandria League member say it all, "We had the money, you needed it, so we sent it to you!"

Please discuss this with your local League Board or with your membership at your Annual Meeting. You may make your League's pledge by filling out the form below and returning it to the State League office by May 15th, so that we have that information available to announce in the Convention Workbook. Thank you!

Members of the LWVMN Budget Committee: Georgeann Hall, Chair (Roseville); Polly Keppel, (Minneapolis); Lois Cheney (St. Louis Park); Bobbi Megard (St. Paul); Ex officio: Connie Hondl, LWVMN Treasurer (Edina); Beverly McKinnell, LWVMN Development Chair (St. Paul); Jean Tews, LWVMN president (Mahtomedi); Joan Higinbotham, LWVMN Service to Local Leagues Chair (Minneapolis); Erica Buffington, LWVMN Action Chair (St. Louis Park).

League of Women Voters of _____ will contribute \$ _____
to the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

____ check enclosed ____ pledged - due by Sept. 30, 1985

LL President or Treasurer

Please return to the state office by May 15th.

PROPOSED LWVMN BUDGETS FOR 1985-86 AND 1986-87

The proposed LWVMN budgets for 1985-86 and 1986-87 are attached (green). As you read through the budget please note that the first column is actual figures for 1984-85 (as of January 31, 1985) and the second column is the annual Budget for 1984-85; the third column is the proposed budget for 1985-86 and the fourth column is the proposed budget for 1986-87. As you can see, the LWVMN Budget Committee has proposed budgets for the two ensuing fiscal years for LWVMN; (this change is reflected in bylaw amendment proposals). LWVMN will retain its fiscal year of April 1 to March 31 as its accounting period. The proposed budgets for 1985-86, 1986-87 will be considered and adopted by delegates to the 1985 LWVMN Convention.

A second major change in the budgets as proposed is that the portion of LWV program funded through the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund has been removed from the LWVMN budgets and included in the proposed LWVMNEF budgets for 1985-86, 1986-87 (enclosed, FYI). The Board of Directors of LWVMNEF will adopt those budgets at the annual meeting of the Education Fund in June. Although Convention delegates do not adopt the EF budgets, they will need to be familiar with them as the LWVMN and LWVMNEF budgets are closely related: The LWVMN provides all staffing and office support to the LWVMNEF. Approximately, 37% of LWVMN's operating (office) expenses (Expense #90001-90015) are reimbursed by LWVMNEF. This reimbursement is reflected in LWVMN Income items #3001, #3010, #3020.

The proposed LWVMN budgets have three portions: Income (pp. 1-4), Direct Expenses (pp. 5-10) and Operating (or office) Expenses (p. 10).

Income

#0400-0450 reflects support from local Leagues, members-at-large, and CMAL, cash and non-cash contributions from members, contributions from the public and interest income from LWVMN reserve investments.

The Per Member Payment from local Leagues remains at \$15.00 for 1985-86, 86-87 (34% of budget 1985-86, 35% in 1986-87 -- remember that funding for many LWVMN programs is provided through LWVMNEF).

#0402 Members-at-large of LWVMN have shown dramatic increases; proposal is based on 100 MALs in 85-86 and 125 MALs in '86-'87 at \$35.00 dues.

#0403 CMAL is assessed \$250 for use of LWVMN Board room for committee and Executive Board meetings.

#0404 Hope Washburn Fund: LWVMN voted to keep principal of fund intact and invested and has only budgeted interest income.

#0410 Cash from members; contributions from local Leagues and members who wish to give extra support beyond PMP - such support is vital in 1985-86 year. See cover memo requesting local League contributions of pledges.

#0420 Non-cash contributions are donated (unreimbursed) expenses for Board and committee members.

Direct Service to Local Leagues

#0501 Fall Workshops have been discontinued and replaced by the "Road Shows" (LWVMNEF budget). This category reserved for membership (proposed, new) brochure sales.

#0502 DPM - Duplicate Presidents Mailings (\$15) include Board Memo and selection of materials mailed to LL presidents - subscriptions should increase as Board Memo will be mailed to LL presidents only in the future.

#0504 White Earth: support for the LWV Ojibwe unit will be sought from LWVUS as in 1984-85.

#0505 & 06: LWVMN will seek reimbursement for field service or program visits requested by local Leagues in 1985-86.

#0600 Sale of general use publications such as Program for Action, FACTS, Membership kits, etc.

#0700 VOTER: approximately 1/3 of VOTER articles are related to "Citizen Education" and fundable through LWVMNEF.

#0801 Convention/Council: '85-'86 reflects Convention '85 registration fees (200 attendees); '86-'87 reflects Council '86 registration fees (100 attendees).

#0901 Day on the Hill; income for registration fee plus dinner (75-100 participants).

#0902 Capitol Letter: 100 subscriptions @ \$5.00/year.

#1001-1500 Program: committee expenses and staff support reflected in Expenses. See also LWVMNEF budget.

#1601 Voters Service: ABC Reporting income in election years; other voter service projects are funded through LWVMNEF budget.

#1701 Speakers Bureau: honoraria earned by LWVMN speakers @ a minimum of \$50. We anticipate increased marketing efforts by state Board.

#1702 CIA sales: CIA will be purchased by Citizen Lobbyist Conference for attendees. Revised edition after 1986 Fall election will increase sales for '86-'87 year. We anticipate increased marketing efforts by the state Board and local Leagues.

#1703 Practical Politics: 2 courses will be taught by LWVMN instructors through U of MN Continuing Education for Women.

#1751-1758 LWVUSEF Grants: 1984-85 income reflects the last LWVMN projects to be funded through LWVEF in Washington. Similar projects are now funded through LWVMNEF.

#2001 Fundraising: an event similar to Dinner at the Atrium is planned for each year.

#2002, 2003 Conservative estimate of income from cookbook sales; inventory will be LWVMN's by July 31, 1985 - at that point all sales profit state and LLs.

#2010 LWVMN sells copying to LLs and customer in 555 building.

#3001-3020 Reimbursement from LWVMNEF for services provided by LWVMN office to EF.

Expenses

Note that numbers ending in ..91 are "Allocated Operating Expense." Operating expenses (90001-90015) are apportioned to each program activity, based on actual records of staff time, postage, copying, etc.) These numbers cannot be determined until the close of our fiscal year, March 31.

LWVMN has a policy of reimbursing volunteer expenses for service on Board, committees and for travel; reimbursable expenses include mileage (.15¢/mile), actual transportation (bus, for example), lodging, babysitting (\$1.50/hour), meals. In estimating committee expenses, metro trips are calculated at 35 miles round trip. Trips from greater Minnesota @ 150 miles round trip. Volunteers frequently donate expenses to LWVMN (see Income item #0420).

Direct Service to Local Leagues

#5021: 1 liaison call/year to LLs by LWVMN Board members.

#5031: travel expenses for visits to LLS - some reimbursement; see Income #0505 & 6.

#5042: new membership brochure - Income #0501.

#5051: fund for special membership projects.

#5061: Fall workshops discontinued.

#5081: estimated level of expense necessary to maintain Ojibwe unit and 1 provisional League.

#6011-6091 Publications: FACTS, Program for Action will be revised and reprinted; LWVUS publications are purchased and resold.

#7011-7091 VOTER: the Minnesota VOTER will be published quarterly; 1/3 of expenses reimbursed by LWVMNEF.

#8011-8091 Delegates and Affiliations: reflects expenses for MN '85 Convention, MN Council '86; also funds to send two delegates to LWVUS Council '85 and three delegates to LWVUS Convention in '86.

#9011-9091 Action: most of expenses in this category are for lobbyist expenses to attend Action Committee meetings and to lobby at the Legislature.

#9041: dues to maintain membership in organizations such as ERA Alliance, MN Women's Consortium, Citizens League and McCosee.

#10011-15091 Program Committees: reflect expenses for program chairs and committees. Many specific projects are funded through LWVMNEF. Amounts of committee expense vary depending on level of activity or location of program chair.

#16011-16091 Voter Service: see Income item #1601.

#17011-17091 Citizen Information: see Income #1701-1703.

#17510-17591 Grant LWVUSEF: see Income #1751-1757.

#20001 President and Board: expenses for 10 Board meetings (6 greater Minnesota members); \$200 for President's travel to office and elsewhere twice per week. Increase from '84-'85 to 1985-86 is due to addition of more greater Minnesota Board members. Actual for 1984-85 is quite low because many Board members do not report expenses for reimbursement.

#20002 DPMs: subscriptions for Board members and office @ \$25.

#20003 Budget Committee will meet once in '85-'86 to adjust '86-'87 budget; will meet twice in '86-'87 to formulate budgets for '87-'88 and '88-'89.

#20004 Nominating Committee meets in '86 to nominate Hope Washburn winner; meets twice in '86-'87 to develop slate of officers and directors for LWVMN.

#20005 Bylaws Committee meets once in '86-'87 to review bylaws amendment proposals.

#20006 Long Range Planning: meets once in '85-'86 to formulate goals for LWVMN; meets several times in '86-'87 to develop forecast for LWVMN.

#20007 Audit Expense: possible certified audit required in 1985 for 1984 year.

#20008 Office Management Committee oversees LWVMN office operations (7 members plus executive director).

#30001-30008 Development/PR/Marketing: #30002, 30004, 30005 are EF expenses and have been transferred to LWVMNEF budget.

#400001 Fundraiser: anticipated expenses for fundraising event; net profit budgeted - \$5000 for 1985-86, and 1986-87.

#40002 Cookbook: see Income #2003.

#50001-50002 Expenses associated with LWVMN's copier service business - expense figure is allocated operating expense. See Income item #2010.

#60000 LWVMN pays \$13 PMP to LWVUS for MALs.

#60001 LWVMN pays \$3.00 per member to LLs for MALs.

#60009 Contribution: LWVMNEF has been omitted.

#60010 Offset: operating expenses allocated to various budget expense categories are subtracted from total expenses, as they are listed separately in items 90001-90015.

#90001-90015 Operating Expenses: these expenses are assigned to program expense categories based on detailed records of staff time, copying, postage, phones, occupancy, etc. 37% of the operating budget is supported by reimbursement from LWVMNEF for office support of EF administration and projects.

#90001-90002 Salaries and Wages: purchase 1 full-time Executive Director, 1 full-time secretary, 1 3/4 time Development/PR staffer, 1 part-time Service to Local Leagues secretary, 1 part-time bookkeeper, 1 on-call typist. Also purchases health insurance benefit for 1 employee. Payroll taxes include LWVMN's share of FICA and unemployment insurance.

#90003 Occupancy: purchases 1000 sq. feet at 555 Wabasha, which is scheduled for demolition. (LWVMN will move probably early in 1986.)

#90004 includes lease of mailing machine and rental of postage meter, service contract on 1 typewriter and repairs to addressograph.

#90005 Small increase in spite of postal increases as Board Memo will be mailed only to local League presidents in future rather than to every LL Board member.

#90006-90007 Copier rental reflects slight decrease due to cutback in Board Memo mailing. Copier supplies include purchase of toner, oil, duplicator, Xerox paper, letterheads.

#90008 Telephone: lease of 5 phones, 2 lines (system may be redesigned when LWVMN relocates); about \$50/month in long distance charges.

#90009 General office supplies: envelopes, memos, folders, file folders, pens, pencils, clips, rubber bands, etc.

#90010 Insurance: office policy, liability and workers compensation.

#90011 Computer Service: computerized accounting service for LWVMN and LWVMNEF.

#90012 Bank Charges: printing of checks.

#90014 & 15 Equipment and computer: purchase of software, training if we receive donation of computer.

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INCOME		YEAR-TO-DATE AMOUNT	ANNUAL BUDGET	PROPOSED 85-86	PROPOSED 86-87
0400	Memberships - LL PMP*	\$ 36,254.30	\$ 44,445	\$ 46,500	\$ 47,000
0402	Memberships - MAL (@ \$35)	1,446.00	600	3,500	4,375
0403	Memberships - CMAL Assessment	250.00	250	250	250
0404	Hope Washburn - interest	1,806.54	0	150	175
0405	Memorials	80.00	0	-0	-0
0410	Cash from members & Local Leagues	55.50	300	1,371	100
0411	Cash from non-members	62.43	0	0	0
0420	Non cash from members	1,294.59	2,800	3,400	3,400
0450	Interest Income	439.56	380	300	300
	Sub Total	\$ 41,688.92	\$ 48,775	\$ 55,471	\$ 55,600
PROGRAM SERVICES					
DIRECT SERVICE - LL					
0501	Fall Workshops - Membership brochure sales	\$ 5.00	\$ 450	\$ 300	\$ 100
0502	DPM	400.00	200	300	300
0504	White Earth	600.00	1,500	600	600
0505	LL Reimbursement	0	0	500	0
0506	Provisional Reimbursement	0	0	500	0
	TOTAL DIRECT SERVICE - LL	\$ 1,005.00	\$ 2,150	\$ 2,200	\$ 1,000
PUBLICATIONS (Program for Action, Facts, Misc.)					
0600		\$ 2,096.55	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200
0700	VOTER	\$ 22.00	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30
	LWVMNEE Contribution: 1/3			1,050	1,050
	VOTER Sub Total			1,080	1,080

* Continuing members @ \$15
New members @ \$12, representing net gain
Household members @ 11.25
Provisional LWV members @ \$11.25

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<u>INCOME</u>		<u>YEAR-TO-DATE AMOUNT</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGET</u>	<u>PROPOSED 85-86</u>	<u>PROPOSED 86-87</u>
DELEGATES					
0801	State Convention '85/ Council '86	\$ 2,797.16	\$ 3,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 3,500
	TOTAL DELEGATES	\$ 2,797.16	\$ 3,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 3,500
ACTION					
0901	Day on the Hill	\$ 99.50	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 800
0902	CAPITOL LETTER	680.00	2,000	500	500
	TOTAL ACTION	\$ 779.50	\$ 2,800	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300
NATURAL RESOURCES					
1001	Committee	\$.00	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
	TOTAL NATURAL RESOURCES	\$.00	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
1100	Criminal Justice	\$.00	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
1200	HR/Social Policy	\$.00	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
1300	Education	\$.00	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
1400	Government	\$.00	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
1500	International Relations	\$ 300.00	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

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		<u>YEAR-TO-DATE AMOUNT</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGET</u>	<u>PROPOSED 85-86</u>	<u>PROPOSED 86-87</u>
VOTERS SERVICE					
1601	ABC Reporting	\$ 3,580.00	\$ 4,900	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
	TOTAL VOTERS SERVICE	\$ 3,580.00	\$ 4,900	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
CITIZEN INFORMATION					
1701	Speakers Bureau	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500
1702	Citizen in Action Sales	1,272.20	2,000	1,050	2,500
1203	Practical Politics Course	0	0	400	400
	TOTAL CITIZEN INFORMATION	\$ 1,672.20	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,450	\$ 4,400
CI - Grant LWVUSEF					
1751	Projects to be assigned	\$.00	\$ 0	\$ 300	\$ 300
1752	Caucus Tape	3,302.91	0	0	0
1753	Water F & I	2,298.40	0	0	0
1754	Water Focus	.00	0	0	0
1755	INDIANS IN MN	4,000.00	0	0	0
1756	Justice Focus	979.15	0	0	0
1757	Citizen Lobbyist	1,051.92	0	0	0
1758	Caucus Flyer	423.91	0	0	0
	TOTAL CITIZEN INFO -- GRANT	\$ 12,056.29	\$ 0	\$ 300	\$ 300

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		YEAR-TO-DATE AMOUNT	ANNUAL BUDGET	PROPOSED 85-86	PROPOSED 86-87
SUPPORTING SERVICES					
2001	Fund Raising	\$ 45.00	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
2002	Cookbook Administration	8,402.06	6,000	1,000	500
2003	Cookbook Profit to LWVMN	1,000.00	6,000	5,300	3,500
2010	Copier Service Business	7,244.76	9,000	9,000	9,000
	TOTAL SUPPORTING SERVICES	\$ 16,691.82	\$ 29,000	\$ 23,300	\$ 21,000
SERVICES PROVIDED LWVMNEF*					
3001	Administration LL Grants	\$ 179.26	\$ 500	\$ 800	\$ 1,000
3010	Admin. & Devel. Costs	2,448.64	5,839	9,000	10,000
3020	Grants Project Costs	28,314.44	27,475	25,975	26,455
	TOTAL SERVICES PROVIDED LWVMNEF	\$ 30,942.34	\$ 33,805	\$ 35,775	\$ 37,455
	TOTAL INCOME	\$ 113,631.78	\$ 128,960	\$ 136,076	\$ 132,835**

* LWVMN provides staff/office support to LWVMNEF. LWVMNEF reimburses LWVMN for those operating costs. See Expense items described as "LWVMN Services" in LWVMNEF Budget (pink).

** Income over expense of \$491.00.

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EXPENSES	YEAR-TO-DATE AMOUNT	ANNUAL BUDGET	PROPOSED 85-86	PROPOSED 86-87
PROGRAM SERVICES				
DIRECT SERVICE TO LL				
5011 Committee	\$.00	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
5021 League Contacts - Calls	52.36	270	150	150
5031 League Contacts - Visits	526.62	525	695	695
5041 Membership Committee (6 mtgs.)	126.55	275	396	400
5042 Membership Brochure	.00	150	300	-
5051 Projects Committee	565.51	300	350	350
5061 Fall Workshops	14.10	500	0	0
5071 Reimbursed Visits	.00	0	0	0
5081 Provisional League -	28.03			
White Earth \$800, Prov. \$300	.571.36	2,400	1,100	1,100
5091 Allocated Operating	10,131.39	13,500	-	-
TOTAL DIRECT SERVICE TO LL	\$ 12,015.92	\$ 17,920	\$	\$
PUBLICATIONS				
6011 Purchase (FACTS, Program for Action revised)	\$ 885.44	\$ 300	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,200
6021 Sales & Use Tax	59.93	1,117	400	400
6031 Committee	.00	0	0	0
6091 Allocated Operating	573.78	1,500		
TOTAL PUBLICATIONS	\$ 1,519.15	\$ 2,917	\$	\$
VOTER				
7011 Committee - Mileage	\$ 59.56	\$ 200	\$ 100	\$ 100
7021 Printing (4 issues)	3,013.37	2,050	3,100	3,200
7031 Postage	473.00	760	650	650
7091 Allocated Operating	872.27	1,100		
TOTAL VOTER	\$ 4,418.20	\$ 4,110	\$	\$

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		YEAR-TO-DATE AMOUNT	ANNUAL BUDGET	PROPOSED 85-86	PROPOSED 86-87
DELEGATES & AFFILIATIONS					
8011	MN Convention	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,000	\$ 9,500	\$ 150
8021	MN Council	2,061.81	1,500	150	2,500
8031	LWVUS Convention/Council	963.70	1,800	1,200	2,100
8091	Allocated Operating	1,927.27	2,500		
	TOTAL DELEGATES & AFFILIATIONS	\$ 5,052.78	\$ 7,800	\$	\$
ACTION					
9011	Committee (10 mtgs., 15 mbrs.)	\$ 203.36	\$ 950	\$ 980	\$ 700
9021	Lobbying & Monitoring	324.70	800	800	800
9031	Resource Materials	.00	25	25	25
9041	Coalitions & Affiliations	100.00	50	100	100
9051	Day on the Hill	241.67	400	250	250
9091	Allocated Operating Seminars	1,774.62	7,500	300	
	TOTAL ACTION	\$ 2,644.35	\$ 9,725	\$	\$
NATURAL RESOURCES					
10011	Committee	\$ 45.00	\$ 250	\$ 100	\$ 100
10012	Lobbying Deposit Campaign	.00	100	100	100
10091	Allocated Operating	56.00	1,000		
	TOTAL NATURAL RESOURCES	\$ 101.00	\$ 1,350	\$	\$
CRIMINAL JUSTICE					
11011	Committee	\$ 42.50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50
11091	Allocated Operating	11.55	150		
	TOTAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE	\$ 53.95	\$ 200	\$	\$

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	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE AMOUNT</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGET</u>	<u>PROPOSED 85-86</u>	<u>PROPOSED 86-87</u>
SOCIAL POLICY				
12011 Committee	\$ 83.25	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50
12091 Allocated Operating	73.72	500		
TOTAL SOCIAL POLICY	\$ 156.97	\$ 550	\$	\$
EDUCATION				
13011 Committee	\$.00	\$ 375	\$ 300	\$ 300
13091 Allocated Operating	.98	700		
TOTAL EDUCATION	\$.98	\$ 1,075	\$	\$
GOVERNMENT				
14011 Committee	\$.00	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100
14091 Allocated Operating	17.73	100		
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 17.73	\$ 200	\$	\$
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS				
15010 Committee	\$ 6.00	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100
15011 Lobbying & Conf.	54.09	100	100	100
15012 World Affairs Council	10.00	25	10	10
15013 World Affairs Center Mtgs.	.00	25	25	25
15014 UN Rally	37.50	25	25	25
15015 Trade Conference	346.60	0	0	0
15091 Allocated Operating	270.07	500		
TOTAL INTER. NAT. RELATIONS	\$ 724.26	\$ 775	\$	\$

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	YEAR-TO-DATE AMOUNT	ANNUAL BUDGET	PROPOSED 85-86	PROPOSED 86-87
VOTER SERVICE				
16011 Committee	\$ 138.65	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
16021 ABC Project (election yrs. only)	951.92	900	0	900
16091 Allocated Operating	822.69	800		
TOTAL VOTER SERVICE	\$ 1,913.26	\$ 1,900	\$	\$
CITIZEN INFORMATION				
17011 Committee	\$ 22.50	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
17021 Speakers Bureau (new flyer)	37.70	100	0	250
17041 Practical Politics Instructor Expenses			100	100
17081 CIA Publication	1,128.04	0	0	0
17091 Allocated Operating	237.36	800		
TOTAL CITIZEN INFORMATION	\$ 1,425.60	\$ 900	\$	\$
CI - GRANT LWVUSEF				
17510 INDIANS IN MN	\$ 2,901.23	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
17511 Caucus Tapes	100.70	0	0	0
17520 Water Focus	200.50	0	0	0
17521 Water F & I - 1	90.00	0	0	0
17541 Speakers Bureau Flyer	308.35	0	0	0
17591 Allocated Operating	529.13	0		
TOTAL CI GRANT LWVUSEF	\$ 4,139.91	\$ 0	\$	\$

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	YEAR-TO-DATE AMOUNT	ANNUAL BUDGET	PROPOSED 85-86	PROPOSED 86-87
ADMINISTRATION				
20001 President & Board	\$ 719.02	\$ 1,475	\$ 1,650	\$ 1,782
20002 LWVUS DPMs	500.00	500	600	600
20003 Budget Committee	69.40	150	60	180
20004 Nominating Committee	189.92	125	60	180
20005 Bylaws Committee	.00	15	0	60
20006 Long Range Planning	.00	150	60	180
20007 Audit Expense (MN-1800; EF-1200)	1,350.00	1,800	1,800	1,200
20008 Office Management Committee	55.17	150	150	150
20009 Allocated Operating	14,253.11	19,000		
Conferences for Board - 22 @ \$50			700	700
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 17,136.62	\$ 23,365	\$	\$
DEVELOPMENT/PR/MARKETING				
30001 Financial Options/Development Committee	\$.66	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75
30002 Subscriptions & Resources - EF	134.54	195	0	0
30003 Travel & Parking	.00	25	25	25
30004 Financial Advisory Comm. - EF	.00	100	0	0
30005 Annual Report of Ed Fund - EF	.00	375	0	0
30006 Public Relations Committee	88.96	75	100	100
30007 Marketing Committee	.00	175	175	175
30008 Video Productions Committee	.00	75	75	75
30009 Allocated Operating	2,612.95	7,850		
TOTAL DEVELOPMENT	\$ 2,837.11	\$ 8,945	\$	\$
FUND RAISING				
40001 Fund Raising	\$ 182.68	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
40002 Cookbook	7,435.71	6,000	5,300	3,570
40009 Allocated Operating	125.62	815		
TOTAL FUND RAISING	\$ 7,744.01	\$ 9,815	\$	\$

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		YEAR-TO-DATE AMOUNT	ANNUAL BUDGET	PROPOSED 85-86	PROPOSED 86-87
COPIER SERVICE BUSINESS					
50001	Allocated Operating - Related	\$ 468.03	\$ 2,400	\$ 0	\$
50002	Allocated Operating - Unrelated	194.41	1,900	0	
	TOTAL COPIER SERVICE	\$ 662.44	\$ 4,300	\$	\$
60000	Payment to LWVUS - PMP - MALs	\$ 156.00	\$ 300	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,625
60001	Payment to LL - State Member	94.50	75	300	375
60010	Allocated Operating Offset	45,592.47	92,940		
	TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES	\$ 24,068.46	\$ 36,045	\$ 38,736	\$ 31,332
OPERATING EXPENSE *					
90001	Salaries & Wages	\$ 50,525.59	\$ 55,723	\$ 59,220	\$ 62,391
90002	Payroll Taxes	3,982.14	4,274	4,850	5,000
90003	Occupancy	4,446.00	5,928	6,000	6,600
90004	Rental & Maint. of Equipment	1,121.11	1,065	1,108	1,150
90005	Postage & Shipping	6,388.85	7,000	7,152	7,152
90006	Copier Rental	6,807.25	8,300	8,000	8,000
90007	Copier Supplies, etc.	3,254.92	3,650	3,500	3,500
90008	Telephone	2,118.41	3,000	2,800	3,000
90009	General Office Supplies	2,424.97	1,800	2,340	2,340
90010	Insurance	563.75	550	570	570
90011	Computer Service	780.45	525	600	600
90012	Bank Charges & Misc.	46.90	25	25	25
90013	Miscellaneous Fees	28.34	0	25	25
90014	Equipment	77.81	600	650	650
90015	Membership/Computer	.00	500	500	500
	TOTAL OPERATING	\$ 82,566.49	\$ 92,940	\$ 97,340	\$101,012
	TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$106,634.95</u>	<u>\$128,985</u>	<u>\$136,076</u>	<u>\$132,835</u>

* 35% of Total Operating Expense is covered by reimbursement from the LWVWNEF in 1984-85. 36.8% in 1985-86, 37% in 1986-87 Budgets. See Income items # 3001, 3010, 3020.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MN EDUCATION FUND

PROPOSED BUDGET 1985-86, 1986-87

INCOME		YEAR-TO-DATE AMOUNT (1-31-85)	ANNUAL BUDGET	PROPOSED 85-86	PROPOSED 86-87
LWVMNEF					
1801	Local League Deposits	\$ 6,261.78	\$ 7,500	\$10,000	\$12,000
1830	Interest LL Deposits	16.30	200	200	220
1831	Admin Fee LL	70.48	300	300	350
	Subtotal	\$6,242.88	\$8,000		
Unassigned Contributions					
1841	Members	4,347.49	2,300	3,500	3,800
1842	Non-members	551.75	2,300	500	1,000
1843	Corporations/Foundations	9,314.52	2,600	15,000	10,000
1844	LWVMN	-0-	2,438	-0-	-0-
1845	Interest	233.98	1,232	1,000	1,000
1846	Member Non-cash	327.64	-0-	200	250
	Subtotal	14,775.38	10,870		
Natural Resources					
1851	New Study - Publication (1)	6,797.19	6,500	13,800	15,000
1852	Water Video	10.00			
	Subtotal	6,807.19			
Social Policy					
1856	Indians-Grant-Dist.	-0-	6,000	6,000	-0-
1857	Indians-Sales	-0-	17,520	17,520	4,000
1858	Indians-Royalties	-0-	550	550	400
	Subtotal		24,070		
International Relations					
1861	Grant-World Trade	-0-	100	100	100

(1) This budget item will be moved to the appropriate program category when (if) a new study is adopted by Convention. The year-to-date amount reflects income, both grant and publication sales, for the 1983-85 water resources study. Projected income is for the possible new study, in whatever program category is chosen.

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PROPOSED BUDGET 1985-86, 1986-87

INCOME	YEAR-TO-DATE AMOUNT (1-31-85)	ANNUAL BUDGET	PROPOSED -85-86	PROPOSED 86-87
Voters Service				
1866 Primary Debates	\$ 1,075.26	\$ 3,000	\$ -0-	\$ 3,000
1867 Debate '86	5,067.78	8,000	3,000	12,000
1868 Voters Guide Grant	600.00	2,000	-0-	10,000
1869 Election Hotline	3,111.10	5,000	-0-	5,000
1870 '86 Election flyer and PSAs		1,450	-0-	1,500
1871 Candidate Meeting Guide	-0-	-0-	800	-0-
1872 Pick a Candidate Video (2)	5,059.70	100	5,000	1,000
1873 Precinct Caucus Flyer & Video Dist. (3)	7,300.00	-0-	1,900	-0-
Subtotal	22,213.84	19,550		
Citizen Information				
1881 2 Focus Meals	.910.00	1,600	1,600	1,700
1882 2 Focus Grants	5,425.76	3,000	3,400	3,600
1883 2 Focus Admissions	1,248.00	3,000	3,100	3,200
1884 CIA Meals	486.00	800	800	820
1885 CIA Grant	203.76	1,000	1,200	1,400
1886 CIA Admissions	1,966.50	1,000	1,000	1,000
1887 Road Show	156.80	-0-	600	600
1888 Publications/AV Library (4)	-0-	-0-	600	400
Subtotal	10,396.82	10,400		
Total LWVMEF Income	\$60,411.11	79,490	91,670	93,340

(2) This is a new project for 1985-86; the year-to-date income and expenses are for the '84-'85 Young Voter Project.

(3) This project is done in non-election year budgets; the year-to-date income and expenses are for the '84-'85 Debate '84 project. The income was a pass-through grant from LWVUS and had to be accounted for separately. (Debate '84 income was a total of categories 1867 and 1873).

(4) This is a new budget category for 1985-86, thus there is no year-to-date income or expenses.

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PROPOSED BUDGET 1985-86, 1986-87

EXPENSES	YEAR-TO-DATE AMOUNT (1-31-85)	ANNUAL BUDGET	PROPOSED 1985-86	PROPOSED 1986-87
LWVMNEF				
18001 Local League Grants	\$ 1,437.97	\$ 7,500	\$10,000	\$12,000
Local League Administration				
18005 LWVMN Services (6)	654.99	500	800	1,000
State Administration				
18009 EF Board Expense	421.96	-0-	1,200	1,300
18010 Annual Fund Drive Committee	-0-	-0-	250	250
18011 Annual Report of EF	-0-	-0-	375	-0-
18012 EF Legal Fees	-0-	-0-	300	300
18013 Stationary & Permanent Supplies	-0-	-0-	350	350
18014 Subscriptions & Resources	-0-	-0-	200	200
18015 LWVMNEF Audit	-0-	-0-	1,200	600
18016 Other Direct Expenses	1,250.76	-0-	-0-	-0-
18019 LWVMN Services	10,469.12	5,830	9,000	10,000
Subtotal	12,141.84	5,830		
Unassigned Project/Devel. (5)				
18021 1985-86 Projects	-0-	1,500	1,500	1,500
18022 LWVMN Services (6)	-0-	3,000	3,000	3,000
18025 1986-87 Projects	-0-	3,000	3,000	3,000
Subtotal		7,500		
Natural Resources				
18031 Water Publication, New Study (1)	2,653.86	3,500	9,000	11,000
18032 LWVMN Services (6)	338.36	3,000	4,800	4,000
Subtotal	2,992.22	6,500		
Social Policy				
18041 Indians-Purchase	-0-	11,000	11,000	2,200
18042 Indians-Sales & Use	-0-	1,260	1,260	120
18043 LWVMN Services	2,086.04	9,350	9,350	2,000
Subtotal	2,086.04			
International Relations				
18051 World Trade-Planning	-0-	100	100	100

(5) This category is for unplanned projects in whatever program category; there is usually unrestricted grant money available for such contingencies.

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PROPOSED BUDGET 1985-86, 1986-87

EXPENSES	YEAR-TO-DATE AMOUNT (1-31-85)	ANNUAL BUDGET	PROPOSED 1985-86	PROPOSED 1986-87
Voters Service				
18061 Primary Debates	\$ 102.89	\$ 2,000	\$ -0-	\$ 1,300
18062 LWVMN Services	819.50	1,000	-0-	1,700
18063 Debate '86	3,058.21	6,000	2,000	8,000
18064 LWVMN Services	1,312.99	2,000	1,500	4,000
18065 Voters Guide	249.81	1,000	-0-	3,000
18066 LWVMN Services	2,612.70	1,000	-0-	2,000
18067 Election Hotline	1,990.46	2,500	-0-	2,500
18068 LWVMN Services	3,163.55	2,500	-0-	2,500
18069 Vote '86 Flyers & PSAs	8.69	-0-	-0-	-0-
18070 LWVMN Services	485.37	700	-0-	1,500
18071 Candidate Meeting Guide	-0-	-0-	500	-0-
18072 LWVMN Services	-0-	750	300	-0-
18073 Pick a Candidate Video (2)	1,697.30	-0-	3,000	-0-
18074 LWVMN Services	1,877.63	100	2,000	1,000
18075 Precinct Caucus Video (3)	2,604.03	-0-	1,000	-0-
18076 LWVMN Services	4,695.97	-0-	500	-0-
Subtotal	24,679.17	19,550		
Citizen Information				
18081 2 Focus Meals	1,120.05	1,550	1,550	1,625
18082 LWVMN Services	-0-	50	50	75
18083 2 Focus Meetings	2,353.91	3,000	3,300	3,500
18084 LWVMN Services	3,085.10	3,000	3,200	3,300
18085 CIA Meals	-0-	775	775	790
18086 LWVMN Services	-0-	25	25	30
18087 CIA Meeting	1,035.78	1,000	1,100	1,200
18088 LWVMN Services	90.39	1,000	1,100	1,200
18089 Road Show	597.06	-0-	450	450
18090 LWVMN Services	106.09	-0-	150	150
18091 Publications/AV Library (4)			100	100
18092 LWVMN Services			-0-	-0-
Subtotal	8,388.38	10,400		
18099 LWVMNEF Reserves			2,385	500
Total Expenses	\$52,422.61	\$79,490	\$91,670	\$93,340

(6) LWVMN Services, for all the expense categories, reflects those staff & office costs of LWVMN as it performs services for LWVMNEF projects and activities. It includes staff time, copying, postage and overhead. All of these expenses are reflected as income in LWVMN budget categories 3001, 3010 and 3020. These total \$35,775 in 1985-86 and \$37,455 in 1986-87.

REPORT OF THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Kay Bannitt, Chair, LWV-Woodbury/Cottage Grove
Mary Ellen McFarland, LWV-Arden Hills/Shoreview
Cynthia Andrews, LWV-Minneapolis

The Bylaws Committee has made two recommendations for changes to the LWVMN Bylaws.

brackets [] mean delete
underlining _____ means new wording

1. Article VII, Convention. Section 3, Qualifications of Delegates and Voting.

Each delegate shall be a voting member enrolled in a recognized local Minnesota League [in the State of Minnesota] whose State Per Member Payment is paid or be an at-large member of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. The State Board may make an exception in the case of proven hardship.

This change was submitted by the LWV of Robbinsdale as "Each delegate shall be a voting member enrolled in a recognized local Minnesota League whose state PMP dues are paid." Their reason was that this change would keep us current with the LWVUS bylaws. LWV-Robbinsdale also believes that it is unfair that Leagues who do not pay their dues should be able to vote. Two of the three members of the committee favored this recommendation. All the committee members agreed that this addition would be desirable in order to keep us in agreement with the national bylaws. One committee member also felt strongly that this change should be made for Robbinsdale's stated reason of the unfairness of League's voting if the dues are not paid. Another member, however, felt that as a practical matter the change would not be good because in this time of declining membership it would further penalize struggling Leagues.

2. Article VII, Finance. Section 2, Budget.

The Board shall submit to the Convention [or Council] for adoption [a] budgets for the ensuing two fiscal years. [This] These budgets shall provide for the support of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. A copy of the proposed budgets shall be sent to each local League president at least three months in advance of the Convention. [and two months in advance of Council.]

Section 3, Budget Committee

The budgets shall be prepared by the elected chair[person] and a committee which shall be appointed for that purpose at least six months in advance of the Convention. [or Council.]

Article VIII, Convention. Section 5, Powers.

The Convention shall...adopt [a] budgets for the ensuing two fiscal years.

Article IX, Council. Section 3. Powers.

The Council shall consider Program[,] and methods of work and review the budget as submitted to the Board of Directors....The Council shall [adopt a] review [a] the budget for the ensuing year and may modify it to meet current needs....

The committee made these recommended changes to reflect the LWVMN Board's proposal for a two-year budgeting process. The committee, however, felt that Council should review the second year's budget in case changes in Program or revenue or expenditures necessitate financial changes. Note that the language refers to two budgets for the ensuing two fiscal years; LWVMN will retain its fiscal period of April 1 to March 31.



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DAY ON THE HILL

TO: Local Leagues

FROM: Erica Buffington, Action Chair

DATE: March 21, 1985

"Day on the Hill" will be an evening - next day event again this year - Tuesday, April 16th and Wednesday, April 17th. Tuesday evening dinner will be at the Holiday Inn, State Capitol, St. Paul. The cost is \$8.75, which includes the tip. Our evening speaker, Joe Nathan, a teacher on leave from the St. Paul Public Schools and author of Free to Teach, will discuss the "access to excellence" approach in education.

Wednesday morning, Representative Dee Long, will address the issue of "Whatever Happened to the Minnesota Superfund?" Our second speaker, Representative Phillip Riveness, will discuss the "Impact of Pay Equity on Local Government."

This year we are cosponsoring "Day on the Hill" with the American Association of University Women, Minneapolis Branch, and the National Council of Jewish Women, Minneapolis Chapter. We will break into organizational groups and LWVMN will present concise briefings on League's legislative priorities. You will have written information from the lobbyists in your kits; House and Senate membership lists; the day's committee schedules in both houses and the most recent Capitol Letter.

Invite your legislator(s) to lunch - your treat! Let them choose among the cafeterias in the Capitol complex - Capitol, Transportation Building, Centennial Office Building or the Holiday Inn. Plan to tour the Capitol and observe committee hearings.

DAY ON THE HILL AGENDA

April 16, 1985 - Tuesday

Holiday Inn, State Capitol, 161 St. Anthony at Rice Street, St. Paul

7:00 - 8:15 - Registration and Dinner

8:15 - 9:00 - Joe Nathan, teacher and author of Free to Teach
"Access to Excellence"

April 17, 1985 - Wednesday

Weyerhaeuser Room

Minnesota Historical Society

9:00 - 9:30 - Registration - coffee, donuts

9:30 Greetings: Representative Connie Levi, Majority Leader
Joan Grove, Secretary of State

9:45 - 10:15 - Representative Dee Long
"Whatever Happened to the Minnesota Superfund?"

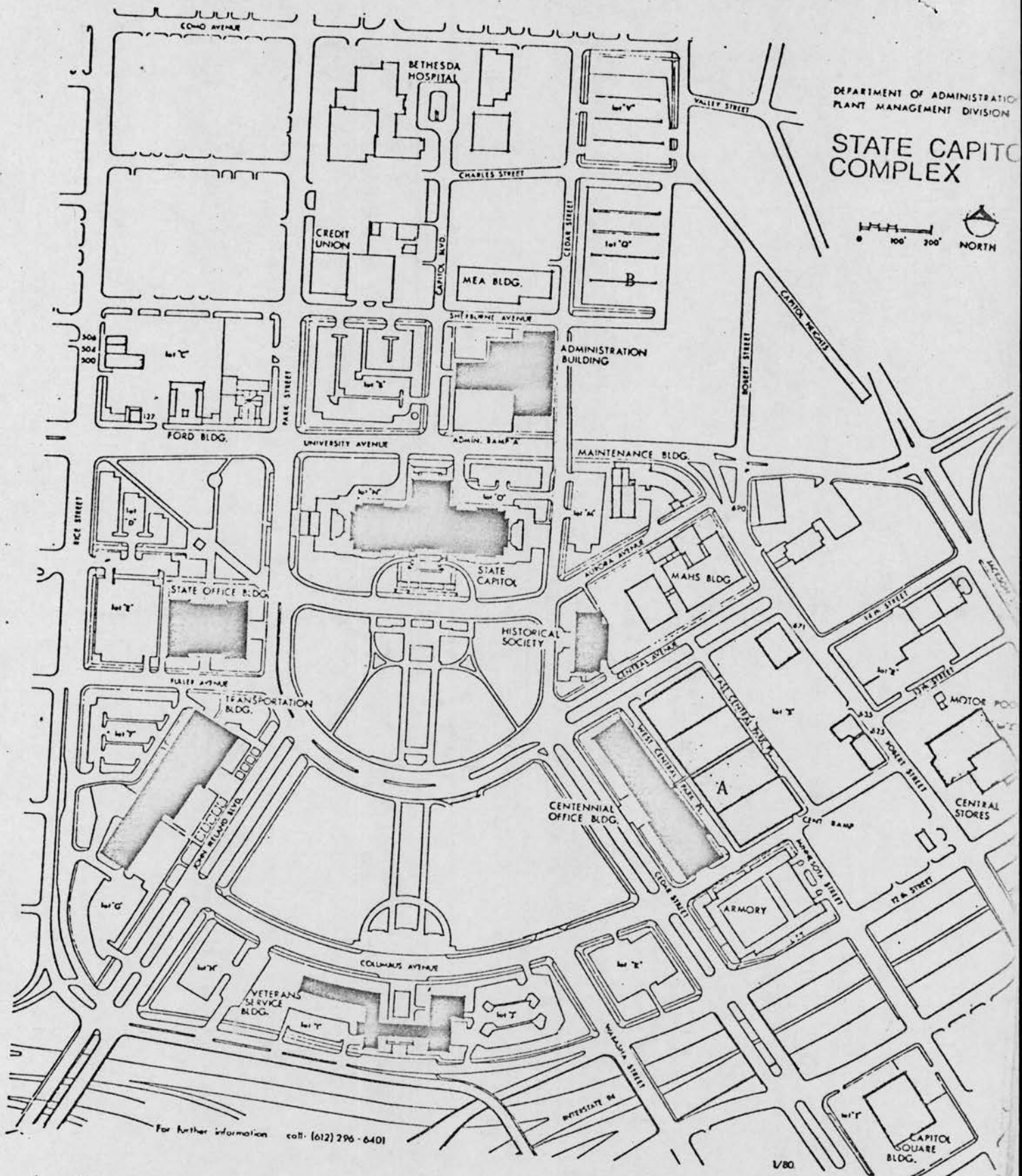
10:15 - 10:30 - Break

10:30 - 11:00 - Representative Phillip Riveness
"Impact of Pay Equity on Local Government"

11:00 - 11:45 - LWVMN, AAUW & NCJW Legislative Priorities

11:45 - 1:00 - Lunch with Legislators
Your treat - you and your legislator(s) pick the place

1:00 - 3:00 - Tour of the Capitol
Committee Hearings



- A. Centennial Ramp
- B. Lot "Q" - limited meter parking
Lot behind 555 Wabasha

Preamble: Access to Excellence

This section also provides a statement on accountability and identifies the major components of the bill which are:

1. Access to schools beyond resident district boundaries;
2. Access to local program and staff development need to local districts;
3. Access to learner outcomes and testing;
4. Access to model programs/schools; instructional effectiveness; math and science school planning; and, innovative education centers;
5. Access to management assistance provided to local districts by the Department.

This section sets forth the procedures for how parents may apply to enroll students in any district. The major points are as follows:

- The purpose is to enable students to participate in the curricular offerings of the districts.
- Extra/cocurricular activities: A pupil may participate in extra-curricular or cocurricular activities as determined by the authority having jurisdiction over the activity. 5-10-51
- Parents/students may apply to another district and a specific school or program within the district.
- Districts which choose to participate in the program must establish equitable criteria for selecting students. Districts may deny students access for only two reasons:
 1. Lack of space, or
 2. Because it puts the district out of compliance with their desegregation plan.

- Racial balance: Districts with desegregation plans will need to begin the process of selecting students and allowing students to leave the district before other districts in the state. Minneapolis and St. Paul will need to know how many minority and majority students are entering the district. They then can determine how many may leave based on the number entering.
- Parent choice will apply to 11th and 12th grade students beginning in 1986-87. All other grades will begin participating in 1988-89.
- Public post-secondary option: 11th and 12th grade students may apply to attend a public post-secondary institution. The student's home district shall pay tuition and reimburse the student for textbooks and other required materials. The student shall receive secondary school credit. The total cost may not exceed the prorated share of the formula allowance plus the tiers.
- Transportation: The student is responsible for getting to the border of the attending district. The attending district will then transport the student and receive transportation aid within the district. Parents in need will be eligible to receive additional aid. \$666 K is available for transportation from home to school. \$100 K is available for transportation to and from post-secondary institutions.
- Parent information: Schools are encouraged to provide parents information about programs, student achievement and other information to help parents make informed choices.
- Financing: The Foundation Aid and tier revenues (both state and local levy) will follow the student. The Department will make the financial adjustments. Total per pupil revenues will be subtracted from state aid due the home district and paid to the district where the student attends.

Article 2: Access to Local Program and Staff Development Aid

This section provides for the state to pay districts \$10.65 per pupil unit to encourage staff and program development, parent and community involvement and experimental educational delivery systems. This section encourages local boards to develop a plan in cooperation with teachers and the curriculum advisory committee. \$8.5 M is appropriated for use by local districts for this purpose.

Article 3: Access to Learner Outcomes and Testing

The major points of this section are as follows:

- The Commissioner will establish a statewide PER Advisory Committee to advise the Department regarding the provisions of this section.
- The Department will develop a model Minnesota outcome-based learner outcome system which includes the development of a personalized learning plan for every student, goals and learner outcomes for subject areas and a staff development, evaluation and public accountability process.

- Learner outcomes will be developed in reading, mathematics, science and social studies by June 30, 1986. Other areas will be developed based on recommendations of the state PER Advisory Committee.
- The Department, with the advice of the statewide PER Advisory Committee, will develop "Minnesota Tests of Educational Progress." These tests will be used at three grade levels in various subject areas. Tests will be administered in 1987-88. The tests do not preclude individual districts from administering their own tests. The tests will assess a broad range of basic and higher order learning.
- The Department shall report summaries of the test data annually.

Article 4: Access to Model Programs and Schools

- Instructional Effectiveness. The Department will select 10 of the 26 School Effectiveness sites to be model sites for instructional effectiveness, outcome-based education and testing. \$1.2 M shall be used for model sites and \$3.1 M will be used to continue the instructional effectiveness program.
- Math and Science High School. A study will be initiated regarding the establishment of a math and science high school to be operated by a local district. This section establishes an advisory committee to include members from Alliance for Science, MHTC, and the Business Partnership, school representatives and legislators. The report is due February 1, 1986. The appropriation requested is \$150 K.
- Innovative Education Centers. Five to eight centers will be established in school districts. Emphasis will be placed on assisting teachers to use technology effectively, learner outcomes, instructional effectiveness techniques and testing. Centers will establish ties to higher education institutions. The centers will be selected by the Technology Sites Advisory Committee. Appropriation request is \$4.1 M.

Article 5: Access to Management Assistance for Local School Districts

- This section authorizes the Department to provide assistance to local school districts in various management and organizational areas. Included in this section is program and organizational management assistance, alternative organizational methods and data based planning. The appropriation request is \$300 K.



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GOVERNMENT - SIZE OF LEGISLATURE

by Nancy Crippen, LWVMN
Government Lobbyist

Notes on meeting of Election and Ethics Committee

Jerry Hughes, Chair

February 27, 1985 - 11:30 to 1:00 p.m.

TOPIC: DOES LEGISLATIVE SIZE MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Report from HHH Institute by Professor Virginia Grey,
Political Science Department, University of Minnesota

SUMMARY: Two year study of 50 legislatures conducted by Professor Grey concludes the size of the Legislature generally does not affect quality or cost of product, or the nature or quality of the legislators. If anything, larger legislatures tend to be more professional, efficient and cost-effective.

FACTORS STUDIED:

COST: Larger legislatures, if anything, tended to be less costly.

EFFICIENCY/PRODUCTIVITY: Larger legislatures, especially those who counted themselves to be "professional", got more work done in less time.

CONSTITUENT SERVICES: Varied from legislature to legislature without apparent relationship to size.

CAMPAIGN COSTS: Higher when districts are larger.

EFFECT ON RURAL RESIDENTS IN LARGER STATES: Showed a negative effective when size of district limited constituent access to legislator.

CITIZEN VS PROFESSIONAL LEGISLATURES: The way legislators viewed themselves, the length of service, the length and frequency of sessions had more effect on the product than the size.

PROFILE OF LEGISLATORS: Fewer women will be elected as size of districts force campaign costs up because women traditionally have difficulty raising campaign funds. As legislature becomes more "professional", there are fewer lawyers elected, more teachers.

LEGISLATIVE REACTION: The senators were more concerned with the parts of the report that commented on the professional legislature and the way that constituents viewed their representatives than on the question of size. Senator Hughes gave an impassioned, albeit brief, lecture on the erosion of the distinction between the legislative and executive function. He decried the "legislative program" of the governor and the view that the governor was responsible for legislation.

This is the first of several reports to be considered. A complete review will be conducted in the spring of 1986.

Addendum to the March Board Memo from Jeanne Crampton, Natural Resources Co-Chair.

Superfund: The Legislature is worshipping at the altar of the "business climate" this session, so unless there is a significant number of "born again" humanists up there, the victim compensation portion of the Superfund Law is probably down the drain. It has been passed by the House (H.F. 268) and S. F. 300 is waiting in the Senate Judiciary Committee. That committee is presently working on S.F. 571, Senator Collin Peterson's Victim Compensation Fund bill. It has been amended to the consistency of weak dishwater---but is enough to allow legislators to later reassure constituents that, "Well, yes we gutted Superfund, but we helped everyone out by then passing a Victims' Compensation Fund Law." Neglecting to mention that it has no death benefits, that personal property damage is limited to \$5000 for a new water supply (nothing for loss of market value on property) and that taxpayers will be picking up the tab, while hazardous waste generators get off scott free. S.F. 571 is now comparable to H.F. 156. Watch your Capitol Letter for an update.

The folks at the education end of Clean Water Action Project have put together a videotape on Superfund, and are anxious for it to receive distribution. If you have a meeting that needs a discussable topic, call Tom Carr at (612)645-0961 and ask about using the tape. It should be ready at the end of March.

The water consensus will be announced immediately after the April 9 Board Meeting. The Study Chairs and Committee are hard at work tabulating the results now. It is evident from this consensus that there needs to be some member discussion about the form future consensus will take. In other words, we have reached a point where we must decide whether to take a "computer" type consensus, counting bodies and votes, or to go back to the original consensus form (statements of agreement.) Like water and oil, the two methods do not mix.

Joan Brainerd (LWV White Bear Lake/North Oaks) called the other day to report that her local convenience store, as well as the Red Owl Country Store, seemed to be phasing out the half-gallon cartons of milk, and replacing them with individual, throwaway plastic jugs. I checked my Country Store and discovered the same thing---is it happening in your area as well? You may recall that we kept Red Owl Country Stores on the straight and narrow when they decided to quit carrying pop in refillable bottles. A rather localized League campaign of card and letter writing prompted them to drop the idea. Let me know if it's happening in your stores, and do mention it to your store manager. Drop a line to Red Owl---send it to Red Owl, P.O. Box 329, Minneapolis, MN, 55440, C. Patrick Schulke, President and Chief Executive Officer. Remind them that in this day and age, when landfills are near full capacity, is no time to create more containers that are neither biodegradable or recyclable (at least at this time.) Minnesota does have a packaging law on the books (allowing the MPCA to rule on the introduction of new packages into the State) but it has never been implemented because of industry complaints, and an inability of the agency to develop rules.

*Please bear with me until I'm "Computer
Literate" — this is my first attempt!
J.C.*

Firms, victims square off over 'superfund' changes

By Dean Rebuffoni
Staff Writer

Terry Reuther, who lives next to a leaking hazardous-waste dump in Anoka County, spoke to a Minnesota

■ The Legislature has no plans to change the dump clean-up provisions of the "superfund" law. That story and one about the 96 primary beneficiaries of the proposed changes are on Page 13A.

Corp., FMC Corp., IBM Corp., U.S. Steel Corp. and Koch Refining Co.

Businessmen insist that because the Minnesota superfund law is more re-

However, those who support the present statute are hampered by the same types of complex issues that mark the national debate over hazardous chemical wastes.

For example, there is widespread agreement among state environmental officials that toxic chemicals seeping into water supplies from Minnesota's 87 major waste sites will cause illnesses and other personal injuries. It's just a matter of time, they say.

However, some business groups

None of that is much comfort to people living near those 87 dumps, including Terry Reuther. His home is near a landfill once used by Waste Disposal Engineering, Inc., to dispose of waste acids, solvents and sludges.

Although no chemical contaminants have been found in the wells used by Reuther and other nearby residents, very unhealthy levels of such substances have been discovered in shallow ground water beneath the landfill. Health officials are con-



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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA/CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR WOMEN CLASSES

PRACTICAL POLITICS

This course helps you develop the knowledge, skills and confidence to become an involved and effective citizen. You will learn about the operations of the national, state and local governments of which you are a part, and using three current issues (equal opportunity for women, preserving natural resources, national security) you will learn how to effectively communicate your concerns. In each area participants will become familiar with the issue and will learn specific ways to affect policies such as observing, letter writing, giving testimony, joining with others in organizations and developing coalitions. Citizens in Action, the League of Women Voters--Minnesota lobbyist handbook, will be available for purchase at the first meeting (\$5).

Fall Spec Term Sec 1 Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., October 2-23 - \$40

(4 meetings), MacPhail, Buffington

(Erica Buffington is vice president and director of lobbying for the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.)

COMMUNITY, CIVIC AND SOCIAL GROUPS: ORGANIZING FOR EFFECTIVENESS

Non-profit organizations such as PTAs, professional associations, community action groups, and church groups must develop sound organizations structures and operating methods to remain viable. This course helps people who care about these groups to develop the skills they need to operate a smoothly functioning organization. Topics include: developing an effective board structure; organizing and conducting a successful finance drive or fund-raising event; increasing your organization's visibility in the community; communicating with your membership; doing long range planning.

Spring Spec Term Sec 1 Wednesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m., April 2-23 - \$40

(4 meetings), MacPhail, Higinbotham

(Joan Higinbotham is vice president of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota and president of the Minnesota International Center.)

To register for these classes, contact Continuing Education for Women, University of Minnesota, Room 200 Westbrook Hall, 77 Pleasant St., SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

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DISCUSSION GUIDE INDIANS IN MINNESOTA

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August, 1985

Background

The League of Women Voters' interest in the state's Indian population began in 1960 with its first study of Indians in Minnesota. League membership concluded then that Indians have unique governmental relationships and problems that require attention of government. A 1963 position supports "state responsibility for and responsiveness to Indian citizens."

In particular, LWVMN supports:

- state legislation to insure services for Indian citizens which are equal to those provided for other citizens. Where Indians are singled out for special attention, that attention should be directed towards solving existing jurisdictional conflicts in order to guarantee equal treatment of Indian citizens by all levels of government. Programs should have the explicit recognition that the basic decisions regarding Indian lives and property are to be made by the Indians themselves. (1963)
- a state agency of Indian affairs which meets the following criteria: acceptable to the Indians themselves; permanent; staffed by professionally qualified people, authorized to act in setting up, carrying out and coordinating programs; empowered to use the services of other existing agencies and provided with adequate funds. (1963)

Action

LWVMN supported creation of the Indian Affairs Commission in 1963 and lobbied in both 1967 and 1976 to retain its independent status when bills were introduced to merge it with the Department of Human Rights. In principle, LWVMN opposes any legislation which singles out any race or provides separate services. However, Indian citizens have historically been singled out for separate consideration, and LWVMN thinks that special attention must continue to be given them as they work for the right to make basic decisions regarding their lives. In 1967 and 1976 legislative proposals recommended major changes in the composition of the Indian Affairs Commission in an attempt to adequately address the needs of both reservation and urban Indians. In both instances, LWVMN worked with Indian groups and assisted in interpreting their needs to legislators. In 1971 and 1973 LWVMN lobbied for legislation to return to Indians their hunting, fishing and ricing rights guaranteed by early treaties. LWVMN also testified in favor of a revolving fund for Indian business development financed by 20% of a new state tax on severed mineral rights. In the 1965 Legislature LWVMN supported retrocession for the Bois Forte reservations. Both in 1975 and 1977 LWVMN supported legislation to create pilot bilingual education programs in the public schools. In 1984-1985 LWVMN supported the Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act providing for participation in the placement of Indian children by Indian tribes.

LWVUS

Minnesota delegates brought the issue to national conventions and managed to get Indians included in the human resources position. LWVUS published Indian and Proud of It on who

the Indians were and why they wanted to be Indian. In 1976 LWVUS received a foundation grant to produce Indian Country on the national status of Indians.

Fourth Edition - Indians in Minnesota

The fourth edition of Indians in Minnesota was compiled with the cooperation of Indian communities and governmental agencies. It is a survey of the contemporary experience of Ojibway and Dakota Indians living in both reservation and urban settings throughout the state. Information was gathered from 1980 census figures, more than 400 interviews, and over 500 studies and reports. The book documents the effort to maintain Indian culture, Indian tribes, Indian reservations, and Indian sovereignty in the face of shifting governmental policies. Included in the book are broad overviews of land and natural resources, economic development, employment, education, welfare, housing, health and criminal justice.

Tension between the need to rely on government protection and assistance, and the need to be on guard against unilateral government action is a theme throughout the 14 chapters. New sections on chemical dependency, Indian child welfare problems, hunting and fishing issues, unresolved land claims, and tribal-federal government relationships have been added since the previous (1974) edition. The appendixes list major treaties, significant state and federal legislation, important court decisions, and information about Indian community activities. A bibliography provides a selected reading list and media resources.

Minnesota Status

Minnesota is among the leaders in paying attention to and trying to assist Indians. There are many strengths in state-Indian programming and cooperation. Even though the state has many positives, Indian problems constitute a very discouraging laundry list. (See pages 4 and 5 of the book for a brief listing.) With few exceptions, the Indian population of the state has the most severe problems of any disadvantaged group and appears to be the most poorly assisted in meeting its problems. Indians in Minnesota attempts to identify some of the "whys" and provide suggestions that might improve the situation.

Goals of the book and of discussion meetings are to present information on the current status of Minnesota Indians, to raise awareness of some very crucial issues and to promote a greater willingness to work with Indians toward solutions. This is information that we, as citizens of the state and nation, need to be aware of because we are the governments that play such a crucial role in Indian lives.

Before the Meeting

Before the first meeting put a teaser in your local bulletin using some of the discussion or quiz questions or quotes from the book. The de Tocqueville quote on page 8 and the Miles Lord quote on page 17 would be good. It would be helpful for members to have books ahead of time; sell them the meeting before or at the unit presentation. However, don't let members feel guilty about coming to the meeting without having read any of the book. They may be so impressed by the discussion that they will buy and read it afterward.

Discussion Suggestions

Because of the length and complexity of the material, it would be good to have two meetings. The first would cover background and discussion of general questions. Resources for such a meeting are given in the later sections of this guide. The second meeting would be a more thorough discussion of the individual topics covered by the book, with some time spent on discussing what LWV could do. If there is time for only

one meeting, allow for both aspects, giving information and discussing opinions. There should be time for philosophical questions of how society should meet Indian needs, how to deal with specific problems and what LWV can do.

Since the book is much longer than the typical League publications, it might be helpful to divide the reading among unit members. Suggest that everyone read chapters 1 through 6 (up to page 88). The remaining eight chapters cover economic development, employment, education, welfare, housing, health, chemical dependency and the criminal justice system. Ask for volunteers who will read one chapter and report back to the group at the second unit meeting. They should plan to spend 3-5 minutes giving an overview of the problems discussed in the chapter, how extensive the problem is and what programs are currently being used to alleviate them.

Your approach to the meeting may be different depending on whether members have or have not read the book, and on how many unit meetings are scheduled.

Following are two suggested unit outlines. One is for giving the material in one unit meeting. The other, using another approach, takes two meetings. Feel free to mix and match them to suit the needs of your own League. Questions for discussion are in italics. These may be incorporated into the meeting. If it looks as though it would be difficult to get members to break off discussion to get back to the program, leave all the discussion until the end.

Suggested Discussion Outline - One Unit Meeting - 90 Minutes

- I. Present LWVMN background. (Discussion Outline) 3 minutes
- II. Present Indian cultural strengths. (Introduction) 2 minutes
- III. Who are Indians and where are they in Minnesota? (Information from Chapter 3 and also reservation information from Chapter 2) 5 minutes

Indians are united in their wish to remain Indian. To what extent do you think government should honor their wish? 10 minutes

- IV. Describe the importance of tribal government and sovereignty; shifting government policies, status of sovereignty today. Explain power of the United States government to change tribal sovereignty. (Chapters 1 and 4)

or

Show "Indians in Minnesota" videotape.

How can sovereignty best be preserved?

In areas where governments provide programs to meet human needs, how can Indian needs best be met? (See individual chapters covering education, welfare, health, housing, hunting and fishing, employment, criminal justice)

40 minutes

- V. Discuss Indian needs as people. Summarize the various factors compounding the needs-- history, culture, government programs and jurisdictional problems. Why programs are not reaching Indians. (Chapters 6-14, Ebbott speech)

10 minutes

(Suggested Discussion Outline - One Unit Meeting, continued)

- VI. Government Funding. Indians depend on government programs for economic survival. Changes in social programs have a tremendous impact on Indian lives. (Chapters 4 and 7)

What future course could Indians and tribes pursue to meet their needs free of shifting government programs?

10 minutes

- VII. Why do we need to know about Indian problems? As the government, we are important to their survival. (Conclusion)

Read aloud the following, a quotation from Elizabeth Ebbott's 1/85 speech to government liaisons to the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council:

The need for all Minnesotans to care about Indian problems is as great today as it was in 1863, when Secretary of War Stanton, in response to Bishop Whipple's efforts on behalf of the Dakotas in Minnesota, told a friend of Whipple's, "What does Bishop Whipple want? If he came to tell us of the iniquity of our Indian system, tell him we know it. But this government never reforms an evil until the people demand it. When the Bishop has reached the hearts of the people of the United States, the Indians will be saved."

What role can the general public play in setting public policy regarding Indians?

10 minutes

Suggested Discussion Outline - Two 90-minute Unit Meetings

First Unit Meeting

- I. Hand out quiz. Allow 10 minutes to answer. Offer book for sale while members are answering quiz. 10 minutes
- II. Present LWVMN background. (Discussion Guide) 5 minutes
- III. Present Indian cultural strengths. (Introduction) 5 minutes
- IV. Who are Indians and where are they in Minnesota? (Information from Chapter 3 and also reservation information from Chapter 2)
- Indians are united in their wish to remain Indian. To what extent do you think government should honor their wish?*
- 10 minutes
- V. Describe the importance of tribal government and sovereignty; shifting government policies, status of sovereignty today. Explain power of the United States government to change tribal sovereignty. (Chapters 1 and 4)

or

Show "Indians in Minnesota" videotape.

(Suggested Discussion Outline - Two 90-minute Unit Meetings, continued)

How can sovereignty best be preserved?

In areas where governments provide programs to meet human needs, how can Indian needs best be met? (See individual chapters covering education, welfare, health, housing, hunting and fishing, employment, criminal justice)

30 minutes

- VI. Discuss Indian needs as people. Summarize the various factors compounding the needs--history, culture, government programs and jurisdictional problems. Why programs are not reaching Indians. (Chapters 6-14, Ebbott speech)

10 minutes

- VII. Government Funding. Indians depend on government programs for economic survival. Changes in social programs have a tremendous impact on Indian lives. (Chapters 4 and 7)

What future course could Indians and tribes pursue to meet their needs free of shifting government programs?

10 minutes

- VIII. Appoint people to read and report on the individual chapters 7-14 as outlined in the Discussion Suggestions above. They should be prepared to summarize what the problems are, why they exist, whether they are compounded or result from history, culture, government structure, why programs are not reaching Indians, and what programs are in place to remedy them. Each will have 5-7 minutes to make her/his report.

10 minutes

Second Unit Meeting

- I. Review first unit briefly. Hand out quiz to those not present at first meeting. Offer books for sale.

5 minutes

- II. Have members present their chapter summaries. (Ebbott speech may give additional insights)

50 minutes

- III. Touch again on discussion questions noting specific problem areas. Note if opinions have changed in light of the readings.

10 minutes

- IV. Why do we need to know about Indian problems? As the government, we are important to their survival.

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(Suggested Discussion Outline - Two Unit Meetings, continued)

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What role can the general public play in setting public policy regarding Indians?

10 minutes

V. Give answers to quiz.

5 minutes

VI. Discussion of what LWV could do. If there is time, discuss and plan for further activities.

10 minutes

Resources

Indians in Minnesota has an extensive listing of readings for general, specialized and education interests beginning on page 305.

"Indians in Minnesota: An Introduction", 25 minute videotape, gives information from the first few chapters. Available for borrowing or purchase from LWVMN. 1/2" VHS or 3/4" videocassettes. Contact LWVMN.

"A Visit with Elizabeth Ebbott", 15 minute video, gives tips on how to use the book in your community. Comes on the same tape as "An Introduction". Contact LWVMN.

"Indians in Minnesota Panel Discussion". Approximately one hour. Panel of three Indians present personal, educational and cultural issues of concern to urban and reservation Indians. 1/2" VHS cassette. Contact LWVMN. (Available after 9-1-85)

Elizabeth Ebbott 1/85 speech to government liaisons to Minnesota Indian Affairs Council. Gives rationale for why state programming is not reaching Indians. Enclosed with this guide.

Author Elizabeth Ebbott is available to visit with local groups or to suggest speakers or contacts in the community. Contact directly at 409 Birchwood Avenue, Birchwood, MN 55110, 612-426-3643.

Further Activities

Sponsor a public meeting or other community education program. Offer to bring the information to other community groups.

Subscribe to newspapers listed in Appendix D.

Obtain videotapes and place on public access channel of your cable television station.

Suggest that your public library do a display on Indians.

Check what Indian programs your school district offers. Could be included under Title IV, Chapter 312, the Johnson-O'Malley Act or through the social studies curriculum.

Visit a reservation or attend a pow wow in your area. See Appendix D for listings.

Request updates or a new LWV study of Indians at the local, state or national levels through the Lively Issues process.

MINNESOTA INDIANS: Fact or Myth

1. Today Indians are the largest minority group in Minnesota. True or False
2. Today most Indians live on or near reservations. True or False
3. Qualification as an Indian is based on having _____ or more Indian blood.
a. 1/16 b. 1/4 c. 1/2 d. It depends on who is doing the defining.
4. Indians are United States citizens and can vote in all elections. True or False
5. No Indians have to pay state or federal taxes. True or False
6. Minnesota's Indian population has been declining. True or False
7. Today Indians have a lower life expectancy than Minnesotans as a group. True or False
8. About _____ percent of Minnesota's Indians live below poverty level.
a. 15 b. 30 c. 45 d. 60
9. Alcoholism is a major problem for Minnesota Indians. True or False
10. About _____ percent of Minnesota Indians drop out of high school.
a. 25 b. 35 c. 45 d. 55
11. Reservation land is only that land held in trust for Indians by the Federal government.
True or False
12. The Ojibway are the largest tribe in the United States and Canada. True or False

MINNESOTA INDIANS: Fact or Myth - Answers

1. False. In 1980, Indians were the second largest minority population in the state, after Blacks with 53,000. There are about 35,000 Indians in Minnesota.
2. False. Only 28% live on reservations; 45 percent live in the seven county Metropolitan area; the rest live in the nine northern counties or throughout other parts of the state.
3. d. Minnesota laws define Indians as having one-fourth or more Indian blood. Each tribe sets its own criteria for tribal membership. The Federal government generally defines Indians as having one-fourth or more Indian ancestry and having tribal membership.
4. True. Citizenship was bestowed on Indians when they took title to their allotted land or met certain other requirements. For all other Indians, citizenship was granted in 1924 by an act of Congress.
5. False. Indians pay federal income taxes regardless of the source of income. The state cannot tax income earned while living and working anywhere within the reservation. If the Indian lives off the reservation or the income is earned off the reservation, it is subject to state taxes.
6. False. Minnesota's Indian population has been growing since 1920 when it was 0.4 percent of the state's population. In 1980 it was 0.9 percent of the state's population.
7. True. Fewer than half as many Indians reach the age of 65 as other people in Minnesota.
8. b. 30 percent of all Indians live below the poverty level (compared with 9% of the state population).
9. True. Indian community workers estimate that the disease of alcoholism was a problem 6.5 times greater for the Indian population than for the general population statewide.
10. d. As many as 50-60 percent do not finish high school, while Minnesota has the lowest dropout rate in the nation.
11. False. There has been extensive transfer of land to non-Indian ownership. These lands are still considered reservation land. A reservation also includes land allotted to Indians and tribal land, both of which are held in trust by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the name of the tribe and are controlled by the tribe's governing body.
12. True. The Ojibway or Chippewa are the largest tribe north of Mexico in North America. They have major populations in Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, and southern Ontario, Canada.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

TO: Local League Presidents

FROM: Mary Santi, Communications Chair

SUBJECT: Attached Statement to
Indian Affairs Council, 1/85

DATE: August 19, 1985



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MEMO

The attached was the basis for a speech delivered by Elizabeth Ebbott, author of INDIANS IN MINNESOTA. It is not for publication or reprinting, since it was prepared only as a draft for the speech and also, as the author indicates, the language and emphases are hers, not those of the League of Women Voters.

We are including it because it cogently and strongly sets out the problem areas referred to in the book, and will provide League resource people with a valuable help in presenting the topic at unit meetings.

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STATEMENT TO THE DESIGNATED LIAISONS
WITH INDIAN GOVERNMENT
STATE OF MINNESOTA
INDIAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BY ELIZABETH EBBOTT
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
JANUARY 16, 1985

The League of Women Voters' interest in the state's Indian population began in 1960, 25 years ago with its first study of Indians in Minnesota, researching problems and governmental relations. League membership concluded back in the 1960s that Indians have unique governmental relationships and problems that require attention of government. The state should take more responsibility for these citizens, but it is up to the Indian people themselves to define their needs and seek their own solutions rather than having governments impose solutions on them. Through the years LWV has done some lobbying on Indian issues and helped to establish the state-Indian agency that has evolved into the Indian Affairs Council. But our most useful effort was the Indians in Minnesota books.

We are just completing editing the fourth edition of Indians in Minnesota, to be published by the University of Minnesota Press this spring. This most recent edition, totally rewritten, will be 330 pages, constitutes over 400 interviews and 500 source documents, almost exclusively Minnesota oriented. (The 1974 Information sheet to be updated when published.) I have been involved with the LWV's Indian efforts since the beginning and have authored the last two books. It is this background as a researcher/documentor of the state's Indian population that I bring to you today. What follows are issues and problems that the research and interviews brought up.

On behalf of the LWV I am very pleased that attention to Indians is occurring within state agencies and that we have been included in your deliberations. In what follows the emphasis and language are my own, not necessarily endorsed by all LWV members.

I was asked to discuss the problems that we found - and I will be giving you a very discouraging laundry list. While I'm focusing on negatives, it can also be said that the state is among the leaders in paying attention and trying to assist Indians. There are many strengths in state-Indian programing and cooperation. Some of them include: the Indian Affairs Council, state Indian scholarships for post secondary students; Indian cultural programing in K-12, Indian programing in CD, Indian housing programs, some cooperative agreements - in taxation, cross deputizing conservation officers, allowing Red Lake commitments to be accepted by state courts, and I believe, improving state-tribal cooperation in child welfare services.

You have heard or will hear today about Indian uniqueness - the governmental status of the tribes and the tribal-federal-state governmental relationships; the differences of Indian culture and what that means for programing and individuals; the ever present reality of history and how the past treatment of Indians is very real in shaping today's attitudes - the destruction of Indian culture through forced education; the fear that welfare will steal Indian children. The demographics of the Indian population provide explanations for problems and the census statistically confirms this.

For the book, areas of human needs where governments are attempting to provide assistance, data, research reports, specific computer runs, interviews were used to find the extent and nature of the problems for Indians. This data was compared to statistics for all Minnesotans. With at most, one or two exceptions, the Indian population of the state has the most severe problems of any disadvantaged group and appears to be the most poorly assisted in meeting its problems. An attempt has been made to identify some of the "whys" and provide suggestions that might improve the situation. This

approach, used internally within your departments, could provide you all with better insights into what it might take to improve the lot of Indians in Minnesota.

Some of the problems:

- 50-60% of all Indian students, statewide do not finish high school while Minnesota has the lowest drop-out rate in the nation;
- Indians die at a much younger age than whites. The average age at death for Indian males is nine years younger than for white; for females 16 years younger;
- Minneapolis Indian infants die at a rate twice that of the general population;
- Indians are $6\frac{1}{2}$ times more apt to live in overcrowded housing - 15% of Indians did in 1980 (2.3% of the general population).
- Indian adults are .7% of the state population yet 4.4% of state arrests; 8% of the prison population. This begins with the youths - 12% of those in state juvenile correctional facilities are Indian;
- In 1980, 30% of Indians lived below the level of poverty while 9% of the general population did. The Indian unemployment rate was four times that of the state. During the recession in the early 1980s unemployment was as high as 85% on White Earth Reservation;
- One out of every ten Indian youth under 21 is placed outside the home by the government - 2.7 times the state figure. Minnesota, in 1982, was the first in the nation in the ratio of Indian children in foster care, 345/10,000 compared to 37/10,000 for the general population, far in excess of any other state.

Programs

In looking at programs, there is one very important fact to remember. Indians are state citizens and have equal rights to all other citizens. They cannot be denied state programing. But the statistics show that either the programing is not reaching Indians or it is not effective. Indians are not being equally assisted in finding help with their problems. Some reasons why:

Administration may be the problem:

1. State programs in health, welfare and community corrections require county-level governments to listen to those with needs and design programs to meet the needs. In some cases people from the client communities are to be directly involved. When the required reports to the state were checked, even in counties with substantial Indian populations, Indians were not consulted or listened to. The state agencies were not checking for compliance or were not enforcing compliance, saying they lacked legal power.
2. Community Action Programs are specifically designed to help the disadvantaged, yet there is no Head Start program (a CAP run program) available for Prairie Island Community, Red Wing. CAP explained that the Indians preferred their own program. Special funding was requested, but when it was denied, no other programming was offered.
3. Minnesota Chippewa Tribe had special funds for establishing child welfare services. When funding stopped, counties refused to continue the programing, "no funds." The counties should have been providing the services to their citizens all along.
4. There can be direct legal barriers; housing the obvious example. We have all had subsidized housing (FHA) since the 1930s. It was only in the 1960s that it was realized and then worked out to extend public housing programs to reservations (where land cannot be mortgaged).
5. Complex legal issues can be a factor. There is generally a lack of understanding and respect for tribal sovereignty. It is probably true that state rules and regulations do not extend to Indians on reservations. That is why Indians have been successful with Bingo. But other areas of state regulations, issues of

zoning, environmental regulation, perhaps regulating public education have not yet been examined and clarified.

Hunting and fishing, issues that would appear to have already been resolved, are still not accepted. Each issue, apparently, must have extensive, expensive litigation; funds that could be far more productively used by the Indian communities. Mille Lacs Indians now have court decreed fishing rights in Wisconsin while Minnesota has not acknowledged the rights even though the land was all ceded by the same treaty.

Arrowhead treaty rights that were never taken away. The Minnesota legislature authorized a license fee payment to White Earth, similar to the one to Leech Lake Reservation (at half the amount) after the court verified Indian rights; yet no agreement, no payments - perhaps a half million a year. The Commissioner of the Dept. of Natural Resources was quoted in a newspaper, "I wish I had enough nerve to go ahead, but there is no reason because the public is so against it."

Many of these decisions not to act are made on a political basis, which poses a continual threat to Indian tribes. The bottom political line for the tribes is that they exist at the sufferance of Congress and can be wiped out at any time. The threat of what Congress may do is very real. It was only thirty years ago that it approved the policy of termination which transferred jurisdiction to Minnesota over the state's reservations except Red Lake. It abolished the Menominee Reservation with disastrous results.

To many Indian leaders there is a real fear of state government. It is seen as wishing to take over the reservations and to encroach on sovereignty. State action in the areas of hunting and fishing rights, land claim settlement unilaterally imposed, and attempts to suppress tribal efforts to gain viable economic resources through taxation powers and bingo opportunities reinforce this negative view of tribal-state relations. It would probably be helpful if meaningful governmental discussions could take place before the issues become politicized.

Jurisdictional problems:

1. Paying for services - state 90% primary CD state hospitals, so Ramsey County Indians go to Moose Lake - dismal record of helping; while Mash-Ka Wisen, which does work, has low occupancy rate because it is not eligible for the state subsidy.
2. Foster care placements out of the county are very difficult because of jurisdiction. Yet maybe Indian homes are available in suburbs or with extended family on the reservation.
3. Medical care for Twin City Indians who are residents of reservations. IHS only treats those who come and does not reimburse financially. There is a potential to force Indians to return to the reservation against their will to get the needed health services.
4. Women on AFDC who need CD treatment - the children are placed out and AFDC is lost during treatment. Afterwards, to get children back, she must have a suitable home but can't afford the housing without AFDC and can't get AFDC without the children.
5. Foster care home approval - administratively very unlikely to use a single working parent; over 40 years of age differential. Eight homes in St. Paul got welfare approval but failed the fire inspection because there were not two proper exits.

6. "Non-productive programs" where Indians are so hard core unemployed that job services do not attempt to help. "The number of placements don't justify the expenditures."
7. Low income housing where Indians are too low income or too seasonal to qualify.
8. Discontinuity of programs - changing policies, changing directions, not sticking to anything long enough to really see results - grant programs not picked up by regularly funded departments.

Discrimination - expectations are based on stereotypes, racial or economic status, whether real or perceived. The results on the one feeling it are the same. If programs are seen as discriminatory or the Indian feels uncomfortable, the response is often to just leave. The availability of services does not mean Indians will use them.

1. Senior citizen congregate dining program at the Minneapolis American Indian Center are brought in by vans. It is a chance for them to get out, socialize, and is a chance for the young people and others using the Center to meet, get to know the elders. It is a very valuable cultural strength in the Indian community. It all ended when the van was cut and the policy set to go to the closest center. For many the closest was a center in what is perceived as a black neighborhood. Indian elders did not go. The solution was to hire an Indian at the center for outreach. The Indian was not hired. Drastic drop-off in senior Indians using the lunch program - ultimately MAIC was able to get transportation on their own.
2. Minimal use of MN Dept. of Human Rights. Very few Indian complaints yet Indian Affairs Council reports many Indians coming to them with discrimination complaints. On referral they don't go.
3. Government minority affirmative action employment programs and minority purchase programs are perceived by Indians as Black administered and oriented to that community. They are not effective in reaching the Indian community. Results are measured in total minorities not on specific minorities; not measurable just who was being assisted. There is also some perceived discrimination. For example, in a questionnaire the question "Do you feel Minneapolis police are fair in dealing with Indians?" 76% said "No."
4. There is a very high percentage of Indians in the corrections system. It starts with high arrests, neighborhoods served - more apt to be detained, no responsible person to be released to; no employment, high mobility, poor communication, giving up, previous records, all compound the problem. The Sentencing Guideline Study of felony convictions in 1981 said, "It is also likely that there is some racial bias in sentencing." The updated study in 1983 found improvement in racial neutrality of sentencing, however, "there is still room for improvement, especially regarding sentencing of American Indians."
5. Indian students K-12, are almost three times (2.75) as apt to be suspended as are all students; 2.2 times as apt to be labeled "seriously emotionally disturbed" and 1½ times as apt to be called learning disabled. These reactions to Indian students could reflect more the school's perceptions rather than a true evaluation of the individual. (Mentally retarded children are proportionally identical for Indians and the general population.)
6. Child welfare case workers reported by Hennepin County, showed a greater delay in preparing Indian placement plans. 36% Indians compared to 23% white cases were delinquent; in voluntary placement cases almost three times as many Indian cases were not completed in time as compared to whites.

One of the most important barriers to Indians utilizing programs is the lack of sensitivity shown to Indians, lack of understanding, lack of Indian personnel. Where Indians run programs and/or they are perceived as Indian, there is a strong usage and strong Indian community support, usually with quite positive results. For instance, Mash-Ka-Wisen, Indian Health Board in Minneapolis and tribal/alternative schools. Much more needs to be done to allow this process to happen, such as greater use of Indian personnel, professional role models, teachers, school counselors (there were only 6 Indian counselors in K-12 in the state in 1981) business leaders, police guards, etc. And much more should be done to acquaint/sensitize non-Indian personnel to these clients.

Indians are suggesting new ways to look at problems:

1. Repeatedly, it was stressed that instead of isolating individuals and problems, the whole person and the interrelatedness of the Indians family and significant support system needs to be involved. As with the Indian spiritual imagery of the circle, the interconnectedness of all in nature and people with each other, treatments need to also be interconnected.
2. The very specific disciplines of mental health and chemical dependency treatments need to do a much better job relating to each other. For instance, CD treatment bans all drug taking, yet medication may be essential in treating mental illness. Indians to a larger extent than the general population, show an overlapping of these problems.
3. Education. What will work? It may be patience and time to overcome the heritage to distrust "whiteman's education." But Indians are realizing that they need to go through the system if they are to have choices. MTC requires a college degree for their top administrators and the education system needs to look to itself. Why is it failing the Indian population so badly? Is the extra money being used effectively? Is the Indian community really being listened to and parents made to feel an important part of the process? Should school districts be redrawn to give Indians a voice on school boards? Is Indian culture being honored for the important strengths and contributions it can give to us all? Why shouldn't Indians have a vacation break for wild rice harvest and all it connotes in spiritual terms. It may be just as valid for Indians as a break at Christmas is for some of us. The most exciting approach seems to be tribal/alternative schools. Are the public schools incapable of educating Indian students?

I have briefly touched on a variety of reasons why programs are not reaching the state's Indian population and why they are not effective:

1. No attempt is made to get the program to the Indian community
2. Legal barriers
3. Complex legal issues and politics used to deny programs
4. Jurisdictional problems; rules and regulations that get in the way
5. Inconsistent, changing policies - lack of funding
6. Perceived discrimination and stereotyping; Indian discomfort with what services are offered
7. Programs which do not seem to relate to Indians, lack of Indian personnel, sensitivity to their culture
8. Where whole new looks at problems may be needed.

Conclusion

For many of the very pressing and debilitating human problems in the Indian community, government assistance is the only way to get sufficient help. This help, if it is

truly to be beneficial, must incorporate Indians into the planning, directing and staffing of the programs - programs that are shaped to Indian culture and unique Indian needs. A consistent, long-term commitment with continuing adequate funding is necessary.

Indians are very few in number. Highly vocal and seemingly strong opponents can create political pressure against Indian efforts, especially as Indians exert long-dormant rights that challenge the interests of these groups. If Indians are to have a voice in controlling their own programs, strong bureaucracies and entrenched government systems will have to relinquish power. And while I have great hopes for improved understanding from state government, the real need is that at all levels of government, concern and support from the general public are necessary so that Indian voices may be heard. More than any other minority, racial or cultural, they need the understanding and support of the general public to achieve their goals.

The need for all Minnesotans to care about Indian problems is as great today as it was in 1863, when Secretary of War Stanton, in response to Bishop Whipple's efforts on behalf of the Dakotas in Minnesota, told a friend of Whipple's, "What does Bishop Whipple want? If he came to tell us of the iniquity of our Indian system, tell him we know it. But this government never reforms an evil until the people demand it. When the Bishop has reached the hearts of the people of the United States, the Indians will be saved."

LEAGUE LINES

LEAGUE LINES - SEPTEMBER 1985

INDIANS IN MINNESOTA AVAILABLE FROM LWV

The fourth edition of Indians in Minnesota is now available and can be purchased from your local League or through the State Office. Author Elizabeth Ebbott and the League have published this book to promote a better understanding of Indian needs and a greater willingness to work with Indians toward solutions.

It was compiled with the cooperation of the Indian community and government agencies as a survey of the contemporary experience of Ojibway and Dakota Indians living in both reservation and urban settings throughout the state.

A valuable resource for individuals and community groups, this 326 page book includes a 16 page photo section and is published by the University of Minnesota Press for the LWVMN.

Price. to members is \$10.95 plus tax.
Non-member price is \$12.95 plus tax.

LWVMN TO TEACH PRACTICAL POLITICS COURSE

A four week non-credit course in Practical Politics will be offered October 2-23 through the U of M Extension Department with League members acting as faculty.

Erica Buffington, LWVMN Vice President for Service to Local Leagues, will head a group that will help people develop the knowledge, skills and confidence to become involved and active citizens.

Participants will learn about the operation of the national, state and local governments of which they are a part, and using three current issues, will learn how to effectively communicate their concerns. In each area participants will become familiar with the issue and learn specific ways to affect policies.

Classes meet from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Mac Phail Center, Minneapolis. For further information contact Continuing Education for Women at (612) 373-9743. Cost is \$45. LWV members may deduct \$10.

In April of 1986 LWVMN President Joan Higinbotham will direct a course called Community, Civic and Social Groups; Organizing for Effectiveness.

FUNDRAISER SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY

The third annual LWVMN fundraiser has been scheduled for February 1, 1986 at International Market Square, Minneapolis.

League members and guests will enjoy good food, entertainment, exciting live and silent auctions.

Nearly 260 people attended the event in 1984, which earned over \$6,500 to benefit the state League.

Auction items will include entertainment, merchandise, arts and crafts, food items, services, celebrity and other items. A hot air balloon ride has already been committed as one of the items.

Why not make a weekend of it and take in some Winter Carnival events as well?

Contributions of auction items are being requested by fundraiser chair Beverly McKinnell and auction chair Barb Hiles.

LWVMN SETS GOALS FOR MEMBERSHIP, FINANCES

The LWVMN Board set goals in August to raise membership, increase reserves, design prototype units and begin marketing the League. The group will attempt to realize the goals by 1989.

Goal I: By 1986-87 LWVMN will have achieved a 10% growth in membership with special emphasis on developing creative recruitment efforts toward adults under 35.

Goal II: By 1988-89, LWVMN will have reserves equal to three months operating expenses while maintaining a balanced budget.

Goal III: By 1988-89, LWVMN will design, implement and evaluate a marketing plan for the League which will identify and address internal and external audiences.

Goal IV: By 1986-87, LWVMN will develop prototypes for future units of membership.



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BOARD MEMO

AUGUST, 1985

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CALENDAR

- August 16 - First Class Board Memo mailing
19 - Third Class Board Memo mailing
22 - LWVMNEF Planning and Support Committee, 10 a.m., state office
- September 2 - Labor Day, LWVMN office closed
early - Leader's Guide for FFG Stage 2: The Deficit
3 - 2nd Quarter PMP due to LWVMN
- Action Committee Meeting, 9:30 a.m., state office
5 - CMAL Executive Committee, 9:30 a.m., state office
10 - LWVMN and LWVMNEF Board Meetings, 9:30 a.m., state office
- Fall VOTER deadline
mid - Lunch-time Seminar on Child Protection Policies and Legislation
17 - Fundraiser Committee, 1 p.m.
- 1st Class Board Memo mailing
19 - 3rd Class Board Memo mailing
- CMAL Quarterly Meeting
27 - Debate Task Force, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., state office
- Children's Defense Fund's Sarah Rosenbaum speaks on current issues affecting children, noon, Mpls. YWCA

ENCLOSURES

(Mailed 3rd class to Presidents only; Presidents, please distribute to appropriate portfolio chairs. *denotes mailed to DPM subscribers.)

LWVMN Board of Directors List*
Local League Presidents List*
Board Memo/DPM subscription form
Action Alert/Civil Rights Restoration Act/Lucas, Keppel
U.N. Rally flyer*/Duffy
Discussion Guide: INDIANS IN MINNESOTA*/Santi
Pay Equity Conference flyers*/Keppel, Lucas
Pay Equity: The Minnesota Experience/Keppel, Lucas
Sociology of Rural Life Newsletter
Education Update, April, May, 1985/Seitz
Commission on the Economic Status of Women Newsletters - back issues/Lucas, Keppel
League Lines*/Santi
Focus on Membership*/Takkunen
Minutes of the 50th Annual Convention of LWVMN/Kratky

ENCLOSURES (cont.)

How to Use Your LWVMEF: A Guide for Local Leagues (2 copies)/Hondl

S T A T E B O A R D H A P P E N I N G S

At its August 9, 1985, meeting your state Board:

- .approved four goals based on LWVMEF LRP process (See LRP);
- .adopted a policy statement on incomplete payment of PMP by LLs;
- .voted to hire a bookkeeper for LWVMEF Education Fund;
- .voted to cosponsor the "Take Back the Night" March scheduled for September 7th;
- .decided to have a spring focus relating to the State Study on Child Protection, and to change the date of the Focus to March 3, 1986;
- .decided to submit a proposal to LWVUS to have the 1996 LWVUS Convention in Minnesota!

B O U Q U E T S T O

- .Carolyn Hendrixson, LWV-Mpls, who received a special award at the Annual Meeting of the MN Women's Consortium for her work in coordinating the efforts to retain pay equity in Minnesota, and who was elected to the Women's Consortium Steering Committee;
- .Judy Duffy, LWV-Mahtomedi, and LWVMEF IR Chair, who has been selected to participate in a LWVUS fact finding tour to U.S. Nato headquarters in Brussels and Turkey;
- .Joann Buie for again hosting the LWVMEF Board at a summer retreat at the Buie cabin at Camp Lake.

P R E S I D E N T
(Higinbotham - 612/926-9399)

The LWVMEF Board has just returned from what is becoming a pleasant tradition: an August retreat at the summer home of Joann Buie. Boarders spent August 8th and 9th adopting goals based on long range planning process, being oriented to the Education Fund, getting to know each other better, and with the help of Harriette Burkhalter, LWVUS, as facilitator, learning more about themselves and their duties as State Board members.

A real day brightener, and a good fact to point out to potential League members is the recent survey which indicated that the League of Women Voters was listed most often as the women's organization to which women office holders belonged.

This is the first issue of the Board Memo to be mailed to you under the new guidelines - unless you have placed additional subscriptions, your League will receive only two copies. It is your responsibility to distribute the information to the appropriate Board member in a timely fashion. This move came in response to suggestions from local Leagues on how to cut costs at the State level. We welcome your comments on this new system. Remember that you can still decide to purchase additional subscriptions to the Board Memo for your Board. (\$5, includes back issues.)

F I N A N C E / D E V E L O P M E N T
(McKinnell - 612/646-3690)

CHANGE YOUR CALENDAR: Please mark your calendar. The Fundraiser date has been changed from February 8th to Saturday, February 1, 1986. It will be a gala event at International Market Square. Those who attended last year can vouch for the fun evening, and the place was such a hit, that we have decided to return there.

Cathy Hegg, LWV-Alexandria, is working on a transportation/hotel package for a fun filled weekend trip to the Twin Cities for Greater Minnesotans. It is also Winter Carnival time in St. Paul. Plan to attend. It will be even bigger and better this year!

Look for auction item forms in your September 3rd Class mailing. Keep an eye open for any items or businesses in your area who may donate to the auction.

OUTLOOK: When planning your new Financial League year, please note the tips for Finance Campaigns and pertinent publications for your use in the Development and Finance Chairs section of the new Outlook.

T R E A S U R E R
(Hondl - 612/944-1229)

Education Fund: Enclosed in the 3rd Class mailing are two copies of "How to Use Your League of Women Voters Education Fund: A Guide for Local Leagues". Give one to your local League Treasurer and keep the other one or circulate it among appropriate portfolios who are apt to plan educational projects, i.e. Voter Service, Social Policy, International Relations (a public meeting associated with a new study or the National LWV study, etc.)

Karen Anderson, Development/PR staff, Beverly McKinnell, Development Director, and I are most happy to help you with your projects, filling out forms, any advice at all. Please don't hesitate to call us at the office or at the phone numbers given above.

A C T I O N
(Greiling - 612/636-3343)

Be sure you have your copy of OUTLOOK 1985-86 (see your President) and read pp. 16-17 for an overview of your portfolio this year.

Legislative Interviews: State legislative interview questions will be finalized on September 3rd and mailed September 19th. Fridley is making its interviews a fall kick-off event. Roseville is combining its interviews with an education issues meeting that their legislators are invited to. Let me know if your League has something up its sleeve to share.

Taking Action at the State and National Levels: When taking action under a State or National League position, be sure to inform LWVMN or LWVUS. Send copies of correspondence with State officials to LWVMN Action Chair and copies of communication with federal officials and MCs to LWVMN and LWVUS.

G O V E R N M E N T
(Crippen - 612/452-9117)

The schedule for Financing Federal Government Phase 2 and Phase 3 is reprinted below (from the April, 1985 PROSPECTUS from LWVUS). Reminder: Be sure to get names and addresses of your new members to the LWVUS and LWVMN offices as soon as you have them to ensure their participation in reaching member agreement on this issue.

Study timetables

FFG Stage 2: The Deficit

<u>1985</u>	March/April	League leaders receive preliminary information on the scope of the study and a preliminary list of resources in the <i>LWV Prospectus</i> .
	Early September	Leagues receive Leader's Guide, <i>for optional use</i> , with meeting-ready discussion outline, sample bulletin material and bibliography.
	Mid-October	Most members should receive their Fall 1985 <i>National VOTER</i> , with the study article and tear-off response form, by the second or third week in October.
	Late October/ Early November	Leagues that wish to do so should schedule FFG Stage 2 meetings during the last week in October or the first two weeks in November.
	<u>November 18</u>	<i>Postmark deadline</i> for mailing of member response forms to the national League office. (Note that this is a change from the <i>receipt</i> deadline used in Stage 1.)
	December 13-14	National board reviews responses and adopts position.

FFG Stage 3: Funding of Entitlement Programs

<u>1985</u>	August/ September	League leaders receive preliminary information on the scope of the study and a preliminary list of resources in the <i>LWV Prospectus</i> .
<u>1986</u>	January	Leagues receive Leader's Guide, <i>for optional use</i> , with meeting-ready discussion outline, sample bulletin material and bibliography.
	Mid-April	Most members should receive the Spring 1986 <i>National VOTER</i> with the study article and tear-off response form, by the second or third week in April.
	Early May	Leagues that wish to do so should schedule FFG Stage 3 meetings during the first two weeks in May.
	May 19	<i>Postmark deadline</i> for mailing of member response forms to the national League office. (Note that this is a change from the <i>receipt</i> deadline used in Stage 1.)
	June	National board reviews responses and adopts position. (Specific dates for the June board meeting have not been set. Watch <i>Post-Board Summaries</i> and <i>Leader's Guide</i> for dates.)

N A T U R A L R E S O U R C E S
(Crampton - 612/926-8760)

Environmentally, the less said about the recent legislative session, the better. As you know, their major accomplishment was to downgrade the Superfund Law, and establish a taxpayer-funded victims' compensation fund. Only time will tell what the ramifications of these changes will be.

The Legislature created a "Governor's Nuclear Waste Council" during the special session in June. The Council will be very similar to, and will replace, the Governor's Task Force on Nuclear Waste. The Council will only address disposal of High-level nuclear waste, as the task force did in the past. There will be four citizen positions on the new Council, appointed by the Governor, plus five Commissioners or Directors. The present Citizen Advisory Committee work will probably be carried on by a similar body.

The slide show that was not ready for Convention in June, now is, and may be obtained, with or without a speaker, from Bill Clausen, at 297-4025 or 1-800-652-9747. Ask for "radioactive waste program". Public information programs on High-level Nuclear Waste (including the slide show) will be held at the following locations:

September 7, 10 a.m., City Hall Council Chambers, St. Cloud
September 26, 6:30 p.m., Virginia, location to be announced
October 19, Bemidji, time and location to be announced

Please verify times and locations by calling above numbers.

Water: The new water position appeared in the summer issue of the state VOTER. If you missed it, take a look now. Give some thought as to how it might be used to support positions in your local area. Or does it suggest areas of local study your League might pursue? Please don't hesitate to call if you need clarification or further information.

The Environmental Quality Board has made a commitment to expand its efforts in investigating major policy issues of state interdepartmental concern. They have identified ten issue areas, and are now deciding which specific items will be investigated under each priority area. The issues are, in descending importance: 1) State and Local Water Planning and Management, 2) Soil Conservation and Water Quality, 3) Surface and Groundwater Protection (includes non-point Source Pollution) 4) Toxic Contamination (includes Hazardous Waste and Pesticides), 5) Nuclear Power Plant Decommissioning/Radioactive Waste Disposal, 6) Acid Rain, 7) Landfills/Siting/Alternatives, 8) Indoor Air Pollution, 9) Peat and Mineral Development, 10) Environmental Monitoring Data. If you would like to comment, or if you would like to remain informed about the EQB progress in this area, drop a line to Mike Sullivan, Executive Director, MN Environmental Quality Board, Room 100 Capitol Square Bldg., 550 Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN 55101. Interesting that the EQB number one priority is a subject on which the League just completed a two-year study!

Last note: The regular session of the legislature did pass the bill proposed by the Met Council that would require an end to the disposal of raw garbage in Sanitary Landfills in the 7-county area by 1990. Mandatory source separation was excluded in the final bill, leaving the governmental units to choose disposal alternatives, including burning, recycling and processing garbage as fuel. One would hope that recycling would be a first choice over burning, but burning remains an attractive "total answer" to many politicians.

Last note #2: Will legislators look any more kindly on deposit legislation when the new all-plastic 12-ounce "cans" hit the markets in this area? (Coke is test-marketing them at the moment.)

S O C I A L P O L I C Y
(Lucas - 612/823-8544)
(Keppel - 612/823-3389)

New Study: We are excited about beginning work on our new study on the health and safety of children. We will kick-off work on the study with two September events which will provide excellent background for Leaguers who wish to serve on the study committee as well as members who are interested in learning how this topic can interface with local League programs.

We are planning a lunchtime seminar in mid-September (specifics will follow in a separate mailing) with speakers (experts in the field) presenting information on health and child protection

policies and legislation. This seminar will help us focus on specific areas to research and report on, resources available and individuals to contact.

The second event is a speech by Sarah Rosenbaum of the Children's Defense Fund, Washington, D.C. on current issues affecting children on Friday, September 27th at noon at the Minneapolis YWCA. Cosponsored by the LWV-Mpls, Jr. League and the YWCA, this is an excellent meeting for local League Social Policy Chairs, prospective members and anyone interested in public policies affecting children.

Part I of the two-year study will concentrate on child protection and health issues. Part II will deal with child care. Study materials will be available in mid-March with the expectation that Leagues will study the topic in April and/or May. We feel that there will be a number of ways that local Leagues may wish to become involved with the new study. Some ideas are:

- General meetings in your community featuring county officials, policy-makers and legislators. (The study committee will provide a sample general meeting to local Leagues which may help in planning an event.)
- Participating in the study by conducting interviews in their counties using questions prepared by the study committee.

This is an exciting study with great potential for increased membership and visibility. We urge you to think about how your League can benefit most from its participation in this study! Consider designating a member now to either participate on the study committee or maintain communication with committee members. We look forward to wide participation by local Leagues!

Pay Equity: The Minnesota Dept. of Employee Relations reports that counties seem to be lagging in their compliance with the Local Government Pay Equity Law. Local Leagues need to put pressure on county governments to get their reports in by the October 1st deadline. If you have questions or information on your county, please call Carolyn Hendrixson, 612/925-5079.

S E R V I C E T O L O C A L L E A G U E S (Buffington - 612/929-8168)

Summer is practically over and another busy League year is about to begin. Now that each League is receiving just two Board Memos, it is imperative that the President distribute the appropriate sections to Board members. Better yet, subscriptions to the Board Memo are available for \$5 a year.

If you haven't already distributed the OUTLOOK to your Board members - make sure you do right away. Your Membership Chair should also have a copy of the brand new Membership Manual that was distributed at Convention. This is an invaluable publication for recruiting and retaining members.

Regional representatives will be calling the Leagues in their areas the last week of August - first week of September. Starting in September, I will be keeping "office hours" at the State office. I can be reached at the office on Tuesdays from 9:30-1:00 and on Thursdays from 9:30-3:00.

Continuing Education Classes: In conjunction with the University of Minnesota Continuing Education for Women program, LWVMN Board members will be teaching a series of classes entitled "Practical Politics." There will be four class sessions: one on effective lobbying and the remaining three will deal with current issues: equal opportunity for women, preserving natural resources and national security. Cost is \$35 to Leaguers, \$45 to non-Leaguers. Location is MacPhail Center, Wednesdays, October 2-23 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. More information is in the 1985-86 Extension Classes Bulletin and can be obtained by calling 612/376-3000.

Study Review Committee: LWVMN is in the beginning stages of developing and setting up a Study Review Committee. The purpose of this permanent committee would be to review all state consensus questions, concurrence statements and discussion/study guide material. We would hope to avoid past problems in these areas by having such a committee. However, we need help from local Leaguers to make this work. If you are interested in being a member of such a committee, please contact the state office (612/224-5445). I will get in touch with all interested persons.

REGIONAL REP REPORT
(Knighton - 218/557-8728)

Regional representatives will be contacting local Leagues during late August and early September. If any League has questions about League, state programs, etc., please let the regional rep know.

Please make a special attempt to have your new memberships turned in promptly this fall. Consensus forms for Phase II of the Federal Government Study will be included in the National VOTER and we hope as many members as possible can participate.

Road Shows: If your local League is interested in the Road Show concept, please let your regional rep know. Planning for road shows is in the development stage.

Regional Representatives:

Karen Beron	N.E. Area	218/728-1968
Betty Haats	S.W. Area	612/235-3899
Karen Knighton	N.W. Area	218/557-8728
Emily Schmitz	S.E. Area	507/645-8582

MEMBERSHIP
(Takkunen - 612/445-4218)

Membership Goal #1: As a result of much discussion at Convention, the LWVMN Board has determined that its #1 goal for 1985-86 is a 10% growth in membership. Now that may be both the good news and the bad news, GOOD because membership, growth and retention, will get the attention it deserves. BAD because that means that you and I have our work cut out for us. But then again that's GOOD because there's nothing like Leaguers accepting a challenge. And I do ask that you accept the challenge to make membership growth your #1 goal as well.

League on the Grow: A handbook for Local League Membership Committees: If you have not already received the new membership handbook authored by my predecessor, Judy Nordland, and printed in June, 1985, please let me or the LWVMN office know today. Each local League was either given one at Convention or mailed one shortly thereafter. It should be in your hands by now as you are the one who can best implement its ideas. Additional copies of the handbook are available for \$5 each through the LWVMN office.

Focus on Membership: In the 3rd Class President's mailing you should receive a copy of Focus on Membership with an attached envelope addressed to me. Please return it as soon as possible. I love getting mail!

Membership Award: Of course there'll be one, but what? I'm not at all sure. I'll try my best to find a suitable reward if you'll just try your best! Any ideas - let me know.

COMMUNICATIONS
(Santi - 612/426-5151)

Metro Area Leagues should be on the alert between September 9-30 for LWV's own public service announcement. The upbeat 30-second PSA promotes League's involvement in the community, congeniality and issues studied. The PSA, produced by Edina's Wendy Weden, has been sent to the three major television stations, WCCO, KSTP and W*USA, with the request that they air it when local Leagues are normally gearing up for the year.

Leagues who would like to place this PSA on Greater Minnesota commercial stations or any cable stations should contact the state office. Ask your station whether they will accept a high quality copy, rather than the master tape.

LWVMN plans to send press releases in the near future on Indians in Minnesota publication, and the fall Focus meeting. If you should see any mention of LWVMN in your local newspapers, I would appreciate it if you would clip it and send it to the state office. The cost of a clipping service is beyond LWVMN's budget.

VOTER. The new League year often means the start of a new volume of your local VOTER. It is a perfect time to make a new commitment to make the most of this link among your members.

COMMUNICATIONS (cont.)

Some VOTER Editors have so much material they have to find ways to cut. This column is for the person on the other side, who is having trouble finding enough appropriate material to fill each issue. Following are suggestions for some things that could be included in your VOTER:

- *Information about unit or general meetings - both before, with the what, where and when information, and afterward, to follow up what happened at the meeting.
- *Calendar of events listing coming activities with time and location. Put it in an easy-to-find place in your VOTER.
- *Information about new and/or current members is always interesting.
- *Notices required by your bylaws such as: slates of officers, proposed budgets and bylaw changes - and the results of formal actions.
- *President's letter.
- *Observer reports.
- *Legislative reports, calls to action from LWVMN, LWVUS.
- *Program information.
- *Consensus questions and results.
- *Notices about programs of other organizations that may be of interest to your members.

Plan for future issues by keeping an idea file with a page for each issue. Begin by putting in the dates in your local calendar, then add to the list as an idea hits you.

From time to time I will include a page of camera ready stories that can be clipped and included in your bulletin. Look for the first in this month's 3rd class mailing. It is called League Lines.

V O T E R S E R V I C E
(Leppik - 612/546-3328)

Welcome, new voter service chairs! I hope you have taken some time to review your portfolio with your predecessor. Now's the time to decide what activities would be most beneficial for your League and community. Many Leagues will find themselves involved in local elections, and you will need to make your plans early for candidate interviews, debates, questionnaires, etc., so you'll be prepared when election filings close. This is also a good time to review the League's policy on participation by voter service chairs in election campaigns. Be sure to talk with your LL president if you wish to participate in a local campaign. V.S. chairs need to be scrupulously careful not to jeopardize the League's nonpartisan stance during elections.

A new in-house set of guidelines for conducting local debates, including a section on videotaping, should be ready by the beginning of October. Call or write to me at the LWVMN office if you would like a copy when it becomes available. This is essentially the same piece as was handed out at the Convention workshop on videotaping.

The Debates Task Force will be meeting in September to work out policy regarding sponsorship of debates for statewide officers by local and state LWVs. A report should be ready for the January LWVMN Board Meeting.

At its summer board meeting, the State Board voted to refrain from signing contracts to do presidential election reporting in 1988 until further notice. This does not restrict local Leagues from precinct reporting in the 1986 state and congressional elections. It is a stalling action until LWVMN and/or LWVUS can develop clear policies on this difficult issue. The final outcome may well depend on the success or failure of legislative efforts to control early predictions. A committee to study this policy issue will be meeting in September and reporting to the LWVMN Board in October. Any action Minnesota takes will be independent of LWVUS until the national board reaches a decision.

Great Ideas Dept.: If your League is looking for something new and interesting to do around election time, Arden Hills/Shoreview LWV ran a very successful contest in their primary schools last fall. They had a lot of good publicity and felt it was educational not only for the children but for their parents as well. If you'd like to find out how they ran this well

VOTER SERVICE (cont.)

organized event, contact Mary Trisko, Voter Service Chair, at 612/633-5978, or Lillian Michael, President, at 612/633-7703. They are justifiably proud of their project.

I plucked a wonderful idea from the summer National VOTER. It reads:

The LWV of South Mateo County, CA has a local welcome-wagon program for greeting and registering newly naturalized American citizens. Under the program, started eight years ago by a League member who was an immigrant herself, the League sponsors a quarterly reception at the county seat immediately following the naturalization ceremony where League members meet with new citizens and register them to vote. "It's a very simple affair," said LWV member Pat Brown, "but it's a very positive experience." For more information, contact Pat Brown, 421 Montwood Circle, Redwood City, CA 94061.

If this sounds like something your League would be interested in doing, call your county government office to get information on the scheduling of naturalization ceremonies. Please also let me know so I can follow the success of this project if several Leagues decide to try it. I think it sounds super!

Good luck with your voter service activities. Please remember, I'm here to help you, and I can be reached at home or through the LWVMN office.

LONG RANGE PLANNING
(Reynolds - 612/426-3894)

Thanks to all of you who helped in our long range planning through your participation at the Speak-up at Convention. You really had some good ideas for the LRP Committee to use in proposing goals for our organization. At its August Board Meeting, the LWVMN Board approved the following goals for its Long Range Plans:

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

GOAL I: By 1986-87, LWVMN will have achieved a 10% growth in membership with special emphasis on developing creative recruitment efforts toward adults under 35.

GOAL II: By 1988-89, LWVMN will have reserves equal to three months operating expenses while maintaining a balanced budget.

GOAL III: By 1987-88, LWVMN will design, implement and evaluate a marketing plan for the League which will identify and address internal and external audiences.

GOAL IV: By 1986-87, LWVMN will develop prototypes for future units of membership.

Your local Board may wish to spend some time going over the goals and consider their relevance to your efforts. Obviously, the membership goal requires the cooperation of everyone if we are to achieve a 10% growth. I think everyone understands the need for this goal. The financial goal truly depends on local cooperation in meeting PMP obligations, for the budget is based in part on your membership counts. Our marketing goal is a compilation of many different ideas, leading to looking at ourselves both internally and as members of a larger community in a new manner. Finally, your adaptations to become more flexible and efficient would be useful information to share with your regional representative to help us in developing prototypes for the future as stated in our fourth goal.

CITIZEN INFORMATION
(Reynolds - 612/426-3894)

Plans are firming up for our Fall Focus Meeting on Alternative Dispute Resolution (mediation) scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, October 29th. Recent legislation has led to the establishment of community dispute resolution centers to settle various disputes out of court to help prevent the overloading of the courts and resolve problems in a non-adversarial manner. We should have some lively discussion of the appropriate use of mediation techniques as well

CITIZEN INFORMATION (cont.)

as reaction to the State Court Administrations guidelines. Registration materials will be forthcoming.

Our Spring Focus has been rescheduled to Monday, March 3rd and will deal with our new State Study on Child Protection. Please note this on your calendars.

Earlier this summer we were approached by the League of Rural Voters about the possibility of sponsoring meetings on the farm bill. Because our state agenda didn't have any open time until spring, we gave them a list of local League presidents so they could contact you individually to see if you might be interested in a meeting on current farm issues. I'd be interested in hearing if any of you are planning meetings on this topic.

MARKETING
(Buie - 612/941-7979)

Indians in Minnesota: Sales are going well through the U of M publisher and our own members. Have you ordered books yet? Liz Ebbott, author, is eager to accomodate local Leagues in their program plans and has already accepted six invitations to speak plus a book-signing at B. Dalton's in St. Cloud. Winona LWV is meeting with the local Historical Society and community educators; Liz is the speaker. Mary Santi and I accompanied Liz (paid our own way) to the Grand Portage Reservation on July 29th where a formal presentation of the Indians in Minnesota book was made to the members of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council - a gratifying two days!

PEOPLE'S CHOICE COOKBOOK: OUR BOOK BILL IS PAID. HALLELUJAH!!! All sales now go directly to relieve our operating budget and later to build up our depleted reserves. Our potential profit could be over \$20,000. Sales were good on our way to Grand Portage - stopped at resort hotels, gift shops, restaurants and book stores. Have you offered the book to your new members? Please send your checks in - there are a lot of books out and we are wondering how many are really sold. Call or write for your new* supple.

I am in need of finding a Leaguer who has worked in marketing. We are setting up a marketing council and want to devise a plan for League. Please call me or write if you have a member who might be interested.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
(Duffy - 612/429-9703)

"The Dream of an Impenetrable Shield: Ballistic Missile Defense in the Nuclear Age," a slide presentation is available through the League office. The presentation was produced by the Nuclear War Graphics Project of Northfield, MN, and presents the case opposing the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI). Action in opposition to the SDI is a priority for LWVUS and this slide presentation is helpful to all of us in understanding the arguments. Delegates to the LWVMN Convention viewed this in June and agreed that it was very well done and could easily be used for a unit meeting. If you would be interested in using the slides with an audio cassette, contact the LWVMN office.

"Economics and Arms Control" is the subject of an address by John Kenneth Galbraith on Sept. 7th at the Edina Community Center at 8:30 a.m. A panel consisting of Roger Hale, President of Tennant Company; John Davis, Former President of Macalester College; Karen Clark, member of the MN House of Representatives; and Margaret Thomas, Director of Minneapolis Council of Churches will react to Mr. Galbraith's remarks. The event is sponsored by the Interfaith Peacemakers and tickets are \$5 at the door. For further information, call Roger Heegard at 925-0280.

National Security Study: As noted in the Leader's Guide: Evaluating U.S. Relations with Developing Countries (Pub. #532, \$1), the LWVEF has produced and will make available through state Leagues copies of a video presentation on U.S. relations with developing countries. The video is entitled The Third World Challenge to U.S. Policy and is an ideal companion to America and the Third World: Collision or Cooperation? (Pub. #553, \$1 for members). The video and the publication are excellent references for member discussions, which many local

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (cont.)

Leagues will convene this fall as part of the National Security study, and for community programs on U.S. Third World relations. (Ideas for the latter are included in a discussion manual that will accompany the video.)

LWVMN will receive 17 copies; most of the copies will be in ½" VHS format, but there will be at least one ¾" copy. Please make your reservations by calling or writing the LWVMN office. The office has already received a number of requests, so don't wait too long to schedule yours.

L E A G U E K E E P I N G

Help! Both copies of LWVMN's Water Focus videotapes are missing. Could you possibly have one? Would you please take the time to look through your videotapes to see if it could be hiding there? We have had a request for a video and right now can't provide one.



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CALENDAR

- August 16 - First Class Board Memo mailing
19 - Third Class Board Memo mailing
22 - LWVMNEF Planning and Support Committee, 10 a.m., state office
- September 2 - Labor Day, LWVMN office closed
early - Leader's Guide for FFG Stage 2: The Deficit
3 - 2nd Quarter PMP due to LWVMN
- Action Committee Meeting, 9:30 a.m., state office
5 - CMAL Executive Committee, 9:30 a.m., state office
10 - LWVMN and LWVMNEF Board Meetings, 9:30 a.m., state office
- Fall VOTER deadline
mid - Lunch-time Seminar on Child Protection Policies and Legislation
17 - Fundraiser Committee, 1 p.m.
- 1st Class Board Memo mailing
19 - 3rd Class Board Memo mailing
- CMAL Quarterly Meeting
27 - Debate Task Force, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., state office
- Children's Defense Fund's Sarah Rosenbaum speaks on current issues affecting children, noon, Mpls. YWCA

ENCLOSURES

(Mailed 3rd class to Presidents only; Presidents, please distribute to appropriate portfolio chairs. *denotes mailed to DPM subscribers.)

LWVMN Board of Directors List*
Local League Presidents List*
Board Memo/DPM subscription form
Action Alert/Civil Rights Restoration Act/Lucas, Keppel
U.N. Rally flyer*/Duffy
Discussion Guide: INDIANS IN MINNESOTA*/Santi
Pay Equity Conference flyers*/Keppel, Lucas
Pay Equity: The Minnesota Experience/Keppel, Lucas
Sociology of Rural Life Newsletter
Education Update, April, May, 1985/Seitz
Commission on the Economic Status of Women Newsletters - back issues/Lucas, Keppel
League Lines*/Santi
Focus on Membership*/Takkunen
Minutes of the 50th Annual Convention of LWVMN/Kratky

ENCLOSURES (cont.)

How to Use Your LWVMEF: A Guide for Local Leagues (2 copies)/Hondl

S T A T E B O A R D H A P P E N I N G S

At its August 9, 1985, meeting your state Board:

- .approved four goals based on LWVME LRP process (See LRP);
- .adopted a policy statement on incomplete payment of PMP by LLs;
- .voted to hire a bookkeeper for LWVME Education Fund;
- .voted to cosponsor the "Take Back the Night" March scheduled for September 7th;
- .decided to have a spring focus relating to the State Study on Child Protection, and to change the date of the Focus to March 3, 1986;
- .decided to submit a proposal to LWVUS to have the 1996 LWVUS Convention in Minnesota!

B O U Q U E T S T O

- .Carolyn Hendrixson, LWV-Mpls, who received a special award at the Annual Meeting of the MN Women's Consortium for her work in coordinating the efforts to retain pay equity in Minnesota, and who was elected to the Women's Consortium Steering Committee;
- .Judy Duffy, LWV-Mahtomedi and LWVME IR Chair, who has been selected to participate in a LWVUS fact finding tour to U.S. Nato headquarters in Brussels and Turkey;
- .Joann Buie for again hosting the LWVME Board at a summer retreat at the Buie cabin at Camp Lake.

P R E S I D E N T

(Higinbotham - 612/926-9399)

The LWVME Board has just returned from what is becoming a pleasant tradition: an August retreat at the summer home of Joann Buie. Boarders spent August 8th and 9th adopting goals based on long range planning process, being oriented to the Education Fund, getting to know each other better, and with the help of Harriette Burkhalter, LWVUS, as facilitator, learning more about themselves and their duties as State Board members.

A real day brightener, and a good fact to point out to potential League members is the recent survey which indicated that the League of Women Voters was listed most often as the women's organization to which women office holders belonged.

This is the first issue of the Board Memo to be mailed to you under the new guidelines - unless you have placed additional subscriptions, your League will receive only two copies. It is your responsibility to distribute the information to the appropriate Board member in a timely fashion. This move came in response to suggestions from local Leagues on how to cut costs at the State level. We welcome your comments on this new system. Remember that you can still decide to purchase additional subscriptions to the Board Memo for your Board. (\$5, includes back issues.)

F I N A N C E / D E V E L O P M E N T

(McKinnell - 612/646-3690)

CHANGE YOUR CALENDAR: Please mark your calendar. The Funraiser date has been changed from February 8th to Saturday, February 1, 1986. It will be a gala event at International Market Square. Those who attended last year can vouch for the fun evening, and the place was such a hit, that we have decided to return there.

Cathy Hegg, LWV-Alexandria, is working on a transportation/hotel package for a fun filled weekend trip to the Twin Cities for Greater Minnesotans. It is also Winter Carnival time in St. Paul. Plan to attend. It will be even bigger and better this year!

Look for auction item forms in your September 3rd Class mailing. Keep an eye open for any items or businesses in your area who may donate to the auction.

OUTLOOK: When planning your new Financial League year, please note the tips for Finance Campaigns and pertinent publications for your use in the Development and Finance Chairs section of the new Outlook.

T R E A S U R E R
(Hondl - 612/944-1229)

Education Fund: Enclosed in the 3rd Class mailing are two copies of "How to Use Your League of Women Voters Education Fund: A Guide for Local Leagues". Give one to your local League Treasurer and keep the other one or circulate it among appropriate portfolios who are apt to plan educational projects, i.e. Voter Service, Social Policy, International Relations (a public meeting associated with a new study or the National LWV study, etc.)

Karen Anderson, Development/PR staff, Beverly McKinnell, Development Director, and I are most happy to help you with your projects, filling out forms, any advice at all. Please don't hesitate to call us at the office or at the phone numbers given above.

A C T I O N
(Greiling - 612/636-3343)

Be sure you have your copy of OUTLOOK 1985-86 (see your President) and read pp. 16-17 for an overview of your portfolio this year.

Legislative Interviews: State legislative interview questions will be finalized on September 3rd and mailed September 19th. Fridley is making its interviews a fall kick-off event. Roseville is combining its interviews with an education issues meeting that their legislators are invited to. Let me know if your League has something up its sleeve to share.

Taking Action at the State and National Levels: When taking action under a State or National League position, be sure to inform LWVMN or LWVUS. Send copies of correspondence with State officials to LWVMN Action Chair and copies of communication with federal officials and MCs to LWVMN and LWVUS.

G O V E R N M E N T
(Crippen - 612/452-9117)

The schedule for Financing Federal Government Phase 2 and Phase 3 is reprinted below (from the April, 1985 PROSPECTUS from LWVUS). Reminder: Be sure to get names and addresses of your new members to the LWVUS and LWVMN offices as soon as you have them to ensure their participation in reaching member agreement on this issue.

Study timetables

FFG Stage 2: The Deficit

<u>1985</u>	March/April	League leaders receive preliminary information on the scope of the study and a preliminary list of resources in the <i>LWV Prospectus</i> .
	Early September	Leagues receive Leader's Guide, <i>for optional use</i> , with meeting-ready discussion outline, sample bulletin material and bibliography.
	Mid-October	Most members should receive their Fall 1985 <i>National VOTER</i> , with the study article and tear-off response form, by the second or third week in October.
	Late October/ Early November	Leagues that wish to do so should schedule FFG Stage 2 meetings during the last week in October or the first two weeks in November.
	<u>November 18</u>	<i>Postmark deadline</i> for mailing of member response forms to the national League office. (Note that this is a change from the <i>receipt</i> deadline used in Stage 1.)
	December 13-14	National board reviews responses and adopts position.

FFG Stage 3: Funding of Entitlement Programs

<u>1985</u>	August/ September	League leaders receive preliminary information on the scope of the study and a preliminary list of resources in the <i>LWV Prospectus</i> .
<u>1986</u>	January	Leagues receive Leader's Guide, <i>for optional use</i> , with meeting-ready discussion outline, sample bulletin material and bibliography.
	Mid-April	Most members should receive the Spring 1986 <i>National VOTER</i> with the study article and tear-off response form, by the second or third week in April.
	Early May	Leagues that wish to do so should schedule FFG Stage 3 meetings during the first two weeks in May.
	May 19	<i>Postmark deadline</i> for mailing of member response forms to the national League office. (Note that this is a change from the <i>receipt</i> deadline used in Stage 1.)
	June	National board reviews responses and adopts position. (Specific dates for the June board meeting have not been set. Watch <i>Post-Board Summaries</i> and <i>Leader's Guide</i> for dates.)

N A T U R A L R E S O U R C E S
(Crampton - 612/926-8760)

Environmentally, the less said about the recent legislative session, the better. As you know, their major accomplishment was to downgrade the Superfund Law, and establish a taxpayer-funded victims' compensation fund. Only time will tell what the ramifications of these changes will be.

The Legislature created a "Governor's Nuclear Waste Council" during the special session in June. The Council will be very similar to, and will replace, the Governor's Task Force on Nuclear Waste. The Council will only address disposal of High-level nuclear waste, as the task force did in the past. There will be four citizen positions on the new Council, appointed by the Governor, plus five Commissioners or Directors. The present Citizen Advisory Committee work will probably be carried on by a similar body.

The slide show that was not ready for Convention in June, now is, and may be obtained, with or without a speaker, from Bill Clausen, at 297-4025 or 1-800-652-9747. Ask for "radioactive waste program". Public information programs on High-level Nuclear Waste (including the slide show) will be held at the following locations:

September 7, 10 a.m., City Hall Council Chambers, St. Cloud
September 26, 6:30 p.m., Virginia, location to be announced
October 19, Bemidji, time and location to be announced

Please verify times and locations by calling above numbers.

Water: The new water position appeared in the summer issue of the state VOTER. If you missed it, take a look now. Give some thought as to how it might be used to support positions in your local area. Or does it suggest areas of local study your League might pursue? Please don't hesitate to call if you need clarification or further information.

The Environmental Quality Board has made a commitment to expand its efforts in investigating major policy issues of state interdepartmental concern. They have identified ten issue areas, and are now deciding which specific items will be investigated under each priority area. The issues are, in descending importance: 1) State and Local Water Planning and Management, 2) Soil Conservation and Water Quality, 3) Surface and Groundwater Protection (includes non-point Source Pollution) 4) Toxic Contamination (includes Hazardous Waste and Pesticides), 5) Nuclear Power Plant Decommissioning/Radioactive Waste Disposal, 6) Acid Rain, 7) Landfills/Siting/Alternatives, 8) Indoor Air Pollution, 9) Peat and Mineral Development, 10) Environmental Monitoring Data. If you would like to comment, or if you would like to remain informed about the EQB progress in this area, drop a line to Mike Sullivan, Executive Director, MN Environmental Quality Board, Room 100 Capitol Square Bldg., 550 Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN 55101. Interesting that the EQB number one priority is a subject on which the League just completed a two-year study!

Last note: The regular session of the legislature did pass the bill proposed by the Met Council that would require an end to the disposal of raw garbage in Sanitary Landfills in the 7-county area by 1990. Mandatory source separation was excluded in the final bill, leaving the governmental units to choose disposal alternatives, including burning, recycling and processing garbage as fuel. One would hope that recycling would be a first choice over burning, but burning remains an attractive "total answer" to many politicians.

Last note #2: Will legislators look any more kindly on deposit legislation when the new all-plastic 12-ounce "cans" hit the markets in this are? (Coke is test-marketing them at the moment.)

S O C I A L P O L I C Y
(Lucas - 612/823-8544)
(Keppel - 612/823-3389)

New Study: We are excited about beginning work on our new study on the health and safety of children. We will kick-off work on the study with two September events which will provide excellent background for Leaguers who wish to serve on the study committee as well as members who are interested in learning how this topic can interface with local League programs.

We are planning a lunchtime seminar in mid-September (specifics will follow in a separate mailing) with speakers (experts in the field) presenting information on health and child protection

policies and legislation. This seminar will help us focus on specific areas to research and report on, resources available and individuals to contact.

The second event is a speech by Sarah Rosenbaum of the Children's Defense Fund, Washington, D.C. on current issues affecting children on Friday, September 27th at noon at the Minneapolis YWCA. Cosponsored by the LWV-Mpls, Jr. League and the YWCA, this is an excellent meeting for local League Social Policy Chairs, prospective members and anyone interested in public policies affecting children.

Part I of the two-year study will concentrate on child protection and health issues. Part II will deal with child care. Study materials will be available in mid-March with the expectation that Leagues will study the topic in April and/or May. We feel that there will be a number of ways that local Leagues may wish to become involved with the new study. Some ideas are:

- General meetings in your community featuring county officials, policy-makers and legislators. (The study committee will provide a sample general meeting to local Leagues which may help in planning an event.)
- Participating in the study by conducting interviews in their counties using questions prepared by the study committee.

This is an exciting study with great potential for increased membership and visibility. We urge you to think about how your League can benefit most from its participation in this study! Consider designating a member now to either participate on the study committee or maintain communication with committee members. We look forward to wide participation by local Leagues!

Pay Equity: The Minnesota Dept. of Employee Relations reports that counties seem to be lagging in their compliance with the Local Government Pay Equity Law. Local Leagues need to put pressure on county governments to get their reports in by the October 1st deadline. If you have questions or information on your county, please call Carolyn Hendrixson, 612/925-5079.

S E R V I C E T O ~ L O C A L L E A G U E S

(Buffington - 612/929-8168)

Summer is practically over and another busy League year is about to begin. Now that each League is receiving just two Board Memos, it is imperative that the President distribute the appropriate sections to Board members. Better yet, subscriptions to the Board Memo are available for \$5 a year.

If you haven't already distributed the OUTLOOK to your Board members - make sure you do right away. Your Membership Chair should also have a copy of the brand new Membership Manual that was distributed at Convention. This is an invaluable publication for recruiting and retaining members.

Regional representatives will be calling the Leagues in their areas the last week of August - first week of September. Starting in September, I will be keeping "office hours" at the State office. I can be reached at the office on Tuesdays from 9:30-1:00 and on Thursdays from 9:30-3:00.

Continuing Education Classes: In conjunction with the University of Minnesota Continuing Education for Women program, LWVMN Board members will be teaching a series of classes entitled "Practical Politics." There will be four class sessions: one on effective lobbying and the remaining three will deal with current issues: equal opportunity for women, preserving natural resources and national security. Cost is \$35 to Leaguers, \$45 to non-Leaguers. Location is MacPhail Center, Wednesdays, October 2-23 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. More information is in the 1985-86 Extension Classes Bulletin and can be obtained by calling 612/376-3000.

Study Review Committee: LWVMN is in the beginning stages of developing and setting up a Study Review Committee. The purpose of this permanent committee would be to review all state consensus questions, concurrence statements and discussion/study guide material. We would hope to avoid past problems in these areas by having such a committee. However, we need help from local Leaguers to make this work. If you are interested in being a member of such a committee, please contact the state office (612/224-5445). I will get in touch with all interested persons.

REGIONAL REP REPORT

(Knighton - 218/557-8728)

Regional representatives will be contacting local Leagues during late August and early September. If any League has questions about League, state programs, etc., please let the regional rep know.

Please make a special attempt to have your new memberships turned in promptly this fall. Consensus forms for Phase II of the Federal Government Study will be included in the National VOTER and we hope as many members as possible can participate.

Road Shows: If your local League is interested in the Road Show concept, please let your regional rep know. Planning for road shows is in the development stage.

Regional Representatives:

Karen Beron	N.E. Area	218/728-1968
Betty Haats	S.W. Area	612/235-3899
Karen Knighton	N.W. Area	218/557-8728
Emily Schmitz	S.E. Area	507/645-8582

MEMBERSHIP

(Takkunen - 612/445-4218)

Membership Goal #1: As a result of much discussion at Convention, the LWVMN Board has determined that its #1 goal for 1985-86 is a 10% growth in membership. Now that may be both the good news and the bad news, GOOD because membership, growth and retention, will get the attention it deserves. BAD because that means that you and I have our work cut out for us. But then again that's GOOD because there's nothing like Leaguers accepting a challenge. And I do ask that you accept the challenge to make membership growth your #1 goal as well.

League on the Grow: A handbook for Local League Membership Committees: If you have not already received the new membership handbook authored by my predecessor, Judy Nordland, and printed in June, 1985, please let me or the LWVMN office know today. Each local League was either given one at Convention or mailed one shortly thereafter. It should be in your hands by now as you are the one who can best implement its ideas. Additional copies of the handbook are available for \$5 each through the LWVMN office.

Focus on Membership: In the 3rd Class President's mailing you should receive a copy of Focus on Membership with an attached envelope addressed to me. Please return it as soon as possible. I love getting mail!

Membership Award: Of course there'll be one, but what? I'm not at all sure. I'll try my best to find a suitable reward if you'll just try your best! Any ideas - let me know.

COMMUNICATIONS

(Santi - 612/426-5151)

Metro Area Leagues should be on the alert between September 9-30 for LWV's own public service announcement. The upbeat 30-second PSA promotes League's involvement in the community, congeniality and issues studied. The PSA, produced by Edina's Wendy Weden, has been sent to the three major television stations, WCCO, KSTP and W*USA, with the request that they air it when local Leagues are normally gearing up for the year.

Leagues who would like to place this PSA on Greater Minnesota commercial stations or any cable stations should contact the state office. Ask your station whether they will accept a high quality copy, rather than the master tape.

LWVMN plans to send press releases in the near future on Indians in Minnesota publication, and the fall Focus meeting. If you should see any mention of LWVMN in your local newspapers, I would appreciate it if you would clip it and send it to the state office. The cost of a clipping service is beyond LWVMN's budget.

VOTER. The new League year often means the start of a new volume of your local VOTER. It is a perfect time to make a new commitment to make the most of this link among your members.

COMMUNICATIONS (cont.)

Some VOTER Editors have so much material they have to find ways to cut. This column is for the person on the other side, who is having trouble finding enough appropriate material to fill each issue. Following are suggestions for some things that could be included in your VOTER:

- *Information about unit or general meetings - both before, with the what, where and when information, and afterward, to follow up what happened at the meeting.
- *Calendar of events listing coming activities with time and location. Put it in an easy-to-find place in your VOTER.
- *Information about new and/or current members is always interesting.
- *Notices required by your bylaws such as: slates of officers, proposed budgets and bylaw changes - and the results of formal actions.
- *President's letter.
- *Observer reports.
- *Legislative reports, calls to action from LWVMN, LWVUS.
- *Program information.
- *Consensus questions and results.
- *Notices about programs of other organizations that may be of interest to your members.

Plan for future issues by keeping an idea file with a page for each issue. Begin by putting in the dates in your local calendar, then add to the list as an idea hits you.

From time to time I will include a page of camera ready stories that can be clipped and included in your bulletin. Look for the first in this month's 3rd class mailing. It is called League Lines.

V O T E R S E R V I C E
(Leppik - 612/546-3328)

Welcome, new voter service chairs! I hope you have taken some time to review your portfolio with your predecessor. Now's the time to decide what activities would be most beneficial for your League and community. Many Leagues will find themselves involved in local elections, and you will need to make your plans early for candidate interviews, debates, questionnaires, etc., so you'll be prepared when election filings close. This is also a good time to review the League's policy on participation by voter service chairs in election campaigns. Be sure to talk with your LL president if you wish to participate in a local campaign. V.S. chairs need to be scrupulously careful not to jeopardize the League's nonpartisan stance during elections.

A new in-house set of guidelines for conducting local debates, including a section on videotaping, should be ready by the beginning of October. Call or write to me at the LWVMN office if you would like a copy when it becomes available. This is essentially the same piece as was handed out at the Convention workshop on videotaping.

The Debates Task Force will be meeting in September to work out policy regarding sponsorship of debates for statewide officers by local and state LWVs. A report should be ready for the January LWVMN Board Meeting.

At its summer board meeting, the State Board voted to refrain from signing contracts to do presidential election reporting in 1988 until further notice. This does not restrict local Leagues from precinct reporting in the 1986 state and congressional elections. It is a stalling action until LWVMN and/or LWVUS can develop clear policies on this difficult issue. The final outcome may well depend on the success or failure of legislative efforts to control early predictions. A committee to study this policy issue will be meeting in September and reporting to the LWVMN Board in October. Any action Minnesota takes will be independent of LWVUS until the national board reaches a decision.

Great Ideas Dept.: If your League is looking for something new and interesting to do around election time, Arden Hills/Shoreview LWV ran a very successful contest in their primary schools last fall. They had a lot of good publicity and felt it was educational not only for the children but for their parents as well. If you'd like to find out how they ran this well

VOTER SERVICE (cont.)

organized event, contact Mary Trisko, Voter Service Chair, at 612/633-5978, or Lillian Michael, President, at 612/633-7703. They are justifiably proud of their project.

I plucked a wonderful idea from the summer National VOTER. It reads:

The LWV of South Mateo County, CA has a local welcome-wagon program for greeting and registering newly naturalized American citizens. Under the program, started eight years ago by a League member who was an immigrant herself, the League sponsors a quarterly reception at the county seat immediately following the naturalization ceremony where League members meet with new citizens and register them to vote. "It's a very simple affair," said LWV member Pat Brown, "but it's a very positive experience." For more information, contact Pat Brown, 421 Montwood Circle, Redwood City, CA 94061.

If this sounds like something your League would be interested in doing, call your county government office to get information on the scheduling of naturalization ceremonies. Please also let me know so I can follow the success of this project if several Leagues decide to try it. I think it sounds super!

Good luck with your voter service activities. Please remember, I'm here to help you, and I can be reached at home or through the LWVMN office.

L O N G R A N G E P L A N N I N G
(Reynolds - 612/426-3894)

Thanks to all of you who helped in our long range planning through your participation at the Speak-up at Convention. You really had some good ideas for the LRP Committee to use in proposing goals for our organization. At its August Board Meeting, the LWVMN Board approved the following goals for its Long Range Plans:

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

GOAL I: By 1986-87, LWVMN will have achieved a 10% growth in membership with special emphasis on developing creative recruitment efforts toward adults under 35.

GOAL II: By 1988-89, LWVMN will have reserves equal to three months operating expenses while maintaining a balanced budget.

GOAL III: By 1987-88, LWVMN will design, implement and evaluate a marketing plan for the League which will identify and address internal and external audiences.

GOAL IV: By 1986-87, LWVMN will develop prototypes for future units of membership.

Your local Board may wish to spend some time going over the goals and consider their relevance to your efforts. Obviously, the membership goal requires the cooperation of everyone if we are to achieve a 10% growth. I think everyone understands the need for this goal. The financial goal truly depends on local cooperation in meeting PMP obligations, for the budget is based in part on your membership counts. Our marketing goal is a compilation of many different ideas, leading to looking at ourselves both internally and as members of a larger community in a new manner. Finally, your adaptations to become more flexible and efficient would be useful information to share with your regional representative to help us in developing prototypes for the future as stated in our fourth goal.

C I T I Z E N I N F O R M A T I O N
(Reynolds - 612/426-3894)

Plans are firming up for our Fall Focus Meeting on Alternative Dispute Resolution (mediation) scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, October 29th. Recent legislation has led to the establishment of community dispute resolution centers to settle various disputes out of court to help prevent the overloading of the courts and resolve problems in a non-adversarial manner. We should have some lively discussion of the appropriate use of mediation techniques as well

CITIZEN INFORMATION (cont.)

as reaction to the State Court Administrations guidelines. Registration materials will be forthcoming.

Our Spring Focus has been rescheduled to Monday, March 3rd and will deal with our new State Study on Child Protection. Please note this on your calendars.

Earlier this summer we were approached by the League of Rural Voters about the possibility of sponsoring meetings on the farm bill. Because our state agenda didn't have any open time until spring, we gave them a list of local League presidents so they could contact you individually to see if you might be interested in a meeting on current farm issues. I'd be interested in hearing if any of you are planning meetings on this topic.

M A R K E T I N G
(Buie - 612/941-7979)

Indians in Minnesota: Sales are going well through the U of M publisher and our own members. Have you ordered books yet? Liz Ebbott, author, is eager to accomodate local Leagues in their program plans and has already accepted six invitations to speak plus a book-signing at B. Dalton's in St. Cloud. Winona LWV is meeting with the local Historical Society and community educators; Liz is the speaker. Mary Santi and I accompanied Liz (paid our own way) to the Grand Portage Reservation on July 29th where a formal presentation of the Indians in Minnesota book was made to the members of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council - a gratifying two days!

PEOPLE'S CHOICE COOKBOOK: OUR BOOK BILL IS PAID. HALLELUJAH!!! All sales now go directly to relieve our operating budget and later to build up our depleted reserves. Our potential profit could be over \$20,000. Sales were good on our way to Grand Portage - stopped at resort hotels, gift shops, restaurants and book stores. Have you offered the book to your new members? Please send your checks in - there are a lot of books out and we are wondering how many are really sold. Call or write for your new* supple.

I am in need of finding a Leaguer who has worked in marketing. We are setting up a marketing council and want to devise a plan for League. Please call me or write if you have a member who might be interested.

I N T E R N A T I O N A L R E L A T I O N S
(Duffy - 612/429-9703)

"The Dream of an Impenetrable Shield: Ballistic Missile Defense in the Nuclear Age," a slide presentation is available through the League office. The presentation was produced by the Nuclear War Graphics Project of Northfield, MN, and presents the case opposing the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI). Action in opposition to the SDI is a priority for LWVUS and this slide presentation is helpful to all of us in understanding the arguments. Delegates to the LWVMN Convention viewed this in June and agreed that it was very well done and could easily be used for a unit meeting. If you would be interested in using the slides with an audio cassette, contact the LWVMN office.

"Economics and Arms Control" is the subject of an address by John Kenneth Galbraith on Sept. 7th at the Edina Community Center at 8:30 a.m. A panel consisting of Roger Hale, President of Tennant Company; John Davis, Former President of Macalester College; Karen Clark, member of the MN House of Representatives; and Margaret Thomas, Director of Minneapolis Council of Churches will react to Mr. Galbraith's remarks. The event is sponsored by the Interfaith Peacemakers and tickets are \$5 at the door. For further information, call Roger Heegard at 925-0280.

National Security Study: As noted in the Leader's Guide: Evaluating U.S. Relations with Developing Countries (Pub. #532, \$1), the LWVEF has produced and will make available through state Leagues copies of a video presentation on U.S. relations with developing countries. The video is entitled The Third World Challenge to U.S. Policy and is an ideal companion to America and the Third World: Collision or Cooperation? (Pub. #553, \$1 for members). The video and the publication are excellent references for member discussions, which many local

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (cont.)

Leagues will convene this fall as part of the National Security study, and for community programs on U.S. Third World relations. (Ideas for the latter are included in a discussion manual that will accompany the video.)

LWVMN will receive 17 copies; most of the copies will be in 1/2" VHS format, but there will be at least one 3/4" copy. Please make your reservations by calling or writing the LWVMN office. The office has already received a number of requests, so don't wait too long to schedule yours.

L E A G U E K E E P I N G

Help! Both copies of LWVMN's Water Focus videotapes are missing. Could you possibly have one? Would you please take the time to look through your videotapes to see if it could be hiding there? We have had a request for a video and right now can't provide one.

FOCUS on Membership

League of Women Voters "Membership

August, 1985

Dear Membership Chair,

This is not the typical format for Focus on Membership but as this is our first opportunity to communicate, I thought it might best be done in a more personal way. Actually in my local League almost everything works better when it's done in a "personal" way. Just to let you know a little bit about me, I am married and have two children, ages 7 and 9½. In my earlier lifetime, prior to adopting our daughter, I was an elementary school teacher in Burnsville, MN for eight years. My husband is a middle school principal in the Chaska district. I have been a League member for eight years, four years local study chair, two years local president and am presently local finance co-chair.

I joined the League because it was the most dynamic organization in our community, then and now, and it was comprised of wonderfully caring people. A group known for its brains and its heart. All of this, I hope, will help you understand my biases. For me League is not just information. Information is available via the media in myriad forms. For me League is not just a social gathering. Coffee klatsches abound. But it is the unique blending of these two in a community service atmosphere which is LWV's greatest asset.

A few years ago Dr. Harold Rubens authored a book entitled Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Sex But Were Afraid to Ask. Well, its spinoff is here - and though it could be titled Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About LWV Membership - it is not. It's called League on the Grow and it can be your definitive guide to being a successful membership chair. Over and over its ideas have proved successful to Leagues all across Minnesota. So I encourage you to read it. Share the information with your president and Board. Next month we'll further pursue its contents in detail, but for now PLEASE set aside time to read it and begin to formulate how you'll use it.

Attached to this letter is an envelope addressed to me. I know you're busy and I won't ask you to fill out a form, but would you please take ten minutes and write me a short note telling me about you, your League, your plan for membership and how I can help. I can't offer a prize for each letter received, but I promise prompt personal attention. You see, without you the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Membership Director is nothing!

Sincerely,

Candy

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United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Special Political Affairs, New York City

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Mr. Urquhart has served in the office of the Secretary-General in various capacities since 1945. He was appointed to his present position in 1974. Since that time his main preoccupations have been, among others, the direction of peacekeeping forces in the Middle East and Cyprus, the negotiation of a Namibia settlement, and the direction of various humanitarian relief operations. Mr. Urquhart is also one of the principal political advisers to the Secretary-General.

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2. UN WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN: REPORT FROM NAIROBI

Speakers:

- Arvonne S. Fraser, Senior Fellow and Project Director at Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs,
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THE CIVIL RIGHTS RESTORATION ACT - HR-700

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The Civil Rights Restoration Act (HR-700) is in trouble in the U.S. House of Representatives. The latest word from Minnesota Congressmen is that it may not pass without the Tauke abortion amendment.

Minnesota's Congressional delegation needs to hear from constituents, local political leaders and friends that HR-700 should pass unamended. Representatives from the Equal Rights Alliance (including a representative from LWVMN) have been meeting with Congressmen:

Representative Frenzel is the only representative committed to rejecting the Tauke (abortion) amendment and the Jeffords (religious affiliation) amendment. See LWVUS Action Alert for more details on these amendments and the Edwards amendment (LWV would support the Edwards amendment but prefers no amendments).

Representative Penney voted for Tauke and Jeffords amendments in committee.

Representative Sabo is undecided!

Representative Vento is undecided!

Representative Oberstar is uncommitted.

Representative Sikorski has not had "time" to meet on this issue. League people need to see him.

Representative Weber is undecided!

Representative Stangeland is supporting both amendments. Out of the country during the break.

League people need to remind their Congressmen that 1) this bill passed overwhelmingly last session without any amendments, 375-32. (It died in the Senate because of a filibuster.) 2) the Civil Rights Act is to restore those basic protections against discrimination on the basis of sex, race, age and disability in institutions receiving federal funds, 3) the bill should not be a mechanism for the restriction of abortion rights and 4) LWVUS will withdraw its support of HR-700 if the Tauke amendment is attached.

Contact your representative today, because we need to and can make a difference!



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CALENDAR

(Events as we have them on the calendar in the office)

- September 17 - Board Memo mailed first class to Presidents and subscribers
- Fundraiser Committee meeting, 1 p.m., Edina
19 - Board Memo enclosures mailed third class to Presidents and DPM subscribers
- CMAL Quarterly Meeting
20 - Child Protection Study Seminar, 11:30-1:30, Hennepin County Government Center
- Pick a Candidate Video Committee, 10:00 a.m., LWVMN office
- ABC Precinct Reporting Committee, 1:00 p.m., LWVMN office
27 - "America's Children - Their Future" - noon, Mpls. YWCA
Debate Task Force, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., LWVMN office
30 - Social Policy Survey mailed to LLs from LWVMN office
- October 2 - "Practical Politics" course taught by LWVMN, MacPhail Center, Mpls. 9:30-11:30 a.m.
3 - Fall VOTER mailed from LWVMN office
- CMAL Executive Committee Meeting, 9:30 a.m., LWVMN office
8 - LWVMNEF, LWVMN Board Meetings, 9:00 a.m., LWVMN office
9,16,23 - "Practical Politics" class, 9:30-11:30 a.m., MacPhail Center, U of M
15 - Fundraiser Committee Meeting, 1 p.m., LWVMN office
Mid - Members receive LWVUS VOTER with information and consensus for Financing
Federal Government, Stage 2
21 - Financial Options Committee Meeting, 10 a.m., LWVMN office
23 - "Tell it to the Mediator" Focus Registration Deadline
25 - U.N. Rally, Hyatt Regency, Mpls.
29 - "Tell it to the Mediator" Focus, St. Paul College Club, 4:30-9 p.m.
31 - Social Policy Survey returned to LWVMN office
- November 5 - LWVMN Action Committee Meeting, 10:30 a.m., LWVMN office
7 - CMAL Executive Committee, 9:30 a.m., LWVMN office
12 - LWVMN & LWVMNEF Board Meetings, 9:00 a.m., LWVMN office
- Winter VOTER deadline
15 - LL Membership lists due to LWVMN
18 - LWVMNEF individual appeal mailed to LWVMN members and non-members
- Legislative Interviews due in LWVMN office
- Financing Federal Government member response postmark deadline
19 - LWVMN Budget Committee, noon, LWVMN office
- 1st class Board Memo mailed

ENCLOSURES

(Mailed 3rd class to Presidents only; Presidents, please distribute to appropriate portfolio chairs. *Denotes mailed to DPM subscribers)

How to Use Your Education Fund: A Guide for Local Leagues/Hondl, McKinnell
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ENCLOSURES (cont.)

Legislative Interview Packet*/Greiling

Education Update/Seitz

Commission on the Economic Status of Women Newsletter, August, 1985/Keppel, Lucas

"Focus on Alternative Dispute Resolution flyer: Tell it to the Mediator"*/Reynolds

Guide for the Nominating Committee/Bufington

LLs and Nuclear Risk Reduction*/Duffy

"Something Special" membership flyer*/Takkunen

S T A T E B O A R D H A P P E N I N G S

At its September meeting, your State Board:

- .supported in principle a LWV-Massachusetts resolution to support nuclear risk reduction measures;
- .requested that LWVUS withdraw recognition from LWV-Houston County (which asked permission to disband due to extremely low membership);
- .participated in an objective writing workshop for the four LRP goals.

B O U Q U E T S T O

- .Present bookkeeper, Shirley Ungar, who with the assistance of former bookkeeper, Pat Lucas, was asked to do an almost impossible job this past year and did it outstandingly (according to the LWVMN auditor);
- .Office volunteers Betty Berube, Dorothy Foster and Gloria Phillips, all from LWV-St. Croix Valley, and Anne Francis, LWV-Edina, who helped with the mailing of a LWVMN Finance letter which has brought in almost \$1,300. These volunteers contributed staff time equal to \$180.

P R E S I D E N T

(Higinbotham - 612/926-9399)

September is my second chance to make New Year's resolutions, since for my family (and yours, too, if you still have people in school) it is really the "new year" with new teachers, new clothes and lots of new activities. It's a new year for many Leagues also as they kick off their fall program.

I hope it is a happy new year for your League, filled with many new members, interesting programs and much community visibility. Remember that we on the state Board have all resolved to help you to make it a successful year, so feel free to call on us with your questions and comments.

You may be contacted by a member organization of the Women's Consortium to attend a meeting to explore ways of encouraging more women to run for public office. We hope you will participate. The League of Women Voters never has supported, and never plans to support, particular candidates or political parties; however, we have felt for more than 60 years that everyone should be involved and active in the political process. One way in which local Leagues can encourage and foster the candidacy of women is to provide some nonpartisan assistance to candidates (such as providing position papers on issues, cosponsoring workshops, etc.). Please bear in mind that in making this request for cooperation with our sister organizations, you are not being asked to do anything partisan. Rather you are being asked to help by providing that on which League has built its well-deserved reputation for being a training ground for public officials: information on issues, tips on developing organizational skills, and help in learning how our government works.

Cash Flow Problem: LWVMN is currently experiencing a cash flow problem. This is primarily due to the fact that most anticipated grants for this non-voter service year will be received in the last six months of our fiscal year which ends March 31, 1986. We are very appreciative of the local Leagues who paid their pmps in full for the 1985-86 year, for those local Leagues making special contributions to LWVMN and for prompt payment by Leagues on a quarterly payment schedule. We would be grateful to those of you on the quarterly pmp schedule, if you could make some payment in advance to LWVMN, but only if your local League is in a position to do so.

In past years we have met these cash flow crises by withdrawing money from reserves. As you know, one of the goals which emerged from the LRP process this year, was a commitment to increase

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reserves while maintaining a balanced budget. (Sound financial management practices dictate reserves equal to three months operating expenses.) Because of our concern about our low amount of reserves, (\$7,000 presently with a goal of attaining approximately \$21,000 by 1988-89) and the fact that often money withdrawn from reserves was never returned, we decided to seek your cooperation in making it through this period without further depleting our financial reserves.

T R E A S U R E R
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How to Use Your Education Fund: A Guide for Local Leagues: Oops! We goofed! We only sent one copy instead of two copies for local Leagues in the August 3rd class mailing. Look for your second copy in the September 3rd class mailing. Every Treasurer should have a copy.

F I N A N C E / D E V E L O P M E N T
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Funraiser Auction donations needed: Now's the time to think of some nifty auction items, from your area. League members and/or businesses can be tapped for services or merchandise. Auction Chair, Barb Hiles, has the following suggestions to spur your imagination: an airline ticket, a resort weekend package, homemade food and crafts, celebrity items and just about anything that would appeal to you. Just fill out the auction form in the 3rd class mailing. Please copy it as often as needed. And if you or your League is planning a dinner or other event as a donation, please pick a date and specify it on the form.

Education Fund: The Board has set up a new committee, the Planning and Support Committee chaired by Sally Simundson, LWV-Roseville, to have local League input to the EF Board. Membership is primarily local Leaguers. If you or someone in your League would care to serve, please call the office.

The first task of the Planning and Support Committee is to handle the mailing to individuals in November to ask them for gifts to the Ed Fund. This mailing in 1984 brought in \$4,079 to the Ed Fund for LWVMN projects and \$897 for local League projects through the Ed Fund. Every League member will receive this mailing.

The sharing policy with local Leagues has been changed for 1985. The auditor recommended that only contributions of \$100 or more be shared because of the large cost to administer and bookkeep the local League accounts with the share. There are 13 Leagues with less than \$10 in their accounts. The Planning and Support Committee recommended, and the Board adopted, the following policy: that the 25% share of individual contributions to LWVMNEF be continued for the November, 1985 solicitation on those contributions of \$20 or more. Please note this change in your "How to Use your Education Fund: A Guide for Local Leagues." We think that this policy will enable more of you to use the Education Fund.

F I E L D S E R V I C E
(Buffington - 612/929-8168)

After some thought "Service to Local Leagues" has been changed back to "Field Service." The main reason is that, being out in the "field" is what I'll be doing - that is, visiting with local Leagues and providing assistance when asked. Another important factor is that "field service" is a recognized term in the non-League environs, whereas "Service to Local Leagues" gets you a blank look. Only the name has changed, everything else remains the same.

Study Review Committee: The response to my request for members on this committee has been underwhelming. Interest appeared to be high this past spring - what happened to all of you? At one point it sure seemed like a good idea to have a committee that would review all state consensus questions, concurrence statements and discussion/study guide material. If you are interested in being a member of such a committee, please contact the state office (612/224-5445). I will get in touch with all interested persons.

Continuing Education Classes: There's still time to register for the LWVMN taught class on "Practical Politics." Last day to register is September 22nd. Call 612/376-3000, for more

FIELD SERVICE (cont.)

registration information. Cost is \$35 to Leaguers; \$45 to non-Leaguers. Location is the MacPhail Center, Wednesdays, October 2-23 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Council '85: I realize May seems like a long way off, however, planning for Council has already begun. If there is a particular workshop you'd like to attend, please let me know. Now is when LWVMN Board members begin planning Council workshops - so we'd really like to hear from you.

Road Shows: In addition to Liz Ebbott's traveling road show on "Indians in Minnesota," we can provide other "road shows" - if there is a demand. We do need to know what you want. Please contact your regional representative and she will in turn, let the appropriate Board person know what is needed. Unlike last year, metro Leagues are included. We can't help unless we hear from you.

Nominating Committee: It's time to start thinking about your leadership for 1986. Members of the Nominating Committee should be considering who in their League would be a likely Board person. A guideline for the Nominating Committee is enclosed in the 3rd class mailing.

M E M B E R S H I P
(Takkunen - 612/445-4218)

Focus on Membership: Included in every 3rd class mailing will be an issue of Focus on Membership, a newsletter intended to aid you with timely tips, reminders of deadlines and ideas "borrowed" from local Leagues to share with you. This mailing goes to your President; if you have not been receiving Focus, maybe they like it so well they're keeping it to themselves, or more likely its in some pile of "stuff from the State" sitting on their desk. Whatever the reason, tell them you'd like it when it comes. It's intended to help you with your job.

Snowbirds: If within your local League you have members who "fly south for the winter" and might be interested in ways of keeping their League membership active while away, I would like to know about them. During this year we will be looking at ways to facilitate this shared membership with "sun-belt" Leagues. Also, if you have a member or two who would be interested in serving on a committee to draft a "snow-bird" membership proposal, please call the state office or me.

Members-at Large: Be sure to make contact with all the MALs recruited nationally which are listed on your membership computer printout. Encourage them to renew since LWVUS will not be following up on these members.

C O M M U N I C A T I O N S
(Santi - 612/426-5151)

VOTER: How does a local League get mentioned in the MN VOTER? Your League has done something you think is unique, fun, interesting or informative. Your League or one of your members has made an outstanding contribution to the League or to your community or has been recognized in some way. Here are some of the ways items found their way into the last VOTER:

- the local League was involved in some way with LWVMN;
- local VOTERS and Board minutes listed an event of interest to others;
- the President, Service to Local Leagues Chair and clerk mentioned things local Leagues were doing;
- a member of your League mentioned an idea to me or other state Board person at Convention, Council or other event;
- local Leagues sent in photos and story ideas to the state office.

Whatever way the news comes in, know that it is appreciated, and we will try to make room for it in the MN VOTER. I believe it is important for members in all parts of the state to know of the exciting and innovative things you are doing.

Video: The Indian panel discussion you heard at Convention is now available on videotape. The program featured three Indian representatives, Clyde Atwood, Don Wisen and Andy Favorite, speaking on Indian government, Indian education and Indian culture. The tape is on a 1/2" VHS cassette and runs 1-hour and 10-minutes. It is available to borrow. Contact the state office.

A C T I O N
(Greiling - 612/636-3343)

Legislative Interviews: Legislative interview packets are in the 3rd class mailing. Local Leagues are assigned legislators to be interviewed on a series of questions prepared by our program chairs. Please call your legislator(s) soon to arrange the interview(s). They are due November 18th. These interviews are an important lobbying tool because they give local Leagues a chance to exchange views with their legislators and because our own lobbyists at the Capitol will consult the answers to determine their strategy.

Action Opportunities: They abound in League! Edina is reserving part of September units for members to write Congress regarding the Civil Rights Restoration Act and Strategic Defense Initiative Action Alerts. A member of the Anoka/Blaine/Coon Rapids League orchestrated a media event this month at the Andover Landfill to draw attention to this fall's congressional reauthorization of the Superfund. CMAL is dedicating this entire year to program review and action. Scrutinize your local government agendas for opportunities to offer valued League testimony. Remember that Leaguers and prospective Leaguers are drawn to action like flies to honey.

G O V E R N M E N T
(Crippen - 612/452-9117)

Financing the Federal Government: The consensus questions for Part II of Financing Federal Government will be in the fall National VOTER and must be sent to LWVUS by November 17th. A videotape in two separate, half-hour discussions is available from LWV of Connecticut. It looks at the effects of and solutions to the federal deficit. It must be ordered by September 30th from: LWVCT Education Fund, 1890 Dixwell Avenue, Suite 113, Hamden, CT 06514. A check for \$25 must be included and indicate your choice of VHS 1/2" (can also be used on Beta 3), Beta 1, Beta 2. Do not use P.O. numbers as tape will be shipped UPS. This is a purchase, not a rental, so no return postage is necessary.

The state office will have one copy which will be available on a "first come, first served" basis. If you have a program scheduled before the consensus is due and you want to use this tape, call the office now. Please note the tape is two one-half hour segments.

I N T E R N A T I O N A L R E L A T I O N S
(Duffy - 612/429-9703)

Videotape: The Third World Challenge to U.S. Policy": By now you all should have received the information on the tape. Seventeen copies of the tape are in the state office ready for use. Call the office to reserve your time. Use the tape for an introduction to the study, for a public meeting or show it to special groups. Also, LWVUS is looking for your comments on the tape, the use of this medium and anything else you may want to tell them. This is the first time a videotape has been produced for a LWVUS study and attempts to answer some of the Long Range Planning suggestions requested by Leagues.

Also, the publication, America and the Third World: Collision or Cooperation? (#553, \$1 for members) is ready for purchase from the national office; LWVUS, 1730 M St., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036.

Remember to reserve your ticket to the U.N. Rally to be held on October 25th at the Hyatt Regency in Minneapolis. Brian Urquhart, Under-Secretary General for Political Affairs, is the featured speaker and a report will also be made on the U.N. Women's Conference held in Nairobi this summer by Minnesota women (including Arvonne Fraser) who attended.

NATO Trip: As many of you know, I have been invited to participate in a NATO-sponsored trip to Brussels and Turkey this month. The LWVUS National Security Study Committee members, President Dot Ridings, two LWVUS Board members (not Harriette, alas) and Laureen Andrews from the LWVUS staff will be going. We will attend briefings at NATO headquarters in Brussels and then go to Turkey for on-site visits to military facilities. It should be very interesting and I will make a detailed report on my return.

Prospects for Peacemaking: The Minnesota Outreach Projects are now moving ahead. The projects are to be completed over this fall and winter. The national efforts are moving very slowly and

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (cont)

the manual is now going to press, thanks to the receipt of funds from the Roosevelt Center in Chicago. Thanks to you League members throughout the state who are participating in the Minnesota projects.

Want to go to New York? If so, schedule a trip around League Day at the U.N. on November 9, 1985. LWVUSEF is sponsoring this 40th Anniversary Program entitled "Whose U.N.? Meeting the Needs of Tomorrow." You may register (do so by October 15th) by sending your reservation to League of Women Voters Education Fund, 1730 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. The cost is \$17.00 for registration with lunch, \$7 for registration only; if you wish the optional tour of the U.N., it is \$3 for an adult and \$1.75 for students. The program will take place in the General Assembly Building from 9:45 - 4:00 p.m. League members from throughout the U.S. will be there, making it especially interesting.

Nuclear Risk Reduction: At the September Board meeting the LWVMN Board voted to support a LWV-Massachusetts resolution supporting nuclear risk reduction measures. The resolution has six points which are based on the six measures discussed in Beyond the Hot Line, a publication you received from LWVUS. More communication will follow in the 3rd class mailing on how you, at the local level, can proceed to generate grassroots support and action.

S O C I A L P O L I C Y

(Lucas - 612/823-8544)

(Keppel - 612/823-3389)

The Child Protection Study Committee has begun its meetings and the study is under way! Study committee members are being recruited and if people in your local League are interested, please have them contact us immediately. We promise a reasonable assignment, some stimulating discussion meetings and an opportunity to learn about a very timely and relevant topic.

As you plan your League calendars remember that study materials will be ready in early March so that local Leagues can plan to study Child Protection in April or May. However, the consensus deadline will not be until October 1, 1986, so a September study date will also be possible, if that is better for your League. The March 3rd focus will also be on Child Protection and will be relevant for those planning studies in their communities.

The study committee is preparing a survey (questionnaire) to be sent to local Leagues October 1st. We are asking willing Leaguers to conduct several interviews in their community in order to obtain a statewide perspective on issues of concern and controversy in child protection and health. Detailed information will accompany the survey to assist you. This is an excellent opportunity to gather local information on this interesting topic and make some contacts for a future panel discussion or public forum on this issue. We would like to have the interviews completed by the end of October, as we are working on a short timeline. Thank you.

V O T E R S S E R V I C E

(Leppik - 612/546-3328)

Debate Guidelines: Don't forget the new "Debate Guidelines" available to local Leagues October 1st. A large section on video taping has been added and is applicable to other kinds of forums and events. Contact the LWVMN office to get a copy in time for this fall's elections.

I'm looking for suggestions for voters service workshops for Council next spring. If your League has any successes or failures with voters service projects this fall that could be the basis for a workshop; or if you would like to learn more, get advice or share ideas about anything in particular, please jot down your ideas and send them to me at the LWVMN office. Thanks!

C I T I Z E N I N F O R M A T I O N
(Reynolds - 612/426-3894)

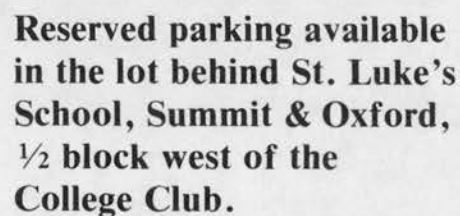
Fall Focus: LL Presidents received registration information concerning LWVMN's Fall Focus, "Tell it to the Mediator - Alternative Dispute Resolution," in a separate mailing on September 9th. Enclosed in the 3rd class mailing is a flyer, which includes a complete program. It was designed to be reproducible in your League's bulletin.

The conference will be held on Tuesday, October 29th from 4:30 to 9 p.m. at the St. Paul College Club and will focus on alternatives to litigation. The program will provide attendees with an overview of mediation, a sampling of mediation programs, current governmental attention to the issue and a panel representing a variety of perspectives on the uses of mediation. The conference is being presented in cooperation with the Minnesota State Planning Agency whose director, Tom Triplett, is a featured speaker.

We hope your League can send representatives to the conference; it should be an intriguing and informative evening.

F O R Y O U R I N F O R M A T I O N

Free Mimeo Machine: Lynn Kline of the West Dakota County LWV has a mimeo machine in working order. If anyone is interested in taking it off her hands, call Lynn at 612/432-2024.



The League of Women Voters of Minnesota presents:

Tell it to the Mediator. . .

. . . focusing on Alternative Dispute Resolution

Tuesday, Oct. 29, 1985

4:30-9:00 p.m.

St. Paul College Club, Inc.

990 Summit Ave., St. Paul

Agenda

4:30 Registration

5:00 Welcome—Joan Higinbotham, LWVMN President

5:05 **Mock mediation session**

Coordinated by Ann Wallerstedt,
Brooklyn Center Mediation Project

5:30 **Overview of mediation**

John Wolf, former president, Mediation Center

6:00 **Sampling of mediation programs**

Rob Friedlander, Neighborhood Dispute Center

Doris Runa, Juvenile Offender Mediation Program

Roger Williams, Office of Dispute Resolution, Minnesota State Planning Agency

6:30 Dinner

7:15 **Legislation and public policy**

Tom Triplett, Director, Minnesota State Planning Agency

7:45 **Reactor panel**

Stephen K. Erickson, Family Mediation Services

Sandy Gerber, Hawthorne Area Neighborhood Dispute Services

Mary Kearney, State Court Administration

Helen Kelly, American Bar Association Special Committee on
Alternatives to Dispute Resolution

Tonja Orr, Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis

9:00 Adjourn

Presented in cooperation with the Minnesota State Planning Agency through
contributions to the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund.

Please register me for 'Tell it to the Mediator'

Dinner reservations must be made by October 23, other reservations by October 28.

Name _____ Phone _____

Representing _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

_____ \$13.50 LWV member — registration including dinner

_____ \$17.50 non-member — registration including dinner

(Deduct \$7.50 if you do not want dinner.)

_____ \$2.50 additional for Continuing Education Units; my Social Security number is _____

Make checks payable to **LWVMNEF** and send with this form to:

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul, MN 55102 (612) 224-5445

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LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEW
COMMITTEE GUIDE

TO: Local League Action Chairs/Presidents

FROM: Mindy Greiling, Action Chair, LWVMN

DATE: September 10, 1985

Contents: Legislative Interview Assignments
Interview questions with background information (white)
Report forms for Legislative Interviews
TIME FOR ACTION recipient forms

Every year League members throughout the state interview their state Representatives and Senators on issues of importance to League. The LWVMN legislative interview is League's first chance to lobby our legislators before the session begins. It gives you an opportunity to meet your legislator and it gives the legislator an opportunity to meet the League.

Your legislator will respond most readily to members of her/his district. These interviews are important to LWVMN lobbyists. We consult them frequently during the session to determine legislators' views.

There is no set way to hold these interviews; it depends on you, your League and your legislators. You may invite many members of your League to participate or just a few (but, the more the merrier!); the interview may be held in someone's home, a public place or the legislator's office; it may be done over lunch or as a morning, afternoon or evening coffee party.

Before the interviews, it will be helpful to review PROGRAM FOR ACTION, recent CAPITOL Scorecards and perhaps even recent state studies. Background information is also provided with the questions. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call the Program chairs whose names and numbers are with the questions, or me at (612) 636-3343. You may also call the LWVMN office at (612) 224-5445.

Your local newspaper might be interested in publishing your interviews. You may also print them in your bulletins.

Plan to schedule your interviews as soon as possible. Reports should be returned to LWVMN by November 18, 1985. Please indicate on your response forms any questions your legislators may have. The state office will respond to those questions or send your League the information to respond, including any materials requested by the legislator. Also, please send feedback if any questions were troublesome, e.g. ambiguous.

If your League is unable to conduct the interview, please notify the state office or me at once. We will then attempt to make other arrangements. Please remember, it's the "folks back home" from whom your legislators want to hear.

LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEW ASSIGNMENTS

In some legislative districts there are several Leagues. We have assigned one League the responsibility of arranging an interview and sending a report of it to the state office and to the other Leagues in the district. If possible, this League should invite these other Leagues to attend the interview. If members of your League are constituents in districts not listed here, please encourage them to expand our coverage by interviewing their legislators and sending in the reports.

Please conduct the interviews as soon as possible and send the completed reports to the LWVMN office by November 18, 1985.

<u>ASSIGNED LEAGUE</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>RECIPIENT LEAGUES</u>
Grand Rapids Area	3, 3B	
Bemidji Area	4, 4A	Cass Lake (4)
Cass Lake	4B	
Mid-Mesabi	5A	
Hibbing	5, 5B	Mid-Mesabi (5)
Duluth	7, 7A & B 8, 8B	
Moorhead	9, 9A	Wilkin County (9)
Wilkin County	9B	Ojibwe Unit
Detroit Lakes	10, 10A	Battle Lake (10)
Battle Lake	10B	
Alexandria	12, 12B	
Stevens County	11, 11A	Alexandria, Grant County (11)
Grant County	11B	Alexandria, Stevens County
Morrison County	13, 13B	
Duluth	14, 14A	
Willmar	15, 15B	
St. Cloud Area	16, 16A & B 17, 17A & B	Morrison County
Morrison County	18A	
Buffalo/Monticello Area	18, 18B	Morrison County, St. Cloud Area
Hutchinson	21, 21A	
Willmar	21B	
Buffalo/Monticello Area	22, 22A	
New Ulm	23A	
St. Peter	23, 23B	New Ulm (23)
Mankato Area	24, 24A & B	
Northfield	25, 25B	
Red Wing	26, 26A	

<u>ASSIGNED LEAGUE</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>RECIPIENT LEAGUES</u>
Marshall	27, 27A	Rock County (27)
Rock County	27B	
Worthington	28A	
Jackson Area	28, 28B	Worthington (28)
Freeborn County	29, 29B, 31A	
Owatonna	30, 30A	
Austin	31, 31B	Freeborn County
Rochester	33, 33A & B	
Winona	34, 34A & B	
Eastern Carver County	35, 35B	Hutchinson (35)
Hutchinson	35A	
Shakopee	36, 36A & B	
Northern Dakota County	38	
Northern Dakota County	38B, 39, 39A & B	
Richfield	40, 40A 40B	Bloomington (40, 40B)
Bloomington	41, 41A & B	
Edina	42, 42A & B	Minnetonka/Eden Prairie/ Hopkins (42, 42A)
Westonka	43, 43A	South Tonka, MEPH (43) South Tonka (43A)
South Tonka	43B	MEPH
St. Louis Park	44, 44A & B	MEPH (44, 44A)
Minnetonka/Eden Prairie/Hopkins	45A	
Wayzata Area	45	Golden Valley
Golden Valley	45B	
Crystal/New Hope	46, 46A & B	Richfield (46, 46B)
Brooklyn Center	47, 47A & B	Brooklyn Park (47, 47A) Crystal/New Hope (47, 47A)
Brooklyn Park	48, 48A & B	
Anoka/Blaine/Coon Rapids	49, 50, 49A & B, 50A & B	
Columbia Heights	51B	Fridley
Fridley	51, 51A	Columbia Heights (50)
New Brighton	52, 52A & B	A/B/C; Arden Hills/Shoreview
White Bear Lake/North Oaks	53, 53B	Arden Hills/Shoreview
Arden Hills/Shoreview	53A	White Bear Lake/North Oaks

ASSIGNED LEAGUE

DISTRICT

RECIPIENT LEAGUES

Roseville	54, 54A & B
Mahtomedi Area	55, 55A
St. Croix Valley	55B, 56
Woodbury/Cottage Grove	56A & B
Minneapolis	57-62
	57A-62A
	57B-62B
St. Anthony	63, 63A
St. Paul	63B
	64-67
	64A-67A
	64B-67B

St. Croix Valley
Woodbury/Cottage Grove (56)
St. Croix Valley (56A)

Roseville

LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS WITH BACKGROUND INFORMATION

SOCIAL POLICY - (Peggy Lucas, 612-823-8544; Polly Keppel, 612-823-3389)

1. Will you reject all amendments to a proposed Minnesota Equal Rights Amendment which reads: "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the State of Minnesota or any other political subdivision on account of sex."?

Background Information: Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment has been a priority for the League for many years. Recently, opponents of guaranteeing women equal rights under the law have tried to attach debilitating amendments which undermine the concept of equality. In Minnesota opponents of a state ERA have made attaching an abortion amendment to the ERA the number one "pro-life" vote. The League's position remains that equal rights and abortion are two separate issues. The League supports an unamended ERA at both the federal and state level.

2. Do you support implementation of pay equity for Minnesota public employers - municipal, county and school? What has been the effect in your local community?

Background Information: Pay equity is paying similar salaries for jobs that require similar skill, responsibility and effort and have the same value to an employer. In the 1984 session the League supported the local government pay equity bill which requires all levels of Minnesota government to prepare and submit a plan to the state which addresses pay inequities based on sex by Oct. 1, 1985. In the 1985 session the League successfully worked in coalition with other women's and labor groups to prevent weakening the legislation by extending the deadline for compliance and exempting some categories of employers.

The Department of Employee Relations expects that a majority of cities, counties and school districts will meet the Oct. 1, 1985 deadline, but concern remains that efforts to weaken the law reappear in the 1986 session.

EDUCATION - (Marree Seitz, 218-525-5647)

1. What specific proposals do you support to improve the quality and equality of public elementary and secondary education in Minnesota?

Background Information: Last session League supported the Access to Excellence bill expanding student choice. The only surviving remnant was the provision allowing 11th and 12th graders to enroll part-time or full-time in post secondary institutions. All indications are that it will be back in future sessions.

2. Would you support increases in tuition tax deductions?

Background Information: More and more public monies are being diverted to private and parochial schools. League has opposed legislative increases in tuition tax deductions.

3. Would you support funding increases for children with physical and mental problems, and children with other learning disabilities? For special programs for gifted and high potential students?

Background Information: League supports programs funded by categorical aids for children with special needs.

LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS WITH BACKGROUND INFORMATION (cont.)

NATURAL RESOURCES - (Jeanne Crampton, 612-926-8760)

1. In your opinion, will the recent legislation making counties responsible for water planning result in a workable statewide plan within the near future?

Background Information: During the last legislative session counties were made responsible for local water planning, although such planning was not made mandatory. The LWVMN recently adopted a water position which supports the adoption of a state water plan emphasizing preservation and efficient use of water resources.

2. Does the increasing use of plastic beverage containers (with no specific plans for recycling) increase litter and landfill problems?

Background Information: After stating in January that passage of a container deposit law in Minnesota would cause a loss of jobs, Brockway Glass announced their plant closing the following October with no deposit law in sight. The popularity of plastic containers (note Coca Cola's introduction of the 12-ounce plastic "can") is causing a loss of traditional container industries - not deposit laws.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS - (Judy Duffy, 612-429-9703)

1. Do you believe Minnesota's "Buy America" law passed in 1978 should remain on the books?

Background Information: Protectionist laws over the years have ultimately resulted in higher prices for the consumer. This law is no exception.

GOVERNMENT - (Nancy Crippen, 612-452-9117)

1. Do you support the establishment of a reapportionment commission? If not, what plan do you support for reapportionment?

Background Information: Since the mid-1950's, the League of Women Voters of Minnesota has had a position supporting regular and equitable reapportionment, with definite procedures established to ensure prompt redistricting by the Legislature or by a reapportionment commission. As we move into the second half of this decade, we look ahead to the 1990 census.

2. What should be the role of the state government in future economic development of the area?

Background Information: The League of Women Voters of Minnesota supports a flexible multi-tax system in Minnesota, and we favor support of state aids to local governments. In the past year a new dimension has appeared in the Legislature; i.e., we saw, with the tax relief/support package offered to General Motors to attract the Saturn plant and the discussion of a similar proposal to develop a "megamall," the use of state monies to support private industry.

COUNCIL OF METROPOLITAN AREA LEAGUES - (Pat Gorecki, 612-474-8971)

1. Would you support a study to evaluate whether the Fiscal Disparities Act is fulfilling its purpose in an equitable manner? Yes No Why?

If such a study were to recommend adjustments in the formula for collection and/or distribution of the monies for more equitable results, would you favor such changes?
Yes No Why?

LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS WITH BACKGROUND INFORMATION (cont.)

Background Information: CMAL supported the fiscal disparities bill, implemented in 1974, which provides for sharing 40% of the growth in commercial-industrial tax base among local units of government in the metropolitan area. The program has not been evaluated or readjusted since its inception.

2. Should the Metropolitan Council review all proposed developments within the region which have significance that is metropolitan or greater in scope which will impact the systems of the region? Yes No Why?

Background Information: CMAL supports provision for coordinated metropolitan services focused through the Metropolitan Council. If development of considerable significance occurs within the region, it impacts the region's system. Canterbury Downs was not reviewed, for example.

REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEW

League of Women Voters of _____ Date: _____

Please return to state office by November 18, 1985

Legislator

Name:

District:

Party:

Kind of interview: Where held, number of League members involved, general impressions.

Attitude of legislator toward League:

Questions used and views of legislator on each:

Question

Number

View of Legislator

Question
Number

View of Legislator

Signed _____

Address _____

Fill out a separate report on each legislator. Please use additional sheets if necessary.
Keep one copy for your League and send one copy to LWMN for the legislative file.

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul, MN 55102 - September 1985

TO: Local League Boards
FROM: Mindy Greiling, LWVMN Action Chair
RE: TIMES FOR ACTION
DATE: September 10, 1985

During the 1986 session, TIMES FOR ACTION will be mailed to whomever you think would best be able to respond quickly. We will send copies for the President, Action Chair and the Program Area Chair. We can, however, send only one mailing to each League because of the cost of postage.

Please let the office know who you wish to receive the TIMES FOR ACTION by January 15, 1986. If we do not hear from you, we will continue to send the TIMES FOR ACTION to the President.

REMEMBER - THE PRESIDENT WOULD STILL HAVE TO APPROVE YOUR OFFICIAL LEAGUE RESPONSE!!!

RETURN BY JANUARY 15, 1986

League _____

Please send our TIMES FOR ACTION to: _____

Phone: _____

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NUCLEAR RISK REDUCTION

TO: Local League Presidents, Action Chairs
and/or International Relations National Security Study Chairs

FROM: Judy Duffy, International Relations Chair, LWVMN

DATE: September 18, 1985

"The League seeks to reduce tensions through better means of communication.... Other League-supported measures include...conflict resolution training...."
LWVUS statement of position.

At the September Board meeting, LWVMN Board members voted to support a resolution from the Massachusetts League in support of measures to implement nuclear risk reduction centers. Their resolution was based on six points outlined in William Ury's book, Beyond the Hotline. The book has been distributed to local Leagues by LWVUS -- you should have received one over the summer. The Massachusetts League plans to introduce this resolution at the LWV National Convention in 1986 in hopes that the League can be the catalyst in moving the proposal for such measures off dead center and into implementation.

Attached, you will find the resolution, the proposal and background material. Now, the Massachusetts League is asking our help in contacting members of the Administration (President, Secretary of Defense and Secretary of State) and our Congressional delegation informing them of our support for these measures under our LWVUS position. If you have any questions or need more information regarding the proposal, direct them to:

Susan Shaer, President
League of Women Voters of Massachusetts
8 Winter Street
Boston, MA 02108

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT NUCLEAR RISK REDUCTION PROGRAM

Whereas, we, the delegates to the 1985 State Convention of the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts support the implementation of nuclear risk reduction measures,

Whereas, risk reduction measures which could help stabilize, or even better, prevent a nuclear confrontation with the Soviet Union Include:

1. Agreed upon crisis procedures
2. Nuclear crisis control centers
3. Crisis consultation period
4. Nuclear risk reduction talks
5. Presidential crisis control seminar
6. Enhanced third-party roles in defusing regional conflicts,

Therefore, be it resolved that the 1985 State Convention of the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts do the following:

1) Direct the State Board of the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts to send letters to President Reagan, Secretary of State George Shultz, and Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger urging the establishment of Crisis Control Centers;

2) Direct the State Board to lobby the Massachusetts delegation in favor of nuclear risk reduction measures;

3) Direct the State Board to urge the National Board of the League of Women Voters of the United States to lobby in Congress in favor of these measures;

4) Direct the State Board to encourage grassroots education about crisis control within the state;

5) Direct the State Board to urge the National Board of the League of Women Voters of the United States to do the same throughout the country;

6) Direct the State Board to send letters to their counterparts throughout the country urging them to carry out the above activities.

NUCLEAR RISK REDUCTION CENTERS PROPOSAL

UPDATE
May 1985

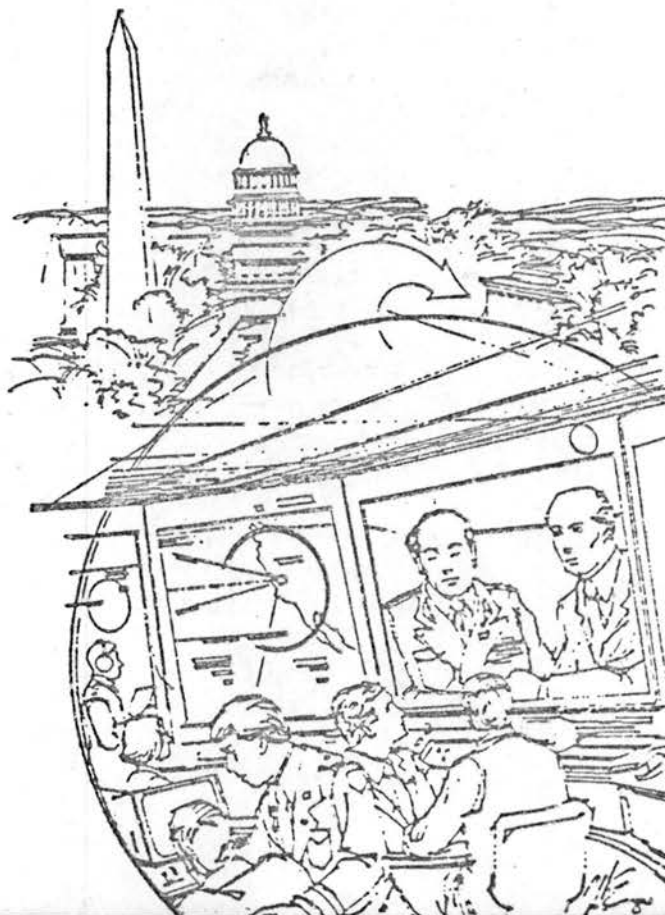
In June of 1984 Senators Warner and Nunn and Bradley introduced a nonbinding resolution recommending the establishment of Nuclear Risk Reduction Centers (Crisis Control Centers) and urging the President to pursue negotiations on this with the Soviets. The resolution (SR 329) passed unanimously, 82 - 0.

The Senate resolution was then amended to the Department of Defense Authorization Bill which was considered by the Conference Committee and passed in both the House and Senate (September, 1984). Since then, there has been no government action.

Now is an opportune time to express public support of the Nuclear Risk Reduction Centers. Just this month President Reagan proposed "a permanent military-to-military communications link (which) over time, might evolve into a "risk reduction" mechanism for rapid communication and exchange of data in times of crisis" (Strasbourg, May 8). The Joint Military Communications Link (JMCL) is a positive step towards lowering the risk of nuclear war, but it is only a first step.

While arms control talks are stalled in Geneva, we can ask a new question about the risk of nuclear war: "Regardless of the number of weapons in the arsenals, are we prepared to prevent an accidental nuclear war? Couldn't we significantly lower the risk of war through miscalculation and misunderstanding by establishing a Nuclear Risk Reduction Center with the Soviets? Isn't this an area in which we can both agree?"

U.S.-Soviet Crisis Control Center. An artist's rendering of the joint center, where trained staff from each nation would monitor crises around the clock, relaying vital information in person, as well as by telephone, computer, and teleconferencing. In time of crisis, the center would function somewhat like the emergency room of a hospital, providing a place and resources to enable the principals to deal with a critical situation as effectively and expeditiously as possible. (Drawing by Michael Eagle)



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BACKGROUND

1982: Senators Jackson (D, WA), Warner (R, VA), and Nunn (D, GA) introduce an amendment requiring the Defense Department to evaluate several proposals aimed at reducing the risk of nuclear confrontation.

Senators Nunn and Warner organize the Working Group on Nuclear Risk Reduction (Nov 15).

1983: Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger submits the report mandated by Congress. "Direct Communications Links and Other Measures to Enhance Stability" includes a recommendation for a Joint Military Communications Link and says that experience with operating a JMCL "might allow us to pursue the idea of a crisis control center" (April 11).

Reagan announces a series of proposals from the Weinberger report, including upgrading of the Hotline and establishment of military-to-military dialogue (May 24).

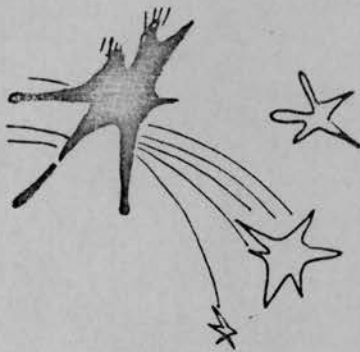
1984: The Senate passes unanimously a nonbinding resolution recommending Nuclear Risk Reduction Centers and urging the President to pursue negotiations with the Soviets on their establishment. (Senate Resolution 329, 82 - 0, June 15; SR 329 amended to Department of Defense Authorization Bill, passed by House and Senate, September).

1985: Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger testifies before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on "the importance, of ... the establishment in Moscow and in the United States of centers where there would be both American and Russian military and civilians" (January 31).

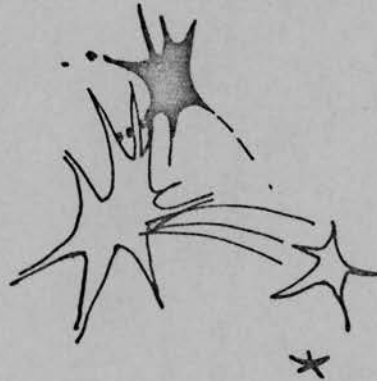
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Since the time of the original Risk Reduction Center proposal, there have been several incidents between the U.S. and the Soviet Union which remind us of the potential of dangerous escalation;

- 269 civilian passengers killed when South Korean airliner shot down by Soviet jet fighter (9/83).
- Soviet cruise missile goes astray and crashes in Lapland (1/85).
- Major Nicholson killed by Soviet guard when taking pictures in East Germany (4/85).



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The League of Women Voters of Minnesota and its Education Fund

The League of Women Voters celebrates its 66th birthday this year in Minnesota as an organization devoted to promoting the active and informed citizen participation upon which our democracy depends.

The League's nonpartisan tradition is especially valued in election years, when our Debates, Voters Guides and Hotline telephone service are in demand statewide. Minnesota's record voter turnout was repeated in 1984 when 68.5% of the voting age population voted in the November election. No doubt the League's projects, reaching and informing over a half million Minnesotans, played a part in the election turnout.

We incorporated the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund (LWVMNEF) in 1983 to carry out the League's educational projects, those to serve the voters and those to provide citizens with information. As a nonpartisan political group, the League has *never* supported political parties or candidates; the Education Fund, as a 501(c)(3) organization, is *never* used to lobby or influence legislation.

The goals of the Education Fund are to:

- inform the public about how government works.
- motivate individuals to become informed and involved in the democratic process.
- facilitate the vital exchange of information and views on critical issues between citizens and their government.

People everywhere in Minnesota have access to League's Education Fund projects and publications through the network of 63 local Leagues at work in large and small, rural and urban Minnesota communities in all parts of the state.

We're pleased to present this summary of the first full year of operations of the LWVMNEF. We particularly appreciate the widespread and generous community support from corporations, foundations and many individuals. As you will see, our plans for 1985-86 are just as ambitious as in 1984-85. We ask you to join with the League, through tax deductible contributions to the Education Fund, to insure the continuation of our valuable information resources.

Joan Higinbotham

Joan Higinbotham
President



Governor Rudy Perpich proclaims October, 1984,
League of Women Voters month in Minnesota.

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund — Working For the People of Minnesota

Our contributors in 1984-1985...

Grants over \$3,000

Mardag Foundation
Otto Bremer Foundation
W. Alton Jones Foundation
(passed through LWVUS Education Fund)

Grants of \$1,000 to \$3,000

Northwestern Bell
General Mills Foundation
Fingerhut Corporation
First Bank System Foundation for
First Bank Minneapolis
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RMT Foundation (Rosemount)
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Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Minnesota
H.B. Fuller Company

And 131 Individuals

Other Contributions

KSTP-TV (Hubbard Broadcasting)
In-kind broadcasting time
Honeywell Foundation
Funder of prospects for Peacemaking
Project of Humphrey Institute of
Public Affairs, jointly sponsored
by League of Women Voters of MN

Unrestricted contributions to the Education Fund (not designated for a specific project) are shared with the local League in the area in which the corporation or foundation is headquartered.

"Thank you for allowing us to share in your important mission in the community."

Tennant Company Foundation

Provided funding to achieve...

Senate Debate '84 offered voters the opportunity to see U.S. Senate candidates Boschwitz and Growe in a face-to-face discussion of the issues. This statewide televised event gave KTCA-TV their fourth highest rating ever for a locally originated program.

Young Voters Project was a first time League effort to promote voting in a target population. Over 8,000 posters were distributed on college and vo-tech campuses throughout the state.

Election Hotline telephone volunteers responded to over 10,000 requests for information on how and where to vote during the two days before the November, 1984 election.

"I want you to know how much all of us at Pillsbury appreciate the League's help with our recent Voter Registration Week."

Pillsbury Company

Public conferences and workshops sponsored by the League gave over 400 participants information on, and a chance to discuss, such issues as pay equity, home health care, and effective citizen lobbying.

Publications, researched and written to maintain the League's reputation for objective, factual information, were titled, "Minnesota's Liquid Asset: Water Use and Policy Options," "Pay Equity, A Monitoring Guidebook," and "Voter Guide '84."

Video productions were added to League's growing video lending library and extended League conference information to a greater Minnesota audience. League volunteer video crews, working through community access cable television facilities, made this communications medium available at a very low cost.

Voter Information '84, to continue the League tradition of supplying nonpartisan, objective material on candidates and issues, reached 60,000 potential voters through distribution of the MN Secretary of State's "register and vote" flyer and went to radio listeners statewide via public service announcements.

Prospects for Peacemaking, a citizen project on national security issues sponsored by a coalition of the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the U of MN, Honeywell, the Committee for National Security and the League of Women Voters of Minnesota, was a unique process of interactive dialogue giving citizens a voice in national security and arms control policies.

Revenues and expenses were...

Statement of Support and Revenue and Expenses for the Year Ended March 31, 1985 (audited)

Support and Revenue

	Operating Funds		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Contributions	\$39,788	\$28,554	\$68,342
Program related income	6,731	-	6,731
Investment income, interest	383	-	383
	\$46,902	\$28,554	\$75,456
Expenses			
Program services	\$33,040	\$28,554	\$61,594
Supporting services-general administration and development	16,161	-	16,161
	\$49,201	\$28,554	\$77,755

The 63 local Leagues in Minnesota use the LWVMNEF to carry out educational projects in their local communities. In 1984-85, local Leagues deposited \$7,336 in contributions from individuals and businesses throughout Minnesota to support these projects.

"We applaud your excellent work."

Norwest Corporation

The Internal Revenue Service has issued an advance ruling that the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund is determined to be exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, a publicly supported organization as described in Section 509(a)(1) and that donors may deduct contributions as provided in Section 170. The employer identification number for LWVMNEF is 36-3300249.

"We too agree that the importance of citizen education concerning voter service projects cannot be stressed enough, especially in this election year."

Super Valu Stores, Inc.

Our plans for 1985-1986 include...

Child Protection, a two-year citizen information project on "Minnesota's Children - Issues Concerning Their Health and Safety," was the overwhelming choice of League members as an issue in need of public attention and education in 1985. LWVMNEF will use a variety of means of reaching the public—print, video, public meetings—to encourage discussion of publicly supported programs and laws on child protection and the state's role in providing for adequate child care.

Indians in Minnesota, published in its fourth edition this year by the University of Minnesota Press, is a League book surveying the contemporary experience of Ojibway and Dakota Indians living in reservation and urban settings in Minnesota. LWVMNEF will distribute this resource, free, to Indian agencies and organizations and to those involved in administering Indian programs or making policy decisions affecting Indians.

"Indians in Minnesota... is extremely well done and an important addition to existant material on the subject."

Tribal Consultant to the
Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians

Video productions will present League information in a medium useful for living-room meetings and cable television audiences. "Pick a Candidate" will help voters choose candidates who best represent their views on issues important to them; and "Minnesota Caucus" will encourage and teach active participation in March, 1986, precinct caucuses.

Public meetings, an effective and time-honored League way of addressing vital public policy issues, will be held on Alternative Dispute Resolution, Effective Citizen Lobbying, and Child Protection.

Prospects for Peacemaking: Rethinking National Security & Arms Control will enter its third phase, Reaching Out in Minnesota. The successes of this unique project will be extended throughout and beyond Minnesota, to give even more citizens of diverse and strongly held views a genuine opportunity to participate in national security policy.

Vote '86 Election Projects are already being planned to meet voter needs for information on candidates and issues in the major statewide election. Gubernatorial Debates, a Voter Guide, and registration and vote promotion will again provide the objective, nonpartisan information that citizens rely on the League to provide.

Support of **property tax reform** through:

- more equitable assessments
- fewer classifications
- new limits on tax exemptions
- less dependence on property tax as a source of revenue

Support of the **constitutional right of privacy** of the individual to make reproductive choices.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Support of **trade and development efforts** and other policies to promote international cooperation and world peace, through:

- action to strengthen the United Nations
- reduction of barriers to free trade
- separation of military aid from development assistance

Support for a bilateral, mutually verifiable freeze on testing, production, and deployment of nuclear weapons, including:

- limit spread and prohibit first use of nuclear weapons
- prohibit first use and possession of chemical, biological and radiological weapons
- support for comprehensive test ban treaty
- support for negotiation to prohibit deployment of anti-satellite weapons
- support as a long-term goal the world-wide elimination of nuclear weapons

Support for protecting interests at home and abroad through use of non-military measures including diplomacy, mediation and multilateral cooperation, with:

- military force as tool of **last resort**
- defense of homeland appropriate military objective (and) conventional weapons clearly preferable to nuclear weapons

Support U.S. vigorous pursuit of arms control negotiations to ensure all nations reduce and eventually eliminate stock piles of strategic nuclear weapons

Support defense of NATO allies; shared responsibility

Support of examining defense spending in same way as spending for other national needs

COUNCIL OF METROPOLITAN AREA LEAGUES

(An inter-League organization of the 31 local Leagues in the 7-county Twin Cities Metro Area)

Support of the **Metropolitan Council** as the decision-making body for metropolitan needs and as the coordinating body for metropolitan services through:

- an appointed, part-time Council
- improved cooperation and communication
- land use decisions based on metro-level planning, programs and policies
- establishment of system for controlling flow of solid waste for recycling and resource recovery
- continuation of health planning and coordination at metro level
- an HRA acting as an administrative agency providing technical assistance to communities requesting the service
- coordination of a diverse transportation system meeting varied needs, and to have approval authority over this system's major capital expenditures

Support of area-wide sharing of fiscal resources to solve fiscal disparity problems and finance metro area services

Support of operating and maintaining the metro systems and services with a mix of funding sources specific to each service (federal, state and local funds and user fees)

Support of a regional funding source for operation and maintenance of regional parks

Support of measures to ensure accountability and visibility of county government



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_____ I would like a list of available LWV publications.

_____ Enclosed is \$35.00 for my State membership.

_____ Please ask the local League in my community to contact me about membership.

_____ I would like to contribute \$_____ to the LWVMN.

September 1985

FACTS ABOUT THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

1919-1986

WE PUT LAWS
ON THE BOOKS. . .

TURN RIGHTS
INTO REALITIES. . .

REGISTER MILLIONS
TO VOTE. . .

AND KEEP POLITICS
A PROCESS
FOR THE PEOPLE. . .

PURPOSE

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

HISTORY

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA (LWVMN) was organized in October, 1919, a few months before the national organization. Successor to the National American Woman Suffrage Association, the new League emphasized dissemination of voting information and legislation to benefit women and children.

Today, LWV is organized to act on local, state, regional and national levels of government. Membership is open to both women and men; the only requirement is that they must be of voting age. Members choose the study-action programs, adopt budgets and elect officers and directors at annual local meetings and biennial state and national conventions.

CITIZEN INFORMATION AND VOTER SERVICE

LWV assembles information on issues and candidates to help voters cast an informed vote. At election time, LWV prepares and distributes factual information about candidates, conducts public meetings where voters can meet and question candidates for elective office, and works to get out the vote.

Local Leagues serve their communities by publicizing precinct caucus information, dates and qualifications for filing for office, and dates for voter registration and elections. LWV helps with voter registration activities, demonstrates voting machines and conducts citizen education projects.

FINANCE

The LWVMN is financed by member dues, charges and fees for publications and meetings, and contributions from the community for nonpartisan citizen information activities. Tax deductible gifts to the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund (LWVMNEF) support projects such as debates, study and research on issues, and public forums.

NON-PARTISANSHIP

LWV is non-partisan and does not support or oppose candidates or political parties. However, LWV members, as individuals, are encouraged to participate actively in the political party of their choice.

STUDY AND ACTION

Study and discussion precede LWV action. In small units and in large meetings, members get the facts and weigh the alternatives before taking a position on an issue. Majority opinion prevails, but the minority point of view is always considered and recorded.

After a position is reached, LWV works to implement that position by informing the public through forums, the media, and LWV publications, by testifying at public hearings, by talking to government officials, and by writing letters. LWV has earned a reputation for carefully researched, informative publications. A complete statement of each of the positions supported by LWVMN is available in PROGRAM FOR ACTION, 1985-87, a publication of the LWVMN, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul, MN 55102. Publications are available to members and to the general public.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Promote the wise management of resources in the public interest and an environment beneficial to life, including:

- wise use of water resources
- improved water and air quality
- reduction of solid waste
- resource recovery
- wise use of land as a limited resource
- overall state land use planning
- conservation of energy
- energy-saving, nonpolluting transportation
- increased use of renewable energy sources
- safe disposal of hazardous waste

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Support of a **judicial system** with the capacity to assure a speedy trial and equal justice for all through:

- administrative reforms
- nonpartisan selection of high quality judges
- procedural reforms
- community alternatives as an adjunct to the judicial system

Support of a **correctional system** responsive to the needs of the offender and of society, including:

- sentencing options
- correctional options
- presumptive sentencing model
- opposition to indeterminate sentencing
- treatment and rehabilitation
- recognition of basic human rights
- up-to-date personnel procedures
- citizen education
- broad choice of youth services
- constitutional protection and confidentiality for juveniles
- records access for juveniles and their parents and guardians

SOCIAL POLICY

Support of **equal opportunity** in employment, housing, real property, public accommodations, education and other public services for all persons, including:

- adequate funds to enforce antidiscrimination laws
- services for Indian citizens
- ratification of ERA
- public programs for income maintenance and supportive social services

Support for improved procedures for dealing with family violence including:

- more shelters for battered women
- specific training and crisis intervention for police
- multi-disciplinary approach dealing with child abuse

Support of stricter enforcement of court-ordered child support payments

Support of **pay equity**

EDUCATION

Support of greater state responsibility for **equal educational opportunities** through:

- correcting racial imbalance in schools
- provision of adequate funding to meet real costs of education
- transportation aid
- special aids for children with special needs
- additional education aids
- opposition to current MN private school tuition tax deductions

Support for increased and restructured **funding for public libraries**, through:

- substantial local funding
- increased level and greater proportion of state funding
- increased level and moderately increased proportion of federal funding

Support of improvements in **collective bargaining and tenure laws** as they apply to K-12 teachers only, including:

- requirement that written offers be published
- allowing a limited number of school board strategy meetings to be closed to the public
- retention of the present procedure for determination of negotiable items
- continuation of the school board as the representative of the public
- no extension of the right to strike

GOVERNMENT

Support of:

- an open, representative and responsive governmental system
- apportionment based substantially on population for all elected bodies
- election of the President and Vice-President of the U.S. by direct popular vote (requiring constitutional amendment)

Support of improved **election laws**, including:

- campaign financing reform with some public funding
- uniform election procedures and training for election officials
- extension of mandatory voter registration
- extension of election laws to include school district elections
- rotation of candidates' names on ballots

Support of an **improved amending process** for the MN Constitution

Support of continuation of **legislative initiative** and **compulsory voter referendum** on constitutional amendments

- opposition to most forms of voter initiative and referendum on statutes
- opposition to recall by voters of members of legislature and state constitutional officers
- support of strict procedural limits on any process of initiative, referendum and recall

Support of **legislative reform** through:

- more public access to information
- adequate research assistance
- no increase in size; decrease is desirable
- realistic compensation for legislators
- improved committee organization
- allowing Legislature to call its own special sessions
- regular and equitable reapportionment with prompt redistricting by the Legislature or by a reapportionment commission

Support of changes in **executive structure**, to include:

- clear lines of authority and responsibility
- eliminating duplication and overlapping
- focus on current and emerging problems

Support of a flexible **multi-tax system**, with:

- spending cuts and increased income taxes when funds are short
- decreased income taxes when there is a budget surplus



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CALENDAR

(Events as we have them on the calendar in the State League Office)

- November 18 - Legislative Interview deadline
19 - Board Memo mailed 1st class to LL Presidents
- Funraiser Committee, 10:00 a.m., International Market Square
- LWVMN Budget Committee, noon, State League Office
21 - 3rd class mailing to Presidents, DPM subscribers, State Office
22 - Debates Task Force, 10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m., State League Office (Changed to 12/4/85)
27 - Kaleidoscope Meeting, 8:00 a.m., State League Office
28-29 - Thanksgiving - Happy Holiday!
- December 2 - 3rd Quarter PMP due to LWVMN
- Day on the Hill Planning Meeting, 1:45 p.m., State Office
5 - CMAL Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m., State League Office
- Winter VOTER mailed to members
13-14 - Tentative dates for Prospects for Peacemaking Consultation (See IR)
23-26 - LWVMN Office closed - PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN SCHEDULE FROM OUTLOOK
27,30 - LWVMN Office OPEN
31 - LWVMN Office open 9-1 p.m.

1986

- January 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR, LWVMN Office closed
7 - LWVMN Action Committee, 10:30 a.m., State League Office
14 - LWVMN, LWVMNEF Board Meetings, 9-2 p.m., State League Office
10 - Registration deadline for Citizen Lobbyist Workshop
15 - Annual Report on Membership, Finance due to LWVUS, LWVMN
18 - Citizen Lobbyist Workshop
21 - 1st class Board Memo mailing
- Lobbyist Training Session, State League Office
23 - 3rd class Board Memo mailing
- February 1 - Mardi Gras - February FunRaiser for LWVMN at International Market Square

ENCLOSURES

(Mailed 3rd class to Presidents only; Presidents, please distribute to appropriate portfolio chairs. *Denotes DPM Subscribers.)

- Annual Report 1985 - LWVMNEF*/McKinnell
- Minutes of the October, 1985, LWVMN Board Meeting/Kratky
- Legislative Priorities/Greiling
- Capitol Scorecard Subscription form*/Greiling
- Focus on Membership Newsletter/Takkunen
- Citizen Lobbyist Registration Packet*/Greiling/Reynolds
- High-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal flyer/Crampton
- LWVMN Program for Action order form*/Greiling
- FACTS about the League of Women Voters of Minnesota*/Greiling

ENCLOSURES (cont.)

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- Guideposts for Choosing Effective Local Program/Bufington
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- Leaguelines/Santi
- Civil Rights Restoration Act Update*/Keppel, Lucas
- MN Friends of Public Education/Seitz
- Lobbyist Recruitment Form/Greiling

S T A T E B O A R D H A P P E N I N G S

At its November 12th meeting, your State Board:

- Accepted with deep regret the resignation of Mary Van Evera, LWV-Duluth, off-board National Security Chair.
- Discussed new fundraisers which could help to alleviate long term financial problems for LWVMN.
- Voted to accept the recommendation of the Financial Options Committee to recommend a \$1 increase in the PMP when the budget is revised at Council in May.
- Adopted a reduced "student rate" for full-time students attending the Citizens in Action Focus in January.

B O U Q U E T S T O

- . Sue Reynolds, Citizen Information Chair, and her committee who planned and executed a fascinating and informative Focus, "Tell it to the Mediator: Alternative Dispute Resolution".
- . Karen Anderson, LWVMN Development Staff, who won election as a member of the Minnetonka City Council.
- . Sally Simundson, Chair of the Planning and Support Committee, LWVMN Education Fund, who master-minded a huge (4,000 pieces) fundraising appeal mailing.
- . Office volunteers who helped with the Education Fund mailing: Rise Duncan, LWV-Eastern Carver County; Hortense O'Neill, LWV-Roseville; Joann Buie, LWV-Edina; Mary Santi, LWV-White Bear/North Oaks; Beverly McKinnell, LWV-St. Paul; Juanita Peterson, LWV-Edina; Janet Midtbo, LWV-Mpls; Kathy Tipler, LWV-Roseville; Betty Berube, LWV-St. Croix Valley; Dorothy Pasket, LWV-St. Croix Valley; Lois Pafiolis, LWV-Richfield; Carol Bergeson, LWV-White Bear/North Oaks.
- . Jeanne Crampton, Natural Resources Chair, whose testimony before the Waste Management Board caused an industry rep to say that Jeanne "said all that needed to be said. The hearing could have ended with her testimony," which was the best he had ever heard.
- . LWV-Mpls, which celebrated its 65th Birthday with a great party at the home of Minneapolis member, Mary Sandbo. Mayor Don Fraser proclaimed League of Women Voters Week in Minneapolis and Deputy Mayor (and long-time League member) Jan Hively emceed a program which featured 51-year member, Margaret Ueland (the early years); Past President, Florrie Grey (middle age); and State Board member Peggy Lucas (the future). President Carolyn Hendrixson was presented with contributions earmarked for the purchase of a copier for the Mpls. office! The event received full media coverage from WCCO, KSTP and the Mpls. Star-Tribune. Best of all, over 100 League members renewed old friendships, celebrated the first 65 years and rededicated themselves and the LWV of Mpls to the service of the community. Congratulations and many happy returns!

P R E S I D E N T
(Higinbotham - 612/926-9399)

Letters requesting contributions to the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund have just been mailed to local League members and to selected "friends" of the LWV. This is an important fundraising project for the League and I hope you will support it.

As we have said in the IR section of the Board Memo, the Outreach of the Prospects for Peacemaking Project is continuing. Waging Peace, the publication which describes in detail the process, is an excellent product which illustrates the outcomes which can be achieved through cooperative efforts.

Local League Presidents will soon be receiving a call from a State Board member asking about Cookbook sales. You will also note that the Board voted to support a \$1 increase in the PMP for FY '86-'87. These two actions result directly from the realization that LWVMN needs to solidify its financial base and this can only be done with the support of all members.

LWVMN is in the process of working out a group travel plan for the Minnesota delegation to the LWVUS Convention in June. Further information on costs and dates will be sent to you in January. I hope your League can send a delegate to Convention. It is a truly inspiring experience for the person attending and the local League.

A C T I O N
(Greiling - 612/636-3343)

Thank you to all local Leagues for getting legislative interviews in on time (November 18th) and to those who made special arrangements to extend the deadline. Special thanks to Leagues taking extra interviews.

Please note the 3rd class mailing enclosure asking for your League's input in selecting this year's LWVMN Action priorities. The January 6th deadline is for real as the Action Committee will set priorities January 7th.

If you are interested in lobbying this session - or anytime - the January 18th Citizens' Lobbyist Conference is a date to make. (See 3rd class mailing for registration.) This year's conference concentrates on the committee structure, the heart of the legislative process. This year's short session (scheduled for six weeks, starting February 3rd) is ideal for following a bill through the process without a huge time commitment. Lobbying and observing for LWVMN can also mean being on call on an as-needed, as-available basis for expressed areas of interest. Lobbyist training is scheduled on January 21st at the State League office to give League lobbyists added pointers.

Also watch the 3rd class mail for the Capitol Letter subscription form. In addition to being a timely publication for League members, consider subscriptions to radio stations in your area. Alexandria gives it to all of theirs.

The Action Committee appreciates getting your copies of action letters to state and national levels. They are passed around at Action Committee Meetings so program chairs may see where you are acting.

Report from the Hill, our national action publication, has gone "meaner and leaner" according to LWVUS President, Dot Ridings. I like it! Advertise it to members and others. Subscription rates have been slashed in half (\$6/yr.) since national is so sure higher volume sales will result

E D U C A T I O N
(Seitz. - 218/525-5647)

To prepare for local League discussions of the next legislative session, it is important to review just what our League positions are:

"Equality of opportunity in education" is the result of a national consensus in the early '60s. LWVMN's publication Equality of Educational Opportunity, distributed in the spring of 1970 as part of our education study, included the following definition:

"It seems reasonable to conclude that allowance for individual differences is the key to equality of opportunity. In terms of educational opportunity, this means the provision of educational programs that meet the individual needs and interests of all children so that each child may develop fully his own potential, whatever it may be, at the rate and in the environment in which he learns best."

We anticipate that legislation similar to last year's "Access to Excellence" will be proposed in future legislative sessions. When it is we will examine it in light of our "equal educational opportunity" position and working definition.

A word of caution - many thought "Access to Excellence" was elitist and addressed only programs for gifted and "excellent" students. Excellence more correctly applies to programs - excellent programs for gifted students, excellent programs for drop-out and potential drop-out students, excellent programs for learning disabled students, etc.

Included with this mailing are two brochures from Minnesota Friends of Public Education. One provides interesting information on diversion of public tax dollars for education and the other summarizes some proposed education reforms. While LWVMN shares some concerns with this organization; recognize that these brochures are theirs and are provided for your information (not as a statement of League position or League verified statistics).

G O V E R N M E N T
(Crippen - 612/452-9117)

ACTION ALERT: LWV supports reform efforts to establish a broad-based income tax with minimal preferences and a progressive rate structure. We believe that base-broadening efforts will result in a tax system that will be fair to all taxpayers, will be fair across industries and will increase economic efficiency. We strongly believe that tax reform should not result in loss of revenue to the federal government.

Constituents of Congressman Bill Frenzel, a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, are urged to write or call him immediately as that committee is considering tax reform legislation this week. We urge him to support:

1. The repeal of the Accelerated Cost Recovery System (ACRS).
2. The elimination of the Investment Tax Credit (ITC).
3. The taxation of capital gains as ordinary income.
4. A tax rate structure that is progressive and equitable. There is no support for providing larger tax cuts to the wealthy than middle-income taxpayers.

I N T E R N A T I O N A L R E L A T I O N S
(Duffy - 612/429-9703)

Prospects for Peacemaking: Minnesota Prospects for Peacemaking Projects are underway throughout the state. They will be completed over the winter and early spring. In December, a community consultation will be held to offer a reaction to the Summit in Geneva between President Reagan and Soviet Chairman Gorbachev. This meeting will be publicized and will probably occur on December 13-14.

Prospects for Peacemaking is an on-going project and as such is about to launch into national outreach. One of the components of the national project probably will be a joint project with the communities of Seattle and Boston in a nationwide teleconference on Crisis Control, preventing accidental nuclear war. The certainty of our participation in this project depends on securing the funds. So far, Prospects has raised about half of the approximately \$200,000

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (cont.)

outreach budget. Our cosponsors (HHH Institute & Honeywell) have been actively pursuing this over the summer. LWVUS will provide approximately \$5,000 and is very enthusiastic about our continued involvement with this project. It is clear that our model of expanded citizen involvement from across the political spectrum and participation of a defense contractor, remain the most unique elements of our project. There is considerable interest throughout the country and as the project moves along, we will keep you informed.

The Winter issue of the LWVUS VOTER will contain an article on our recent NATO tour. It will be a compilation of all our reactions to the tour. Also, there will be a piece on Central America and the recent very successful UN Day in New York. Over 700 people, League and non-League members attended from all over the country!

Prospects for Peacemaking process publication, Waging Peace: Working Together on National Security and Arms Control, is available from the State League office for the cost of postage and handling.

N A T U R A L R E S O U R C E S
(Crampton - 612/926-8760)

The Minnesota Environmental Quality Board's 1985 Priority Environmental Issues, ranked in order of importance are: 1) State and Local Water Planning and Management; 2) Soil Conservation and Water Quality; 3) Surface and Groundwater Protection (includes Non-point Source Pollution); 4) Toxic Contamination (includes Hazardous Waste and Pesticides; 5) Nuclear Power Plant Decommissioning/Radioactive Waste Disposal; 6) Acid Rain; 7) Landfills/Siting/Alternatives; 8) Indoor Air Pollution; 9) Peat and Mineral Development; 10) Environmental Monitoring/Data. How fortuitous that the League has a new water management consensus to use!

Please see the environmental update in the 3rd class mailing. Perhaps it would be possible for local Leagues to run this sheet in bits and pieces in their bulletins over the next few months.

I hope everyone managed to get a letter or call off to their Congressional representative re Superfund. The latest information I have indicates that when HR 2817 went through the Ways and Means Committee (House), it was amended to place a "Value Added Tax" (VAT) on the manufacturing process. Such a tax would be added and paid at each step, from the purchase of raw materials to the retail level, where it would be built into the price paid by consumers. Rep. Bill Frenzel (MN) opposes the VAT, saying that it causes people who did not cause the hazardous waste problem to pay for its cleanup. Frenzel wants to raise the per-barrel tax on crude oil, and the "waste-end" tax paid by generators when they dispose of waste, as well as require a larger contribution from the federal government. My personal opinion is that it's all a matter of semantics - any cost to the manufacturer ends up reflected in the final cost to consumers, and the federal government is us, any old day of the week. The only way we avoid paying is to shun products that cause waste (nice trick) and to refuse to pay taxes. (Not recommended.) More on this later - watch for the final outcome on Superfund in the papers. (Action may have occurred before you read this.)

Please, if anyone has a question or needs specific information, contact me. I have a lot of material, too much to list here, and I would love to share it. If I don't know the answer, I'll dig around to find out. P.S. Please note the sheet re water planning.

S O C I A L P O L I C Y
(Lucas - 612/823-8544)
(Keppel - 612/823-3389)

Thank you to all the Leagues who have completed Child Protection interviews. Judging from the memos which have been returned so far, we have a good cross section of Leagues reporting and many interesting and informative interviewees.

If your local League has not returned the October 21st memo indicating names of Child Protection interviewees or your completed interviews, please do so as soon as possible. The November 15th deadline for completed interview reports is important, but if you have an opportunity to conduct any interviews during the last two weeks of November, (or are running a little behind schedule) don't hesitate.

SOCIAL POLICY (cont.)

We are beginning to review and consolidate the information you are providing to us in preparation for writing the study and are beginning to plan the March 3rd Focus meeting. Suggestions and comments are most welcome!

The second part of the study will focus on Health issues. That study committee will begin its work in January. Leaguers interested in this aspect of the study, please contact Peggy Lucas. It would be helpful if you would put an announcement in your local newsletter.

Has your League joined the Minnesota Women's Consortium? Over 120 Minnesota women's organizations have. The centerpiece of Consortium membership is the newsletter which is mailed first class every week and is a great way for women throughout the state to keep in touch. Part of the newsletter is a monthly greater Minnesota edition. Some interesting notes gleaned from recent Consortium bulletins:

- .On October 24, 1985 tens of thousands of Icelandic women walked off the job to protest their low economic status. Result? No telephone service, airlines stranded, many businesses, restaurants, etc. at a standstill.
- .Over 2,500 Minnesota women are farmers. Together they farm 428,000 acres with average sales of \$27,000 per year.
- .49.5% of metro area women and 31.9% of greater Minnesota women work 35+ hours per week year round.

In addition, the newsletter recently listed over 60 vacancies on state boards, commissions and task forces and announced that the University of Minnesota has \$275,000 available in grants for part-time students.

If you feel that your members would be interested in receiving this kind of information, consider joining the Consortium (dues \$50) which includes one subscription to the newsletter. You may subscribe to the newsletter for \$25 per year. For a limited time trial subscriptions are available for \$3 for three months. If your League is interested contact:

Minnesota Women's Consortium
316 W. University Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55103

We are also including an update on the Civil Rights Restoration Act from the Equal Rights Alliance, of which we are active participants.

V O T E R S S E R V I C E
(Leppik - 612/546-3328)

Enclosed in the third class mailing to Presidents are several items of particular interest.

ABC Key Precinct Reporting background report: at its November meeting, the LWVMN Board voted to continue with key precinct reporting in 1988. The report is a summary of the work of a special committee which met to recommend a course of action to the State Board.

Job Description: Project Director for Debate '86: Planning has begun for LWVMN's gubernatorial debate(s) in the fall of 1986. Please pass on the Project Director's job description to likely candidates. Deadline for applications is January 10, 1986.

Job Description: Project Director for Minnesota Caucus: LWVMN is seeking a project director for the "Minnesota Caucus" videotape project. The job will begin immediately and run through mid-April with the peak of activity coming in February and March. Applications should be submitted to the state office as soon as possible.

Minnesota Caucus: New promotional flyers will be mailed out in January for the "Minnesota Caucus" videotape and discussion guide in preparation for next year's caucuses. Plan ahead and reserve a copy early so that you will have it when you want it. Use it as a basis for precinct caucus training workshops for your own members or as a public voter service project. Rental is free of charge to local Leagues.

C I T I Z E N I N F O R M A T I O N
(Reynolds - 612/426-3894)

The LWVMN Board has just decided to offer a new, reduced registration fee for full-time students to facilitate their attendance at our annual Citizen Lobbyist Conference, where participants learn the process of lobbying policy-makers at all levels of government in order to become effective citizen advocates. This conference will take place Saturday, January 18, 1986 at Lakewood Community College, 3401 Century Avenue, White Bear Lake, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Topics to be covered in the conference include: Learning from a Professional Lobbyist; Covering the Conference Committee; Monitoring by the Media; Dealing Effectively with a Legislator; Interacting with Capitol Staff; Presenting Effective Testimony and Utilizing Capitol Resources.

We want to encourage each local League to contact the high schools in its area to discuss this exciting opportunity with the chairs of the Social Studies Departments. Perhaps you might wish to invite the chairpersons as your guests. Leagues might wish to offer "scholarships" to outstanding student leaders. The low student rate really facilitates this! You could present this as an Education Fund project, following the guidelines you have received - or contact Karen Anderson at the state office. This could provide your League with a good opportunity for public relations within your community. We'll have a photographer available at lunchtime to take pictures at a nominal charge which you can submit to your local papers afterward.

The conference registration form detailing the outstanding speakers we've lined up will be included in the 3rd class mailing. Conference flyers will be mailed the first week of December. Additional flyers will be available from the state office at that time.

The student registration rate has been set at \$7, which includes a copy of the Citizens in Action book. Encouraging attendance from this group helps them to become the responsible citizens of the future and facilitates the future growth of the League per our Long Range Plan which targets younger citizens to become League members. The registration fee for LWV members will be \$11, which also includes a copy of Citizens in Action. Gourmet box lunches will be available for \$5.

Reminder: Spring Focus on Child Protection has been rescheduled to Monday evening, March 3rd.

F I E L D S E R V I C E
(Buffington - 612/929-8168)

Field Service: My office hours have changed. Effective immediately, I'll be in the state office on Tuesdays only, from 9:30 to 1 p.m. If you need to reach me and don't make contact on Tuesdays, you can always call me at home.

Regional Representative Calls: In January local League presidents will be hearing from their regional representatives. They'll be asking about voter service events, membership, annual meeting plans and in general, how is it going? If you have any questions, concerns, gripes - whatever - your regional rep will be able to help - or know where to get help. So - when your regional rep calls, be friendly - she's a local Leaguer too!

Local Program Making: Local League program has often been called the lifeblood of a local League. Good local program can generate community interest and help recruit new members. One of the most frequently asked questions is, how do we go about choosing local program? To help local Leagues and answer this question, I've enclosed Guideposts for Choosing Effective Local Program in the 3rd class mailing. Also included on the same sheet are tips on wording a local program item as well as developing the scope. I hope all local Leagues will find this useful and adopt dynamite local study items at their annual meeting in the spring. Good luck!

M E M B E R S H I P
(Takkunen - 612/445-4218)

Membership Goals: By now each of you as Membership Chairs should have submitted a tentative membership list to the LWVMN office. (The deadline was November 18th just in case you've forgotten). Therefore, each of you is probably in some position to evaluate your membership goals for this year even though your final figures will not be due until January 15, 1986. It will be interesting, and I hope invigorating, to see your new numbers. While you have been working on your goals I have received three new goals of my own which you should know about.

MEMBERSHIP (cont.)

1. By January 15, 1986, I will need from you the best and most successful of your ideas for recruiting members in the under 35 age group. (See Focus on Membership.)
2. By January, 1986, I will have for you a certificate of achievement which you may order from the LWVMN office to give to members in recognition of their accomplishments.
3. By Council '86, we will have for you a prototype for a brochure on "Why a Working Woman Should Join LWV."

If you have any ideas for any of these goals please let me know.

Snow-birds: In the September Board Memo I asked for any persons who migrate south for the winter and are interested in keeping their League membership active at their new location. I have included in the 3rd class mailing for bulletin editors, an ad for your local bulletin about snow-birds. Please remind your editors to print it and your snow-birds to return it.

Membership Awards: I do not at this time have any idea which of you out there in the 64 or less members or 65 plus members categories may win our membership awards this year. And, I can't tell you if you'll win free air fare to National Convention, a beautiful banner or.... We'll all just have to wait and see when January 15th comes around. Call it a late Christmas present!

Reminder: Local League annual membership count forms are due to the LWVUS and LWVMN offices January 15, 1986 (postmark date). This form was mailed by LWVUS to local League Presidents in early November. It is very important for you to fill out this form accurately. The information you provide on this form will be used to calculate your state and national PMP (per member payment) and your LWVUS Convention '86 representation. If LWVUS receives a late report or none at all, the last count on file in the national office becomes the official fiscal year '86-'87 count.

V O T E R

(Santi - 612/426-5151)

Look in the 3rd class mailing for a new edition of League Lines - instant news for your local bulletins.

D E V E L O P M E N T

(McKinnell - 612/646-3690)

Enclosed in the 3rd class mailing, for your information, is the LWVMNEF Annual Report.

Mardi Gras in Minnesota: The gala Funraiser party will be held Saturday, February 1, 1986, at International Market Square. A New Orleans Mardi Gras theme will be carried out through the special New Orleans menu prepared by the expert chefs of IMS, and by the Dixieland Jazz Patrol playing for listening before dinner and a full repertoire of music for dancing after the auction.

Merrilyn Belgum, acclaimed Twin Cities comedienne, will entertain us just before the Live Auction. The Silent and Live Auctions will be spiced up this year with new items and services. Some of these are: a Vermont cabin at the height of the 1986 fall color season; a balloon ride, a suite at Embassy Suites (great for a Greater Minnesota family weekend in the cities); tickets to a performance at the Carleton Celebrity Room; homemade goodies galore and much, much more.

A bus trip, hotel weekend package is planned for Greater Minnesotans to make participation easy and fun. Contact Cathy Hegg at 612/762-1212 for details and to reserve your places.

Finding New Fundraising Sources: The Financial Options Committee brainstormed new funding sources to help the League reach Long Range Planning Goal II. By 1988-89, LWVMN will have reserves equal to three months operating expenses while maintaining a balanced budget. The most likely projects in order of preference were recommended to the Board: 1) Dinners in members homes in September or November of 1986 (like auction dinners given by Mpls. and St. Paul LWVs, but more of them; 2) A tour to an exotic locale with donation to the LWVMNEF (e.g. China, Russia, etc.); 3) House tour; 4) Name speaker (Committee was divided on this one). Other suggestions were: day at the races; casino night; invitation to a non-event; theater benefit; new publications; "black-tie" dinner; tours for conventions; state fair booth to sell food item; selling products like bean soup, mugs, scarves, snack foods; moderators for meetings; market informational

DEVELOPMENT (cont.)

programs for small amounts of money; market research testing. As you can see, we covered all sorts of things.

The Board kept the following criteria in mind in deciding on a fundraiser: 1) What activities would the Board and members (you) be willing to support and work on? 2) What projects would bring in large amounts of money with a small amount of time? 3) What markets are available for projects, services or products? The Board decided to pursue getting more information on dinners in members homes and/or a tour to exotic locale.

M A R K E T I N G
(Buie - 612/941-7979)

Today (November 12th) is the day your State Board starts reviewing the present budget and anticipating changes for next year's budget. If I let the facts (too little \$ and too few members) get to me, it can be disheartening. But sitting at the day long meeting, I hear about all the truly wonderful things LL and Board members are involved in and it makes me want to work even harder to expand this organization and make it financially sound. The committees I serve on include: Cookbook, Ed Fund Advisory, Indians in Minnesota, Funraiser, Long Range Planning, Marketing Council and Speakers Bureau. Right now I have a great need to find a Leaguer who is knowledgeable in marketing and would be willing to serve on my committee to help League develop a marketing plan. Please contact me at home or leave a message at the state office. One last request - please share my letter of November 5th with your Board and members. Selling our remaining cookbooks would be a great holiday gift for your state organization!

F O R Y O U R I N F O R M A T I O N

HOLIDAY GIFT! TRIVIA Q PERUSAL: ALL WOMEN TRIVIA GAME! WORLD, NATION, MINNESOTA WOMEN! 725 QUESTIONS - 120 CARDS - HAS ITS OWN RULES or fits into other trivia games. GIFT PACKAGED. \$7.50. MINNESOTA WOMEN'S CONSORTIUM, 316 W. UNIVERSITY AVENUE, ST. PAUL, MN 55103, 612/228-0338.

HOT OFF THE WIRE!

BOUQUETS TO CANNON FALLS UNIT - RED WING LWV for their super fantastic meeting on the Open Meeting Law, held on November 18th. Great turnout, super panel provided much needed information. Congratulations to all Cannon Falls Leaguers!

A
LOOK AT
THE LEGISLATURE
THRU THE EYES OF
LEAGUE LOBBYISTS



SUBSCRIBE TO THE NEW
Capitol Letter

\$5.00 FOR 1986

The CAPITOL LETTER is a publication issued by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota during the Minnesota legislative session.

Last session we tried something new: The CAPITOL LETTER is issued every other week and includes a scorecard and a brief summary of the bills on the League Legislative priority list. After the session adjourns, there will also be a two-page wrap-up. What a bargain for \$5!

How about ordering subscriptions for - your newspaper editor - your radio and TV commentators - your contributors as a "thank you" - your community leaders? These reports just might stimulate interest in state government!

Fill in the name and address of subscribers in the space below and mail to the state office along with \$5 for each subscription. Be sure to fill in the complete mailing address, including zip codes. Deadline for order is January 15th.

NOTE: LL Presidents receive a CAPITOL LETTER subscription. Co-presidents; designate one.

NAME

STREET ADDRESS

CITY/ZIP CODE

THE CITIZEN LOBBYIST

Concentrating on the Committees at the Capitol

Saturday, January 18, 1986

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Lakewood Community College
3401 Century Avenue No.
White Bear Lake
(Hwy. 120, ½ mile No. of 694)

AGENDA

9:00 - Registration and coffee

9:30 - Learning from a Professional Lobbyist

Mary Roberts, Executive Secretary, Association of Metropolitan School Districts

10:15 - Covering the Conference Committee

Patrick McCormack, Research Assistant, Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public
Affairs, University of Minnesota

*Connie Levi, Majority Leader, MN House of Representatives (IR-Dellwood)

11:15 - Monitoring by the Media

Betty Wilson, Reporter, Minneapolis Star & Tribune

*Marcia Fleur, WCCO-TV

12:00 - Lunch

1:00 - Workshops (choose 3) 1-1:40 1:45-2:20 2:25-3:00

Dealing Effectively with a Legislator

Ember Reichgott, MN Senate (DFL-Robbinsdale)

Tony Onnen, MN House of Representatives (IR-Cokato)

Interacting with the Capitol Staff

Bette Anderson, Director of IR Research, MN House of Representatives

Presenting Effective Testimony

Peggy Lucas, LWVMN Lobbyist

Utilizing Capitol Resources

Carolyn Hendrixson, President, LWV of Minneapolis

Ruth Armstrong, LWVMN Lobbyist

3:00 - Adjourn

*Unconfirmed Participants

Conference registration fees which include the text, Citizens in Action and a gourmet
box lunch: \$12 Full-time students

\$16 LWV members

\$26 Non-members (\$5 may be deducted if lunch is not desired)

This program is partially funded by contributions to the League of Women Voters of
Minnesota Education Fund.

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Registrations due

Monday, January 13, 1986

LWV of _____

NAME	Registration & meal \$16 LWV members \$26 non-members \$12 full-time students	Registration \$11 LWV members \$21 non-members \$ 7 full-time students	.4 CEU's* \$2.50

Use the theatre entrance on the east end of the building.

The meeting is accessible to the handicapped and is most easily reached using the library entrance.

*Those wishing Continuing Education Credits must send name, address, telephone number and social security number as well as \$2.50 fee.

ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

High-Level Radioactive Waste: The special session of the Legislature turned the "Governor's High-Level Radioactive Waste Task Force into the Governor's Nuclear Waste Council. Tom Kalitowski (MPCA head) will be the Chair. Linda Peck, LWV-St. Cloud, is one of four citizen members. The Council is staffed by personnel from the State Planning Agency, Gregg Larson, Director. For info or mailing list, call 612/296-2603 or toll free, 1-800-652-9747. The Department of Energy (DOE) will release the list of areas to be considered for a second repository about December 16-17. Minnesota will probably be listed for one to three of the 50 to 100 square mile areas, because of the large amount of granite we have. There are flyers and a 27-minute slide show available from the State, explaining the process of selection, Minnesota's participation in the procedure and the reasoning behind its opposition to a site located within the State. We will continue to monitor the siting process, and urge Leagues, should they find they are in a selected area, to contact the State LWV office for additional information and suggestions.

Water: The special session of the Legislature passed a "Comprehensive Local Water Management Act," which encourages each County to develop and implement a water plan. It would allow counties to delegate authority for plan preparation, provides for coordination among counties, and requires that the comprehensive plan be incorporated into the plan of the watershed district and the intercounty joint powers board plans and rules. The Water Resources Board is to develop guidelines for plan contents. The law also authorizes assessments, charges, establishment for taxing districts by board resolution and the issuance of bonds and local property tax levies. There was no state funding for county assistance, and the law does not make such water planning mandatory to the counties. The Water Resources Board is beginning the process of developing guidelines.

Meantime, the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCMR) has funded a two-year project to develop a program for allocation and management of Minnesota water resources. This is a joint effort between the Dept. of Natural Resources (Division of Waters), University of Minnesota Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRI) and the Water Resources Research Center (WRRRC). They intend to look at water availability, and identify areas of shortage or excess. They also want to determine the economic values of water to industrial sectors and the State economy, as well as environmental/social values of water.

LWVMN used the new water position on October 31st, when Katie Fournier testified before the Government Operations Subcommittee on Agency Management of Water Resources. They were asking whether there was a problem with water management in the state, and if the answer was "yes", what the options were for correction. We pointed out specific suggestions in the body of our consensus, and gave each Representative a copy of each water publication, and the consensus.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections: This is an area that seems to be heating up, judging from the number of calls I've had from local Leagues this fall. For your information, Winona LWV worked with the MPCA (with MPCA providing the funds) and had a collection at the end of October. We hope to have a full report soon. The MPCA got funding from the Legislature to conduct pilot collections, and five were held this fall: Duluth, Winona, Inver Grove Heights, Benson, and a neighborhood in St. Paul. Whether they will obtain more funding remains to be seen. As a ballpark range, a HHW collection costs between \$5,000 and \$10,000, depending on the type of waste received, and amount. If your League would like to consider such a collection, we have a list of names and addresses of State Information sources, and numerous publications centering on the use of substitutes for hazardous cleaning products, etc. For funding, you might approach governmental units and industry in your area, to see if they would be interested in supporting such an effort.

Air Quality: We continue to monitor the MPCA discussions on Acid Rain rulemaking and Air Toxics Regulatory strategy. The DNR continues its testing programs. Out of 2,200 lakes in Minnesota, about 500 are very sensitive to acid precipitation, and 200 are extremely sensitive. Eighty-eight per cent of the acid-sensitive lakes are located in Cook, St. Louis, Lake and Itasca Counties. The federal government (EPA) is still dragging its feet on the problem.

Land Use: It has come to my attention (via the Land Stewardship Project) that there appears to be a problem (and it may not be extensive) with farmland that has gone through a foreclosure proceeding, and is then rented out by the foreclosing bank or insurance company. In at least one instance, the original owner had put a good deal of effort into soil erosion control measures, such as terraces and grass waterways. When the land was leased after foreclosure, the erosion controls were simply plowed under and the farm was planted, fence line to fence line. It would be interesting to know if this is a growing problem, or an isolated instance. Let me know if it occurs in your area!

Relating to the search for a site for High Level Radioactive Waste Repository: Before the DOE can come in and begin any kind of physical reconnaissance, they must execute an agreement with the state, spelling out just what they can and cannot do, and allowing the State access to their findings. Also, proposed rules have been developed relating to exploratory drilling for such a site, by the Environmental Quality Board. Should your area be a proposed site, be aware that landowners have rights and protections - before the DOE begins its investigations.

Hazardous Waste: The 1984 session of the Legislature placed the hazardous waste site selection process, being carried out by the Waste Management Board, under a two-year moratorium, as well as mandating the Board to prepare an estimate of types and quantity of waste generated in the state, and identifying the amount that would need disposal. In preparing its estimate, the Board could only identify that waste needing disposal for which there are no feasible and prudent alternatives. As the Board's draft "Estimate of Need" puts it: "Since a feasible and prudent treatment alternative to direct disposal has been identified for all waste streams, the preliminary conclusion is that there are no untreated wastes requiring direct disposal in Minnesota." On November 14th, the Board, after lengthy discussion, recommended that the Legislature amend the Waste Management Act to establish a legal requirement that recycling, reclamation and recovery of hazardous waste be utilized to the maximum extent before treatment and disposal. Further, the moratorium would be extended to April 1, 1987, during which time the Waste Management Board and staff would investigate and encourage methods of identifying volunteer sites, including an incentive program for host communities. Also investigated would be a regional approach to hazardous waste management and specific determination of the feasibility of a stabilization/disposal facility. On October 31st, the LWVMN testified at a WMB meeting that we felt that the moratorium should be lifted, and a site selected - whether it was needed now or ten years from now. The technology has advanced to a point that we no longer need fear that liquid-filled drums will be leaking into the ground. All waste disposed of in Minnesota will be treated or stabilized. We will be urging the 1986 Legislature to continue the siting process, whether volunteer or designated sites are used.

Low Level Radioactive Waste: As a member of the Midwest Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission, Minnesota is also in the running for a repository for low-level radioactive waste, along with six other states (Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin). A contractor, ERM-Midwest, has been selected and is in the process of developing a Management Plan for site selection, etc. For more information, or to put your name on the mailing list for a newsletter, contact the Commission office at 350 N. Robert Street, Room 588, St. Paul, MN 55101, 612/293-0126. Richard Paton is Executive Director. (Linda Peck, LWV-St. Cloud, and Jeanne Crampton are on the LLRW "Technical Task Force" which is advisory to the State Advisory Committee.)



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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TO: Local League Presidents

FROM: Jean Tews, Nominating Committee Chair

DATE: November 15, 1985

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 1986 HOPE WASHBURN AWARD

Members of your League are invited to submit nominations for the 1986 Hope Washburn Award for outstanding service to the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

The award was established in 1956 to honor the service Hope Washburn gave to the St. Paul and Minnesota Leagues. It is presented each year at Convention or Council to a Leaguer who has performed outstanding service to the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. In other words, the nominee could be someone who has been active on the local level or the state or national levels.

Any League member may nominate another member (except those serving on the current state Nominating Committee) who has been active at any level of League. The nominee does not need to be a member of the nominator's League. A member can be renominated by resubmitting her/his name with an update of League activities in the subsequent year or years. In keeping with the policy adopted in 1974, nominating material will be kept for a period of four years (upon request, the material will be returned to the submitter within that time). The task of selecting one outstanding person from all the outstanding nominees is very difficult. Sometimes the choice between the top two candidates is agonizing and the committee strongly recommends that the nominators consider resubmitting names so that these outstanding individuals can be given another consideration.

The Nominating Committee selects two finalists from the list of nominees; then each of the five committee members sends her vote directly to last year's recipient. Only she will know who is to receive the Award before the presentation at Council in May.

The attached form is for your convenience. It is meant to give you an idea of the information the Nominating Committee believes is essential. If you prefer, you may use your own format. You may nominate more than one person. The deadline for nominations is March 12, 1986. Please send them to Jean Tews, Nominating Committee Chair, 49 Birchwood Road, Mahtomedi, MN 55115.

Please read this call for nominations to your Board and publish it in your bulletin to make sure that all members are aware of this important recognition for League service.

Nominating Committee members are: Jean Tews, Chair; Margit Johnson, LWV-Northfield; Flora Shinkle, LWV-St. Cloud; Peggy Lucas, LWV-Mpls; and Candy Takkunen, LWV-Eastern Carver County.

NOMINATION FOR THE 1986 HOPE WASHBURN AWARD

Name:

Address:

League:

List nominee's League activities and positions held. Please give approximate dates.

List other community activities:

Please give reasons why this person is nominated.

Your name:

League:

Please return by March 12, 1986 to:

Jean Tews, LWVMN Nominating Committee Chair
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JOB DESCRIPTION

PROJECT DIRECTOR FOR "MINNESOTA CAUCUS"

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota is seeking a project director for the "Minnesota Caucus" videotape project. The job would begin immediately and run through mid-April with the peak of activity coming in February and March. Hours are flexible. A \$300 stipend is being offered. Responsibilities of the job include:

1. Direct reprinting of prototional flyer.
2. Develop mailing list and prepare bulk mailing of flyer.
3. Review discussion guide for possible changes.
4. Copy and collate discussion guides.
5. Review video tapes for flaws and order replacements.
6. Keep record of orders for rentals and purchases.
7. Fill mail orders.
8. Write final summary of orders for files.

Please contact the LWVMN office if you are interested in applying for the job.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: PROJECT DIRECTOR FOR DEBATES '86

Overall responsibility for planning, organizing, staffing, coordinating and implementing. This may include:

1. Proposal writing and/or fundraising.
2. Regular reports to the Board of Directors on the project's status (including financial reports), recommendations and presentation of alternatives for project functioning.
3. Recommendation of advisory committee composition as necessary.
4. Recommendation of consultants as necessary to obtain specific expertise.
5. Coordination of steering committee activities.
6. Coordination of Advisory Committee activities.
7. Clear communication among all elements of the project: Board of Directors, steering and advisory committees, consultants, staff, candidate liaisons, local organizations, cosponsors and volunteers.
8. Exploration and recommendation of broadcasters.
9. Coordination of public relations efforts.
10. Recommendations for hiring of assistant or intern.
11. Recommendation for hiring of assistance as necessary such as graphic artists, security guards, etc.
12. Coordination of volunteer assistance throughout the project and at the debate site, or appointment of representatives to handle this task.
13. Exploration and recommendation of debate site.
14. Coordination of activities at the debate site.
15. Taking minutes at steering committee meetings.
16. Preparation of final report for funders and LWVMNEF.

Desirable Skills: Ability to plan, organize, coordinate and implement; understanding of the sponsoring organization; ability to work with and supervise professionals and volunteers; good communicator; able to delegate authority and responsibility; able to be articulate in demanding situations; ability to research relevant background information; political acumen, resourcefulness.

Please return resume to LWVMN office by January 10, 1986.

KEY PRECINCT REPORTING

At its November meeting, the State Board voted to continue with key precinct reporting in 1988. Because there has been so much controversy over this issue, the following background material that was provided to the Board is being sent to all local Leagues and to LWVUS, which has also been grappling with the problem. This discussion is the summary report of a special committee which met to recommend a course of action to the State Board.

Background: It is important to differentiate the three types of reporting done on Election Day. They are:

1. Exit polling, conducted before the polls close.
2. General precinct reporting, done after poll closing by local Leagues for LWV-Mpls and LWV-St. Paul under contract with National Election Services (NES) and a local media pool. Local Leagues are paid for their services.
3. Key precinct reporting, contracted by LWVMN with ABC and carried out by local Leagues, which are not paid for their services.

Key precinct reporting is the only type under consideration by LWVMN. The subcommittee on key precinct reporting supported unanimously the motion to continue this reporting because it is a public service which is in no way a disservice to the voters of Minnesota since it is done after all polls have closed statewide. The subcommittee held that election results are public information and since one of the purposes of the League is to inform voters, LWV should not be protecting voters from public information by managing election news. In addition, LWV has a reputation for reporting accurate, honest and rapid election results. The project expands League's visibility, and it is a major fundraiser for LWVMN (\$5,000 budget for 1986).

The problem of influencing national elections through early projections made before polls close is a consequence of being a geographically large country which covers six time zones. Any attempt to prevent national projections based on election results from polls closed in one part of the country would require controls on reporting public information, which may be unconstitutional, or mandated uniform election hours.

Exit polls lie at the heart of the early projection problem because they are conducted before any polls have closed. Even though the data collected may be inaccurate, the results can influence people who have not yet voted. Exit polls conducted by the media as tools for competition in election night news coverage are an inappropriate activity for LWV to participate in. However, exit polls do provide a wealth of new data for research on demographic trends in voting (e.g., gender gap and young voter habits). For this reason the subcommittee would be reluctant to support legislation which prohibits exit polls. Exit polls conducted strictly for research purposes might be an appropriate project for the League to participate in.



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THE CIVIL RIGHTS RESTORATION ACT

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***** CIVIL RIGHTS RESTORATION ACT *****

Since June members of the Alliance have been meeting personally with Minnesota Congressmen to discuss the Civil Rights Restoration Act (H.R. 700). This bill would reverse the impact of the Supreme Court's 1984 Grove City College v. Bell decision which significantly weakened several key civil rights statutes that prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, race, age and disability in institutions receiving federal funds.

Two amendments attached to the bill in committee endanger its effectiveness.

1. Tauke Amendment - which purports to make the legislation "abortion neutral". In fact, the amendment would restrict rights and endangers passage of the bill.
2. Tauke-Jeffords Amendment - would effectively exempt hundreds of institutions because of religious "affiliation".

THE NEWS FROM WASHINGTON IS NOT GOOD. Despite the fact that the bill passed the House 375-32 last year, it is short of passage this year. We have been frustrated in our efforts to get definitive answers from our Congressmen.

Call or write your Congressman today to support the Civil Rights Restoration Act with no amendments. THIS BILL IS SIMPLE JUSTICE.

Contact Immediately:

TIM PENNY - <u>1st</u> :	He voted for the amendments in committee and still supports them.
VIN WEBER - <u>2nd</u> :	He supports all the amendments.
BILL FRENZEL - <u>3rd</u> :	He supports the bill <u>without</u> any amendments. THANKS BILL!
BRUCE VENTO - <u>4th</u> :	He would not commit himself but does not think the bill should be used to expand or contract on the abortion issue. He needs lobbying.
MARTIN SABO - <u>5th</u> :	He supports the bill <u>without</u> amendments. THANKS MARTIN!
GERRY SIKORSKI - <u>6th</u> :	Did not meet personally. According to his aide, Sikorski is undecided as to whether he will support the Tauke Amendment. Needs calls.
ARLAN STANGELAND - <u>7th</u> :	He supports both the Tauke and the Jeffords Amendments. If, when it comes to a vote he thinks it only reverses the Grove City case and doesn't go further, he will support the bill as he did last year.
JAMES OBERSTAR - <u>8th</u> :	We could not get any clarification from anyone in his office on his position. He seemed sympathetic at the time of the meeting this summer. He needs calls.

If you need further information, contact Dede Wolfson at 221-0558.

See other side for addresses and phone numbers.

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