

League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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# BOARD MEMO

#### NOVEMBER

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

- November 21 Board Memo mailed to LL Presidents and subscribers
  - 23 Presidents' Mailing from state office to LL Presidents and DPM subscribers
  - 24 Thanksgiving Day, State office closed
  - 25 LWVMN office closed
  - 29 Planning for 1989-91 LWVMN Board of Directors

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- December 1 3rd Quarter PMP due to LWVMN
  - Winter VOTER mailed
  - Legislative Internship applications due to LWVMN
  - 2 LWVMN Nominating Committee, 10 a.m.
  - 5 LWVMN Action Committee meeting, 9:30 a.m.
    - Mailing of CITIZENS IN ACTION Conference brochures to every member
  - 6 LWVMN Budget Committee, 10 a.m.
  - 12 Mental Health Committee meeting, 1-3:30 p.m.
    - Fundraiser Committee Meeting
  - 13 MN Women's Building Security meeting, 11:30-1 p.m.
  - 15 CMAL Executive Board Meeting, 9:30 noon
    - Legislative Interviews due
    - Mental Health Consensus Reports due from local Leagues to LWVMN
  - 19 Mental Health Committee Consensus meeting, 1-3 p.m.
  - 21-27 Office closed for holidays
    - 24 Christmas Eve (Saturday)
    - 25 Christmas Day (Sunday)
  - 28-30 LWVMN office open regular hours
    - 31 New Year's Eve

#### January

- 1 New Year's Day HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- 2 Action Committee meets at Capitol, 9 a.m., Brown Bag lunch (MN Women's Consortium) follows at same location
- 3 Legislature convenes
- 6 Deadline for CIA Conference registration
- 10 LWVMN, EF Board Meetings
- 14 Citizens in Action Conference, U of M, St. Paul
- 17 Board Memo mailed to LL Presidents and subscribers

#### ENCLOSURES

(Mailed 3rd class to LL Presidents and Duplicate Presidents Mailing (DPM) subscribers; Presidents, please distribute to appropriate portfolio chairs; \*denotes mailed to DPM subscibers)

- State Action Alerts\*/McWilliams
- Capitol Letter subscription form\*/McWilliams
- League Lines/Santi
- 1988 LWVMN Voter Service Award Entry/Leppik
- Citizens in Action: Focus on Ethics & Public Policy Agenda and sign-up sheet\* /O'Connor

- LWVMN Program Planning Guide packet\*/McKinnell

- Local Program Planning/McKinnell

- The Technique of Soliciting Funds/Erickson

- How your Tax Dollars are Spent(Jobs with Peace Fact Sheet No. 1) \*/Duffy

- Guide for the Nominating Committee/McKinnell

- Women Come to the Capitol article & flyer\*/McWilliams

- LWVMN Legislative Focus\*/McWilliams

- Flyer publicizing LWWMNEF tour to Eastern Europe\*/Erickson

#### BOUQUETS TO

- \* Marcia Garton for her super job of coordinating the U.S. Senate Debates project;
- \* Wanda Hauglund for planning and carrying out a successful and well-used Voter Hotline;
- \* All of the volunteers who made our many voter service projects so successful by helping with the Senate Debate, answering Hotline calls, registering voters and moderating candidates' meetings;

\* Mary Hepokoski for using her computer skills to facilitate the annual campaign;

\* Beverly McKinnell and the Leadership Development core group for presenting a well-received round of community workshops.

#### BOARD HAPPENINGS

At its November meeting your state board acted to:

- . authorize a \$100 contribution to be used in planning and carrying out the Women Come to the Capitol event on February 26-27;
- approve a statement of support for the Coalition of Gifted and Talented of which the League has been a member;
- . authorize a contribution of \$50 as our annual assessment for membership in Child Care Works Coalition;
- approve a contribution of \$25 to the Minnesota Friends of Public Education to help fund a legislative coordinator (the Friends led the opposition to the voucher proposal during the 1988 legislative session);

. appoint a Bylaws Committee composed of Anne Francis, Chair; Judy Duffy and Mary Santi to examine proposed changes to LWVMN Bylaws;

. approve issues for LWMN legislative focus during the '89 legislative session (enclosed in 3rd class mail).

#### PRESIDENT (Higinbotham - 612/926-9399)

League members turned out everywhere to help make this year's election run smoothly. We registered voters, helped out at candidates' meetings, counted votes and much more. This hard work is invaluable to our communities. I hope that your League received the credit it deserved from your city and that it shows up in membership gains for your League.

Although we are proud that Minnesota again led the nation in voter turnout, it is disappointing that this figure represented only two-thirds of Minnesota's eligible voters. Can our voter service projects play even more of a role in urging people to get involved and get to the polls?

Last year IWVMN signed on as an amicus in the Karon vs. Karon case which sought to establish the right of a party in a divorce to modify the maintenance if either party's income changes. The court would retain jurisdiction to modify spousal maintenance. The Supreme Court will be hearing the case on appeal and contributions are needed to pay legal costs associated with the appeal. If you would like to make a contribution, please contact: The Coalition on Midlife Women/Karon Fund, Minnesota Women's Consortium, Suite 101, 550 Rice Street, St. Paul, MN 55103.

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota is one of the founding members of the Women Candidate Development Coalition. The purpose of the Coalition is to encourage qualified women to become candidates for public office. The results of the past election indicate that much more work needs to be done to bring the number of women office holders up to parity with men. The Coalition provides workshops for those interested in learning more about running for office, establishes networks of women who want to run and those who have already been candidates for office and attempts to identify women who should be encouraged to consider being a candidate. If you would like to be a part of this effort your contribution would be welcome. Send your tax deductible contributions to: Women Candidate Development Coalition, MN Women's Building, 550 Rice Street, St. Paul, MN 55103.

It is not too early to start planning for the legislative session. I hope you are encouraging your members to sign up for a subscription to the Capitol Letter, telling your members about the Citizens in Action workshop and looking forward to sending a large delegation to the Day on the Hill event (now called "Women Come to the Capitol" and held in conjunction with many other women's organizations). More information will be coming on all these opportunities. The Citizens in Action Conference will be held on Saturday, January 14th; Day on the Hill on February 26th and 27th.

White House Fellowships: The White House Fellowships are a highly competitive opportunity to participate in and learn about the federal government. For one year, 11 to 19 fellows are full-time employees of the federal government, working in the executive office of the President or in an executive department, branch or agency. Fellows have served in all of the cabinet departments, with senior White House staff and with the Vice President. The Fellowship would extend from September 1, 1989 to August 31, 1990.

Application deadline is December 15th. Application forms and more information are available in the state office.

#### A C T I O N (McWilliams - 507/645-8423)

<u>Lobbyist Training</u>: January 17th is the date lobbyists and interns will meet at the State Capitol for an in-depth training on Capitol resources and lobbying techniques. Staff members from the Senate and House and experienced League lobbyists will lead the training. Call me if you'd like to participate.

<u>Women Come to the Capitol</u>: February 26 & 27th. A flyer and article for your bulletin will be in the President's Mailing. Now is the time to begin arranging to bring League members and other women from your community.

<u>Capitol Letter Subscriptions</u>: A form which can be used in your newsletter is included in the President's Mailing. First issue is scheduled for January 10, 1989. Price is still \$5.

<u>Legislative Interns</u>: We're still looking for applicants for internships. In addition to monitoring and reporting on legislation, we need people who would like to assist with the Capitol Letter. This entails gathering information from our lobbyists, writing and editing. Two days a week every other week should be enough time for this job which would be done in cooperation with the legislative coordinator.

Local League Legislative Action: The League is a powerful constituency. Because of our reputation as informed citizens, decision-makers listen when we speak. The work of our lobbyists on Capitol Hill is only as effective as the strength of the response from local Leagues; by acting in concert, we can have real influence on the development of public policy in Minnesota. During the session, we will be contacting local Leagues for Action Alerts. Included in this mailing is a request for the name of the person who should receive Action Alerts in your League IF IT IS NOT THE PRESIDENT. Please encourage your President to fill it out and return it by January 2nd if this applies to your League.

#### E D U C A T I O N (McWilliams - 507/645-8423)

Work-Readiness: A New Promise in Minnesota's Education is the title of the report of Commissioner Ruth Randall's Task Force on Education for Employment. In an interview Dr. Randall said, "We have always had as one of the goals of education the preparation for citizenship. The other goal has always been education for the growth and development of the individual...We have added a third goal of education—contributing to economic growth." Copies of the report are available from the Minnesota Curriculum Service Center, 3554 White Bear Avenue, White Bear Lake, MN 55110.

At-Risk Students: Members of the Governor's Discussion Group, comprising about 25 representatives of educational and other organizations, including LWMN, signed off on a report on At-Risk Children early in October. The "Visionary Plan" acknowledges the multicultural nature of our society and calls for quality education reflecting that diversity. It recommends new resources for early intervention and prevention strategies, including identification, developmental programs and provision of choice for parents. A non-binding standard plan should be made available by the state for development of individual learning plans, non-competitive learning and creative use of technology. The state should provide 90% of full funding for at-risk students in existing alternative programs and new instructional options. Flexibility in state rules and regulations are recommended as are procedures for review and evaluation of programs. For more information, call me or write to Government Relations, MN Dept. of Education, Room 710, Capitol Square Bldg., St. Paul, MN 55101.

<u>Wanted</u>: A local League member to represent LWWMN on the newly reconstituted Council for Gifted and Talented. The Council is gearing up for the legislative session and has scheduled an organizational meeting on December 2nd. Please call me if you are interested.

Multicultural Gender/Fair Rule: Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules without Public Hearing was printed in the State Register in early October and the required 25 requests to have it go to hearing were not received, so the rule now moves to the next level. The Special Populations Committee of the State Board of Education will discuss the rule on November 14th, and the final draft will be submitted to the Attorney General's office. If approved, it will go to the

Secretary of State's office, a notice of adoption will be prepared by the revisor and notices of adoption will be printed in the State Register. If all goes smoothly, then we may finally have a MC/GF Rule in place by spring. Bear in mind, however, that the effective date is June 1, 1990 at which time school boards are to have developed and filed a plan.

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (Duffy - 612/429-9703)

<u>Great Decisions</u> 1989 Foreign Policy Issues Facing the Nation - addressing eight major topics on Ethics in International Relations; Persian Gulf; Latin American Debt; Arms Agreements, China; Farmers, Food and the Global Supermarket; Horn of Africa; and International Drug Traffic. Available from the MN International Center for \$10.75 each: Minnesota International Center, Attn: Janna Wallin Haug, 711 E. River Road, Minneapolis, MN 55455. These books provide an excellent resource for discussion sessions or your own background information.

<u>Fact Sheets</u>: The President's Mailing will contain one sample from a packet of fact sheets available from Jobs with Peace detailing military spending as part of the Federal budget. You may duplicate the sheets for your own use. You may also order the entire set (9 sheets) for \$1.50 from Jobs with Peace Campaign, 76 Summer St., Boston, MA 02110.

Study Series: "The Soviet Union and the United States" January 16: on China by Dr. John Turner, U of M, February 13: on Central America by Gary Wynia, Carleton, March 7: on Eastern Europe by Dr. Theo Stavrou, U of M. All at 7:30 p.m. at the Uptown YWCA, 28th & Hennepin, Minneapolis. Series fee is \$20 but single session fees available. Contact Peace Links MN, 2388 W. Lake of the Isles Pkwy., Mpls. 55405 or call 612/377-7725.

Agriculture: Our new position is here! Our environmental and trade concerns are reflected in this position. Anyone who would like to work on these issues, please contact me. We will be watching sustainable Ag efforts and other related issues. This is your opportunity to get in on the ground floor.

#### SOCIAL POLICY (Keppel - 612/823-3389)

Hunger Advocacy Grants: Congratulations to LWV-Duluth and Minneapolis! Each League was awarded a \$3,000 grant from LWVUSEF for their hunger advocacy proposals. Both Duluth and Minneapolis Leagues will be working independently on projects to build support for and participation in the Federal School Breakfast Program for its local public schools.

Be Part of the Action: There are many exciting opportunities for legislative interns in social policy. If you have an interest in child care, child support, early childhood development for "at-risk" preschoolers or welfare reform, there are many chances for involvement. Time commitments are flexible and the learning experience valuable.

#### MENTAL HEALTH STUDY (Johnson - 507/645-5726)

The members of the Mental Health State Study committee enjoyed talking with each local League to hear how they were dealing with the consensus. Innovative uses of mail-in consensus and a fall focus - 3 consecutive monthly meetings on different aspects of mental health topped by the consensus - were inspirational and, I hope, successful. Thanks to all the study chairs, presidents, etc. who participated in the consensus and facilitated the study throughout the year!

The monitoring workbook, to be used in conjunction with the training workshops, is currently in its third revision. Fune tuning of the background material, the description of monitoring techniques and the checklists should make it an eminently useful tool at the county level.

Remind interested members that their first crack at monitoring techniques will be at the January Citizens in Action Workshop. Anyone interested in lobbying for mental health legislation at the state level should call the state office. Lobbyists will be trained before the legislative session opens.

#### FIELD SERVICE (McKinnell - 612/646-3690)

State and Local League Program Planning: November is the month to begin thinking about state and local program for 1989. March 1, 1989 is the deadline for LWMN program planning forms to be returned to the state office. This deadline does not appear in your Outlook Calendar, so please be sure to note it on your calendar. The Program Planning Discussion Guide will be mailed to local League Presidents in the 3rd class mailing this month. Please pass it on to your Program Planning Chair. Also included in the President's mailing is a memo about the importance of local program to the vitality of your League. If you need any help with planning program, the scope of a study or the wording of consensus, please contact your Regional Rep. We are here to serve you.

Nominating Committee: This is also the time of year to get your Nominating Committee started to select your officers and board for next year. It may seem early; but if they start now, before people have made other commitments, their job will be so much easier.

The Nominating Committee needs to take the time to look at the overall needs of your League, and choose a Board to meet the future. A <u>Guide for the Nominating Committee</u> will be in your November President's Mailing.

What Image Does Your League Present? Invite your Board to take a look at the image that your League presents to the public. Is your bulletin legible? Does it have a positive tone? Does its appearance and content give the impression of a professional publication? Is it available to the general public?

Are your meetings accessible to all people in your community? Are there no physical barriers? Do your members give the impression of openness to new people and differing points of view, or are they an "in group"? Are your meetings well publicized? Is your League known as the training ground for informed women candidates for public office?

Is your League following the meetings of your city council, county board, school board? Does your League study local issues and speak out on those issues? Does your League provide speakers and forums on topics of interest to your community? Is your League known as an authoritative voice in your community?

Does your League conduct Voter Service activities before elections in your community? Is your League known as <u>the</u> organization to contact for candidates forums, voter guides and voter registration?

If you can answer "YES" to these questions, you are in great shape! If you cannot answer "YES" to a significant number of these questions, your Board should give some thought to planning how to improve your League image. Call your Regional Rep or me for assistance.

#### MEMBERSHIP (Takkunen - 612/445-4218)

Follow-up: If you haven't received a check from some longtime members or from very interested prospects, why not send them a dues notice along with a return envelope with the amount now due clearly identified. Perhaps your treasurer can assist you. You or she may want to make such a reminder or dues notice part of your regular routine. I received one recently and thought it was a great idea. I popped it in the bill drawer and paid it the next time I wrote out the monthly bills. Hard as it is to believe, many people really don't remember whether or not they have paid their dues.

Address and Membership Counts: Please send in addresses and names of any new members, as well as any address changes. By January 15th we will want an accurate count of your membership total. Remember this number will be used to determine your PMP payment for the next two years, 1989-91, so be accurate. This also will be your opportunity to show that you've maintained or increased your membership. None of us, not your local League, not LWVMN, not LWVUS, can afford for you to lose members. Unfortunately, only you can keep your members. PLEASE make it a priority.

Orientation of New Members: You may want to consult Chapter 7 in <a href="Leaque on the Grow: A Membership Handbook">Leaque on the Grow: A Membership Handbook</a>. It will provide you with ideas on how to make new members feel at home. Maybe a big sister program, or an orientation brunch, or an invitation to a special <a href="Board Meeting">Board Meeting</a> with a "Board Buddy" or maybe a new members's folder with some <a href="Leaque essentials">League essentials</a> in it which you can go over on a one-to-one basis. Whatever you choose, do something! Don't let your new members wander aimlessly.

#### DEVELOPMENT (Erickson - 612/934-2991)

The Personal Appeal: If you are thinking about making some personal calls as part of your finance drive, here is one man's approach to soliciting contributions. See the article enclosed in the President's mailing entitled, "The Technique of Soliciting Funds" by John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

The Fundraiser: Please mark your calendar now - the LWWMNEF Fundraiser will be Saturday, April 8th, at the Hotel Sofitel. Even though it's months away, we need your help now to:

- 1. Plan your local League calendar so we don't have conflicts.
- Start thinking about what your League could contribute. Parties contributed by Leagues are some of the most popular items in the silent auction.
- 3. Solicit businesses in your community to donate.
- 4. Ask the talented people in your League to consider a donation. All kinds of items go into the silent auction. That's what makes it fun. So homemade goodies, knit scarves, sweaters, applique, are all terrific. Does someone have a cabin or condo they could donate for a week. Those always do well, too.
- 5. Ask someone in your League to be a contact person for those who will be attending the fundraiser. It's easier for people to think about attending if they know who else is going.

Thanks to all the help from local Leagues, the fundraiser continues to grow and to be a success. We appreciate all your help in providing items and promoting the Fundraiser in your local Voters.

Eastern Europe: We have already received inquiries about the LWWMNEF tour to Eastern Europe next spring. Prague, Budapest, Zagreb, Sarajevo and Dubrovnik are the cities we will visit from April 29th to May 14th. As on our other trips, we will feature special contacts with the people in each country to increase our understanding of life and current affairs in this part of the world. Cost will be \$3,145.00. Call the office for more information. Look for a camera ready flyer in the President's mailing - perfect for copying for your bulletin.

#### CITIZEN INFORMATION (O'Connor - 612/448-5706)

Speaker's Bureau: Thank you to all those people who let me know about speaker requests you filled in your local areas. I know there are many more. Drop me a note letting me know the topic covered, date and group you spoke to. For those of you who filled requests, you've provided a valuable service to your community and increased public awareness of the work the League of Women Voters does.

Citizens in Action Conference: Mark January 14th on your calendar for the annual Citizens in Action Conference — it isn't that far away! This year's focus on ethics is sure to provoke much discussion for the ride home. Deb Nankivell of Common Cause MN, will give a keynote address entitled "Ethics: A Tool to Build Community". She will be followed by a reactor panel. In keeping with the topic of ethics, we will also offer a workshop on "Ethics of Activists and Political Interest Groups". But don't worry, we haven't forgotten that the Citizens in action Conference is an event where you can learn skills which will help you deal effectively with your elected officials. Workshops will be offered on how to present your case effectively to your legislator, following a bill through the legislature and using capitol resources, working at the county level and how to affect administrative rule-making.

The cost of the conference is \$10 for LWV members (\$17 including lunch), \$15 for non-LWV (\$22 including lunch), and \$7 for students (\$14 including lunch). I hope many of you will consider sponsoring high school, junior high school or college students from your local area. The deadline for registration is January 6, 1989. The conference agenda and registration form are enclosed in the President's mailing and each League member will be mailed a brochure sometime in December.

#### VOTER SERVICE (Leppik - 612/546-3328)

Oops! I goofed! If you couldn't find the Voter Service Award application in the last mailing, it's because it wasn't there. Look again this time and you'll find it. I encourage all Leagues, big and small, to apply for this award. We are looking for creativity and effectiveness more than massive scope in a project. What we are not looking for is the sum total of your year's voter service activities. Focus in on something interesting or particularly well done and tell us about it. Let us all enjoy your success!

My thanks to all Leaguers who gave their time to register voters at the MN State Fair and the Votemobile. There were over 40 volunteers at the State Fair alone where we registered 736 people over 12 days. The Votemobile was a huge success, registering 1977 voters in five days. Again, many thanks to all of you who participated!

WHAT TO DO WITH THE THIRD CLASS MAIL

STATE ACTION ALERTS - Return to State office ASAP if you (the President) are not the person who should receive the Action Alert.

CAPITOL LETTER SUBSCRIPTION FORM - Pass at Board meeting, publicize in bulletin to encourage members to subscribe. Return order form to LWVMN by January 6, 1989.

LEAGUE LINES - Pass to bulletin editor.

1988 LWVMN VOTER SERVICE AWARD ENTRY - Pass to Voter Service Chair, discuss at Board Meeting. Return to LWVMN office by April 15, 1989.

CITIZENS IN ACTION: FOCUS ON ETHICS & PUBLIC POLICY AGENDA AND SIGN-UP SHEET - Pass at Board Meeting, publicize and encourage members to attend. Return sign-up sheet to LWVMN office by <u>January 6</u>, 1989.

LWVMN PROGRAM PLANNING GUIDE PACKET and LOCAL PROGRAM PLANNING - Pass to Board person responsible for doing program-planning in your League. Return completed form to LWVMN office by March 1, 1989.

THE TECHNIQUE OF SOLICITING FUNDS - Pass to Finance Chair. Good reading for all who are involved in fundraising.

HOW YOUR TAX DOLLARS ARE SPENT - Pass to International Relations Chair.

GUIDE FOR THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE - Pass to your Nominating Committee Chair.

WOMEN COME TO THE CAPITOL ARTICLE & FLYER - Not included in this mailing. Look for information in a special mailing to Presidents the first week in January and also in the January Presidents Mailing.

LWVMN LEGISLATIVE FOCUS - Pass at Board Meeting, reprint in bulletin, pass to Action Chair.

FLYER PUBLICIZING LWVMNEF TOUR TO EASTERN EUROPE - Camera ready so pass to bulletin editor. Deadline for deposit is <u>January 20, 1989</u>.

## THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

STATE ACTION ALERIS

M I N N E S O T A 550 RICE STREET ST. PAUL, MN 55103 PHONE (612) 224-5445

TO: Local League Presidents

FROM: Jane McWilliams, Legislative Coordinator

DATE: November 21, 1988

Our effectiveness as a state organization working to affect decisions in the legislature is dependent on the cooperative efforts of grassroots members and capitol lobbyists. During the session, we expect to contact local Leagues for immediate action with Action Alerts. To assure that we are sending the alerts to the proper person in your League, please return this form IF THE ACTION ALERT IS NOT TO BE SENT TO YOU.

Thank you for all you and your League do on all levels.

Please send Action Alerts to:	
Name	IWV
Address	Day Phone No
	Home Phone No



## THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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President: Joan Higinbotham Legislative Coordinator: Jane McWilliams

The CAPITOL LETTER will be published <u>nine</u> times during the 1989 Legislative Session. It will keep you informed on League supported issues and their progress at the state Capitol. LWVMN program directors outline issues you'll be hearing about.

GOVERNMENT

Nancy Crippen

- .Financing State Government monitoring proposals for property tax reform.
- .Campaign Financing Continuting to work for a ban on fundraising during the legislative session.
- . Open Meeting Law Monitoring proposed changes in present law.

SOCIAL POLICY

Polly Keppel

- .Financing Early Childhood Development Programs for "at-risk" preschoolers.
- .Statewide adoption of automatic income withholding for child support on all new court orders.
- .Increased appropriations for Child Care Sliding Fee Program.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Linda Peck

- .Management of solid waste
- .Implementation of Superfund
- .Ground water

MENTAL HEALTH

Margit Johnson

- .Amending 1987 legislation
- .Regional Treatment Center legislation rebuilding and funding
- .Alternative living arrangements housing for mentally ill.

EDUCATION

Jane McWilliams

- .School Funding adequacy and equity
- .Desegregation/integration and other school district organization issues.
- .Programs addressing needs of "at rish" students

ACTION TO TAKE

Fill out this form and send it with your check for \$5 to LWVMN, 550 Rice Street, St. Paul, MN 55103 by <u>January 6, 1989</u>.

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League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 550 Rice Street, St. Paul, MN 55103

#### 1988 LWVMN VOTER SERVICE AWARD ENTRY

	eadline:	April	15.	1989
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The Voter Service Award is presented at Convention to the League or Leagues for the most effective and creative voter service project completed since May, 1987. The project must be a single activity, event or series of events in a coordinated project. Consideration will be given to outreach, member involvement and public response.

- 1. Goal of the project. What perceived need did you seek to fulfill?
- 2. Describe the project. Enclose any supporting documents, newspaper clippings, reports, etc. Include dates of events or publications.
- 3. How many Leaguers were involved in this project?
- 4. How many members of the public were reached through this project (use your best estimate)? Did you target any specific group? How successful were you in reaching that group?

5. How was your project funded? Enclose a final budget.

Name of League:	
Report prepared by:	Date:

PROGRAM PLANNING DISCUSSION GUIDE

DEADLINE: March 1, 1989

TO: Presidents, Program Planning Chairs

FROM: Beverly McKinnell, LWVMN Field Service & Program Planning Chair,

612/646-3690

RE: State Program Planning

DATE: November 21, 1988

#### Included in this packet:

1. Program Planning Discussion Guide

2. Lively Issues

3. Current Program, short version

4. Program Planning Form

5. Position statements on Child Protection, Teen Pregnancy and Gun Control to insert in 1985-87 Program for Action

6. Local Program Planning Guide

Refer to <u>LWVMN Program for Action 1985-87</u> in your local League files and Winter issue of the Minnesota VOTER.

#### Timeline

November Program planning packet sent to local Leagues; Lively Issues

article in LWVMN VOTER

Dec.-Jan. Leagues have state program planning meeting

Deadline for receipt of program planning report for at state Mar. 1, 1989

Mar. 14 State Board Meeting - approve proposed program

Proposed program for 1989-91 mailed with Convention materials

June 1-3, 1989 State Convention - adopt 1989-91 program

Program planning is an annual event for local Leagues. Before the annual meeting, members need to provide suggestions regarding local program so your Board can select one it thinks best fits the guidelines for selecting an appropriate topic to study, reach consensus and take action. Since local Leagues have such busy schedules, the meeting at which you discuss local program ideas is usually the best one at which to discuss state program ideas.

Each local League should have someone in charge of setting up the program planning meeting. It is one of the most important meetings of the year - the chance to have input into the local and state program which will be adopted at the annual meeting or Convention. Plans should be made to attract as many members as possible.

Prior to the meeting you will want to have articles in your local bulletin. If your group is large, you may wish to break into smaller groups and brainstorm program ideas, then get back together and list them all, giving background when necessary, then come to a sense of the entire group as to which item most members feel is an appropriate topic to study.

For the local program planning, you may wish to have your program chairs or local government officials talk about local issues. You may also suggest some programs other Leagues have adopted.

For the state program planning, the ideas suggested in the Lively Issues are a starting point. The ideas that have been suggested are "food for thought". The hope is that these ideas will be a springboard - the state Board is not in any way recommending any one of them.

Which column you mark beside each position statement should be determined by a consensus of members participating. If you use a telephone survey or questionnaire, it should be the majority of those participating. If there is no consensus or majority, you may wish to comment on the line provided. If there is a change or update suggested by one or more, you may report that under comments, indicating how many suggested the change or update.

There are four choices for each item currently on the State Program. If you wish to drop a position, only that box can be checked. It is possible to keep a position and request an update - additional information through a public or League meeting, an article in the VOTER, publication, etc.

#### Definitions:

Keep -to retain the position and/or details, so we can take appropriate action, but have no further study at this time.

<u>Drop</u> -the position would be dropped and no further action taken on it.

<u>Update</u> -obtain additional information on position but take no consensus (meeting, publication, etc.)

Action -to assist the State Board and Action Committee to determine action priorities. It is advisory only.

Study -to undertake a new study, with consensus, for the purpose of establishing a new position or expanding a current one.

#### NEW STUDY

The League has well-established criteria to help members decide on new studies:

<u>League Policy</u> - Can the problem be solved by governmental action? Does the proposal fall within the League's Principles (see p. 2, "Program for Action")

<u>Timeliness</u> - Is this a hot issue? Is the political timing right? Will it lead to effective action for the League? Will League involvement make a difference?

Appropriateness - Is the League the organization best qualified to study the issue? Will it duplicate the work of some other organization?

<u>Membership</u> - Will the issue attract new members? Will it increase the interest and participation of current members?

<u>Resources</u> - Does the League have the people and the money to address this issue effectively?

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call Beverly McKinnell, 612/646-3690.

#### LIVELY ISSUES

<u>Refugees</u>: How is Minnesota responding to the recent influx of refugees? How are refugees faring in becoming assimilated? What needs are not being met? Who should pay for services?

<u>Judiciary</u>: Financing of trial court system. A Supreme Court Task Force is preparing recommendations for possible alternatives to current system of financing trial courts.

<u>Government</u>: Election Laws, Campaign Financing and Campaign Ethics are all hot topics after the recent election. Are current laws adequate? Should we require higher ethical standards of our campaigning candidates?

Education: How about a one-year update of LWVMN members on school finance law as it emerges from the 1989 session. This could be presented along with a brief consideration of Minnesota's state/local tax system.

Some issues we might consider in a careful review of school finance are: What has happened to the Minnesota Miracle? Does it assure equity? What role do categorical aids have in providing a "thorough and equitable public school system" as mandated by our constitution? What is the present role of the state in financing private education? Should some public school services be financed by other than public sources? Are there other public sources for education than the ones in current law? What is happening in other states? Is our current position still workable? Does it need refinement? Expansion? Substantial revision? How helpful is it to local Leagues desiring to take action in their local districts?

Mental Health: Now that your League knows about mental health services and their implementation, it is time to act on our new position.

Housing: The supply of affordable housing for lower income families throughout Minnesota is rapidly declining. We addressed some housing issues on the federal level in the Meeting Basic Human Needs study. Is it time to examine how the state and local communities are dealing with this crisis? What private/public partnerships are working? How does the shrinking supply of safe, affordable housing in rural Minnesota force families and individuals to the metro area where they are confronted with the same void? What role should the state play in providing publicly financed housing.

#### Current Program Short Version

#### 1. Criminal Justice

- a. <u>Judiciary</u>: Support of a judicial system with the capacity to assure a speedy trial and equal justice for all. (p. 4)
- b. <u>Corrections</u>: 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. (p. 5)

#### 2. Human Resources/Social Policy

- a. Equality of opportunity: Support of policies to insure equality of opportunity in employment, real property, public accommodations, education and other public services for all persons. Support of administrative enforcement of antidiscrimination laws. Support of state responsibility for and responsiveness to Indian citizens. (p. 7) Support of improved procedures for dealing with family violence.
- b. <u>Protecting Minnesota's Children</u>: Support of adequate staffing and resources for child protection services, access to comprehensive prenatal and child health care, coordinated public policies and funding to ensure safe, affordable, quality child care, (adopted 10/86 & 6/87) prevention efforts to lower the rate of teenage pregnancy. (4/88)

#### 3. Education

- a. <u>Equal Opportunity</u>: Support of increased state responsibility in creating equal public education opportunities for all Minnesota children through measures to correct racial imbalance and insure adequate financing of public schools. (p. 11)
- b. Financing of 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. (p. 11)
- c. <u>Collective Bargaining and Tensure</u>: Support of improvements in the collective bargaining and tenure laws of the state as they apply to K-12 teachers only. (p. 11)
- d. <u>Library Funding</u>: Support for increased and restructured funding for public libraries. (p. 12)

#### 4. Natural Resources

- a. <u>Solid Waste</u>: Support of measures to reduce generation of solid waste.
   (p. 16)
- b. <u>Land Use</u>: 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. (p. 16)
- c. <u>Water Resources</u>: Support of a state role in the preservation and management of Minnesota's water resources through protection, allocation, conservation, pricing and interbasin transfer policies protective of Minnesota's current and future needs. (p. 15)

#### 5. Government

- a. <u>Election Laws</u>: Support of improvements in election laws regulating election procedures, voting and school district elections. (p. 20)
- b. <u>Campaign Practices</u>: Support of improvements in election laws regulating campaign practices. (p. 21)
- c. Organization of Government: Support of improved structure and procedures for the Minnesota Legislature and Executive Branch; support of an improved process for amending the Minnesota Constitution; support apportionment substantially on population of congressional districts and of all elected state and local governmental bodies. (p. 23)
- d. <u>Initiative</u>, <u>Referendum and Recall</u>: 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. (p. 24)
- e. Financing State Government: 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 local services (county and/or city). Support of more efficient state administrative and legislative expenditures. (p. 25)
- f. <u>Gun Control</u>: Opposition to an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution that gives individuals the unrestricted right to bear arms. (Adopted 4/88)
- 6. Mental Illness in Minnesota: A study of mental illness and Minnesota public policy of services and funding of programs for those with mental illness, a monitoring program to assess delivery & quality of mental health services at the county level.

#### LWVMN PROGRAM PLANNING FORM Deadline: March 1, 1989

Local League		Date:		
# of members participating				
Authorized Signature		-	Title	
Use this form for your League's offici Your recommendations must be received 55103, no later than March 1, 1989. N	by LWVM	1, 550 Rice	Street, St	. Paul. MN
1. Criminal Justice	Keep	Drop	Update	Action
a. Judiciary				
b. Corrections				
2. Human Resources/Social Policy				
a. Equality of Opportunity				
b. Protecting MN's Children				
3. Education a. Equal Opportunity				
b. Financing of Education				
c. Collective Bargaining & Tenure				
d. Library Funding				
4. Natural Resources			<b>y</b>	
a. Solid Waste				
b. Land Use				
c. Water Resources				
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a. Election Laws				
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c. Organization of Government				
d. Initiative, Referendum, Recall		*	=======================================	
e. Financing State Government				2
f. Gun Control			67	

		Keep	Drop	Update	Action	_
6.	Mental Illness in Minnesota					
	We recommend the adoption of a new	study a	s follows:			
	Title (i.e., Government)					
	Wording:					
	Scope:					
	We recommend no new study.					

Comments:

#### MINNESOTA'S CHILDREN: ISSUES CONCERNING THEIR HEALTH AND SAFETY

#### POSITION STATEMENTS

#### Child Protection (LWVMN Board approved at October 14, 1986 meeting)

- 1. LWVMN supports the assignment of a high priority to state and county level Child Protection Services to ensure adequate staffing and sufficient resources to provide meaningful services to families experiencing abuse and neglect.
- 2. LWVMN supports a Children's Trust Fund to support programs aimed at preventing the abuse and neglect of children.
- LWVMN supports funding programs to promote good parenting and to provide support for
  parents, especially those in high risk groups, in order to prevent child abuse and
  neglect.
- 4. LWVMN supports modifications of juvenile and criminal court proceedings in cases of abuse and neglect reducing the trauma to the child victim while still protecting the rights of the alleged abuser.

#### Children's Health (LWVMN Board approved at June 5, 1987 meeting)

- The LWVMN supports public policies that provide access to comprehensive pre-natal
  and child health care because we are convinced of the cost effectiveness of preventive
  health care for pregnant women and children.
- 2. The LWVMN supports publicly supported health insurance for pregnant women and children with family incomes up to at least 200% of the poverty level.
- 3. The LWVMN supports public and privately sponsored programs that insure adequate nutrition for pregnant and nursing mothers and young children.
- 4. The LWVMN supports services to insure adequate care for children with disabilities and chronic illness.

### Child Care (LWVMN Board approved at June 5, 1987 meeting)

- 1. LWVMN supports coordinated public policies which ensure safe, affordable, quality child care throughout the state.
- 2. LWVMN supports adequate funding of a child care sliding fee program to ensure quality child care for low income children.
- 3. LWVMN supports public policies and adequate funding at the state and county level to create and sustain quality programs, including grants and loans and resource and referral services to meet the demand.
- 4. LWVMN supports policies in the public and private sectors that recognize the value of

the child care professional and provide adequate wages and benefits to trained child care workers.

 LWVMN supports providing an unpaid parental leave of absence for the parent of a newborn or newly adopted child.

#### ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY POSITION Adopted April 19, 1988

LWVMN recommends that the Minnesota Department of Education require school districts to collect data on drop-outs for reasons of pregnancy or adolescent parenting.

LWVMN supports increased prevention efforts in the public schools in order to lower the rate of teenage pregnancy.

LWVMN recommends prevention curriculum that includes the legal and financial responsibilities of male teenage parents.

LWVMN recommends that health care providers publicize the necessity of prenatal care and the locations of free and low cost health services.

#### GUN CONTROL POSITION Adopted April 19, 1988

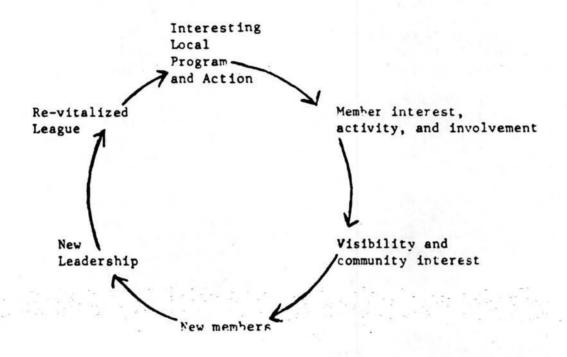
Opposition to an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution that gives individuals the unrestricted right to bear arms.

To: Local Leagues

FROM: Beverly McKinnell

RE: Local Program Planning

This is the time of year for your local board and all members to begin thinking about the adoption of local program at your annual meeting. Exciting local program and action is crucial to the vitality of your local League. The following diagram illustrates the relationship between local program and the strength of your League.



#### COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT LOCAL PROGRAM

- 1. WE ARE HAVING TROUBLE FINDING MEMBERS TO DO THE PROGRAM AREAS WE ALREADY HAVE, WHY SHOULD WE LOOK FOR MORE TO DO? Burn-out most often occurs when people are going throughthe motions of doing a task because it HAS to be done, rather than because they are truly interested in it. Therefore a successful League tries to make sure their program offers options for members to get involved in issues they are truly interested in. In addition, exciting program involvement can help to recruit new people to share responsibilities.
- 2. SHOULD WE ADOPT A PROGRAM ITEM AT THE LOCAL LEVEL IF IT ALREADY APPEARS ON STATE OR NATIONAL PROGRAM? Leagues are encouraged to carry out action on pertinent local issues based on state or national program positions. Issues which become very specific within the community or which are quite controversial are best handled by adopting a local study which applies the position to the local level. For instance, the state League supported the new legislation requiring a study of school reorganization in all areas of the state. This position was based on the principle of citizen participation and equitable school financing. It is necessary for local Leagues to pudy the proposal for reorganization within their own community before they take a sition on it. The state League position only supports the concept in general and does not address the pros or cons of a particular proposal.

- 3. MUST WE ADOPT NEW PROGRAM ITEMS? This is not necessary if current items are active and stimulate member interest. It is important to evaluate the status and interest level of all items and if things seem "blah" to consider if a new item might attract new members and the interest of current members.
- 4. HOW DO WE FIND NEW ITEMS? Consult with your observers and committees actively working in the community for upcoming issues. Talk to other groups in the community and ask what issues will be developing. Try to be leaders and not followers on community issues. Plan ahead so the League can be ready when controversy arrives. For instance, if there is discussion about future waste disposal for your community, do a study NOW of what is appropriate for your community, and be in a position to make responsible proposals, rather than waiting to react to the ideas of others.
- 5. SHOULD WE KEEP OLD PROGRAM ITEMS? If you anticipate action on the issue, then it is important to re-adopt the item, or you will lose the position. On the other hand, if nothing is happening, if the study is old, or if members have lost interest, it is better to drop it or re-study the issue to make it current, rather than carrying "dead-wood."
- 6. HOW DO WE HANDLE A PROPOSED PROGRAM ITEM THAT IS VERY CONTROVERSIAL? Controversy is not always bad, it can make the League visible in the community and attract members who are impressed with the League's responsible approach. Controversy is most often a problem when it involves personalities and individuals. Sometimes an issue-oriented approach to the matter can be a constructive approach. Consider the wording of an item to handle it in a positive direction.

Thanks to LWV-Illinois for this information.

## CITIZENS IN ACTION CONFERENCE

### January 14, 1989 Earle Brown Conference Center

<u>Agenda</u>	
9:00	Registration and coffee
9:30	Welcome and introductions, Joan Higinbotham
9:40	Keynote - "Ethics: A Tool to Build Community" Deborah Nankivell, Director of Common Cause Minnesota
10:20	Reactor Panel Representative Todd Otis Jim Addington, Director of Lutheran Coalition for Public Policy in Minnesota Arne Carlson, State Auditor
11:15	Break
11:35	Workshops:
	"Working at the County Level" - Margit Johnson, LWVMN Mental Health Study Chair  "Ethics of Activists and Political Interest Groups" - Carolyn Hendrixson, LWV Randy Nelson, Luther Northwestern Seminary  "Following a Bill Through the Legislature" - Scott Magnuson & Barbara Burleigh  "How to Present your Case" - Senator Ember Reichgott "How to Affect Administrative Rule-making" - Mary Martin
12:15	Luncheon
1:15	Workshops: (same as above)
2:00	Workshops: (same as above)
2:45	Wrap-up - Joan Higinbotham
3:00	Adjourn

## "CITIZENS IN ACTION" Focus on Ethics & Public Policy

Saturday, January 14, 1989 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Earle Brown Continuing Education Center 1890 Buford Avenue St. Paul, MN 55108

> Registration Form Due January 6, 1989

LWV of			
NAME	Registration & meal*	Registration only	.5*
	\$17 LWV members	\$10 LWV members	CEU's
	\$22 Non-members	\$15 Non-members	\$2.50

<sup>\*</sup> Those wishing Continuing Education Credits must send name, address, phone number and social security number as well as \$2.50 fee.



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1989 LWVMN LEGISLATIVE FOCUS

#### Education Focus

- Developments in school funding with special concern for equity and adequacy
- Proposals for desegregation/integration as well as other school district organization issues
- Programs addressing the needs of "at risk students"

#### Social Policy Focus

- Grants for Early Childhood Development Programs for "at risk" preschoolers
- Income withholding for child support on all new court orders statewide
- Increased appropriations for the Child Care Sliding Fee Program

#### Natural Resources

 Ground water as affected by agricultural practices, implementation of Superfund and management of solid waste

#### Mental Health

- Children & Adolescents' Mental Health inserting "emotionally disturbed adolescent" in 1987 legislation, funding designations
- Regional Treatment Center legislation; rebuilding some facilities and funding
- Alternative living arrangements housing for mentally ill

#### Government .

- Developments in taxation (sales tax, income tax and property tax)

Perhaps the best way to acquire a knowledge of fund raising is to ask ourselves the question, "How would I like to be approached for a gift?" The answer, if carefully thought out, may be relied upon as a pretty safe guide to the task of soliciting. I have been brought up to believe, and the conviction only grows on me, that giving ought to be entered into in just the same careful way as investing -that giving is investing, and it should be tested by the same intelligent standards. Whether we expect dividends in dollars or in human betterment, we need to be sure that the gift or the investment is a wise one and, therefore, we should know all about it. By the same token, if we are going to other people to interest them in giving to a particular enterprise, we must be able to give them adequate information in regard to it, such information as we would want were we considering a gift.

First of all, then, a solicitor must be well informed in regard to the salient facts about the enterprise for which he is soliciting. Just what is its significance, its importance? How sound is the organization back of it, how well organized? How great is the need? An accurate knowledge of these and similar facts is necessary in order that the solicitor may be able to speak with conviction.

It is a great help to know something about the person whom you are approaching. You cannot deal successfully with all people in the same way. Therefore, it is desirable to find out something about the person you are going to -- what are his interests, whether you have any friends in common, whether he gave last year, if so how much he gave, what he might be able to give this year, etc. Information such as that puts you more closely in touch with him and makes the approach easier.

Again, one always likes to know what other people are giving. That may be an irrelevant question, but it is a human question. If I am asked for a contribution, naturally and properly I am influenced in deciding how much I should give by what others are doing.

Another suggestion I like to have made me by a solicitor is how much it is hoped I will give. Of course, such a suggestion can be made in a way that might be most annoying. I do not like to have anyone tell me what is my duty to give. There is just one man who is going to decide that question -- who has the responsibility of deciding it -- and that is myself. But I do like a man to say to me, "We are trying to raise \$4,000,000, and are hoping you may be desirous of giving blank dollars. If you see your way clear to do so, it will be an enormous help and

encouragement. You may have it in your mind to give more; if so, we shall be glad. On the other hand, you may feel you cannot give as much, in view of other responsibilities. If that is the case, we shall understand. Whatever you give after thinking the matter over carefully in the light of the need, your other obligations and your desire to do your full share as a citizen, will be gratefully received and deeply appreciated." When you talk to a man like that he is glad to meet you again, and will not take the other elevator when he sees you in the corridor because you backed him to the wall and forced him to give.

Of supreme importance is to make a pleasant, friendly contact with the prospect giver. Some people have a less keen sense of their duty and responsibility than others. With them, a little urging may be helpful. But with most people a convincing presentation of the facts and the need is far more effective. When a solicitor comes to you and lays on your heart the responsibility that rests so heavily on his; when his earnestness gives convincing evidence of how seriously interested he is; when he makes it clear that he knows you are no less anxious to do your duty in the matter than he is, that you are just as conscientious, that he feels sure all you need is to realize the importance of the enterprise and the urgency of the need in order to lead you to do your full share in meeting it -- he has made you his friend and has brought you to think of giving as a privilege.

Never think you need to apologize for asking someone to give to a worthy object, any more than as though you were giving him an opportunity to participate in a high-grade investment. The duty of giving is as much his as is the duty of asking yours. Whether or not he should give to that particular enterprise, and if so, how much, it is for him alone to decide.

To recapitulate, then, briefly, know your subject: Be so sold on it yourself that you can convincingly present its claims in the fewest possible words. A letter may well precede an interview, but personal contact is the most effective. Know as much as you can about the man to whom you go: Give him a general idea as to the contributions being made by others in his group, and ... suggest in a gracious and tactful way what you would be glad to have him give, leaving it entirely to him to decide what he shall give. Be kindly and considerate. Thus will you get closest to a man's heart and his pocketbook.

by: John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

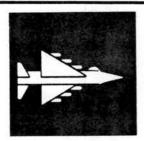
(A classic statement; reprinted and used by hundreds of institutions conducting fund raising programs.)

## HOW YOUR TAX DOLLARS ARE SPENT

JwP Fact Sheet No. 1

This year you and your family will pay hundreds and more likely thousands of dollars in income taxes to the U.S. government.

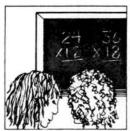
For every \$1 you pay in income taxes:



52¢ will go for military spending.



2¢ will go for housing.



2¢ will go for education.



2¢ will go for food and nutrition.

**Source:** Calculations based on U.S. Government FY 1989, Office of Management and Budget. The definition of military spending has been expanded to include Department of Defense (Function 050) spending, military interest on the debt. Veteran's, International Security Assistance and part of NASA.

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Printed: April 1988

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### I. COMPOSITION OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is a most important committee at all levels of League, local, state and national. Its choices shape the future of the League of Women Voters. The Nominating Committee is responsible to the League membership as a whole rather than to the board.

The size and composition of the Nominating Committee is set forth in the local League bylaws. The chair and the majority of the members are elected by the membership at the Annual Meeting. Committee members from the board are appointed after the Annual Meeting.

The Nominating Committee chair is an off-board position. The League president is not a member of the Nominating Committee even in an ex-officio capacity.

Members of the Nominating Committee should understand and be able to explain the responsibilities of a board member and how the League functions. They also should understand the local League's Non-partisanship Policy and should be well acquainted with the membership.

### II. GENERAL PROCEDURES

- 1. Review the local bylaws, IN LEAGUE and job descriptions to determine the offices to be filled and their requirements.
- 2. Visit Board meetings and other League meetings as observers to become familiar with likely candidates for office.
- 3. Solicit suggestions from the Board and the membership through the bulletin and by announcements at meetings.
- 4. Review membership list for other possibilities.
- 5. Interview potential nominees and make selection.
- 6. Help to suggest names to fill Board positions due to resignations.

## III. SUGGESTED TIMETABLE

September: Orientation meeting - check bylaws, positions to be filled, assign

committee members to attend League meetings to observe prospects.

Late Fall: Notice in bulletin for suggestions from members and interviews with

Board members for possible nominees.

January: Full committee meeting to list prospects and one or more alternatives

for each position. Be sure the most important positions (President and Membership Chair) get top priority. Assign one member to talk

with each prospect to determine her availability.

Winter Months: Work continues until slate is completed. Chair should be notified

as each acceptance is secured. It is a courtesy to announce the completed slate to the Board before making the public announcement, since it is helpful in getting an early start on planning for the

new League year.

Spring: Publish slate in the bulletin at least a month before the Annual

Meeting. Publicize the right of the membership to present additional

nominations from the floor.

Annual Meeting: Present the slate to the members and move its election.

#### IV. DOS AND DON'TS

#### Dos:

- 1. Do make a positive approach. Discuss the importance of the position to be filled and the opportunity the nominees will have to make a contribution to the League and to broaden her/his experience. Be confident that the League is a highly respected national organization and it is an honor to represent the League in the community.
- 2. Do be as candid as possible, in regard to the expected workload; make it clear that a Board member is expected to attend all Board meetings, help with membership and the financial growth of the League, and contribute to total Board planning.
- 3. Do try to achieve a balanced Board. A variety of viewpoints, backgrounds, and experiences is helpful in maintaining a proper balance on the Board as well as in reflecting the thinking of the community.
- 4. Do discuss the League's non-partisanship policy with all nominees so that they are aware of the restrictions on them.
- 5. Do consult with the prospective President concerning her/his ability to work with the nominees.

#### Don'ts:

- 1. Don't ever allow discussion among committee members to be aired outside the committee. Violation of this rule will reflect poorly on the League and make the committee's work unnecessarily unpleasant.
- 2. Don't assign portfolios. Traditionally in League, this is the Board's responsibility and territory. In practice, however, many candidates for the Board are willing to commit themselves for a specific job, but not an open-ended directorship. If you ask people for a specific portfolio, be sure to consult with the new President first.
- 3. Don't renominate persons merely because they have served well. Rotation in office is the best way to ensure that the League will grow and develop new leadership. Try to maintain a good balance between new and old Board members.
- 4. Don't fill an office with an unqualified person just to complete the slate. It is a disservice to the person and to the League.
- 5. Don't let good prospects get away. If they are unduly modest about their abilities, let them know how much you think of them. If good nominees appear too busy to serve, ask them and leave the choice to them.
- 6. Don't allow the committee to restrict nominees to a single group, area or clique. A wide variety of experiences and viewpoints is essential to a healthy League.

#### V. REFERENCE MATERIALS

- 1. "The Nominating Committee," LWVUS
- 2. IN LEAGUE, especially pp. 55-57
- 3. Local League Bylaws
- 4. Local League non-partisanship policy
- 5. Updated job descriptions
- 6. Current membership list with file on member interest, if available.
- 7. Nominating Committee file including suggestions from previous committee chairs.

#### COME ON ALONG TO EASTERN EUROPE!!

Join the LWVMN tour to Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Yugoslavia next spring as we explore aspects of the past and present in Eastern Europe! These League tours are fun, informative, and a major fundraiser for the Minnesota League.

From April 29 to May 14, 1989, we'll visit Prague, Budapest, Zagreb, Sarajevo and Dubrovnik with English speaking guides and League representative Mary Lou Hill, to learn more about the cultural and architectural diversity developed in this part of Europe over the past thousand years of its history.

A special feature of this tour, as of the past two Minnesota League trips, will be meetings in each country with groups and individuals who can help deepen our insight into the lives and world views of people in this part of the world.

Each city we will visit is unique, although all were once related to the powerful Austro-Hungarian Empire.

PRAGUE, the Golden City, with its spires and domes atop seven hills, still displays samples of architecture from 800 of its thousand years of history. Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque and more recent styles of building remind us of the richness of its artistic and political past.

BUDAPEST, "Queen of the Danube," though in appearance much like many European capitals, soon impresses visitors with its unique Magyar past, evident in its language, people, music, and food.

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia's "second capital," is the bustling artistic and commercial center of Yugoslavia.

SARAJEVO's special flavor, like its name, derives from its Turkish past, for it was under the Turks in the 15th Century that it began to flourish; ("Sarajevo" comes from the Turkish for "field around the Governor's Palace").

And DUBROVNIK, in its medieval marble splendor, recalls the high level of culture which earned it the title, "Slav Athens."

COST OF THE TOUR will be \$3145, including a tax-deductible \$200 donation to the LWVMN Education Fund. A \$400 deposit, including the non-refundable \$200 donation to the Ed Fund, must accompany your application in order to reserve a place. Price is per person, double occupancy.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS <u>JANUARY</u> <u>20</u>, <u>1989</u>. THE TOUR WILL GO ONLY IF WE HAVE 15 CONFIRMED RESERVATIONS BY THAT DATE. Applications will be accepted until March 1, 1989, if space is available. <u>BOTH WOMEN AND MEN WELCOME!!</u>

FOR INFORMATION, OR TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE, PLEASE FILL OUT FORM BELOW, and mail to: Eastern Europe Tour, LWVMN Ed Fund, 550 Rice Street, Suite 201, St. Paul, MN 55103. Or call Ginny, 612-374-9282 for information.

NAME					
ADDRESS					
PHONE	***	PLEASE	SEND MOR	E INFORMATION_	
PLEASE RESERVE A	PLACE FOR	(number)		\$400/PERSON EN	NCLOSED

TO: Local League Presidents

FROM: Joan Higinbotham, President

RE: Contents of this month's third class mailing

DATE: October 20, 1988

<u>Leadership Development Flyer</u> - Great workshops which were first presented for League members. For this round reproduce flyer and encourage women in your community to sign up for the course.

<u>Leadership Development Press Release</u> - Encourage your local newspaper to reprint it.

Moderator Evaluation Form - Pass to Voter Service Chair to complete and return. This form helps us to know on whom we can call to moderate meetings and also helps us to know when you have a meeting in your community. Return form each time you use a moderator.

LeagueLines - Pass to Bulletin Editor to include in your next bulletin.

<u>Legislative Interview Packet</u> - Pass to Action Chair. <u>Return to LWVMN</u> office by December 15, 1988.

Legislative Internship Program and Application - Pass to Bulletin Editor to publicize and to Action Chair to encourage action oriented members to participate. This was a very popular program during the last session. Application due into LWVMN by December 1, 1988.

<u>VOTER GUIDE '88</u> - For your information. Pass to Voter Service Chair for your files.

Eliminating Culture and Gender Bias in Minnesota Public Education
Conference Flyer - Publicize in bulletin and pass to Education Chair.

REMINDER: State Board members are always eager to be in touch with local League counterparts. If you have any questions or comments to pass along, please call or write.

## THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

MINNESOTA

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# **BOARD MEMO**

#### OCTOBER, 1988

#### Calendar

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

Hotline number for seven county metropolitan area - 222-4208

October 18 - Board Memo mailed 1st class to IL Presidents and subscribers

20 - CMAL Quarterly Meeting

- President's Mailing to LL Presidents & DPMs

- 21 Final preparations in LWVMN office for U.S. Senate Debate '88 MN Women's Bldg., Management Committee, 8:30 a.m., LWVMN office
- 24 U.S. Senate Debate, 7-8 p.m., broadcast live from Carleton College, Northfield
  - Election Hotline, 8-10:30 p.m., for 7 county metropolitan area, from MN Women's Bldg.
- 25 Election Hotline, 8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.
- 27 CMAL Board Meeting, 9:30-noon, LWVMN office

- Tour Committee Meeting, 10 a.m., LWVMN office

28 - LWVMN Nominating Committee Meeting, 10 a.m., LL Conference Room, MN Women's Bldg.

- U.N. Rally, 9-2, Hotel Sofitel

- Leadership Development registrations due for Nov. 12th workshops

November 1 - LWVMN Action Committee Meeting, 9:30-noon, LWVMN office

- 4 Leadership Development registrations due for Nov. 19th workshops Election Hotline, 9 a.m. 5 p.m.
- 5 Election Hotline, 9 a.m. noon
- 7 Election Hotline, 9 a.m. 5 p.m.

8 - Election Day Hotline - 8 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

11-12 - Eliminating Culture & Gender Bias in Minnesota Public Education

11 - Veteran's Day

12 - Leadership Development Workshops: Duluth, Marshall, St. Cloud, Minneapolis, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

15 - LWWMN-EF Board Meetings, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., MN Women's Bldg.,

- VOTER Deadline

19 - Leadership Development Workshops: Detroit Lakes, Rochester, Fridley

22 - Board Memo mailed

23 - President's Mailing

24 - Thanksgiving, Office closed

25 - Office closed

#### ENCLOSURES

(Presidents, please distribute to appropriate portfolio chairs; \*denotes enclosed in DPM.)

- Leadership Development flyer for November 12th and November 19th workshops\* /McKinnell
- Leadership Development Press Release\*/McKinnell

- Moderator Evaluation Form/Leppik

- LeagueLines/Santi

/McWilliams

- Legislative Interview packet\*/McWilliams
- Legislative Internship Program and Application\*/McWilliams

- VOTER GUIDE '88\*/ Leppik
- Eliminating Culture and Gender Bias in MN Public Education Conference flyer

#### BOARD HAPPENINGS

At its October meeting your state board acted to:

\* cosponsor a conference on multi-cultural, gender fair education with other organizations, including those belonging to the Minnesota Coalition for Sex Equity in Education;

\* authorize an exchange of member names between the League and the United

Nations Association;

\* approved the following as members of the Budget Committee: Pat Bugenstein, LWV-Bloomington; Nan Carlson, LWV-BP/O/MG; Joann Englund, LWV-St. Paul; Joy Tierney, LWV-Wayzata; Connie Hondl, LWV-Edina; Triss Harwood, LWV-Duluth.

#### BOUQUETS TO

. Virginia Sweeny and her committee chairs for their fine work on the Presidential debate project. They were great and we know it would have been a great debate;

. The Core Group of the Leadership Development project who successfully trained League members throughout the state to be better leaders;

. All League members who have been actively registering voters at public meetings, shopping malls, etc.

#### PRESIDENT (Higinbotham - 612/926-9399)

The first round of Leadership Development workshops has been successfully completed. Reservations are now being accepted for the next round to be held on November 12th and 19th. Please encourage people in your community to be a part of this very useful training opportunity.

Remind your friends and neighbors that the League-sponsored debate between candidates for the U.S. Senate will be televised live to much of the state on Monday, October 24th at 7 p.m. Check your TV listings for time in your community.

Tickets for the U.N. Rally to be held at the Hotel Sofitel on October 28th from 9-2 can be purchased from International Relations chair, Judy Duffy. Cost of \$15 includes lunch.

The Mental Health Committee is at work on phase two of the study, the monitoring handbook. Many local Leagues are in the midst of their local meetings on the topic. These meetings provide you with an excellent opportunity to attract new members to your League - publicize them well and consider inviting outside speakers or interested people in your community.

It isn't too early to develop a strategy for promoting a study item for LWVMN in 1989-91. Two years ago advocates of a mental health study began working early to develop understanding and interest in their issue.

#### MENTAL HEALTH STUDY (Johnson - 507/645-5726)

Some good news and some bad news. The bad news first: Allyson Ashley, Assistant Commissioner for mental health in the Department of Human Services during the past two years, is leaving MN for a position in Missouri. Ashley, a strong advocate and eloquent spokesperson for consumers and providers of mental

health services, has been instrumental in the shaping of the 1987 reform legislation and essential in its implementation. Her departure could slow the momentum of renewed public policy for those with mental illness in Minnesota.

The good news is that the U.S. Congress passed the largest ever appropriation for federal NIMH research on mental illness - \$293.5 million dollars, a \$40 million increase in one year to study the brain and the causes and treatment of serious mental illnesses. Such basic understanding of the illnesses is crucial to providing effective, or sometimes simply humane, services to those with serious and persistant mental illnesses.

Closer to home our Study is in the consensus stage. Members of our state mental health committee will be calling you to see how your consensus is faring - if you need any assistance from the state office, any clarifications, etc. Let us know about your successes and qualms! And remember that we plan to wrap up our consensus by December 15, 1988, so that we can begin lobbying on our brand new position in January, 1989. No moss collecting here!

Watch for word in future Board Memos about workshops next winter and spring, training your members and other concerned citizens to assess and monitor the services provided in your county. And thanks again for your grassroots help in this important statewide study!

#### A C T I O N (McWilliams - 507/645-8423)

Legislative Interviews: Look for these in the President's Mailing. We are using the same format as last year, giving the LWVMN position and history of our action, then asking the question. The results of your interviews are invaluable to our lobbyists and we thank you for your help. Deadline for return is December 15th.

Legislative Internships: Please encourage your members to apply for our internship program. Information and application forms are in the President's Mailing. Reimbursement for mileage and child care expenses are available so that people living outside the metro area are able to get involved. This will be a long session so we need many pairs of eyes and ears watching over LWWMN issues. Please use the information sheet and application form in your newsletter to "spread the word".

#### AGRICULTURE STUDY (Duffy - 612/429-9703)

Consensus results are due now from LWVUS. As a new program area for LWV, new personnel is needed to begin to shape our activity. Please contact me if you have an interest in agriculture, action and education.

Anyone interested in a luncheon series on ag issues sponsored by the U of M Dept. of Agriculture and Applied Economics can get on the mailing list by contacting Steve Taff, Dept. of Agricultural and Applied Economics, U of M, 1994 Buford Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108 or call 612/625-6291. The luncheons are held periodically on a variety of issues and speakers.

#### E D U C A T I O N (McWilliams - 507/645-8423)

Multicultural and Gender-Fair Curriculum: Look in the presidents' mailing for the brochure announcing a conference on gender and culture bias in the schools. Cosponsored by a number of educational organizations and the MN Coalition of Organizations for Sex Equity in Education (of which LWVMN is a member), the program will define the problem and help build skills to help eliminate this bias. School board members, administrators and teachers are invited, as are League members. Please urge people from your schools to attend. Why not send a member of your League along with them?

On a related matter, the State Board of Education has finally adopted a rule requiring school districts to develop a plan for establishing and maintaining an inclusive educational program. The publication of the rule in the State Register was on October 3rd. If fewer than 25 written requests for a hearing are received, the rule will be adopted without a hearing and the rule becomes effective June 1, 1990. The plan required by the rule must be adopted before that date and must be in effect and on file in the district. Watch future Board Memos for tips on monitoring progress on this in your own district.

New Education Study: Now is the time to look at our education positions and think about the possibility of a new study. With our current positions, we are unable to get involved in such issues as program standards, evaluating educational effectiveness, teacher preparation and other issue dealing with educational program. Some states have done fairly extensive studies which provide a broader range of issues for action on the state level. Should we undertake a similar study?

How well do our members understand the current school funding formula? There have been significant changes since our 1983 study. Are we ready for an update?

Are there other areas which your members think LWVMN needs to examine and develop positions on? I urge you to give these questions some thought as we near the program planning phase of our League year.

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (Duffy - 612/429-9703

Agenda for Security: New LWVUS publication provides good, concise information for posing questions to Congressional candidates during this campaign. This information is also good for clarifying our own thoughts on these topics. Each local League president should have received a copy of this publication.

FYI: Be aware that the U.S. Government has finally announced it will pay its back debt to the United Nations. This comes at a crucial time since the UN peacekeeping forces and other agencies are very involved in efforts in the Iran/Iraq War; withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan and settlement of the Civil War in Angola. IWV has lobbied long and hard to see the U.S. Government support the UN for these kinds of activities and it is finally happening.

Prospects for Peacemaking: A Citizens Guide to Safer Nuclear Strategy, edited by Harlan Cleveland and Lincoln Bloomfield is available through the MIT Press, 55 Hayward Street, Cambridge, MA 02142 (617/253-2885), ISBN 0-262-03131-0 for \$15 + \$2.50 postage and handling. This book is an outgrowth of the 3-year long project LWVMN was involved in with the Humphrey Institute, Honeywell and the Committee for National Security.

UN Rally: Remember the date - October 28th at Hotel Sofitel, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

#### NATURAL RESOURCES (Peck - 612/685-3365)

<u>Did You Know that you have a Right to Know?</u> On October 17, 1986, the federal "Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act" (Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act) was enacted into law.

Title III requires the development throughout the country of emergency plans for hazardous materials. The plans must identify the sources of hazardous materials in a community, the susceptibility of the community to damages and the probability of damages. In addition, emergency plans must assess the preparedness and response capabilities of the community should any of these materials "escape" into the community through mishandling, transportation mishaps or other unforeseen occurrences.

In order to meet the requirements under Title III within Minnesota, the Minnesota Emergency Response Commission has established local emergency planning committees in seven districts around Minnesota. The districts are designated as follows:

<u>District l</u>: Faribault, Freeborn, Mower, Fillmore, Houston, Winona, Olmsted, Dodge, Steele, Waseca, Blue Farth, Nicollet, LeSueur, Rice, Goodhue, Wabasha Counties. (office: Rochester)

District 2: Cook, Lake, St. Louis, Itasca, Koochiching, Cass, Crow Wing, Aitkin, Carlton, Pine, Kanabec Counties. (office: Grand Rapids)

<u>District 3</u>: Kittson, Roseau, Marshall, Lake of the Woods, Beltrami, Polk, Pennington, Red Lake, Clearwater, Norman, Mahnomen, Clay, Becker, Hubbard Counties. (office: Bemidji)

<u>District 4</u>: Wilkin, Otter Tail, Wadena, Grant, Traverse, Douglas, Todd, Morrison, Big Stone, Stevens, Pope, Stearns, Benton, Mille Lacs, Sherburne, Wright, Meeker, Swift, Kandiyohi Counties. (office: St. Cloud)

<u>District 5</u>: Lac Qui Parle, Yellow Medicine, Chippewa, Renville, McLeod, Sibley, Redwood, Lyon, Lincoln, Pipestone, Murray, Cottonwood, Watonwan, Martin, Jackson, Nobles, Rock Counties. (office: Mankato)

<u>District 6</u>: (Metro East) Isanti, Chisago, Washington, Ramsey, Dakota Counties. <u>District 7</u>: (Metro West) Anoka, Carver, Hennepin, Scott Counties.

Within each of these districts around Minnesota, local committees have been organized and have been working throughout the summer. Their charge is to assure that emergency plans meet the requirements of Title III and that emergency plans for hazardous materials are coordinated in their district. Local committees hope to complete their plans this fall, process requests from the public for Title III information, hold public information meetings and meetings designed to gather public comments on the plans, and make revisions in the plans annually thereafter.

It is obvious that there is a great deal of work for the local committees to complete and a great deal of information gathering and dissemination that must be accomplished. As League members and residents within these districts it behooves us to try and keep abreast of how the local committees are progressing. Only in this way can we be assured that our "Right to Know" what is going on with hazardous substances in our community develops into adequate emergency response plans for all of us.

Waste Reduction and Recycling: On August 11, 1988, Governor Perpich formed SCORE, the Select Committee on Recycling and Environment, composed of 23 members respresenting various perspectives on waste reduction and recycling. SCORE's charge is to prepare recommendations to the Governor this fall in anticipation of a legislative initiative from the 1989 Legislative session. The recommendations shall include a comprehensive set of solutions to the problems of solid waste, litter reduction and recycling enhancement.

IWVMN is represented on SCORE through the Waste Reduction and Recycling Coalition's member, Debbie Meister. Since August the committee has been discussing in depth issues/policies and identifying areas of consensus. The staff of SCORE is presently working on the research and proposal development phase of the consensus items. On October 26th, after the members have reviewed the staff research, the committee will specify which options/approaches should be part of the final recommendations. On November 2, the staff generated draft recommendations will be reviewed and finalized, unless further amendments are requested.

On November 9, the committee will sign off on the final recommendations and present them to Governor Perpich.

#### SOCIAL POLICY (Keppel - 612/823-3389)

Hunger Advocacy Project: The LWV-Mpls has submitted a proposal to LWVUSEF to "expand the Federal School Breakfast Program to all Minneapolis Public Schools". The proposed project is a networking effort between the LWV-Mpls, the Urban Coalition of Minneapolis and the Mpls Public Schools. The project is also supported by the Mpls Federation of Teachers. The project is a follow-up to the recently published study by the Urban Coalition of Mpls "Food for Thought: A Report on the Federal School Breakfast Program in Minnesota". The local League should have a decision by mid-October on which projects were selected for grants.

Child Care Featured in the upcoming issue of National Voter: The National VOTER's next issue will focus on child care. Look for information on Minnesota programs, highlights about the LWVMN's involvement in the Minnesota child care movement and photos from Twin Cities child care programs.

<u>Child Care Forums</u>: Please refer to the August Board Memo and the opportunity for "ready made" child care forums in your community. If you are interested in more information, please contact Polly Keppel.

Act for Better Child Care Services: A legislative package which included the ABC bill, the Parental Leave bill and a Child Pornography bill was before the Senate on October 8th. A vote for cloture was taken and the Democrats failed to get the 60 votes needed to close debate (50-46). Sen. Durenberger, along with four other Republicans, voted for cloture. The bill was withdrawn by the Majority Leader and is dead for this 100th Congress but will certainly reappear next January.

Welfare Reform: Welfare reform finally passed in Congress with many provisions supported by the League such as increased child support enforcement, education and job training, and Medical Assistance and child care support for up to a year of transition from welfare into the workplace. The bill also included provisions not supported by the League. More details when they become available.

MN Council on Children, Youth and Families: Local League presidents have been added to the Council's mailing list for the purposes of receiving the newsletter. Please pass it on to your Social Policy Chair. If you would like to receive a copy of their new study, A better Chance: Improving Opportunities for Minnesota's Children, they are available from the Council's office at 444 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155-3827 or contact Polly Keppel.

#### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (McKinnell - 612/646-3690)

<u>Leadership Development Workshops</u> for community and League members will be held November 12th in Duluth, Marshall, Minneapolis and St. Cloud and November 19th in Detroit Lakes, Rochester and Fridley. Please use the flyer and news release in the President's Mailing later this month to publicize these events in your League and your community.

#### CITIZEN INFORMATION (O'Connor - 612/448-5706)

Speaker's Bureau: The fall of an election year is an extremely busy time for most local Leagues; a time when other civic organizations, schools and groups look to the LWV for our expertise on voter information and election issues. For that reason a speakers bureau has been put together to assist you in meeting requests for information. While this list may be helpful to you (and I hope it is!), I would urge you to look to your local League members to fill requests in your area. I believe this is an important service of the League and one which benefits us in many ways (i.e. increased visibility, furthers our goal of citizen education).

If you do fill a request for a speaker from your local League I would like to hear about it. I'm interested in knowing the number of requests we receive, the topics covered and our ability to fill requests.

I would also ask that as local League presidents, voter service or citizen information chairs you get the word out to your communities that League is ready, willing and able to fill their need for information on a wide variety of citizen topics.

Citizen in Action Conference: The focus of our CIA Conference this year is "Ethics and Public Policy". While we will be opening the discussion on ethical decision-making and accountability at different levels of government, we will also offer information on the "how to" skills traditionally covered annually at the CIA Conference. Our keynote speaker will be Deb Nankivell, Common Cause-MN. Workshops for the day include: Following a Bill through the Legislature and Using Capitol Resources, How to Present Your Case, Ethics of Activists and Poltical Interest Groups, How to Affect Administrative Rulings and Working at the County Level.

This conference is being cosponsored by Common Cause, MN Inter-religious Staff for Public Policy and MN Political Congress of Black Women. It will take place January 14th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Earle Brown Continuing Education Center on the U of M Campus, St. Paul.

Registration fees are \$10 for LWV members, \$15 for non-LWV. Once again we are offering a special rate of \$7 for students. This is a wonderful opportunity for local Leagues to do something for the youth in their community by sponsoring students' attendance at the CIA conference.

#### VOTER SERVICE (Leppik - 612/546-3328)

To all of you who have registered voters at the State Fair or with the Votemobile, a big thank you! We registered about 750 at the fair and anticipate at least 1500 student registrations the week of October 10th.

In this mailing you will find a moderator evaluation form. PIEASE fill this out if you use a LWV moderator for any debates, forums etc. your local League holds this fall. Use one form for each moderator. This file has proven very useful. Hardly a week has gone by this fall without a request for a League moderator.

After the whirlwind of election activities has died down, consider applying for the Voter Service Award to be presented at Convention this spring. The application form is in this mailing. Give yourself and your League a pat on the back!

#### DEVELOPMENT (Erickson - 612/934-2991)

LWVMNEF Tour: Eastern Europe will be the destination of this year's LWVMNEF tour. Leaving April 29th, our group will visit Dubrovnik, Sarajevo, Zagreb, Budapest and Prague. They will return on May 14th. Participants will enjoy sightseeing as well as meeting people in our League-tailored tour.

IRS Rules on Deductibility of Payments by Patrons of Fundraising Events: During the 1988 tax year the IRS will institute a Special Emphasis Program that will focus on fundraising practices of charitable organizations, specifically the deductibility of charitable events.

When you are planning a fundraiser please keep in mind the following guidelines from the IRS:

\* In applying the law, there is a presumption that the total amount paid represents the fair value of benefits received in turn - thus eliminating any charitable contribution deduction. Organizations can use fundraising affairs to solicit deductible gifts if they follow certain soliciting and receipting practices.

\* To be deductible as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes, a payment to a charitable organization must be a gift. To be a gift for such purposes, there must be a payment of money or transfer of property without adequate consideration.

\* Where a transaction is in the form of a purchase of an item of value, no gift has been made for charitable contribution purposes because the presumption is that the payment in such case is the purchase price.

\* An admission price for an event is not considered tax deductible because the presumption is that the payment is not a gift. To qualify as a gift it must be shown that the payment exceeds the fair market value of the privileges or benefits received by the amount claimed to have been paid as a gift.

\* In establishing that a gift was made, it is important to show that the payment in excess of the value received, was made with the intention of making a gift. A payment can qualify as a deductible gift only to the extent that it is shown to exceed the fair market value of any consideration received in the form of privileges or other benefits.

\* If the payment is intended to be in part a gift and in part the purchase price of admission to an event, the organization must make clear that a gift is being solicited in connection with the sale of the admissions and the amount of the gift being solicited. The relative amounts should be stated in making the solicitation and clearly indicted on any ticket or receipt.

\* Where the affair is reasonably comparable to events for which there are established charges for admission, such as theatrical or athletic performances, the established charges should be treated as fixing the fair market value of the admission. Where the amount paid is the same as the standard admission charge there is no deductible contribution, regardless

of the intention of the parties.

If you have questions or would like the complete IRS flyer, please call me.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS (Santi - 612/426-5151)

PR handbooks donated by the Gannett Foundation (KARE-TV in the Twin Cities) and promised way back in August, still have not arrived but they have promised to send another shipment. They will be included in the President's mailing as soon as they arrive. Be sure to pass it along to your successor with the rest of your portfolio materials.

#### BULLETIN (Santi - 612/426-5151)

Enclosed with the President's mailing is a new edition of LeagueLines, a camera-ready page to duplicate for your local bulletin. It has information about coming events that would be of interest to your members.

Paying for your bulletin: The St. Louis Park LWV is paying for part of their local bulletin expenses with money in their Education Fund account. Observer reports, candidate meetings announcements and/or reports, background information on local, state or national studies and other citizen information can all qualify as tax deductible and be paid for with Ed Fund money. For information on how your League can do this contact Jean Tews at the state office or Kay Erickson, the state Board Development Director.

#### MEMBERSHIP (Takkunen - 612/445-4218)

Follow-up: If there were a word which might describe fall for a membership chair it would be follow-up. Follow-up on those prospects who may have not yet come to a meeting. Invite them to come to a meeting with you or another friend. Follow-up by asking for checks. I know it's hard to believe, but many people tell me that they haven't been asked for their check. Don't be afraid, don't leave new members wondering. Follow-up on your present members, above all you do not want to turn them into past members. New Members Names to LWVUS and LWVMN: You have membership report forms sent to you from LWVUS. Be sure to send a copy of this report to LWVMN. Evaluate: While it's still fresh on everyone's mind, who not evaluate your fall membership efforts. It's hard to know where to go if you don't know your opinion on where you've been. If plans worked well, pat yourself on the back. If your plans didn't work as you'd hoped, talk about it, see what you like changed, but don't beat yourself for it. Learn and move forward. Thanks for invitations: Many thanks to those Leagues who sent me information or invitations to special events. I'm sorry I'm not able to come to each and every one of them but I very much appreciate knowing what's going on.

## League of Women Voters of Minnesota presents

#### DEVELOPMENT LEADERSHIP

#### WORKSHOPS

- \* COMMUNICATION Getting your message out.
- \* CONFLICT MANAGEMENT Working through difficulties.
- \* LEADERSHIP SKILLS Learning to assume leadership in personal and community capacities.
- \* GROUP PROCESS Practicing skills necessary to lead a cohesive group that accomplishes tasks.

COMPLETE THE FORM ON THE BACK.

Space is limited.

TOTAL CHARGE: \$5

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November 12

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Reservation deadline: October 28

November 19

Detroit Lakes Rochester Fridley

Reservation deadline: November 4

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ST. CLOUD - Americana Inn 520 South Highway 10 612/252-7100

MARSHALL - Marshall Inn East College Drive

MINNEAPOLIS - Mayflower Church Hwy. I-35 & Diamond Lake Road

> or Sabathani Community Center 310 E. 38th Street

> > Nov. 19

- Holiday Inn DETROIT LAKES Hwy. 10 East

ROCHESTER -Kahler Hotel 2nd Ave.& 1st St., S.W.

St. Philip's Church FRIDLEY -6180 Hwy. 65 N.E. (Central Ave.N. exit from 694)

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# news release

For more information contact: Beverly McKinnell, 612-646-3690, or LWVMNMEF office, 612-224-5445

For immediate release October 14, 1988

#### LWV OFFERS LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

With a goal of increasing the pool of women and minority leaders, the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund is offering a series of day-long leadership training workshops across the state on November 12 and November 19.

Through discussions, exercises and printed handouts, participants will learn leadership strategies for running effective meetings, enhancing communication, orchestrating group process and managing conflict.

"The League's leadership development project is designed to sharpen leadership skills," said Beverly McKinnell, LWVMN vice president for field service and coordinator of the project. "Women will no longer have to wait in the wings or become leaders through osmosis. We're going to have more women and minorities in Minnesota who can fill leadership roles in government, in the business community and in volunteer and professional organizations."

"Thanks to a grant from the Minnesota Women's Fund, and League volunteer trainers we are able to offer the workshop at an extremely low cost," McKinnell said. "Workshop, lunch and all printed materials are just \$5 per person."

Workshops will be held on Saturday, November 12th in Duluth, Marshall, St. Cloud and at Sabathani Community Center and Mayflower Church in Minneapolis: On Saturday, November 19th, workshops will be held in Detroit Lakes, Rochester and Fridley. All workshops are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The deadline for registration is two weeks prior to the chosen workshop date. Space is limited. Registrations, with the \$5 fee, should be sent to Leadership Development, LWVMNEF, 550 Rice St., St. Paul, MN 55103. Include name, address, phone and workshop selected. A confirmation, with workshop address, will be mailed to participants.

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#### MODERATOR EVALUATION FORM

Moderator name	
Moderator's Local Leagu	ue:
Telephone	
Date of forum	
How did you obtain your	moderator?
Please answer yes or no	to the following questions:
Was the moderator:	fair and impartial
	knowledgeable on rules
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LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEWS

TO: Local League Action Directors/Presidents

FROM: Jane McWilliams, 597/645-5726 LWVMN Legislative Coordinator

DATE: October 20, 1988

In this mailing you will find the materials needed to conduct your annual legislative interviews. These critical interviews are the League's first chance to lobby legislators before the session begins. The questions focus on the issues the state League's program directors expect to actively support at the legislature this year. The session begins January 3, 1989 so we would like the interviews completed and returned to the state League office by December 15, 1988.

#### Format

Local Leagues have been interviewing legislators successfully for years and many of you have developed your special event for the interviews. Within your format of legislative breakfast, cable television production or interview in a constituents's home, try an assertive approach. Instead of asking the questions first, present the League's position on a specific issue with the supportive reasons. Then ask the legislator for a response. It will be most successful if the person who presents the League's position has had a chance to become familiar with the position ahead of time. Some members may have a particular interest in an issue.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call the program directors whose names and numbers are with the questions. If legislators seriously challenge the League's position as you present it, ask the legislator to tell his or her position and then mention that the League's lobbyist on this issue will be glad to discuss the issue further. They love to talk about these issues! Please understand our positions are well-documented and supported by a consensus of our members. Do not back down from an established League position.

#### Report Form

We should have included a response form for each legislator. Along with the legislator's response to the specific questions also include any information about the legislator's background or attitudes that might help the lobbyists at the Capitol. If your League is unable to conduct the interview, please notify the state office or me immediately.

#### PR or Action?

You may want to arrange to have the interviews published in your local newspaper or actually conduct your interview on cable television. Of course local League members who didn't attend the interview might want to read the results in your League bulletin.

#### Gratitude

Thank you for "setting the stage" for LWVMN legislative action for 1989. I am sure we will be contacting you to talk to your legislators again during the session.

#### Resources available

Program for Action - 1985-87 Capitol Letters from 1987 LWVUS Impact on Issues

#### 1988-89 LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

#### NATURAL RESOURCES (Contact: Linda Peck, 612/685-3365)

#### Solid and hazardous waste

Background: The LWV has a long history of concern for preservation and protection of our natural resources. LWVUS believes that environmental protection and pollution control, including waste management, should be considered a cost of providing a product or service. Taxpayers, consumers and ratepayers must expect to pay some of the costs.

- Questions: 1. Should the state impose a surcharge which incorporates in a purchase price the cost of managing the product as a waste after it is purchased? (If answer is no, then ask) Would you be supportive if the surcharge were only applied to problem materials (e.g., household batteries)?
- 2. Should the state require all products to be labelled for their potential recyclability?

#### Superfund implementation

Background: Under Title III of the Federal Superfund Iaw, all facilities, including hospitals and public bodies, must report hazardous and toxic substances stored in the facility, transportation routes and all releases of hazardous and toxic substances to a local Emergency Response Committee. This law will enable citizens to know what hazardous substances are stored in and transported through their communities. It will make it easier to determine the source of hazardous substances which make their way into well water or surface waters. There is currently no funding for this program in Minnesota.

Questions: 1. Would you support funding to implement Title III in Minnesota?

2. If yes, how would you fund it?

#### Groundwater

Background: LWVUS supports action to improve and protect water quality and to support planning and management of water resources. LWVMN supports a state role in the preservation and management of Minnesota's water resources.

Question: 1. As the state develops groundwater protection policies in the 1989 legislature, will you support a policy which protects all groundwater and adopts a <u>nondegredation goal</u> which stresses <u>prevention</u> of groundwater contamination by addressing such issues as the proper sealing and inspection of wells, required use of best management policies to control nonpoint or runoff pollution, controls on above—ground and underground storage tanks, a pesticide management program and funding for monitoring and wellhead protection programs?

#### 1988-89 LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS (page 2)

GOVERNMENT

(Contact: Nancy Crippen, (h) 612/452-9117, (w) 227-3623)

#### Open Meetings

Background: IWV believes that governmental bodies should protect the citizen's right to know by giving adequate notice of proposed actions, holding open meetings and making public records accessible. The present Open Meeting Iaw allows the legislature to make its own rules. The current practice is for certain legislative meetings, particularly conference committee meetings, to be held behind closed doors.

Question: 1. What is your view of this practice? Would you support legislation which would require the legislature to abide by the same requirements of other governmental bodies?

EDUCATION

(Contact: Jane McWilliams, 507/645-8423)

#### Funding

Background: IWV supports equal access to a good public education for all children. We believe that a student's access to a good education should not depend on the wealth of his or her school district, nor upon the local voters' willingness to tax themselves. We believe that state funding for education should be at a level that makes programs of comparable substance and quality available to all. Recently, a group of 48 school districts initiated a court challenge to the current school funding law, based on the MN state constitution's requirements for equity and a concern that the law results in inequities.

Question: 1. What do you know about the status of school funding? Are there serious inequities? If so, ind of changes would you envision during the coming session?

#### School District Organization

Background: LWV believes that very small school districts are not able to provide the same quality education as larger ones, and we support financial efficiencies which assure better programs for students. Currently, a number of studies are underway dealing with school district organization and it can be expected that there will be a number of initiatives in this area during the 1989 session.

<u>Question</u>: 1. What problems do you see with the present organization of school districts in Minnesota? What kinds of changes do you predict being introduced and what changes would you support?

#### Desegregation/Integration

Background: IWV support increased state responsibility in creating equal public educational opportunities for all Minnesota children through measures to correct racial imbalance. If the current trend continues, the schools in Minneapolis and St. Paul will no longer meet state guidelines for racial balance. One possible solution which has been discussed is opening the boundaries between the two cities and their contiguous suburbs so that a wider area would permit better racial balancing.

#### 1988-89 LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS (page 3)

Question: 1. What solutions do you support for maintaining racial balance in the schools. Are there other public policies which should be brought into the solution, for example, creation of better opportunties for integrated employment and housing throughout the metropolitan area?

#### At Risk Students

Background: The LWV supports the concept of state funding for early education innovation programs, particularly for children who are at risk for educational failure and failure later in life. There are concerns about the rise in the percentage of children living in poverty, dropping out of school, becoming pregnant, committing suicide and becoming chemically dependent.

Question: 1. What measures do you support for addressing the many facets of the problems of "at risk students"? What is the role of the state in solving these problems?

SOCIAL POLICY
(Contact: Polly Keppel, 612/823-3389)

#### Child Support Enforcement

<u>LWVMN Position</u>: Support of stricter enforcement of court-ordered child support payments.

Background: The 1987 legislature has given five counties the chance to prove that automatic withholding of child support from the income of parents with support obligations will result in increased collections and an increase in the number of cases with collections. The two-year demonstration project includes Hennepin, Pine, Goodhue, Douglas and Waseca Counties. Prior to October 1, 1987, the law required the withholding from income only after there had been a default in payment. The Legislature will evaluate the project and determine whether to mandate the withholding statewide. The League supports the expansion of mandatory withholding.

Question: 1. Do you support automatic income withholding for child support on all new court orders statewide? Do you support an exemption if two hs of support payment is placed in escrow?

## Early Childhood Development Programs for At Risk Preschoolers

<u>LWVMN Position</u>: Support of policies to ensure equality of opportunity in education for all persons. (SP pg. 7)

Background: Reports indicate that the number of at-risk children in Minnesota is growing. Services to provide high quality intervention programs are in short supply. Recent studies by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota show that the child care program available to many high risk children are not of sufficiently high quality to promote their full development. Yet high quality child care programs, often attended primarily by middle class youngsters, offer the kind of learning experiences necessary for preschoolers.

#### 1988-89 LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS (page 4)

Even if the proposed additional expenditures for Head start passes this session, fewer than half of the approximately 20,000 children who meet income eligibility guidelines for Head Start in Minnesota will receive services. Moreover, the Head Start model, because it is either part day or full day only some days a week will not completely meet the needs of many children whose mothers work full time.

Studies show that each dollar spent on high risk children in their preschool years saves from four to seven dollars in later costs for special education, welfare and corrections. Dollars spent on preschool education of children at risk produce more results than dollars spent on preschool education for middle class children.

The definition of at-risk should include social, medical and developmental factors as well as family income status.

(Contact: Lorraine Fischer - 612/777-5037)

Even though your League may be outside the metropolitan Twin Cities area, your legislator still votes on critical issues affecting the metropolitan area. Please be sure to ask all legislators this question. Thanks!

Question: 1. What do you see as the area(s) of greatest concern to be addressed by the metropolitan region in the next year? Five years?

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 550 Rice Street, St. Paul, MN 55103 - October 1988

#### REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEW

League of Women Voters of	Date:
Please return to state office by December 15, 1988.	
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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 LWVMN for the legislative file.

# action

LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIPS

TO: Local League Presidents

FROM: Jane McWilliams, Action Chair

RE: Legislative Internships

DATE: October 12, 1988

Please apply for an internship yourself and/or pass this information on to your members. Can you promote the internship in your newsletter? You may reprint the application form in your local publication also.

Deadline is December 1, 1988.

Once again, LWVMN offers legislative internships to members who would like training in the legislative process. Interns will work with experienced lobbyists following bills and activating local Leagues on issues of interest to League members.

The internships will begin with a training session on January 17, 1989. Attendance at the January 14 Citizens in Action Conference is recommended. Interns will need flexible daytime hours until the session ends, probably in mid-May. Travel and child care expenses are reimbursable. Application deadline is December 1.

The following issues will be monitored during the session:

Agriculture: The LWVUS position on agriculture policy is due. With this statement, a brand new area of action is opened up to League activists. This is an opportunity to get involved on the ground floor and shape LWVMN action in this state . . . a "made for grass roots action" topic.

Education: Funding: Concerns about equity in school funding have prompted a group of school districts to initiate a constitutional challenge to Minnesota's school funding law. This will likely result in a legislative response. We will monitor developments in light of our position on funding equity. Here's a chance to learn more about school finance and to keep local Leagues up-to-date via the Capitol Letter.

School District Reorganization: Several studies are underway on topics (metro-district reorganization, Indian schools, desegregation) by legislative and other groups. No doubt legislative proposals based on recommendations coming from these studies will emerge. This area alone could keeps several interns busy!

Mental Health: The consensus from our 2-year examination of this issue will be ready in early January. This important and timely position will give local League members who have participated in the study a golden opportunity to "get in on the action" by watching and guiding developments on the hill.

Social Policy: There are a lot of exciting issues in social policy which the League will be following and lobbying on during the 1989 legislative session. Most of them directly affect the health, safety and quality of opportunity for children in Minnesota as well as enabling their families to become and remain economically self-sufficient.

Please consider learning more about and becoming part of the lobbying effort on one of the following:

- child care
- early childhood development programs for "at risk" children
- child support
- teen pregnancy prevention programs
- the Family Investment Plan Minnesota's continuing effort at welfare reform

Taxes: Is there anyone out there who wants to track developments in property tax reform? Financing government is key to providing services, and LWVMN needs to get involved. We have the positions - now we need trackers!

In addition to following bills at the Capitol, there are several editing jobs available for interns. Following the election and prior to the Citizens in Action Conference, we must revise the lobbying handbook. In addition, we plan about 10 issues of the Capitol Letter beginning in mid-January. Assisting in gathering and editing reports from LWVMN lobbyists is a good way to put writing talent and interest in the "big picture" to work!!

#### LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP APPLICATION

Name:
Address:
Phone:
LWV member?YesNo
Local League (please specify)
Member-at-Large?
Why do you want to be a legislative intern?
How does a legislative internship fit in with your personal goals?
What kind of experience do you bring to this job?
Please circle your area(s) of interest:
Agriculture
Education
Mental Health
Social Policy
Taxes
Editing

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 1, 1988

## Registration and Fees:

The fee for the conference is \$70, which includes attendance at all sessions, lunch, coffee breaks and session materials. Application for registration accompanied by a remittance of the full fee should be received one week prior to the conference. After this date, call (612) 625-9023 to confirm your registration.

A refund of \$55 will be made if written cancellation is received three days prior to the conference.

## **Continuing Education Credit:**

This conference carries 1.1 CEUs. One CEU is defined as 10 contact hours of participation in an organized continuing education experience under responsible sponsorship, capable direction, and qualified instruction. Participants who wish to receive CEUs are expected to attend all scheduled hours of the conference.

#### **Planning Committee:**

Geri Evans, President, Minnesota Coalition of Organizations for Sex Equity in Education (MCOSEE)

Marta Fahrenz, Assistant to the Dean-Communications Coordinator, College of Education, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

Lori Graven, Program Director, Department of Professional Development and Conference Services, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

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Matthew Stark, Vice President, MCOSEE and Associate Executive Director, Minnesota Civil Liberties Union

Ted L. Suss, Administrator, Minnesota State Board of Education

Department of Professional Development and Conferences Services 216 Nolte Center for Continuing Education 315 Pillsbury Drive S.E. University of Minnesota Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455

Eliminating
Culture and Gender Bias
in Minnesota Public Education

November 11-12, 1988

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#### Objectives:

- To acknowledge that there exists an unacceptable amount of culture and gender bias in Minnesota public education and to begin to work on ways to eliminate that condition;
- •To provide insight into how and where bias exists and encourage ethical leadership; and
- •To provide skill building opportunities for those who must take the steps to eliminate this bias.

#### Audience:

School Board Members, Administrators, Educators, Attorneys, Private Citizens, and Students.

#### Description:

This conference is designed to provide plenary sessions and workshops to effectively stimulate participants to discuss strategies for creating a multicultural/gender fair curriculum and atmosphere in Minnesota public education.

## Program Schedule

Friday, November 11, 1988

0 p.m.

Multicultural/Gender Fair Issues in Public Education Moderator: Marjorie Johnson, President, State Board of Education

Samuel Betances, Professor, Department of Sociology, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, Illinois

Reactor Panel:

Albert V. de Leon, Executive Director, Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans, State of Minnesota

William Gardner, Dean, College of Education, University of Minnesota

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Sandra Peterson, President, Minnesota Federation of Teachers

#### Concurrent Workshop Sessions

- 7:45 p.m. I Learning: Integrating New and Different Information
  Moderator: Walt Munsterman, Vice President,
  Minnesota Education Association

  Josie Johnson, Senior Fellow, College of Education,
  University of Minnesota
  - II Education for a New Era Moderator: Carol Ericson, Superintendent, Chaska Public Schools

Patricia R. McCarthy, Associate Professor, Educational Psychology, Counseling and Student Personnel Psychology, College of Education, University of Minnesota

Ann Lydecker, Chair, Curriculum and Instruction, College of Education, Mankato State University

III Analysis of Resources and Research Moderator: Joan Prince, Superintendent, Maynard Public Schools

> L. Sunny Hansen, Professor, Educational Psychology, Counseling and Student Personnel Psychology, College of Education, University of Minnesota

> Sallye McKee, Assistant Professor, Educational Psychology, College of Education, University of Minnesota

IV Demographics: Trends in Minnesota Moderator: Linda Gault, Director, Special Education, Richfield Public Schools

Tom Gillaspy, Demographer, State of Minnesota

9:00 Adjourn

#### Saturday, November 12, 1988

9:00 a.m. Gender Fair/Multicultural Curricula
Moderator: Curman Gaines, Associate Superintendent,
St. Paul Public Schools

Peggy Means McIntosh, Associate Director, Center for Research on Women, Wellesley College, Wellesley, Massachusetts

Reactor Panel: Leila Anderson, Superintendent, Bloomington Public Schools

Frank Rainaldi, Principal, Hopkins North Junior High School

Idella Ziegler, Member, School Board, Buffalo Public Schools and President Elect, Minnesota School Boards Association

#### Concurrent Workshop Sessions

Schools

10:30 V Introducing a Multicultural Education in Your School
Moderator: Dale Jensen, Executive Director, Minnesota
Association of School Administrators

Linda Garrett, Coordinator, Multicultural Education St. Paul Public Schools

VI The Community Benefits of Practicing Equity in
Education
Moderator: Mabel Evans-Cason, Member, State Board
of Education

Sue A. Schroeder, Program Consultant, Department of Education State of Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa

VII School Boards' Role in Gender Fair/Multicultural
Education
Moderator: Kitty Krueger, Superintendent, Borup
Public Schools

Margo Fox, Member, School Board, St. Paul Public

12:00 noon Luncheon

Motivating Your Community

Moderator: Geri Evans, President, MCOSEE

Kathleen Ridder, Consultant, Brooks/Ridder and Associates, Minneapolis

n. What You Gotta Do, What You Oughta Do, to Assure Gender and Cultural Fairness

Moderator: Matthew Stark, Vice President, MCOSEE

Stephen Cooper, Commissioner, Department of Human Rights, State of Minnesota

Reactor Panel:

Judee Crep, Superintendent, Cass Lake Public Schools

Norm Miller, Superintendent, Luverne Public School and Past-President, Minnesota Association of School Administrators

Fred Freese, President, Minnesota Elementary School Principals Association

#### Concurrent Workshop Sessions

2:30 VIII Legal Responsibilities in Hiring
Moderator: Patricia Mohn, Superintendent,
Amboy-Good Thunder Public Schools

Clifford P. Hooker, Professor, Educational Policy and Administration, College of Education, University of Minnesota

James Knutson, Attorney, Knutson, Flynn, and Hetland Law Firm, St. Paul

IX Educational and Legal Responsibilities of School
Boards

Moderator: Sally Bell, Superintendent, Burnsville Public Schools

Patricia Maloney, Attorney, Ratwik, Roszak, Maloney & Bartel Law Firm, Bloomington

Cindy Laverato, Special Assistant, Office of the Attorney General, State of Minnesota an Educational Curriculum
Moderator: Gloria Kumagai, Principal, Parkway
Elementary School, St. Paul
Cynthia Kelley, Equal Educational Opportunities
Specialist, Department of Education
Laura Kircaden, Equal Educational Opportunities
Specialist, Department of Education

X A District-Level Approach to Instituting

I Compliance Plans for Affirmative Action
Moderator: Patricia Allen, Minnesota State Board of
Education

Wendy A. Robinson, Contract Compliance Supervisor, Minnesota Department of Human Rights

Gayle Anderson, Manager, Educational Development Section, Minnesota Department of Education

3:00 p.m. Closing Remarks

William Gardner, Dean, College of Education,

University of Minnesota

#### Location and Accommodations:

The conference will be held at the Earle Brown Continuing Education Center, 1890 Buford Avenue, University of Minnesota, St. Paul Campus. A map indicating the location of the Center and nearby parking will be sent with confirmation of registration.

Convenient lodging for out-of-town participants is available at the Holiday Inn-Roseville, 2540 Cleveland Avenue North, St. Paul, 612) 636-4567 or Roseville Super 8, 2401 North Prior, Roseville, (612) 636-8888.

## Registration Form

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## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA



The League of Women Voters of Minnesota presents this nonpartisan Voter Guide as a public service to the citizens of Minnesota. Each candidate for President and Vice President, Senator, and U.S. Representative was sent a questionnaire. The League requested a picture, biographical information and answers to prepared questions. A word limit was placed on responses. Answers exceeding the word limits were cut at the nearest sentence. Responses are printed as received except for the correction of any spelling errors and arrangement to allow continuity of format. Nothing in this publication is to be considered or used as an endorsement of any candidate or party.

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Elected for a 4-year term. To qualify as president a person must be 35 years old, a natural-born citizen, 14 years a resident of the U.S. and elected by a majority of the electoral college. Salary: \$200,000.

No person constitutionally ineligible to the office of president shall be eligible to that of vice president of the U.S. Salary: \$115,000.

What do you believe is the most critical issue facing the United States today, and how would your administration address it?

If elected to office, would your arms control policy be one of continuity or a break with the present administration's arms control poli-

What would your administration do to assist low income families meet their child care, health care and housing needs?



#### **GEORGE BUSH** Republican

Home: Houston, TX Age: 64 Education: Phillips Academy, Andover, MA, 1942; Yale University, Phi

Beta Kappa, 1948 Occupation: Vice President of the United States

Experience: Co-founder of a petroleum company; U.S. House of Representatives, 1966-70; Ambassador to UN, 1971-73; Chair, Republican National Committee, 1973-74; Director of CIA

> J. DANFORTH QUAYLE Republican

Home: Huntington, IN Education: B.A., DePauw University,

Experience: U.S. House of Representatives, 1976-80; ranking Republican on Armed Services Subcommittee on Conventional Forces and Alliance Defense; Subcommittee on Strategic Forces and Nuclear Deterrence; subcommittee on Defense Industry and Technology; Labor and Human Resources Committee;

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1969; J.D., Indiana University, 1974 Occupation: U.S. Senator

Indiana National Guard, 1969-75.





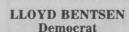
#### MICHAEL DUKAKIS Democrat

Home: Brookline, MA Age: 54

Education: B.A., Swarthmore, 1955; J.D., Harvard, 1960

Occupation: Governor of Massachusetts

Experience: State Representative, 1963-70; Director of Intergovernmental Studies, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard, 1979-82; Attorney



Home: McCook, TX Age: 67 Education: J.D., University of Texas,

Occupation: U.S. Senator Experience: County judge, 1947-48; U.S. Congressman, 1949-54; president of financial holding institution, 1955-70

The Economy. The kind of national growth policy we need will require a very different con-ception of the role of the President than we have had for the past eight years. We need a President who understands what economic development is all about; how one works as a partner with Congress and with our state and local leaders and with our leaders in our business, labor and educational communities as well. I would ask Congress for a Fund to Rebuild America to provide federal grants for economy building, job creating, public-private partnerships in those states and regions of the country whose economies are lagging and who need help in bringing strength and diversity and good jobs to their people.

The framework agreed upon by the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. is a good beginning. But the agreement would not, by itself, stop or slow the race to build new, highly accurate, multiple-warhead ballistic missiles. Over time, unlimited development of new nuclear weapons could make both sides worse off. We need to agree to respect the traditional interpretation of the ABM Treaty; to negotiate a comprehensive test ban; to negotiate an end to testing and development of antisatellite weapons that threaten communications satellites. I would begin by giving priority to two arms control initiatives which have been all but abandoned by the current administration: a mutual ban on antisatellite weapon testing and a comprehensive test ban treaty.

My goal will be to make quality, affordable day care available by the end of this century to every family that needs it. I will establish a National Day Care Partnership representing business, labor, local and state governments, schools and colleges charged to create a national plan for high quality, affordable, readily available child care. Every American should have access to a minimum health package, and I would support universal health coverage. I would form a National Housing Partnership involving builders, nonprofits, mayors and governors. I would create a fund that could provide block grants to states and let them develop their own programs.



## U.S. SENATOR

U.S. Senators are elected for a 6-year term. The person must be 30 years old, citizen of the United States for nine years, resident of the state and elected by the people. Sal-

Would you support a U.S .S.S.R. treaty to reduce long ange nuclear weapons by 50%?

What is your position on the Ac What do you believe is the most for Better Child Care Services bill' critical issue facing the United If you do not support the ABC bill States today, and how would you address it? what action would you suggest Con-



#### DAVID DURENBERGER Independent-Republican

Home: Minneapolis

Education: B.A., St. John's University, 1955; J.D., U. of M., 1959 Occupation: Lawyer, U.S. Senator Experience: 10 years of service in the U.S. Senate, including eight years on Select Committee on Intelligence. Finance Committee since 1978, chairman of Finance Health subcommittee, 1981-86, as well as In-

ternational Trade and Social Secur-

ity and Family Policy subcommit

Yes. I have been a strong sup orter of mutually verifiable regotiated arms control agree ents and fought hard to see tha he INF Treaty was ratified by the enate. I am a strong supporter of he Strategic Arms Reduction alks which promise to reduc uclear weapons by as much a 0%. Such a treaty must, however bass stringent verification tests s ve can ensure Soviet compliance

The ABC bill has much to recom The deficit. A commitment to cut nend it, though it falls short in unnecessary federal spending some areas which I've addressed in must precede any consideration of my new child care bill. Mine would revenue measures. Only after I'm increase options and availability convinced we have wrung out every through grants to states subsidizlast dollar of wasteful spending, ing a range of child services. It also would I consider revenue measeeks to expand employer sures. We should try to further supported child care and provide broaden the income tax base if inncreased tax deductions for fami creased revenues are needed to relies who choose to have one parent tire the federal deficit. For examstay home. I insist on quality, afple, we give away billions in tax fordability, availability and equity breaks for oil and gas investments as standards for any federal child and for overly-generous and unre-

stricted tax free fringe benefits.

gress take to meet the need for

affordable, quality child care?

care legislation.



#### DERRICK P. GRIMMER **Grassroots Party**

Home: St. Paul Age: 41 Education: B.A., summa cum laude, Washington University, 1968; M.A., University of Wisconsin, 1969; Ph.D., Washington University, 1974.

Occupation: Scientist Experience: I am running for the U.S. Senate to raise critical questions about civil liberties that urgently need to be rationally discussed. In 1986 I ran for MN Attorney General and received the highest vote total of any third party candidate in a statewide election

Nuclear weapons are instru nents of mass suicide. A U.S J.S.S.R. treaty to reduce long ange nuclear weapons would be najor step taken toward recogni on of that reality. As the elite o he U.S. and U.S.S.R. bury the nu lear hatchet, they have found a ommon enemy to distract both heir peoples - drug prohibition Did you know that our DEA i eaching the KGB how to root out druggie scapegoats? People, be

The income level cap on the ABC Drug prohibition is the greatest bill is too high. I favor graduating hreat to our civil liberties since McCarthyism. Our constitutional subsidies up to a particular income level, or cap, which does not regovernment is being destroyed by the "War on Drugs". Prohibition quire people who make significant ly less to be subsidizing the wealthlaws in general, and drug laws in ier. Alternatively, Congress could particular, are harmful to society provide grants or low interest because their enforcement is lead loans for individuals with common ing rapidly to a police state. The cause to organize their own child Grassroots Party suggests rational care cooperatives and to take realternatives to prohibition witch hunts. Repeal marijuana (hemp) sponsible control of their own prohibition. Treat personal probems as social and medical maters, not crimes.



#### HUBERT H. (SKIP) HUMPHREY III Democratic-Farmer-Labor

Home: New Hope Education: B.A., American Universi-Occupation: Attorney General

Experience: For 16 years I have served the people of Minnesota in the state Senate and as Attorney General. I have listened to their concerns and made serving them my highest priority. I'm running now for the U.S. Senate because the people are telling me they want a change in leadership

I would strongly support a verifi able treaty that drastically reduce ong-range nuclear weapons. Sucl a treaty s d focus on reducing the most threater or elimi ing and destabilizing weapons -multiple-warhead, first-strike weapons such as the MX missile and the Soviet SS-18. Meanwhile e by existing arms nents as long as the oviets do likewise. In particular we must preserve the ABM Treaty which has prevented a costly and

dangerous arms race in space.

Drug abuse is the most critical I am a strong supporter of the ABC bill, the most comprehensive issue facing our society. To combat child care proposal before Conit we nee strong national policy and con gress. I believe that quality, affordd community action. able child care is crucial to both To limit s apply, I propose: economthe economic strength of our counic sanctions against countries that try and the well-being of our famiobstruct U.S. drug interdiction lies. As the number of two-earner efforts; deploying military reand single-parent families in sources to halt the flow of drugs orders; and restoring creases, so does the need for accessible, quality child care. The forcement programs ABC bill is an investment in our futhat have been cut. To curb deture that must be a priority. mand, we need tougher local law enforcement and a community commitment to making drug use socially unacceptable



#### WENDY LYONS **Socialist Workers**

Home: St. Paul Age: 43

Education:

Occupation: Meatpacker Experience: Union activist who has helped organize solidarity with workers' struggles from the U.S. to South Africa to Nicaragua. My experience in the civil rights, anti-Vietnam War, abortion rights and socialist movements has given me confidence that if working people unite we can create a government that truly represents us.

I favor a 50% or any other reduc The working people of the U.S. tion in nuclear weapons as a step nearly half of whom are women toward disarming the U.S. warmakhave a right to child care. Children are our future. Child care must be ers whose main purpose is to make the world safe for U.S. corporaviewed in the same way as educa tion overall - the right of every ions to exploit the rest of the world. The U.S. role in regional child, a service which should be onventional wars in Central guaranteed at no cost, with high America, the Middle East and else professional standards. Funds for where is the main source of pres this investment in society's future ent day threats to world peace. can come from eliminating the war

Last October's stock market crash signalled a coming crisis of the world's capitalist system that could rival the "Great Depression" of the 1930's. Working people and farmers must unite to fight for our own solutions to this crisis or we will end up victims of the capitalist class' solutions. \*Shorten the workweek with no cut in pay. \*Affirmative action. \*Cancel the Third World debt to the big bankers. \*No



#### POLLY MANN **Independent Candidate**

Age: 68 Home: St. Paul

Education: Completed high school in Arkansas; Completed some college courses, studied issues of war and

Occupation

Experience: Active on civic, political, educational and social welfare boards and commissions. Helped found and formerly directed Women Against Military Madness. Work for peace and social justice central to activities of last 38 years.

would mark real progress toward world disarmament. Nuclear war is suicidal. Negotiation is the only way to deal with international con lict. Disarmament would reduce the military budget, now at \$10,000 per second. National security means protection from externa enemies. It also means protectio rom poverty, illness, ignorance nomelessness. It means protecting our earth from destruction cause by nuclear industrial and agr

cultural pollution and acid rain.

also support a program of free child care and medical benefits to help AFDC parents make the transition from government assistance to full employment. This assistance should enable parents to finish high school and/or obtain needed work skills. Child care providers should be well paid, trained to enhance the children's development

I would support such a treaty. It I support this legislation. I would Pollution of earth, air and wate is the most critical issue facing the U.S. Existing laws and regulations regarding pollution should be rigorously enforced. Standards for an acceptable environment should be raised. Polluters should be fined and face criminal penalties. International agreements should be reached on these issues and must be respected. Environmental protection could be a factor in the granting and repayment of development loans. A massive environmental education program is

#### U.S. SENATOR (cont.)

#### ARLEN OVERVIG Libertarian

Age: 34 Home: Coon Rapids Education: BSEE, U. of M.; MSEE, Purdue University

Occupation: Computer consultant Experience: My formal education prepared me to think logically and completely. My informal education prepared me to find and defend values worthy of my life. This education uniquely qualifies me to know that no human may rule another. If freedom is to be achieved, this idea must be brought into politics.

Anything which will reduce the ikelihood of nuclear war is good However, it is more important to make any war or war preparatio uneconomic than to negotiate treaty that requires U.S. to trust nation that has never been particu larly trustworthy. If Americans re search defensive technology where a dollars worth of defen will offset ten dollars worth of offense, there will be no reason pursue offensive superiority.

All Americans should have ac ess to affordable child care, they want it. Since any governmen ntervention destroys a market ABC is not the solution. It is government taxation, robbing ou conomy of its vitality, that forces ooth parents to work. It is unneces sary government regulation that auses the high cost of day care services. Reduce government, re uce regulation, lower the deficit These are the true solutions to affordable, available child care.

The most critical issue for the American people is to increase the degree of freedom within this country and by example, advance freedom around the world. To advance freedom around the world, a government must not support totalitarian regimes. Likewise, to increase the degree of freedom enjoyed by the people, a government must not invade the lives and property of its citizenry, unless a victim exists. Americans need a voice to sound out the call for freedom.

U.S. Representatives are elected for a 2-year term. The person must be 25 years old, citizen of the United States for 7 years, resident of the state and elected by the people. Salary: \$89,500.

Would you support requests to esume aid to the Nicaraguan Con

What is your position on the Act or Better Child Care Services bill? you do not support the ABC bill, what action will you suggest Conress take to meet the need fo affordable, quality child care?

What do you believe is the most critical issue facing the United States today, and how would you address it?

#### 1st District



#### CRAIG HONTS Socialist Workers (1st District)

Age: 36 Home: Austin Education: Graduate, Bexley High School

Occupation: Factory worker Experience: Congress is filled with millionaires, lawyers and business men and is without representation from workers and working farmers. I have been active in the labor movement for 14 years. I helped organize protests against the war in Vietnam and continue to protest U.S. intervention in Central Amer-

Unlike Tim Penny who voted in favor of Congress' spring Contr aid package, the Socialist Workers Campaign seeks a total halt to al funding designed to help hold together this gang of mercenaries Nicaragua has been ravaged by seven years of Washington's Contra war. The U.S. government should provide the people of Nicaragua with medicines, food, construction materials and other badly needed supplies to aid recovery from this

The lack of affordable quality hild care is a major factor pre venting women from participating equally with men on the job and in ociety in general. Free, high quality child care could be provided for all who need it by eliminating the huge multi-billion dollar military oudget and using that money to meet human needs. The ABC bil loesn't begin to go far enough ir addressing this need for child care.

Last October's stock market crash signaled that a major social and economic crisis is coming, a depression similar to that of the 1930's. The Socialist Workers Party proposed an "Action Program" to help unify working people in a struggle to protect ourselves in the face of this crisis. The key proposal is to shorten the work week to 30 hours with no cut in pay providing jobs for millions of workers.





#### TIM PENNY Democratic-Farmer-Labor (1st District)

Home: New Richland Education: B.A. Political Science, Winona State University Occupation: Member of Congress Experience: Represented 1st District in the U.S. House of Representatives since January 1983. Prior to that was a state senator.

I have not favored military aid to the Contras but supported a humanitarian aid package targeted to the victims of the Nicaragi Currently neither the Concas no the Sandinista government appear to be making a good faith effort to resolve the conflict. However, I believe that additional aid to the Con tras would only exacerbate the situation and push both side: further away from seeking a peace ful solution, as outlined in the Arias peace plan.

I do not support the child care subsidy approach of the ABC bill. Instead, I introduced a bill that would allow maximum flexibility to states, through matching grants, to improve child care as best meets their needs. It improves the child care food program, expands options to providers, encourages business participation in developing child care facilities and targets assistance to those families most in need by providing a refundable tax

Balancing the federal budget is the top priority because until the budget deficit is under control we cannot meet the critical health, education and ex opportunity without mortgaging our children's futures in order to pay for them. As we set budget priorities we can still give high priority to social programs. I support the work of the National Economic Commission and have made recommendations to them for balancing the budget.



#### CURT E. SCHRIMPF Independent-Republican (1st District)

Age: 32 Home: Goodhue Education: Goodhue High School,

Occupation: Dairy farmer Experience: Goodhue County Farm Bureau president; past president of Jaycees; state voting delegate; Young Cooperator of the Year; ac tive member of St. John's Lutheran Church: Young Farmer of the Year

Yes, I will be a strong voice for resuming military and economi aid to the freedom fighters i Nicaragua. It is quite evident tha the peace negotiations have failed Currently, the Russians are send ng over \$450 million in aid to the Sandinistas each year. If we do not stop the incursion in Nicaragua communism will continue t spread. We, as a nation, must be committed to curtailing the en croachment of communist aggress

I do not support the ABC bill. Basically, this measure is overly expensive and does not allow pa rents the flexibility needed in selecting child care facilities and still receive federal assistance. The government assistance should come in the form of a larger tax de- denced that deductions in the tax duction for dependents. Basically, parents should have the right. without any form of discrimina tion, on the type of child care they desire their children to have.

The most critical issue is the ederal deficit. We cannot continue o borrow from our grandchildren's future to pay for today's debts. However, I will not support any legislation that raises taxes. President Reagan's tax cut evirate actually increased revenues due to an expanded economy. I upport a line item veto with a 2/3 majority override. Essentially, Congress must be willing to set priorities and abide by their deci-

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U.S. REPRES	SENTATIVE (cont.)	1.	2.	3.
2nd District	DOUG PETERSON Democratic-Farmer-Labor (2nd District)  Age: 39 Home: Madison  Education: Madison High School, 1966; B.A., Augustana College, 1970; teaching certificate, U. of M. Occupation: Farmer, teacher, small business operator  Experience: Chairman, Lac Qui Parle County DFL; delegate to several conventions and co-chaired 2nd congressional district convention, 1986; member of the Farmers Union and former county vice president; member of my church council.	I do not support continued military aid to the Contras because I do not believe that is our most effective strategy in that area. If we really want to encourage democracy in that area, we could better achieve that goal through humanitarian aid to the people of Nicaragua. Arming the Contras has been a misguided and ineffective policy. It is time to try another approach.	It is important that affordable child care be available, especially in rural areas where both parents often need to work simply to survive. It is also important that women and men who are raising children on their own can go to work without being unnecessarily worried about their children. I will support legislation to meet the goal of affordable, accessible child care in rural and urban areas.	do not have access to proper health care. One-third of emergency room patients do not have health insur- ance. This creates an incredible burden on hospitals; they either refuse to treat uninsured patients, or treat them knowing they can
	VIN WEBER Independent-Republican (2nd District)  Age: 36 Home: No. Mankato Education: University of Minnesota, 1974, Political Science Occupation: U.S. Congressman Experience: Four-term Congressman. Member of Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Rural Development, Agriculture, and Related Agencies, and Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education.	Yes. Despite paying lipservice to the peace plan, just last month the Sandinistas once again closed the newspaper La Prensa, shut down the country's only independent radio station, crushed peaceful street demonstrations, and arrested and imprisoned dozens of opposition leaders. Contra pressure had brought the Sandinistas to the bargaining table, and they remain the only viable force for ensuring that the Sandinistas live up to their unfulfilled promises to bring freedom and democracy to Nicaragua.	would impose one federally-mandated, federally-regulated child care solution, regardless of the circumstances parents find themselves in. I've supported several alternative proposals in the 100th Congress. The best approach would expand the child care tax credit, streamline burdensome regulations, and create new	to ensure the national economy remains strong and to expand the recovery to areas like the rural Midwest. In order to keep the economy growing without inflation, we need to keep government spending down, taxes low, and interest rates affordable. In addition, we need an aggressive rural revitalization plan to expand the recovery to rural America. Congress can start by passing rural development legisla-
3rd District	DAVID WILLIAM CARLSON Democractic-Farmer-Labor (3rd District)  Age: 25 Home: Bloomington  Education: Red Wing High School, 1981; Luther College, Decorah, IA; B.A., Accounting, Economics, Computer Science, Magna cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa Occupation: CPA Experience: I have served in a number of party positions and am currently giving financial advice to the state DFL.	I am fully opposed to resuming any type of aid to the Nicaraguan Contras. The past few years have shown the policy to be ineffective in its goal, and it has added to the destabilized dical climate that already exist of Central America. International law prohibits the continued support of the Contras. Consequently, for the U.S. to continue doing so would weaken its credibility in eign affairs.	I am fully in support of the ABC child care bill. Of course, it should not be the final word on child care, but it is an effective start in the right direction.	The federal budget deficit is the most critical problem facing the U.S. today. It threatens every American's economic security and quality of light This monster must be attacked in a combination of political couplage and economic reality. We must implement a flexible spending freeze at all levels that would exclude only entitlements and COLA's. If this is not done, the pheads of fut.
	BILL FRENZEL Independent-Republican  Age: 60 Home: Golden Valley Education: B.A., Dartmouth College, 1950; M.B.A., Dartmouth College, 1951 Occupation: Member of Congress, formerly President, Minneapolis Terminal Warehouse Co. Experience: Elected U.S. Representative, 1970 and thereafter; elected State Representative, 1962, 1964, 1966, 1968; congressional delegate to General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade; Member, National Economic Commission.	made, no aid will be needed. Under other conditions, i.e., a non-viable Contra force, or a policy relying solely on Contras, aid will not succeed and should not be supported. Under the right combina-	I do not support the ABC Child Care Bill. Its focus on institutionalized care and regulation of providers will limit options and increase costs. I support providing care per the pending Welfare Reform Bill to assist welfare mothers to achieve employment. For working poor, I support a choice system. For middle class, support existing tax credit. There should be no taxpayer supplied benefits for the wealthy or those who use no child care.	Poll after poll shows that the most critical problem facing the U.S. is deficit reduction. Deficits pose the greatest threat to job growth and economic expansion. I believe America is over-spent, not over-taxed. New taxes should be avoided. By reducing the rate of spending growth through a flexible, across-the-board freeze, a balanced budget can be achieved by 1993. Flexibility will allow for cost of living increases in some accounts, demographic increases in others.
4th District	IAN MAITLAND Independent-Republican	Yes. U.S. aid created the chance to bring democracy to Nicaragua. If	I oppose the "ABC" bill. It would discriminate against informal	Reform of Congress to restore democratic accountability is a

to bring democracy to Nicaragua. If discriminate against informal democratic accountability is a

that chance now slips from our child care arrangements, reduce pressing national concern. No-

grasp, it will be because Congress the supply of child care by impos- where outside the Communist bloc

nistas just as it was getting results. | more bureaucracy, and limit | predictable as in the U.S. House.

The Sandinistas are demanding parental choice. ABC's true ben- Full employment for incumbents is

that the Contras disarm before eficiaries would be child care pro- financed by the taxpayer (free

democratic reforms are im- fessionals. I support tax credits or mailing, huge staffs, etc.) and by

broken promises and their boast child care needs. This method is tributions go to incumbents), and

that they would not relinquish economical to administer, targets the parochial concerns of mem-

power even if defeated in elec- benefits to those who need them | bers' districts and contributors

most and leaves child care choices

up to parents

ling federal regulations, create lis the outcome of an election as

vouchers to help parents meet special interests (90% of PAC con-

crowd the national interest off

Congress' agenda.

relaxed the pressure on the Sandi

olemented. Given the Sandinistas'

ions, that would mean the Contras'

political suicide.

Independent-Republican

(4th District)

Age: 44 Home: St. Paul

Education: B.A., Oxford University,

1966; Ph.D., Columbia University

Occupation: Associate Professor of

Experience: As a long-time student of

public policy, I would bring to the

position a grasp of the way the

world works - and also of what gov-

ernment can and cannot achieve -

that is lacking in the incumbent.

Management, U. of M.

#### REPRESENTATIVE (cont.) istrict NATASHA TERLEXIS Last October's stock market The U.S. government sponsored The working people of the U.S the Contras to overthrow the gov nearly half of whom are womer crash signalled a coming crisis of Socialist Workers ernment of Nicaragua, which, led have a right to child care. Children the world capitalist system that (4th District) could rival the "Great Depression" by the Sandinistas, has been faith- are our future. Child care must be Age: 26 Home: St. Paul ful to the needs of the Nicaraguan viewed in the same way as educaof the 1930s. Working people and people. I have observed this tour- tion overall - the right of every farmers must unite to fight for our Education: ing Nicaragua last summer. Contra child, a service which should be own solutions to this crisis or we Occupation: Baggage Handler aid must be rejected! Moreover, guaranteed at no cost, with high will end up victims of the capitalist Experience: A member of the Internathe U.S. must own up to the de- professional standards. Funds for class' solutions. \*Shorten the work tional Association of Machinists. struction perpetrated by the Con- this investment in society's future week with no cut in pay. \*Affirma-The SWP in Minnesota has nominattras by materially aiding the can come from eliminating the war tive action. \*Cancel the Third ed three workers and union mem-Nicaraguan people in their efforts budget. World debt to the big bankers. \*No bers, a statement about what is to rebuild their war-ravaged counfarm foreclosures. missing in U.S. politics. The people of the U.S. have achieved our aims only when we mobilize independently of the two-party system. BRUCE VENTO In 1984 I conducted a district-The environment. As Chairman I have consistently supported a negotiated settlement in Nicaraof the National Parks Committee, I Democratic-Farmer-Labor wide Congressional Forum of gua as the best hope to achieve | Child Care that revealed the lack have seen first hand the impact of (4th District) pollution on our land, water and peace in Central America. Rather of safe, affordable care alternaair. Lakes in the BWCA are threatened by acid rain carried Age: 47 Home: St. Paul than relying on military assistance I tives for parents who work. Since for the Contras, the U.S. policy that Forum, I have been working Education: A.A., U. of M.; B.S., Unishould support and promote the for federal efforts to improve child thousands of miles from its source. versity of Wisconsin, River Falls; National seashores are polluted by Arias Peace Plan. I am deeply con- care services. I am a sponsor of the graduate school, U. of M. cerned about the human rights' Act for Better Child Care. This leghuman waste dumped offshore. Occupation: Teacher Strengthening our environmental abuses in Nicaragua and in other lislation is a valuable investment i Experience: State legislature, 6 years nations with whom we maintain our children and the nation's fulaws and increasing enforcement - committee chairman, U.S. House of and cleanup efforts are essential. diplomatic relations. We should ture. The bill will help countles Representatives, 12 years - ranking support the peace process and working parents by expanding the Ignoring these very real problems member Banking and Interior Comocus our efforts on persuading supply of qualified child care prowill further endanger our health, mittees. Chairman of the National both sides of the benefits of a viders. economy and environment - our Parks and Public Lands Committee legacy for future generations. permanent cease fire and th Wide involvement in community enactment of democratic political neighborhood leader, blue collar reforms. union involvement. istrict The child care issue obviously There are better issues to create RAYMOND C. (BUZZ) Absolutely! It never should have has reached proportions where i a platform to get elected on - we GILBERTSON been interrupted. We are morall must be addressed. The ABC bill i have many severe problems...but, Independent-Republican obligated to support the struggl an inappropriate solution for gov the fact is the preservation of our for freedom throughout the world (5th District) We like to say we're for peace and ernment. The proposals of Vice eco-system is beyond a doubt the freedom, but note, without the President Bush to implement real "most critical" problem facing Age: 46 Home: St. Anthony the U.S. today. It is the one that touches every member coies everywhere in the program of inclusion is far fairer reedom, we are not satisfic Education: Gustavus Adolphus Colpeaceful. We should hon aid aid other people with that see concial engineering, it must be fair t lege; A.A., Pensacola J.C.; Los Angeles Community College all. I then favor tax credits for cluding those yet unborn. Catasviction. It would be helpful to the Occupation: Account representative child care for those who use the ex trophes may happen that devastate noral calling if we could get liber - sales, micrographics tended family, or their church o large populations, but unless we ils to confess the Nicaraguan go Experience: Over 24 years of U.S. synagogue, and for those who stay clean up our environment for fu-ture generations, we will demn all humanity and all livi things rnment is a Marxist, di Marine Corps leadership. Extensive t home, as well as for those wh ommunistic state and travels - almost 9 years in Far East. abel instead of "Sand work. My concerned citizenship in preto a struggle for survival unparaserving our political freedoms and lleled in history. free enterprise system for future generations. The most important issue facing MARTIN SABO I have opposed President A top domestic priority must b Reagan's policy of arming the Cono ensure that all American chi us is how best to achieve long-term Democratic-Farmer-Labor tras. It has failed to bring us close dren have access to safe and economic growth. To do that, we (5th District) to our goals of peace, democracy affordable child care. I am a co must reduce the federal budget 4 Age: 50 Home: Minneapolis and stability in the region. Our sponsor of the ABC bill. It would deficit. We must also improve the efforts this year have been to shift improve the quality and availabi nation's position in world trade by Education: B.A., Augsburg College; American policy away from a ity of child care services for every implementing the recently adoptgraduate school, U. of M. preoccupation with the use of one, help low-income families pa ed trade bill and investing in Occupation: U.S. Congressman nilitary force and toward support for it, and establish national star education, research and develop-Experience: 18 years in MN House of or the Arias peace plan. I will con- dards. The bill is the approach w ment. Our goal is to ensure that all Representatives including four nue to oppose providing aid to should take to make sure our chil Americans can have good jobs with years as minority leader and six the Contras. dren are healthy and productive decent wages so they can afford years as Speaker of the House; and housing, food, and such dreams as ten years in the U.S. House of Repproviding a college education for resentatives (1979-present). their children. I don't support the ABC bill be T. CHRISTOPHER WRIGHT Covert operations financed with Drug prohibition has the same untraceable drug profits has been cause it doesn't go far enough. I effect as alcohol prohibition. As a Grassroots nation we haven't learned the lesgoing on since the intelligence recommend funding a child care (5th District)

ommunity helped Chiang Kai- program by eliminating the Drug

shek consolidate the opium trade | Enforcement Agency and redirect-

in China. The CIA was involved in ling its resources into education

the heroin trade in southeast Asia | We can eliminate child care wor

and to no one's surprise selling ries by providing optional day

tras, perhaps laundering the hours.

noney through Noriega. Prohibi-

tion has corrupted our government

and undermined our foreign poli

cy. Who'd aid drug dealers any

way? Home Grown not Contra

'crack for guns" to fund the Con- care/education during working

Age: 30 Home: Minneapolis

Education: General College, U. of M.;

Occupation: Computer technician

Experience: Secretary/Treasurer. MN

sroots Party; concerned citizen.

NORML; Organizer of annual MN

Tea Party; co-founder of MN Gras-

Graduate, Northwestern Electron-

ics Institute, Associate of Electron-

sons of alcohol prohibition. Law

enforcement can't keep alcohol

away from addicts any more than

other drugs. Indeed, law enforce-

ment can't keep drugs out of pris-

ons. It will cost more than the mili-

tary to keep drugs out of our coun-

try and by then we won't be drug

free, only unfree. I'll settle for

nothing less than "Hemp for Vic-

#### U.S. REPRESENTATIVE (cont.) 6th District RAY PLOETZ I share the national commitment "Contra aid" is a label used to Two issues threaten our ability Independent-Republican lenote: Monies for supervision o ioward child care. However, I find (6th District) he truce — I support; medical aid unacceptable the proposals that o the war-injured children of both create a new federal bureaucracy Age: 59 Home: Delano Sandinista and Contra factions — As a single, working father, I used Education: B.S. of Law, 1950, J.D. upport; non-lethal aid (food and child care services, and I worked 1952, M.A., Public Administration, medical) to the Contras — I sup with two major federal depart-1970, U. of M. port; military aid — which I con ments. I know the concerns of pa ditionally support. The condition rents, and I know taxpayers' dol Occupation: Attorney which preclude support are: sin lars that work and that waste. Our Experience: Leadership positions in ere Sandinista efforts to reach national needs can be met with the bar, military and community, political (non-military) solutio greater sensitivity and accounta MN Governor's Drug Commission, Supreme Court precedents - propand cessation of Sandinista bility at state and local levels and oppression of the press and should have federal monetary osed and secured passage of legislaassistance only. tion, taught arms control at U.S Army Command and General Staff



#### GERRY SIKORSKI Democratic-Farmer-Labor (6th District)

College, embassy security consul-

tant - State Department.

Education: B.A., U. of M., summa cum laude, 1970; J.D., U. of M., summa cum laude, 1973

Experience: As a parent, husband and public official. I am working hard to make sure America's children grow up in a healthy environment, respected for their talents and free from the threat of a nuclear holo-

o deal with other concerns of today. Those two are fiscal and environmental irresponsibility. I would balance the budget by: a) eliminating pork barrel spending, b) revising wasteful federal fiscal policies, c) seeking greater NATO and Japanese defense shares and multilateral force reduction treaties, d) reducing congressional and administrative expenses. A sound economy forestalls national raids on the environment. A sound environment calls for national and international policy agreements.

# Age: 40 Home: Stillwater

Occupation: Attorney; Congressman

am an original cosponsor becaus ABC provides essential support to our nation's families. Working isn' a luxury for most women - it's necessity and child care provide children with the foundation they need to be productive adults. ABC 1) helps care providers improve their services and address unsafe situations; 2) explicitly support family day care; 3) allows churches and synagogues to be eligible for grants and loans; and 4) provides a more effective means for providin care for families than wasteful tax credits, and with no new bureau

Congress and the President must work together to put America's financial house in order. Unless we tear up the national credit card and reduce deficits, we will be unable to provide a decent education; quality health care; a safe, clean environment; affordable housing for middle income families; and an American economy that can compete abroad and bring prosperity

#### 7th District



#### MARV HANSON Democratic-Farmer-Labor (7th District)

Age: 44 Home: Hallock

Education: B.S., Ag Economics, with honors, U. of M., 1966; J.D., Columbia University

Occupation: Farmer Experience: Served as state Senator, 1976-82: state Senate Asst. Majority Leader, 1978-82; Board member, Prairie Public TV, 1982-86; MN Tax Study Commission member, 1985-86: Board member, Harvest States Cooperatives, 1983 to present

The Arias initiative is the best prospect for stability in Centra America. The 5 regional presidents agreed to the suspension of mili called for relief aid to refugees and be in accord with what those adoining nations want for themselves. Our policy, at this time hould follow the Arias initiative which wo llow humanitarian

Nearly 60% of women with chiliren under the age of six work out side the home. Working mothers need to be assured that quality ary aid to armed insurgents and care is being provided to their children. Efforts in this area should displaced liles due to armed promote education, health and conflicts to U.S. policy has to safety. I support the approach the safety. I support the approach the ABC bill takes in meeting the growling need for affordable, quality child care.

Balancing the budget deficit while meeting needs in long-term care, health care, and economic development is the crucial challenge facing this country. Deficits ng the future while are morte National of interest payments alone now exceed \$158 billion annually. Stabilizing defense spending, increased defense costsharing from allies, targeting tax acontinued economic growth a with lower interest rates will cut into the budget deficit significantly.



#### ARLAN I. STANGELAND Independent-Republican (7th District)

Home: Barnesville Education: Moorhead High School Occupation: Farmer; member, House

of Representatives Experience: 9 years, U.S. House of Representatives: 8 years, MN House of Representatives

Because I support the introductio of freedom to Nicaragua I favoi assistance to the Nicaraguan Re sistance. When the Sandinistas ssumed power in 1979 they prom sed the people of Nicaragua and he Organization of American States that their government would olerate every social, economic nd political freedom. Now, nine ears later, the openly communiandinistas have made it clear that heir promises were nothing but a trick. Therefore, we should stand with those who seek liberty for

I support a measure before Con gress that would extend tax credits to all women with small children Such a program is affordable and would allow women and their fami lies to make the choice as to which kind of child care is best for them. The so called ABC bill would cre ate an expansive federal program that would allow thousands o Washington bureaucrats to shape child care services as they saw fi Instead, parents should decide how their children are cared for.

Because this is an important time in our history there are many critical issues facing the U.S. today. However, I continue to feel the federal government's fiscal dilemma is the most important. I support three steps to reduce the deficit First, I believe we should freeze all spending, military and domestic Second, we should amend the Constitution and pass a balanced budget amendment. Third, we need budget reform including a biannual budget plan and the line-

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#### 8th District



#### JAMES L. OBERSTAR Democratic-Farmer-Labor (8th District)

Age: 54 Home: Chisholm

Education: 2 B.A.s, College of St. Thomas, 1956; M.A., College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium; Post grad., Laval U., Quebec and George-

Occupation: Member of Congress Experience: 14 years in office, plus 11 years on staff of Rep. Blatnik. I feel my experience and record of service to the 8th Congressional District qualify me to continue to serve

I have consistently opposed \$245 million in U.S. assistanc ince 1982, the Contra rebels hav ailed to make any military or pol cal progress and have done littl moderate the Sandinista govern ent. The civilians in the country ide, however, suffer the death ain and destruction of a futil war. Our money is better spent pr iding medical, nutritional an conomic aid to these innocent vi tims than continuing a failed pol

I am a cosponsor of this bill. ilitary aid to the Contras. Despite | More and more women are enter e ing the workforce, either by eco nomic necessity or to pursue a career. Child care is an issue tha must be addressed, and this leg islation will help develop a rel able system for delivering quality child care to working families of low and moderate income.

Economic issues - trade, the oudget deficit, economic develop ment — are the most critical. The federal deficit must be controlled but not at the cost of needed social services. That would only exchange one problem for another We must also develop a trade policy that allows us to export more goods and keep our jobs here where they belong. Solutions to such problems do not come easily, but they must be found



#### **JERRY SHUSTER** Independent-Republican (8th District)

Age: 38 Home: Gheen

Education: Greaney Elementary (one room rural school); Orr High School; Career Academy of Broadcasting, Milwaukee.

Occupation: Logging contractor Experience: Owner of a contracting business. Through years of study have gained a genuine understand ing of local, national and interna tional issues and the real stories be hind them. Oberstar is so "control led" that he will not address the

Yes, I would. The scourge murderous, atheistic Communi is at our very doorstep. It is bein firmly entrenched in Nicaragua, and we should provide military have Communism soon in Mexic at our very front door. It is through satellite nations such as Nicaragua that the Soviet Union is building a power base in our hemisphere.

This is a service that most go ernment levels should stay out of especially the federal governmen Provisions in the bill call for tota government interference in the assistance now to help those who affairs of your home if you are to be at stake. We hear the cry for interseek freedom in that country. If we a registered child care facility. do not provide assistance, we will Congress should take no action whatsoever in this issue because of the outrageous bureaucracy which education groups, disarmament is being proposed to handle the service. Churches, families and ocal units of government can handle this most efficiently.

Our peril right now centers on our country's mad march toward collectivism, one-worldism or socialism, whatever one wants to call it. Our national sovereignty is dependence and surrender to the forces of world government. Political leaders, church organizations organizations among others are calling for our surrender to the U.N., World Court, World Bank and other such evils.

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## ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, SUPREME COUP

## JOHN SIMONETT

No picture received.

Age: 64 Home: St. Paul Education: B.A., St. John's University, 1948; LL.B., U. of M., 1951 upation: Practiced law in Little Falls, MN for 29 years. Currently Associate Justice, MN Supreme

Experience: Appointed to Supreme Court September 1980; elected for 6year term in 1982.

FRED C. NORTON

Croix

Education: B.A., Wesleyan University

Occupation: Practicing attorney;

Experience: Admitted to MN Bar, 1955; State of MN Attorney General

1956-66; private law practice, 1966-

87; MN State Representative, 1967-87; Speaker of the House, 1980 and

1987; Board, Legal Assistance of So. MN; Board, United Hospitals;

Board, MN Museum of Art; various

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Find the location of your polling place by calling your city clerk or county auditor. Bring an approved proof of residence to your polling place. Only the following are accept-

1. A current Minnesota drivers license or receipt (or Minnesota identification card) with your correct address.

2. Another registered voter of the same precinct who must sign an oath that you are a resident of that precinct. A voter who registers by this method may not confirm the residency of another voter on the day of the same election.

3. A student identification card, fee statement or registration card with the student's current address in the precinct.

4. A previous registration in the same precinct but at a different address.

5. A mailed notice received from the registration office indicating an insufficient registration.

Registration in Minnesota is permanent. You need to reregister only when you change your name or address, or fail to vote in four years.

## PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Amendment One — **ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST FUND:** TO ESTABLISH:



"Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to establish a Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund for environmental, natural resource, and wildlife purposes?"

A permanent Minnesota Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Fund would be established in the state treasury.

The Legislature would appropriate earnings from the Fund for protection, conservation, preservation and enhancement of the state's air, water, land, fish, wildlife and other natural resources.

No vote is a 'No' vote.

Amendment Two -**JURIES: TO ALLOW LESS** THAN TWELVE MEMBERS

Yes

"Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to allow the No  $\square$  use of juries of less than 12 members in civil and nonfelony cases?"

The Legislature would be authorized to enact a statute providing for the number of jurors in a civil action, but the statute would have to provide for at least six jurors.

A person accused of a felony crime would have the right to a jury of 12 members. The Legislature would be authorized to enact a statute providing for the number of jurors in other criminal prosecutions, but the statute would have to provide for at least six jurors.

Amendment Three — STATE LOTTERY: TO PERMIT LEGISLATURE TO AUTHORIZE

Yes

"Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to permit the Legislature to authorize a lottery operated by the state?"

The Legislature would be authorized to enact a statute authorizing a lottery and sale of lottery tickets for a lottery operated by the

The statutory provisions would, among other things, require that during the first five full fiscal years in which proceeds from the lottery are received, the net lottery proceeds from the state-operated lottery would be shared equally by the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund and the Greater Minnesota Corporation. Thereafter, as determined by law each biennium, up to one-half of the net proceeds of the state-operated lottery must be credited to each of the two funds.



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October, 1988

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## LOBBYIST TRAINING WORKSHOP WILL EXPLORE GOVERNMENT ETHICS

The annual Citizens in Action workshop (January 14 at Earle Brown Center, U of M St. Paul campus) will again feature workshops and speakers teaching political activist skills. This year it will also explore ethical decision making and accountability of elected and appointed officials.

Keynote speaker is Common Cause director Deb Nankevell. She will address the question of government ethics. Other workshops will cover trailing bills through the legislature, using capitol resources, affecting administrative rulings, working with counties and presenting a case to legislators.

Cost is \$10 for LWV members, \$8 r LWV-sponsored students. Register through your local League or send check to cover registrations (plus \$6.50 for each lunch) to LWVMN, 550 Rice St., St. Paul, MN 55103.

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Now is the time to subscribe to the Capitol Letter, your inside source on the 1989 Legislative session beginning in January.

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## AUCTION SET FOR APRIL 8 DONATED AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

Mark April 8 on your calendar and gather a carload of friends. The next LWVMN fundraiser/auction date has been set and it will follow the theme Summer Daze. It will again be at the elegant Hotel Sofitel, Bloomington with its marvelous food. By popular demand Connie Evingson and her trio will entertain. Every member will receive a personal invitation early in the year.

As in past auctions, however, success depends on the number and variety of items we have to auction. The committee needs your help to donate or find auction items. Big ticket items are especially important to know about soon. One of the best, and most fun items you could offer would be a dinner party in your home serving your specialty. Contact Kay Erickson at the state office, 612-224-5445 or at 612-934-2991 if you can help.

LWVMN PEOPLES CHOICE COOKBOOKS MAKE GREAT GIFTS! September 26, 1988

#### Dear Local League President:

This month we are sending you a special mailing of information which you will find useful immediately. I am sure you are all very busy with voter service, membership, etc. activities and don't want to deal with any unnecessary paper. We sympathize with you, and think that these are all things which will help you and your board carry out your fall program.

- 1. Virginia Sweeny, Presidential Debates site coordinator, has done a great job on a frustrating project. She salutes your help and we all salute her for a job well done.
- 2. Dudley Riggs and Company (well known Minnesota comedy troup) are presenting a political satire about the fall elections and ALL PROCEEDS OF THE PERFORMANCE WILL GO TO THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA. Please consider a break from your hard work and bring a car load of members and spouses to the "Brave New Workshop" on October 17th at 8 p.m. The enclosed information gives more details.
- 3. Many Leagues have asked for more information on ballot issues. Peggy Leppik has gathered together a number of pieces which explain in varying detail the three questions on which voters will vote in November.
- 4. League speakers are in demand during this period. Diane O'Connor, Citizen Information Director, has some information on speakers and subjects which can be used in your community. See enclosed letter for details.
- 5. Peggy Thompson, IWVMN staff, is coordinating our voter service projects at the state level. Read her memo on VOTER INFORMATION '88 and VOTER GUIDE '88.
- 6. Election hotline volunteers always report how much they enjoyed working on the project. A Hotline sign-up sheet is enclosed.
- 7. We are starting now to recruit legislative interns. If you or any of your members or friends are interested, please call the office or Jane McWilliams, our new legislative coordinator.
- 8. Debate '88 is almost here. See enclosed memo on how to request tickets.
- 9. The Fundraiser Committee is hard at work planning another grand party. To make our auction a success we need your donations. Enclosed is a form for your donations of goods or services.

I hope that your membership campaigns are going well and that you have enough voter service projects to make you visible and involve all of your members, but not so many that you have nightmares featuring endless lines of people all wanting you to register them to vote! Have a good fall!



# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES 1988

September 27, 1988

Dear Local Leaguers,

By now, you've probably heard the news: the good news is that the League of Women Voters will once again be sponsoring a presidential debate; the bad news is that it will be in Los Angeles, not in Minnesota.

Your postcards, mailgrams, and especially your phone calls on August 22 made it impossible for the political parties' commission to exclude the League from the debates, as it had intended. The involvement of the commission caused unprecedented confusion and delay in negotiations, but finally the candidates agreed to two debates, with the League and the parties' commission each sponsoring one event. (The vice-presidential debate will be run by the commission on October 5 in Omaha.)

The concept of sponsorship has also been muddied this year. The League of Women Voters has always set standards and run the debates solely for the benefit of the voters. This year, whether due to the confusion caused by the commission or to the general atmosphere of control exerted by the campaigns, the candidates decided between themselves the place, time and format of the debates. As we have said all along, the League does not believe that debates controlled by the participants are in the best interest of the voters.

Thus far, the national media have shown an amazing indifference to this fact, but lately questions have begun surface as to how well the electorate is served when the same people control every single aspect of a presidential campaign. That discussion will continue until well after the election is over.

Between now and 1992, however, the League of Women Voters will be considering under what circumstances we will be willing to continue our sponsorship of presidential debates. If you have any thoughts on the subject, please write to me at the address below.

In any case, they missed a great opportunity didn't they? So many of you expressed such great willingness to help, that I'm sure we would have had a world-class event.

Thanks so much for all your great support. Now let's all pitch in and do everything we can for the Minnesota senatorial debate on October 24!

Thanks again,

Virginia Sweeny

Presidential Debate

Site Coordinator

# **OPINION**

# The Debate: PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES

Today's debate includes our opinion that voters need more debates between presidential candidates, an opposing view from California, another view from Virginia, and voices from across the USA. Also, columnists from California and Illinois debate election-day registration.

Voters need debates to help with choices

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### MEMO

TO: Local League Presidents

FROM: Peggy Leppik

SUBJECT: Constitutional Amendments

Information

September 26, 1988 DATE:

Enclosed is a four piece packet of information on the proposed amendments to the Minnesota Constitution which will appear on the ballot November 8th. This includes:

1. Election '88 in Minnesota (Secretary of State flyer)

2. Minnesota Issues - Election '88: Constitutional Amendments (MN House of Representatives Public Information Office)

3. House Research Information Brief

4. Proposed Constitutional Amendment (LWVMN)

If you want information for handouts to your members or the public, the Secretary of State's flyer and the MN Issues sheet will be adequate. The other two pieces are intended as background material for speakers and others interested in further information. You are, of course, free to copy and distribute any or all of these as you wish.



### PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS 1988 GENERAL ELECTION

AMENDMENT ONE: Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to establish a Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund for environmental, natural resource and wildlife purposes?

See House Research Information Brief, "Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposal".

AMENDMENT TWO: Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to allow the use of juries of less than 12 members in civil and nonfelony cases?

Pro: To remove the requirement for a twelve-person jury in cases that were not felonies would save the taxpayers significant amounts of money. The interests of civil litigants and criminal defendants in misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor prosecutions are adequately protected by the use of a six-member jury.

Con: The Minnesota Supreme Court has held that the Minnesota Constitution gives every defendant a right to a twelve person jury in a criminal trial, including trials for misdemeanors or gross misdemeanors. This constitutional protection is important for all litigants and defendants, for historically it has been agreed that justice and equity is more likely with a larger, rather than a smaller jury. To the parties involved, there are no 'minor' cases, or cases of small importance.

AMENDMENT THREE: Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to permit the Legislature to authorize a lottery operated by the state?

Pro: A lottery is a voluntary, painless and sure means of raising revenue. The funds from the Minnesota lottery, if it is approved, would be shared, for the first five years, between the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resource Trust Fund and the Greater Minnesota Corporation Fund, two worthy projects that should be funded. It is unlikely adequate funding will come from tax sources.

Con: A lottery is too easy an out for legislators who do not want to face the hard decisions of taxation and expenditures. If a public service is worthy and deserving, it sould be supported from the traditional tax sources. The lottery should be opposed because it often preys on those least able to pay, and offers unrealistic hope for financial gain.

Nancy Crippen Government Chair

# Constitutional Amendments

1. Environmental trust fund • 2. Six-member juries • 3. Lottery

# Your vote counts

When you vote on November 8, you will help decide whether to amend the Minnesota Constitution to:

- establish an environment and natural resources trust fund for environmental, natural resource, and wildlife purposes
- allow the use of six-member juries in civil and nonfelony cases
- permit the Legislature to authorize a state-operated lottery

If the majority of the people who vote on November 8 mark their ballots "yes," the above changes will become part of the Minnesota Constitution. If you vote in an election, but don't vote on the questions, yours will count as a "no" vote.

Here are the questions that will be on the November 8 ballot.\*\* Look for them.

1. Shall the Minnesota
Constitution be amended to establish a Minnesota environment and natural resources trust fund for environmental, natural resource, and wildlife purposes?

What you may want to know before voting in November:

Purpose of the trust fund - To provide a stable source of funding for long-term environmental and natural resources activities that do not receive money from the state's general fund.

The Lottery Amendment - If passed, Legislation would authorize one-half of the proposed net lottery proceeds to go to the environment and natural resources trust fund for the first five fiscal years.

- If you vote "yes" on question (1), you will authorize a state trust fund in which the money from the fund will go to protect the states air, water, land, fish, wildlife and other natural resources.
- You will not be authorizing money, you will be authorizing establishment of an environmental trust fund.
- The trust fund would supplement funds we now have, concentrating on protection of Minnesota's future environment.

<sup>\*\*</sup>The Attorney General will publish an official statement of the purpose and effect of each amendment in legal newspapers at least four months before the election.

### 2. Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to allow the use of juries of less than 12 members in civil and nonfelony cases?

## What you may want to know before voting in November:

What is a jury? - A jury is a certain number of men and women selected according to law, and sworn to inquire into disputed matters and determine the truth based on evidence presented to them. (Definition adapted from Blacks Law Dictionary, fifth edition)

What is a nonfelony case? - A nonfelony case would be a case where the crime is not considered to be of serious nature. (Definition adapted from Blacks Law Dictionary, fifth edition)

What is a civil case? - Action brought to enforce, redress, or protect private right. In general, all types of action other than criminal proceedings. (Definition adapted from Blacks Law Dictionary, fifth edition)

### Some pros and cons...

People who favor the jury amendment say:

- A "yes" vote on the jury amendment would avoid a possible county increase of nearly \$800,000 per year for jury fees for 12-member juries in civil and nonfelony cases.
- A "yes" vote would also eliminate the possible need for remodeling and new construction projects to accommodate 12-member juries. (Many courtrooms and jury deliberation rooms in Minnesota are equipped for only six-person juries.)
- The jury amendment would satisfy needs for speedy trial demands. 12-member juries raise the possibilities of longer delays before cases come to trial.

People who are against the jury amendment say:

- Cost should not be a factor in determining justice.
- Juries have great influence in the American legal system. And a 12-member, rather than a 6-member jury has a better chance of determining the truth.

# 3. Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to permit the Legislature to authorize a lottery operated by the state?

# What you may want to know before voting in November:

- Minnesota's Constitution does not permit lotteries.
- The lottery amendment, if voters approve it, would allow the Legislature to authorize a state-operated lottery.

### Some pros and cons...

People in favor of the lottery amendment say:

- If you vote "yes" on question (3) you would be permitting the Legislature to consider a state lottery.
- If you vote "yes" on question (3), people will have a chance to express their opinions for or against the lottery through the committee process and through their representatives when the Legislature considers the lottery question, probably in 1989.
- If you vote "yes" on question (3), all of the money a lottery would raise in its first five years would go to the Greater Minnesota Corporation (a rural development agency) and an environmental trust fund.

People who are against the lottery say:

- If the lottery passes, it would interfere with Minnesota's tradition of success by hard work, not gambling; and would also interfere with the tradition of rejecting fastbuck artists who deliver false promises.
- Minnesotans, e.g., small businesspersons and farmers, deserve something better than a gamble as a fix for their problems.



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### -Information Brief-

John Helland Legislative Analyst 296-5039

# Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposal Ouestions and Answers

This information brief answers some frequently asked questions on the environment and natural resources trust fund proposal, a constitutional amendment on the November 1988 ballot. The brief focuses on how the money will be used, public involvement, and on the administrative and decision-making process of the trust fund.

The questions and answers are organized under three divisions.

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A flow chart on page 7 depicts the effects of the trust fund proposal.

For further information on the trust fund as a constitutional amendment, see A Recent History of Environmental Ballot Questions in Minnesota and Other States by John Helland, July 1988.

For information on the state lottery ballot question, which would fund the trust fund, see *The Lottery Amendment: Questions and Answers* by John Williams, August 1988.

### 1. What does the amendment say?

The proposed amendment states: "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to establish a Minnesota environment and natural resources trust fund for environmental, natural resource, and wildlife purposes?"

### 2. What vote is needed to pass the amendment?

Like all constitutional amendments the Trust Fund amendment requires a majority of all persons voting in the November 8, 1988 election.

A failure to vote on the amendment is the same as a "no" vote.

### 3. How is this amendment related to the other amendment that would authorize a lottery operated by the state?

The two amendments are constitutionally independent, and the defeat of one amendment would not affect the passage of the other.

The amendments are connected by legislation that dedicates half the net lottery revenues for the first five years to the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund. If the lottery amendment passes and the Trust Fund amendment loses, the Legislature will have to find another use for the money which otherwise would have gone into the Trust Fund.

### MONEY FOR THE TRUST FUND

### 4. How much money will accrue to the Trust Fund?

There is a lot of speculation over this point. If both the Trust Fund and lottery authorization pass, enabling legislation to operate the lottery will have to be enacted before lottery revenue begins.

Current law states that one-half of the net lottery proceeds be placed in the Trust Fund for the first five full fiscal years. Recent estimates by the State Planning Agency and the House Research Department show a range of \$38 million to \$130 million annually. The House Research Department study (see *The Lottery Amendment: Questions and Answers*, August 1988) estimates that after five years a Minnesota lottery would produce revenues of almost \$80 million annually.

If you take this latter figure, and the low estimate of \$38 million annually, the Trust Fund could receive between \$18-40 million per year, or almost \$100-200 million after five years.

After the first five years, up to one-half of the net lottery proceeds may go to the Trust Fund. There is no overall cap on the amount of money that can be placed in the Trust Fund.

### 5. What can be funded by the Trust Fund?

The enabling law states that the Trust Fund is for (possible examples given in parentheses):

- Reinvest in Minnesota or RIM program (agricultural land conservation, wetland restoration)
- Environmental and natural resources research (acid rain, risk assessment)
- Data collection and analysis (air and water quality monitoring, land use changes)
- Environmental education (grade school curricula, teacher training)
- Acquisition and development (native prairie, unique flora and fauna)
- Activities for threatened natural resources (reintroduction of native species, habitat for endangered species)

Additionally, limited administrative expenses in working with the Trust Fund may be used by the state Board of Investment, the legislative commission, and the advisory committee.

# 6. Will the Trust Fund, when funded, provide money for all environment and natural resources programs?

No, enabling statutory language (Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.03) states that the Trust Fund may not be used as a substitute for traditional sources of funding environmental and natural resources activities, but the Trust Fund shall supplement the traditional sources. The law states that the Trust Fund is for long-term activities, whose benefits become available over an extended period of time.

### 7. What activities may not be funded by the Trust Fund?

The implementing statute (Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.08) states that Trust Fund money may not be spent for:

- Superfund project cleanup or leaking petroleum tank cases
- Municipal water pollution control and combined sewer overflow
- Decommissioning nuclear power plants
- Hazardous waste disposal facilities

- Solid waste disposal facilities
- Projects or purposes inconsistent with the Trust Fund strategic plan.

### 8. How will the Trust Fund be protected?

Placing the Trust Fund in the Constitution makes it permanent unless voters at a subsequent general election, after legislative action, vote to eliminate the Trust Fund. Additionally, the language added to the constitution by the Trust Fund amendment states that the Trust Fund principal is "perpetual and inviolate forever" (meaning it can't be tapped without another constitutional amendment).

### 9. How much of the principal can be used for Trust Fund projects?

Because the Trust Fund earnings may be nominal in the first few years of its operation, the enabling legislation allows a small portion of the principal for the preceding two years to be used to begin support of environment and natural resources projects. Until fiscal year 1997, appropriations may be made from up to 25 percent of the annual revenues deposited in the Trust Fund (decreases 5 percent each year starting in 1993).

An additional section of the enabling legislation (Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.12) allows the legislative commission - once the principal of the Trust Fund equals or exceeds \$200,000,000 - to vote to set aside up to five percent of the Trust Fund principal for water system improvement loans. The purpose of the loans is to offer below market rate interest loans to local units of government for water system improvements.

### 10. How will Trust Fund money be invested?

Legislation (Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.04) stipulates that the state Board of Investment must invest the principal of the trust fund and any unexpended earnings. According to statute (Minnesota Statutes, section 11A.24), the Board of Investment invests in certain securities, government obligations, corporate obligations, bankers' obligations, corporate stocks and certain other investments. A standard of care for the Board is provided for in statute 11A.09.

### OPERATING THE TRUST FUND

### 11. How will the public have input into the funding process?

Members of the public are eligible to serve on the citizen advisory committee (11 members) that may advise the legislative commission on projects to receive trust fund money and the development of budget and strategic plans. Members of the public will be invited to a biennial Resources Congress, which will be convened to receive public support for guiding Trust Fund expenditures.

In addition, all citizen advisory committee and legislative commission meetings must be open to the public, and public testimony most likely will be solicited.

### 12. Who will ultimately decide on projects funded from the Trust Fund?

The Legislature, by passing legislation every two years containing appropriations for Trust Fund projects. This would be done after the legislative commission adopts a Trust Fund budget plan and before the governor signs the approved legislation.

### 13. What process will be used?

The process for funding Trust Fund projects is contained in the enabling legislation (Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.08). A simplified model follows:

Resources Congress to receive public input and develop strategic plan

Strategic plan to identify priority areas for funding for six-year periods

Budget plan every two years to the governor and legislature identifying specific projects that meet the fundable categories (see question #5)

Legislature passes bill containing appropriations from the Trust Fund

Governor signs bill containing Trust Fund appropriations.

### 14. What will be the executive branch involvement?

Besides the state Board of Investment's responsibilities, there are two other formal methods of involvement in the enabling legislation.

The citizens advisory committee, with duties to advise the legislative commission on the strategic and budget plans, must be appointed by the governor.

The legislative commission must request all state agencies that have any environment and natural resource responsibilities to appoint a liaison officer to the commission and to help with the advisory committee workload.

### 15. How will the public be kept informed of expenditures from the Trust Fund?

By at least three formal methods contained in the enabling legislation. First of all, a bill that contains Trust Fund project appropriations, reflecting the budget plan, must be passed by the Legislature.

Second, the legislative commission must submit a biennial report on the Trust Fund that includes a description of each project receiving money during the preceding two years. Copies of the report must be available to the public.

Third, an annual audit on the Trust Fund will be done and be available to the public.

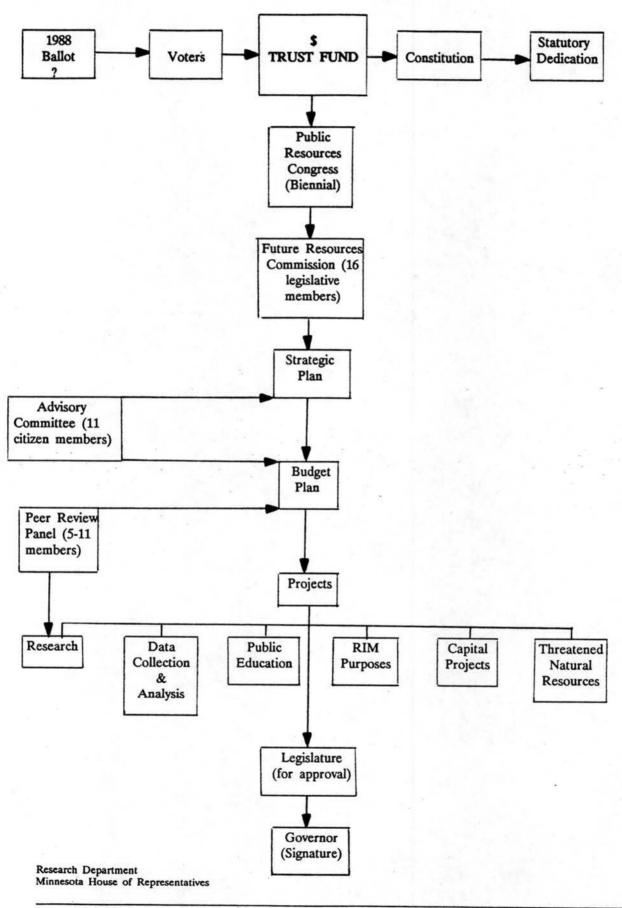
Last, the Resources Congress also may be convened to receive and review reports on Trust Funds projects.

### 16. What is the role of the Minnesota Future Resources Commission?

The legislative commission, composed of eight senators and eight representatives, will have the major responsibility to develop and adopt the biennial budget plan that recommends expenditures from the Trust Fund. Other duties of the MFRC are:

- Adopt bylaws and operating procedures
- Determine the state environment and natural resources budget before and after the Trust Fund is established
- Convene a biennial Resources Congress
- Select a certified public accountant annually to audit the Trust Fund
- Adopt a six-year strategic plan, with updates, for making expenditures from the Trust
   Fund
- Decide on the advisory committee's involvement in the development of the budget plan
- Select the peer review panel membership, who shall assess research proposals for Trust Fund dollars
- Meet at least once in each of the state's congressional districts during each biennium
- Obtain and appraise information available through public and private organizations
- Submit a biennial, comprehensive report on Trust Fund activities to the governor, legislature and public
- Identify possible royalties, copyrights and patents resulting from Trust Fund projects
- Recommend expenditures from the Minnesota future resources account (cigarette tax revenue, 2 cents per pack)
- Recommend expenditures from the oil overcharge funds (Minnesota Statutes 4.071)

### Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposal



# PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS 1988 GENERAL ELECTION

Three amendments to the state constitution are proposed. Each amendment requires a separate vote. If a majority of all who vote in the November 8 election vote "YES," an amendment is adopted. A voter at the election who does not vote on an amendment is in effect voting "NO."

### Amendment One— ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST FUND: TO ESTABLISH:

"Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amende
to establish a Minnesota Environment and Na ural Resources Trust Fund for environmenta natural resource, and wildlife purposes?"
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According to the Attorney General, the purpose and effect of the amendment proposed in Minnesota Laws 1988, ch. 690, article I, section 1, is:

- A permanent Minnesota Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Fund would be established in the state treasury.
- The Legislature would appropriate earnings from the Fund for protection, conservation, preservation and enhancement of the state's air, water, land, fish, wildlife and other natural resources.
- 3. The principal of the Fund would be perpetual and inviolate forever, except that appropriations could be made from up to 25 percent of the annual revenue deposited in the Fund until fiscal year 1997 and loans could be made of up to 5 percent of the principal of the Fund for water system improvements as provided by law. Investments of the Fund could be sold at less than cost to the Fund, but losses not offset by gains would be repaid to the Fund from earnings.

In chapter 690, the Legislature also adopted statutory provisions which will be effective only if the people ratify the proposed amendment. The statutory provisions would, among other things, require that the Fund not be used as a substitute for traditional sources of funding environmental and natural resources activities, but supplement traditional sources; require certain proceeds from a state-operated lottery to be credited to the Fund; permit gifts and donations to be made to the Fund; create a Minnesota Future Resources Commission to develop a budget plan for expenditures from the Fund; create a citizens advisory committee to advise the Minnesota Future Resources Commission, and provide that money in the Fund may be spent only for specified types of programs.

### Amendment Two — JURIES: TO ALLOW LESS THAN TWELVE MEMBERS

Yes	"Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amend
No	to allow the use of juries of less than 12 me bers in civil and nonfelony cases?"

According to the Attorney General purpose and effect of the amendment proposed in Minnesota vs 1988, chapter 716, is:

- The Legislature would be authorized to enact a statute providing for the number of jurors in a civil action, but the statute would have to provide for at least six jurors.
- A person accused of a felony crime would have the right to a jury of twelve members. The Legislature would be authorized to enact a statute providing for the number of jurors in other criminal prosecutions, but the statute would have to provide for at least six jurors.

# Amendment Three— STATE LOTTERY: TO PERMIT LEGISLATURE TO AUTHORIZE

Yes	"Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended
No	to permit the Legislature to authorize a lotter operated by the state?"

According to the Attorney General, the purpose and effect of the amendment proposed in Minnesota Laws 1988, chapter 690, article I, section 2, is that the Legislature would be authorized to enact a statute authorizing a lottery and sale of lottery tickets for a lottery operated by the state.

In chapter 690, the Legislature also adopted statutory provisions which will be effective only if the people ratify the proposed amendment. The statutory provisions would, among other things, require that during the first five full fiscal years in which proceeds from the lottery are received, the net lottery proceeds from the state-operated lottery would be shared equally by the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resource Trust Fund and the Greater Minnesota Corporation Fund. Therafter, as determined by law each biennium, up to one-half of the net proceeds of the state-operated lottery must be credited to each of the two funds.

### **ELECTION CALENDAR**

Pre-registration

August 23

	Election						
September 10	County auditors' office open for absentee voting 1:00 P.M3:00 P.M.						
September 12	County auditors' office open for absentee voting 5:00 P.M7:00 P.M.						
September 13	State Primary Election. Polls open from 7:00 A.M8:00 P.M. in most precincts in the state.						
October 18	Pre-registration closes for General Election.						
November 5	County auditors' offices open for absentee voting 1:00 P.M3:00 P.M.						
November 7	County auditors' offices open for absentee voting 5:00 P.M7:00 P.M.						
November 8	State General Election. Polls open from 7:00 A.M8:00 P.M. in most precincts in						

### Additional infor

ion about elections is

available iroin.	
Election Division	
Office of the Secretary of State	or
180 State Office Building	your county auditor
St. Paul, MN 55155-1299	or
Telephone: (612) 296-2805	your municipal clerk
County	
Auditor	
	(telephone)

Municipal Clerk \_\_\_\_\_\_\_(telephone)

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY: September 13, 1988 GENERAL ELECTION DAY: November 8, 1988

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ELECTION '88 IN MINNESOTA:

register and vote

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from Minnesota Statutes

ELECTION DIVISION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE



180 State Office Building St. Paul, MN 55155-1299 612-296-2805



Office												Term
President and Vice-President .		,							,		4	years
1 U.S. Senator											6	years
8 U.S. Representatives		(*)		0							2	years
134 State Representatives											2	years
Associate Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court .     Judge of the	٠	٠	•		٠		•		٠	٠	6	years
Minnesota Court of Appeals					. 5			•	•		6	years
Numerous district court judges and other nonpartisan officer												

#### **VOTER ELIGIBILITY**

You are qualified to vote in Minnesota if:

- · You are 18 years of age.
- You are a citizen of the United States.
- You have lived in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding the election.
- · You are registered to vote.

You are not qualified if:

- You are convicted of treason or a felony and not yet restored to your civil rights.
- You are under guardianship of your person.
- You are found by a court of law to be legally incompetent.
- · You are not registered to vote.

**DETERMINATION OF RESIDENCE.** Your residence is that place where you actually live and call home. If you live in more than one place, you may vote at the one you consider to be your place of residence. You may vote in only one precinct.

**STUDENT RESIDENCE.** A student may vote from either school address or home address depending upon which address the student considers to be the place of residence.

#### VOTER REGISTRATION

**PRE-REGISTRATION.** You may pre-register in most Minnesota counties:

- By completing a voter registration card and mailing it to your county's voter registration office.
- At any state agency, county auditor, or the city clerk's office in most cities. A registration card attached to the drivers license application form can be completed at the time you renew or change your drivers license or Minnesota identification card.

PRE-REGISTRATION CLOSES. To allow for processing, you must submit your pre-registration at least 20 days before the next election you wish to vote in. For the primary election on September 13th, you must pre-register by August 23rd; for the general (presidential) election November 8th, by October 18th. If it is too late to pre-register, you can still vote by registering at the polling place on election day.

**ELECTION DAY.** In all Minnesota counties you may register at the polling place on election day with any of the following authorized proofs of residence:

- Valid Minnesota driver's lider or learner's permit (or receipt for either) showing correct address in precinct.
- Valid Minnesota identification card (or receipt) showing correct address in precinct.
- Oath of a voter registered in the precinct, who is not a poll challenger, signed in the presence of an election judge. (A voter who registers by using this method may not confirm the residency of another voter on the day of the same election.)
- A current registration in the same precinct indicating a previous address.
- A mailed notice received from the registration office indicating an insufficient registration.
- Students may use one of the following if it shows the student's current adddress in the precinct:
  - current student fee statement.
- current student identification card.
- current student registration card.
- photo I.D. with certified student housing list.

Only authorized proofs of residence can be used. Other documents are not acceptable proofs of residence for election day registration.

**REGISTRATION IS PERMANENT.** Unless you change your address, change your name, or fail to vote at least once every four years, your voter registration is permanent. You do not need to declare your political party in order to register to vote.

ASSISTANCE TO HANDICAPPED VOTERS. All polling places must meet accessibility standards unless no available building can be made accessible. Voters who are unable to enter a polling place may, with the assistance of two election judges of different political parties, register and vote without leaving their vehicles. Absentee ballots are also available to the handicapped voter through their county auditor.

All accessible polling places must have one booth or other voting station accessible to the handicapped. In a precinct using lever voting machines, a handicapped voter who cannot enter the machine will be provided with paper ballots. A chair will be available.

Persons who are blind, disabled or otherwise unable to mark their ballots may request the assistance of two election judges of different political parties or an individual of the voter's choice. That individual may not be a candidate, the voter's employer or agent of the employer, or an officer or agent of the voter's union. The assisting individual must take an oath.

Consult your county auditor about the availability of voter registration and absentee ballot instructions in large print, Braille or cassette. Every county and most cities will have a TTY device for providing voter registration information.

#### VOTING

**LOCATION.** Each voter must vote at the polling place designated to serve the precinct where the voter resides. Precinct boundaries and polling places are designated by the governing body of each municipality. Your municipal clerk or county auditor can tell you the location of your polling place.

HOURS. At the Septer 13, 1988 and November 8, 1988 state elections, polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in most precincts in the state.

**PROCEDURES.** If you are already registered, sign the voter registration list. If you have not registered beforehand, you may register at the polling place with proper identification. Election judges will check your registration and direct you to a voting booth.

**PRIMARIES.** In a partisan election, voters nominate candidates to the general election ballot from among those who filed within their party for each office. In a nonpartisan primary, twice the number of candidates to be elected are nominated by the electors. Nonpartisan primaries occur only when more than twice the number to be elected file for a nonpartisan office.

"Ticket-splitting" cannot be done at a primary election. The purpose of a partisan primary election is to allow the voters to select the nominees of their party. Minnesota has a consolidated primary ballot which allows voters to make a secret choice of major party primary. Primary ballots marked for candidates from more than one party are defective and not counted.

#### ABSENTEE VOTING.

You may vote by absentee ballot if:

- You are going to be absent from the precinct on election day.
- Illness or physical disability will prevent your going to the polling place.
- Religious holiday or discipline prohibits your attendance at the polling place.
- You are an election judge serving in another precinct.

ABSENTEE APPLICATION: Write to your county auditor or municipal clerk or stop into the office and give the following information:

- · Your name and residence address;
- Reason you will be away from the polling place on election day.
- · Date, and:
- · Address to which you wish ballots sent;
- Signature

An application need not be made on an official or standard form. An application submitted by mail shall be accepted if it contains the information required.

If an individual applies for an absentee ballot and must register by enclosing a completed registration card with the ballot, the individual must furnish authorized proof of residence as required for election day registration.

HOSPITAL AND HEALTH CARE FACILITIES. Special absentee voting procedures may be available to voters in hospital or health care facilities. Consult your county auditor or municipal clerk for additional information.

**DEADLINE.** Unless you are a patient or resident in certain health care facilities, your request must be received by the county auditor or municipal clerk no later than the day before the election.

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be printed at least 30 days before the election. At that time, the county auditor or municipal clerk may mail them to you or you may pick up ballots at the office of the auditor or clerk. Only the voter may pick up the voter's absentee ballots directly from the auditor or clerk.

The auditor's office in every county will be open from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the Saturday (September 10/November 5) and from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the Monday (September 12/November 7) immediately before the primary and general election for the acceptance of absentee ballot applications and the casting and return of the absentee ballots.

#### ABSENT VOTERS IN THE MILITARY OR OUTSIDE THE

U.S. The voting residence of an armed forces member is the place the member last lived in Minnesota. The ballot application is the only registration required for absentee voters in the military or outside the United States. The voter may request a ballot at any time. A parent, spouse, brother, sister, or child over 18 years of age may request a ballot on behalf of the voter in the military.

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY: September 13, 1983

GENERAL ELECTION DAY: November 8, 1988



September 26, 1988

Dear Local League President:

A list of speakers and topics has been compiled for your use during the coming year. There are several ways you can use this - need someone to talk at a unit meeting? Or do you know of another group that requires some information on child care or maybe education? How about students in your community, or the local hospital? The League is informed on many issues and we'd like to get that information out to our members as well as the general public.

Speakers will fill your request, if available. Generally a \$50 honorarium is received but other arrangements can be made if necessary. Just call the state League office, 612/224-5445, with your request and we will do our best to meet your need. Attached please find a list of available speakers and topics.

Sincerely,

Diane O'Connor

Citizen Information Chair

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### LWVMN SPEAKERS BUREAU

Jane McWilliams - "Choices in Education - How has Minnesota Responded to

the Consumer Movement?" (an overview with attention to the pros and cons, also our positions and activities could be

covered)

"What's Happening in School Finance?" (is equity still a

goal and are we meeting it?)

Linda Peck Environmental Trust Fund

Hazardous Waste and Waste Disposal

Environmental Policy Metro & Greater MN

Nancy Crippen Ballot issues

Constitutional Amendments

Polly Keppel The State of Child Care in MN

Early Childhood Development Programs for High-risk Children

Women's Economic Issues Child Health & Safety Issues

Margit Johnson Mental Health Issues (general overview with attention to

League's study) (available only in Southeastern MN)

Pat Bugenstein or

Bee Vennes Mental Health Legislation

Dorothy Holmes Personal standpoint issues family has to deal with,

disparity of services

Carolyn Hendrixson Pay Equity

### IWVMN Education Fund, 550 Rice Street, St. Paul, MN 55103

### ELECTION HOTLINE SHIFT SCHEDULE

Local League:						
Please include you to Wanda Haugland,	r name, address and 27 Deer Hills Drive	telephone number. Return , North Oaks, MN 55127.	by August 22nd			
Date & Time	Name	Address	<u>Phone</u>			
Oct. 24 8 p.m10:30 p.m.						
Oct. 25 8 a.m11 a.m.						
ll a.m 2 p.m.						
2 p.m 5 p.m.						
Nov. 4 9 a.m11:30 a.m.						
11:30 a.m2:30p.m	1.					
2:30 p.m5 p.m.						
Nov. 5 9 a.m12 noon						
Nov. 7 9 a.m12 noon						
12 noon- 3 p.m.						
3 p.m 5-5:30p.m	6					
Nov. 8 8 a.m11 a.m.						
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2 p.m 5 p.m.						
5 p.m 7:30 p.m.						



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

# DEBATE '88 For U.S. Senate

September 27, 1988

Dear Local League President:

The debate for U.S. Senator sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund is drawing near; and we are in the process of making final plans. As you know, Debate '88 is scheduled to take place on October 24th at 7 p.m. at Carleton College, Northfield, MN. It is being broadcast live by KSTP-TV and will be carried by radio and TV stations throughout the state.

As in the past, part of the debate will be devoted to questions submitted by Minnesota citizens. We are asking League Presidents if they would like to "be a star" and appear on camera to ask a citizen's question. That is all you would have to do - we would not have follow-up questions in this segment. Please call the state office, 612/224-5445, and let us know if you are interested.

Also, enclosed is a ticket request form for your League's members. Please fill out and return by October 12th. It is very important that we know exactly how many tickets you want and have a list of names of those using the tickets.

Thank you for your cooperation and interest.

Sincerely,

Marcia Garton

Project Director

Marcia Garton

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The League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund cordially invites you to attend

DEBATE '88

between major candidates for U.S. Senator from Minnesota

Monday, October 24, 1988 7 - 8 p.m. Carleton College Concert Hall Northfield, MN

and

Reception immediately following the debate

Debate '88 is made possible by a major gift from First Bank System,

with additional contributions from Medtronic, Inc.; Dayton's and Target Stores; Honeywell Foundation; Fredrikson & Byron Foundation; SHELDAHL, Inc.; W. Alton Jones Foundation; Catherine T. & James MacArthur Foundation; Rockefeller Family Associates.

In kind contributions provided by Carleton College and the creative team of Mike Gustafson, Chris Grajczyk and Joe Nagy.

KSTP-TV is providing television coverage and distribution of the debate.

Ticket request form is enclosed.

### LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

### **DEBATE '88**

For U.S. Senate

LWVMN

550 Rice Street St. Paul, MN 55103

Ticket Request Form for October 24th Debate, Carleton College

Please respond by October 12th. Reservations will be honored in the order received. Tickets will be mailed if a stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed or will be held at the door. Tickets are not transferable.

Doors will be open at 6 p.m. and will close at 6:45 p.m. to accommodate the broadcaster. Guests are requested to be seated when the doors close.

Guests are requested to wear no political buttons, carry no signs or banners and to engage in no form of partisan visual or auditory display. Please do not applaud during the program.

There is no charge for tickets. Tax deductible donations, however, would be appreciated to help defray Debate '88 costs. DEBATE '88, OCTOBER 24, CARLETON COLLEGE, TICKET REQUEST Name:\_\_\_\_ Address:\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: Check one: \_\_\_Please hold \_\_\_\_ tickets at the registration desk. \_\_\_Please send \_\_\_\_ tickets to the above address. The tickets are for: Tickets are not transferable. Check here if you would like additional tickets should they become available. Enclosed is my tax deductible donation to Debate '88 \$\_\_\_\_\_ (optional). Make check payable to League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund. Send to: Debate '88



### LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

**DEBATE** '88
For U.S. Senate

For further information contact:
Marcia Garton, Debate '88
Project Director, 612-224-5445

### DEBATE '88 FACT SHEET

Candidates for U.S. Senate in Minnesota will meet face to face on Monday, October 24 in a live television debate sponsored by League of Women Voters of Minnesota. The one-hour program originating from Carleton College, Northfield, will be broadcast live in the Twin Cities by KSTP Television (Channel 5), and carried by other television stations across the state. The debate will also be aired by WCCO-AM, and by member stations of Minnesota News Network and Minnesota Public Radio.

Sen. David Durenberger and MN Attorney General Hubert H. Humphrey III have met criteria for participation and have accepted the League's invitation to participate in Debate '88. If other candidates meet the criteria, they will also be invited to participate.

League of Women Voters of Minnesota president Joan Higinbotham will moderate Debate '88.

### CRITERIA FOR CANDIDATE PARTICIPATION

Candidates qualify to participate in Debate '88 if they meet at least one of the following criteria set by League:

\*they must have won their party's primary;

\*or received the support of at least 15 percent of the people surveyed in an independent poll;

\*or received in an independent poll a percentage of support as great as, or greater than, that received by a primary winner.

### PROGRAM FORMAT

Debate '88 format will consist of candidate answers and rebuttal on general and specific questions put by moderator Joan Higinbotham, 30 second responses to a list of current issues, and candidate answers and rebuttal to questions submitted by citizens across the state.

### FUNDING

Major funding for Debate '88 has been provided by First Bank System, with additional contributions from Medtronic, Inc.; Dayton's and Target Stores; Honeywell Foundation; Fredrikson & Byron Foundation; SHELDAHL, INC.; W. Alton Jones Foundation; Catherine T. & James MacArthur Foundation; Rockefeller Family Associates.

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# THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

MINNESOTA

550 RICE STREET ST. PAUL, MN 55103 PHONE (612) 224-5445

### **MEMO**

TO: Local League Presidents

FROM: Peggy Thompson, LWVMN Staff

SUBJECT: Voter Guide '88 & Voter

Information '88

DATE: September 26, 1988

<u>Voter Guide '88</u>: For your information - through a grant from Unisys, we will be sending Voter Guides to the Social Studies Department of every school district in the state. They will be sent, at most, only enough for the appropriate classes. We just want you to be aware of what we're doing as you lay your own plans for distribution. There will certainly be room in any high school for more Guides than they will receive from us.

<u>Voter Information '88</u>: The state office has available, in quantity, the Secretary of State's brochure that tells people everything they ever wanted to know about registering and voting. It's free - a perfect give away in your voter registration booths, to accompany the Voter Guide and to place in public places. (A copy is enclosed in this mailing with the Constitutional Amendments information.)

September 27, 1988

Dear Local League President,

The annual state fundraiser is April 8, 1989. Each local League and each individual League member can make a difference! Your personal contribution and solicited contributions to the RAFFLE, SILENT and LIVE AUCTIONS will make Fundraiser '89 another successful event!

Could you print the following information in your bulletin to help people with ideas for donations? Thanks to you and your League member for your help.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Contributions from local Leagues and individual Leaguers in '88 totaled more than \$6,000. (Several members made more than one contribution.)

Total proceeds from Fundraiser '88 - \$14,000!

### NEED AN IDEA FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO FUNDRAISER '88?

Pottery Crystal **Pickles** Silver Paintings Sculpture Parties Lamps Greek Embroidery Chinese Wool Throw Russian Needlepoint Cajun Toro Gas Weeder Murder Mystery Hors d'œuvres for 30 Houseboat Food Dehydrator Book Review Home Baked Rolls Summer Serenade Big Sky Home for one week Brown Bag/Latimer Black Hills Cabin Golf and Bar-b-que Wine, Cheese & Fruit Basket Lucheon and Tour Hand Knit Sweaters Games Stereo Cabinet Tickets 25 lb. Salted Nut Roll Theater Posters Orchestra Rocker Sports Events Cheesecakes 6 lb. Peanut Butter Cup Aprons Antique Phone Jellies Wildlife Quilt Luggage Books Afghans Jewelry T-Shirts Homemade Candy

Please send your donation forms to: Anne Borgen, 1811 Pennsylvania Ave. No., Golden Valley, MN 55427, 612/835-4265.

# League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund Fundraiser Donation Form

Donated by:	Contact:
Address:	Phone:
City State	Zip
This is a: Business	
League Member N	ame of League:
Friend of LWWMNEF	
ITEM	
	SERVICE
Please describe:	Please describe:
	What?
Value:	<u>Value:</u>
Will mail to LWWMNEF office	When? Date:
Will deliver to LWVMNEF office	Time:
Will bring to event:	For how many? Persons:
Must be picked up:	Couples:
Solicited by:	
Name	Address
Phone	Local League

Please fold in thirds and mail to address on back of form.

Anne C. Borgen 1811 Pennsylvania Avenue No. Golden Valley, MN 55427

# **BOARD MEMO**

### AUGUST, 1988

		<u>Calendar</u>
August 16	_	BOARD MEMO mailed 1st class to IL Presidents, subscribers
	-	Fundraiser Committee Meeting
18	-	President's Mailing, 3rd class to LL Presidents, subscribers
19	-	LL Voter Guide orders due
	-	Debate '88 Committee Meeting, LWVMN Office, 10 a.m.
22	-	Debates ON THE LINE: LWV member and community phone calls to
		Bush/Dukakis Campaign headquarters
23	_	LWVMN Board Retreat at the home of Anne Francis, 9:30 a.m4 p.m
25-31	-	State Fair, IW at Star-Tribune booth to register voters
	-	Voter Guide orders due from organizations, corporations
September 1	-	2nd Quarter PMP due from LLs to LWWMN
1-5	-	LWV Voter Registration at State Fair
5	-	Office closed, Labor Day
		Presidential Debate, Birmingham
		Primary Election Day
		LWVMN, LWVMNEF Board Meetings, 9 a.m2 p.m., LWVMN office
-	-	Fall VOTER deadline
16		Voter Guide to printer
17	_	Leadership Development workshops: Fridley, Duluth, Minneapolis,
		9 a.m4 p.m.
22	-	World Trade Week conference, Radisson South Hotel
24	-	Leadership Development Workshops: Detroit Lakes, Worthington,
		Fridley, 9 a.m 4 p.m.
October 1	-	Leadership Development Workshops, St. Cloud and Rochester, 9 a.m.
		-4 p.m.
3-7	-	Voter Guide distribution
		Presidential Debate, Northrop Auditorium, U of M,
	-	Election Hotline, 8-10:30 p.m., MN Women's Bldg.
7	-	Election Hotline, 8 a.m 5 p.m., MN Women's Bldg.
10, 11, 14	-	Votemobile: LWVMN and KMSP register voters on Metro area college
2000000		campuses
11	-	LWVMN, EF Board Meetings, MN Women's Bldg., 9 a.m 2 p.m.
18	-	Board Memo mailing to LL presidents and subscribers
20	-	President's Mailing
23	-	Presidential Debate, Boston
24	-	U.S. Senate Debate, televised live via KSTP-TV, Carleton College,
		Northfield

- November 1 Presidential Debate, Los Angeles
  - 4 Election Hotline, 9 a.m. 5 p.m., MN Women's Bldg.

- Election Hotline, 8 - 10:30 p.m., MN Women's Bldg. 25 - Election Hotline, MN Women's Bldg. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- 5 Election Hotline, 9 a.m. noon, MN Women's Bldg. 7 - Election Hotline, 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., MN Women's Bldg.
- 8 Election Day - Election Hotline, 8 a.m. - 7:30 p.m., MN Women's Bldg.

### LWVMN BOARD MEMO, August, 1988 (page 2) Enclosures

- -Discussion Guide for Mental Health Consensus and Consensus Response Form\*/Johnson
- -Memo re new League Membership Recruitment Materials/Takkunen

-Leadership Development flyer\*/McKinnell

- -Leadership Development Workshops at LWVUS Convention '88: Audio Cassettes/McKinnell
- -Take Part in America, Voter Service video from LWV-Austin, order form/Leppik

-Tax Law Information for New Presidents/Erickson

-Bulletin Rating Sheet/Santi

-Voter Guide order form\*/Leppik

- -Editorial from N.Y. Times re child care\*/Keppel
- -Information memo re teen pregnancy\*/Keppel

-World Trade Week flyer\*/Duffy

-U.N. Rally flyer\*/Duffy

### BOARD HAPPENINGS

At its August 9, 1988, meeting your State Board:

.approved Mental Health Consensus Questions;

- .accepted with deep regret the resignation of Carolyn Hendrixson from LWVMN Board;
- .decided to provide a pro/con information piece on state ballot issues;
- .approved a contribution to the LWVMNEF in memory of Irene Janski, former LWVMN president;
- .heard a report from Virginia Sweeny on the status of Presidential Debates.

### BOUQUETS TO

\*Carolyn Hendrixson, LWV-Mpls, on her new job as Director of "Churches Concerned for Children," for the Greater Mpls Council of Churches;

\*Polly Keppel, LWV-Mpls, who received her League's Bess Minarik Award;

\*League members who were winners in spring school board elections: Julie Bjorklund, St. Anthony; Sue Cummings, Roseville; Geri Evans, New Brighton; Vernae Hasbargen, Wilkin County; Mary Hepokoski, Golden Valley; are those we are aware of, but we are sure there are others;

\*All members and friends of the League who contributed to the successful opening of the MN Women's Building, with special thanks to:

Peggy Lucas for her service on the Development Team,

Beverly McKinnell for her work on developing and carrying out the Capital Campaign,

Sally Sawyer for her work on the Management Committee and for moving the League - twice, and

Joann Buie for organizing our "Open House" on July 12th.

### PRESIDENT (Higinbotham - 612/926-9399)

Somehow I never experienced that summer lull this year. It was a busy time, with work on the move to the League's permanent home and plans for voter service projects. Now it is almost back-to-school time! I hope that you have already planned your League year and are looking forward to a variety of activities. As you read through this Board Memo, don't become overwhelmed by the sheer number of things you could do. Let your members set their priorities, and remember that the very variety is one our strengths - there is something for every member!

As I write this there is some difference of opinion over whether Presidential Debates should be sponsored by the League of Women Voters or the political parties. We believe the League should and will sponsor debates. Virginia Sweeny, Presidential Debate Site Coordinator for Minnesota, has just sent you a memo re our effort on August 22nd to deluge the Dukakis and Bush campaigns with phone calls, urging their participation in the LWV debates. Please give Debates on the Line top priority! The public deserves a nonpartisan forum which the League will provide. Please do what you can to make voters in your community aware of this issue. Also, please encourage your members to volunteer at the LWVUS Presidential Debate to be held here in Minnesota on October 6th. It is a rare opportunity, so don't miss out!

We have finally settled in at 550 Rice street and we love it. Please come and visit. As we had hoped, we are enjoying the company of the other tenants and making good use of our increased space. To make it perfect we need some additional furniture, and we hope that you will help to make that happen. (See more on the furniture fund under Development.)

Please take note of the many voter service activities pointed out in this Board Memo. Your own local League is probably also planning activities centering on the election. Remember, these are opportunities to introduce many new people to the League. Grow and educate at the same time.

### VOTER SERVICE (Leppik - 612/546-3328)

Batten down the hatches - the busy season is upon us! Some notes and reminders to help you through:

National Registration Day (Sept. 9) is a LWVUS voter service project. LWVMN has no special plans in connection with this project because (a) we're doing a lot already and (b) it falls within the 20-day black-out period for voter registration prior to the primary election. Local Leagues are free to run their own National Registration projects if they wish.

<u>Candidate Meeting Moderators</u>: Once again, if you need help finding a moderator, call me. I have a file of tried-and-true moderators.

Ballot Issues: Needed: speakers on ballot issues and voting information. We'll provide the speech. Call or write Diane O'Connor at the LWVMN office. LWV-Austin Video: The LWV-Austin has put together a very good 11-1/2-minute videotape on voting procedures. Look for the information and order sheet in the President's Mailing. Excellent for public access cable.

<u>LWVMN Voter Service Projects Update</u>: State Fair voter registration - still time to sign up (i.e., we still need help!) Call me.

The Votemobile has been reactivated. If you'd like to help in the Metro Area on October 10, 11 or 14, let me know. We got great visibility and response last spring! Hours are 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Metro Area Hotline is looking for a few (about 200) good Leaguers to answer phones in the new LWVMN office. \$\$\$ for local Leagues. Ask your president for the sign-up sheet or call Wanda Haugland at the LWVMN office.

<u>Voter Guide</u>: Local League orders are due in the office August 19th. You have a few days leeway, so don't hold up on your order because it's late. Just hurry and get it in right away! In case you've misplaced the order form, one is enclosed in the President's Mailing.

Remember, I'm here to help. Most important - HAVE FUN! Register with a smile!

### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (McKinnell - 612/646-3690)

Workshops for League Members: Be sure to nominate potential leaders in your League to take part in the Leadership Development Workshops to be held in your area in September and October. We will help members develop their leadership skills so that they can better serve League and your community. In addition, they will achieve personal growth and enhance their electoral, job and community service prospects.

Workshops will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday: September 17th in Duluth, Minneapolis and Fridley September 24th in Detroit Lakes, Worthington and Fridley October 1st in St. Cloud and Rochester

A flyer with registration information will be mailed to every member in August, and will be included in the President's Mailing. There is a small fee of \$5. Lunch and all materials are included.

Register your members soon as enrollment is limited. Deadlines are two weeks before each workshop.

It was necessary to have the flyer to the printer before all addresses were confirmed. We will send confirmation notices with specific addresses to those registered for the workshops.

LWVUS Leadership Development Tapes: Audio tapes of the Leadership Development Workshops held at the National League Convention are now available for rental at no charge to local Leagues. These workshops were extremely well received and rated as very valuable by those able to attend the limited one workshop per delegate. Tapes of the addresses by Rep. Patricia Schroeder and Nancy Austin, co-author with Tom Peters of Passion for Excellence, are also available. An order form is included in the President's Mailing.

### FIELD SERVICE (McKinnell - 612/646-3690)

Board Orientation, Calendar Planning: By now most of you have scheduled for a IWVMN Board member to help you with an orientation for your Board or calendar planning. If you haven't had the opportunity, or you need assistance with some gaps in your calendar (or too many projects for your calendar), please give us a call. We are available to help you, or just to talk over anything that is of concern to you. Our purpose is to support local Leagues, and local League Presidents. The Field Service Team in addition to me is:

Southwest Regional Rep: Betty Haats 612/235-3899 Southeast Regional Rep: Bobbi Megard 612/646-3827 Northwest Regional Rep: Dee Bowman 218/847-4389 Northeast Regional Rep: Prudy Cameron 218/525-4164 Staff in office: Peggy Thompson 612/224-5445

Outlook 1988-89: This publication of IWVMN was sent out in June. It is an invaluable reference for all of your Board members, containing the calendar for the State League year, and communiques from the State Board counterparts for each of your Board member's portfolios. Please be sure that each Board member has one. Encourage them to feel free to call their State Board counterpart whenever they have a question or problem.

### MEMBERSHIP (Takkunen - 612/445-4218)

Membership Plans: By the first of September I would hope you would be well along with your plan for membership. Remember this is an election year and election years are <u>our</u> years. We gain more members and lose fewer members during election years. Be sure that you have read pages 22-24 of the Counterpart Communique in the LWVMN OUTLOOK. Also, make sure you have a membership handbook close by for hundreds of "nitty gritty" suggestions and, also, keep my phone number at hand. I accept "collect" calls.

LWVUS Memorandum on Ordering Labels and Lists: In July IWVUS sent out a memo on ordering labels or membership list printouts. If your League doesn't have a computer handy perhaps you, your bulletin editor or secretary might find these useful. Ask your President for the order form if you've not yet seen it. (Needless to say, if you use this service, be sure to check the labels and print out list against your own membership records.)

<u>Membership Materials</u>: LWVUS Convention provided all of us with some new materials to use for membership. I have written a special membership memo which your President will receive with this Board Memo. Please be sure that you get it.

### MENTAL HEALTH STUDY (Johnson - 507/645-5726)

This will be brief because our enclosure is <u>large</u>: the consensus questions and discussion guide for the State Study on Mental Health Policies & Services. If you are participating in the State Consensus, you undoubtedly have scheduled a meeting sometime between now and the deadline of <u>December 15th</u>. The discussion guide includes suggestions for planning and conducting the meeting.

Remember, the consensus deadline at the State Office is <u>December 15, 1988</u>, and your Board needs to confirm your LL's consensus results before that deadline. Any questions? Feel free to call me anytime prior to your meeting to clarify, encourage or otherwise help! And thank you for all your interest and assistance during this, the first year of the State Study.

### AGRICULTURE STUDY (Duffy - 612/429-9703)

In September IWVUS should announce consensus results on the Federal Agriculture Policy. Following that announcement, we will be looking at the advocacy options for that new position. Please ask your local League members to consider being a part of our lobbying corps to address ag issues at all levels of government. This is a brand new program area for us and the more working on this, the better!

### INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (Duffy - 612/429-9703)

Please remind your local League members that the Contra Aid Issue in not dead. Currently, Congress is considering at least two versions of a bill to resume aid to the Nicaraguan Contras. LWV opposes any aid to the Contras and fully supports the Arias Peace Plan for the region. Any contact with our Members of Congress ought to include this reminder.

Also, be aware that the Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty has taken effect and both the US and USSR have begun the destruction of these weapons.

Simultaneously, historic meetings are occurring between our Secretary of Defense, Carlucci and his Soviet Counterpart. These meetings demonstrate a new openness and allow face-to-face discussions of realistic possibilities for minimizing tension, suspicion and apprehension regarding military activities of the superpowers.

<u>World Trade Week</u>: The conference this year is September 22nd at the Radisson South Hotel in Bloomington. The cost for LWV members is \$15, excluding lunch. Watch for a brochure on the event.

### SOCIAL POLICY (Keppel - 612/823-3389)

Adolescent Pregnancy: During the adolescent pregnancy concurrence process last year some local Leagues were involved in activities in their communities which focused on the issue of teen pregnancy. Your League may have organized a public meeting, served on a local committee or task force, collected local research on the scope of the problem and services available, prepared an article for the local newspaper, etc. We are interested in documenting any activity your League may have been involved in beyond unit discussion and voting on concurrence. The Children's Defense Fund Teen Pregnancy Project is interested in knowing of any activity League may have been a part of. Please complete the simple information memo included in the 3rd class memo and return it to the LWVMN office by September 15th.

Child Care: Child Care is one of our new national action priorities and appears to be a "hot issue" in the fall of 1988 at the presidential, congressional and legislative levels (see the New York Times editorial in the President's Mailing). The Act for Better Child Care Services (ABC) bill has passed the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources and is headed for a vote on the Senate floor this fall. The bill passed the House Committee on Education and Labor on August 10th and now goes to the full House. Congressmen Oberstar, Sabo, Sikorski and Vento are the only members of the MN Congressional delegation who support the bill so we have our work cut out for us. We need to focus on Rep. Penny in the First District and Sen. Durenberger, both of whom support many of the bill's provisions but not its cost. Look for an action alert in the mail after Labor Day.

Since child care is of great community interest throughout the state, local Leagues in Greater Minnesota have a terrific opportunity this fall for a "ready made" program on this topic, all expenses paid, guaranteed to generate some good publicity for your local League as well as focusing public attention on child care needs and new activities.

Child Care Works (CCW) is seeking invitations from groups in Greater Minnesota wishing to host a meeting on child care. In addition to a speaker, CCW will supply hosts with a publicity kit complete with flyers, press releases and information on child care issues. CCW will also cover expenses such as postage. Child care meeting hosts are responsible only for arranging a meeting place and distributing publicity.

I will be contacting Leagues in some key communities to discuss this further. For a minimum of effort, this could be a good membership tactic and an interesting program for League members and education and public awareness for your community. (Invite your legislative candidates!)

Hunger Advocacy Project: Local League presidents have received information from LWVUS on the hunger advocacy project grants. The State League plans to submit a proposal with the potential for involvement by local Leagues. We also would continue to encourage local Leagues who may have an idea for a potential project in your community to develop a proposal and submit it. Please contact Polly Keppel for further information.

### BULLETIN (Santi - 612/426-5151)

You're probably close to sending out Issue 1 of your latest Volume of local League bulletin. Some things for you to check before it goes in the mail are listed on the Bulletin Rating Sheet included in the President's Mailing. The categories on the rating sheet of Appearance, Style, Nameplate and Masthead, and Information will be the ones used to judge the best of local League bulletins at next year's state Convention. Just be sure you are sending copies of your VOTER to the state office at its new address, and to me at 5935 Otter Lake Road, White Bear Lake, 55110, and you will be in the competition.

While you're preparing for the distribution of your Voter, please see pages 29-30 of OUTLOOK 1988-89. Many people are interested in what your League is doing. And don't forget to include the details in your bulletin.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS (Santi - 612/426-5151)

By now your local Board should have completed calendar planning. That's your cue to make your PR calendar for the year.

For each event you'll need to decide whether to promote it ahead of time to boost attendance (units, candidate forums), time an announcement to come out as the event happens (finance drives), follow up with a report on what happened (guest speakers) or some combination of the three.

Back up to allow yourself plenty of time for newspaper deadlines and getting the information from committee chairs. You'll probably find you need to begin right away preparing your first announcement.

Remind your Board and committee people who are responsible for the events that they can't wait until the week before to start firming up the details. If they want you to help them drum up an audience, they'll have to give you the information in time.

Media Resource Guides published by Gannett Foundation and promised for local PR chairpersons by KARE Television in the Twin Cities have not arrived as yet. When they do, we will send them along in the next President's mailing.

### DEVELOPMENT (Erickson - 612/934-2991)

We're definitely not "second hand Rose" any more! Contributions and pledges from the following local Leagues and individuals have made it possible to buy much of the furniture and equipment essential to begin operating in the new office. Thanks to these LLs for their generous support: Bemidji, \$525; Mahtomedi, \$100; White Bear/North Oaks, \$500; Austin, \$50; MEPH, \$500; New Brighton, \$50; Northfield, \$50; New Ulm, \$25; Edina, \$500; Bloomington, \$50; St. Cloud, \$250; Rochester, \$100; South Tonka, \$100; CMAL, \$150; Roseville, \$100; Cannon Falls, \$50.

Thanks also to the following individual contributors: Harriette Burkhalter, Peggy Lucas, Ellen Hendin, Lynne Forster, Joan Higinbotham, Gloria Kuehn, Beverly McKinnell, White Bear Lake LWV members, Polly Keppel, Jessie & David Merrell, Nancy Brown, Elizabeth Ebbott, Carol Bergeson, Betty Ann McKaig, Kay Erickson and Peggy Thompson.

But there are still many items that we need to completely furnish the office so staff and volunteers can work more efficiently. They are listed below. Remember, local Leagues can use their edcucation Fund accounts because the new office is owned by the Education Fund. If you have any questions about how to contribute to the Furniture Fund, please call me or Jean Tews at the office.

Items still needed are: files for PT, \$400; files for bookkeepers, \$400, files for JT, \$400; desk-top copier for mezzanine, \$1,000; possible addition to bookkeepers work station, \$600; storage shelf near copier, \$100; case for Ueland display, \$3,000; Plaques to commemorate gifts, \$500, pedestal file for Rose, \$250; 2-3 oak bookshelves for JT, \$500.

Thank you to the following persons for development assistance this fiscal year: IWV-Mpls members at First Bank, Dina Brooks and Lutheran Brotherhood, Linda Paulson; Corrine & Bruce McDonald for support in Donaldson Co. request; Phyllis Brostrom and IWV-Marshall president, Kim Anson for request to Schwans; Candy Takkunen for personalization of Mackay Envelope request; Peggy Leppik for personalization of McNeely Foundation request; Mary Santi, Polly Keppel, Nancy Crippen, Judy Duffy for follow-up on Debate '88 letters to lawyers; Joan Higinbotham for personalization of several requests; Anne Francis for personalization of Nash Finch request; Debate '88 Steering Committee members Marcia Garton, Sarah Pillow, Esther Lewis, Rosemary Guttormsson, Pearl Sheps and Jan Mitchell for leads to Fredrikson & Byron Foundation, Liberty State Bank, Maurices, Edgell Communications and Mayo Foundation.

Remember that your local League receives 10% of an "unrestricted" contribution raised by the state League for the LWWNNEF from a corporation or foundation in your community. Any time you are trying to solicit funding from a company it helps tremendously to know someone in a position of influence in that company. If you or someone in your League has a connection that we might use or an idea for a company we might solicit, please call me or Jean Tews at the office.

<u>DEBATE '88 MAILING</u>: To promote and solicit funding for Debate '88, LWVMNEF's Senate Debate, a mailing will be sent in August to members, contributors, the LWVUS list of MN donors, selected Common Cause members, the EF Advisory Board and senders of Debates '86 questions.

Remember the Ed Fund when you're doing your calendar planning. You can use your Education Fund account for any project that is educational in nature and designed to serve the general public (not exclusively League members). The project should provide factual, objective information and analysis and not take sides in a current controversial issue. There must be no mention of advocacy of LWV positions or actions and the project must not be for membership recruitment or retention. Public meetings, study publications, voter guides, candidate meetings, scholarships for students, know your community publications can all be funded through the Education Fund.

And it's easy to do. To open an Education Fund account all you have to do is send a donor's check made payable to the IWVMNEF directly to the state office. Enclose a deposit slip (found in the "How to Use Your IWVMN Education Fund: A Guide for Local Leagues") for proper credit to your League's account. That is all you have to do. No legal procedures, no hassles. The check may be for any amount.

### LWVMN BOARD MEMO, August, 1988 (page 9)

Think of the Education Fund as your League's bank account. The money is yours. To withdraw it all you have to do is use the project application form (also in the EF guide). For legal reasons the LWVMNEF Board must approve the project. Board approval is not a value judgment of a project but an assessment as to whether the project meets 501(c)(3) requirements.

Save your hard money and use your Education Fund account. Call me or Jean Tews at 224-5445 if you have questions.

<u>VISA - AN EASY FUNDRAISER</u>: The new LWV Visa Card program was launched at the national convention in Denver. It could be an easy fundraiser for your League because for each completed card application submitted by your League, your local League receives \$3. What a great way to raise money, benefit your members and help all levels of League.

The IWV's goal is to sign up 100% of our membership for the new card. Each time a member uses the IWV Visa card, the national League will receive .5% of the purchase amount. State Leagues will receive a 25 cent royalty for all completed applications from their state and local Leagues will receive \$3 for each completed application. And it doesn't cost IWV anything. There are no hidden costs.

The first goal is for the 16,000 League Board members across the country to complete their own applications. If 100% of your Board completes the application, your name goes into a drawing for an all expenses paid trip to the presidential debates in Los Angeles. IL presidents should have received the mailing, but if you didn't receive the information about the new card from LWVUS, please call me and I'll make sure you have all the information.

<u>Tour</u>: We're beginning to make initial plans for next spring's League trip. We've been to China and the Soviet Union - now we're looking at Eastern Europe - Prague, Warsaw, Bucharest, Budapest, may be some of the cities we would visit. As with the other two trips, we will be making special arrangements for meeting citizens in those countries. Call the office for more information.

MENTAL HEALTH STUDY DISCUSSION GUIDE

TO: Local League Mental Health Study Chairs

FROM: Margit Johnson, LWVMN Study Chair, 507/645-5726

DATE: August 12, 1988

#### Materials:

- Fact Sheets #1-9 (published Oct. '87 - Apr. '88)

- Publication, April '88, "Serving Minnesota's Mentally Ill: An Introduction" - Video of April Focus "Creating Quality in Minnesota's Mental Health System"

### In this mailing:

- Discussion guide and questions

- Consensus questions/report form

- Fact Sheets #1-9, revised and typeset in April, 1988

### PLANNING THE MEETING:

Publish the consensus questions and encourage members to read the nine Fact Sheets and/or the publication prior to the consensus meeting. Remind members that they need not be experts to participate in the consensus; an informed member is more than adequate!

Schedule two hours for the consensus itself (add time for coffee, announcements, etc.). If your League conducted interviews or held a previous meeting, consider inviting those participants to join in the discussion.

This discussion guide is intended to be used during the meeting to help explain and clarify the consensus questions. Suggested discussion questions can promote discussion about a topic, to "get the juices running". They may not directly address the consensus questions themselves, which are intended to establish agreement or disagreement with a general philosophy. The great League tool, Limited Debate, will ensure that there is ample time to answer all nine questions. Recommended average time per question is 15 minutes (combining 1 & 2 - funding, and 6 & 7 - commitment). Designate a recorder (other than yourself!) to record the votes and any comments made by the majority or minority. Good luck, and thank all of your members for their participation!

### Questions:

1. Should LWVMN support adequate and consistent public funding for services for persons with acute and/or serious and persistent mental illness?

\*See Fact Sheet #4 & 9, publication pp. 8-10

"adequate and consistent" = both considered important, so that enough money is allocated every year, instead of an ongoing trickle or only sporadic "big bucks".

"public" = federal, state & county funding source.

"services" = implies programs and services.

"with acute and/or serious and persistent mental illness" = services for persons with sudden, acute needs and/or serious and persistent mental illness

(once known as "chronic" mental illness); essentially, public services for those most seriously ill, rather than those less severely affected (sometimes referred to as "the worried well"); our study focused on the serious and persistent mentally ill, so all of our questions pertain to them.

2. Should LWVMN support flexible public funding with an emphasis on following client needs?

\*See especially "Funding Patterns", pub. p. 10 and diagram p. 38.

"following client needs" = more flexible funding procedures which may follow the client through different phases of housing, employment, etc. needs, instead of current process which can place a client in a program because it is affordable (to client, to county, to state, etc.) rather than because it meets client needs.

Suggested discussion questions for above funding questions 1 & 2 (no need to discuss all; just enough to think about funding before answering consensus questions):

- Why do funding patterns encourage counties to hospitalize persons with mental illness?
- How did the history of funding sources affect the deinstitutionalization of persons with mental illness in Minnesota?
- 3. Should IWVMN support an array of programs and services, available and accessible in communities to provide ongoing support for persons with mental illness?

\*See FS #2, 3 & 5, pub. pp. 3-7, 10-24 & 40.

"an array" = a variety of services, recognizing that client needs are diverse and choices desirable.

"available and accessible in communities" = services are both in place and functioning in a community (which could be county-wide or regional in certain cases), and readily accessible to clients and their families; accessibility can include transportation to the service, guidance through the necessary paperwork, reasonable eligibility standards, etc.

"provide ongoing support" = recognizing the cyclical nature of mental illness and the client need for continued support in a variety of ways, instead of a "once-through cure".

Suggested discussion questions:

- Why is "a continuum of services" often a misnomer in the field of mental illness?
- Why are the following important services for those with mental illness?

  case management
  housing alternatives
  supported employment
  transportation
  pyscho-social rehabilitation
  financial services
  day treatment
  emergency & crisis services
- Why are the following groups identified for special services?
  ethnic and racial minorities
  persons with dual diagnoses
  prison immates
  Vietnam and other war veterans

4. Should LWVMN support a range of housing options for persons with mental illness?

\*see FS #3, 5 & 9, pub. pp. 13-15, 19-21 & 28.

"range of housing options" = variety of choices appropriate to client needs and ability to pay.

Suggested discussion questions:

- Why does housing those with mental illness continue to be so controversial (see FS #9)?

- Discuss the ramifications of the Reagan administration's reduction in subsidized housing as it affects persons with mental illness.

- Should persons with mental illness be as eligible as those with mental retardation for federally funded community treatment residences (pub. p. 9)?

(You are about halfway through the consensus questions...)

5. Should IWVMN support a comprehensive mental health system for seriously emotionally disturbed children and adolescents?

\*see FS #7, pub. pp. 24-26, 34

"comprehensive system" = coordinated and inclusive system of services and programs.

"seriously emotionally disturbed" = clinical terms; in Minnesota children and adolescents cannot be diagnosed as mentally ill.

Suggested discussion questions:

- Why is a linkage important between schools, county social services, corrections and the medical system for seriously emotionally disturbed children and adolescents?
- What are the special characteristics of children and adolescents, and why the need for separate legislation involving them?
- 6. Should IWVMN support a commitment process which ensures prompt and appropriate treatment for persons with mental illness while protecting their civil rights in the commitment and treatment process?

\*see FS #8, pub. pp. 30-34

"prompt and appropriate treatment" = recognition for immediate crisis intervention when needed and the choices between inpatient and outpatient treatment, depending on client needs.

"civil rights in the commitment and treatment process" = legal rights as defined by past and recent commitment laws affecting both how persons are admitted to treatment and how that treatment is administered, particularly medication.

7. Should LWVMN support policies to assure commitment of persons who are so gravely disabled by mental illness that they cannot meet their basic human needs?

\*see pub. p. 33

"gravely disabled" = legal term pertaining to person's condition which may limit their judgement toward themselves or others.
"basic human needs" = food, shelter, clothing and medical care.

Suggested discussion questions (for commitment questions 6 & 7)

- Why is the commitment issue so controversial?

- What is the individual's right to refuse anti-psychotic drugs with severe side effects?

8. Should IWWMN support a coordinated system of quality assurance for programs and services for persons with mental illness with emphasis on evaluating outcomes and consumer satisfaction?

\*see FS #6, pub. pp. 27-30

"coordinated system" = within and among the several state departments which service those with mental illness.

"evaluating outcomes and consumer satisfaction" = measurable indicators of professional service and results, and procedures to measure and incorporate consumer response to those services.

Suggested discussion question:

- Why are licensing requirements and procedures important to quality assurance of housing alternatives?
- 9. Should IWWMN support continuing state financial responsibility for improved intensive treatment programs and adequate living conditions for persons currently served in regional treatment centers?

\*see FS #3, 4 &6, pub. pp. 3, 11, 27.

"state financial responsibility" = recognizing that while the state may not always directly administer services to persons with mental illness, the state is responsible for funding such services.

"improved treatment programs" = recognizing that intensive treatment programs could be better.

"adequate living conditions" = including modernized buildings, clean interiors and reasonable food.

"persons currently served in regional treatment centers" = even as the array of appropriate community services expands, there will continue to be persons in need of round-the-clock intensive insitutional care.

Suggested discussion questions:

- Why did the state originally establish state hospitals and how have they evolved into regional treatment centers?
- How has the state's responsibility toward persons with mental illness changed since deinstitutionalization?

#### Concluding the meeting:

After the recorder has recorded all the votes and comments, thank the participating members and pat yourselves on the back! Review the study's remaining timetable:

Jan. 1989: position established based on statewide response to these consensus questions; lobbying begins at state and county level (and therefore splits away from the study itself which is LWVMN Education Funded).

Feb. - Apr. 1989: monitoring workshops throughout the state, training members and others interested in mental health how to facilitate and improve mental health services at the community level and evaluate state policy.

June 1989: final report to state convention and plans for ongoing monitoring and lobbying efforts - sustained political will (see pub. p. 35) - using the LWVMN monitoring workbook!

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### MENTAL HEALITH LOCAL LEAGUE CONSENSUS REPORT

Name of Local League:
Name of person preparing the report:
Phone #:
Total membership of your League:
Number participating in consensus:
In your local League report to LWVMN, please record number of those responding to each consensus question.
DEADLINE: Please return your consensus report to the State League office as soon as possible after your League's consensus meeting. The report must be received in the State League office by <u>December 15, 1988</u> .
MENTAL HEALTH CONSENSUS QUESTIONS
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Yes No Comments:
3. Should IWVMN support an array of programs and services, available and accessible in communities to provide ongoing support for persons with mental illness?
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## MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT MATERIALS

TO: Local League Membership Chairs

FROM: Candy Takkunen, LWVMN Membership Chair

RE: New League Membership Recruitment Materials

DATE: August, 1988

By now all of you should have received samples of LWVUS's new membership recruitment materials. If you have not, please ask your president for the copies which she received in late July.

\* My first recommendation to all of you is to order the 25  $\underline{\text{free}}$  envelope packages and the 25 free pocket folder packages.

\* My second recommendation would be to continue to use the "If You Don't Have Time to Chat Over the Back Fence..." brochures that you probably already have. They are a great introductory piece which is "user friendly" and non-threatening. We have just over 100 of these brochures at the office, so use up your supply first. However, if you are in need, let us know.

- \* Sit down with your membership committee or board and decide which of the other materials might be useful. They are quite costly so perhaps budget constraints will help to dictate your strategy. Some suggestions for use of the piece might be:
  - Be a Part of It brochure great follow-up for those whose spark has been kindled and now want more information. Cost .18 each.
  - Facts About The League also a wonderful additional information piece.

    Perhaps with some modification you could make a similar piece to reflect your own local League's action. Cost .08 each.
  - Membership Invitation Letter informational, yet warm letter which might be used along with sending brochures or might once again be modified to suit your local League's interests and action. Cost .24 each.
  - Membership Registration Form already available on "fence" brochures, but very personalizable (is that a word?). Cost .11 each.
  - Nomination card a handy card which puts in a form what we've been encouraging you to do ask your members for their friends' names. If you already have a system, why change, but if not, here's a great idea. Cost .06 each.
  - The League in Action a letter which sums up LWVUS advocacy agenda for the next year. Perhaps you have some members or prospectives who would find this valuable. Or, how about a local advocacy agenda which might include your calendar for the year and local study topic. Cost .08 each.

I always feel confident that you, at the local League level, will know best how to use materials for your community. Please let me know how you like using the materials. We will need to reconsider reprinting our own "fence" brochure next spring and, as always, you and your needs are what we need to consider the most.

One last note. LWVUS is now providing plastic-laminated cards and card carriers for .25 each. I would strongly urge that you get them for your members. Last year I met a woman who had recently paid her dues as a new member. She asked, "Don't I get anything? How do I know I'm a member?" Our answer was - your cancelled check. I think I would have preferred, and I know she would have preferred, a membership card.

Remember, all orders are subject to quantity discounts.

20% for 11-50 copies

30% for 51-500 copies

40% for 501-1,000 copies.

	TO: Local League Presidents
7	FROM: Polly Keppel, Social Policy Chair
	RE: Adolescent Pregnancy Survey
	DATE: August 18, 1988
	Please refer to the August Board Memo/Social Policy for details.
	Please return to the LWVMN office by <u>September 15th</u> .
	Our local League participated in the Adolescent Pregnancy Concurrence during 1987-88 in the following activities:
	Unit and/or Board discussion and concurrence using LWVMN materials
	Sponsored a briefing or public meeting
	Collected local data on the problem
	Joined with other community organizations, schools, health educators, etc. to address the problem (task force, etc.)
	Surveyed local students on sexuality and teen pregnancy issues
	Any other activity your League or its members participated in.  Please give details (i.e. LWV-Mpls lobbied for school based health clinic expansion)
	Our League did not participate in the concurrence
	Comments:

Thank you!

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# Mr. Bush and the ABC's of Child Care

Vice President Bush has just proposed a remarkable Republican initiative, a "Children's Tax Credit" that would give poor parents \$1,000 per year hild to now for day care while the parents work.

Assuring such standards is the principal aim of ABC, the proposed Act for Better Child Care Services, sponsored by Senator Christopher Dodd, Democrat of Connecticut, and Representative Dale Kildee, Democrat of Michigan. The bill proposes



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DEADLINE: August 19, 1988

To: Local League Presidents and Voter Service Chairs

From: LWVAustin

The League of Women Voters of Austin has had an exciting summer producing a Community Outreach Voter Service video: <u>Take Part in America.</u> It was financed by funds from our 1987 Finance Drive, and was filmed at the Austin Technical Institute's KSMQ-TV station.

The 11 1/2-minute video has a three-part thrust:

- to provide voter information with a bright, refreshing approach;
- to dispel the mystique of the voting process;
- to stimulate enthusiasm for the "right to vote."

Take Part in America is perfect for local League use on public-access cable television, for viewing at voter registration drives, as part of school presentations, and wherever else you want to take a get-out-the-vote message. It would be an excellent addition to any League's video library and super for showing this fall. It will be shown at the State Fair for LWVMN's voter registration drive in the Star-Tribune information booth. Stop by and see it!

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## MINNESOTA WORLD TRADE CONFERENCE

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 22, 1988



8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

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9:00 AM - MICHAEL BONSIGNORE, President, Honeywell International "NEW APPROACHES TO TRADE"

9:30 AM - Panel: 'NEW APPROACHES TO TRADE . TECHNICAL TRANSFER, LICENSING, JOINT VENTURES AND SUCCESSFUL ALLIANCES"

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11:00 AM - JIM VERRANT, Sr. Vice President, Honeywell International "HONEYWELL'S JOINT VENTURE WITH THE SOVIET UNION"

12:15 PM - Luncheon

1:15 PM - WILLIAM C. NORRIS, Founder and Chairman Emeritus Control Data Corporation

"EXPANDING TECHNOLOGICAL TRANSFER WITH THE SOVIET UNION"

2:15 PM - BART HAZLETON, President, Bison Instruments

"TRADING WITH CHINA"

3:15 PM - DR. PETER J. HAMELINK, from the Netherlands

"EUROPE 1992: ONE UNDIVIDED MARKET WITHOUT BORDERS"

4:00 PM - RECEPTION

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TAX LAW INFORMATION
FOR LOCAL LEAGUE PRESIDENTS

A new tax law signed 12/22/87 and effective 1/31/88 affects local League fundraising. This law states that:

Certain fundraising solicitations be tax-exempt organizations (such as, lobbying groups or political action committees), except for organizations eligible to receive tax-deductible charitable contributions, must contain a conspicuous and easily recognizable statement acknowledging that contributions or gifts are not deductible as charitable contributions. This disclosure requirement applies to a solicitation if: 1) the soliciting organizations normally have gross receipts in excess of \$100,000 per year; 2) the solicitation is part of a coordinated fundraising campaign soliciting more than 10 persons during the year; and 3) the solicitation is made in written form, by television or radio, or by telephone.

Any group of two or more organizations may be considered as a single organization if necessary to prevent the avoidance of this disclosure requirement through the use of multiple organizations. Also, there is an exemption for fraternal organizations for solicitations of contributions or gifts which are to be used exclusively for charitable purposes.

Penalties. A penalty of \$1,000 is imposed on the organization for each day there is a failure to comply unless the failure is due to reasonable cause. The maximum penalty for any one year is \$10,000. A higher penalty, not subject to the maximum amount, applies if the failure to comply is due to intentional disregard. The penalty for intentional disregard is \$1,000 a day or 50 percent of the aggregate of solicitations which occurred on each day.

In the opinion of our auditor, the League of Women Voters is perceived as one organization even though we operate on three different levels. Therefore, even though local Leagues probably do not gross in excess of \$100,000 per year, they would not be exempted from this law.

Any solicitation for contributions must contain a conspicuous and easily recognizable statement that contributions to the organization are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. This applies to all funding solicitations:

Contributions

Membership dues or fees

Donations

Gifts

Voluntary assessments

Stock

Securities

Property

Voluntary services

The tax law does not pertain to fundraising done through the Education Fund. Those donations remain tax deductible.

The required statement of nondeductibility must be set forth in a conspicuous and easily recognizable format. It cannot be obscured by placement, color or shade and it cannot be buried in some part of the solicitation material that ordinarily would not be noticed and read by the recipient.

The wording to use for solicitations to individuals should be slightly different from that for solicitations to businesses, since a business may choose to deduct a contribution as an ordinary and necessary business expense. For example, some businesses may consider a contribution to their local League the ordinary and necessary business expense of public relations.

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Kay Erickson Development Chair (612) 934-2991

August, 1988

#### BULLETIN RATING SHEET

In addition to being your own publisher, you can be your own critic. The following rating sheet was adapted from one used by other Leagues.

Give your bulletin one to five points (1 = poor; 5 = excellent) for each of the 50 items. Total possible points = 250 (plus extra credit).

APPEARANCE
Copyread; corrections made but don't show
Legible, clean and neat
Variety of attention-getting devices; enticing
Layout logical and well organized
Space used to best advantage
Professional looking
Illustrations used
Colored paper used to advantage
Not too long or too short
League name and date on every page
STYLE
Professional (not stodgy or cute)
Articles readable and direct
Articles accurate and relevant to League
Headlines imaginative and pertinent
Uniformly written
Avoids wordiness
Avoids exhortations, scolding, apologies
Creates feeling of pride in the organization
Uniform and correct use of capital letters and underlining
Correct spelling (including consensus and liaison)
NAMEPLATE AND MASTHEAD
Professional looking
League name, location, date
Names of president, editor (staff), membership director
Phone number of at least one officer or director
Attractive, enticing nameplate

LOCAL INFORMATION
Clear and conspicuous calendar
Information on unit and general meetings
Program information, studies in progress; consensus statements
Updates on Program
Membership information
Board meeting summary
Committee opportunities
Finance information
Action information
Voter Service information
Local publications notices, reviews
Observer reports
President's column
News of other Leagues, including CMAL and/or county ILO
STATE INFORMATION
League-sponsored meetings, events
League-relevant announcements from other organizations
Summaries of memos from LWVMN program chairs (State Board Memo)
Publication lists and reviews
Action information (from Times for Action, Capitol Letter)
Organizational data (from State Board Memo, president's mailing)
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Conventions, meetings
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EXTRA CREDIT
Advertising
Other - your category
SCORING
200-250 Excellent. You're doing a great job. Keep up the good work!
175-200 Good. What's missing?
150-175 Fair. Read your Outlook, State Board Memo, editing guides, exchange bulletins for ideas to improve.

150 or less Poor. You either underestimate yourself or you've got problems. Ask for help.

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	Rochester	Kahler Hotel Rochester, MN	Marcia Brown - 1352 - 8th Ave. SE Rochester, MN 55904 (507) 285-1809
Nov. 12	Duluth	Medical Office Building (Across from St. Luke's Hospital) Duluth, MN	Rosemary Guttormson - (218) 728-4037
	St. Cloud	to be determined	Wendy Hennes - (612) 253-1926
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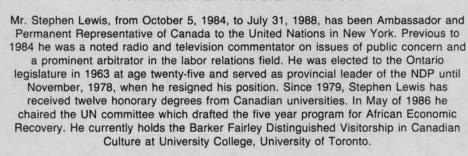
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   Speaker: Dr. C. Ford Runge, Associate Professor, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Minnesota, and Special Assistant to the Deputy U.S. Trade Representative, Geneva, Switzerland, 1987-1988.
- 3. PEACEKEEPING NOW: A DREAM OR A REALITY?

  Speaker: Dr. Betty G. Lall, Director, Arms Control Verification Project, Council on Economic Priorities, New York, New York.

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## **BOARD MEMO**

#### MAY, 1988

#### Calendar

- May 17 BOARD MEMO mailed to LL Presidents, subscribers
  - 19 Presidents' mailing to LL Presidents, DFM subscribers CMAL Annual Meeting
  - 25 Survey mailed to Legislators
  - 30 Memorial Day, office closed
  - 31 OUTLOOK for 1988-89 mailed to local League Presidents, one per Board Member
    - Mental Health Study Committee Meeting, noon, home of Pat Bugenstein
- June 1 First Quarter PMP due to LWVMN
  - Debate '88 Committee Meeting, 10 a.m., LWVMN office
  - Postmark deadline for Agriculture Consensus report to LWVUS
- 3,10,17,24 LWVMN office closed for packing, move preparation
  - 6 Leadership Development Meeting, 10 a.m., home of Beverly McKinnell
  - 11-15 LWVUS Convention, Denver
  - 26-27 Leadership Development Core Training, Lyman Lodge
  - 27-30 Office preparation for move
- July 1 LWVMN, LWVMNEF move to new permanent home, the MN Women's Bldg. at 550 Rice Street
  - 12 Grand Opening for MN Women's Bldg., 2 p.m.
  - 15 Deadline for receiving 5% discount for full payment of PMP

#### Enclosures

(Mailed 3rd class to LL Presidents; \*denotes mailed to Duplicate President's Mailing subscribers)

- -1988 Voter Service Timeline\*/Leppik
- -1988 LWVMN Voter Service Projects\*/Leppik
- -Moderator Evaluation Form/Leppik
- -Rochester LWV Membership 1987, Pearl Sheps\*/Takkunen
- -Leadership Development flyer, Interest Form\*/McKinnell
- -Minutes of LWVMN Board Meetings of 2/9/88 and 4/5/88/Brostrom
- -IWVMN-EF Publications Catalog, 1988-89\*/Thompson, Krauser
- -Teen Pregnancy Position\*/Keppel
- -Act for Better Child Care Services Resolution & Background\*/Keppel
- -BOARD MEMO, DPM Subscription form\*/McKinnell

Note: OUTLOOK for 1988-89 will be mailed in bulk to local League Presidents by May 31st. There will be one copy for each local League Board member.

#### BOUQUETS TO

- .Peggy Leppik, the League volunteers and Channel 9 for a successful premiere outing for the "Votemobile." Approximately 1500 voters were registered at five college campuses.
- .IW-Eastern Carver County for inviting well-known author Sol Gordon to their community (Gordon praised the excellent local study on "Teenagers Attitudes about Sexuality" produced by Eastern Carver County).

- .Provisional LWW-Cannon Falls which LWWMN recommended to LWVUS for recognition as a local League.
- .Anne Francis, Mary Santi, Harriette Burkhalter, Pam Telleen (LWV-Mpls) for registering voters at the May 13th Whoopi Goldberg performances at the Guthrie Theater.

#### STATE BOARD HAPPENINGS

At its May meeting your state Board acted to:

- .cosponsor a conference on foreign policy with the Atlantic Council, Citizens Network & the Minnesota International Center, to be held in April of 1989;
- .participate as an amicus with other groups in the Karon vs. Karon case;
- .establish a \$300 item for litigation support in the '89-91 budget;
- .recommend to LWVUS that they approve the application of the provisional League of Cannon Falls Area to become the LWW-Cannon Falls Area;
- .direct the LWWMN delegates to LWVUS Convention to introduce a resolution supporting the Act for Better Child Care Services (see additional information under Social Policy in this BOARD MEMO); and
- .authorized a contribution to the LWVMN Ed Fund in memory of Helen Duff, past President of LWVMN.

#### PRESIDENT (Higinbotham - 612/926-9399)

Many of you are just assuming the leadership of your local League this month. I remember that I started off as local League President with excitement mixed with fear. Excited about the possibilities and responsibilities associated with the League and concerned that I wouldn't measure up. Now I can reassure you if you have some of those emotions, you wouldn't have been selected if you weren't capable of doing the job and it can be a very interesting growth experience. Give it your best shot and enjoy!

I hope your League is planning to send a delegate to the LWVUS Convention in Denver. It is a real energizer for the delegate and the League. If you are going, remember to call the LWVMN office if you wish to share the Wares Market table. Also, be sure to visit the LWVMN delegates' rooms for munchies and fellowship during Convention. Seasoned convention delegates suggest that you get involved in an issue — it makes convention even more exciting. If you or your delegate has a question, please feel free to call me at home or at the office. I'll be happy to try to answer it.

As of July 1st our address will be 550 Rice Street. The Grand Opening will be held at 2 p.m. on July 12th and everyone is invited to participate in the ceremony and tour the building. Plan now to gather a car full of Leaguers and be part of "Building on the Past - Building for the Future." To add to the festivities we are asking League members to bring placards to carry (a la the Suffragists) portraying women historical figures from their area. It is exciting to see our space take shape and we look forward to showing off the home that all of us have helped to create. As Kay Erickson has told you elsewhere, our need now is for funds for new furniture for the office. Consider a chair, table or desk in honor of a relative or special League friend.

#### A C T I O N (Hendrixson - 612/925-5079)

Legislative Video: Watch for a new video produced by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota on the 1988 legislative session. It should be available for local Leagues to use at membership meetings and at unit meetings this fall. The video is a response to LWVMN Action Committee's concern about the decision-making process during this legislative session. The League will survey legislators about the decision-making process this session, their role in the process and the public's accessibility to the process. The results of the survey and general impressions of the session will be discussed by a focus group of legislators, paid lobbyists and citizen lobbyists and moderated by Joan Higinbotham. The tape may be a good educational piece for a unit meeting or public meeting on legislative action.

<u>League Acts</u>: "League Acts," a pamphlet summarizing LWVMN's position will be produced this month. The pamphlet is a good piece to give to new and prospective members along with the membership brochure showing our action program at a glance. It is also a handy tool for League leaders to keep close by for quick action decisions.

#### EDUCATION (McWilliams - 507/645-8423)

Does your League have a school finance position? Are you sometimes asked to become involved in school district referenda? We received a copy of the position of a local League in Illinois which may be helpful in enabling Leagues to become involved. These are criteria used by the League in Illinois for evaluating local bond issues or tax rate increases:

1. The proposal is consistent with other positions of local League, state League or LWUS.

2. Opportunity has been provided for citizen participation in the development of the proposal.

3. The school board has demonstrated the need for additional funding in the following ways:

a. Full documentation of the need with valid facts and figures;

b. Long range planning with projections of income and expenses and their effect on reserves;

c. Implementation of cost-effective measures;

d. Exploration of efforts for coordination with other units of government.

4. Passage of the proposal is essential for quality education.

The Northfield LWV used their local position on financing education and LWVMN position on excess levy referenda along with these criteria to evaluate and take a position on this spring's excess levy and bond issue vote. Following an informational meeting where pros and cons were thoroughly aired, the Northfield League decided to support both issues.

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (Duffy - 612/429-9703)

Foreign Policy Conference: On May 10th, the LWVMN Board voted to cosponsor a foreign policy conference to be held in April, 1989. The primary sponsors are the Atlantic Council and the Citizens Network based in Washington, D.C. The Atlantic Council is a citizen-based organization committed to support for NATO and the Citizen's Network is a relatively new organization which would provide the funding for this leadership conference. The topics to be addressed are yet to be determined and a steering committee is being formed. Contact me if you have any thoughts on content, who ought to be invited, etc.

World Trade Week: September 22nd is the date set for the World Trade Week Conference at the Radisson South. This year's corporate sponsor is Honeywell, Inc. Karen Parks of the MEPH-LWV will be our new representative on the World Trade Week Board beginning in September and succeeding Janet Garlock of MEPH. Janet has served us well for the last four years and we appreciate all of her work.

<u>Star Wars</u>: I have recently received a videotape, discussion guide and background information on Star Wars from LWVUS. These meeting ready materials are appropriate for either LWV meetings or other public meetings. The materials have been prepared by the Union of Concerned Scientists.

#### MENTAL HEALTH STUDY (Johnson - 507/645-5726)

If Northfield is like other communities throughout Minnesota, May is a busy month of gardening, confirmations, graduations and the opening of the fishing season. League matters tend to step back for awhile.

The state study committee is gathering only once in May, to simply enjoy one another over a potluch luncheon, to admire our recent publication <u>Serving Minnesota's Mentally Ill: an Introduction</u>, and to reminisce about the wealth of information shared at the April 19th Focus. We encourage your local mental health study committee to do the same.

During the summer we will knuckle down again, writing a discussion guide and consensus questions for LIs. Look for them in the August President's Mailing. Remember to schedule a consensus meeting sometime during the fall, so that you can participate in the December 15th consensus deadline.

Direct your state study chair's attention to the monitoring programs planned for 1988-89 in the OUTLOOK. The monitoring workbook and training sessions will become the backbone fo League's ongoing efforts to improve community services for those with mental illness.

#### SOCIAL POLICY (Keppel - 612/823-3389)

Adolescent Pregnancy Concurrence: Our Adolescent Pregnancy Position was adopted at the LWVMN Board Meeting preceding the Council on April 19th and presented at Council. Forty-two Leagues participated in the concurrence process (25 metro and 17 Greater MN). There was unanimous support for question #3 and only one or two Leagues failed to concur with the remaining questions. Many Leagues commented on the timeliness of the issue, the good member interest and discussions and in some cases an opportunity to research the problem in their own community, identify resources, plan public meetings, etc. The new position will be published in the Summer VOTER and is included in the President's mailing. We will now be looking for chances at the local and state level to implement this position.

<u>Domestic Abuse Report</u>: The LWV of St. Louis Park has recently published an excellent new study on domestic abuse in Minnesota. Although there is an emphasis on the needs of battered women and children in their own community and the resources available to them, your League may want to request a copy as background for your own local study or unit meeting.

Act For Better Child Care Services (ABC bill): At the May Board Meeting a motion was passed to direct the LWVMN delegates to the national convention to introduce a resolution that the LWVUS support the Act For Better Child Care Services now before Congress. We have prepared a background sheet on the ABC bill which will be sent to each state League president asking for support from their state's delegation at the Denver Convention. A copy is included in the President's mailing and we hope that local Leagues from Minnesota will support the resolution and do some "lobbying" at the convention on its behalf. There are a few compromises in the works being negotiated by the bill's authors, Sen. Dodd, Conn. and Rep. Kildee, Mich., which should broaden support (including perhaps Sen. Durenberger). However, the bill's price tag remains the same, \$2.5 billion, and remains a stumbling block especially for Rep. Tim Penny. Leagues in the First District will be hearing more from me soon about contacting Rep. Penny on behalf of the bill.

#### VOTER SERVICE (Leppik - 612/546-3328)

Look for three things in the current Presidents' mailing: <u>Voter Service</u>
<u>Timeline</u>, <u>1988 LWVMN Voter Service Projects</u>, and <u>Moderator Evaluation Form</u>.

Use the evaluation form if you held a candidate forum for school board elections; if not, keep it for use in the fall.

As you begin thinking about your voter service program for next fall, I want to pass on to you the following excerpt from the Rochester LWV Bulletin. It's the best endorsement possible for all you do.

#### IT'S WORTH OUR EFFORTS....

Priscilla Russell, a new RLWV member, writes: "A few weeks ago, a student in one of my RCC speech classes gave a speech in which he was persuading his classmates to become politically active. During his presentation, he told how the LWV had come to his high school and talked about political caucuses. The League's discussion and explanation of the political process so intrigued him that he went to a caucus and was subsequently elected to be a delegate. Because this had been such a positive experience for him, he was now, in the classroom, seeking to persuade his audience that they should become politically involved.

"To the women of RIWV who have worked so hard to make the high school caucus programs a success, this story should reinforce your belief that young people are listening and acting on what you say to them. In this particular case, you not only have a convert - you have a spokesman helping you spread the word. Isn't that what grassroots democracy is all about?"

#### CITIZEN INFORMATION (O'Connor - 612/448-5706)

The videotape of the Mental Health Focus will be available shortly. This program turned out to be excellent and would be a good start for local Leagues beginning their mental health study. Check it out from the state office and plan a meeting around it.

Please let me know of any ways I can be helpful to you in planning programs on the local level in the coming year. I need to hear from you in the coming months to determine priorities for the year.

#### FIELD SERVICE (McKinnell - 612/646-3690)

<u>Planning for Fall</u>: Take a little time out of your summer vacation to ensure a good September start up on your 1988-89 League year. A few hours of planning in June or July will save you many headaches later.

Plan a retreat with your Board to do orientation, calendar planning and to learn to work together as a team. Be sure to prioritize your program for the year. A League calendar can include meetings on your local study, state and national studies, lively issues and program planning, a fundraiser, a pot luck party, a candidates meeting, a meeting on a controversial issue in your community that LWV does not have a position on - all or any of the above will do. Remember, you don't have to do everything. Do what you (your Board and members) want to do, AND ENJOY LEAGUE.

Regional Reps and other Board members are available to help. Schedule now by sending in the form sent to you last month, or by calling any of us or the office.

Regional Reps: Dee Bowman, NW - 218/847-4389
Prudy Cameron, NE - 218/525-4164
Betty Haats, SW - 612/235-3899
Bobbi Megard, SE - 612/646-3827

OUTLOOK: The LWVMN OUTLOOK will be mailed to you soon. It is your guide to the 1988-89 LWV year. Be sure that each of your Board members has a copy.

<u>Leadership Development</u>: We have a really exciting opportunity for present and future League leaders. Leadership Development begins with Core group training June 26-27. We are pleased to have chosen 12 outstanding LWV leaders who will team teach workshops in your area this fall. They are:

Marcia Brown, Rochester Janet Cardle, Edina Sandra Fox, Edina Ann Gerlach, Detroit Lakes Cathy Gerster, Woodbury/Cottage Grove Darlene Greibrok, Freeborn County Rosemary Guttormsson, Duluth Betty Haats, Willmar Julaine Heit, Minneapolis Wendy Hennes, St. Cloud Janis Larson, Fridley Ruth Rusche, Worthington

Take time for yourself. Use this opportunity to hone your skills. Look in your President's mailing for the blue flyer and return it to indicate your interest.

<u>Communications</u>: Please return the forms sent to you in the last President's mailing as soon as possible. They are: <u>Local League Board List</u> (green), <u>Information for State Mailings</u> (yellow), and <u>Adopted Local Program for 1988-89</u> (blue). Thanks!

#### MEMBERSHIP (Takkunen - 612/445-4218)

<u>Membership Chair</u>: Your League will not thrive, maybe not survive without a membership chair. It is not a "maybe," or a "frill" or an "if we get around to it," it is a necessity. With the present competition for our members' time, it is essential that someone follow up on their dues and on potential members. Presidents and Board Members must all resolve to make membership a priority.

Rochester's Prescription for Success: In this month's President's Mailing you will find samples of the Rochester League's membership materials. They are based upon our three marketing strategy components: 1) close the gate, don't let your present members get away; 2) invite former members back; that is, ask those members who have left you to rejoin; and 3) invite your members to bring their friends and neighbors. Rochester LWV had the greatest net growth, gross growth and percentage growth this past year.

Inservice for New Membership Chairs: Please ask your predecessor to show you the ropes. Specifically ask them to show you the handbook, <u>League on the Grow</u>, a publication of LWVMN, available for \$5 if you're unable to find your copy. Also, check out both the Calendar and the Membership Counterpart Communique in the 1988-89 OUTLOOK (to be mailed to LL Presidents at the end of May), and copies of the membership section of the BOARD MEMOs from previous months. Lastly you may give me a call anytime to answer your questions or provide you with assistance.

#### DEVELOPMENT (Erickson - 612/934-2991)

Fundraiser Finances: This year's Fundraiser was a great success. We made a profit of more than \$14,000 so we did very well financially. We couldn't have done this well without lots of help from local Leagues and local League members. Our thanks to all of you who solicited items, made specialty foods and crafts, offered all those imaginative parties, or offered vacation homes for the auctions. Our thanks too, to all those Leaguers and friends who attended. (Two-thirds of those who attended bid on and purchased items.)

I'd especially like to thank the committee that organized the evening: Joann Buie, Marylyn Deneen, Anne Francis, Mary Hartwig, Cathy Hegg, Mary Hepokoski, Barb Hiles, Nora Wise-Halladay, Connie Hondl, Lynn Johnson, Ginny Levy, Beverly McKinnell, Sue Reynolds, Betty Sailer, Emily Schmitz, Pearl Sheps and Flora Shinkle. In addition to the committee we had the help of a number of volunteers who helped set up, tally, register, etc. They were: Virginia Sweeny, Diane O'Connor, Candy Takkunen, Peggy and Ilo Leppik, Mary Santi, Polly Keppel, Evelyn Gebhard, Carolyn Hiles, Cap Hiles, Gene Sailer, Bud Buie, Karen Halpern, Audrey Bruning, Steve and Deb Hepokoski, Peter Hepokoski, Anne Borgen Esther Kumma, Joyce Kumma, Joan Higinbotham, Jack Hartwig, Wendy Weden, Glendon and Beverly Webb, Jessie Harper, Mike Beason and Betty Johnson.

From the comments we heard, those who came found it a great way to spend an evening out. They enjoyed terrific entertainment (Connie Evingson of Moore by Four fame), lots of bargains to bid on and, maybe most of all, time to socialize with new and old League friends. And it was all for a good cause. The proceeds from the Fundraiser will go toward financing Education Fund projects like debates, voter service projects, publications and public meetings — all those projects that make the political process accessible to people throughout Minnesota.

Furniture Fund Update: So far we have received pledges and contributions totaling \$2,783 from local Leagues and individuals. We are grateful to the following Leagues and individuals for their contributions:

Bemidji LWW - 10' conference table in honor of Hazel Shimmin;

White Bear Lake/North Oaks LWW - Contribution in honor of Alice Gehrenbeck;

Minnetonka/Eden Prairie/Hopkins LWW - Two 42" conference tables in honor of Harriette Burkhalter;

Mahtomedi LWV; Austin LWV; New Ulm LWV; Northfield LWV;

Individual contributions received from: Carol Fuller, Muriel Hoff, Joyce Mott, Ida Hollingsworth, Jean DeSchane, Marilyn Olsen, Joann Youngstrom, Sylvia Roman, Dorothy Rippie, Pearl O'Kubo, Mary Santi, Harriette Burkhalter, Lynne Forster, Ellen Hendin, Peggy Lucas, Gloria Kuehn and Beverly McKinnell.

Because the new building is an Education Fund project, donations are tax deductible and local Leagues can use their Education Fund accounts to make a donation. Because we need to show a transfer of checks back and forth for our accountant, here is the procedure for using the Ed Fund to make a donation to either the Furniture Fund or the Capital Campaign:

 Fill out Form A-2 in the Education Fund booklet. Under "Details of Project" write: To transfer monies from \_\_\_\_\_League's account to LWVMNEF Capital Campaign.

2. "Project Budget" need only give the amount of the contribution as the total

expense. Disregard the 5% administrative fee.

3. Mail this form to LWVMNEF, 106 Como Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55103.

4. Upon receipt of form A-2 or similar notice, IWVMNEF will send your local League a check from your EF account. Then, upon receipt of that check, you send IWVMNEF a check from your local League account for the same amount of money, made payable to IWVMNEF Capital Campaign Building Fund.

The last BOARD MEMO had all the details about the Furniture Fund and a list of the furniture that we need. If you have any questions, please call me or the state office.

<u>Direct Mail</u>: Waste Reduction and Recycling is the topic of our next Direct Mail letter which will be sent this month to non-League members. We will be sending about 8,600 letters informing people about the problems we face with decreasing landfill space and an increasing volume of garbage.

#### LEAGUEKEEPING

Presidents! The BOARD MEMO is mailed to local League Presidents and subscribers following every State Board Meeting. Each President receives one copy, mailed first class and receives a second copy, run on single sides, with the President's mailing a few days later. This second copy is designed for you to cut up and distribute to appropriate Board members. You may also wish to order BOARD MEMO subscriptions for members of your Board for \$5 each. A Duplicate President's Mailing subscription is also available at \$15 and includes the BOARD MEMO. A subscription form is enclosed in this month's President's Mailing.

#### PRESIDENT'S MAILING

1988 VOTER SERVICE TIMELINE - Keep in voter Service file; use for calendar planning.

1988 VOTER SERVICE PROJECTS - Keep on file for information about LWVMN Voter Service Projects.

MODERATOR EVALUATION FORM - Keep one on file. Return completed forms to office as appropriate.

ROCHESTER LWV MEMBERSHIP 1987 - Pass to your Membership Chair. These are great tips - <u>USE THEM</u>.

IFADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FLYER - Publicize in your bulletin and at League meetings. Encourage interested Leaguers to apply.

MINUTES OF LWVMN BOARD MEETINGS - Read and file.

LWVMN-EF PUBLICATIONS CATALOG - Pass at board meeting and file for future use.

TEEN PREGNANCY POSITION - Publicize and pass to Social Policy Chair.

ACT FOR BETTER CHILD CARE SERVICES RESOLUTION & BACKGROUND - Pass to convention delegates. Keep a copy for Social Policy file.

BOARD MEMO, DPM SUBSCRIPTION FORM - Decide how many subscribers you will have, complete and return to LWVMN office as soon as possible.

#### 1988 VOTER SERVICE TIMELINE

	April		
		25-29	Votemobile (U of M, St. Thomas, Normandale, St. Cloud, Macalester)
	May		School board elections
	June		
		10-12	DFL convention
		16-18	IR convention
	July		
		5-19	Candidate filing open
		20- Sept. 6	Window for primary debates
	August		
		19	Deadline for Voter Guide orders
		23	Preregistration closes for primary election
	September		
		10	County auditors' offices open for absentee voting 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
		12	County auditors' offices open for absentee voting 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
		13	Primary election. Polls open 7:00 a.m 8:00 p.m.
	October		
		1	Voter Guides ready
		6	Presidential debate at U of M
		6-7	Hotline
		17-30	Preferred dates for Senate debate and second Hotline
		18	Preregistration closes for general election
	November		
		4, 5, 7, 8	Hotline
		5, 7	County auditors' offices open for absentee voting
		8	General election
			Precinct reporting 8:00 - ?

#### 1988 LWVMN VOTER SERVICE PROJECTS

1. Presidential Debate

what: nationally televised debate between candidates for President or Vice President

when: October 6

where: Northrop Auditorium, U of M

LL involvement: many volunteers needed for many different jobs including committee chairs.

2. Debate '88 for U.S. Senate

what: statewide televised debate

when: evening, probably in last two weeks of October where: undetermined, probably outside Metro area

LL involvement: host LWV will be asked to provide ushers, be community liaison, and assist as necessary with local arrangements. Other LWVs will be asked to encourage local radio and TV stations to carry debate either live or on tape. There may be advertising posters available for distribution. League members will also be invited to send in questions for the candidates and attend the event.

3. Hotline

tat: telephone election information service in 7-county Metro area

when: evenings of and days following Presidential and Senatorial debates; Friday, Saturday, Monday and

Tuesday of election week

where: Minnesota Women's Building, St. Paul

LL involvement: many volunteers needed to answer telephones. LLs will be paid per shift for each volunteer provided—a money maker!

4. Voter Guide

what: tabloid format voter information on candidates for U.S. and Minnesota State offices, including

judgeships, and on proposed Constitutional Amendments.

when: ordered by August 19 and available first week of October.

where: LWVMN office for delivery or pick-up

LL involvement: available at cost to LLs (5¢ each) for distribution or resale locally. Can be money maker, or use Ed Fund to purchase for voter service project.

5. ABC Key Precinct Reporting

what: election results reporting (NOT exit polling!). In Hennepin and Ramsey Counties runs

simultaneously with election reporting project run by Mpls and St. Paul LWVs for a media pool. ABC project is a fundraiser for LWVMN, the other is fundraiser for LWV-Mpls and St. Paul; both pay LLs for volunteers. Status of the Mpls and St. Paul projects is uncertain, but LLs will be

contacted if and when everything is worked out.

when: election night

where: selected precincts thoughout the state

LL involvement: provide volunteers to telephone in election results. Money maker.

6. Votemobile

what: pilot youth voter registration project with KMSP-TV.

when: April 25-29, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

where: U of M, St. Thomas College, Normandale C. C., St. Cloud State, Macalester College

LL involvement: minimal; volunteers being recruited on individual basis. If successful, may schedule Votemobile for fall. LLs may contact LWYMN if interested in participating.

I AM HERE TO HELP! Please call me at home (612-546-3328) if you need assistance with your local voter service projects. Also--REMEMBER TO FILL OUT MODERATOR EVALUATION FORMS EACH TIME YOU HOLD A DEBATE OR FORUM. Thank you. Peggy Leppik

## MODERATOR EVALUATION FORM

Please return this form to the State Office within a week after using a League moderator. Use one form for each moderator and/or each event.
Moderator name
Local League
Telephone
Date of forum
How did you obtain your moderator?
Please answer yes or no to the following questions:
Was the moderator: fair and impartial
knowledgeable on rules
in control of the meeting
Would you use her/him again?
Would you recommend this moderator to other Leagues?
Name of your League
(form made available by the LWVNJ)
Voter Service Director

We were happy to welcome 32 new members in 1987, an increase of 49% in our membership. These new people represent many walks of life from beginning careers to recent retirement and beyond. Of these 6 are former members who have rejoined.

A committee of 4 shared the following tasks which led to this successful effort:

- 1. In June we wrote current members asking for HELP! with suggestions for new members. A stamped self-addressed post card [SSPC] was enclosed for easy reply.
- 2a. In early August letters were sent to the prospective members received from #1. An SSPC was enclosed asking for an indication of interest and a promise from us of being "in touch" with them.
- 2b. At the same time a letter was sent to former Leaguers who still live in the area. An SSPC and the same promise was included.
- 3. In late August those replied were called and offered rides to our first meeting which was held the week PRIOR to Labor Day. A very good attendance was recorded at that meeting.
- 4. Bulletins for Sept. and Oct. were sent to all potential members.
- 5. In October the chair made personal phone contacts to all potential and former members who received mailings. Pick-ups for those interested in attending the October meetings were arranged at that time.
- 6. In early November the chair hosted a "learn about League" breakfast on a Saturday for those interested but hadn't attended either of the above. 3 board members spoke. Again, personal phone calls were made and a post card reminder was mailed to arrive 3 days prior. 19 attended. About 12 joined.
- 7. Looking ahead to April, we hope to contact those interested people who last Fall had no time for additional commitments. In addition a questionnaire will be sent to the whole membership asking about past and future participation in unit meetings, studies and on-going committees as well as suggestions for programs, meeting times and places.
- 8. The Board created a \$40 non-active membership category which was welcomed by some of the returning Leaguers and a few new members.

#### ADDITIONAL NOTES FOR FUTURE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS:

- 1. Being able to use the name of the person who recommended the potential member was most helpful in assuring interest on the part of the listener.
- 2. Continued phone contacts by the chair to prospective members formed a relationship which made it easier for the listener to try something of which she was not certain.
- 3. Opportunities to join in September, October, and November allowed busy people the chance to make a commitment when they could.
- 4. In March the chair checked the lists of unit attendance and committee and studies participants. Names of new members who had not participated in anything until that time were assigned to Board members. They were asked to call and offer rides to the March unit meetings and/or our April annual meeting.



## ROCHESTER LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

#### HELP!!

We need your help in compiling a list of potential LWV members.

We have a superb League year planned, with the kickoff a September meeting on the state topic of Teenage Pregnancy.

Please take a few minutes now to jot down names of:

- \* friends
- \* neighbors
- \* casual acquaintances

who you think might be interested in joining us. Then mail the enclosed stamped, addressed postcard AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. We'll take it from there.

We knew we could count on you.

Pearl Sheps Membership Chair

Faye Sargent

Pearl's current Girl Friday

Potential nembers:

Name address Phine

Olice Mattale 4840 NW164h Doz. 288-1442

(New director at Madonna Towas)

Priscilla Russell 2016 NW 1946 Ct.

(Will be moving soon tranother address)

. <DATE\*>.

Dear . (FIRST) ...

Remember how you always figured you'd rejoin the League some year? We suggest that this would be a great time!

This year we will explore such issues as:

- \* Teenage pregnancy. What is its impact on our society, on our children, on our economy?
- \* Mental health. Why did Ralph Nader's research group rank Minnesota 37th in state programs for the care of the seriously mentally ill, and what can we do to address the shortcomings?

Join us at our September 1st meeting at Assisi Heights in the Alfred Room at 7:15 PM. Fam Berendt, of the Minneapolis League, will lead a discussion on teenage pregnancy, based on the recently completed Minneapolis League study. Return the enclosed card as soon as possible, and we will be be touch.

If you can't be an active member, join as an associate member for \$40. You'll receive no phone calls, reminders or requests. But you'll know that the League of Women Voters is a little stronger, thanks to you.

You don't have to join for life, but we'd  $\underline{really}$  love to welcome you back to League.

Sincerely,

Pearl Sheps Membership Chair

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We'd like you to join us.

Join us in exploring such issues as :

- \* Teenage pregnancy. What is its impact on our society. on our children, on our economy?
- \* Mental health. Why did Ralph Nader's research group rank Minnesota 37th in state programs for the care of the seriously mentally ill, and how do we turn that around?
- \* National agriculture policy. From the family farm to world politics, our farm policy affects each of us -- here and abroad.

Join us in sponsoring debates -- at all levels, and in encouraging voter participation from the caucus level on up.

Join us in receiving absolutely excellent League publications -- worth the dues in themselves.

Join us in mesting new friends who will stimulate, encourage, challenge, and support.

Join us at our September meeting at Assisi Heights in the Alfred Room. Our speaker will be Pam Berendt from the Minneapolis League of Women Voters: she will lead a discussion on teenage pregnancy, based on the recently completed Minneapolis League study. Return the enclosed card as soon as possible, and we will be in touch.

We'd really like to have you join us.

Sincerely,

Pearl Sheps Mambership Chair

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NAME: Christine Schild PHONE: 289-8877(£)

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Yes, I would like to explore the League, but cannot attend the Sept. 1 meeting.

I'm not interested at this time.

## WHAT CAN YOU AND THE LEAGUE DO FOR ONE ANOTHER?

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1.	I am a League member for the following reason(s): (Primary reasons)
	To support a worthwhile group To study and discuss important issues with a congenial group To receive LWV publications To hear interesting speakers To act on issues Other
2.	Indicate experiences in this League or other groups (indicate where):  President Publicity Finance  Vice President Voters Service Action  Secretary Membership Local
	Treasurer Newsletter Human Resources Nat. Resources Gov/Int. Relations Other
3.	I am serving on the following commissions, elected or appointed: (government)
4	Please check the League programs that interest you most:  Energy Land Use Human Resources  Education Transportation Housing  Women's' Rights Public Health Employment  Arms Control International Relations Air Water
	More outside speakers at meetings? Who?  Other issues of major interest to you (local, state or national)
5•	What level of participation in LW do you prefer:  Receive mailings only  Attend monthly meetings  Serve on board  Live and your interests may lead to a future study.  Serve on active committee  Serve on short-term committee  Which?
7.	Serve on board
8.	How do you rate the effectiveness of this League?  very effective  fairly effective  not very effective  In your view, what would make this League more effective?
9•	Reasons you miss meetings:
10.	I'd be willing to help in these areas: (when help is needed)  art work  assist membership taping for radio  typing  assist bulletin  Finance Drive

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	mornings
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15.	Other affiliations or volunteer work:
16.	Talents? Hobbies? Interests? Tell something about you & your family:
17.	It like the Board to know:

League of Women Voters of Minnesota

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

\*Leadership - Learn to assume leadership in personal and community capacities.

\*Group Process - Learn and practice skills necessary to lead a cohesive group that accomplishes tasks.

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September 17th

Duluth Minneapolis September 24th

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## MINUTES OF LWWMN BOARD MEETING February 9, 1988

The meeting was called to order at 1:20 p.m.by President Joan Higinbotham at House of Hope Presbyterian Church, St. Paul. Present were: D. Bowman, M. Santi, J. Higinbotham, K. Erickson, A. Francis, D. O'Connor, C. Takkunen, J. McWilliams, J. Duffy, B. Megard, P. Keppel, P. Leppik, C. Hendrixson, P. Brostrom, N. Crippen and staff S. Sawyer and J. Tews.

### Additions to the calendar:

February 18 - Leadership Development Meeting

March 4 - Mental Health Committee

7 - Development Committee Meeting

10 - Fundraising Committee Meeting

11 - Debates

week of 28 - mailing of the Mental Health Focus flyers

Agenda Revisions: Action Items added.

Minutes: MOTION: to approve the minutes of the January 12, 1988 LWVMN Board Meeting.

MOVER: Brostrom Seconded Carried

Treasurer's Report: MOTION: to accept the Treasurer's Report of January 31, 1988, and to file it for audit.

MOVER: Crippen Seconded Carried

Leadership Development Project Update: Oral report by Higinbotham. The original budget for the project was \$30,000; we have received \$7,500. In view of the MN Women's Fund refusal, the committee will revise the project so it won't be as costly.

MEA Convention: Report by Francis. October 20th and 21st at the St. Paul Civic Center. She would like to approach the MEA officials with a proposal that LWVMN, for a flat fee, provide their convention with theme, keynote or theme related speaker and some workshops also related to theme. This project would raise funds and provide visibility for the League as well as present educators with a valuable program. She is asking for direction from the Board as to the feasibility of this project taking into consideration the potential conflict with the two debates projects and time commitments.

Votemobile: Report by Leppik. KMSP-TV has requested that LWVMV cosponsor the Votemobile, a youth voter registration project. We have agreed to participate with the stipulation that it be carried out in a nonpartisan manner and that we review and approve all promotional material.

The Votemobile is a travelling voter registration booth. The project will concentrate on registering college students at a different campus each day during the last week in April. If all goes as planned, the project will be kicked off with a press conference by Joan Growe in March. Three weeks of intense promotion on Channel 9 will precede the week of registration. Colleges being approached to participate are the U of M in Minneapolis, St. Cloud State, St. Thomas, Macalester and Normandale. An opening ceremony with a number of public officials in attendance in planned for the University.

LWVMN will be promoted as the prime sponsor along with the TV station. They perceive our credibility with the public as essential to the success of the project. The

League will be responsible primarily for the staffing of the Votemobile, estimated at two to four volunteers each day from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. We have asked that only non-candidate politicians be associated with the Votemobile and that a balance of parties be represented in promotion of the ceremonies.

KMSP is asking no financial support for the project from the League. This is a trial run and if successful, they would like to repeat it possibly on an annual or biannual basis. We see the project as an excellent opportunity to reach potential young voters with a high visibility promotional campaign which would normally be beyond our grasp. It will also bring good visibility and publicity to the League.

MOTION: that we ask KMSP-TV to provide a contribution to the local Leagues for their volunteers in the sum of \$500.

MOVER: Santi

Seconded

Defeated

Discussion: Leppik was uncomfortable with the set fee of \$500, but perhaps thought that expenses could be covered. Hendrixson added that the publicity is worth enough and we are not selling ourselves short by volunteering to do this project. Higinbotham regrets that she went ahead with the plans before bringing this project to the Board.

Membership Count: Report by Takkunen. The preliminary count shows a net loss of 38 members for 37 Leagues.

Action Committee: MOTION: to approve Joy Tierny as a lobbyist for LWVMN.

MOVER: Hendrixson

Seconded

Carried

MOTION: to recommend that LWWMN adopt an emergency program item at State Council in April on gun control.

MOVER: Hendrixson

Seconded

Carried

Background: Materials and notification will be sent to local Leagues two months before Council which includes information on the issue and the League process.

Discussion: Much discussion was held about the process of this emergency program item. We seem to be in agreement about the position, but the process is the determining factor. Will there be enough people at Council to make this a fair decision? Perhaps a proxy voting would be appropriate.

MOTION: that Carolyn Hendrixson bring the wording of the position to be presented to Council to the Executive Committee for approval before it is sent to local Leagues.

MOVER: Hendrixson

Seconded

Carried

MOTION: that LWWNN support the resolution from the Abortion Rights Council deploring acts and threats of violence against reproductive health care facilities and exhorting law enforcement agencies to investigate such acts and apprehend and prosecute those responsible for their perpetration.

MOVER: Hendrixson

Seconded

Carried

LWVUS Program Planning: Higinbotham will write a letter to LWVUS explaining our concerns about the program planning process.

LWVUS Convention Delegate Selection: the following three people were elected as the LWVMN delegation to the LWVUS Convention in Denver, June 11-15: Keppel, Higinbotham, and McKinnell.

## LWVMN BOARD MEETING MINUTES, February 9, 1988 (page 3)

Battle Lake: MOTION: to recommend, with regret, that LWVUS withdraw recognition of the LWV of Battle Lake.

MOVER: Megard

Seconded

Carried

LWVMN Council Agenda: MOTION: to approve the agenda for the LWVMN Council Meeting (as attached). Added workshops include desegregation and gun control.

MOVER: Megard

Seconded

Carried

Memorial Contributions: MOTION: to approve memorial contributions from LWVMN to LWVMNEF in names of Rhea Wright and Marjorie Humphries in the amount of \$25 each.

MOVER: Erickson

Seconded

Carried

Background: Each of these women died recently. The League was mentioned in their obituary notices. Joan has written to their families on behalf of LWV. We would like to encourage memorial contributions to LWVMNEF. This can be promoted by notices in the VOTER and by an annual listing of memorials in the VOTER and wherever else contributions are listed.

MCOSEE: MOTION: that LWWMN renew its membership in the Minnesota Coalition of Organizations for Sex Equity in Education for 1988 and that dues of \$20 be paid to MCOSEE.

MOVER: McWilliams

Seconded

Carried

Agriculture Forums: Report by Higinbotham. The two remaining forums will be held February 13th in Albert Lea and February 29th in Willmar.

Women Come to the Capitol: Report by Hendrixson. Sunday, February 28th, there will be a dinner meeting at St. Paul College Club focusing on the impact of vouchers on public education. Monday, February 29th, an opening session with welcome, Education issues and Legislative Process will be held at the Bethesda Nurses Residence from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Leaguers will meet for lunch at Christ Lutheran Church from noon to 1:30 to discuss LWV issues. Afternoon program on issues and Marvelous Minnesota Women will be at the State Capitol from 2 to 5 p.m.

Mental Health Study Update: Report by McWilliams.

## Local League President Changes:

Fridley - Replace Carolyn Rouse with Vicki Klaers, 7860 Alden Way, N.E., 612/571-5818

Wayzata/Plymouth Area - Replace Pat Foley with Eydie Kargas, VP, 17615 - 25th Ave., North, Plymouth 55447, 612/473-8610.

The LWVMN Board Meeting was adjourned at 3:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Brostrom

### MINUTES OF LWVMN BOARD MEETING April 5, 1988

The meeting was called to order at 1:45 p.m. by President Joan Higinbotham at House of Hope Presbyterian Church, St. Paul. Present were D. Bowman, M. Santi, J. Higinbotham, K. Erickson A. Francis, D. O'Connor, C. Takkunen, J. McWilliams, J. Duffy, P. Keppel, P. Leppik, C. Hendrixson, P. Brostrom, C. McDonald, M. Johnson, B. McKinnell, B. Haats, P. Cameron, P. Leppik, and staff S. Sawyer and J. Tews.

Revision of Agenda: Add M. Johnson to Discussion on Mental Health Update.

Minutes: MOTION: to approve the minutes of the February 9, 1988, LWVMN Board Meeting.

MOVER: Brostrom

Seconded

Carried

Treasurer's Report: MOTION: to accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending February 19, 1988, and to file it for audit.

MOVER: McDonald

Seconded

Carried

Line 0125 should read \$6,102.90 under current year.

Action Issues: Hendrixson reported the Board of Directors of the St. Paul-Ramsey Medical Center has voted to change their 14-year policy concerning elective abortions and will discontinue this service. She gave us names to contact to voice our opinions. She also reported that 500 people attended Women Come to the Capitol.

Emergency Program: The LWWMN Board of Directors recommends to the delegates at the State Council meeting that they adopt the following position:

"The League of Women Voters of Minnesota opposes an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution that gives individuals the unrestricted right to bear arms."

MN Women's Consortium: MOTION: to renew membership in the MN Women's Consortium at \$50 and to designate Joan Higinbotham as LWVMN Delegate and Carolyn Hendrixson as Alternate.

MOVER: Hendrixson

Seconded

Carried

<u>Crystal/New Hope LWV</u>: MOTION: to recommend to LWVUS that they approve the application of the LWV of Crystal/New Hope to change their basis of organization to Crystal/New Hope/East Plymouth.

<u>OUTLOOK Calendar</u>: We had received a preliminary draft of the OUTLOOK Calendar which was by no means complete. We attempted to add dates. It is still by no means complete.

Mental Health: Dates for the Mental Health study were discussed. Four regional training sessions are being planned. Current doings:

-publication is on its way to the printer;

-Fact Sheet #8 is being prepared for the April president's mailing; last one in series;

-status of Fact Sheet mailings to county commissioners, etc.

-meeting on April 7th to finalize plans for Council presentation and Focus; -received \$2,000 from Mahadh Foundation;

-after breather in May, committee will resume work in summer, writing discussion guide and consensus questions, and planning monitoring workbook and regional training workshops; will consult with Judy Duffy about effective planning of regional workshops.

National Program: We received a copy of a letter from the LWV of the Monterey Peninsula re LWVMN's support of economic conversion as either a new LWVUS study or a priority for advocacy under existing positions. We will discuss this further in May. We intend to send our delegates to the U.S. Convention uncommitted.

Focus Meetings were discussed. We are determining how best we can use O'Connor's talents.

OMC Recommendations: To insure efficient use of our new office it was determined that "whenever possible, meetings are to be scheduled into the shared conference rooms in the new building, rather than in our office space." Conference rooms are on the lower level.

<u>Logo</u>: The new logo was revealed. LWVUS has recently commissioned a new logo. LWVMN adapted this logo for its use during the Votemobile Project.

MOTION: to adopt the new logo and encourage local Leagues to use it and give them assistance in how to use it.

MOVER: Leppik

Seconded

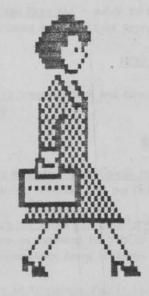
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<u>Membership</u>: Takkunen gave the membership report. There was a net loss of 98 members. A significant gain was made in Rochester League.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Brostrom



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## ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY POSITION Adopted April 19, 1988

LWVMN recommends that the Minnesota Department of Education require school districts to collect data on drop-outs for reasons of pregnancy or adolescent parenting.

LWVMN supports increased prevention efforts in the public schools in order to lower the rate of teenage pregnancy.

LWVMN recommends prevention curriculum that includes the legal and financial responsibilities of male teenage parents.

LWVMN recommends that health care providers publicize the necessity of prenatal care and the locations of free and low cost health services.

## CHILD CARE RESOLUTION LWVUS National Convention June, 1988

WHEREAS our children deserve the opportunity to develop in a healthy, safe and loving environment, and

WHEREAS 60% of mothers of children under six years of age are in the workforce, and

WHEREAS the availability of high-quality, affordable child care is an absolute necessity for working parents, and

WHEREAS public support of child care has been proven to be a cost-effective method for improving the economic climate of the country and reducing social welfare costs, and

WHEREAS the federal government must increase its commitment to making affordable, appropriate, high-quality child care more readily available to working parents who need it by committing substantial new child care funds to bring it more fully into a child care partnership with the states and the private sector, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the League of Women Voters of the United States support the Act for Better Child Care Services.

#### Welfare Reform

A top priority for the LWVUS in 1987-88 has been welfare reform. A critical element in meaningful reform is adequate transitional child care assistance for a family moving from welfare to work. The ABC bill addresses this need.

## Proposed National Program Priorities

Based on League response from all over the country, one of three priorities for concerted education and action during the two years and a national issue of  $\underline{\text{top}}$   $\underline{\text{concern}}$  to League membership nationwide is child care.

From the LWVUS Memo on Proposed 1988-90 National Program, page 6

## CHILD CARE AND HOUSING: MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS

This campaign will strive to prevent and reduce poverty through:

\*increasing access to employment by expanding the supply of affordable, quality child care;

\*increasing the supply of affordable housing.

League education and action will focus on:

\*building community awareness of and support for expanding the availability and affordability of child care and housing;

\*encouraging federal, state and local government action to increase the supply and quality of child care;

\*increasing the supply of affordable housing through government and private initiatives.

Endorsing the Act for Better Child Care Services provides the League with an excellent opportunity to immediately take action on its Child Care priority by supporting this comprehensive federal legislation which "increases access to employment by expanding the supply of affordable, quality child care."

A summary of the bill is as follows:

The Act for Better Child Care Services provides a comprehensive approach designed to improve the quality of child care for all families and to make child care more affordable and accessible to low and moderate income families. A state would be required to spend at least 75% of the funds it receives under the legislation on child care subsidies for children whose family income does not exceed 115% of the state median income.

Provisions are designed to expand the supply of child care, train child care workers, develop resource and referral programs, improve child care standards, recruit new child care providers, and provide grants to help begin new and renovate existing child care programs.

The legislation authorizes \$2.5 billion for FY 1988 and "such sums as necessary" for the next four years (with a 20 percent state match).

#### CHILD CARE FACTS

- \* By 1955, two-thirds of all preschool age children and almost four out of five school age children will have a mother in the workforce.
- \* More than 50% of American children under age six have mothers in the labor force. At least 10 million children, including three million babies, need child care. Currently it is estimated that licensed child care centers and family day care homes can only care for 2.5 million children.
- \* Americans pay caregivers less than parking lot attendants. Caregivers rank in the lowest 10% of income levels in the U.S.
- \* Despite the low pay received by child care workers, the cost of child care makes it inaccessible for many low and moderate income families. The typical cost of full-time child care in America's major cities and suburbs is \$3,000 a year for one child, an amount equal to one-third of the annual poverty level income for a family of three.

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota urges the delegates of the LWVUS national convention, 1988 to support the Act for Better Child Care Services which begins to address the critical need of families, at every income level, for affordable, quality child care. LWVUS' support for this legislation is consistent with its support for child care at the local, state and national level. Upon adoption of this resolution by this convention, the national office would be directed to 1) provide Leagues with every-member, meeting ready materials for education and action; and 2) develop lobbying strategies in support of the ABC bill.

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FROM: Beverly McKinnell, Field Service

RE: Board Memo and DPM subscriptions for 1988-89

DATE: May 18, 1988

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