



## League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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LWVSP POLICIES  
As Revised June 1989

Policies adopted by the League of Women Voters of St. Paul, hereinafter referred to as LWVSP, will be revised annually by the Board of Directors.

Suggestions for policies may be made by any member of LWVSP, its officers, or Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall adopt all policies.

ACTION

Action can be taken by the action chair and/or study chair, with the approval of the president, if the need arises between Board meetings. Such action must be reported at the next Board meeting.

Any formal statement or letter in the name of LWVSP must be approved by the action chairperson and president. Testimony must be written with copies for office file, president, and appropriate Board members.

ATTENDING CONFERENCES OR MEETINGS

Board members who attend meetings or conferences related to their portfolios should ask Board approval for expenses beforehand, if not covered by budget.

Board members' registration fees at LWVMN workshops for Board training shall be paid by LWVSP.

Delegates to National and State LWV Conventions, who have their way paid by LWVSP, must commit to full-time attendance at the convention and the sessions. Part-time attendance must be paid by the member as a visitor.

BOARD-UNIT RELATIONS

Board members are encouraged to attend unit meetings.

COALITIONS

Requests for joining coalitions shall be acted upon by the Board throughout the year as they arise. The following questions should be used as guidelines in deciding whether LWVSP will join:

1. Do the aims of the coalition mesh with League priorities?
2. Are the issues and goals of the coalition timely?
3. Are other members or proposed members of the coalition in harmony with League positions as they pertain to coalition's purpose?
4. Will coalition action be more effective than League acting alone?
5. Are we confident in the leadership of the coalition?
6. Will LWVSP be a visible member of the coalition? Do we have expertise to provide?
7. Will the demands on staff and volunteer time in the coalition be worth the effort?
8. Will any cash or non-personnel in-kind donations to the coalition be worth the investment?

The Board should review all coalition memberships annually to be sure the above questions can still be answered positively.

The LWVSP office should maintain a file on coalitions that includes a Board-approved statement giving rationale on which Board based its decision to join a coalition.



## COMMUNITY APPOINTMENTS

The LWVSP may select person(s) to represent League on committees when requested by that committee.

LWVSP encourages all members to apply for boards and commissions and will provide references at the request of these members or the boards and commissions, but will not endorse the candidacy of any member.

LWVSP may provide references for members seeking employment.

LWVSP Board members may use their League title while applying for a job or for an appointed board or commission.

## CONSENSUS QUESTIONS AND UNIT PRESENTATION OF TOPICS

When a consensus is planned the Program Committee submits questions to the Board well in advance of publication for comment and revision. Briefings must be held for Unit topic presenters in advance of Unit meetings.

## MEMBERSHIP

The local membership year is September 1 through August 31. The dues are \$40.00.

Subsidized dues will be available for persons who find payment a hardship. The applicant will indicate on the Membership Statement the amount of dues he/she can pay. The office will notify the treasurer to transfer the remaining amount from the budget expenses line item "Membership" to budget income line item "dues". After the amount allocated in the budget is depleted, such requests must come to the Board.

Prorated dues shall be in effect for new members only from January through the Annual Meeting. Approximately one twelfth of the annual dues will be charged per month. The following rates apply depending on the month dues are paid; January \$27.00, February \$23.00, March \$20.00, April \$16.50, May through Annual Meeting \$13.00.

## MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Rosters of League members are not available to any organization or individual outside the League unless authorized by the Board. Material of other organizations may be mailed with or included in the LWVSP VOTER.

In the rare instance when funds are to be solicited from League members by another organization the request must go out with the VOTER (with Board approval) or in a special mailing accompanied by a letter from the Board. The cause for which funds are being solicited must be in agreement with League positions for action and should, if possible, be related to the current year's program. The soliciting organization will be billed for additional costs incurred in the mailing. In no event should more than two such mailings be done in any one year.

## NONDISCRIMINATION

No League meeting will be held in a place which is known to discriminate on the basis of race, religion, or sex.

## NONPARTISANSHIP

The Board accepts the League nonpartisanship policy as outlined in the National Bylaws. LWVSP policy also includes agreement: that Board members will not run for office; that President and Voter Service/Citizen Information person will not be politically visible.

League's nonpartisan policy will be stated at candidates's meetings and in press releases for League sponsored candidates' meetings.

## OFFICE

Refer to Guidelines for the office, which are attached.

## RESIGNATIONS

A Board member who wants to resign should do so by a letter to the President. The letter will be read at the next scheduled Board meeting for acceptance by the Board.

## SELECTION OF DELEGATES TO LWVUS CONVENTION

The LWVSP President or Co-Presidents, during the time of the convention, shall be given preference for a delegate position. Other delegates shall be selected by the Board from Board members or future Board members.

## SMOKING

There shall be no smoking allowed at Board meetings.

## VOTER SERVICE

### CO-SPONSORSHIP:

It is the policy of the LWVSP that the decision to co-sponsor an event requires formal Board approval. The decision to co-sponsor must consider whether the event fosters public interest or education on an issue or issues on which the LWV either has a position or is studying. The St. Paul League must be involved in planning the event. If the event is a debate on an issue on which either the national, state, or local LWV has a position, then a member of the St. Paul LWV shall not moderate the debate.

### PARTICIPATION OF CANDIDATES IN DEBATES AND FORUMS:

The following criteria will be considered in determining the eligibility of a candidate to participate in LWVSP debates or forums:

The candidate:

- a) meets the legal qualifications for the office so that her/his name will be printed on the ballot;
- b) demonstrates significant voter support through a legally registered campaign committee which has filed appropriate financial reports showing a funding base and campaign organization;
- c) demonstrates significant voter interest in his/her candidacy;
- d) shows significant voter support from a previous election;
- e) has the endorsement of his/her political party.

### SUPERVISING THE ELECTIONS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:

LWVSP will provide judges to supervise the elections of other organizations based upon the availability of volunteers to serve as judges. A letter of agreement stipulating the responsibilities and duties of the LWVSP judges concerning the election will be written and signed by representatives of both the requesting organization and the LWVSP.

### VOLUNTEERS:

Volunteers should be League members whenever possible. Non-League volunteers can be recruited for special events such as the Election Returns Project or short-term assignments where they would bring special expertise.

## UNIT FUNDRAISERS

If a unit fundraiser is to be citywide, it should be discussed in advance with the development/finance person and approved by the Board.

TO: Local League Presidents  
FROM: Beverly McKinnell  
RE: What to do with this mailing  
DATE: October 18, 1989

1. LWV-Iowa Membership Handbook: give to your Membership Chair.
2. Membership flyer: give to your Membership Chair, Bulletin Editor, Public Relations Chair.
3. Getting Organized for Action: give to your Action or Program Chair.
4. Education Issues Memo: give to your Education or Action Chair and Bulletin Editor.
5. Local League Pro-Choice Contact Person: contact interested people and return filled-in form to LWVMN office.
6. MN Choice Attitude Survey Form: give to interested members.
7. Fundraiser Letter: give to Finance Chair.
8. Fundraiser Donation Form: give to Bulletin Editor, announce to Board.
9. Children 1990: Speaking Out for the Future: announce to Board, give to Bulletin Editor.
10. Legislative Interview Packet: give to Board members in charge of legislative interviews.
11. Minutes of the August 9, 1989 LWVMN Board Meeting: read and toss.
12. Minnesota Choice Survey Information: inform your Board and give to Action Chair and Bulletin Editor.





# THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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## BOARD MEMO

OCTOBER, 1989

### Calendar

- October 16 - Mental Health Committee Meeting, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., MN Women's Bldg.  
16-19 - Electoral Jury, St. Paul Mayoral Race, LWVMN, LWV-St. Paul and Jefferson Center, State Office Building, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
17 - Board Memo  
18 - Electoral Jury Debate, KSTP, Channel 5, 10:35 p.m.  
19 - President's Mailing  
CMAL Quarterly Meeting  
Deadline for Firearms Focus Registration  
20 - Mental Health Monitoring Workshop, Alexandria, 10-2:30  
23 - Tour Brochure Mailing  
Firearms Committee Meeting, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., MN Women's Bldg.  
24 - CMAL Study Committee Meeting, 9:30-11:30 a.m., LWVMN office  
26 - 70th Anniversary of LWVMN  
Fall Focus on Firearms  
27 - U.N. Rally, Holiday Inn Metrodome
- November 3 - Metro Mental Health Monitoring Workshop, Maplewood  
6 - Education Study Committee, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., LWVMN office  
7 - Election Day  
Fundraiser Committee Meeting, 9:30 a.m., LWVMN office  
11 - LWVMN, -EF Board Meetings, 10 a.m., LWVMN office  
- Firearms Committee, 2:30 p.m., LWVMN office  
5-12 - Phonathon '89  
14 - Lobbyist and intern training, 9 a.m., Room 296, State Capitol  
Action Committee, 1 p.m.  
Fundraiser Committee Meeting, 9:30 a.m., LWVMN office  
15 - Deadline for Mental Health Monitoring Proposals  
16 - CMAL Board Meeting, 9:30-noon, LWVMN office  
Development Committee, noon, MN Women's Bldg.  
18 - LWVUS J.C. Penney Leadership Teleconferences, J.C. Penney Stores, Southdale & Rochester, 1-4:30 p.m.  
21-22 - Board Memo, President's Mailings  
23 - Thanksgiving - Office closed  
24 - Office Closed  
29 - LWVMN Executive Committee Meeting, 11:30 a.m.  
30 - Fall Voter mailed
- December 1 - Deadline for Legislative Interviews  
3rd Quarter PMP due to LWVMN  
5 - Action Committee Meeting, 1 p.m., LWVMN office  
11 - Education Study Committee, 9 a.m., LWVMN office  
14 - CMAL Board Meeting, 9:30-noon, LWVMN office  
19 - Firearms Study Discussion Guide mailed to ILS  
20-22 - Office Closed  
25-26 - Office Closed  
27 - Fundraiser Committee Mailing

- January    1 - New Years Day  
            9 - Action Committee Meeting, 1 p.m., LWVMN office  
                    Fundraiser Committee Meeting, 9:30 a.m., LWVMN office  
          10 - LWVMN, -EF Board Meetings, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m., MN Women's Bldg.  
                    Voter Deadline  
          13 - Citizen in Action Conference  
          16 - Fundraiser Invitation Mailing, LWVMN office

ENCLOSURES

- LWV-Iowa Membership Handbook/Sweeny
- Membership flyer/ad\*/Sweeny
- Getting Organized for Action\*/McWilliams
- Education Issues Memo\*/McWilliams
- Local League Pro-choice Contact Person/Keppel
- MN Choice Attitude Survey Form\*/Keppel
- Fundraiser Letter\*/Erickson
- Fundraiser Donation Form\*/Erickson
- Children 1990: Speaking Out for the Future\*/McKinnell
- Legislative Interview Packet\*/McWilliams
- Minutes of the August 10, 1989 LWVMN Board Meeting

BOUQUETS TO

- .Joan Higinbotham, Kay Erickson and Anne Francis, LWV-Edina, for a very stimulating and informative Planned Giving Seminar with Ellen Estes;
- .Marcia Brown and Julaine Heit, LWV-Mpls., for presenting a Leadership Development workshop at the MN Dietetic Association Convention;
- .Candy Takkunen, LWV-Eastern Carver County, for presenting a Leadership Development workshop at the MEA Convention;
- .Virginia Sweeny invited as a speaker to the Degradapak '89 Conference in Chicago;
- .LWV-St. Paul, Harriette Burkhalter, LWV-MEPH; Margit Berg, LWV-Mpls and Anne Borgen for the Electoral Jury Project;
- .Jane McWilliams, Polly Keppel, Pat Bugenstein and the lobbyists and interns who kept on top of LWVMN issue interests during the special session.

WELCOME TO

- .Judy Burton, LWV-Golden Valley, our new Development staff person.

STATE BOARD HAPPENINGS

At the October 11th meeting your LWVMN-EF Board decided to:

- .approve Dee Bowman as LWVMN representative to the 1989 Luther Pickrel Agricultural Policy Seminar;
- .approve Hamline University, St. Paul, as the site for the 1991 LWVMN Convention;
- .endorse the Jewish Community Relations Council Anti-Defamation League of Minnesota and the Dakotas "A World of Difference Campaign";
- .cosponsor the Children's Defense Fund Project, Children 1990: Speaking Out for the Future;
- .approved 15 local League Education Fund projects!



P R E S I D E N T  
(McKinnell - 612/646-3690)

Although this is the "off year" for statewide elections in Minnesota, there are plenty of activities to keep us busy in League. Many of you have local elections, but for those of you who don't, and are tired of inactivity here are some things to look forward to:

"A World of Difference" Campaign: LWVMN has endorsed the campaign to combat prejudice and bigotry by teaching appreciation of racial, religious and ethnic differences. It is a coordinated effort by schools, civic and community groups and the media to be launched in twelve metro areas nationwide including the Twin Cities. The program will be available for use in schools. Watch for publicity.

Children 1990: Speaking Out for the Future: LWVMN is cosponsoring this statewide nonpartisan project to educate candidates in the 1990 election on the status of children in Minnesota and the issues that effect children. Local Leagues are encouraged to participate to the extent that they can. See the 3rd class mailing for further details.

Minnesota Women's Appointments Bureau: LWVMN is working with the MN Women's Consortium, MN Women's Political Caucus and the Women's Education Council on an American Association of University Women initiated project to encourage women to apply for appointed boards and commissions in Minnesota. A card file will be set up of women who want to be appointed to state Boards so they can be notified to apply when vacancies occur.

A "how to" workshop on the application process to become appointed and on state board service will be held November 16, 1989 from 7-9 p.m. in the MN Women's Bldg. \$5, payable at the door, will be charged to defray expenses.

Quick Notes: The Fundraiser date is Saturday, March 3, 1990 at Hotel Sofitel in Bloomington.

A call for cookbooks is out! Please return unsold cookbooks to the LWVMN office because we are out of them and we are still getting orders!

F I E L D   S E R V I C E  
(Leppik - 612/546-3328)

First, some kudos: to Golden Valley for the most interesting new publicity idea and to Winona for a smashing organizational job. Golden Valley publicized their candidates forum on place mats and arranged for local restaurants to use them the week preceeding the forum. Winona LWV orchestrated the legislative mini-session in their town and did such a bang-up job that session co-chairs Rep. Gene Pelowski and Gary Evans wanted to export their services to the rest of Minnesota. In a letter thanking the Winona League, he said that Rep. Bob Vanasek termed the session "legendary" for its organization and implementation! Way to go!

You should be aware that Ed Funds can be used to send students and study committee members to Focus and other public informational meetings. It's a nice way to assist committee members as well as thank them for the work they do.

The spring LWVMN Council meeting will be held April 19th at Hennepin County Technical College, South Campus. We will be repeating the very successful format of two years ago which combined Council with an evening Focus meeting.

One more reminder that the Regional Reps, Board members and I stand ready and willing to visit local League Board meetings. You don't need to be in crisis to qualify and we enjoy meeting you. Give us a call!

DEVELOPMENT  
(Erickson - 612/924-2991)

Fundraiser: A magical evening will be in store for guests at this year's fundraiser on Saturday, March 3, 1990, at the Hotel Sofitel in Bloomington. Please put the date on your League calendar. See the President's Mailing for a letter and a donation form for your Voter. The donations from Leaguers and local Leagues have made the auction unique. Thank you for all you do to make the fundraiser a success.

Annual Appeal/Phonathon: This year's Annual Appeal is underway. The letter will be sent out mid October. The Phonathon will start November 4th. As you may be aware, member dues are not used for Education Fund projects or administration. It is supported by contributions from foundations, corporations and individuals. Contributions to the Annual Appeal support Education Fund studies like Firearms and Financing Education, the fall focus on Firearms, the Citizens in Action conference, voter information, voter guides, and statewide debates.

The letter is just part of this year's appeal. More than 100 volunteers and assistants will call members and friends who do not respond to the letter. Local Leagues sending callers will receive a percentage of the money raised - a ready-made fundraiser. Local Leagues sending 1-3 callers will receive 10 percent of what is pledged to them. Leagues sending four or more callers will receive 15 percent. If you haven't sent in your sign up sheet please do it soon. Besides the potential for earning funds for your local League, other state Leagues report that volunteers find it fun to talk to members and League friends. There is no planning, no preparation, no investment, no experience required - just enthusiasm and a good telephone manner. Please call Mary Santi, Project Director, if you would like more information at 612/426-5151.

Phonathon '89 Schedule

Sunday, Nov. 5	1:30 - 5 p.m.	Merrill Lynch Realty 1781 W. County Rd. B	Roseville
Sunday, Nov. 5	4:30 - 9 p.m.	Merrill Lynch Realty	Roseville
Monday, Nov. 6	5:30 - 9 p.m.	Merrill Lynch Realty	Roseville
Wednesday, Nov. 8	5:30 - 9 p.m.	Location to be announced	Rochester
Thursday, Nov. 9	5:30 - 9 p.m.	Merrill Lynch Realty 7201 W. 78th St.	Edina
Sunday, Nov. 12	1:30 - 5 p.m.	Merrill Lynch Realty	Edina
Sunday, Nov. 12	4:30 - 9 p.m.	Merrill Lynch Realty	Edina

Tour: Springtime in Greece: Athens, Olympia, Delphi, Rhodes, Crete and much more will be in store for participants in this year's LWVNEF tour. It will be led by Eleftherios Papageorgiou who specializes in organizing personalized trips to his native land. You will be able to meet and interact with the Greek people in a way most tourists do not. His love and passion for Greece is contagious. In the words of a previous participant, "Eleftherios knew the language, culture and out of the way places. We were able to see and do things that most travelers miss." As on all of our trips, we have planned meetings with groups and individuals in Greece so we can learn more about their country and culture.

We will leave on April 19th and return May 6th. We have scheduled three informational meetings, so if you are interested in the trip you can learn more about it and meet Mr. Papageorgiou, who has a special tie to the League. He is the husband of Minneapolis LWV president, Jane Papageorgiou.

The meetings will be:

Thursday, November 30, 7-9 p.m., University Club  
Wednesday, January 17, 7-9 p.m., Calhoun Beach Club  
Tuesday, February 6, 7-9 p.m. Calhoun Beach Club

If you are interested in attending, please call Mr. Papageorgiou at 612/824-2180.

Education Funds: Local Leagues are finding all kinds of interesting, innovative ways to use their Education Funds. If you would like to know more about using the Ed Fund call Kay Erickson, 612/934-2991.

St. Paul - Publication on role of city council  
Fridley - Flyers for a special election  
Golden Valley - Candidates forum, publicity to include placemats for local restaurants, flyers and posters  
Edina - Sponsor six members of Edina Firearms Study Committee and two high school students at Firearms Focus in October  
Anoka/Blaine/Coon Rapids - Underwrite part of a retreat for gifted 5th and 6th grade girls to include self-esteem building, assertiveness training, creative dramatics, etc.  
Minneapolis - Pay for a percentage of the Voter  
Minneapolis - For a study, "Breaking the Cycle of Violence"  
Woodbury/Cottage Grove - Print a "know your community" booklet  
Minnetonka/Eden Prairie/Hopkins - Sponsor a student at YMCA Youth Conference  
St. Croix Valley - Print "They Represent You," a listing of elected and appointed officials  
Alexandria - Print stickers reminding citizens of recycling project for home calendars  
St. Paul - Sponsor students at U.N. Rally

M E M B E R S H I P  
(Sweeny - 612/941-4225)

Look through this mailing and find the sheet headed "How Much Time Does It Take to Be a Member of the League of Women Voters?" I think you'll enjoy it. Use it as a newspaper ad; post on bulletin boards; membership flyers - anything else you might think of!

It also addresses the comments we always hear such as, "I'd love to be a member but I just can't make the time commitment," and "I used to belong but I no longer have the time." We do need volunteer hours, but we also need the numbers and dollars that every member brings. Many organizations (Common Cause, etc.) are entirely comprised of members who never attend anything - they send in dues because they support the aims of the organization. The LWV needs those kinds of members, too. As a national organization we need those dollars and numbers to enhance our clout.

We want to overcome the idea that the LWV requires all or nothing membership. Also, don't forget how many of us joined without ever expecting to be as involved as we later became.



The "New Member Handbook" I mentioned last month has arrived and a copy is enclosed in the President's Mailing. Some Leagues are planning new member orientation sessions in January, when they have a group of new members to invite and when the holiday rush is over.

Tip for those in growing communities: your city can give you a list of new utility hookups, and you can contact those new residents with an offer of League membership in their new community.

BULLETIN  
(Steen - 507/645-7274)

Now that the first issue of the Minnesota Voter is out, I want to thank all who called or sent notes with comments on the new format. It's nice to know we have readers! I will appreciate continuing responses on future issues: suggestions for improvement, specific reactions to articles, ideas for other articles - all will be welcome.

As I read the local bulletins, most of which come to me sooner or later (please check to see that I am on your mailing list), I am impressed with the variety of formats, programs, articles, opinions. And I can't help noticing THINGS THAT WORK. Here's one: Begin your articles with a local angle. Most readers will read only a few lines before deciding whether to finish a piece; most readers are interested in places and, particularly, people, they have a connection with. Put these facts together and you readily conclude that 1) you have to get the readers' interest early, and 2) a person they know will attract their attention.

ACTION  
(McWilliams - 507/645-8423)

Thanks to local Leagues and your members who help by responding to Action Alerts during the recent regular and special sessions. I know you've heard this before, but it really does make a difference when constituents let their views be known. Your calls and letters are a significant part of the lobbying effort of League without which what we do at the Capitol would be much less effective. There are so many lobbyists representing hundreds of groups, that legislators are under fire all the time, but you are the ones who elect them. Legislators know that when you call about a League issue, you know what you're talking about and they listen. We try to be selective about the issues we ask for local action on because we know people are busy. That's why when you get an Action Alert, you can be sure that your response is important and will be effective.

Reminders:

- . Legislative Intern Training - Tuesday, November 14, 9 a.m., Room 296 State Capitol. LWV members are welcome to attend whether or not they intend to be in the program.
- . CIA Conference, January 13, 1990. More information later.
- . Capitol Letter Subscriptions for the 1990 session may be made immediately for \$5.
- . President's mailing includes "Getting Organized for Action," tips on conducting effective action on the local level.
- . Citizens In Action booklet is still the best tool for League members and other citizens to use to become effective persuaders.

Pro-Choice: (Keppel - 612/823-3389) As a member of the MN Alliance for Choice, LWVMN is encouraging local League members who are interested in the pro-choice issue to volunteer to help with the Choice Attitude Survey. (Please refer to the Sept. Board Memo and mailing.) Volunteers are critically needed in greater Minnesota for home phone calling. Please make the volunteer reply slip available to your members (another copy is included in the President's Mailing).

We are also asking that each League designate a member who is interested in the issue to be the Pro-Choice Contact Person for your local League. Communications about activities, networking and proposed legislation will be sent directly to that Leaguer (in addition to being included in the Board Memo).

On November 12th a Pro-Choice Rally event in conjunction with the National Choice Rally in Washington, D.C. is scheduled in Minneapolis which will include a multi-denominational worship service, workshops and national speakers from the U.S. Rally by TV link. Additional information from LWVMN office or NOW.

E D U C A T I O N  
(McWilliams - 612/645-8423)

In May, the newly adopted State Board of Education "Multicultural and Gender Fair Rule" was published in the State Register. The rule requires school boards to adopt a plan prior to June 1, 1990 "to assure that the curriculum developed for use in district schools establishes and maintains an inclusive educational program".

The program must reflect contributions of all cultures; people of color, women and handicapped persons.

LWVMN has supported passage of this rule, and now local Leagues can facilitate the implementation at the local level. We encourage your members to:

- . Ask to serve on their local district PER committee or Multicultural Gender Fair Committee. (Each school district must have one.)
- . Express strong support for gender fair and multicultural curriculum in your district.
- . Monitor the development of the plan. Make sure that school board members and the administration know that they have local support for efforts to implement the rule.
- . Monitor the implementation of the plan. Encourage workshops for local curriculum advisory committee, staff inservice programs, development of student outcomes, development of criteria for choosing text books and other materials.
- . Check with other local groups (AAUW, Education Association or Federation of Teacher organizations, NOW, for example), to see what actions they're taking to support the rule.

F I R E A R M S  
(Moeser - 218/724-6120)

The Firearms Committee plans to have a 20-30 minute tape from the Firearms Focus available for use by local Leagues for your January and February unit meetings. If you are interested in reserving a copy of this tape please contact the state League office.





# THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

**NEW MEMBER  
HANDBOOK**

## **INTRODUCTION**

There are many reasons for joining the League of Women Voters. Membership in the League can lead to self-education, an understanding of community problems, and the ability to act effectively on issues of public interest. The League's purpose, its open membership, its independence from partisan politics, and its democratic procedures attract women and men of all ages and backgrounds.

## **PURPOSES**

The purposes of the League of Women Voters are to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

## **HISTORY**

In 1920, Carrie Chapman Catt, a native Iowan, organized the League of Women Voters of the United States. The League's first goal was to teach women how to exercise their new right to vote. The scope was soon enlarged to include service to all citizens. Political action based on knowledge gained from study became the cornerstone of the League's diverse agenda.

## **NONPARTISANSHIP**

The League may take political action on issues on which members reach agreement. The League never supports or opposes any political party or candidate for elective office. However, the League encourages its members, as individuals, to take part fully in the political process. Because of scrupulous adherence to this nonpartisan political policy, the League takes action in the public interest.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in the League of Women Voters is open to everyone.

- Voting members are citizens at least 18 years old who are enrolled in a Local League.
- Associate members are persons enrolled in a Local League who are under 18 years old or who are noncitizens.
- Members-at-large live outside the area of, and are not enrolled in, any Local League.
- Life members are voting members who have belonged to the League for 50 years. Life members pay no dues.

Two or more members living at the same address qualify for a household membership. One person pays full dues, and the second person makes a half-payment of dues.

A person may join the League at the local, state, or national level. Membership in the League usually encompasses all three levels.

## ORGANIZATION

The League of Women Voters works on the local, state, and national levels. Members of the Local League elect their officers and board of directors at an annual meeting. Each Local League is entitled to send delegates to state and national conventions. For all three levels of League, local members decide what will be studied, what action will be taken, how League money will be spent, and who League leaders will be. The League is a grass-roots organization, and members are very protective of this approach.

## MEETINGS

Each Local League determines its own schedule, but most meet at least once a month. A meeting of all members is usually called a general meeting. Sometimes the membership may divide into several small discussion groups, or units, and hold unit meetings. Members meet regularly to study and to discuss issues such as voting rights, land use, taxes, water resources, human needs, international trade, and national security, as well as issues of local concern.

Once a year each Local League holds an annual meeting to elect officers, to set local dues, and to adopt local programs, bylaws, and budget. All members can and should attend the annual meeting.

## CONVENTIONS AND COUNCILS

The national convention is held biennially in even-numbered years. It is composed of delegates elected by Local Leagues in numbers proportionate to their membership. Any League member is eligible to serve as a convention delegate. Observers and guests may attend but may not vote. Delegates debate and vote on program, budget, financial support, and bylaws, and they elect officers for the next biennium.

The national council is held in odd-numbered years. It is composed of two delegates from each state plus the national board of directors.

Duties of the council include approving the budget for the coming year and giving direction for the League's study and action program.

Similarly, each state League holds conventions. Some states have annual conventions, while others use the convention-council system.

## PRINCIPLES

The League of Women Voters believes in representative government and in the individual liberties established in the Constitution of the United States.

The League of Women Voters believes that democratic government depends upon the informed and active participation of its citizens and requires that governmental bodies protect the citizen's right to know by giving adequate notice of proposed actions, holding open meetings and making public records accessible.

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The League of Women Voters believes that efficient and economical government requires competent personnel, the clear assignment of responsibility, adequate financing and coordination among the different agencies and levels of government.

The League of Women Voters believes that responsible government should be responsive to the will of the people; that government should maintain an equitable and flexible system of taxation, promote the conservation and development of natural resources in the public interest, share in the solution of economic and social problems which affect the general welfare, promote a sound economy, and adopt domestic policies which facilitate the solution of international problems.

The League of Women Voters believes that cooperation with other nations is essential in the search for solutions to world problems, and that the development of international organization and international law is imperative in the promotion of world peace.



## PROGRAM

League program at every level consists of those governmental issues that members choose for concentrated study and action. At each year's program-making meeting, members discuss their ideas for local, state, and national program. Their proposals are submitted to the respective boards of directors. The board at each level then considers the proposals forwarded to it, formulates a recommended program, and presents it to the membership at the annual meeting or to the delegates at the state or national convention. There is also a procedure for placing not-recommended items before the meeting.

Certain criteria must be used when considering a program. The issue must fall within the Principles of the League and be one on which governmental action can be taken. Final decisions on state and national program are made by a vote of the delegates to the respective conventions. At the local level this is done by the voting members in attendance at the annual meeting.

Once a study has been adopted, the board appoints a chairperson of the "resource," or study, committee. This person in turn finds other members to serve on the committee. Taking part in a study is an excellent way to become familiar with and involved in the League.

The resource committee gathers information on the study item, analyzes the information, clarifies the issues, and identifies the problems. It is the committee's responsibility to present all sides of the issue to members for their consideration. The study may also include tours, guest speakers, interviews, and other activities.

Before the League can act on the issue, members must agree in broad terms on various aspects of the issue. To formulate a position, the League takes consensus. Consensus, or agreement, is reached through group discussion. Members come to an overall "sense of the group" as expressed through the exchange of ideas and opinions. It is from this agreement that League formulates a position statement for action.

Another process for obtaining a League position is through the process of concurrence, or agreeing with a proposed statement. League members or boards can concur with recommendations or a statement from a task force, a resource committee, a unit group, or any League board—another local board, any state board, or the national board.

## ACTION

Once members reach agreement and a position is stated, local, state, or national Leagues take action by

- lobbying
- working with other organizations
- speaking out through letter-writing and telegram campaigns to legislators and through personal visits to legislators and administrative agencies
- publishing and distributing pertinent materials
- testifying at legislative and administrative hearings to assure citizen input in policymaking decisions
- monitoring elections and other government activities
- litigating to help clarify laws in the public interest.

The League observes meetings of local, regional, state, and national governmental bodies. Observers do not speak for the League but attend meetings to listen, to learn, and to make factual reports of the proceedings.

## VOTERS SERVICE

The League is perhaps best known for its varied services to voters. The League directs its efforts toward encouraging citizens to register, to vote, and to take part in government and politics. Voters Service activities include sponsoring candidate meetings, debates, or interviews; conducting voter registration drives; providing information about voting to the public through the print and electronic media; and getting out the vote on election day.

## CITIZEN INFORMATION

Educating citizens about government is a major League activity. Through community handbooks, political directories, and factual studies of governmental issues, the League provides information necessary for an informed electorate. Community organizations often call upon the League for speakers on selected topics about government.

## PUBLICATIONS

One important tool for carrying out the League's goals are publications that are researched, written, and distributed by members at every level. State and national catalogs are available. Publications may be purchased by members and the public.

A newsletter called the VOTER is sent by each League level to its members. Local VOTERs are usually published monthly, state VOTERs quarterly, and the national VOTER bimonthly.

## FINANCE

League is a nonprofit organization that must have adequate financing to operate and to achieve its goals. Local Leagues adopt budgets that include funds to support local, state, and national activities. Financial support comes from members, nonmembers, and the community at large.

Dues are a major income factor in Local League budgets. Each Local League decides the amount of its dues and the method for collecting them—either by the anniversary system in which a member's dues are paid on the anniversary of the month she joined, or by the annual system in which all members pay dues at the beginning of the fiscal year. A large portion of the dues, called per member payment, goes for the support of the state and national levels.

To augment income from members, the League conducts fund-raising campaigns at each level. Both the Citizens Information Service at the state level and the Education Fund at the national level qualify as 501(c)(3) organizations under the Internal Revenue Code and may accept tax-deductible contributions. These funds are used exclusively for services to voters, impartial information on government issues, study guides, surveys, research projects, and litigation in the public interest.

## LEAGUE LANGUAGE

<i>Board</i>	Administrative body consisting of officers plus elected and appointed directors.
<i>CIS or Ed Fund</i>	Citizens Information Service (state level) or Educational Fund (national level)—a branch of the League whose activities are limited to education and are therefore eligible to be funded by tax-deductible contributions.
<i>Consensus</i>	The process for reaching member agreement on selected issues that members have studied. Can also refer to the agreement itself.
<i>IR</i>	International Relations—includes the United Nations, trade, development, and national security.
<i>Local Item</i>	A topic concerning local government, chosen by members for study and action.
<i>Nonpartisan</i>	Describes the League's policy of neither supporting nor opposing political parties or candidates.
<i>NR</i>	Natural Resources—includes land use, air quality, water quantity and quality, energy, transportation, and waste disposal.



<i>Observers</i>	League members who attend and monitor meetings of government councils, boards, and commissions.
<i>Orientation</i>	A briefing about the League—its history, purpose, policy, and achievements.
<i>PMP</i>	Per member payment—monetary support for the state and national levels decided by convention delegates.
<i>Portfolio</i>	The specific program or administrative responsibility of a board member, i.e., IR, NR, Public Relations. Many League boards are moving away from the portfolio system; board members take on responsibilities as necessary at a given time.
<i>Pubs</i>	Publications written and published by the local, state, and national Leagues.
<i>SP</i>	Social Policy—includes education, employment, income assistance, and women's issues.
<i>Units</i>	Small discussion groups. Used mostly by larger Leagues to accommodate the needs of all members.
<i>Voters Service</i>	The highly visible year-round service of registering voters and giving factual information to voters on candidates and issues.

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Pub. No. 8802

# NEW MEMBER HANDBOOK

Dear League President:

Have you ever wished you had one concise publication containing all the basic information new members need?

Wish no more! Such a publication is now available from the League of Women Voters of Iowa. For only \$1.25 plus shipping your members can learn all about the League, from history through principles and program, to voter service and League Lingo! This eight page booklet is a must for all new members.

Order plenty of copies now! Discounts available for orders of more than ten copies. Pub #851

Order from:

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**CALL US TODAY**

**League of Women Voters of (your town)**  
(your address and phone)

Or just send \$ (xx) dues and we'll contact you.

October 1989

Memo: Getting Organized for Action

To: Local League Presidents and/or Action Chairs

From: Jane McWilliams, Legislative Coordinator

Here are some tips for effective action on the local level some of which are gleaned from a publication from the League of Women Voters of Illinois.

#### GET TO KNOW LEAGUE PROGRAM

Knowledge of the range of issues we have studied and the positions we have reached will help you and your League take prompt and effective action when it is needed. Set aside some time right now to become familiar with the state League program as set out in Program for Action and the national program contained in Impact on Issues.

#### GET TO KNOW YOUR LEGISLATORS

This involves frequent contacts and discussion rather than just an occasional letter or phone call. Remember to invite your legislators to special events where they can mingle with your members informally. The legislative interview (scheduled later this fall) is another opportunity. Also, be sure to acknowledge their support and helpfulness whenever appropriate.

#### RESPOND TO TIMES-FOR-ACTION/ACTION ALERTS

Each local League has a responsibility to send an official League letter or take whatever other official action is requested, in response to every state and national Action Alert. As soon as you receive an Action Alert, read it! It should include specific instructions and background information on the issue involved. Carry out the requested action or pass the information on promptly to your Action Chair. Please note that any official League letter should go out over the president's signature.

#### APPOINT AN ACTION CHAIR

Job description might include drafting official League letters in response to Action Alerts, writing letters-to-the-editor on high priority issues, writing an action column for your newsletter, making sure that action information is presented at board meetings and general membership meetings. You may also want to involve individual program chairs when the issue is relevant to their portfolios.

#### INVOLVE YOUR MEMBERS IN ACTION

Organize a phone tree - the entire board and members should get involved in items of importance. The job is not done once consensus is reached! Use your bulletin to keep members informed who are too busy to attend meetings.

#### LOBBYING INTERNSHIP and CIA CONFERENCE

Urge your members to attend these two events which will help them review League program positions, give them a refresher on League lobbying techniques and policies, and will provide an indepth consideration of the topic "public sector lobbying," as well as workshops in related topics. All League members are welcome to either or both of these sessions - not just interns.



The lobbying training session is scheduled for November 14 at 9:00 a.m. In addition to lobbying information, there will be a briefing by League program chairs on League issues. The Citizens in Action conference is scheduled for January 13. Watch for additional information later this fall.

#### RESOURCES FOR ACTION

- Program for Action, 1985-87. (This handbook is being revised. The new edition will be ready February 1 in time for the 1990 Legislative Session.) Contains information on state issues.
- Impact on Issues 1986-88 with inserts. This listing of all LWVUS positions is updated every two years following national convention. Copies may be ordered directly from LWVUS for \$3.00 each.
- Citizens in Action, January 1989. A comprehensive handbook on citizen involvement containing basic tips on how to influence public officials with emphasis on the state legislative process. Available from LWVMN for \$6.00.
- Capitol Letter. One-year subscription for the 1990 Legislative Session. Provides members with a blow-by-blow account of the LWV in action. Price: \$5.00 per year.
- Report from the Hill. This LWVUS publication contains information on national legislation of concern to League and suggests action to be taken to promote League's Advocacy Agenda in Congress. For \$6.00/ year, subscribers receive six issues of the Report as well as copies of all LWVUS Action Alerts.

Program Chairs and the Legislative Coordinator are available for local meetings when this is needed. Of course, we're also available by phone, and welcome your questions and suggestions for being more effective at the state level.

October 1989

MEMO: Education Issues in Local League Communities

TO: Local League Presidents and or Education Chairs

FROM: Jane McWilliams

In order to help me become familiar with education issues in your communities, please complete the following questionnaire and return it to me at the state office.

Thank you!

\* \* \* \* \*

1. Current local education position(s):
2. Current local education study:
3. Local issues of interest to League members which might become targets for study/action:
4. We do do not (circle one) have a regular school board observer.
5. We do do not (circle one) have an education study committee.
6. Here are some names of League members who may be interested in being on a state committee, observing legislature, state Board of Education, doing some lobbying, etc.:
7. Here are some ways LWVMN Education Chair can assist my League with education study and action:
8. Here some ways I/we think LWVMN can and should become involved in education issues:
9. Other comments or suggestions:

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

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

October, 1989

LOCAL LEAGUE PRO-CHOICE CONTACT PERSON

The contact person for reproductive choice for the LWV of

\_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.

Her position with the League is \_\_\_\_\_.

Her address is \_\_\_\_\_

Her phone number is \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_ (home).

Additional comments about our League's pro-choice activities:

- distribution of the choice attitude survey volunteer form
- member support and/or concerns

PLEASE RETURN TO THE STATE OFFICE BY NOVEMBER 15, 1989.

YES . . . I WILL BE A PART OF THE  
MINNESOTA CHOICE ATTITUDE SURVEY!

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I VOLUNTEER TO PHONE FROM A PHONE CENTER, OR LOCALLY FROM MY HOME.

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I AM WILLING TO SERVE AS A: \_\_\_\_\_ REGIONAL LEADER; \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY LEADER;  
\_\_\_\_\_ CITY LEADER; \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE CENTER LEADER; \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONING LEADER.

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Dear Leaguers,

March 3, 1990, is the date for the annual state fundraiser. The wide variety of contributions from individuals and local Leagues has always made the auction outstanding. There is something for everyone! But we can't do it without your support. We appreciate everything from crafts to the regional getaways local Leagues have solicited from businesses in their areas. Listed below are some other ideas for contributions. Thanks to Leagues statewide, the fundraiser continues to be a success.

Listed below are some of the things that have been donated in the past, but we're always open to suggestions!

## NEED AN IDEA FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO FUNDRAISER '90?

Pottery

Pickles

Paintings

Parties

Greek

Chinese

Russian

Cajun

Murder Mystery

Houseboat

Book Review

Summer Serenade

Brown Bag/Latimer

Golf and Bar-b-que

Luchon and Tour

Games

Tickets

Theater

Orchestra

Sports Events

6 lb. Peanut Butter Cup

Antique Phone

Wildlife Quilt

Books

Jewelry

Homemade Candy

Crystal

Silver

Sculpture

Lamps

Embroidery

Wool Throw

Needlepoint

Toro Gas Weeder

Hors d'oeuvres for 30

Food Dehydrator

Home Baked Rolls

Big Sky Home for one week

Black Hills Cabin

Wine, Cheese & Fruit Basket

Hand Knit Sweaters

Stereo Cabinet

25 lb. Salted Nut Roll

Posters

Rockers

Cheesecakes

Aprons

Jellies

Luggage

Afghans

T-Shirts

Thank you for your help. Please send your donation form to: LWVMEF, 550 Rice Street, St. Paul, MN 55103. If you have any questions, call Kay Erickson at 612/934-2991.

League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund

Fundraiser Donation Form\*

Donated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

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League Member \_\_\_\_\_ Name of League: \_\_\_\_\_

Friend of LWMNEF \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM

Please describe:

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Will mail to LWMNEF office \_\_\_\_\_

Will deliver to LWMNEF office \_\_\_\_\_

Will bring to event: \_\_\_\_\_

Must be picked up: \_\_\_\_\_

SERVICE

Please describe:

What? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Fair Market Value: \_\_\_\_\_

When? Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

For how many? Persons: \_\_\_\_\_

Couples: \_\_\_\_\_

Solicited by: \_\_\_\_\_

Name

Address

Phone

Local League

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

\*Donations are tax deductible

Kay Erickson

League of Women Voters of Minnesota

550 Rice Street

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Children's Defense Fund - Minnesota

Proposal

Children 1990: Speaking Out for the Future

The Plan: Time line and major activities

Through the Children 1990 campaign, CDF will:

- o Build a critical mass of community leaders who are informed about children's needs and the importance to our future of investing in them, understand key facts and trends which are a measure of the current threat to children and thus to society, and are committed to preventing and reducing child poverty and its related problems.
- o Create a climate and public voice for positive action on specific child investment strategies.
- o Push children higher on Minnesota's public priority list.
- o Educate the press to expand and inform coverage of children and family needs.
- o Conduct a statewide poll to discover the depth of public awareness about and support for meeting poor children's needs, and publicize the poll results.

To accomplish these goals, we will pursue a nonpartisan campaign during 1990. We will (1) conduct public education about the status of children in Minnesota; (2) organize statewide organizations and local coalitions into a more active force for children; (3) form a brief agenda for children and seek to build support.

CDF-MN wants to emphasize that all of our activities will be non-partisan and issue oriented. As a non-profit organization we are forbidden to participate in partisan political activity and we have no intention of doing so. CDF and it's employees have always been scrupulously non-partisan.

We propose the following timeline:

October, November, 1989 - Form a statewide coalition for Children 1990 and research materials for the Children 1990 Factbook, which will provide data on key indicators of child and family health and welfare in Minnesota, as well as the other 49 states, and document performance, or lack of it, in meeting children's needs. CDF's goal is to put together and disseminate a common and accurate set of facts about children in a way that makes the information accessible and comparable across state lines. We find it particularly helpful with public education when we can point out that other states, especially neighboring states, are doing better than Minnesota in meeting children's needs.



December, 1989 - Create a distribution plan for the Children 1990 Factbook. Begin preparing questions for children's poll. Working with other organizations in the Children 1990 coalition, begin researching issues for children's agenda.

January, 1990 - Hold a press conference to announce Children 1990 and release the Children 1990 Factbook. Provide copies to all candidates for statewide office and for the state legislature. Continue working on poll and building coalition.

February 1990 - Distribute Children 1990 Factbook to candidates' staff. Meet with candidates for state legislature and candidates for statewide office. Announce Children's Agenda with coalition.

March 1990 - Hold a press conference and fly-around to announce results of Children's poll.

April 1990 - Create pocket-size one page fact cards for local communities across Minnesota on children needs in their area. Create bumper stickers to support children's agenda.

May 1990 - Seek editorials on children's issues prior to the primary election. Educate political reporters on children's issues and children's needs.

June, July, August, September, October 1990 - provide fact cards to local communities for local meetings about children. Work with coalition groups to arm their members with children's agenda information and facts. Distribute posters and bumper stickers.



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# MEMO

TO: Local League Presidents

FROM: Sue Moeser

SUBJECT: Firearms Project

DATE: 10-17-89

Local Leagues can apply for Minnesota Humanities Commission grants to sponsor your public meetings (which can be unit meetings, which are open to the public, as long as it does not include consensus taking), for the Firearms project.

There are two types of grants for which you can apply:

Mini-Grants (up to \$300):

- can be submitted any time
- 10 business day turnaround time
- no lead time needed

Small Grants (\$300-\$1,000):

- can be submitted at any time, but
- must be received at the MHC office at least six weeks prior to the beginning of the project

Either of these grants (particularly the Mini-Grant) would be ideal for the Firearms Project.

In this mailing is a brochure from the MHC explaining their program in full.

You can either call the MHC for an application, 224-5739, or Judy Burton in the state office.

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## LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEWS

TO: Local League Presidents/Action Chairs

FROM: Jane McWilliams, 507/645-8423  
LWVMN Legislative Coordinator

DATE: October 18, 1989

Here are the 1989 Legislative Interview Questions! The Action Committee has tried to anticipate the key League issues, a difficult task this far in advance of the session. However, all bills introduced in the 1989 Session may be taken up in the 1990 one, so we have some idea of what may be on the docket. We have also included questions which we hope will elicit from your legislators what she or he anticipates will be important issues.

Local Leagues have been interviewing legislators successfully for years. Many of you have developed a special event for these interviews. Within your format, try an "assertive" approach. State the League position on the issue prior to asking the question. You may wish to send a copy to your legislator prior to the interview. We have provided some background on the current activities on each issue. If you need more information, please don't hesitate to call the program chairs or me.

If legislators seriously challenge the League's position as you present it, ask the legislator for her or his position and mention that the League's lobbyist on this issue will be glad to discuss the issue further. (Our positions are well-documented and supported by a consensus of our members. Do not back down from an established League position.) You will receive a report form for each interview. Along with your legislator's response, include any additional information that might help lobbyists at the Capitol. IF YOUR LEAGUE IS UNABLE TO CONDUCT THE INTERVIEW, PLEASE NOTIFY THE STATE OFFICE OR ME IMMEDIATELY. We need your completed forms by December 1, 1989.

The legislative interview will give you an opportunity to explain the League's nonpartisan policy: some legislators may need to be reminded that we support issues, not candidates.

Arrange to have the interview published in your local paper or conduct your interview on cable television. Results of your interview should be in your League bulletin for the benefit of members who didn't attend. Share the results with other groups working with you on these issues.

Thank you for "setting the stage" for LWVMN legislative action for the 1990 session. We hope that you will enjoy the opportunity to talk with your senator and representative about League issues. The time spent on this is immensely valuable in keeping League visible in the legislative process at all levels.

### Resources:

- Program for Action, 1985-87 (to be revised, ready for 1990 session).
- Capitol Letters from 1989 Session
- LWVUS Impact on Issue
- LWVMN Program Chairs



1989-90 LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

SOCIAL POLICY

(Contact: Polly Keppel - 612/823-3389)

Pay Equity

Background: Pay equity is established when the average compensation for female-dominated classes of jobs is equal to the average compensation for male-dominated classes of comparable skill, effort, responsibility and working conditions.

Legislation passed in 1984 required all local governments in Minnesota - cities, counties and school districts - to conduct pay equity studies and implement pay equity. Additional legislation which passed in 1988 required full implementation by December 31, 1991, and established a financial penalty for non-complying jurisdictions. (Penalty is 5% of local government state aids.)

Each of the 1600 local governments in the state has now completed a pay equity study. According to their studies, the cost of correcting the inequities is reasonable: only 2.6% of payroll, on the average. Many jurisdictions are beginning to implement pay equity by adjusting pay rates. Reports established that about 20% inequities usually existed in local government units. When the law was enacted in 1984 it did not anticipate all the various interpretations of pay equity consultants would come up with (in spite of technical assistance provided by the MN Dept. of Employee Relations). Examples:

- \* Some jurisdictions have not compared male-dominated and female-dominated jobs. Instead they have compared average pay for female jobs to average pay for all jobs. The standard for comparison is a lower pay rate.
- \* Some have incorporated another automatic discount for female jobs by establishing a "corridor". This allow female jobs to be paid from 5% to 20% less than the average pay for male jobs.
- \* Some cite "market studies" which show that other employers also pay less for women's work. However, prevailing wages simply perpetuate historic discrimination against women - and that is why pay equity was needed.
- \* Some argue that the union is preventing pay equity in negotiations.

While the Dept. of Employee Relations (DOER) has pay equity reports on file, the Department has never had the authority to approve or disapprove the studies. The Department can certify non-compliance for purposes of imposing penalties after December 31, 1991, but the law does not provide a definition for non-compliance.

LWVMN would like to determine legislative support for proposed legislation that would:

- 1) Clarify purpose; develop criteria for evaluation of plans to determine whether pay equity has been achieved (more specificity).
- 2) Provide for on-going maintenance of pay equity.
- 3) Determine procedures, administrative or legal remedies, etc.

LWMN Position: Support of policies to ensure equality of opportunity in employment, real property, public accommodations, education and other public services for all persons.

#### Questions

- I. Will you support legislation to strengthen enforcement of pay equity (comparable worth) in local governments?
  - A. By supporting statewide oversight to ensure pay equity is properly implemented?
  - B. By supporting rule-making authority for the Dept. of Employee Relations to determine whether local governments have achieved pay equity for purposes of assessing financial penalties.
  - C. By supporting clarification in the legislation of the definition of pay equity as a tool for eliminating sex bias in wages for "women's work" in Minnesota local governments?

#### GOVERNMENT

Jane McWilliams - 507/645-8423

#### Election Laws

Background: Late in the 1989 session, the House passed an Omnibus Elections Bill providing for election law reform including campaign financing. Among other features, the House bill provides for public financing of Congressional campaigns and limitations on fundraisers held during state legislative sessions. We will ask only state senators questions on these issues. The Senate has not acted on similar legislation.

FOR SENATORS - Congressional Campaign Financing. According to a study by Common Cause, a candidate for the U.S. Senate must raise an average of more than \$10,000 per week for six years to have the resources necessary to mount a successful campaign. Because incumbents are more able to raise large sums, they have a distinct advantage making it very difficult for challengers to mount successful campaigns. Moreover, because PACs comprise the major portion of the incumbents' coffers, these groups tend to have a great influence on the decisions in Congress. Congress continues to be unable or unwilling to enact measures that would clean up campaign spending.

LWMN Position: Support of improvements in election laws regulating campaign practices...Support of judicious use of public resources to finance campaigns. Support of reduction of the amount of money spent on campaigns.

#### Questions:

1. Would you support state legislation providing for public financing of Congressional candidates?
2. If so, would you prefer to have this funded through an income tax check-off or through legislative appropriations?

#### For Senators: Sessional Fundraising

Background: It is a common practice for legislators to hold fundraisers during the legislative session. In fact, these are held in close proximity to the Capitol and lobbyists are frequent "guests" at these gatherings. Critics point out that raising funds from lobbyists at the

same time they are debating and voting on bills which affect the organizations the lobbyists represent, at least gives the appearance of conflict of interest. The practice erodes the confidence of the public in the legislative process.

#### Question

1. Would you support legislation limiting or eliminating the practice of holding fundraisers during the legislative session?

#### Taxes

Jeanne Matross, 612/646-5755

Background: The tax law enacted in the 1989 Special Session established the policy that state resources should finance all or most of the cost of state program mandates. Political subdivision resources (principally local property tax) should finance all or most of the cost of nonprogram mandates (state mandates which apply equally to private entities and political subdivisions and to basic organization and operation of political subdivisions), and those local programs that are not state mandates.

LWVMN Position: Support of diminished dependence on the property tax because it does not necessarily reflect ability to pay and equitable administration is difficult. Local services such as police and fire protection, streets, parks, and sewers are the services most appropriately financed by the property tax. Services of broader than local significance such as welfare are less appropriately financed by the property tax.

#### Questions:

1. How much progress was made in the bill for state takeover of mandates?
2. How fast will remaining mandates be picked up by the state?
3. Will additional revenues (state and local) be required in the near future for this change to be complete?
4. What changes in the law do you foresee and would you support?

#### Mental Health

Pat Bugenstein - 612/888-5309

Background: There is a critical lack of affordable housing for mentally ill persons in community-based treatment programs.

LWVMN Position: LWVMN supports a range of appropriate housing options for persons with mental illness.

#### Question:

1. Would you support legislation to assure adequate low cost housing for mentally ill persons?

Background: The Anoka Regional Treatment Center is woefully out-dated in terms of contemporary treatment modes.

LWVMN Position: LWVMN supports continuing state financial responsibility for improved intensive treatment programs and adequate living conditions for persons currently served in regional treatment centers.

Question:

2. Would you support a bonding bill to replace the Anoka RTC?

Background: The Governor's tax proposal contained funding for case management, but this was not included in the final version of the tax reform bill. We have just gone through the rulemaking process in case management and details of the rule have been clearly spelled out.

LWMN Position: Services of broader than local significance such as welfare are less appropriately financed by the property tax.

Question:

3. The state has declared its intent to take over the cost of program mandates. Case management for the mentally ill has been mandated by the state. Will you support supplemental appropriations for this program?

CMAL

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 these questions. Thanks!

Questions:

1. What is your opinion on metropolitan-wide desegregation of schools?
2. What is currently being done in your legislative district to encourage balanced housing as a means of achieving integration?
3. What is your opinion regarding the current enforcement of civil rights in Minnesota.

General:

1. What do you consider to be the priority issues for the 1990 Legislative Session?
2. What bills do you plan to introduce?



LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEW ASSIGNMENTS

In some legislative districts there are several Leagues. We have assigned one League the responsibility of arranging an interview and sending a report of it to the state office and to the other Leagues in the district. If possible, this League should invite these other Leagues to attend the interview. If members of your League are constituents in districts not listed here, please encourage them to expand our coverage by interviewing their legislators and sending in the reports.

Please conduct the interviews as soon as possible and send the completed reports to the LWVMN office by December 1, 1989.

<u>ASSIGNED LEAGUE</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>RECIPIENT LEAGUES</u>
✓ Grand Rapids Area	3, 3B	
✓ Bemidji Area	4, 4A	Cass Lake (4)
✓ Cass Lake	4B	
✓ Hibbing	5, 5B	
✓ Duluth	7, 7A & 7B, 8, 8B, 14, 14A	
✓ Moorhead Area	9, 9A	Wilkin County (9)
✓ Wilkin County	9B	
✓ Detroit Lakes	10, 10A, 10B	
✓ Alexandria	11, 11B, 12, 12B	
✓ Willmar	15, 15B, 21B	
✓ St. Cloud Area	16, 16A & B, 17, 17A & B	
✓ Buffalo/Monticello Area	18, 18B, 22, 22A	St. Cloud Area
✓ Hutchinson	21, 21A, 35A	
✓ New Ulm	23, 23A	St. Peter (23)
✓ St. Peter	23B	
✓ Mankato Area	24, 24A & B	
✓ Northfield	25, 25B	
✓ Red Wing	26	Cannon Falls Area (26)
✓ Cannon Falls Area	26A	Red Wing (26A)
✓ Marshall	27, 27A	Rock County (27)
✓ Rock County	27B	
✓ Worthington	28A	
✓ Jackson Area	28, 28B	Worthington (28)
✓ Freeborn County	29, 29B, 31A	
✓ Owatonna	30, 30A	

LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEW ASSIGNMENTS (page 2)

<u>ASSIGNED LEAGUE</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>RECIPIENT LEAGUES</u>
✓ Austin	31, 31B	Freeborn County
✓ Rochester	33, 33A & B	
✓ Winona	34, 34A & B	
✓ Eastern Carver County	35, 35B	Hutchinson (35)
✓ Scott County	36, 36A & B	
✓ Northern Dakota County	38, 38B, 39, 39A & B	
✓ Richfield	40, 40A & B	Bloomington (40, 40B)
✓ Bloomington	41, 41A & B	
✓ Edina	42, 42A & B	MEPH (42, 42A)
✓ Westonka	43, 43A	South Tonka (43A) MEPH (43)
✓ South Tonka	43B	MEPH
✓ St. Louis Park	44, 44A & B	MEPH (44, 44A)
✓ MEPH	45A	Wayzata/Plymouth Area
✓ Wayzata/Plymouth Area	45	Golden Valley
✓ Golden Valley	45B	Wayzata/Plymouth Area
✓ Crystal/New Hope	46, 46A	Robbinsdale (46)
✓ Robbinsdale	46B	Crystal/New Hope
✓ Brooklyn Center	47, 47A & B	BP/O/MG (47, 47A)
		Crystal/New Hope (47, 47A)
✓ Brooklyn Park/Osseo/Maple Gr	48, 48A & B	
✓ Anoka/Blaine/Coon Rapids	49, 49A & B, 50, 50A & B, 52A	
✓ Fridley	51, 51A & B	
✓ New Brighton	52, 52B	ABC (52); Arden Hills/Shoreview
✓ White Bear Lake/North Oaks	53, 53B	Arden Hills/Shoreview
✓ Arden Hills/Shoreview	53A	White Bear Lake/North Oaks
✓ Roseville	54, 54A & B	
✓ Mahtomedi Area	55, 55A	St. Croix Valley
✓ St. Croix Valley	55B, 56	Woodbury/Cottage Grove (56)
✓ Woodbury/Cottage Grove	56A & B	St. Croix Valley (56A)
✓ Minneapolis	57-62, 57A-62A & B	18
✓ St. Anthony	63, 63A	Roseville
✓ St. Paul	63B, 64-67, 64-67A & B	16



THE LEAGUE  
OF WOMEN VOTERS

MINNESOTA

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

MEMO

TO: Local League Presidents

FROM: Rose

SUBJECT: Legislative Interview Packets

DATE: October 24, 1989

I wondered why the mailing of the Legislative Interview Packets went so smoothly. Then a local League called and said they didn't receive their report forms. So here they are!

REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEW

League of Women Voters of \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to state office by December 1, 1989

Legislator

Name:

District:

Party:

Kind of interview: Where held, number of League members involved, general impressions.

Attitude of legislator toward League:

Questions used and views of legislator on each:

Question  
Number

View of Legislator



Question  
Number

View of Legislator

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Fill out a separate report on each legislator. Please use additional sheets if necessary.  
Keep one copy for your League and send one copy to LWMMN for the legislative file.

## WHAT PROJECTS ARE ELIGIBLE?

Any project that meets the following requirements is eligible for MHC funding. If you have any questions regarding eligibility, call the MHC office at (612) 224-5739.

### REQUIREMENTS

- Applications must be from not-for-profit groups or organizations.
- The humanities must be central to all aspects of the project.
- A humanities scholar must be involved in the planning and in the presenting of programs. (MHC staff often assist applicants in identifying scholars whose interests and expertise complement the proposed project.)
- Projects must include the use of a text (a book, lecture, artifact, film, play, dance, sculpture, etc.).
- Projects must involve public participation in the form of discussion.
- A portion of the discussion at MHC supported programs must be devoted to inviting the audience to explore further the subject of the program.
- Projects must be balanced to provide a diversity of views and perspectives.
- A list of resources (books, films, exhibitions, and other resources related to the subject of the project) must be distributed at MHC supported programs.
- Projects must include plans for evaluation.
- Recipients must match the grant with an equal amount of cash or in-kind contributions.
- A fiscal agent must be designated.
- Projects involving public programs must allow at least six weeks between the award of the grant and the first public program so the program can be publicized. (NOTE: This requirement does not apply to Mini-grants.)

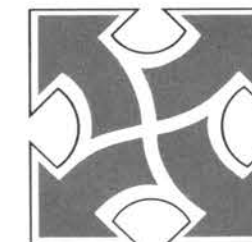
### RESTRICTIONS

- Projects may not engage in advocacy or discriminate against persons or groups.
- Projects may not involve the acquisition or restoration of permanent equipment or property.
- MHC funds may not be used for receptions, food, or entertainment.
- Normally the MHC does not fund creative or performing arts productions.



MINNESOTA HUMANITIES COMMISSION  
580 Park Square Court  
400 Sibley Street  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

## MINNESOTA HUMANITIES COMMISSION



### Application Guidelines

SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC  
PROGRAMS IN THE  
HUMANITIES including:  
lecture/discussion programs  
panel discussions  
conferences  
symposia  
discussion groups  
seminars  
interpretive exhibits  
film, video, radio,  
and print.

Minnesota Humanities Commission  
Exchange Building  
26 East Exchange Street  
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101

## GRANT CATEGORIES

### INTRODUCTION

The Minnesota Humanities Commission (MHC) supports and conducts public programs in the humanities throughout the state.

The MHC maintains four grant categories through which it supports local groups and organizations developing public programs in the humanities.

All MHC funded programs are based in one or more of the disciplines that constitute the humanities: history, literature, philosophy, archaeology, modern and classical languages, ethics, jurisprudence, comparative religion, linguistics, cultural anthropology, history and criticism of the arts, and those aspects of social and natural sciences that are historical or philosophical in approach.

### APPLYING FOR AN MHC GRANT

- **HELPFUL STAFF** — The MHC staff is always willing to answer questions and offer suggestions. Staff members are eager to discuss possible projects at any stage of development. If you have any questions or would like more information about the Minnesota Humanities Commission please call (612) 224-5739.
- **APPLICATION FORMS** — To obtain application forms call (612) 224-5739 or write to: Minnesota Humanities Commission, 580 Park Square Court, 400 Sibley Street, St. Paul, MN 55101.
- **APPLICATION DRAFTS** — Draft applications are read by MHC staff. Staff members respond with questions, suggestions, or further information to help ensure that the final application reflects the quality and content of the proposed program.

The Minnesota Humanities Commission receives funding from a variety of sources including the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Minnesota State Legislature, foundations, corporations, associations, and individuals.

If your project meets MHC requirements you may apply for a grant in any of the following four categories.

### MINI-GRANTS

Mini-grants provide up to \$300 in support of humanities projects.

Mini-grant applications may be submitted at any time. Applicants will be notified of the Board's decision within 10 business days of the receipt of the application.

Mini-grants are ideal for:

- First time applicants who wish to gain some experience with MHC procedures before applying for MHC funds in other categories.
- Projects that do not afford the six week lead time required in the other grant categories.

### SMALL GRANTS

Small grants provide from \$300 to \$1,000 in support of humanities projects.

Small grant applications may be submitted at any time during the year but must be received at the MHC office at least six weeks prior to the beginning of the proposed project.

Small grants are ideal for:

- Special occasion lectures, small panel discussions, and other single-site programs.
- Pilot programs illustrating the form, content, and feasibility of larger projects for which applicants plan to apply for funding in the general grant category.

### GENERAL GRANTS

General grants provide in excess of \$1,000 in support of humanities projects. While there is no fixed limit on the amount that may be requested, the MHC does limit the number of grants it makes over \$7,000 for single-site projects.

General grant applications are considered three times a year at regularly scheduled board meetings. Applicants must allow at least six weeks from the date of the MHC meeting to the date of the first public program.

General grants are ideal for:

- Multi-site projects, touring exhibitions, lecture/discussion series, public conferences, and other large-scale humanities projects.

### MEDIA GRANTS

Media grants are available for humanities projects which plan to use film, video, or public television formats. (Projects using radio, slide-tape, or cablecast formats may apply in the general grant or small grant categories.)

Due to the complexity of media budgets and the need to view samples of previous work, the MHC considers media applications at only one of its three regularly scheduled meetings.

NOTE: Applicants in the media category must submit a sample of previous work with the draft application.

### GRANT DEADLINES

**MINI-GRANTS:** Applications may be submitted at any time.

**SMALL GRANTS:** Applications are accepted year round but must be received in the MHC office at least six weeks prior to the beginning of the proposed project.

#### GENERAL GRANTS:

<i>First Round:</i>	
Application Draft	December 9, 1988
Final Draft	December 30, 1988
Decision	February 3, 1989
<i>Second Round:</i>	
Application Draft	April 7, 1989
Final Draft	April 28, 1989
Decision	June 2, 1989
<i>Third Round:</i>	
Application Draft	August 11, 1989
Final Draft	September 1, 1989
Decision	October 6, 1989

#### MEDIA GRANTS:

Application Draft	December 2, 1988
Final Draft	December 30, 1988
Decision	February 3, 1989

TO: Local League Presidents

FROM: Beverly McKinnell

RE: What to do with this mail!

DATE: November 21, 1989

- Book*
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  2. Women Come to the Capitol: Announce to Board; give to Action Chair and Bulletin Editor.
  3. 10 Tips for a Successful Finance Drive: Give to Finance Chair.
  4. "Let's Sell It" Catalog Information (2 pieces): If you have a product to sell (pins, mugs, notecards, sweatshirts, etc.), give this to the person in charge of sales.
  5. Citizens in Action Conference Agenda and Registration Form: Give to Action Chair to sign up people at Board meeting and other meetings; give to Bulletin Editor.
  6. Hand Crafted Sterling Silver LWV Pin Order Form: Pass around at Board or other meetings and give to Bulletin Editor. Comment: The pin is beautiful and at a good price too!
  7. LWV Notecard/envelope sample and ordering information: Same as #6.
  8. Wanted: Adventurous Tourists! Give to Bulletin Editor. This is camera ready as an insert with your Bulletin.
  9. National Environmental Achievement Awards: Give to your Natural Resources, Recycling or Hazardous Waste Chair to see if your League should apply for this award. If you have no project, toss this piece!
  10. Minutes of the October LWMN & LWMNEF Board Meetings: Read, report relevant information to your Board and throw away.



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# BOARD MEMO

NOVEMBER, 1989

## Calendar

- November 20-22 - Board Memo, President's Mailings  
23 - Thanksgiving - Office closed  
24 - Office Closed  
29 - LWVMN Executive Committee Meeting, 11:30 a.m.  
30 - Fall Voter mailed
- December 1 - Deadline for Legislative Interviews  
3rd Quarter PMP due to LWVMN  
4 Education Study Committee, 9 a.m., LWVMN office  
5 - Action Committee Meeting, 1 p.m., LWVMN office  
Fundraiser Committee, 9:30-noon, LWVMN office  
14 - CMAL Board Meeting, 9:30-noon, LWVMN office  
19 - Firearms Study Discussion Guide/Consensus Questions mailed to LLs  
20-22 - Office Closed  
25-26 - Office Closed  
27 - Fundraiser Committee Mailing
- January 1 - New Years Day, Office closed; Happy 1990!  
9 - Action Committee Meeting, 1 p.m., LWVMN office  
Fundraiser Committee Meeting, 9:30 a.m., LWVMN office  
10 - LWVMN, -EF Board Meetings, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m., MN Women's Bldg.  
VOTER Deadline  
13 - Citizens in Action Conference, 9:30-3 p.m., Earle Brown Center,  
St. Paul  
16 - Fundraiser Invitation Mailing, LWVMN office  
Board Memo Mailing  
18 - President's Mailing  
Development Committee Meeting, noon-2 p.m., MN Women's Bldg.  
25 - CMAL Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m., LWVMN office  
31 - Winter VOTER mailed

## ENCLOSURES

(Mailed to LL Presidents 3rd class and to DPM subscribers; Presidents, please distribute to appropriate portfolio chairs.)

- Precinct Caucus videotape ordering information\*/Borgen
- Women Come to the Capitol\*/McKinnell
- 10 Tips for a Successful Finance Drive/Erickson
- "Let's Sell It" catalog information (2 pieces)/Fronek
- Citizens in Action Conference Agenda and Registration Form\*/Garton/McWilliams
- Hand Crafted Sterling Silver LWV Pin order form/LWV-Arden Hills/Shoreview
- LWV Notecard/envelope sample and ordering information\*/LWVMN

BOUQUETS TO

- . Barbara Flanigan and her committee for conducting four mental health monitoring workshops in Duluth, Rochester, Alexandria and Maplewood; kudos also to LWVs of Duluth, Rochester, Alexandria and Roseville for hosting those events;
- . LWV of Freeborn County for sponsoring a public meeting and workshop on mental health monitoring on November 11th in Albert Lea;
- . Kay Erickson, Mary Hepokoski, LWV-Golden Valley; Mary Santi, LWV-White Bear/North Oaks, and numerous local League and state Board volunteers for a very successful Annual Appeal/Phonathon (results still coming in!);
- . Sue Moeser and her Firearms Study Committee and Marcia Garton, LWMN Citizen Information Chair for the lively program Focus on Firearms, October 26th;
- . Joanne Englund, Carol Osip and the LWV of St. Paul and Harriette Burkhalter, Chair of the Electoral Jury Steering Committee for the superb St. Paul Mayoral Electoral Jury project, in collaboration with the Jefferson Center for New Democratic Processes.
- . Joan Higinbotham, Judy Duffy, Kay Erickson, Margit Berg, Virginia Sweeny, Marcia Brown and Anne Borgen for moderating during the Electoral Jury Project.

STATE BOARD HAPPENINGS

At the November 11th meeting your state Board:

- .approved the release of LWMN membership list with phone numbers, for the Minnesota Choice Attitude Survey;
- .approved legislative interns Janis Larson, LWV-Fridley; Nedra Morgan Wicks, LWV-Rochester; Mary Vik, LWV-St. Paul; Vikki Anderson; Kathleen Ring, LWV-MEPH; Teresa Ciriacy, LWV-Westonka;
- .voted to explore with the Jefferson Center another citizen education project similar to the Electoral Jury;
- .approved support of Earth Day 1990.

P R E S I D E N T

(McKinnell - 612/646-3690)

This month I'm going to talk about controversy and how to handle it in your local League, especially on the pro-choice issue.

In line with our LWVUS position on individual freedom of choice in reproductive decisions, the LWMN Board voted to release our membership list to the Minnesota Choice Attitude Survey for the purpose of recruiting volunteers to phone for the survey. The Board felt that individual members could choose to volunteer to phone for the survey or not, that the choice should be presented to them. If a member declines to volunteer, her/his card is thrown away and no record is made of that name.

The purpose of the survey is to phone all registered voters in Minnesota to identify pro-choice voters. Those numbers can then be presented to elected officials to indicate strength, and these voters can be mobilized in lobbying efforts. I have been assured that there is no intention by those sponsoring the survey to use the results in support or opposition of candidates or for fundraising.

The state office has gotten some calls and letters disputing the League's position on reproductive choice. As a multi-issue organization which does not require that all of its members personally support all of its positions on all of those issues, the League is bound to get some feedback from those who do not agree with a League position. How do we (and you) handle that disagreement?

I have read several "President's Columns" in your local League bulletins that have been excellent in their discussion of the issue at hand while conveying an understanding of the sensitivities of those members who are in the minority on this issue. They have clearly stated that the League has many positions and that members do not have to agree with all of them. As individuals, members do hold their own opinions, but cannot speak in the name of the League against a League position. With many issues, we hope that members who do not agree with the choice position will continue to work on the other things that Leagues do - everything from Voter Service to studying and lobbying on all of those other issues of importance in your communities and Minnesota.

Several of the calls and letters that I have addressed have disputed League's ability to take a stand on issues. We know that the public thinks of debates and voter service as League activities, but most do not know that we study issues, take consensus to reach a position and then lobby on that position. Our process is a good one, designed for maximum member input, and results in a clear direction for local, state and national League Boards in implementing those consensus decisions. However, we never demand a unanimous decision of our members in order to reach a position. Thus, we are bound to have disagreement (which we have heard on varied issues in the past) on almost all of the issues which League has studied. Few of us agree unreservedly with all League positions in their entirety, yet we remain League members because we agree with the overall aims of the organization. If you have questions, or wish to discuss this further, please call me at the state office.

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

Five legislative interns attended the training session on November 14th. Each intern will begin working immediately with a seasoned LWMN lobbyist in preparation for the 1990 legislative session.

Kathleen Ring, LWV-MEPH, is a legal assistant who recently moved here from California. She and Mary Vik, LWV-St. Paul, a VISTA volunteer with the Job Services Division of Catholic Charities, will follow tax issues with Government lobbyist Jean Matross. Therese Ciriacy is a LWV-Westonka member and a pharmacist. She and Pat Bugenstein, our Mental Health advocate will follow developments in that area. Nedra Morgan Wicks, LWV-Rochester, served on the Rochester School Board for two terms. She will join Pearl Sheps and Janet Gendler who were interns last year and Jane McWilliams in tracking developments in Education. McWilliams and Ring will also team up to lobby on election law legislation.

From the League of Women Voters of Ohio comes this helpful information:

Why do we join coalitions?

1. To receive current information on an area of interest - statistics, new issues, the status of proposed legislation.
2. To discuss action ideas with like-minded people.
3. To coordinate planning strategies. This kind of coalition assumes that members will be acting in their own names, rather than in the name of a group, so that the actions need to be coordinated.



4. To lend our name to statements of a coalition acting for itself. The coalition's statements gain credence through the signatures of supporting organizations. We join these on the basis that their aims fit within our positions. If their focus changes and we cannot support the new aims, we are free to disassociate ourselves.

In joining a new coalition we first ask ourselves:

1. Purpose: Is the coalition's purpose consistent with the League's position and goals? Does it meet our requirements for taking action, for priority, for nonpartisanship? Can we accomplish League goals better alone or with the coalition?
2. Background and Affiliation: What is the coalition's history? Who and what are the organizations involved? How are they and the coalition funded? Are we comfortable working with these individuals and organizations?
3. League Participation: What would the League be required to contribute toward achieving the purpose? Do we have the staff, expertise and time to become involved? Is there a required financial commitment?
4. Implementation: How will the coalition organize its work - that is, structure the campaign, choose leaders, make decisions, involve member organizations and maintain contact with them, handle publicity? How much influence would the League have in decision-making?
5. Remember: Each League must join a coalition at the appropriate level. This means that the State League joins state-level coalitions, while local Leagues join coalitions dealing with local issues. When a local League wishes to join a coalition promoting a local issue, it should check with other Leagues in the area to make sure the various positions do not conflict.

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

Several local Leagues are encouraging their school districts to develop plans for multicultural/gender fair curriculum. We hope more will do so. Leagues are discovering that some districts have begun work, but others, due to lack of staff or resources, are moving more slowly. Several Leagues are planning public meetings to inform themselves and others about the rule and to examine resources for implementing it. One significant problem for schools is lack of resources. The Department of Education is offering some help, and yet their resources are also limited.

Here are the names of possible speakers, should your League want to plan a program:

Gerri Evans, Consultant  
52 Windsor Court  
New Brighton, MN 55112  
612/633-6542

Linda Garrett, Coordinator  
Multicultural Education  
St. Paul School District  
612/293-8683

We will continue to gather information and will notify local Leagues as we discover additional resources.

V O T E R   S E R V I C E  
(Borgen - 612/545-7076)

The Electoral Jury Project, conducted for the St. Paul mayoral election by LWV-St. Paul, LWVMN and the Jefferson Center, was an interesting Voter Service experiment. all of us enjoyed the cooperative effort. The jurors liked most of the process and performed their tasks with zest. Problems with the project

included its length (4 days), expense (jurors paid) and some difficulty with the role of advocate. The media coverage was brief, but fair - they would have liked a definite verdict on the candidates. It was not extensive enough to give the community much education on the process or the issues.

Congratulations and thanks to the LWV-St. Paul for their willingness to experiment and for their many hours of work. We will be meeting with the Jefferson Center to discuss the possibility of developing some variation of this issue-focused process to use in local Leagues. I'll keep you informed on our progress.

Congratulations to all of you who worked as moderators or sponsors of candidate forums. If you found any problems with procedures or nonpartisan guidelines, let us know so we can help before the elections next fall.

The precinct caucus videotape and discussion guide will soon be ready for those of you interested in another Voter Service project. This 23-minute tape (first issued in 1987) demonstrates the procedures used at a precinct caucus - both IR & DFL. The guide has suggestions for leading the meeting and discussion, political party calendars, Minnesota election laws, parliamentary procedure and the phone numbers of all county auditors. (Auditors have the list of all precinct caucus locations.)

Tapes are available to Leagues for a \$5 postage and handling charge and to other organizations for a \$15 rental and handling fee. This includes one free discussion guide (additional copies \$1.50 each) and up to 50 copies of the MN Secretary of State's precinct caucus brochure.

All caucuses will be held Tuesday, February 27th at 7:30 p.m. Plan now if you would like to use this material for your League, community or organization. Order forms will be sent to each League.

M E M B E R S H I P  
(Sweeny - 612/941-4225)

I hope you all found last month's "ad" and New Member Handbook helpful. Now is a good time to plan a New Member Orientation to take place after the holidays.

Order your Handbooks now, pick a date in January, and plan to have several of your League's leaders take part in a meeting for the new members you have added this year. It is important to explain the terms and methods of the League to new members in a complete and organized fashion, and I think the New Member Handbook will be a big help in doing that. We all know that people can (and have!) go on for months (years!) without a clear picture of how things work, if no one thinks to explain it all.

If you ask several experienced Leaguers to share in the program, you can make the Orientation fun and interesting, and make your new members feel they really belong. If you plan your dates now, you'll be all ready to go with invitations on the first of the New Year.

Happy holidays - and remember to extend those new members a special invitation to your December gatherings, too.

DEVELOPMENT  
(Erickson - 612/934-3690)

HELP! We're swamped. More and more local Leagues are using their Education Funds and that's great! It's terrific to see so many of you using your Ed Funds for such interesting projects, but what's happening is that many projects are coming in a day or two just before the Board meeting and can't be sent out with the Board agenda packet. If you can send in your projects two weeks before the Board meetings it would be a great help. (Dates are in the Outlook.) That allows us to send them to a preliminary review committee where they are read and evaluated before going to the full Board. If you have questions please call me or Judy Burton at the office. Thank you for your help.

Fundraiser: Plans for the Fundraiser on March 3, 1990, at the Hotel Sofitel are rolling along. We've got a "wish list" of things we'd like to see on the auction. If you or any of your members have access to any of the following items we'd appreciate a call:

Trips of any kind  
Airplane tickets  
Car  
Boat  
Dinners with sports  
Celebrities  
Super Bowl tickets  
Canoe  
MN Zepher

NCAA finals tickets  
Timberwolves tickets  
Olympic festival tickets  
Cabins  
Art work  
Hot Air balloon rides  
Lawn furniture  
Limousine package  
Makeover package

Regional getaways: Last year Alexandria donated a romantic weekend for two that included dinner, theater tickets, bed and breakfast and a violin-o-gram. It was a great way to promote their region and it didn't cost their members anything - and it did well on the auction.

If you have ideas for other interesting auction items we'd love to hear them. Thank you for all you do to make it a success.

Tour: Members should receive their tour brochure this month. Information meetings will be held on three different dates so people interested can meet Eleftherios Papageorgiou and learn more about our trip to Greece. Dates for the meetings are:

Thursday, November 30, 7-9 p.m., University Club, St. Paul  
Wednesday, January 17, 7-9 p.m., Calhoun Beach Club, Minneapolis  
Tuesday, February 6, 7-9 p.m., Calhoun Beach Club, Minneapolis

The tour will leave April 19th for Athens, Olympia, Delphi, Rhodes, Crete and much more. It will return on May 6th. Led by Mr. Papageorgiou, it will take participants on a unique journey in which participants will be able to interact with the Greek people in a way most tourists do not. In the words of a previous participant, "Eleftherios knew the language, culture and out of the way places. We were able to see and do things that most travelers miss." If you would like more information, please call Mr. Papageorgiou at 612/824-2180.

Planning a Finance Drive? See the 3rd class mailing for 10 Tips for a Successful Finance Drive.



Annual Appeal/Phonathon: Thanks to help from many people the 1989 Education Fund Annual Appeal will meet its goal of \$18,700! So far we have received almost 150 responses with over \$6,000 to the original appeal letter mailed October 20th.

Nearly 60 volunteers from 19 local Leagues participated in Phonathon '89 following up on the letter. During seven phoning sessions, they raised over \$7,200 in 368 specific pledges as well as another 433 unspecific pledges. The total for the combined Annual Appeal letter, Phonathon pledges and personal contributions from the LWVMN Board is over \$17,000.

Local Leagues are sharing in the Annual Appeal in two ways. First, donors have designated almost \$300 of their contributions to be deposited in local League Education Fund accounts. In addition, local League volunteers who participated in the Phonathon earned more than \$1,100 in hard money for their local treasuries. One local League, Edina, sent seven volunteers and earned \$200. Thank you local Leagues for all your help. Without you there could not be a Phonathon. Thanks also to Merrill Lynch Realty offices in Edina, Roseville and Rochester for hosting our phoning sessions.

We would appreciate any comments or concerns you, your Board or your members may have regarding this year's Annual Appeal.

BULLETINS  
(Steen - 507/645-7274)

As I read through the Voters that pile up on my desk (the mailman loves my new job), I am impressed with the substantive articles many of them contain, some excerpted from elsewhere, others written by local experts. Lots of Leagues have been writing about recycling, and about issues that were to be coming before the voters on November 7th. But one League devoted a whole issue to national security. It's a good idea to give your readers something to think about, in addition to the calendar and announcements of meetings.

It's also a good idea to include thank yous in various ways as many of you do - maybe in the President's column, or in a special box. It has struck me lately that League seems to foster appreciation for what others do (is this a trait of women?), unlike some of our work environments (or home environments that include teenagers).

Also piling up on my desk are used staples. Did you know that you can simply staple your Voter in one corner, fold it, and mail it? It's not necessary to staple it shut, and if your readers don't have to find a staple remover or tear the paper in order to see what's inside, they'll be more likely to read it right away.

SELL - SELL - SELL  
(Fronek - 612/944-5987)

Any local League wishing to advertise its special merchandise (including publications and services) take note! The LWVCT will produce "Let's Sell it" a nationwide "one stop source to find out what's available - and how to get it." The catalog will be a biennial publication and all Leagues will get a copy in the spring of 1990.

A 1/4 page Camera Ready 4-1/2 x 1-1/2 or 2-1/4 x 3-1/2 is \$30. Other sizes including classified ad, full and half page are available. Design services are available for an extra \$10. See the President's Mailing for order forms.  
DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 1ST!!!!



TO: Local League Presidents, Voter Service Chairs

FROM: Anne Borgen, Voter Service Director

RE: "Minnesota Caucus" - a 23-minute video produced by LWMN & WCCO-TV

DATE: November 20, 1989

"Minnesota Caucus" provides an opportunity to inform League members and others in your community about precinct caucuses in an interesting, concise fashion. It covers basic IR and DFL caucus procedures and encourages those new to politics to try the process. The tape is accompanied by a free discussion guide that contains suggestions for conducting a meeting, political party information, election laws, and a parliamentary procedure outline. (Additional copies can be ordered for \$1.50.) 50 copies per League of the Secretary of State's precinct caucus brochures (available December 15th) will be included. If you need more or would like to distribute copies locally, call the Secretary of State's office to request them - 612/296-2805.

You can use the tape and guide to conduct a meeting for your League or other organizations. Let's increase caucus participation among our own members and citizens in general. Those who understand the process - how it works, what goes on - will be much more likely to attend.

The caucus date this year is February 27, 1990 at 7:30 p.m.

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"Minnesota Caucus" Videotape Order Form

\_\_\_ 1/2" Check the size you want. (Most TV stations will want the 3/4".)

\_\_\_ 3/4"

Up to 50 copies of the Secretary of State's Caucus Brochure \_\_\_\_\_

Date you want the tape: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose a \$25 deposit. Deposit, minus \$5 for postage and handling, will be returned when you return the tape. Full deposit returned if tape is picked up at the office. Tape must be returned promptly.

Please send the video to: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ LWV: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to LWMN Education Fund  
Mail to: 550 Rice Street, St. Paul, MN 55103

To All Consortium Member Organizations:  
From Women Come To The Capitol Planning Committee:

Information about Women Come To The Capitol should be included in your newsletters as soon as possible, if you want your members to participate. Not all the details have been finalized but we want your members to know the dates and general plans for the day and the evening before. This is designed so you can print it as is, or modify it to suit your needs. We have still not had input from everyone and would welcome your attendance at planning meetings, or suggestions by phone or letter to make this day more empowering for women.

OCT 30 1989

Sunday, February 18, 1990 5-9 PM  
Dinner and Program on Gender Fairness in the Courts,  
Supreme Court Justice Rosalie Wahl  
St. Paul College Club, 990 Summit Avenue, St. Paul

Monday, February 19, 1990  
Christ Lutheran Church on Capitol Hill 9-12 AM  
Minnesota State Capitol 12-4 PM

Information: 612-228-0338



### **A WOMAN'S PLACE IS AT THE CAPITOL**

On Monday, February 19, 1990, hundreds of women will converge on the center of government in Minnesota. They will hear from inspiring women who are leaders in government. They will hear details of important impending legislation. They will learn how to approach their state Senator and Representative in the most effective manner. They will hear women Presidents of organizations detail their priorities.....and much more.

Precinct caucus training will be provided by GOP and DFL women so you can be confident and effective in this basic democratic process. You will be able to tour our beautiful State Capitol. You can have lunch with other members of your organization, or with your legislator, if you prefer.

This day is a holiday for some, but the Legislature will be in session.

Child care will be provided and all facilities are handicapped accessible.

**Don't miss this interesting, exciting day.**



## THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

MINNESOTA

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### 10 TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL FINANCE DRIVE

TO: LL Presidents

FROM: Kay Erickson, Development Chair

DATE: November, 1989

A finance drive letter is probably the most common way local Leagues supplement their dues. The finance drive letter can be used to solicit both businesses and members. If you are planning to send a finance drive letter this year, you might consider the following tips:

1. Appoint a finance committee to plan your fundraising projects for the entire year, but remember that the financial stability of your League is a Total Board Responsibility.
2. Develop an overall fundraising plan for your League year. Your choice of activities is limited only by your imagination - garage sales, pot lucks, auctions, social events, participating in the state phonathon - the list is endless. The finance drive may be just part of your plans and should be coordinated with other activities.
3. Plan well. Establish dates and timelines early for publicity and participation. Develop a timeline for each activity. Ask members of the finance committee to chair a project. Plans should include:
  - Timeline (start 4-5 months ahead of date, include dates for mailing, publicity, thank yous and reports)
  - Budget (including costs and income expected)
  - Evaluation
  - Final Report
4. Your letter should let them know why you need their gift, what activities their contribution will support and how your community is benefited by LWV's presence.
5. Personalize the letter you are sending. Put your greatest effort into those who give the most money (over \$100). They are special and need to be treated that way! This can be as simple as a note attached to the letter telling them that this is the letter that is being sent and thanking them for their generous support in the past. Or you can add a handwritten P.S. to the letter, or a handwritten note on the reply card. Stamp the reply envelope. Chances are they won't throw the envelope away.
6. Plan to make an additional effort to those whose past history shows an above average gift (\$25-\$50-\$75 or more). Use some of the techniques listed above to let them know you know and care about their support.
7. Divide the under \$25 givers into two categories, those that give every year and those that give only occasionally. Everyone should get your letter, but you can try some of the personal approaches for your consistent givers depending on your resources and time.

8. Remind donors that tax deductible contributions can be made to the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund and will be deposited in your account in that fund. (You will find deposit forms in the "How to Use the Education Fund" booklet.) All you need to do to set up an account is to send in a deposit form and the check. It is often easier to solicit tax deductible contributions.
9. If your solicitation is not for Education Fund contributions, remember that according to the new tax law you need to state that "Contributions to LWV\_\_\_\_\_ are not tax deductible charitable contributions."
10. Thank you's are important. Donors must be thanked and thanked again. Rule of thumb is to get the thank you mailed within 24 hours. Timely and appropriate acknowledgements increase your chances of upgrading your donors future gifts. Your donors are important to your League. They need and deserve special treatment.

Many of these tips are from the national League's Fundraising Sample Kit. It's a terrific resource with information on how to target your donors, fundraising checklists and models for special appeals. "Fundraising Sample Kit Packages" are available from the national office for \$7.





OCT 4 1989

Re: Advertising in the LWVCT's **LET'S SELL IT: A CATALOG OF PUBLICATIONS, PRODUCTS, AND SERVICES OF CIVIC AND PATRIOTIC INTEREST**

Dear LWV President, Marketing, and Publications Directors:

Are you operating a bed and breakfast? Are you selling terrific coffee mugs, notepads, or T-shirts? Are you looking for the source of a special manual or videotape? Utilize the LWVCT's **LET'S SELL IT** – the League's nationwide, one-stop, source to find out what is available, who sells it, and how to get it!

When **LET'S SELL IT** was proposed at the LWVUS Council in June 1989, it was obvious that there is an enthusiastic market for LWV products and a real need for a central advertising vehicle. **LET'S SELL IT** will be a high quality, biennial publication that will serve both user and provider and describe merchandise, services, and publications from Leagues across the country. Each state and local League will receive a free catalog in the spring of 1990 and additional copies may be purchased.

Advertising in **LET'S SELL IT** is reasonably priced and the transaction is easy. Read the enclosed catalog mock-up sheet for details and to help you envision your advertisement in print. *All advertising copy and payments must be received by December 1, 1989!*

With your cooperation we can produce this valuable communications and marketing tool.

Sincerely,

*Christine Lodewick*

Christine Lodewick

LWVCT Communications Vice President

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Name of Advertiser: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Advertiser: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone of Advertising Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Ads:	Size	Camera Ready	For Design Services	Cost
Full Page Ad	4-1/2 x 7-1/2	\$80.00	\$90.00	_____
Half Page Ad	4-1/2 x 3-1/2	\$45.00	\$55.00	_____
Quarter Page	4-1/2 x 1-1/2	\$30.00	\$40.00	_____
	2-1/4 x 3-1/2			_____
Classified Ad	25 words	\$15.00		_____
Inside Covers		\$125.00	\$135.00	_____

Send this order, ad copy, and check to: Christine Lodewick, LWVCT Communications VP  
201 Spring Valley Road, Ridgefield, CT 06877

Make checks payable to LWVCT

**AD DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 1, 1989!**

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Share your League's special publications, products and services with all fifty states! Don't wait for a national convention to display your wares! Help create an attractive catalog that can be used all year.

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  - Send your camera-ready ad to us. It will be reproduced as is. Line art reproduces best, but photographs can be accommodated.
  - Send your copy with or without artwork. We will design a suitable ad and have it laser typeset (as per examples in this flyer).
- Make checks payable to "LWVCT" and send to Christine Lodewick, Communications VP, 201 Spring Valley Road, Ridgefield, CT 06877 (203) 431-0147.
- Fees:
 

Type	Size	Camera-Ready	For Design Services (copy with or without artwork)
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- Each state and local League will receive one free catalog; additional copies may be obtained for \$1.00 each.
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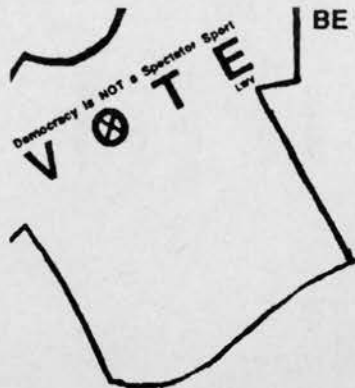


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#### **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF OAK PARK & RIVER FOREST WOMAN SUFFRAGE PROJECT NOTECARDS**



FOUR IMAGES from League founder Carrie Chapman Catt's collection. They reflect some of the ways in which people worked to achieve passage of the Nineteenth Amendment. The photographs are:

- A mother with her children hanging a "Votes for Women" poster on a barnside in rural Connecticut.
- Women riding on an "Equal Suffrage Countries" Float in Sioux Falls, South Dakota;
- Elephants carrying the "Suffrage Plank" in a 1916 Chicago parade;
- Women contributing "Jewelry to the Cause" in Tennessee.

**ORDERING INFORMATION:** Each packet contains 8 notecards and 8 envelopes, and is \$10.00, plus shipping and handling. Quantity discounts are available. For boxes of 25 packets each, the price is \$175.00, including shipping and handling, bringing the price per packet to \$7.00.

All orders must be prepaid to League of Women Voters of Oak Park & River Forest. Send order form and check or money order to:

League of Women Voters of Oak Park & River Forest  
P.O. Box Number, City, State, Zip

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund  
presents

CITIZENS IN ACTION  
Public Sector Lobbying

Saturday, January 13, 1990  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Earle Brown Continuing Education Center  
U of M, St. Paul Campus  
1890 Buford Avenue, St. Paul

Agenda

- 9-9:30 Registration and Coffee
- 9:30 Welcome and Introduction, Beverly McKinnell
- 9:40 Keynotes "Public Sector Lobbying: Who Wins, Who Loses, Who Pays?"  
Representative Dee Long, House Majority Leader  
Professor Barbara Lukermann, Hubert Humphrey Institute
- 10:30 Reactor Panel: Representatives of School Boards, County Commissions  
and City Councils
- 11:15 Break
- 11:35 Workshop Sessions
- 12:15 Lunch
- 1:15 Workshop Sessions
- 1:00 Workshop Sessions
- 3:00 Adjourn

Workshops:

Lobbying Congress from the Grassroots  
Joyce Williams, Common Cause of MN

How A bill is Passed: A Case History  
Bonnie Watkins, Department of Employee Relations (DOER)

Lobbying at the County Level  
Lee Leubbe, Winona County Commissioner

Administrative Rule-Making: How Can the Public Get Involved  
Maryann Hraby, Legislative Commission to Review Administrative Rules

Nuts & Bolts of the Legislative Process  
Scott Magnuson, Director of Senate Information  
Barbara Burleigh, Information Specialist, MN Senate



LWMN Education Fund, 550 Rice Street, St. Paul, MN 55103

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WANTED: ADVENTUROUS TOURISTS!

To explore the birthplace of western civilization with the League of Women Voters of Minnesota--April 19 to May 6, 1990. Join us as we journey through time in classical and modern Greece. Arrangements are being made by Eleftherios Papageorgiou and Hellenic Adventures.

The tour will include visits to sites of importance in Classical Greece such as Corinth, Epidauros, Mycenae, Olympia, Delphi, Nafplion, Volos, and Meteora; a tour of Athens; and exploration of the islands of Crete and Rhodes.

Remnants of four thousand years of influence by Minoans, Mycenaeans, Hellenic Greeks, Romans, Venetians, the Byzantine and Turkish Empires, and modern Europeans can be seen in the rich treasury of surviving architecture and museum collections. Breathtaking landscapes combine with places of historic and cultural interest to make this a trip not to be missed!

Once again, privately arranged meetings with groups and individuals will enrich our understanding of the lives of present-day Greeks. Tour organizer and leader Eleftherios Papageorgiou is a Greek-born American with long experience in helping travelers to understand his native land.

Cost of the tour will be \$3550, based on double occupancy of rooms. The price includes a \$200 tax-deductible donation to the League of Minnesota Education Fund.

INTERESTED? ATTEND ANY OF THESE FREE INFORMATION MEETINGS:

Thurs., Nov. 30 - Library, University Club  
420 Summit Avenue, St. Paul

Wed., Jan. 17 - Library, Calhoun Beach Club  
or 2925 Dean Parkway, Minneapolis

Tues., Feb. 6 - Library, Calhoun Beach Club

FOR INFORMATION CALL ELEFTHERIOS PAPAGEORGIOU, (612) 824-2180



## In Minnesota

LWV Study 1987-89

TO: Local Leagues

FROM: Barbara Flanigan, Chair, Mental Health Study & Monitoring Project

RE: Mental Health Monitoring Project Update

DATE: November 21, 1989

### Project Director Hired

Jayne Nordstrom of the Arden Hills/Shoreview LWV has been appointed Project Director for the LWV Mental Health Monitoring Project. She will be available at LWV MN office in the MN Women's Building, Fridays from 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. Phone: 612-224-5445. Jayne will be happy to answer questions about monitoring mental health services from all Minnesota Leagues.

### Priorities for Monitoring

The Mental Health Committee recently established priorities for using the Monitoring Check Lists. Most important are the following sections in Systems Monitoring I, Checklist for Mandated County Services.

- \*Local Mental Health Advisory Council (Pages 1-4)
- \*24 Hour Emergency Service (Pages 7-9)
- \*Community Support Services (Pages 12-13)
- \*Case Management (Pages 14-18)

We encourage all Leagues to consider monitoring at least one of these sections. For questions call 612-224-5445.





CAMPAIGN: MOTION: To endorse the Anti-Defamation League's "A World of Difference Campaign".

Mover: Bugenstein      Seconded      Carried

It will be a statewide program. They will use the League name in promotion and fund raising. We will promote it to the local Leagues.

CDF: MOTION: To cosponsor the Children's Defense Fund Project, Children 1990: Speaking Out for the Future.

Mover: McWilliams      Seconded      Carried

ELECTORAL JURY: People have been pleased and eager to participate as jurors. Candidates will be rated in three ways: meeting the job description, and that will be made public; assessing if the mayor is able to do anything about the two issues that have been chosen - crime and drugs, keeping jobs in St. Paul which will probably evolve into a broader economy of St. Paul issue; and which of the candidates will do better handling each issue. Each candidate will be represented by a two-person team of advocates. The debate itself will be taped and then aired after the 4th Series game. We need an audience for the debate. It will be held at KSTP. The project itself will be held in Room 5, SOB.

MAC: We have officially joined the Alliance for Choice. The name, structure and civil disobedience issues have all been resolved. They will meet on November 4th to develop a 6-month work plan. We will ask LLs to indicate a local, pro-choice person who can be contacted directly. 11/12 is the national NOW rally in Washington. MAC wants to hold a Minnesota event to coincide with that, perhaps some workshops and a TV hookup to Washington for the rally there. We need to develop a small corps of people to be at the legislature to keep tab on all that will be going on. It's too much for one lobbyist. Let Keppel know of LL people who would be interested. We have received some good material on the issue from Illinois showing how they are handling it. It will very important to watch our nonpartisanship.

SPECIAL SESSION: The League had some concerns about it. Very little information obtainable; did even legislators really understand the bill. On the positive side, recycling was included and also the agreement that the state should pay for state-mandated programs. Some committees are at work during the interim. One is attempting to improve on presidential primary legislation. Luther is holding strategy sessions on the campaign financing legislation hoping to rush it through early in the session.

PORTFOLIOS: Sweeny will carry the NR portfolio as well as Membership. Mattross will switch to Government.

FIREARMS: The committee has had five meetings with the Focus taking up a great deal of time. Focus will be taped. It will be held at Landmark on October 26th. They need 10 hostesses for the speakers, two people to collect questions and two to screen them. They will also need a timer and possibly some people to help with the TV. Board members pay for meals, not registration.

EDUCATION: The study will cover pre-school through 12th grade. The committee has laid out its goals and responsibilities and how to attain them.

POLICIES: Brostrom, Guttormsson and McWilliams will review Board policies and report to the November Board meeting.

UN RALLY: Will be held 10/27. McKinnell has tickets. Deadline is 10/17.

HUMPHREY FORUM: Informational folders were given to all Board members. The Forum is located at the Humphrey Institute. It is a permanent exhibit dedicated to Hubert Humphrey and his work.

TELECONFERENCING: It will take place in 45 state at 91 sites with a possible 2300 participants. It will be held 11/18 at the Penny's in Southdale and in Rochester. Each group should be 25 people. It can be taped for LL use. Membership and fund raising are the subjects. It appears to be a League oriented program.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.





MOTION: To approve the LWV of Minneapolis "Breaking the Cycle of Violence" study as an educational project.

Fronek                      Seconded                      Carried

MOTION: To approve the LWV of Minneapolis election hotline project as an educational project.

Fronek                      Seconded                      Carried

MOTION: To approve the LWV of Minneapolis candidate surveys project as an educational project.

Mover: Fronek                      Seconded                      Carried

MOTION: To approve the LWV of Moorhead candidates forum project as an educational project.

Mover: Bowman                      Seconded                      Carried

MOTION: To approve the LWV of Golden Valley candidates forum as an educational project.

Mover: Bowman                      Seconded                      Carried

MOTION: To approve the LWV of Edina project to send committee members and students to the Firearms Focus as an educational project.

Mover: Brostrom                      Seconded                      Carried

MOTION: To approve the LWV-ABC gifted girls retreat project as an educational project.

Mover: Leppik                      Seconded                      Carried

MOTION: To approve the LWV-MEPH project to send students with members to the UN Rally.

Mover: McDonald                      Seconded                      Carried

MOTION: To approve the Firearms study as an educational project.

Mover: Moeser                      Seconded                      Carried

MOTION: To approve the Financing of Education study as an educational project.

Mover: Blue                      Seconded                      Carried

MOTION: To approve the content of the Charitable Organization Annual Report and all its attachments.

Mover: McDonald                      Seconded                      Carried

The auditor notes a building operation problem. The building records are kept in two parts. The building operation records are fine. The problem is with the unexpended funds. The problem will be corrected.

PLANNED GIVING: The seminar was very successful. One gift has been received.

There will be a followup in the VOTER and mailings to the attendees. The person who gave the first gift wants her name used and other details given in the hope that it will stimulate others to follow suit. We might be able to use Ellen Estes again together with another group. It would save on costs if it can be arranged.

ANNUAL APPEAL: \$11,800 was raised last year. The goal this year is \$18,700. That figure includes phonathon receipts. The phonathon is the followup to the appeal letters. \$12,000 is expected from the Appeal alone. Board members were asked to make their own pledges right away.

PHONATHON: It starts November 5th. Those who do not respond to the appeal letter will be called. Calls will be made on evenings and Sunday. Santi has promoted the event in person to 11 Leagues. So far seven have signed up. Board members were encouraged to sign up to call. Their local Leagues will receive their share from any income the Board members generate. Master and VISA will be accepted.

FUND RAISER: The theme - A Touch of Magic. The date is March 3rd, and it will be held at Sofitel.

TOUR: This year's tour will be to Greece and will include Crete and Rhodes. The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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*Help Launch a Nationwide Search for Projects, Programs, & Pioneering  
Efforts in the Private & Public Sectors to Improve:*

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| A. Air Pollution Reduction                              | N. Public Lands and Open Space Protection     |
| B. Drinking Water Protection                            | O. Radioactive Waste Reduction and Management |
| C. Energy Pollution Control                             | P. Range Conservation                         |
| D. Environmental Beautification                         | Q. Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency     |
| E. Environmental Education                              | R. Soil Conservation                          |
| F. Fish Conservation                                    | S. Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling        |
| G. Food Safety  | T. Surface Water Protection                   |
| H. Forest Management                                    | U. Transportation Efficiency                  |
| I. Greenhouse Gases/Ozone Depleting Chemicals Reduction | V. Wildlife Conservation                      |
| J. Groundwater Protection                               | W. Other                                      |
| K. Growth Management                                    |   |
| L. Hazardous Materials Reduction and Recycling          |   |
| M. Pesticide Contamination Reduction                    |   |

*(See reverse side for brief information on each category)*

**S**earching for Success is an environmental awards program open to any individual, organization, community group, business, or public agency that is implementing a program to protect, restore, or enhance the environment. Winning programs from each category will be announced at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., celebrating Earth Day 1990. All programs clearing the review process will be listed in an Environmental Success Index for use by individuals, public interest organizations, business and community leaders, media, and local, state and federal policymakers.

**T**he final selection of winners will be made by the National Environmental Awards Council comprised of the following environmental organizations: Alliance to Save Energy, American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy, American Farmland Trust, California Planning and Conservation League, The Conservation Foundation, Defenders of Wildlife, Earth Day 1990, The Garden Club of America, Global Tomorrow Coalition, Institute for Local Self-Reliance, Izaak Walton League of America, National Audubon Society, National Parks and Conservation Association, National Wildlife Federation, Natural Resources Defense Council, Renew America, Sierra Club, Soil and Water Conservation Society, Trout Unlimited, Union of Concerned Scientists, The Wilderness Society and Zero Population Growth.



# Searching for Success Categories

(The term "Community" is used here to refer to local, state, and federal level programs.)

## A. Air Pollution Reduction

The quality of our air is threatened by chemical contaminants. In 1987 more than 2.4 billion pounds of toxic chemicals were emitted into the air in the United States. In 1988, sixty-two metropolitan areas did not meet clean air deadlines set by the Environmental Protection Agency. According to federal studies, indoor levels of almost every chemical examined were even greater than levels measured outdoors. What is your community doing to meet federal air quality standards, reduce auto emissions and toxic pollutants, and address indoor pollutants such as tobacco smoke, radon, asbestos, and formaldehyde?

## B. Drinking Water Protection

Between 1971 and 1985, 111,228 cases of disease from drinking water contaminated by bacteria, viruses, and chemicals, were reported in the United States. Drinking water is potentially threatened by a continually growing list of industrial and agricultural chemicals. What steps are being taken by your community to protect drinking water supplies?

## C. Energy Pollution Control

Environmental pollution resulting from the development of coal, oil, natural gas, and nuclear power requires clean-up costs of more than \$20 billion per year. Tragic accidents such as oil spills, gas explosions, and releases of radioactive material add to the cost. What is your community doing to reclaim

mined land, prevent acid rain and fuel spills, and reduce drilling wastes?

## D. Environmental Beautification

There are hundreds of garden clubs throughout the United States which restore, improve, and protect the environment by planting and protecting diverse plant species in various habitats around the country. Four states and 1,000 cities have banned billboards and 100 cities have laws protecting trees. What are you doing to beautify the environment and protect the scenic beauty in your community?

## E. Environmental Education

Do you believe the public is adequately informed about the threats to our land, water, air, and food posed by our current "throw away attitude" and business practices? What efforts is your community making to help people learn how to protect and restore the environment?

## F. Fish Conservation

The United States spends approximately \$29 billion annually for fish products. In 1988 every man, woman, and child consumed an average of 15 pounds of fish. In addition, over one quarter of the population goes fishing each year. Does your community have active efforts to protect fish in their natural habitat?

## G. Food Safety

A recent Environmental Protection Agency assessment ranked pesticide residues as the third most important environmental problem in the United States in terms of cancer risk, while meat and poultry may contain hormones and antibiotics, and seafood often goes un-

inspected. Is your community making an effort to protect food supplies?

## H. Forest Management

Forests provide habitat for more than 80% of the country's wildlife species, offer a setting for much of our outdoor recreation, and play a crucial role in protecting water quality and reducing global warming. Three-fourths of forest land that can produce commercially valuable trees is privately owned. Most states have only minimal forestry laws and regulations, and many of these were passed more than 25 years ago to prevent federal intervention in state and private forestry. Is your community taking actions to promote environmentally sensitive management of forested land?

## I. Greenhouse Gases/Ozone Depleting Chemicals Reduction

With only 5% of the world's population, the United States is responsible for approximately 20% of the global greenhouse effect which threatens to irreversibly alter our present climate patterns. What steps is your community taking to limit the production and release of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), improve automobile fuel efficiency and public transportation, and reduce the burning of fossil fuels?

## J. Groundwater Protection

Half of the nation's drinking water is supplied by underground aquifers that are threatened by pesticides, hazardous waste dumps, and leaking underground storage

## L. Hazardous Materials Reduction and Recycling

More than 10,000 hazardous waste sites will require costly and difficult cleanup by government and industry, while many common household products contain hazardous

## N. Public Lands and Open Space Protection

One third of the land in the United States is publicly owned, but most of it is not located close to where people live, and many of its resources are being developed or commercially exploited.

Urban land area is increasing by approximately one million acres a year. Is your community actively identifying and protecting open space?

## O. Radioactive Waste Reduction and Management

Radioactive waste from nuclear power plants, hospitals, and laboratories is one of the hidden costs of nuclear technology. Controversy surrounds the siting of storage facilities

for radioactive waste. Is your community doing anything to ensure the effective reduction and management of low or high-level radioactive waste?

## P. Range Conservation

Rangeland covers 621 million acres of federal land. The Department of the Interior leases more than 148 million acres of rangeland to ranchers in 11 western states. Riparian areas (stream or river habitat) are the most essential, yet threatened, segments of rangelands. They cover more than 860,000 acres of federal land. What is your community doing to protect rangeland and riparian areas?

## M. Pesticide Contamination Reduction

More than 50,000 pesticide products are currently registered in the United States. Many are suspected carcinogens and are responsible for contaminating groundwater and food supplies, in addition to exposing farm workers to serious health risks. Does your community promote alternatives to pesticides?

*"When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect. There is no other way for land to survive the impact of mechanized man."*

Aldo Leopold

tanks. What is your community doing to protect local groundwater sources from depletion or contamination?

## K. Growth Management

The United States population is growing by 2.2 million people a year, increasing demand for housing, industry, highways, and drinking water. From 1950 to 1985, the number of people living within 50 miles of the coast increased from 73.5 million to 125 million, more than half of the United States population. What is your community doing to protect open space, parks, coastlines, and other critical areas that are essential to our way of life?

## Q. Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency

Renewable energy sources (including solar, wind, wood, hydro, geothermal, and alcohol fuels) currently provide nearly 10% of the nation's energy. Energy efficient buildings, vehicles, lights, appliances, and other devices can reduce our national energy consumption by more than one third. This would in turn lessen our dependence on foreign oil and reduce pollution. What programs in your community promote renewable energy technologies and energy efficient practices?

## R. Soil Conservation

Since 1977, more than half of the states have witnessed an increase in the amount of cropland needing erosion control. Does your community support organic farming, sustainable agricultural practices, and other programs that prevent soil erosion?

## S. Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling

The United States is facing a disposal crisis for the more than 11 billion tons of non-hazardous solid waste we produce each year. Solid waste analysts claim that the volume of residential and commercial waste (160 million tons) could be reduced by 20% and that 70-80% of the remainder can be recycled. Is your community taking the initiative to reduce and modify packaging, promote reusable and durable products, compost yard waste and sewage sludge, recycle paper, plastics, metals, glass, appliances, construction debris, tires, used oil, and industrial waste?

## T. Surface Water Protection

Half of the nation's drinking

water is supplied by surface water resources, which also provide recreation for swimmers, fishers, and boaters. Most of the United States' once mighty rivers have been dammed for water supply, power generation or flood control purposes, and many smaller streams are also losing their natural values through similar development and the impacts of pollution. How does your community support the protection and restoration of rivers, lakes, bays and estuaries?

## U. Transportation Efficiency

Motor vehicles contribute an estimated 50% to air pollution, and periodic or prolonged exposure to toxic chemicals can damage heart, lung, and brain tissue and in the case of carbon monoxide, cause death. Travel on urban freeways is expected to increase by 50% over the next 20 years, increasing the amount of time, fuel and user costs wasted in traffic jams by 400%. What is your community doing to promote greater fuel efficiency, reduce dependence on the automobile and increase the use of alternative forms of transportation?

## V. Wildlife Conservation

Since the early colonization of this continent, population growth and applications of technology have systematically eliminated natural wildlife habitat and greatly reduced wildlife populations. There are more than 500 "endangered species" in the United States, and between the mid-1950s and the mid-1970s nine million acres of America's rich wetland habitat were lost. Does your community have active efforts to protect wildlife in their natural habitat?

## N O M I N A T I O N

### for Environmental Success

Please use the space below to nominate the best environmental program in your community for our Environmental Success Index and a possible state or national award. We will send an application form directly to them.

Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please select the category (A through W) which describes the principal focus of the program you are nominating.

Why do you think this program protects, restores, or enhances the environment while meeting community needs?

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MEMO

TO: Local Leagues and members

FROM: LWVMN office

SUBJECT: LWV Notecards

DATE: November 20, 1989

Enclosed with this mailing is a sample League of Women Voters notecard and envelope. They are available from the LWVMN office. Prices are:

30¢ each for notecard/envelope  
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B O U Q U E T S   T O

- .Mary Steen, Minnesota VOTER Editor, and Lynn Johnson, LWV-South Tonka, who designed the beautiful new look of the VOTER (arriving momentarily in your mailbox);
- .Pat Bugenstein who was appointed by the Anoka County Regional Treatment Center Board to the Advisory Committee.

P R E S I D E N T  
(McKinnell - 612/646-3690)

Although there was no September LWVMN Board Meeting there is a lot going on at this busy time of the League year. Please note the important communications under the various portfolios in this Board Memo.

Here are some date additions and changes for your calendar:

- .Women Come to the Capitol, February 18th and 19th;
- .Precinct Caucuses are scheduled for Tuesday, February 27th - Change the date in your OUTLOOK calendar;
- .LWVMN Action Committee Meetings have been changed to the first Tuesday at 1 p.m. except November and January which are the 2nd Tuesdays.
- .The Financing Education Study Committee will meet on the second Monday of each month at 10 a.m. at the state League office excepting October.

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

Pro-Choice: (Contact: Polly Keppel, 612/823-3389) Supporters, your help is needed! League members who are on the Board Memo list were sent a letter describing a Minnesota Choice Attitude Survey which Planned Parenthood of MN is organizing to identify Pro-Choice registered voters (copy enclosed) This project, requiring thousands of volunteers, will be ongoing through February 1990. Hopefully you and other members of your League will be able to give a few hours of your time. Everyone is welcome to attend the kick-off event on October 7th. The actual work will be accomplished in the five months following. We encourage you to place this letter (or summary of the project) and reply form in your newsletter and make copies to have available at your next League meeting. Stress to your members that any commitment would be helpful, particularly in the greater Minnesota counties.

This project will be the first major opportunity to take action "to protect women's right to privacy to make reproductive choices". This issue will be a high priority for LWVMN in the coming year because of the significant changes in the laws affecting a women's right to choose which are being proposed for upcoming legislative sessions.

M E N T A L   H E A L T H   A C T I O N  
(Bugenstein - 612/888-5309)

The Governor's proposed tax bill attempts to break the link between local property tax and state mandated services which the LWVMN supports. Two areas of concern for the League are the proposed state takeover of funding for Income Maintenance, proposed as a first phase in 1990, and which would include case management for persons that have serious and persistent mental illness. The other area of concern is the assumption of the county share of costs of all other mandated mental health services as defined in our current statutes. The League of Women Voters supports both of these concerns.

The opportunities that appear to us are, first of all, the establishment of equity for clients statewide; it would insure that services exist and are funded throughout the state. Secondly, it would insure that equity for counties exist; quality and quantity would not be determined by county "wealth". Thirdly, and importantly, for the first time in our system choice of services could be based on client needs - not by cost of services and source of funds.

This action is based on two positions:

- 1) Financing State Government: "Support of diminished dependence on the property tax. Services of broader than local significance such as welfare are less appropriately financed by the property tax."
- 2) Mental Health: LWVMN supports adequate and consistent funding for services for persons with mental illness. Public funding should be flexible, following the client's needs, yet accountable to the public.

F I R E A R M S  
(Moeser - 218/724-6120)

Urgent reminder to local League Presidents: Please remind your members that it is very important for those who wish to attend the Fall Focus to send in their reservations - with checks - as soon as possible. The topic will attract tremendous outside attention, and seating will be limited. See the enclosed agenda and sign-up sheet.

F I N A N C I N G   E D U C A T I O N  
(Blue - 612/388-7506, Lyngdal - 612/937-2596)

Committee work on the LWVMN Financing Education study will begin with an organization and planning meeting on September 18th at 10:30 a.m. and either the 1st, 2nd or 3rd Monday in October at 10 a.m. at the LWVMN office depending on speaker's availability.

We are still looking for committee members. If you would like representation from your local League on this committee, please call Carolyn or Suzanne. Meetings will be held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 10 a.m. and there will be approximately ten meetings this year and 7-10 next year.

M E N T A L   H E A L T H   S T U D Y  
(Flanigan - 612/374-2892)

The LWVMN Mental Health Committee has decided to expand the number of Leagues receiving pass-through grants for mental health monitoring in their counties. Watch your mail closely for a final version of the Request for Proposals.

M E M B E R S H I P  
(Sweeny - 612/941-4225)

Many of you know about the impressive 50% increase in membership that the Rochester League achieved in 1987. Their 32 new members were recruited through a membership campaign led by Pearl Sheps, who has agreed to share her techniques with all of us. The basic step-by-step method and samples of the letters Pearl used are printed on two separate pages in this mailing. Save them, read them, apply your own timetable and local focus, and then...JUST DO IT! If you really follow through, you'll be rewarded, as Rochester was, with a great membership increase. Remember, too, to keep this material in your membership file, so that future chairs will have clear instructions for continuing the work you begin. Pearl has compiled a 38-page manual with examples. Copies are available from the state office for \$4 each.

And, for when you have all those new recruits on your roster, the Iowa LWV has published a very attractive and informative "New Member Handbook" that may be a great tool for you in orienting new members to your League. I have ordered one copy for each of you and will be sending it in a future mailing along with instructions on how to order more.

As another attractive recruitment tool, extra copies of the Minnesota VOTER are available for the cost of mailing. If you would like to have them at your membership event or to include in your information packets, call the state office.

D E V E L O P M E N T  
(Erickson - 612/934-2991)

Interest in Phonathon '89 is running high among local Leagues. We have spoken to many by phone and visited others at their Board meetings. One worker sign-up sheet has already been received. If your League is interested in participating in this fun, easy project to earn hard money for your treasury, get your sign-up sheets in early. Places at the seven phoning sessions are limited. There is an opening at each session for an assistant who will help with setting up and clearing the light supper and preparing pledge reminder forms. The assistant will earn a set rate.

Annual Appeal letters will go out to members and past contributors in late October. Phonathon '89 will follow up these letters with phone calls between Nov. 5-12. Local Leagues earn 15 percent of pledges received by their callers if they send four or more callers. For more information, contact the state office or phonathon '89 Project Director Mary Santi at 612/426-5151.

B U L L E T I N  
(Steen - 597/645-7274)

Note to Local Bulletin editors: Please mail a copy of your local Voter to:

Mary Steen, Minnesota Voter Editor  
716 St. Olaf Avenue  
Northfield, MN 55057

You can take the former Voter editor, Mary Santi, off your mailing list!

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund presents:

FOCUS ON FIREARMS

Thursday, October 26, 1989

4:30-9 p.m.

The Landmark Center  
Weyerhaeuser Auditorium  
5th and St. Peter Streets  
St. Paul, MN

AGENDA

4:30 p.m. Registration

5:15 p.m. Targeting the Issues

Tony Bouza, MN Gaming Commissioner, Minneapolis Police  
Chief, 1980-88

Marilyn Bergum, National Rifle Association Field  
Representative for Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota

6:00 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Minnesota Legislation

Representative Howard Orenstein, DFL, St. Paul

Representative Bob Neuenschwander, DFL, International Falls

7:30 p.m. Panel: A Range of Perspectives

Chief Ken Collins, First Vice President, MN Chiefs of Police  
Association

Dennis Flaherty, Executive Director, Minnesota Police and  
Peace Officers Association

John Kvasnicka, Executive Director, Minnesota Deerhunters  
Association

David Licht, Gun Dealer and Hunter

Dr. Kirk Lufkin, Hennepin County Medical Center,  
Representative of American College of Emergency Physicians

The Reverend Duane Nelson, Lutheran Minister, NRA member,  
Pequot Lakes

This program is partially funded by contributions to the League of Women  
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LWVMN Education Fund, 550 Rice Street, St. Paul, MN 55103

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Landmark Center  
75 West 5th Street  
St. Paul, MN

Registration Form  
Due Thursday, October 19, 1989

LWV of \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME	Registration & meal*	Registration only	3*
	\$20 LWV members	\$10 LWV members	CEU's
	\$25 Non-members	\$15 Non-members	\$4.00

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\* Those wishing Continuing Education Credits must send name, address, phone number and social security number as well as \$4.00 fee. Continuing Education Units are being offered in cooperation with Anoka-Ramsey Community College.

### ACTION AWARD ENTRIES

This year's Action Award entries were exciting and diverse. We had five entries, and the choice was difficult because of their high quality. The Award went to the Cannon Falls League for their recycling campaign because it rated highest in the criteria (planning, member involvement, originality, visibility, work with others to achieve goals, timeliness and degree of success).

Here are thumbnail sketches of four of the entries, along with contacts. We thought these might serve as resources for your own League's action campaigns. The summer Voter contains information about the award-winning Cannon Falls project.

#### LWV-Eastern Carver County

##### "Attitudes Toward Sexuality and Pregnancy"

- . Action arose out of study conducted with "Search Institute which designed survey and evaluated results.
- . Results of study disseminated in community.
- . Study a catalyst for school district Youth Development committee and acceleration of Family Life Curriculum development.
- . Sponsored series of programs by Sol Gordon.
- . Published and distributed results of survey.
- . Publication reprinted in winter 1988-89 edition of Family Life Educator.

For more information, contact:

Stephanie Young  
LWV of Eastern Carver County

#### LWV New Brighton Recycling Campaign

- . Requested by members in conformance with their local position on solid waste.
- . At urging of LWV-New Brighton, city council applied for county funds to establish voluntary curbside recycling (March, 1987).
- . LWV wrote articles about upcoming program in city newsletter and local weekly newspaper.
- . Recycling signs designed by LWV members for block captains; recruited block captains, set up poster contest in schools, and constructed float for annual Stockyard Days parade.
- . Most of the work was done by a committee of eight members, but all members were involved in some way.

- . Program continues to grow with cash incentive program, recycling established in public schools, LWVB members working with environmental quality commission on a solid waste plan for city.

For additional information, contact:

Phyllis Reha, Chair  
New Brighton Recycling Committee  
656 - 13th Avenue N.W.  
New Brighton, MN 55112

#### Arden Hills/Shoreview LWV

- . Voter Service Project based on League principles.
- . Provided balanced information on pros and cons of election to change election of School Board members from at-large to a ward system.
- . Cable TV panel discussion
- . Pamphlets distributed by LWV members
- . Information for pamphlets and newspapers written by LWV.
- . Voter turnout 1500 in spite of short notice of the election (less than 30 days).

For additional information, contact:

Dee Meyer  
Gloria Kuehn  
LWV of Arden Hills/Shoreview  
3581 Ridgewood Road  
St. Paul, MN 55112

#### Battered Women and the Services Available to them in St. Louis Park, MN

- . Action project based on study and consensus on domestic abuse in Minnesota with emphasis on the needs of battered women and children in St. Louis Park and resources available to them.
- . Conducted information campaign based on results of study (copies of study to city council, panel discussion televised).
- . Requested that city set up intervention/advocacy program.
- . City appropriated \$10,000 for advocacy program.

For more information, contact:

Ruth Ann Licht, President  
LWV of St. Louis Park  
St. Louis Park, MN



THE LEAGUE  
OF WOMEN VOTERS

MINNESOTA

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

MEMO

TO: Local League Presidents

FROM: Jane McWilliams,  
Legislative Coordinator

SUBJECT: Legislative Internships

DATE: September 1989

Can you promote the internship in your newsletter? You may reprint  
the application form in your local publication also.

The deadline is October 30, 1989.

Thank you!





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# action

## LEGISLATIVE INTERNS

Once again, LWVMN offers legislative internships to members who would like training in the legislative process. Interns will work with experienced lobbyists tracking interim developments, following bills during the 1990 session (6-8 weeks long, beginning on February 12, 1990), writing reports for the Capitol Letter and activating local Leagues on issues of interest to League members.

Internships will begin with a training session on November 14th. The goals that day are to give interns a grounding in the mechanics of getting around the Capitol, legislative resources and practical problems of influencing legislation. We will also review League issues with program directors during the morning session. In the afternoon, we hope to have a briefing session with key legislators whom we will ask to give us their predictions of legislative priorities during the 1990 session. Finally, on January 13th, interns will attend the Citizens in Action conference for further training, particularly in the strategies of lobbying.

This year the intern program is on an earlier schedule than in previous years. Our purpose is to prepare interns to be more confident about plunging into lobbying activities when the session begins. At this time, we don't know what LWVMN priorities will be, but they will likely be in the areas of mental health, reproductive choice, school funding, taxes, children's issues, environmental issues and election laws.

Time commitment for internships can be tailored to meet the needs of the individual and will range from an hour or two a week to full time during the legislative session. Interns will be members of the Action Committee which meets at 1 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. LWVMN will reimburse interns for mileage and parking.

Interested members should fill out an application form and return it to the LWVMN office by October 30, 1989. Please call Jane McWilliams, 507/645-8423 if you have questions.

LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP APPLICATION

Name:

Address:

Phone:

LWV member? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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?

What kind of time commitment can you make to lobbying?

Please circle your area(s) of interest:

Education

Election Laws

Mental Health

Social Policy

Taxes

Environment

Choice

Application deadline is October 30, 1989

## HIGHLIGHTS OF 1989 OMNIBUS SCHOOL AIDS BILL

### Article 1 - General Education Revenue

- . 1989-90 General education revenue \$2,838 (3% increase).
  - . 1990-91 General education revenue \$2,953 (4.1% increase).
- (The formula allowance was \$2,755 for the 1988-89 school year, and in prior law, was set at \$2,800 for 1990. The \$38 increase for 1989-90 will come entirely from appropriations - i.e., general education levies will not increase.)
- . Teacher contracts must be settled by January 15, 1990 for districts to receive their full share of general education revenue for 1989-90. (If not, they will lose \$25 of their formula allowance.)
  - . Referendum levies, beginning July 1, 1989, may be held only one time per year and must be held on the fall general election day. Signatures needed to increase or revoke a district's referendum authority changed to 15 percent of registered voters (from 5 percent of the residents).

### Article 2 - Pupil Transportation

- . Provides for increased funding and adds flexibility to what may qualify for regular transportation funding, including a pupil who is a custodial parent and that pupil's child between home and child care provider and between provider and school. In certain cases, a day care facility may be designated as home for transportation purposes.

### Article 3 - Special Programs

- . State board of education directed to adopt rules on eligibility. District required to conduct and document strategies while student is in regular classroom. State's portion of salaries decreased slightly.
- . Assurance of mastery - state revenue provided for direct instructional services after policy is adopted on what will be done to assure mastery of outcomes in communications and mathematics K-8 for FY 1991 and after. Law specifies eligible pupils and services. State matches district share.
- . Individualized Learning and Development Aid - for achieving smaller classes in kindergarten and grade 1. Eligibility depends on following procedures set in law. Aid is \$62.25 times district's average daily membership in kindergarten and grade 1.

### Article 4 - Community and Adult Education

- . Beginning 1989-90, one credit may be awarded for participation in youth service program as part of community education and youth development program. Requirements are specified - Department of Education creates list of acceptable projects.
- . Early childhood screening - districts begin process to implement new requirements in 1989-90 - program in place by July 1, 1993.
- . Increases maximum early child family education revenue in FY 1991. In 1990 only, district receiving aid will receive additional aid.
- . Interagency Adult Learning Advisory Council dealing with adult literacy and training programs established.

### Article 5 - Facilities and Equipment

- . Reduces maximum capital expenditure facilities and equipment revenue per WADM beginning in FY 1990.
- . Allows districts to enter lease purchase agreements for land or buildings without elections under certain conditions.

### Article 6 - Education Organization and Cooperation

- . Cooperation and Combination for small districts who may combine after period of cooperation. Plan must be adopted according to specifications in law. State board and voters must approve combination. Revenues provided as well as grants.
- . Education Districts - to include cooperation and coordination among school districts and post-secondary institutions. Plan must be adopted.



Districts which are members of ed. districts may discontinue any grades K-12 and provide for them through education district.

- . Interdistrict cooperation - districts with I.C. agreement must discontinue at least grades 10-12 in all but one cooperating district. Each district must operate a school with at least three grades.

#### Article 7 - Access to Excellence

- . State board directed to adopt goals and supervise schools and develop plan to achieve goals.

- . Office of Educational Leadership established within department to assist districts, ed. districts and other ed. organizations to maximize learning. Office to develop plan for two-year research project for determining effectiveness of learner outcome-based system in improving pupil's learning.

- . Research and development sites (10) to be selected by October 1, 1989 by state board to examine and implement learner outcome-based policies. Office of Ed. Leadership to set up application process and report progress to education committees of legislature.

- . Planning, Evaluation and Reporting - State learner goals defined (knowledge, skills, processes, values and attitudes pupils can expect to attain). State board to adopt learner goals and "essential and integrated learner outcomes" for curriculum areas and for career vocational curriculum. Department to make available to districts model learner outcomes including thinking and problem solving skills.

- . Minnesota Career Teacher Act - present law broadened to include emphasis on learning and the development of a child.

#### Article 8 - Other Education Programs

- . Categorical aid programs - appropriations are continued for abatement aid, integration grants, nonpublic school aid, school lunch aid, school milk aid, tobacco use, and alcohol-impaired driver education programs.

- . School Breakfast Program and Survey. Certain school districts are required to offer a school breakfast program in every school building beginning September 1, 1991.

- . Sexual Harassment and Violence Policy must be adopted on or before September 1, 1991. Commissioner will develop a model. High School League must also adopt a policy.

#### Article 9 - Miscellaneous

- . Enrollment Options Program - Pupil and parent or guardian must confer with staff member from resident district to identify reason for transfer to nonresident district. Timelines specified and minimum enrollment period of one school year is established. Separate procedure established for applications involving a desegregation district.

- . Learning Year Program - Area Learning Centers must offer throughout school year. Ten additional sites may be designated by state board.

- . Staff exchange program (two-year) established beginning 1989-90 to provide participants better understanding of concerns of other districts.

- . Extended Day Programs - standards responsibility of local boards.

- . Career Information - may be provided by department provided costs are recovered through fees and grants.

- . Beginning August 1, 1989, State Board of Education may adopt rules only when specifically authorized by legislative action.

#### Article 10 - Libraries

- . State appropriations for public library programs continued and some new funding provided.

#### Article 11 - Education Agencies

- . Academic Excellence Foundation placed under state board; Academic League authorized.



Article 12 - State Agencies' Appropriations for Education

. Sets levels for Department of Education, Faribault Academies and the Minnesota Center for Arts Education (new name).

Article 13 - Technical Changes for School District Property Taxes

. District Property Taxes - Conforms terminology to new system adopted in 1988.

(The total percent change in education property tax levies created by the Omnibus Bill for Pay 1990 is 8.6%. The Governor's proposal had been 10.7%. The percent change for Pay 1989 was 10.6%)

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Other education-related measures:

. Ch. 282 - State Human Services appropriation bill includes funds for several programs for ehildren's health, mental health and child welfare. Requires custodial parents under age 20 who have not received diploma or equivalent to attend school if they are receiving AFDC benefits.

. Ch. 300 - Bonding bill includes \$2 million for desegregation capital improvement grants.

. Ch. 335 - State departments bill provides \$300,000 suporting cooperative effort between Science Museum of Minnesota, Freshwater Foundation and Department of Education to develop a program to inform Minnesotans about issues of water use and quality. Requires governor to study growing costs of major state expenditure programs including elementary and secondary education as the 1992-93 budget is prepared.

. Ch 191 - provides that district may enroll as provider in Medical Assistance Program and receive MN payments for covered special education services under certain conditions.

Sources: Education Finance Bill Summary, House Education staff and Senate Education staff.

Minnesota School Boards Association - Summary of Education Legislation Enacted During 1989 Session

Public Policy Newsletter (MN Extension Service), No. 125, June 30, 1989.

Prepared by J. B. McWilliams, 9-7-89.



# THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

MINNESOTA

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

**Dear Choice Supporter/Member of League of Women Voters,**

**WE NEED YOU . . . for the most exciting mobilization ever launched by the pro-choice movement! Our goal is to identify every pro-choice supporter in the state of Minnesota!**

**As we all know, the status of safe, legal abortion is now at a crossroads. The July 3rd Supreme Court decision in the *Webster* case opened the door for states to pass more restrictive legislation than has been possible for the past 16 years.**

**To overcome current challenges to safe, legal abortion, the Choice movement must act now. Our efforts must be more comprehensive, concerted and unified than ever before!**

**Given the imminent threats to abortion rights, Planned Parenthood of Minnesota has contracted with Brataas Systems -- State Senator Nancy Brataas' nationally recognized survey management firm -- to plan and manage a statewide non-partisan Choice Attitude Survey to be implemented by volunteers.**

**The Choice Attitude Survey is a campaign to telephone over a million households by the end of February 1990 . . . and, in the process, identify hundreds of thousands of hitherto unknown pro-choice Minnesotans!**

**This is the first time a statewide Choice survey of this magnitude has been attempted anywhere in the nation.**

**The project entails setting up Phone Centers in seven Minnesota cities, plus a county home phoning program in every county of the state. For this HUGE identification campaign to be successful, we need 7,000 men and women to do volunteer phoning and clerical follow-up.**

**The Survey's scope includes training sessions conducted by Senator Brataas, plus data processed lists, instructions, tally system and a two-minute Survey script.**

**No previous experience is necessary to be a part of this project. As a volunteer Survey phoner, you will never need to explain, never need to argue the Choice position.**

**OVER**

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Cut on dotted line, fill out and return this Reply Slip today!

## YES . . . I WILL BE A PART OF THE MINNESOTA CHOICE ATTITUDE SURVEY!

- \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will attend the State Kick-Off Meeting conducted by Senator Nancy Brataas on October 7!
- \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will tell pro-choice friends about the Kick-Off Meeting and encourage them to attend.
- \_\_\_\_\_ No, I cannot attend . . . but I volunteer to phone from a Phone Center, or locally from my home.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I am willing to serve as a : \_\_\_\_\_ Regional Leader; \_\_\_\_\_ County Leader; \_\_\_\_\_ City Leader;  
\_\_\_\_\_ Phone Center Leader; \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phoning Leader.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (H): \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_ Area Code  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (W): \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Area Code  
\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

Please return by September 28 to:  
Planned Parenthood, 1965 Ford Parkway, St. Paul MN 55116

The resultant list of pro-choice households will be widely available to Choice organizations and invaluable to Choice legislative, educational, outreach and organizing efforts.

The entire identification campaign must be carried out by volunteers. To be successful, it is crucial that our members and supporters get involved! We need help from men and women of every age -- college students through senior citizens -- from every walk of life.

The League of Women Voters is wholeheartedly supporting this project. . . and we need you to volunteer your time, energy and ability to help make it work.

Senator Brataas will present the overall plan of the Choice Attitude Survey and introduce you to the Survey system at a State Kick-Off for ALL pro-choice Minnesotans . . . and we need you to be there!

Saturday, October 7 -- Radisson South Hotel, Bloomington (I-494 and Hwy 100)

12:30 p.m. Registration (Enjoy an early lunch in the area beforehand.)

1:00- 2:30 p.m. Presentation by Senator Nancy Brataas, using visual aids.

2:30- 3:30 p.m. Attendee Group Sessions (by region)

At the Kick-Off, you will see why absolutely no previous survey experience is necessary to be an instantly effective Choice Survey volunteer!

You will also find out how to bring the Survey to your community . . . and be part of the most exciting pro-choice campaign in the country!

Take a minute right now. Clip off, fill out and mail the Reply Slip (on page one) today. Bring your pro-choice friends -- men and women -- with you!

We need each of you to act on your beliefs!

Yours for Choice,



League of Women Voters of Minnesota

P.S. This is THE community-based pro-choice activity you've been waiting for!

Even if you've never acted on your pro-choice beliefs before, we need you now!

FINAL VERSION

EXCITING CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Wanted: LWV of Minnesota Mental Health Monitoring Project  
Director

The Project Director will work with local LWVs to establish projects to monitor county mental health services, helping to form coalitions of concerned citizens, facilitating monitoring efforts and coordinating communications among participating communities. The main monitoring tool will be LWVMN's Monitoring Mental Health Services at the County Level: A Workbook.

The director will work part-time (approximately 1/4 to 1/3 time), though time commitment may vary from month to month.

The budget provides for \$12,000 in salary and expenses from approximately November 15, 1989 through June 1, 1991.

The director will report to the LWVMN Mental Health Committee and the Board of directors of the LWVMN.

The director will operate out of the LWVMN office in St. Paul.

The director should have

- excellent organizational skills;
- excellent communication skills, both oral and written;
- initiative in meeting new situations and challenges;
- ability to work comfortably with a wide variety of people;
- willingness to receive direction from the LWVMN Mental Health Committee;
- willingness to learn about programs for persons with mental illness;
- willingness to travel to several monitoring projects outside the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

If interested, please contact Sally Sawyer at the LWV of Minnesota (612) 224-5445.

Or, submit resume and names, addresses and phone numbers of three references  
to LWVMN Mental Health Monitoring Project, 550 Rice Street, St.  
Paul, MN 55103

Application Deadline November 1, 1989



SUMMARY OF VOTER SERVICE ACTIVITIES  
NOVEMBER 1988 ELECTION  
August 1989

To: Voter Service Chairs  
From: Anne Borgen, LWVMN Voter Service

Many thanks to all those who responded to the Voter Service questionnaire. This summary should give you a sense of what other Leagues are doing in voter service and some ideas to try next time.

Response to Questionnaire:

24 out of 60 Leagues responded (40%).

Candidate Meetings:

Nearly all (23) of the reporting Leagues held candidate meetings in some form, some assisted by or cosponsored with other organizations or businesses. (AAUW, Chamber of Commerce, cable TV and radio stations, and the local Education Association were among those mentioned.) Most of these cooperative efforts worked well and seemed to establish good relations for future endeavors. Some Leagues tried different formats that worked well. Many of them were broadcast on radio or TV, and in some cases cable stations replayed them several times.

Some ideas to consider:

- Austin sponsored two one-hour "roundtable discussions" modeled on KTCA-TV's "Almanac" political segment. These were carried live by KMSQ-TV, and when prescreened call-in questions were added the second night, the program was much more successful.
- Willmar did a live radio broadcast taking call-in questions. They had a better response from call-ins than from the studio audience.
- Establish guidelines early and clearly with participants and cosponsors. Stick to them. Notify candidates of any changes as early as possible. (Alexandria, Owatonna, Roseville)
- Leaguers should follow their own instincts and judgments. It's sometimes better to have a League moderator than a TV anchor. (Duluth)
- Have a local committee to help organize. (E. Carver Co.)
- Prepared questions from League members were very helpful in getting important issues covered. (N. Dakota Co.)
- Edina will do their next school board meeting in the cable studio. Even with limited audience capacity, they think it will be better all around.
- Write down what you've done so you can make changes next time. (Duluth)

Publications:

1. Voter Guides

While only 2 Leagues published their own voter guides, 23 distributed the LWVMN Voter Guide, and 6 worked with their local newspaper to produce one. League voter guides were distributed in many locations: banks, schools, candidate meetings, businesses, city offices, libraries, churches, malls, condominiums. They also handed them out while registering voters and on recycling days. Duluth sold them to businesses and covered the cost of free distribution to schools.

Most Leagues felt their local newspapers did an adequate job of covering elections, and one League thought we sometimes duplicate efforts.

2. Other

Over 4600 (a very gross estimate) of the Secretary of State's "Register and Vote" pamphlet were distributed by 20 of the responding Leagues. Five Leagues produced and distributed their own material including Amendment information, posters, and school district information. Austin published a "Guide to Elected Officials" and a videotape.

### Voter Registration:

16 Leagues held voter registration drives, with a low estimate of registrations at 2800. Willmar comments that banks were a waste of time, but supermarkets were great. Freeborn Co. LWV went to every senior social studies class in Albert Lea High School--14 in one day--to discuss voting. They also registered voters at 2 Burger Kings! Many local Leagues were represented at the LWVMN drive at the Star Tribune State Fair booth and with the LWVMN/KMSP-TV Votemobile.

A word here about the Votemobile. We had many requests to bring it to local campuses and events throughout the state. Since the program was cosponsored by KMSP, and they wanted to use their broadcasting capability to advertise, our site selections were limited to places they could reach. Thank you for your interest. We'll see if we can expand the program in the future.

### Other Noteworthy Projects:

- No. Dakota Co LWV participated in Voter Awareness Week at BC/BS and found it very rewarding. It also led to a nice contribution to their finance drive.
- Golden Valley had a membership party while staffing an evening shift of the LWVMN Hotline. It was a great way to get new members immediately active and reinvolve long-time members in a fun, service-oriented event.
- Eastern Carver Co. held an essay contest on "Why I Want to be a Voter."

### Requests and Suggestions:

- Would like:
  - taped register-to-vote TV spots.
  - better quality posters.
  - voter registration posters that could be on permanent display in state job service offices.
  - Votemobile for northern Minnesota.
  - a packet of form letters for Letters to the Editor, invitations to candidates, etc.
  - a packet of suggested formats for candidate meetings.
  - reminders of election days 2 months in advance.
  - forms to be filled out or copied on white paper--colors don't copy well.
- Get legislative goals and objective out to local LWVs by Oct. 1 so they can construct questions for candidate meetings.
- Continue sending Election Timeline.
- Continue Voter Guide.
- Sec. of State's office should give more emphasis to advance registration rather than election day registration.
- Send information directly--not to president.
- Ask larger businesses to make registration cards available to employees.
- Ask local TV stations to run short blurbs stating "Contact your local LWV organization for time and place of candidates meetings" as public service. Local Leagues could list all their meetings with LWVMN and calls could go through state office, since many Leagues don't have a phone listing. TV stations could give LWVMN telephone number on screen.

### Comments:

LWV unappreciated--wonder at value of what LWV does.

Disappointed in number of registrations considering hours spent.

Hard to get more important candidates interested in forum.

We have written policy for question sorters at candidate meetings read at beginning of meetings and described to candidates in a letter.

Want to institutionalize annual registration in schools.

Want to get voter registration cards in with utility bills.

Informal "Roundtable Discussions" more informative than rigid debate formula and well received.

Enjoyed helping register voters at State Fair and working on election results and Hotline. Good way to involve members.

Should have done more to register voters at local colleges.

Our successes this year were made possible by the assistance and cooperation of neighboring LWV units and the willingness of their VS people to work in joint projects with us.

Our local newspaper published an editorial we prepared about how to analyze a debate (including information about the LWVUS withdrawal from the Presidential Debate).

## ROCHESTER LWV SUCCESSFUL MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

by Pearl Sheps

We were happy to welcome 32 new members in 1987, an increase of 49% in our membership. These new people represented many walks of life, from beginning careers to recent retirement and beyond. Of the 32, 6 were former members who rejoined.

A committee of 4 members shared the following tasks:

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 step #1. An SSPC was enclosed asking for an indication of interest and a promise from us that we would "be in touch".
- 2b. At the same time, a similar letter was also sent to former Leaguers still living in the area. An SSPC and the same promise were included.
3. In late August, those who replied were called by phone 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. Newsletters for September and October were sent to ALL prospective members.
5. In October, the chair made personal phone contact with all potential and former members who received mailings. Rides 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 morning for those who were interested but who hadn't attended either of the above meetings. Three board members spoke at this event. Again, personal phone calls were made inviting people to this event. Also, a reminder post card was mailed to arrive 3 days prior. 19 attended; about 12 joined.

### NOTES:

A. 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.

B. Continued phone contact by one person to a prospective member formed a relationship which made it easier for the listener to try something new of which she was not certain.

C. Opportunities to join in September, October and November allowed busy people the chance to make a commitment when they could.

### LATER...

7. In March, the chair checked lists of Unit attendance and committee and study participants. New members who had not participated in anything as of that time were assigned to Board members. They were asked to call and offer rides to the March or April meetings or the Annual Meeting.

8. In April, we contacted those who were interested but had no time for additional commitments last fall.



IN ADDITION:

1. The Board created a non-active membership category with a higher dues amount; this was welcomed by some returning members and a few new ones.
  2. A questionnaire was sent to the whole membership asking about past and future participation in unit meetings, studies and on-going committees and also asking for suggestions for programs, meeting times and places.  
(Sample available from state membership chair.)
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LETTER TO ALL MEMBERS, SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED POST CARD ENCLOSED

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 right now to jot down the 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.

Thanks,

Pearl Sheps  
Membership Chair

Potential members:

Name	Address	Phone
Alice McHale	<del>4845</del> 4846 NW 16th Ave.	288-1442
(New director at Madonna Towers)		
Priscilla Russell	2016 NW 19th St. (will be moving soon to another address)	BI 282-4804

See B. 283-7898



← NAME OF MEMBER  
RECOMMENDING



LETTER TO PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

(ON LOCAL LEAGUE STATIONERY)

Dear (first name),

We'd like to have you 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 Nadar'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 agricultural policy - from the family farm to world politics, our farm policy affects each one 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 cost of dues in themselves.

Join us in meeting 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  
Membership Chair

NAME: Christine Schild

PHONE: 289-4041 (w)  
289-8877 (e)

X Yes, I am interested in attending the Sept. 1 meeting and learning more about the League. (We'll call to see if you'd like a ride--and bring a friend, if you like!)

       Yes, I would like to explore the League, but cannot attend the Sept. 1 meeting.

       I'm not interested at this time.

(30)

LETTER TO FORMER MEMBERS

(ON LOCAL LEAGUE STATIONERY)

Dear (first name),

Remember how you always figured you'd rejoin the League some year? We suggest that this would be a great time to do it.

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 Assist Heights in the Alfred Room at 7:15pm. Pam 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 in touch.

If you can't be an active member, join us 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 really love to welcome you back to League.

Sincerely,

Pearl Sheps  
Membership Chair

NAME: Judy Raymond <sup>87</sup> PHONE: 282-6370

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I am interested in attending the Sept. 1 meeting and learning more about the League. (We'll call to see if you'd like a ride--and bring a friend, if you'd like!)

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to explore the League, but cannot attend the Sept. 1 meeting.

\_\_\_\_ I'm not interested at this time.

40 ✓ I'm interested - I will support - but am not able to commit at this time because of work & other responsibilities. I will attend when possible.



## League of Women Voters of Clallam County

### MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL STATE LEAGUES OF WOMEN VOTERS  
FROM: Norma Hunt, Government Chair, LWV of Clallam County  
DATE: September 5, 1989  
SUBJECT: National Study of the Presidential Nominating System

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At the Washington State League Convention of 1989 a resolution was passed stating that LWV/WA would ask LWV/US to update the 1968 and 1971 studies of the presidential election process, focusing on an examination of the presidential nominating system.

The League statements on its position regarding the election of the president, announced by the National Board on January 1970 and revised in March 1982, stipulates support for uniform procedures for presidential elections. These do not presently exist. To put it simply, we are a long way from a fair and even board of one slate of candidates to be voted for on the same date in all states.

Presently, there are numerous slates in the different states. All voters do not have the opportunity of voting on all candidates. Primary election day is many different days, depending on the state. Early primary and caucus states have had a disproportionate result on the candidates nominated.

The later a state's primary, the less significance it has in the selection of the nominees. States with May primaries such as California, New Jersey, Oregon and Washington are especially disenfranchised. In April 1989, the local Portland newspaper, THE OREGONIAN reported that U.S. Representative Ron Wyden told colleagues "... the importance of western votes for president has been diminished because of where we live."

continued . . .

The length of both the primary process and the campaigns appears excessive to many and should be studied. The campaign process of the United States is longer than that of any other democracy. Voter discontent is evidenced by the poor voter turnout. This apathy may be caused by boredom as well as by cynicism.

The issue of the enormous cost of these lengthy campaigns needs also to be examined. Again, this is many times more expensive than the election costs in any other nation. Wealthy candidates and those with extensive PAC backing have a real edge. Since to gain this backing is a necessary fact of survival, less well-heeled candidates may be compromised. They may also be handicapped by preoccupation with fund raising. The cost of these lengthy campaigns may result in the elimination of many qualified candidates.

Media influence, both its quantity and its nature, invites investigation. The nature of the coverage, and the timing of information released have been called into question. Some noting that the gist of what candidates say and what they stand for has become less newsworthy than sensational incidentals.

This issue of a re-examination of the presidential nominating system will be offered by the Washington State LWV at the 1990 convention for consideration as a LWV/US study item.





## 44th UNITED NATIONS RALLY & SEMINARS

"GLOBAL INTERDEPENDENCE: INTERNATIONAL, UNIVERSAL ISSUES"

Friday, October 27, 1989  
Holiday Inn Metrodome  
1500 Washington Avenue South  
West Bank, Minneapolis, Minnesota

PROGRAM: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
\$18.00, including seminars and 12:00 luncheon  
(\$20.00 if tickets are purchased after October 17th)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: MARGARITA PAPANDREOU  
International Activist for Peace and Women's Issues

### "AN INTERNATIONAL LOOK AT WOMEN"



Margarita Papandreou, American-born and educated at the University of Minnesota, is International Liaison of Women for a Meaningful Summit, an international network from the women's peace movement. She is also president of the Women's Union of Greece, a nationwide independent feminist organization which she helped found. She has been influential in pressing for reforms to enhance the legal and social status of Greek women. In July of 1987 she was one of seven people to address the plenary session of the World Conference of Women in the USSR. In the summer of 1985, as leader of the Greek delegation, she proposed the following at the UN Conference for the Decade of Women in Nairobi, Kenya: that UN officials subsidize meetings for women from both sides of an international conflict to make recommendations for resolution. Ms. Papandreou's activism began at age 12 when she participated in the state senate campaign of her grandfather in Illinois.

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Speaker: Charles Gray, Executive Director, Asian-American Free Labor Institute/AFL-CIO, Washington, D.C.
3. AN INTERNATIONAL LOOK AT TORTURE: A RESPONSE TO TORTURE FOR THE VICTIMS AND OURSELVES  
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To: Local League Presidents  
 From: Kay Erickson, Development Chair  
 Subject: Fundraising Survey  
 Date: May, 1990

Many thanks to the local Leagues that completed their Fundraising Survey forms and sent them back to the state office. As you can see, there are many creative ways to raise money to support your local League. Please share the survey results with your board as you plan your fundraising activities for next year.

Remember, fundraising is the responsibility of the whole board, not just the finance drive committee. Any project you undertake should be approved and supported by your entire board.

If you would like more information about the activities listed below, please call the local League. However, if you have questions about fundraising in general or how to use the Education Fund, please call me at 612/934-2991 or call Judy Burton, Development Director, at 612/224-5445.

<u>League</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Time of Year</u>
<u>Arden Hills/ Shoreview</u>	Christmas Auction (members contribute crafts, foods, etc.)	\$350	Early Dec.
	Sterling LWV pins (have invested \$200, will make \$4.50 per pin)	?	Year round
	Finance Drive (letter)	Variable	Spring
	Phonathon	\$21.50	
<u>Austin</u>	Finance Drive (proceeds used for community outreach)	\$1,185- \$1,200	Oct/Nov
<u>Edina</u>	Calendar Sales	\$305	Fall
	Phonathon	\$201	Fall
	Jerry's Tapes	\$250	Year round
	Finance Drive	\$4,525	Fall-Spring



	Bank card	\$14	
<u>Freeborn County</u>	Finance Drive Dinner	\$243	March
	Hot Dog/Root Beer stand	\$550	July 4
<u>Minnetonka/ Eden Prairie/ Hopkins</u>	Potluck	\$217	October
	Finance Drive (letters to long time contributors, new prospects, membership)	\$580 to 3/90	Feb/March
	Garage Sale	?	May
<u>Northfield</u>	Xmas Party/ Auction	\$800	December
	Finance Drive	\$870	March
<u>Richfield</u>	Bake Sale	\$270	March
	Friends of the League (support but don't attend activities)	\$150	Spring
<u>St. Paul</u>	Coctail Party (recognizing 35-yr.members)	\$1,200	April
<u>Wayzata/ Plymouth</u>	Finance Drive	\$105	Jan/Feb
	Silent Auction	\$246	December
<u>White Bear/ North Oaks</u>	Finance Drive	\$1,600	Jan/Feb
	North Oaks water testing	\$200	Spring
	Election Year Reporting	\$200	Even yrs. only
	Vote Today Poster Sales	\$30- \$100	On going



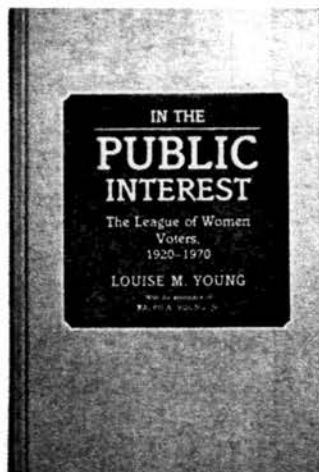
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Pub sales	\$25	Year round
Silent Auction	est. \$250- \$700	Annual Mtg.
Calendar Sales	\$300	Nov./Dec.
Know Your City	\$914	Fall
Silent Auction	\$97	December
Phonathon	\$35	November
VISA Credit Card	\$8	
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Finance Drive	\$ 505	February

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

TO: Local League Presidents

FROM: Beverly McKinnell

RE: State Board/Local Leagues

Date: May 1990

CAN WE HELP YOU?

Some of the ways state board members can help you and your board organize for the new League year:

Board Orientation:

- review League policies and procedures
- discuss board responsibilities - general & specific
- discuss your League's plans & needs for the coming year

Setting Goals and Priorities:

- review of your League's strengths and weaknesses
- build on your success
- correct problems
- change League direction, tradition if necessary

Planning for the League year:

- evaluate woman power and workload
- identify activities with most member support
- explore possible cooperative activities with other Leagues or organizations
- develop plan for financing League activities
- establish a calendar/schedule of local, state and national League activities

Board Development with Neighboring Leagues

- topics to be determined by the local Leagues
- exchange of ideas on successes, problems, etc.
- mutual assistance plans

Speakers on specific topics of interest

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The League of Women Voter of \_\_\_\_\_ would like a state board member to come for \_\_\_\_\_ on (date)\_\_\_\_\_, at (time)\_\_\_\_\_.

State board member we would like:\_\_\_\_\_

No preference on state board member\_\_\_\_\_.

Local League president:\_\_\_\_\_

address:\_\_\_\_\_

phone:\_\_\_\_\_

Return to LWVMN, 550 Rice Street, St. Paul, MN 55103

LWV of \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### LOCAL LEAGUE BOARD LIST

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# THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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## BOARD MEMO

AUGUST, 1989

### Calendar

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

- August
- 15 - BOARD MEMO mailing
  - 17 - President's mailing
  - 22 - CMAL Study Committee, 9:30-noon, LWVMN office
  - 24 - CMAL Board, 9:30-noon, LWVMN office
  - 28 - Firearms Committee, 9:30 a.m., LWVMN office
  - 29 - Development Committee, 11:00 a.m., LWVMN office
- September
- 1 - 2nd Quarter PMP due to LWVMN
    - Deadline for Estate Planning Seminar
    - Deadline for Development/PR position applicants
  - 5 - Action Committee, 9:30 a.m., LWVMN office
  - 6 - Mental Health Committee Meeting, 10-2, LWVMN office
    - Office Management Committee Meeting, noon, LWVMN office
  - 9 - Take Back the Night Rally & March, 5-10:30 p.m., Powderhorn Park
  - 11 - Deadline for Duluth Mental Health Monitoring Workshops
  - 12 - Estate Planning Seminar, 9:30-2, MN Women's Bldg.
    - Primary Election Day
  - 15 - Mental Health Workshop, 10-2:30, Duluth
- October
- 2 - Deadline for Rochester Mental Health Workshop
  - 6 - Mental Health Monitoring Workshop, 10-2:30, Rochester
  - 11 - LWVMN, -EF Board Meetings, 11:30 a.m., MN Women's Bldg.
    - LWVMN Action Committee, 9:30 a.m., LWVMN office
    - Firearms Committee, 9:30 a.m., LWVMN office
  - 16-19 - Electoral Jury, St. Paul Mayoral Race, LWVMN, LWV-St. Paul and Jefferson Center
  - 17 - Board Memo
  - 19 - President's Mailing
    - CMAL Quarterly Meeting
  - 20 - Mental Health Monitoring Workshop, Alexandria, 10-2:30
  - 26 - 70th Anniversary of LWVMN
    - Fall Focus on Firearms
  - 27 - U.N. Rally, Holiday Inn Metrodome
- November
- 3 - Metro Mental Health Monitoring Workshop, Maplewood
  - 7 - Action Committee, 9:30 a.m., LWVMN office
    - Election Day
  - 11 - LWVMN, -EF Board Meetings, 10 a.m., LWVMN office
    - Firearms Committee, 2:30 a.m., LWVMN office
  - 5-12 - Phonathon '89



ENCLOSURES

- Planned Giving letter and invitation/Higinbotham
- How to Use Your LWMNEF: A Guide for Local Leagues\*, (revised 6/89)/Erickson
- Local League Presidents List/Leppik
- Filing Tips/Higinbotham
- LWVMN Convention '89 minutes/McDonald
- Adopted LWVMN Budget for 1989-90, 1990-91/Megard
- LWVMN Bylaws/McKinnell
- LWVMN Board list\*/McKinnell
- Minutes of LWVMN Board Meetings, May, 1989; July, 1989/McDonald
- Moderator Evaluation form/Borgen
- LeagueLines/Steen
- Phonathon '89 Packet/Erickson

STATE BOARD HAPPENINGS

At its August 9th meeting, your LWVMN Board:

- .appointed Suzanne Blue, LWV-Red Wing, to the State Board as co-chair of the Financing Education Study Committee;
- .decided to join the new Minnesota Pay Equity Coalition;
- .approved joining a coalition of organizations for reproductive choice providing that it does not engage in civil disobedience and has a name reflecting the broader issues beyond abortion. Polly Keppel is attending the organizing meetings for LWVMN;
- .heard a report from Sue Moeser giving the timeline for the Firearms Study;
- .heard a report from Harriette Burkhalter on the Electoral Jury project.

P R E S I D E N T  
(McKinnell - 612/646-3690)

We're off to a running start to a busy League year. We have several major projects this fall:

Electoral Jury: For a brief description of the project, please see the Voter Service section of this Board Memo.

Harriette Burkhalter chairs the steering committee for this joint League of Women Voters and Jefferson Center pilot project. The St. Paul LWV has two representatives on the steering committee, President Joanne Englund and Voter Service Director, Carol Osip. Anne Borgen, LWVMN Voter Service Director, and Margit Berg, LWV-Minneapolis, complete the LWV representation.

While the focus this fall will be on a St. Paul local race, many will be watching this experiment for local, state and national applications in the future.

Firearms Study: Sue Moeser led the committee through its organizing meeting to develop a tight though doable timeline. The committee plans to have meeting-ready study materials in the hands of local Leagues by mid-December. Plan to have your unit or general meeting for consensus in January or February, 1990. As directed by Convention delegates, a position should be ready in time for the Legislative session. This committee has begun auspiciously with several seasoned members, but more members are welcome. The next meeting is August 28th at 9:30 at the LWV office.

Mental Health Workshops: Workshops will be held around the state from September - November:

Sept. 15 - Duluth  
Oct. 6 - Rochester  
Oct. 20 - Alexandria  
Nov. 3 - Metro Area, Maplewood

Financing Education: Suzanne Blue, LWV-Red Wing, and Carolyn Lyngdal, LWV-MEPH, co-chair this new two year study. The committee will meet in September to plan the study. Do not expect materials this year. Plan on 1990-91 for study and consensus. If you or someone you know would like to serve on the committee, please call the office.

As you can see, there are a lot of opportunities for program on the state level of League. Remember, there is no LWVUS study for the next two years. So take advantage of these opportunities for stimulating meetings in your community. Use them to attract new members to League. Pick and choose what your League can handle and do what you want to do. It is your choice.

M E M B E R S H I P  
(Sweeny, 612/941-4225)

Greetings to all of you enthusiastic and diligent Membership Chairs! Some of you are experienced, continuing chairs who I hope will have lots of advice for those of us (including me) who are just beginning. I hope to meet all of you sometime during my term.

Do you all know about the wonderful membership packets available from the national office? They are very attractive, professional materials ready-made for you to use just by adding the name of your local League. There's an envelope packet all ready to mail to prospective members, and a folder packet ideal for use at membership recruitment meetings. Each contains a four-color membership brochure entitled "Be part of it!"; a fact sheet about the LWV and how it works; and a membership registration form.

The packets were introduced a year ago, and LWVUS offered 25 sets free to every local League until the end of 1988. If you haven't seen them, ask the former Membership Chair or President for them.

If your League did not send for them, you can still purchase the envelope packets (publication #270) for \$.95 each and folder packets (publication #271) for \$1.35 each (minimum 25). Write to:

LWVUS Publications Dept.  
1730 M Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20036

Or call:  
  
202/ 429-1965

I have been reading with interest your plans for your membership dues rebate and I encourage you to continue to find innovative ways to use the funds. What can you do this year that you wouldn't have done otherwise? This is "found money"...use it for something extra!

And finally, a reminder that our membership handbook, "League on the Grow", contains the absolutely sure-fire, step-by-step process for increasing your membership. It was given to every Minnesota League in June, 1985 and is 40 pages long, with a goldenrod cover. If you have not already done so, find it, read it and use it. If it's nowhere to be found, it is available from the LWVMN office for \$5.

F I E L D   S E R V I C E  
(Leppik - 612/546-3328)

September means a fresh start for local Leagues. By now your program planning for the year should be pretty well set. This is your road map for the year, and while detours may occur as you go along, your year will go much smoother if you know generally where you're going. Be aware that the Fall Focus meeting on Firearms will be October 26th, the materials (meeting ready!) will be mailed to you in December, and the deadline for consensus is March 2nd. The Education Study will be ready a year from now.

There are some changes this year in the alignment of the regional representatives' districts so please refer to your Outlook to see who your rep is. You will soon receive an introductory letter from her, followed by a telephone call in September. She is your liaison with LWVMN and is available to help you or talk over anything that is of concern to you. Our purpose is to support local Leagues and local League presidents. Please call us - we're here to help!

Outlook 1989-90: You should now have this LWVMN publication in your hands, and each board member should also have one. It has been completely revised to be more concise, readable and useful. It is an invaluable reference for your entire board. The resources list at the end of each section contains excellent references for information or assistance, including many program resources. Board members should feel free to call their state Board counterparts whenever they have a question or problem.

We want you to have a successful year, and we'll do all we can to help you.

L E A D E R S H I P   D E V E L O P M E N T  
(Brown - 507/285-1809)

What is the leadership behavior of your LWV Board? Would a Personal Style/Leadership Styles profile help your Board function as a team? What is the communications nature of your meetings? Do you have a lot of managers and few leaders?

LWVMN's Leadership Development commitment is still alive (even though the request for added funding from the Minnesota Women's Fund was not granted). Give me a phone call or write a letter describing the situation or frustration of your Board - or a personal leadership question. Maybe our leadership team has some helps - from telephone or letter suggestions, readings or self surveys, to spending two hours to two days with your Board or your whole League membership. Good leaders make good use of all available resources. League's Leadership Development Team is a varied resource. (Call me at the above number or write 1352 S.E. 8th Avenue, Rochester, 55904. Please include your phone number.)



DEVELOPMENT  
(Erickson - 612/934-2991)

It's easier than ever before to use your Education Fund account. Earlier this year the Ed Fund Board removed the 5% administrative fee charged when local Leagues requested money from their accounts.

This month the Ed Fund Board removed the \$50 minimum for Ed Fund projects. Many local League projects run under \$50. Now if you have a project that can be funded by the Education Fund you can use that Education Fund money even if the project budget is under \$50. The same is true when ordering publications, although we encourage orders of \$25 or more. If you have questions about these changes or about how to use the Education Fund, please call.

Look for the revised edition of How to Use Your LWVMNEF in this month's President's mailing. Your president, treasurer, and anyone doing a study, publication or meeting of general interest should have a copy. Additional copies may be ordered from the state office for \$1 plus postage and handling.

The LWV-St. Peter VOTER included this explanation of the relationship between the LWVMN and LWVMNEF budgets that was sent with the budget to local Leagues prior to Convention.

- \* the LWVMN budget is adopted by the delegates at the state Convention. The LWVMN Ed Fund budget is adopted by the LWVMNEF Board of Directors each year. (The LWVMN Board serves as the Ed Fund Board.)
- \* the LWVMN Ed Fund OWNS our portion of the Minnesota Women's Building and rents space to LWVMN.
- \* The Ed Fund hires NO STAFF, but contracts and pays for services and the expertise of the LWVMN staff.
- \* The Ed Fund pays 1/3 of the MN Voter costs.
- \* It is much easier to raise Ed Fund monies than LWVMN monies and we have learned it is easy to use Ed Fund monies. Those tax deductible dollars pay for Citizen Information and Voter Service programs, our education programs and publications, plus a significant portion of the total operating costs of LWVMN.

Phonathon '89: This is it--the easy, fun way for your local League to earn money without planning, preparation, experience or up-front investment on your part. Details are included in the President's mailing about LWVMN's first Phonathon to be conducted this November. To meet our goal we need 120 callers and a few assistants to join members of the state board in phoning members and contributors to request their financial support. Local Leagues who send callers to Phonathon '89 will receive a percentage of monies pledged to them.

Phonathon '89 calling sessions will be held during early evening hours on Sundays and weekdays between November 5-12. Conveniently located Merrill Lynch real estate offices in Roseville and Edina will be the sites. (Another site in Rochester is in the planning stage.) Training in calling techniques will be provided, along with refreshments.

The commitment is small, but the potential is great (one local League in Illinois sent 6 callers to their Phonathon and earned \$600). Now is the time to begin coordinating your League's role in the first LWVMN Phonathon '89.

Also included is a sample article for your bulletin. RETURN THE SIGN-UP SHEET BY OCTOBER 15 TO INSURE YOUR CALLING PLACE. For more information contact the state office or Mary Santi at 612-426-5151.



P L A N N E D   G I V I N G  
(Higinbotham - 612/926-9399)

On September 12th at 9:30 a.m. the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund will be holding an Estate Planning Seminar. The seminar is the result of Minnesota's prize-winning entry in the LWVUS Planned Giving contest. The seminar will be presented by Ellen Estes, a nationally known expert on planned giving and a consultant to the LWVUS Ed Fund.

We hope that this seminar will help our members and friends in planning their estates, and will also encourage them to remember the League of Women Voters when they meet with their estate planner.

According to the League members who have experience in this field, most gifts will be made to local Leagues, rather than the state or national level of League. For this reason, we are encouraging you to pass on the information about the seminar to members whom you think might be interested.

Please call me if you are interested in more information or plan on coming to the seminar yourself to learn more about the program.

V O T E R  
(Steen - 507/645-7274)

Anyone who would like to write articles, take pictures, or do graphics for the Minnesota Voter should call or write the editor, Mary Steen, 716 St. Olaf Avenue, Northfield, MN 55057; phone number above. We would like to have as many contributors as possible.

Please send also any ideas you have for events and people that could be featured.

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

Call for Lobbyists: LWVMN does not have a member currently handling the Government portfolio. We anticipate the need for lobbyists willing to work on abortion bills and also those willing to work on taxes. Please call the office if you are interested.

F I R E A R M S   S T U D Y  
(Moeser - 218/724-6120)

Firearms Study Committee: The Firearms Study Committee has had its organizational meeting but is still accepting members. If anyone is interested in working on the study they should contact the state League office or Sue Moeser at the above number.

The Firearms study material will be mailed to local Leagues on December 19th with the consensus questions due in the state League office on March 2nd. Local Leagues should plan unit meetings on the Firearms Study in January or February.

V O T E R   S E R V I C E  
(Borgen - 612/545-7076)

Many of you have already begun to plan candidate forums and voter guides for local elections this fall. If you are new to voter service, local League files on past projects should give you ideas about what has been done before and how

well that format worked. (Be sure to keep careful records, timelines and evaluations this year to add to the file.) "Guidelines for Candidate Debates" is available from the state office for \$.50 a copy plus postage and handling. It has ideas for planning and for videotaping. A list of moderators is available. Call if you need help finding one. Please turn in a moderator's evaluation form each time you use one - form is in President's mailing.

The first step that must be taken is the settling of criteria for participation of candidates - who will be included - only those who have filed, write-in? This has presented problems for some Leagues who did not have these criteria clearly spelled out. This should be done in a Board meeting and carefully recorded.

Now is the time to be compiling a list of issues and questions that you will want to cover. It may help to talk to other local organizations to find out what issues are of concern to them. It is also good PR and publicity. Hard work on the questions you ask will be worth it. Carefully thought out and clearly worded questions make it easier for the candidates to take a position and for the audience to follow the debate.

As soon as filing closes candidates should be notified by letter about the date, time, format and location of your debate. Send reminders about a week before the actual event.

An experiment is taking place in the St. Paul mayoral election that we should all watch with interest. The LWV-St. Paul is planning to test an electoral jury project with the Jefferson Center and LWMN. Twenty-four jurors selected to represent the population of St. Paul will participate. For four days in October they will learn about the job of the mayor, hear advocates present the candidates' positions on selected issues and ask them questions, listen to a debate and then give evaluations of the candidates' positions based on what they have learned. Every effort is being made to keep this a non-partisan learning experience for voters that will focus attention on the issues.

If you have some late summer reading time, members of the Illinois state Baord recomend a recently published book - Why Americans Don't Vote by Francis Fox Pivem and Richard A. Cloward. It presents disturbing theories on who does not vote and why - suggesting subtle barriers for the poor.

You might want to discuss putting a place on your calendar for using the precinct caucus tape for members or the public.

TO: Local League Presidents

FROM: Beverly McKinnell

RE: What to do with this mailing

DATE: August 16, 1989

1. Planned Giving letter and invitation - Announce at your Board Meeting and give the invitation to someone who may want to attend.
2. How to Use Your LWVNEF: A Guide for Local Leagues - keep for your reference. If your treasurer or another Board member needs a copy, order from the state office for \$1 each.
3. Local League Presidents List - keep for your reference.
4. Filing Tips - read and file or toss, as you wish.
5. LWVMN Convention '89 Minutes - read and pass on to your Board for new LWVMN study wording and any other "need to know" information, then toss.
6. Adopted LWVMN Budget 1989-90, LWVMN Bylaws, LWVMN Board List - keep for reference (discard old copies).
7. Minutes of LWVMN Board Meetings May, July, 1989 - read for your information and discard.
8. Moderator Evaluation Form - give to your Voter Service Chair.
9. LeagueLines - give to your Bulletin Editor.
10. Phonathon '89 Memo - call to the attention of your Board and give to your Bulletin Editor.
11. Mental Health Memo - call to the attention of your Board and give to your Bulletin Editor.
12. Take Back the Night flyer & Memo - call to the attention of your Board and plan to participate or discard.



# THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

MINNESOTA EDUCATION FUND

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

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August 15, 1989

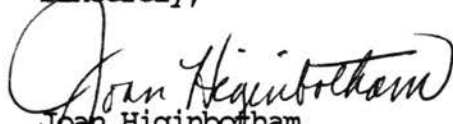
Dear Local League President:

Enclosed in this mailing is an invitation to the LWVMN Planned Giving Seminar. We encourage you to talk to members of your League who might be interested in such a program and encourage them to call us about attending. All members are welcome.

Planned giving is an opportunity for League members to provide support to the League at any level, though most people do tend to make a gift to their local League. This is a new venture for LWVMN, and we are moving forward because we think it has the potential to provide financial stability for the League as a whole, while providing members with a variety of options they can use to benefit the League.

We hope that you will feel free to call us with questions about the seminar or the field of planned giving. At this point we are all just beginning the learning process but we have the able assistance of some LWVMN members and the staff of the LWVUS Education Fund, and they will help us with your questions!

Sincerely,

  
Joan Higinbotham  
Planned Giving Director

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The League of Women Voters of Minnesota  
Education Fund  
550 Rice Street  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55103

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

☐ I will attend the Estate Planning Session on September 12, 1989.

☐ I am sorry I won't be able to attend.

☐ I can't attend but would like further information.

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(NAME)

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(ADDRESS)

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(CITY/STATE/ZIP)

Space is limited, so reserve early. Deadline: September 1.  
Questions: Call LWVMN, (612) 224-5445.



THE LEAGUE  
OF WOMEN VOTERS

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund

Invites you to attend an

**Estate Planning Seminar**

Presented by Ellen Estes, L.L.B.,  
Prominent Estate Planning Attorney,  
and Consultant to the  
League of Women Voters of the U.S. Education Fund.

Tuesday, September 12, 1989, 9:30-12:30

Lower Level Conference Room  
Minnesota Women's Building  
550 Rice Street  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55103

A light lunch will follow the seminar.

Topics will include:

What your estate advisor needs to know from you; ways to minimize federal estate, gift and income taxes; why many planners find trusts useful.



HOW TO USE YOUR  
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA  
EDUCATION FUND:

A GUIDE FOR LOCAL LEAGUES

Revised June, 1989

League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund

550 Rice Street, Suite 201

St. Paul, MN 55103

612/224-5445

HOW TO USE YOUR LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA EDUCATION FUND

INTRODUCTION

Contributions and dues paid to the League of Women Voters at any level are not tax deductible. Contributions by donors and members to the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund (LWVNEF) are tax deductible. LWVNEF is a 501(c)(3) organization under the Internal Revenue Code. LWVNEF monies may only be used to provide objective information and education to the public about citizenship and issues of concern to citizens.

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund solicits tax deductible contributions to carry out statewide educational projects. Local Leagues may solicit tax deductible contributions to their local League accounts in the LWVNEF to carry out local educational projects. Each local League account is kept separate and is never commingled with the state League account.

LWVNEF SHARING POLICY WITH LOCAL LEAGUES

Your local League will receive 10% of an "unrestricted" contribution raised by the state League for the LWVNEF from a corporation or foundation in your community or the equivalent of what it received before, whichever is greater. The 10% will be deposited to your local League account in the LWVNEF.

For the November, 1988 LWVNEF Annual Appeal, your local League received 25% of an "unrestricted" contribution of \$50 or more raised by the state League for the LWVNEF from an individual if so requested. It was deposited to your account.

HOW TO OPEN AND MAKE DEPOSITS IN YOUR LEAGUE ACCOUNT

Send a donor's check made payable to the LWVNEF directly to the state office:

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

Enclose a deposit slip, Form A-1, for proper credit to your League's account. The check may be from your League, a corporation, a foundation, a member or an individual. The check may be for any amount. There is no minimum deposit required. However, interest on local League and state League accounts is kept by LWVNEF to go towards administrative costs incurred by the Fund.

A check made out to LWVNEF must never be deposited in your local League account in your community, but must be sent directly to your LWVNEF account. If a check from a donor is incorrectly made out to your local League, your Treasurer must endorse the check over to LWVNEF.

You will receive a notice of your League's account balance after every deposit or withdrawal. If there is ever a discrepancy with your Treasurer's balance, call the League office to straighten it out.

## HOW TO SOLICIT MONEY FOR YOUR LEAGUE ACCOUNT

Members: Your League can solicit contributions from its members to the LWVMEF. These contributions cannot be a portion of membership dues, but must be a gift in addition to dues. A separate check must be made payable to LWVMEF.

Finance Campaign: You can solicit money to the LWVMEF during your Finance Campaign. You can offer the option of giving to the LWVMEF to those donors who you think may be especially interested in a tax deduction for their donation, or to those who do not want their gift to be used for League lobbying activities. These gifts can be used for any LWVMEF approved project and are called "unrestricted."

Project: You can solicit money to be used only for a LWVMEF approved project. This is called "restricted" money because it can only be used for that project. If the project is cancelled, or the money is not all used on that project, it must be returned to the donor(s); with the donor's permission, the money may be kept in your local League account for another LWVMEF approved project. Many corporations and foundations particularly like to give to a specific project and be given credit on the publication or meeting program for their role in informing the public.

The federal tax law requires you to carefully state when contributions or gifts are not deductible as charitable contributions. Therefore, solicitations of funds OTHER THAN to LWVMEF should contain specific wording. 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.

Sample wording for solicitations directed to businesses might be:

"Contributions to the LWV of \_\_\_\_\_ are not deductible as charitable contributions for tax purposes but may be deductible as an ordinary and necessary business expense." However, recognizing that some businesses (and foundations) will wish to make tax-deductible contributions, a following sentence might read: "However, tax-deductible contributions for the educational work of the LWV of \_\_\_\_\_ may be made payable to the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund (LWVMEF)."

Sample wording for solicitations directed to individuals might be:

Contributions to the LWV of \_\_\_\_\_ (or dues for membership in the LWV of \_\_\_\_\_) are not deductible as charitable contributions for tax purposes.

## HOW TO DO A PROJECT THROUGH THE LWVMEF

Approval: Before you begin any project, you must get the approval of the LWVMEF. The project must be reviewed and approved by LWVMEF to insure that it meets Internal Revenue Service 501(c)(3) requirements. THAT APPROVAL CANNOT BE MADE RETROACTIVE. The criteria for approval are as follows:

1. Project must be educational in nature, designed to serve the general public (not exclusively League members).
2. Project should provide factual, objective information and analysis, and not take sides in a current controversial issue.



3. There must be no mention or advocacy of LWV positions or actions.
4. Project must not be for membership recruitment or retention.
5. Project must be approved before tax deductible money is solicited for its funding (or before any previously raised money is spent).

LWVNEF Board approval is not a value judgment of a project but an assessment as to whether the project meets 501(c) (3) IRS requirements.

Fill out Form A-2, "Local LWV Application for Approval to do a Project" and mail it to the state office at least three weeks before you plan to begin the project. When doing the Project Budget, remember it is a guide to the costs and income of the project. Final costs may be higher or lower than anticipated in the Project Budget. It is always a good idea to get bids for commercial printing, and to make estimates of all costs as accurately as possible. There is a \$50 minimum for a project done through the LWVNEF.

After you receive LWVNEF approval, you may begin to raise money for the project.

Raising Money: You cannot raise money specifically for the project ("restricted" funds) before LWVNEF approval; but you may raise "unrestricted" funds at any time. You can apply "unrestricted" funds to the project after it is approved. On any approved project, you may use all "restricted," all "unrestricted" or a combination of both types of funds.

Doing the Project: As you carry out the project remember to include a credit line acknowledging the participation of LWVNEF where appropriate. You may also acknowledge donors to the project. Such credit might read, "Prepared by the League of Women Voters of Moorhead Area. Published by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund with contributions from..." You send thank you letters to donors.

If your project is to include voter service or citizen information materials in your local League bulletin, use Form A-2. Check the "publication" box. Under Details of Project include:

1. the % of bulletin space you plan to devote to voter service or citizen information;
2. the number of issues of the bulletin to contain such information (will you do it just once or monthly?);
3. description of contents (note Criteria on page 2).

Under Project Budget give the estimated cost as a proportion of your total bulletin costs.

A project must be completed within one year, or, if continuing, must be resubmitted for approval annually.

#### HOW TO GET YOUR \$ BACK

You pay all bills and keep all financial records for the project. Do not send invoices to LWVNEF. Funds to pay project expenses may be drawn from your local League account by completing Form A-3, "Final Report of Local LWV Project (How to Get Your \$ Back)" at the completion of the project. If you do a publication, with your project, send two copies of the publication to LWVNEF.



Funds can be withdrawn before completion of the project by submitting Form A-3 periodically during the project. Simply note on the form that the project is on-going and delete "Final" from the title.

If more funds are withdrawn than are spent on the project or a profit is made, the balance must be returned to your local League LWMNEF account for use on another project.

#### Project Checklist

1. Send in Form A-2, "Local League Application for Approval to do a Project" at least three weeks in advance of starting date of the project. \$50 minimum.
2. LWMNEF Board approves project if it meets criteria and notifies you.
3. Upon notification of approval, raise "restricted" money and begin project.
4. Acknowledge LWMNEF where appropriate.
5. Send in Form A-3, "Final Report of Local League Project (How to Get Your \$ Back)" with two copies of publication when project is completed.
6. Pay bills keeping all financial records.
7. Send any profits back to your local League account for this or another of your projects through the LWMNEF.

#### HOW TO BUY PUBLICATIONS WITH LWMNEF MONEY

LWMNEF Publications: Publications published by LWMNEF may be purchased with money in your local League account (minimum order of \$25). Fill out Form A-4, all three sections, in order to request the purchase, order the publications and receive a cash advance. You will receive a check from your LWMNEF account (cash advance) in order to pay the invoice received with the publications. You then send a check from your treasurer to LWMNEF. This exchange of funds is necessary on the advice of our accountant; a bookkeeping transfer from one account to the other is not satisfactory.

Publications of Other Organizations: Publications published by another organization, including other levels of League, must meet the same IRS criteria as for projects (see p. 2). PRIOR APPROVAL OF LWMNEF IS NECESSARY BEFORE PURCHASE. Fill out Form A-2, "Local LWV Application for Approval to do a Project," and send it to LWMNEF with a sample copy of the publication (if possible) and a distribution plan at least three weeks prior to purchase.

#### APPENDIX A

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|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Form A-1 | Deposit Slips                                                  |
| Form A-2 | Local LWV Application for Approval to Do a Project             |
| Form A-3 | Final Report of Local League Project (How to Get Your \$ Back) |
| Form A-4 | Project Request to Purchase LWMNEF Publications                |

YOU MAY COPY ALL FORMS AS NEEDED

## DEPOSIT SLIP - Local League Account

FORM A-1 June, 1989

TO: League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund  
550 Rice St., St. Paul, MN 55103  
(612) 224-5445

Date \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

LWV of \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

CHECKS (list singly)

|         |       |
|---------|-------|
| Dollars | Cents |
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(612) 224-5445

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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LWV of \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

CHECKS (list singly)

|         |       |
|---------|-------|
| Dollars | Cents |
|---------|-------|

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## LOCAL LWV APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO DO A PROJECT\*

TO: League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund  
550 Rice St., St. Paul, MN 55103

Date \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of person submitting proposal

League of Women Voters of \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF PROJECT:

PURPOSE OF PROJECT: publication ☐, meeting to educate the public on an issue ☐  
candidates forum ☐, other ☐

Why are you doing this project? What is the need in your community?

DETAILS OF PROJECT: (if publication, include contents, authors, timetable, distribution)  
(if meeting, include planning committee, participants, program, material)  
(if purchase and distribution of publications other than LWVMNEF, include sample copy and distribution plan)  
(if for VOTER, figure percentage of column inches devoted to citizen education/voter service)

Who is responsible for project? \_\_\_\_\_  
name portfolio

PROJECT BUDGET: (basic outline)

## INCOME

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ in your account with LWVMNEF

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be raised

## EXPENSES

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total

\* Application must be submitted at least three weeks before the project is begun.

## FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date submitted to Board \_\_\_\_\_

Approved - YES ☐ NO ☐

Date Local League informed \_\_\_\_\_

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA EDUCATION FUND  
550 Rice Street  
St. Paul, MN 55103  
612/224-5445

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR EDUCATION FUND GRANT  
(How to Get your Money Back)

TO: League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund

FROM: League of Women Voters of \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The following is a final report of the grant made for expenses incurred in  
connection with \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Project)

LWVMN Eucation Fund Grant . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

INCOME

Grant from Ed Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Income from other  
sources (if any) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Income for  
Project \$ \_\_\_\_\_

EXPENSES

Facility \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Speakers \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Printing \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Distribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Promotion \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Volunteers \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Office &  
Overhead \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Expense for  
Project \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please sent this report and two copies of any material published in  
connection with this project to LWVNEF.



## PROJECT REQUEST TO PURCHASE LWVMNEF PUBLICATIONS

Form A-4

Send to: LWVMNEF, above address (612)224-5445

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

League of Women Voters of \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Project request to purchase: \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of LWVMNEF publication)

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(Minimum Order: \$25.00)

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Name of person requesting \_\_\_\_\_ Portfolio \_\_\_\_\_

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(date) (amount) (date)Publication sent \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ Billed by invoice # \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
(date) (date)

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## A Time and Place for Everything

Whether you are a new or continuing League president, you are well aware that giving some attention to specific "housekeeping" duties early will enable you to move your League ahead and achieve the League goals you set for the year. When you face important leadership decisions it often becomes difficult to keep up with these tasks; a few concrete suggestions might help you stay on top of some of these administrative duties.

**FILING.** While each president must come to grips with a filing system that best meets her/his needs, the LWV of New York State has provided in its state handbook the following range of filing options that might help you organize a filing system of your own.

### How to File:

Write the subject of the folder on the upper right hand corner of material to be filed. Use a cross-file slip if you are not sure of the proper heading. An 8 1/2 x 11 colored sheet with the information as to where the actual memo is located can be used as a cross-file slip.

Mark material to be filed "P" for permanent or "T" for temporary in the upper left hand corner. By marking at the time of reading, a file can be cleaned out at periodic intervals. You eliminate all the "T" items. To decide what is permanent pretend that 20 years from now you are going to write a history of your League. Would this piece of paper be necessary to tell the story? Local bylaws, bulletins, budgets, local program items or an action by your League on any program item or in any area should be marked with a "P".

Save state and national program material as long as it is on the program. A good rule of thumb would be to save most material until your term ends. When a new president takes office the outgoing and the incoming president should clean out the files together. This enables the new president to learn the files and system.

Be sure to have some place to store your file folders whether it be a steel filing cabinet, a packing case or a paper carton. Remember the most important thing is to have a SYSTEM!!!

### SYSTEM A: HANDBOOK CATEGORY METHOD

(May be alphabetized)

Start with one folder for each category; break category into divisions as needed.

Recognition Standards  
Nonpartisanship Policy  
Bylaws  
Board  
Officers  
Program (all 3 levels - units)  
Consensus  
Voters Service  
Membership  
Finance  
Publications  
Public Relations  
Bulletin  
Administration  
LWV Education Funds  
Overseas Education Fund

### SYSTEM B: TWO-CATEGORY METHOD

(Alphabetized)

#### ADMINISTRATION:

|                         |                                                                                                |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Annual Meeting          | (year, time, places, speakers, agendas)                                                        |
| Board Agendas           | (local)                                                                                        |
| Board Lists             | (local, state, national--names, addresses, portfolios)                                         |
| Board Reports           | (local, state, national)                                                                       |
| Bulletins               | (local, state, national)                                                                       |
| Bylaws                  | (local, state, national)                                                                       |
| Calendar for Year       | (local, state, national)                                                                       |
| Community Effectiveness | (public relations)                                                                             |
| Finance                 | (finance campaigns, treasurer's reports--local, state, national--budgets, all 3 levels)        |
| History                 | (local, state, national)                                                                       |
| League Policy           | (nonpartisanship, other operational procedures)                                                |
| Local League Handbook   |                                                                                                |
| Meetings                | (methods, techniques, units)                                                                   |
| Membership              |                                                                                                |
| Nominating Committee    |                                                                                                |
| Report Forms            |                                                                                                |
| Publications            | (catalogs, order forms)                                                                        |
| Voters Service          | (candidates questionnaires and replies, government structure, election laws, procedures, etc.) |

#### PROGRAM:

|                |                                                                                                         |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Program Making | (mechanics of, suggestions, modification, proposed, 3 levels)                                           |
| Local          | (break into separate items, in back of each item use a file for Action, both legislative and community) |
| State          |                                                                                                         |
| National       |                                                                                                         |

SYSTEM C: LEVEL CATEGORY METHODI. Local League

|                   |                        |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Annual Meeting    | Miscellaneous          |
| Annual Report     | Newspaper Clippings    |
| Board Agendas     | Nominating Committee   |
| Board List        | Observer Reports       |
| Board Minutes     | Orientation            |
| Budgets           | Policies               |
| Bulletins         | Program (list by item) |
| Bylaws            | Public Relations       |
| Calendar for Year | Report Forms           |
| Correspondence    | Treasurer's Reports    |
| Finance           | Voters Service         |
| Handbook          |                        |
| Membership        |                        |

II. State League

Board List  
 Bylaws  
 Convention and Council  
 Correspondence  
 Finance (state budgets, treasurer's reports, finance reports, memos and aids)  
 Legislature (directories, letters, procedures)  
 Membership (memos and aids)  
 Nominating Committee (memos and aids)  
 Program (list by item, include resource materials, memos, Times for Action)  
 Publications (catalogs and order forms)  
 Public Relations  
 State Board Reports  
 VOTERS  
 Voters Service (state Who's Who, candidate questionnaire, memos, aids)

III. National League

Board List  
 Board Reports  
 Budgets  
 Bylaws  
 Conventions and Councils  
 Correspondence  
 Membership (memos and aids)  
 Money Matters (finance, treasurer's reports, memos and aids)  
 Program (list by item)  
 Publications (catalogs and order forms)  
 Public Relations  
 VOTER  
 Voters Service (memos, pamphlets, aids)

IV. Other (illustrative only)

City Budgets  
 City Officials  
 County Officials  
 Human Relations Commission Minutes  
 School Officials  
 Tax Levies  
 Etc.

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## MANAGING YOUR FILES

To: Local League Presidents and Board Members  
From: Local League Development Committee -Marilyn Shearer, Chair  
Re: MANAGEMENT OF INFORMATION - THE FILES

At this time of year, as you prepare to turn over many positions to newly elected officers and board members, you will want to review your files and do some sorting. Use the following guide to keep local League files current.

- 1) Local Voters - Keep one year in active file; then file one copy of each in permanent president's file.
- 2) Minutes - Keep two years in active file; then file in permanent president's file.
- 3) Bylaws - Maintain a copy of each revision permanently in presidents's file for historical purposes.
- 4) Correspondence - Keep two years unless it has long value. Then destroy.
- 5) Required reports:
  - \* Annual Meeting Minutes - Keep two years in active file; then file in permanent president's file.
  - \* Annual Reports to National - Keep two years; destroy.
  - \* Roster of officers - Keep three years; then to president's file.
  - \* Program list - Keep three years; then to president's file.
- 6) Recognition file - permanent president's file. (Materials relating to provisional status and official recognition of local Leagues)
- 7) Voters Service Information Bulletins - Keep two years; destroy.
- 8) Permanent files:

The permanent president's file will include; local Bylaws, Voters, budgets, minutes, annual meeting minutes, Board policies, local program publicity clippings, lists of former officers, recognition papers, and anything unique that pertains to your local League.

The permanent program file will include:

All paperwork, background materials, reports, programs, and actions at annual meetings which pertain to development of your League local program.

Permanent files for other committees will include:

Outline of the year's activities, list of responsibilities, pertinent memos and examples regarding that particular phase of League work, and how-to information.



League of Women Voters of Minnesota  
52nd State Convention  
St. Cloud State University  
June 2-3, 1989

The 52nd Convention of the League of Women Voters was called to order at 9:05 a.m. on June 2, 1989, in the Ballroom of Atwood Memorial Center at St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN, by Joan Higinbotham, President. Higinbotham welcomed delegates, visitors and special guests. She introduced Karen Young, President of the League of Women Voters of St. Cloud and Flora Shinkle, Convention Planning Chair.

Organization of the Convention

With the consent of the convention, the President made the following appointments:

Parliamentarian: Muriel Miller

Tellers: Marlene Collins, LWV-Alexandria; Donna Sather, LWV-Cass Lake/Walker; Dawn Miller, LWV-Moorhead; Carolyn Lyngdal, LWV-MEPH.

Committee to approve the minutes: Carol McCarter, LWV-BP/O/MG; Susan Moeser, LWV-Duluth; Joanne Englund, LWV-St. Paul.

Timekeeper: Jessie Harper.

Pages and Ushers: Members of the LWV of St. Cloud, wearing distinctive identification.

Credentials Committee: Flora Shinkle, Chair

Preliminary Credentials Report

The Credentials Committee reported that there were 33 local Leagues registered, with 82 local League delegates, 16 State Board delegates for a total of 98 delegates and 7 visitors. The report was accepted, and the President declared a quorum present.

Adoption of the Order of Business

There was no objection to the Order of Business. The President ruled the Order of Business adopted subject to emergency changes.

Convention Rules

The chair called attention to Rule #3: "No admittance to the meeting room will be allowed during voting." Rule #7 was inadvertently mistyped. Strike the first seven words and add, "All motions except those of procedure". A vote was taken on adoption of the Convention Rules as printed and the Rules were adopted as printed and corrected.

Introduction of State Board

Higinbotham introduced members of the State Board: Beverly McKinnell, Field Service, First Vice President; Candy Takkunen, Membership, Second Vice President; Peggy Leppik, Voter Service, Third Vice President; Phyllis Brostrom, Secretary; Corrine McDonald, Treasurer; Dee Bowman, N.W. Regional Rep; Prudy Cameron, N.E. Regional Rep; Judy Duffy, International Relations/Agriculture; Kay Erickson, Development; Betty Haats, S.W. Regional Rep; Margit Johnson, Mental Health Study; Polly Keppel, Social Policy; Jane McWilliams, Education; Bobbi Megard, S.E. Regional Rep; Diane O'Connor, Citizen Information; Linda Peck, Natural Resources; and Mary Santi, VOTER/PR. Nancy Crippen, Government

and Anne Francis, Marketing, were unable to attend. She then introduced staff: Sally Sawyer and Peggy Thompson. Jean Tews and Rose Krauser stayed in the St. Paul office.

The President announced that the Parliamentarian would be available for consultation with delegates prior to and after each business session or whenever seen, and that delegates should note pages 9 and 10 of the Workbook for aid in parliamentary procedures.

#### Roll Call of the Leagues

Secretary Phyllis Brostrom called the roll.

#### Convention Minutes

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota approved the minutes of the June, 1987 State League Convention at its August 11, 1987 meeting.

#### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Corrine McDonald presented the Treasurer's Report as printed in the Convention Workbook. She explained the relationship between the League of Women Voters of Minnesota report and the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund report and the rationale for forgiving a portion of the Ed Fund expenses, which amounted to \$6,551.19. Our current Ed Fund checking balance is \$9,828.27 which compares to \$30,952.56 which was last year's balance. The LWVMN cash in checking in the current year is \$1,585.54 compared to \$3,994.01 last year. This is because money was raised last year for use on projects this year. Cookbooks can still be sold and used as a fundraiser. We have increased staff hours from 35 to 40 hours. We have increased our assets. McDonald thanked everyone for a well run and well financed organization.

Total Assets 3/31/89 \$ 54,845.78

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance 3/31/89 \$ 54,845.78

Income 4/1/88 - 3/31/89 \$148,186.73

Expenses 4/1/88 - 3/31/89 \$136,744.14

The Treasurer's Report was filed for audit. The auditor's report for 1987-88 and 1988-89 is on file in the LWVMN office and available for delegates perusal.

#### State of the League Address

President Higinbotham noted that we are celebrating the 70th anniversary of the League of Women Voters. When people reach the age of 70 they are thinking about retirement. Not so with the LWV. Our accomplishments have been great and we do not intend to rest yet. Over the past two years we have directed our energies towards the mental health study, the water study and international issues. Also, moving into the new Women's Building is something we are all proud of. A goal for the LWVMN four years ago was to attain financial stability. This goal has been reached. Other goals included a presidential debate in MN. Although we were unsuccessful in reaching this goal the project was very successful in other ways. The MN Senate Debate went national as it was aired on C-Span. League continues to be a strong advocate for the voter.

This year we expect to be involved with the Jefferson Center on a project called, "Electoral Juries". This is a new type of debate which we hope will get more people involved and will enable voters to know the candidates better. A critical area remains, however. That is our membership. It is important for us to continue trying to increase our membership numbers. In conclusion, Higinbotham recalled what a wonderful experience it had been for her to be LWVMN President. She especially enjoyed the people she has met on the state board and also all the people she had come to know in the local Leagues. She received a standing ovation.

#### Bylaws

Mary Santi, Bylaws Committee member presented the report. There being no objection, because of the lack of time and our full order of business, the proposed bylaw amendments were not read.

MOTION: to adopt the amendment to Article IV, Section I.

MOVER: Santi Seconded Passed

The amendment is: b) The officers of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall constitute the executive committee. In addition, the president may appoint up to two members of the board to serve on the executive committee.

#### Report of the Nominating Committee

Peggy Lucas, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate as printed in the Convention Workbook and introduced the nominees. The Secretary read Article X, Section 3, of the bylaws dealing with the election of officers and directors.

Polly Keppel nominated Karlynn Fronek as Director.

Bobbi Megard nominated Barbara Hiles and Diane O'Connor to the Nominating Committee.

The Secretary read Article X, Section 4, pertaining to Elections.

MOTION: to have the Secretary cast an elective ballot for the slate as presented plus nominations from the floor.

MOVER: Lucas Seconded Carried

The President instructed the Secretary to cast the elective ballot for the slate as presented plus nominations from the floor. The Secretary cast the elective ballot for the following nominees:

President - Beverly McKinnell  
1st Vice President - Kay Erickson  
2nd Vice President - Jane McWilliams  
3rd Vice President - Virginia Sweeny  
Secretary/Treasurer - Corrine McDonald  
Directors - Dee Bowman  
          Anne Borgen  
          Phyllis Brostrom  
          Marcia Brown  
          Marcia Garton  
          Rosemary Guttormsson  
          Peggy Leppik

Nominating Committee - Polly Keppel, Barbara Hiles and Diane O'Connor  
Budget Committee Chair - Bobbi Megard

The following will be appointed directors: Pat Bugenstein, Barbara Flanigan, Joan Higinbotham, Jeanne Matross and Mary Steen.

At this time the St. Paul LWV presented Beverly McKinnell with a bouquet of roses as the new president.

Presentation of the Budget

Joann Buie, Chair of the Budget Committee, presented the proposed budget as printed in the Convention Workbook and then asked for questions and comments. She reminded the delegates that a vote is taken only on the MN Budget. The Ed Fund owns our part of the Women's Building. The Ed Fund does not hire its own staff. It is easier to raise money for the Ed Fund because the donations are tax deductible. The Ed Fund and the LWMN have common needs and the Ed Fund purchases expertise and services from the LWMN. One change that will be made this year is to eliminate the administration fee for LL projects. There will be no PMP raise this year. There is a membership incentive plan. LLs will receive a \$1 rebate per member if they have a membership activity. Buie announced there would be a Budget Committee Meeting at 8:15 p.m. that night.

Presentation of Proposed Program

Higinbotham called attention to Article XI of the Bylaws, relating to adoption of Program by the Convention, reminding delegates that the rules permit questions at this time but no debate. Following presentation of the Proposed Program, motions will be entertained to consider non-recommended items.

Jane McWilliams introduced the program chairs and members of the lobby corps. They are Polly Keppel, Social Policy; Margit Johnson, Mental Health; Jane McWilliams, Education; Linda Peck, Natural Resources; Judy Duffy, Government/International Relations; Lis Jones, Social Policy; Pat Bugenstein, Mental Health; Janet Gendler, Education; Mary Theresa Downing, Education; Pearl Sheps, Education; Virginia Sweeny, Natural Resources; and Peggy Leppik, Government. Nancy Crippen, Government, was unable to attend.

MOTION: to adopt the proposed items as printed on pages 20a and b of the Convention Workbook (as attached). Criminal Justice, Social Policy, Education, Natural Resources and Government.

MOVER: McWilliams Seconded

MOTION: to adopt the proposed new study of the financing of education in Minnesota with emphasis on equality of opportunity as printed on page 20c of the workbook.

MOVER: McKinnell Seconded

Presentation on Non-Recommended Subjects for Consideration

Higinbotham again called attention to Article XI of the Bylaws whereby any non-recommended subject may be voted consideration by a majority vote. Debate is limited to the issue of consideration and not on the topic to be studied.

MOTION: to adopt a comprehensive study of gun control in the state of Minnesota.



MOVER: Mary Lewis Grove, Northfield      Seconded: Lynn Westphal, Edina  
Gail Huntley, Duluth

The motion was voted for consideration.

Announcements were given concerning lunch, caucuses, etc. IIs were reminded to turn in letter of endorsement of Harriette Burkhalter for LWVUS President.

The meeting was recessed until 1:15 p.m. the following afternoon.

#### SECOND SESSION

The second session of the Convention was called to order at 1:28 p.m. on June 3, 1989. Timekeeper for the session is Pat Rettler from the St. Cloud League.

The Credentials Committee reported that 40 local Leagues were present. There were 153 local League delegates and 16 State Board delegates for a total of 169. There were 21 visitors registered. The report was approved.

MOTION: Marcia Brown, Rochester, asked to adjust the Agenda to call for the Action Report first on the agenda. This is to stress its importance and necessity to our existence. A vote was not necessary and this was changed by Higinbotham as per motion of adopted agenda during previous session.

#### Action Report

It was announced that Governor Perpich just vetoed the Tax Bill and a special session may be called. Jane McWilliams introduced Mary Theresa Downing whose specialization in lobbying was in the area of the gifted and talented. She stated that she had learned a tremendous amount about the legislative process. Even though it was very frustrating at times, it still was very exciting. Pat Bugenstein discussed what had and had not been passed this year in the area of mental health. A dramatization describing "before and after lobbyist training" was presented.

#### Debate and Action on State Program

The President read the proposed recommended program items: Criminal Justice, Social Policy, Education, including Libraries, Natural Resources, Government and the proposed new study, "a study of the financing of education in Minnesota with emphasis on equality of opportunity".

Two minutes were allowed for each speaker.

MOTION: to amend the wording of the proposed program by striking out "equality of opportunity" and inserting, "equitable funding".

MOVER: Betsy Flaten, Edina      Seconded: Jan Fendal  
Pat Bugenstein

Carried

There was discussion concerning what areas IIs preferred to study in connection with education. The question was raised whether equality of opportunity meant the same as equitable funding.

Substitute Motion: a study of the funding of education in Minnesota with emphasis in equality and equity.

MOVER: McWilliams      Seconded

More discussion. McWilliams withdrew her motion.

MOTION: to amend the motion to state, "a study of financing of education in Minnesota". This strikes out the end of the sentence.

MOVER: Sue Moeser Seconded Carried

Discussion included ideas that our current position needed to be updated and that we should consider how this study will affect our own LLs.

Non-Recommended Items

MOTION: to adopt a comprehensive study of gun control in the state of MN

MOVER: Carol Bailey Seconded Defeated by substitution

Substitute Motion: to adopt a study of the sale, use and possession of firearms in Minnesota, with an emphasis on legislative, social, public health, and safety issues. Study to take up to one year.

MOVER: Rosemary Guttormsson      Seconded      Carried

Scope and possible items for consideration:  
Current federal and state gun regulations  
The constitutional question  
Firearms and their connection to the drug problem and violent crime  
Gun-related mortality figures  
Proposed legislation

MOTION: to amend the motion by striking out the last sentence, "study to take up to one year".

MOVER: Polly Keppel Seconded Carried

MOTION: to adopt Criminal Justice as presented.

There was no debate. Motion carried.

Social Policy:

There was no debate. Motion carried

Education

There was no debate. Motion carried

Natural Resources

There was no debate. Motion carried

Government

There was no debate. Motion carried

New Study - Education. Motion carried

Non-recommended study of Gun Control. Motion carried, 118 ayes to 9 nos.

Debate and Action on the Proposed State Budgets for 1989-90 and 1990-91

MOTION: to change 1990-91 budget to read, "Income (\$3,530) on line "Member and Public Support" from \$59,455 to \$55,925 and to change expense line "Membership Incentive" from \$5,400 to \$1,870.

MOVER: Joanne Englund Seconded Carried

1990-1991

Total Income      \$169,380

Total Direct Expense      38,480

MOTION: to change 1989-90 budget by adding a new line item under income called "Electoral Jury" for \$15,000 and under income change, "Grants Project Costs" from \$45,150 to \$38,850 and under expense add a new line item called "Electoral Jury" for \$8,700.

MOVER: Joanne Englund      Seconded      Carried

|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| 1989-90              |           |
| Total Income         | \$179,735 |
| Total Direct Expense | 54,065    |
| Total Expense        | \$179,735 |

Direction to the State Board on the New Studies as Adopted

Diane O'Conner, Eastern Carver County, recommended the Board consider "Gun Control in MN" as the Fall Focus in place of "Sentencing Guidelines".

Joanne Englund made a recommendation concerning the study of the financing of education in Minnesota. Under scope we can assure [equity] equitable funding to ensure equality of opportunity.

Direction to the State Board on Action on the Items on which we have positions.

Barbara Flanigan, Minneapolis, wishes to direct the Board to support the efforts of local Leagues monitoring mental health services at the county level by: 1) providing at least minimal technical support to local Leagues; and 2) assembling and attempting to analyze mental health reports from local monitoring projects in order to assemble statewide data.

Pat Bugenstein agrees with Barbara Flanigan.

Betty Rogers, Bemidji, recommends that the new VOTER not be printed on shiny paper.

It was appreciated that the Convention was planned partially on a weekend to accommodate more delegates.

Presentation of Resolutions

1st Resolution

Whereas, 41% of Minnesotans living in poverty are women and 33% are children, women and children are bearing the load of poverty (74% of the total in poverty);

Whereas, over half of the female headed families with children under six are living in poverty;

Whereas, Minnesota has set its standard of need for AFDC eligibility at 70% of the poverty level;

Whereas, in Minnesota, AFDC grants have not kept pace with inflation. Between 1974 and 1976 when the inflation rate increased by almost 30%, the AFDC grant increased by 4%. Between 1975 and 1985 the AFDC grant increased 60%. In the same period the Consumer Price Index rose 105%;

Whereas, even if AFDC grants were at poverty level, they would only provide a subsistence level of income;

Be it Resolved, that the LWVMN support Senator Pat Piper's bill to raise AFDC level up to poverty level.

MOVER: Joan Anderson      Seconded      Carried

2nd Resolution

Whereas, the state allows counties to have custody of children 16-18 years old who are having family problems;  
Whereas, the counties are often resorting to letting these children go on General Assistance grants of approximately \$200/month;  
Whereas, these children are high-risk who are too immature to survive on \$200/mo. without supervision;  
Whereas, Albert Lea has 100 "street children" and other counties have many also;  
Whereas, drugs, pregnancy and high drop-out rates are common occurrences among these children and the state is contributing to the delinquency of minors;  
Be it Resolved, that the LWVMN let the state know that this law must be changed to mandate the counties to provide alternative methods of placing these children and only as a last resort with all other possibilities eliminated would children 16-18 years old be allowed to go on General Assistance.

MOVER: Joan Anderson      Seconded      Carried

3rd Resolution

Whereas, the State Board of Education has promulgated a rule requiring that each school board adopt a written plan to assure that curriculum establishes and maintains an inclusive educational program, and  
Whereas, the cultural diversity of the United States and the contribution of minorities and women are often lacking in school curriculum, and  
Whereas, the LWVMN supports equal opportunity for citizens, including the opportunity for students to have a good public education,  
Therefore, be it resolved, that the LWVMN supports the implementation of the Multicultural/Gender Fair Rule in local school districts and be it further resolved that, LWVMN urges local League members to monitor and assist their local school boards efforts in developing and implementing a plan for Multicultural/Gender Fair Education.

MOVER: Jane McWilliams      Seconded      Carried

4th Resolution

Whereas, Harriette Burkhalter has demonstrated leadership for nearly 30 years at all three levels of the League of Women Voters and has a very complete grasp of how League functions at all three levels and  
Whereas, Harriette Burkhalter has a vision for the future of the League of Women Voters, including the need to prioritize goals in order to use the resources available to create advantages and  
Whereas, Harriette Burkhalter is uniquely qualified by virtue of her work on voter service, on government and on national security issues to balance the dual role of the League in informing and serving the voter and in taking action;  
Be it therefore resolved that this June 1989 Convention of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota endorses the nomination of Harriette Burkhalter for President of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

MOVER: Carolyn Lyngdal      Seconded: Duluth      Carried

Be it resolved that LWVUS, LWVMN, local Leagues and members be encouraged, in so far as possible, to act in consistence with League positions.

MOVER: Rogers, Bemidji      Seconded      Defeated



Be it resolved that the League of Women Voters of Minneapolis congratulates Joan Higinbotham on a most successful term as president of LWMN. Joan, thanks for the memories. You are a terrific leader.

MOVER: Janet Midtbo      No vote taken

Announcements

Thanks to St. Cloud League for hosting the Convention

Thanks to the staff

Keys were turned over to McKinnell

At 3:40 p.m., June 3, 1989, the President declared the 52nd State Convention of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota adjourned, sine die.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Brostrom

PROPOSED PROGRAM 1989-91  
Taken from Program for Action 1985-87

The LWVMN Board recommends retaining all current program as follows:

1. Criminal Justice

- a. Judiciary: Support of a judicial system with the capacity to assure a speedy trial and equal justice for all. (p. 4)
- b. Corrections: Support of a correctional system responsive to the needs of the individual offender and of society. Support of sentencing decisions based on circumstances in relation to the crime, the offender and the effect on public safety, made by the judge within legislative guidelines. (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. Protecting Minnesota's Children: 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)
- c. Mental Illness in Minnesota: (new position) Support of comprehensive and coordinated system of programs and services for mentally ill adults and emotionally disturbed children and adolescents with priority given to persons with acute and/or serious and persistent mental illness. Support of Minnesota public policy and funding to sustain an array of community based services which are available and accessible to persons with mental illness. Administration of that policy to provide clients with appropriate and adequate services. (1/89)

3. Education

- a. Equal Opportunity: 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. Collective Bargaining and Tenure: Support of improvements in the collective bargaining and tenure laws of the state as they apply to K-12 teachers only. (p. 11)

- d. Library Funding: Support for increased and restructured funding for public libraries. (p. 12)

#### 4. Natural Resources

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

#### 5. Government

- a. Election Laws: Support of improvements in election laws regulating election procedures, voting and school district elections. (p. 20)
- b. Campaign Practices: 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. Initiative, Referendum and Recall: 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. Gun Control: Opposition to an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution that gives individuals the unrestricted right to bear arms. (Adopted 4/88)

## LWVMN BUDGET

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## INCOME

|      |                              |        |        |
|------|------------------------------|--------|--------|
|      | MEMBER & PUBLIC SUPPORT      |        |        |
| 0400 | MEMBERSHIPS -LL PMP          | 46,600 | 46,600 |
| 0402 | MEMBERSHIPS-MAL              | 2,650  | 3,000  |
| 0403 | MEMBERSHIPS -CMAL ASSESSMENT | 300    | 300    |
| 0404 | HOPE WASHBURN CONTRIBUTIONS  | 1,000  | 800    |
| 0410 | CASH FROM MEMBERS & LL'S     | 775    | 775    |
| 0411 | CASH FROM NON MEMBERS        | 500    | 500    |
| 0420 | NON CASH FROM MEMBERS        | 3,000  | 3,000  |
| 0425 | PROVISIONAL/STATE UNITS      | 150    | 200    |
| 0450 | INTEREST INCOME              | 750    | 750    |
|      |                              | -----  | -----  |
|      | TOTAL MEMB & PUB SUPPORT     | 55,725 | 55,925 |

## PROGRAM SERVICES

|      |                              |       |       |
|------|------------------------------|-------|-------|
|      | DIRECT SERVICE TO - LL       |       |       |
| 0501 | REGIONAL WORKSHOP            | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 0502 | DPM/BOARD MEMO SUBSCRIPTIONS | 900   | 900   |
| 0503 | MEMBERSHIP BROCH SALES       | 0     | 0     |
| 0507 | HOPE WASHBURN INTEREST       | 200   | 200   |
|      |                              | ----- | ----- |
|      | TOTAL DIR SER - LL           | 2,100 | 2,100 |

|      |                           |       |       |
|------|---------------------------|-------|-------|
| 0600 | PUBLICATIONS              | 250   | 250   |
| 0700 | VOTER SUBSCRIPTIONS       | 50    | 75    |
| 0710 | LWVMNEF CONTRIBUTION: 1/3 | 1,200 | 1,200 |
|      |                           | ----- | ----- |
|      | TOTAL VOTER               | 1,250 | 1,275 |

|      |                              |        |       |
|------|------------------------------|--------|-------|
| 0801 | DEL STATE CONV 87/COUNCIL 88 | 13,000 | 2,500 |
|------|------------------------------|--------|-------|

## ACTION

|      |                           |       |       |
|------|---------------------------|-------|-------|
| 0901 | WOMEN COME TO THE CAPITOL | 0     | 0     |
| 0902 | CAPITOL LETTER            | 650   | 650   |
| 0903 | PROGRAM FOR ACTION/ACTS   | 2,500 | 500   |
|      |                           | ----- | ----- |
|      | TOTAL ACTION              | 3,150 | 1,150 |

## CITIZEN INFORMATION

|      |                          |        |       |
|------|--------------------------|--------|-------|
| 1701 | SPEAKERS BUREAU          | 1,000  | 1,000 |
| 1702 | CITIZEN IN ACTION SALES  | 3,000  | 4,500 |
| 1704 | ELECTORAL JURIES         | 15,000 |       |
|      |                          | -----  | ----- |
|      | TOTAL CITIZEN INFORMATON | 19,000 | 5,500 |

## FUND RAISING

|      |                          |       |   |
|------|--------------------------|-------|---|
| 2002 | COOKBOOK ADMINISTRATION  | 0     | 0 |
| 2003 | COOKBOOK PROFIT TO LWVMN | 500   | 0 |
| 2004 | CONVENTION - AUCTION     | 1,000 | 0 |



| LWVMN BUDGET              |                               | 1989-90<br>BUDGET | 1990-91<br>BUDGET |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 2005                      | ABC REPORTING                 | 0                 | 4,000             |
| 2010                      | COPIER SERVICE BUSINESS       | 2,200             | 1,750             |
|                           | TOTAL SUPPORTING SERVICES     | 3,700             | 5,750             |
| SERVICES PROVIDED LWVMNEF |                               |                   |                   |
| 3001                      | ADMINISTRATION LL GRANTS      | 2,000             | 2,400             |
| 3010                      | ADMIN. & DEVEL. COSTS         | 29,250            | 30,250            |
| 3020                      | GRANTS PROJECT COSTS          | 38,850            | 49,900            |
| 3030                      | ADMIN. REIMBURSEMENT          | 11,460            | 12,380            |
|                           | TOTAL SER PRO LWVMNEF         | 81,560            | 94,930            |
| TOTAL INCOME              |                               | 179,735           | 169,380           |
| =====                     |                               |                   |                   |
| EXPENSES                  |                               |                   |                   |
| PROGRAM SERVICES          |                               |                   |                   |
| 4000                      | DISCOUNT AND BAD DEBTS        | 1,000             | 1,000             |
| 4010                      | MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE          | 2,700             | 1,870             |
| DIRECT SERVICE TO LL      |                               |                   |                   |
| 5011                      | MEMBERSHIP/FIELD SERVICE COM. | 450               | 450               |
| 5021                      | LEAGUE CONTACTS - CALLS       | 500               | 500               |
| 5031                      | LEAGUE CONTACTS - VISTS       | 1,200             | 1,200             |
| 5032                      | LL CONTACTS/OUTLOOK           | 1,020             | 1,020             |
| 5042                      | MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN           | 2,000             | 2,000             |
| 5061                      | REGIONAL WORKSHOPS            | 1,000             | 1,000             |
| 5070                      | HOPE WASHBURN RESTRICTED FUND | 1,000             | 800               |
| 5071                      | HOPE WASHBURN FUND EXPENSE    | 75                | 100               |
| 5081                      | MAL/STATE UNITS AT LARGE      | 200               | 200               |
| 5082                      | PROVISIONAL LEAGUE            | 300               | 300               |
| 5091                      | ALLOCATED OPERATING           | 14,700            |                   |
|                           | TOTAL DIRECT SER TO LL        | 22,445            | 7,570             |
| PUBLICATIONS              |                               |                   |                   |
| 6011                      | PURCHASE                      | 250               | 250               |
| 6021                      | SALES & USE TAX               | 350               | 300               |
| 6091                      | ALLOCATED OPERATING           | 910               |                   |
|                           | TOTAL PUBLICATIONS            | 1,510             | 550               |
| VOTER                     |                               |                   |                   |
| 7011                      | COMMITTEE                     | 150               | 150               |
| 7021                      | PRINTING                      | 3,750             | 4,000             |
| 7031                      | POSTAGE                       | 1,800             | 2,000             |
| 7091                      | ALLOCATED OPERATING           | 1,000             |                   |
|                           | TOTAL VOTER                   | 6,700             | 6,150             |

## LWVMN BUDGET

|       |                                       | 1989-90<br>BUDGET | 1990-91<br>BUDGET |
|-------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|       | DELEGATES & AFFILIATIONS              |                   |                   |
| 8011  | MN CONVENTION 89, 91                  | 7,000             | 150               |
| 8021  | MN COUNCIL 1990                       | 500               | 1,600             |
| 8031  | LWVUS COUNCIL 89/CONV 90              | 1,800             | 2,400             |
| 8091  | ALLOCATED OPERATING                   | 5,500             |                   |
|       | TOTAL DELEGATES & AFFIL               | 14,800            | 4,150             |
|       | ACTION/PROGRAM                        |                   |                   |
| 9011  | CMTE'S (ACT, NR, CJ, SP, ED, GOV, IR) | 950               | 950               |
| 9021  | LOBBYING & MONITORING                 | 1,000             | 1,000             |
| 9031  | RESOURCE MATERIALS                    | 25                | 25                |
| 9041  | COALITIONS & AFFILIATIONS             | 650               | 650               |
| 9051  | WOMEN COME TO THE CAPITOL             | 250               | 250               |
| 9061  | SEMINARS/CONFERENCES/RESOURCES        | 400               | 400               |
| 9071  | PROGRAM FOR ACTION/ACTS               | 2,000             | 400               |
| 9091  | ALLOCATED OPERATING                   | 5,600             |                   |
|       | TOTAL ACTION/PROGRAM                  | 10,875            | 3,675             |
|       | CITIZEN INFORMATION                   |                   |                   |
| 17021 | SPEAKERS BUREAU (NEW FLYER)           | 300               | 0                 |
| 17031 | CIA PUBLICATION                       | 100               | 100               |
| 17041 | ELECTORAL JURIES                      | 8,700             |                   |
| 17091 | ALLOCATED OPERATING                   | 450               |                   |
|       | TOTAL CITIZEN INFORMATION             | 9,550             | 100               |
|       | ADMINISTRATION                        |                   |                   |
| 20000 | PRESIDENT & BOARD                     | 2,200             | 2,500             |
| 20001 | CONFERENCES FOR BOARD                 | 400               | 400               |
| 20002 | LWVUS DPM                             | 600               | 600               |
| 20003 | BUDGET COMMITTEE                      | 50                | 200               |
| 20004 | NOMINATING COMMITTEE                  | 60                | 200               |
| 20005 | BYLAWS COMMITTEE                      | 0                 | 60                |
| 20006 | LONG RANGE PLANNING                   | 180               | 180               |
| 20007 | AUDIT EXPENSES                        | 1,800             | 2,000             |
| 20008 | OFFICE MANAGEMENT                     | 200               | 200               |
| 20009 | ALLOCATED OPERATING                   | 18,660            |                   |
| 20010 | RETURN TO RESERVES                    | 4,000             | 4,000             |
|       | TOTAL ADMINISTRATION                  | 28,150            | 10,340            |
|       | DEVELOPMENT/PR/MARKETING              |                   |                   |
| 30001 | DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE                 | 75                | 75                |
| 30006 | PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE            | 250               | 250               |
| 30007 | MARKETING COMMITTEE                   | 250               | 250               |
| 30009 | ALLOCATED OPERATING                   | 900               |                   |
|       | TOTAL DEVELOPMENT/PR/MARK             | 1,475             | 575               |
|       | FUND RAISING                          |                   |                   |
| 40002 | COOK BOOK                             | 0                 | 0                 |

| LWVMN BUDGET |                                 | 1989-90<br>BUDGET | 1990-91<br>BUDGET |
|--------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 40003        | DIRECT MAILINGS                 | 300               | 300               |
| 40004        | CONVENTION AUCTION              | 200               | 0                 |
| 40005        | ABC PROJECT (ELECTION YRS ONLY) |                   |                   |
| 40009        | ALLOCATED OPERATING             | 180               |                   |
|              | TOTAL FUND RAISING              | 680               | 300               |
|              | COPIER SERVICE BUSINESS         |                   |                   |
| 50001        | ALLOCATED OPERATING - RELATED   | 910               |                   |
| 50002        | ALLOCATED OP - UNRELATED        | 460               |                   |
| 50003        | DEPRECIATION-COPIER             |                   |                   |
|              | TOTAL COPIER SERVICE            | 1,370             | 0                 |
| 50097        | EF ALLOCATED OPERATING          | 76,400            | 0                 |
| 60000        | PAYMENT TO LWVUS-PMP-MALS       | 1,700             | 1,800             |
| 60001        | PAYMENT TO LL-STATE MEMBER      | 380               | 400               |
| 60009        | CONTRIBUTION TO LWVMNEF         | (125,670)         | 0                 |
| 60010        | ALLOCATED OPERATING OFFSET      | 0                 | 0                 |
|              | TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSE            | 54,065            | 38,480            |
|              | OPERATING EXPENSE               |                   |                   |
| 90001        | SALARIES & WAGES                | 87,980            | 90,600            |
| 90002        | PAYROLL TAXES                   | 7,500             | 7,600             |
| 90003        | OCCUPANCY                       | 3,840             | 4,000             |
| 90004        | RENTAL & MAINT OF EQUIPMENT     | 1,800             | 1,900             |
| 90005        | POSTAGE AND SHIPPING            | 7,000             | 9,000             |
| 90006        | COPIER RENTAL                   | 7,775             | 8,000             |
| 90007        | COPIER SUPPLIES, ETC            | 2,500             | 2,500             |
| 90008        | TELEPHONE                       | 2,500             | 2,500             |
| 90009        | GENERAL OFFICE SUPPLIES         | 2,500             | 2,500             |
| 90010        | INSURANCE                       | 800               | 800               |
| 90011        | ACCOUNTING SERVICE              | 825               | 850               |
| 90012        | BANK CHARGES & MAINT            | 50                | 50                |
| 90014        | EQUIPMENT                       | 200               | 200               |
| 90015        | COMPUTER SUPPLIES & SOFTWARE    | 400               | 400               |
|              | TOTAL OPERATING                 | 125,670           | 130,900           |
|              | TOTAL EXPENSES                  | 179,735           | 169,380           |
|              | NET INCOME (LOSS)               | 0                 | 0                 |

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA BYLAWS

As adopted by the 1947 Convention and as amended by the 1951, 1953, 1955, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1963, 1965, 1967, 1971, 1973, 1975, 1977, 1979, 1981, 1983, 1985, 1987, 1989 Conventions.

### ARTICLE I

Section 1. The name of this corporation shall be the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. This state League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

### ARTICLE II

#### Purpose and Policy

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

Section 2. Policy. The League may take action on state governmental measures and policies in the public interest in conformity with the Principles of the League of Women Voters of the United States. It shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.

### ARTICLE III

#### Membership

Section 1. Eligibility. Any person who subscribes to the purpose and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. How composed. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall be composed of members of the League of Women Voters of the United States who are, a) enrolled in recognized local Leagues within the state, or b) enrolled as members at large of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

#### Section 3. Types of Membership

- a) Voting members shall be those citizens at least 18 years of age who are enrolled in recognized local Leagues or the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.
- b) Associate members shall be all other members who are enrolled in recognized local Leagues or the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.
- c) Members-at-large shall be members who reside outside the area of and are not enrolled in any local League. Dues shall be determined by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.
- d) Life membership may be granted to any voting member of the League of Women Voters who attains 50 years as a member of the League of Women Voters of the United States. No further dues will be collected, and all privileges will be retained as a voting member.



## ARTICLE IV

### Officers

#### Section 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers

- a) The officers of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall be a president, a first vice-president, a second vice-president, a third vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer. They shall be elected by the Convention and shall hold office until the conclusion of the next regular biennial Convention or until their successors have been elected and qualified. Two individuals may be elected to share one position, or two positions may be held by one individual elected to the dual-position office.
- b) The officers of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall constitute the executive committee. In addition, the President may appoint up to two members of the Board to serve on the executive committee. The executive committee shall confer when immediate action is necessary and a meeting of the Board of Directors is not feasible, and shall in those instances have the powers and duties of the Board of Directors for planning and directing the Program and carrying out organizational responsibilities.

Section 2. The President. The president shall preside at all meetings of the corporation and of the Board of Directors unless the president shall designate another person to preside. The president may, in the absence or disability of the treasurer, sign or endorse checks, drafts or notes. The president shall be, ex officio, a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee and shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of the president and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board.

Section 3. The Vice-Presidents. The three vice-presidents, in the order of their rank, shall, in the event of absence, disability, resignation or death of the president, possess all the powers and perform all the duties of that office. In the event that no vice-president is able to serve in this capacity, the Board of Directors shall elect one of its members to fill the vacancy. The vice-presidents shall perform such other duties as the president and Board may designate.

Section 4. The Secretary. The secretary shall keep minutes of Convention, Council and of meetings of the Board of Directors. The secretary shall notify all officers and directors of their election and shall sign with the president all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board and shall perform such other functions as may be incident to the office.

Section 5. The Treasurer. The treasurer or a duly appointed representative, shall receive all money due, shall be the custodian of such funds, deposit them in a bank designated by the Board of Directors, and shall disburse them only upon order of the Board of Directors. The treasurer shall present periodic statements to the Board at its regular meetings. The treasurer shall present an annual report, including a report of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Reserve Fund, to the Convention or Council. The books of the treasurer shall be audited annually and the report made available to the membership.

## ARTICLE V

### Board of Directors

Section 1. Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota, eight elected directors and not more than eight appointed directors. The elected directors shall be elected by the Convention and shall serve until the conclusion of the next regular biennial Convention or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The elected members shall appoint such additional directors, not exceeding eight, as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The term of office of the appointed directors shall expire concurrently with the term of office of the elected directors.

Section 2. Qualifications. No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an officer or director of this corporation unless this person is a voting member enrolled in a local League of Women Voters in the State of Minnesota.

Section 3. Vacancies. Any vacancy other than in the office of the president may be filled, until the next Convention, by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Powers and Duties. The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the corporation with full power and authority to manage and conduct the same, subject to the instructions of the Convention. The Board shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the Program on selected governmental issues as adopted by the Convention. It shall accept responsibility delegated to it by the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of the United States for the organization and development of local Leagues, guidance of inter-League organizations, for the carrying out of Program and for promotion of finance programs in the local Leagues. Such local finance programs are requisite to further the work of the League as a whole, including transmission of funds toward the support of adequate state and national budgets. The Board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.

Section 5. Regular Meetings. There shall be at least six regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The President shall notify each of the directors of all meetings at least one week before any such meeting. No action taken at any regular Board meeting attended by three-fourths of the members of the Board shall be invalidated because of the failure of any member or members of the Board to receive any notice properly sent or because of an irregularity in any notice actually received.

Section 6. Special Meetings. The president may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five members of the Board. Members of the Board shall be notified of the time and place of special meetings by telegram or letter sent at least six days prior to such meeting. At the time of a Convention the president may, and upon the request of five members of the Board shall, call a special meeting of the Board by handing the members of the Board a written notice of the time and place of said meeting.

Section 7. Quorum. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum, and a majority of the members in attendance at any Board meeting shall, in the presence of a quorum, decide its action.

## ARTICLE VI

### Recognition of Local and Provisional Leagues

#### Section 1. Local Leagues.

- a) Local Leagues are those Leagues which have been so recognized by the League of Women Voters of the United States.
- b) The Board of Directors shall recommend to the national Board of the League of Women Voters of the United States that it recognize as a local League any group of members of the League of Women Voters of the United States in any community within the state, provided the group meets qualifying standards for local Leagues as adopted by the national Convention.
- c) In the event of recurring failure of a local League to meet these qualifying standards, the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota may recommend to the national Board that it withdraw recognition from the local League. All funds held by a local League from which recognition has been withdrawn shall be paid to the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. In the event the non-qualifying League is merging with another local League, its funds would go to the merged League minus a reorganization fee paid to and determined by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

#### Section 2. Provisional Leagues.

- a) Provisional Leagues are those which have been so recognized by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.
- b) The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota has responsibility for the establishment of new Leagues. For this purpose the Board may organize a group in a community in which no local League exists and shall recommend the group for recognition as a provisional League to the League of Women Voters of the United States when it meets the qualifying standards for provisional Leagues adopted by the national Convention.
- c) In the event of recurring failure of a provisional League to meet these qualifying standards, the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota may recommend to the national Board that it withdraw recognition from the provisional League. All funds held by a provisional League from which recognition has been withdrawn shall be paid to the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

#### Section 3. State Units

- a) State units are those which have been so recognized by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.
- b) The Board of Directors of the LWVMN has responsibility for the establishment of new Leagues. For this purpose the Board may organize a group in a community in which no local League exists and shall recommend the group for recognition as a state unit when it meets the qualifying guidelines as set forth by the LWVMN Board of Directors.



- c) In the event of recurring failure of a state unit to meet these qualifying guidelines, the Board of Directors of the LWVMN may recommend that recognition be withdrawn. All funds held by state units from which recognition has been withdrawn shall be paid to the LWVMN.

## ARTICLE VII

### Finance

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall commence on the first of April each year.

Section 2. Budget. The Board shall submit to the Convention for adoption budgets for the ensuing two fiscal years. These budgets shall provide for the support of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. The PMP amount shall be determined for the ensuing two fiscal years only by the delegates at the state convention. A copy of the proposed budgets shall be sent to each local League president at least three months in advance of the Convention.

Section 3. Budget Committee. The budgets shall be prepared by the elected chair and a committee which shall be appointed by the Board for that purpose at least six months in advance of the Convention. The treasurer shall be ex officio a member of the Budget committee but shall not be eligible to serve as chairperson.

Section 4. Distribution of Funds on Dissolution. In the event of a dissolution for any cause of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota, all monies and securities which may at the time be owned by or under the absolute control of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall be paid to the League of Women Voters of the United States, after the Board of Directors has paid or made provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. All other property of whatsoever nature, whether real, personal or mixed, which may at the time be owned by or under the control of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota, shall be disposed of by any officer or employee of the corporation for such public, charitable or educational uses and purposes as may be designated by the then League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

Section 5. League of Women Voters of Minnesota Reserve Fund. The fund shall contain the \$1,000 restricted principal of the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund and all other monies, securities and property of whatever nature, which the League of Women Voters of Minnesota may receive by gift, bequest or otherwise, which the Board of Directors may designate as reserve funds. Expenditures of monies from the fund and of interest earned on monies in the fund shall be for League purposes as may from time to time be determined by the Board of Directors subject only to restrictions which may have been imposed by the donor at the time the funds were received.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Convention

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



weeks. A final call for the Convention shall be sent to the presidents of the local Leagues at least two months before the opening date of the Convention.

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

Section 3. Qualification of Delegates and Voting. Each delegate shall be a voting member enrolled in a recognized local Minnesota League whose State Per Member Payment is paid or be an at large member of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. The State Board may make an exception in the case of proven hardship. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote only at the Convention even though the delegate may be attending in two or more capacities. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted. The Convention shall be the sole judge of whether a delegate is qualified to vote.

#### Section 4. Representation.

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

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

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

### ARTICLE IX

#### Council

Section 1. Place, Date and Call. A meeting of the Council shall be held in the interim year between Conventions, approximately twelve months after the preceding Convention at a time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. A formal call shall be sent by the president of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota to the presidents of the local Leagues in Minnesota at least thirty days before the

opening date of a Council meeting. Special meetings may be called in the event of extreme emergency.

Section 2. Composition. The Council shall be composed of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota, the presidents of local Leagues or an alternate in the event the president is unable to attend, and one delegate chosen by each local League.

Section 3. Powers. The Council shall consider Program, and methods of work and review the budget as submitted to the Board of Directors. The Council is authorized to change the Program only in the event of an emergency, provided that notice of proposed modification of the Program shall have been sent to the presidents of the local Leagues at least two months in advance of the meeting of the Council, and provided also that a two-thirds majority of the members of the Council present and voting shall be required to adopt the modification. The Council shall review the budget for the ensuing year and may modify it to meet current needs and shall transact such other business as shall be presented by the Board.

Section 4. Quorum. A quorum shall consist of not less than twenty members other than the Board of Directors for the transaction of business at a Council meeting.

#### ARTICLE X

##### Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members, two of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. The chairperson and two members, who shall not be members of the Board of Directors, shall be elected by the Convention. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. Further nominations may be made from the floor of the Convention. The other members of the committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors immediately after the Convention. Vacancies occurring in the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors. The president of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall send the name and address of the chairperson of the Nominating Committee to the president of each recognized local League.

Section 2. Suggestions for Nominations. The Chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall request through the president of each local League suggestions for nominations for offices to be filled. Any member may send suggestions to the chairperson of the Nominating Committee.

Section 3. Report of the Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor. The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for officers, directors, chairperson of the Budget Committee, and the chairperson and two members of the succeeding Nominating Committee shall be sent to local Leagues two months before the date of the Convention. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be presented to the Convention on the first day of the Convention. Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any member of the Convention, provided that the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.

Section 4. Election. The election shall be under the direction of an Election Committee appointed by the president on the first day of the Convention. The election shall be by ballot, except that when there is but one nominee for each office, it shall be in order to move that the secretary cast the ballot for every candidate. A majority vote of those present and voting shall constitute an election.

## ARTICLE XI

### Program

Section 1. Principles. The governmental principles adopted by the national Convention and supported by the League as a whole constitute the authorization for the adoption of Program.

Section 2. Program. The Program of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall consist of:

- a) action to implement principles, and
- b) those state governmental issues chosen for concentrated study and action.

Section 3. Convention Action. The Convention shall act upon the Program using the following procedures:

- a) Local Leagues shall make recommendations for a Program to the Board of Directors at least three months prior to the Convention.
- b) The Board of Directors shall consider the recommendations and shall formulate a proposed Program which shall be submitted to the local League Boards at least six weeks prior to the Convention.
- c) A majority vote shall be required for the adoption of the Program proposed by the Board of Directors.
- d) Any recommendation for the Program submitted to the Board of Directors at least three months before the Convention, but not proposed by the Board, may be adopted by the Convention provided consideration is ordered by majority vote and on a following day the proposal for adoption receives a three-fifths vote.

Section 4. Council Action. The Council may change the Program as provided in Article IX.

Section 5. Member Action. Members may act in the name of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota only when authorized to do so by the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

Section 6. Local League Action. Local Leagues and inter-League organizations may take action on state governmental issues only when authorized to do so by the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. Local Leagues may act only in conformity with, and not contrary to, a position taken by the League of women Voters of Minnesota and/or the League of Women Voters of the United States.

## ARTICLE XII

### National Convention and Council

Section 1. National Convention. The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota, at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the national office, shall elect delegates to that Convention in the number allotted to the League of Women Voters of Minnesota under the provisions of the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Section 2. National Council. The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall elect delegates to the meeting of the Council of the League of Women Voters of the United States at its meeting preceding such Council meeting in the number allowed the League of Women Voters of Minnesota under the provisions of the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

#### ARTICLE XIII

##### Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. Parliamentary Authority. The rules contained in Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the corporation in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE XIV

##### Amendments

Section 1. Amendments. These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any Convention of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota, using the following procedures:

- a) Proposals for changes shall be submitted by any local League Board in Minnesota to the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota at least three months prior to the opening date of the Convention.
- b) All such proposed amendments together with the recommendations of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall be sent to the presidents of local Leagues six weeks prior to the opening date of the Convention.
- c) The presidents of the local Leagues shall notify the members of their respective Leagues of the proposed amendments. Failure of a local League president to give such notice or failure of any member to receive such notice shall not invalidate amendments to the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.



LWMN-EF OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 1989-91OFFICERS

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Minutes of LWVMN Board Meeting  
May 9, 1989

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a. m. by President Joan Higinbotham at the Minnesota Women's Building. Present were acting board members plus the 1989-91 officers and board of directors. This included Higinbotham, C. Takkunen, C. McDonald, M. Santi, B. Megard, M. Johnson, K. Erickson, D. O'Connor, P. Leppik, P. Keppel, P. Cameron, A. Francis, B. Haats, J. McWilliams, B. McKinnell, D. Bowman, P. Brostrom, M. Brown, M. Garton, B. Flanigan, A. Borgen, V. Sweeny, R. Guttormsson, P. Bugenstein, and staff J. Tews and S. Sawyer.

All Board members introduced themselves. Please see attached list.

Higinbotham reminded Board Members that we are not allowed to call a caucus at Convention, but we may ask a Local Leaguer to call one.

Add to Calendar: Fundraiser Committee Meeting - May 22 and Action - June 5.

Revision of Agenda: Add Action Item at this point. We must make our decision so McWilliams and Bugenstein can return to the Capitol.

MOTION: That the LWVMN Board go on record in support of the House property tax limit position for funding county social services (in the Tax Conference Committee).

MOVER: McWilliams      Seconded      Carried

Background: Our tax position calls for less reliance on property taxes for these programs. However, both the House and Senate proposals are below the current 18%. Pat Bugenstein will distribute a written statement to committee members conveying the decision of the LWVMN Board.

McKinnell needs two minutes for Field Service.

Minutes: MOTION: to approve the minutes of the March 14, 1989, LWVMN Board Meeting.

MOVER: Brostrom      Seconded      Carried

Treasurer's Report: MOTION: to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period ending March 31, 1989 and to file it for audit.

MOVER: McDonald      Seconded      Carried

Treasurer's Report: MOTION: to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period ending April 30, 1989 and to file it for audit.

MOVER: McDonald                      Seconded                      Carried  
Discussion: This report shows that we are doing well financially. There was a feeling that the cookbook budget should be updated.

LWVMN Donation of services to LWVMNEF: MOTION: to forgive the listed billings to the LWVMNEF in the amount of \$6,551.19.

MOVER: McDonald                      Seconded                      Carried  
Background: LWVMNEF purchases services from LWVMN. All direct bills to MN have been paid, however, there are additional administrative charges which have not all been reimbursed. It is the recommendation of the Executive Director and the Treasurer that some of these administrative fees be "forgiven" so that EF funds can instead be used for direct EF project costs. Our administration costs are running close to 32%.

Electoral Jury Project: MOTION: to cosponsor with the Jefferson Center an Electoral Jury Project to be conducted in the fall of 1989, and to provide consultative services to the project on a "fee for services" basis.

MOVER: McKinnell                      Seconded                      Carried  
Background: Ned Crosby, founder and Chairman of the Board of the Jefferson Center (JC) approached the League of Women Voters to work in partnership with the JC on an "electoral jury" which was an outgrowth of earlier JC projects called policy juries. (On topics such as water rights and the need for school based clinics.)

The Electoral Jury project would seek to encourage increased, informed participation in the political process on the part of citizens and candidates in a local race. A jury, scientifically selected to represent the population of the community, would be chosen to hear a candidate or his/her advocate present the candidate's position on several selected issues, including the issue of his qualifications for office. The jury would ask questions of the advocates, candidates and any other witnesses the candidate might choose to call. At the end of the process there would be a public forum (similar to a League debate) at which the information presented to the jury during the preceding two days would be brought to the public via television. At the end of the process members of the jury would be asked to vote for which of the candidates they preferred. The exact method by which the verdict would be constructed and presented to the public is still under negotiation between LWV and JC.



Initial questions from the LWV centered on whether our 501(c)(3) status would allow us to participate in something which could be perceived by the IRS to be attempting to influence the outcome of an election and whether the verdict would be perceived by the media and the public to be a League endorsement of a particular candidate, even though there would be many statements disclaiming the League support of any verdict or candidate.

At this point the League is seeking an IRS letter ruling on whether our participation in such an activity will be in conflict with our 501(c)(3) status. In the meantime this motion proposes cosponsorship which would not involve receiving any direct grants or contributions, but rather League support of the concept, and possible services from the League, to be paid for on consultative basis. Jeanne Matross, LWVN attorney, and Ray Lafayette, LWVN accountant, do not see any problems with a cosponsorship. Lafayette says we are providing information for voters as we have in the past. An LWV committee would be established to oversee the project.

Discussion: Will the voters misconstrue our position and think we are endorsing candidates? Perhaps we need to find a new form for debates and start some new trends. We are selling our expertise and receiving a fee for service. This will allow us to maintain nonendorsement. We are still in the preliminary stages of this project.

LWV-Stevens County: MOTION: to recommend to LWVUS that the LWV of Stevens County be disbanded.

MOTION: That LWVN Board accept the members at large of Stevens County as the Stevens County State Unit.

MOVER: Bowman      Seconded      Carried

Background: This League has been in difficulty for several years. They have had a leadership crisis and repeated visits by Bowman, McKinnell and Thompson have not moved them to League activity. We sent a letter calling all League members of the past few years to a meeting to discuss disbanding. Four members met with the three of us and decided to become members at large, be known as a state unit with LWVN doing all of the administration and no obligation on their part to do anything. We would send a list of all paid members to each one who could call a meeting if and when anyone felt like it. They would pay their current dues, \$20 and we intend to subsidize the remainder of the MAL dues (currently \$40) with what is left of their treasury. A follow-up letter was sent to invite all to join. The response has been slow - two to date.

LWV-Mid-Mesabi: MOTION: to recommend to LWVUS that the LWV of Mid-Mesabi be disbanded.

MOTION: that LWVN Board accept the members at large of Mid-Mesabi as the Mid-Mesabi State Unit.

MOVER: McKinnell      Seconded      Carried

Background: Mid-Mesabi LWV has had difficulties similar to Stevens County. Thompson and McKinnell met with eight League members who enthusiastically accepted the MAL State Unit concept. We collected \$35 dues checks from all eight and have since received one more. We have received their treasury and will subsidize the \$5 difference with MAL \$40 dues.

LWV-Shakopee: MOTION: to recommend that LWVUS approve the LWV of Shakopee application to change the organizational basis of their local league to the LWV of Scott County.

MOVER: McKinnell

Seconded

Carried

Background: McDonald proudly presented a policy on citizen appointments to Scott County Advisory Board and Committees that has been established by the Scott County Board of Commissioners. This is something their League has worked hard to attain.

Discussion:

Outlook Calendar: Board meeting dates were set with four being on Wednesdays and three on Saturdays to accomodate Board members. The retreat is set for July 17 and 18. Other dates will be set individually with McKinnell.

Break for Lunch

Action Update: See Legislative Focus sheet attached.  
Report by McWilliams.

Mental Health Update: The McKnight grant proposal is still pending. We will hear by late June whether or not another 2 year monitoring project will be funded. Workbooks - Introductory publications are being actively used by Humphrey Institute workshops. They are looking for ways to further promote sale and use of the workbook. Committee, LL of "other" continuing education opportunities have been outstanding, Louise Brown is speaking on the children's mental health initiative in March; a tour of the Anoka RTC in April, and last week over fifty people met to hear Bev Young in Madison, WI describe a community based mental health program the works! A tour of St. Peter's RTC is pending for June. Fall monitoring workshops will be mapped out on May 18. Report by Johnson.

Field Service: McKinnell needs volunteers for Board Orientations. Convention update was given.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Brostrom

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)

Minutes of the LWVMN Board Meeting

July 18, 1989

Mount Olivet Retreat Center

Present: McKinnell, Flanigan, Garton, Fronek, Bugenstein, Brostrom, McDonald, Higinbotham, Erickson, Keppel, Steen, Guttormsson, Leppik, Matross, Brown; staff: Sawyer. Beverly McKinnell, President, presiding.

Call to order: 12 noon.

The Board reviewed expense vouchers and office planning process and calendar for July and August.

REVISION OF AGENDA

#11a, Memorial Gift

#15a Discussion, Council Report/Erickson

18 Information, Jefferson Center/Brown

Minutes: MOTION: to approve the minutes of the May 9, 1989 Board meeting.

Mover: McDonald

Seconded

Carried

Minutes: MOTION: to approve the minutes of the June 3, 1989 LWVMN Board Meeting.

Mover: McDonald

Seconded

Carried

Minutes: MOTION: to approve the minutes of the June 2-3, 1989 LWVMN Convention.

Mover: McDonald

Seconded

Carried

Rosalie Goodman Scholarship: McKinnell announced the availability of an internship at LWVUS in Washington, D.C. and circulated the application forms and description of internship. Two interns will be selected for the month-long program.

Treasurer's Report: MOTION: to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period ending June 30, 1989 and to file it for audit.

Mover: McDonald

Seconded

Carried

Board Appointment: MOTION: to approve the appointment of Sue Moeser, LWV-Duluth, to the LWVMN Board.

Mover: Leppik

Seconded

Carried

Moeser has agreed to serve as Firearms Study Co-Chair.

Appointments to Executive Committee: MOTION: to approve the appointment of Peggy Leppik and Anne Borgen to the Executive Committee.

Mover: Erickson

Seconded

Carried



Focus: MOTION: to approve the change of topic of the October 26th Fall Focus from Sentencing and the Death Penalty to the Sale, Use and Possession of Firearms.

Mover: Garton

Seconded

Carried

This action was taken because it seemed logical in view of the Firearms Study adopted at Convention and because Convention Delegates directed the Board to do so.

Citizens League Membership: MOTION: to approve an organizational membership of \$150 in the Citizens League.

Mover: Brostrom

Seconded

MOTION: to amend the motion to approve membership for individuals at \$35, up to four, for individuals willing to serve on Citizens League committees.

Mover: Higinbotham

Seconded

Carried

MOTION: to approve the amended motion.

Mover: Higinbotham

Seconded

Carried

Take Back the Night: MOTION: to approve LWVMN endorsement of the Take Back the Night March and Rally for \$25.

Mover: Higinbotham

Seconded

Carried

Memorial Gift: MOTION: that the Board of Directors of LWVMN make a memorial gift of \$25 to the LWMNEF in memory of Anne Borgen's mother. Further, that the President and the Executive Director be authorized to make such memorial gifts in memory of Board members' family members.

Webster Decision: Erickson reviewed the statement given by Jane McWilliams at the Choice Coalition News Conference on July 3rd following the Supreme Court decision in the Webster case and circumstances surrounding the timing of the decision. LWVUS provided background and suggested statement for state Leagues.

Special Legislative Session: A special session of the Legislature is expected to be scheduled in September to deal with the vetoed tax bill. Last spring LWVMN also publicly supported inclusion of recycling bill in the special session, as the bill failed in the last moments of the session. Some legislators have vowed to introduce abortion bills in special session. LWV has various options: we can push for a "taxes only" session or "taxes and recycling" only. The Action Committee will have an emergency meeting July 26th to recommend our strategy to the Board.

McKinnell stated that Planned Parenthood has asked LWV members to contact key Senate votes about abortion bills.

Voter Format: Mary Steen, Voter Editor, reviewed the new Voter format. She said this year there will be four issues with a possible extra edition related to study item. She asked for guidance on the issue of recycled paper versus use of high quality coated paper, which is visually more appealing. Board members pointed out that the issue is one of recyclability of paper. Steen intends more background and in-depth articles. Needs include a photographer, feature articles, planned giving, book reviews, what LWV members are reading (two sentences).

Tews Party: McKinnell is planning a luncheon at her home; the date is to be announced; Leppik's is alternative site.

LWVUS Council Report: Kay Erickson reported on MN delegate trip to LWVUS Council in June. Higinbotham attended big city caucus on behalf of Minneapolis League. Nancy Neuman, LWVUS President, addressed the advocacy for the voter campaign and made it clear the intent was not to ignore advocacy priorities set by convention. LWVUS lost money partly because of debates which led to staff and program cuts. Basically there was a miscommunication problem between LWVUS Board and grassroots, but Council went a long way towards clarifying intent.

Grassroots ad hoc committee report focused on PMP discussions. There was concern expressed with nationally recruited members; a motion to give a \$5 rebate to state Leagues for each NRM was defeated. Day on the Hill was exciting; delegates met with Durenberger aide and with Senator Boschwitz on the "Motor Voter" bill.

MEA and Plastics Conferences: McKinnell called Board members attention to LWV proposal to present leadership workshop at MEA Convention in October and to Plastics conference in August at which LWVMN is scheduled to appear on a public policy panel.

Marketplace Report: Board received copies of the Convention Marketplace Report from Barbara Hiles. We took in a net of \$1,166.10.

MOTION: that Secretary write a letter of commendation to Barbara Hiles for her hard work and creativity in organizing Marketplace at Convention.

LWVUS Agriculture Conference on Sustainable Agriculture: LWVMN representatives are Sharon O'Gorman, LWV-Detroit Lakes, and Monica Frytag, LWV-Rochester. They will be asked to prepare a report for state and local Leagues.

J.C. Penney's Resource Development....via Satellite will take place November 18th; an unnamed site in Minnesota has been chosen.

Beverly McKinnell is giving an interview which will be aired on KOOL Radio, Sunday, July 30th from 7-7:30 a.m.

McKinnell is chairing the "Voter Slogan" Committee for the MN Secretary of State. The committee will select a slogan from 1700 entries, which will be entered in a national competition.

Policy Jury: Marcia Brown reported that LWV of Rochester is working with the Jefferson Center to conduct a policy jury on local sales tax to be held July 27th. This is a simulation for county, school district, city, township officials.

Adjournment: MOTION: to adjourn the LWVMN Board Meeting.

Mover: Flanigan

Seconded

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Sawyer for Corrine McDonald  
Secretary







# League Lines

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## Mental Health Workshops To Be Held Around State

Four workshops will be held around the state to train League members to monitor mental health services in their communities. Workshops will be held in Duluth on September 15, in Rochester on October 6, in Alexandria on October 20 and in the Metro area on November 3.

Recent legislation has changed the emphasis in treatment of mental illness from large institutions to appropriate services in each community. Because counties are responsible for administering these services, monitoring questions will focus on how well the needs of county residents are being met.

Workshop cost is \$5.00, which includes *Serving Minnesota's Mentally Ill*, the result of League's two-year study, and the monitoring *Workbook*, for this follow-up phase. A brochure with further information will be sent to local Leagues.

## LWVMN to work with coalition for reproductive choice

Polly Keppel is serving as the League representative to a coalition of organizations working to maintain reproductive choice in Minnesota. Among the purposes of the coalition are the following:

- > To mobilize the pro-choice majority in Minnesota to protect the right to choose safe, legal abortion for all Minnesota women regardless of race, age, income or place of residence.
- > To educate the public about the need for continued access to safe, legal abortion.
- > To oppose legislative actions that would limit reproductive choices.
- > To support legislative strategies to prevent unwanted pregnancies.

The coalition will not be involved in partisan political activity, and will not sponsor or support civil disobedience.

## LWVMN to hold electoral jury on St. Paul mayoral race

In an attempt to get better information to voters, LWVMN and the Jefferson Center will conduct an Electoral Jury on this year's St. Paul mayoral race. The three day exercise will take place in October.

Modeled after courtroom juries, an electoral jury is a group of randomly selected citizens who meet for several days to hear evidence of the candidates' qualifications and positions on selected issues in a given race.

Twenty-four jurors will be selected at random from a pool which reflects the demographic makeup of St. Paul. They will listen to the evidence presented, including a debate, and will have an opportunity to question the candidates or their advocates.

Public dissemination of the information generated in this process will come through the televised debate on the final evening, the jurors' written evaluations of each candidate and his or her qualifications and positions, and general media coverage of the whole process.

"We will not, however, have an actual jury verdict," says Harriette Burkhalter, LWVMN representative and chair of the steering committee. "We are being very careful to keep the results non-partisan." The final report, for example, will reflect the views of the jurors alone; neither League nor the Jefferson Center will have any influence on the content of the report.

## Fall Focus to spotlight firearms in Minnesota

The Fall Focus will be held on October 26, and will put the spotlight on firearms in Minnesota. This is in keeping with the recommendations of delegates to the state convention, who overwhelmingly approved a one year study of the sale, use, and possession of firearms, and recommended that the Fall Focus be on that subject.

Sue Moeser, LWV Duluth, and Carol Bradley, LWV Anoka-Blaine-Coon Rapids, will chair the study. They, along with their committee, are currently planning the Focus meeting. Details will be mailed to all Leagues in September.



PHONATHON - A FUN, EASY WAY TO RAISE MONEY!

This is it--the easy, fun way for your local League to earn money without planning, preparation, experience or up-front investment on your part. Following the example of other state Leagues, LWMNEF is planning its first Phonathon this November. To meet our goal we need 120 callers and a few assistants to join members of the state board in phoning members and contributors to request their financial support.

Local Leagues who send callers to Phonathon '89 will receive a percentage of monies pledged to them. Leagues who send five or more callers (or assistants) will receive 15 percent of what is pledged to them; Leagues sending one to four callers will receive 10 percent.

Phonathon '89 calling sessions will be held during early evening hours on Sundays and weekdays between November 5-12. Conveniently located Merrill Lynch real estate offices in Roseville and Edina will be the sites. (Another site in Rochester is in the planning stage.)

Training in calling techniques will be provided, along with a light supper to fortify people coming from work.

While it's more fun to work with people you know, it is not necessary for all local League volunteers to work the same session. If one member works two sessions, that would be counted as two volunteers. You may recruit others too--spouses, friends, older teens--all that is needed are enthusiasm and good phone skills. Like precinct reporting, members will find they enjoy doing this.

Everyone to be called has already made a commitment to League, either through membership or through a prior contribution. It will be like chatting with a League colleague. People will be expecting the call because they will have received a letter a short time earlier.

The commitment is small, but the potential is great (one local League in Illinois sent 6 callers to their Phonathon and earned \$600). Now is the time to begin coordinating your League's role in the first LWMNEF Phonathon '89.

Think about which of the dates and places (schedule and locations are attached) best suit your League, and start recruiting volunteers soon. Also attached is a sample article for your bulletin. RETURN THE SIGN-UP SHEET BY OCTOBER 15 TO INSURE YOUR CALLING PLACE.

For more information contact Phonathon '89 Project Director Mary Santi at 612/426-5151 or through the state office.

Phonathon '89  
Schedule

EAST METRO

|                    |               |                                                                   |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday, November 5 | 1:30 - 5 p.m. | Merrill Lynch Realty/<br>Burnet<br>1781 W. Co. Rd. B<br>Roseville |
| Sunday, November 5 | 4:30 - 8 p.m. | same                                                              |
| Monday, November 6 | 5:30 - 9 p.m. | same                                                              |

ROCHESTER

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| Wednesday, November 8 | 5:30 - 9 p.m. | To be announced |
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WEST METRO

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|----------------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Thursday, November 9 | 5:30 - 9 p.m. | Merrill Lynch Realty/<br>Burnet<br>7201 W. 78th St. E<br>Edina |
| Sunday, November 12  | 1:30 - 5 p.m. | same                                                           |
| Sunday, November 12  | 4:30 - 8 p.m. | same                                                           |

August, 1989

To: Local League Members

From: Mary Santi, LWVMNEF Phonathon '89 Project Director

To meet our goal of \$18,500 for the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Phonathon '89, we need 120 volunteers during the first two weeks of November. As your local League will receive a percentage of the funds raised from your calls (10 percent if your League sends one to four callers, and 15 percent if you send five or more callers), I hope you will be able to help.

This is an easy, effective way for your local League to raise some additional funds. You do not need phonathon expertise or eloquent communication skills to participate. Training in effective and efficient calling techniques will be provided before each session. Ask a friend or your spouse to join you, making your volunteer time a fun time. A light supper will be served.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL LEAGUE \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR SELECTED VOLUNTEER TIME

EAST METRO:

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| 4:30 - 8 p.m.                    | Merrill Lynch Realty | Roseville |
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|                      | 4:30 - 8 p.m. | Merrill Lynch Realty | Edina |

Thank you for your help. We look forward to seeing you at Phonathon '89.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR LOCAL LEAGUE BY OCTOBER 10.

Phonathon '89

SIGN UP SHEET

Now is the time to recruit your League's team of volunteer callers for the first LWMNEF Phonathon '89. List your volunteers and the place, date and time they would like to work. One person may work more than one time slot and that would count as two volunteers when figuring the percentage to be returned to your League (for 1-4 callers, your League receives 10 percent of the amount pledged to them, if your League sends 5 or more callers, you will receive 15 percent. Please return the sign-up sheet to the state office by October 15.

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Local League \_\_\_\_\_

Local Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>PHONE</u> | <u>LOCATION</u> | <u>TIME</u> |
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PLEASE RETURN TO THE STATE OFFICE BY OCTOBER 15



**LWV****THE LEAGUE  
OF WOMEN VOTERS****M I N N E S O T A**550 RICE STREET ST. PAUL, MN 55103  
PHONE (612) 224-5445**MEMO****TO:** Local Leagues**FROM:** Joan Higinbotham  
612/926-9399**SUBJECT:** Take Back the Night**DATE:** August 16, 1989

LWVMN is an endorser of the annual "Take Back the Night" march, to be held on September 9th. Many League members participate in the event as individuals. This year we would like to encourage you to wear an LWV button (and possibly a League T-shirt) and join together for the march.

The event will be held in Powderhorn Park, and the march will be through the Lake Street area around the park. The march will begin at 9 p.m. and will leave from 35th Street and 11th Ave. So. (the southwest corner of Powderhorn Park). Please refer to the brochure enclosed for further details. Hope to see you there!

Twin Cities Women for  
**TAKE  
 BACK  
 THE  
 NIGHT**  
 P.O. Box 8974  
 Minneapolis, MN 55408  
 872-6221



# TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

September 9, 1989  
 Powderhorn Park, Minneapolis

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10:30 am to 5 pm Workshops, display •  
 tables and crafts fair at  
 Laura Ingalls Wilder School,  
 34th and Chicago

5 pm to 9 pm Celebration and Rally

9 pm to 10:30 pm March

10:30 pm After-March Entertainment

Childcare is available. For accessibility and other  
 information contact: **Take Back the Night**  
 872-6221

## 1989 TAKE BACK THE NIGHT STATEMENT

We are a group of women from many different origins working toward a future without violence. We are particularly concerned with violence against women and children, including: rape, battering, incest, prostitution, pornography, child abuse and sexual harassment. We understand these acts to be enmeshed in our culture with systematic ageism, racism, classism, able-bodiedism, anti-semitism and heterosexism. By recognizing and exploring personal prejudices we strive for a better understanding of violence as it proliferates throughout society.

1989 is a very important year for Take Back the Night because it marks a decade of speaking out and organizing against violence against women and children in the Twin Cities. (In 1987 we celebrated ten years of international work.) This local anniversary has prompted us to look back on where we've been and to look forward to where we are headed. Out of these considerations has come this year's theme, "Reclaiming the Vision."

As organizers, we believe that in order to work effectively against violence in all forms, each of us must be ethical and accountable in all parts of our lives. Our movements were established on visions of empowerment, the ethical use of power, and need for accountability. We believe that many individuals and agencies have moved away from the firm practice of these beliefs, and with this year's event we want to reclaim the vision. We cannot afford to practice what we believe only in the work we do—we must also affirm our beliefs in our interactions with each other.

We encourage all women and children to join with us in acknowledging the violence in our lives and to share our hope for a future of peace and justice. In this way, we believe that the silence will be broken, the truth of our strength will be apparent, and social change—from the inside out—can happen.

We are here to challenge the larger community—speaking out about the violence that continues to occur and affirming our belief that change is possible.

## ENDORSERS

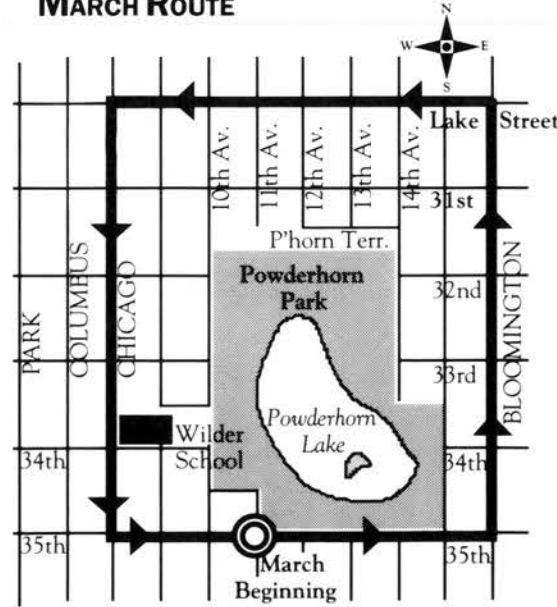
As we went to press in June, Take Back the Night had received endorsements from the organizations below. A complete list of endorsers will be available on the day of the march. Twin Cities Women for Take Back the Night wishes to thank all endorsing organizations for their generous support.

- Adprint
- Central Minnesota Task Force on Battered Women
- College of St. Catherine Bookstore
- Hannah Arendt Lesbian Peace Patrol
- Jackie Urbanovic, Illustrator
- League of Women Voters of Minneapolis
- Lutheran/Episcopal Campus Ministry
- Minnesota Women Psychologists
- Red Saffron
- St. Joan of Arc Peace and Justice Committee

## CELEBRATION AND RALLY

Performers to be announced

## MARCH ROUTE



## ACCESSIBILITY AND BUS ROUTES

The march route is wheelchair accessible. Interpreters for the hearing-impaired will be available throughout the day and evening. Wilder School is accessible to the disabled and may be reached on MTC bus routes 5, 14, 21, 22, and 23. For more information, please call Take Back the Night at 872-6221.

## CHILDCARE

Twin Cities Women for Take Back the Night recognizes that providing childcare as part of our program is an important political action that both women and men can take in opposition to violence. Childcare volunteers are needed.

Childcare for the day of the event will be provided for children ages 2½-10 from 10 am to 5:15 pm and from 7 pm to 11:30 pm. (Please note: no childcare will be available during dinner, from 5:15 pm to 7 pm.) Meals will not be provided.

### Childcare Schedule:

|            |                                           |
|------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 10:00-5:15 | At the Wilder School,<br>34th and Chicago |
| 5:15-7:00  | Break                                     |
| 7:00-11:30 | At the Powderhorn Park<br>building        |

Twin Cities Women for Take Back the Night has prepared guidelines to ensure a safe and enjoyable march for those who are marching with children. Please call 872-6221 to receive a copy.

## T-SHIRTS AND POSTERS

Take Back the Night 1989 t-shirts, mugs and posters will be available throughout the day and evening of September 9. Before then, they are available at Amazon Bookstore, Mayday Bookstore, Powderhorn Co-op, North Country Co-op or by calling Take Back the Night at 872-6221. T-shirt design by Kathy Kreuger. Poster and brochure design by Pat Thompson. Typesetting by P & H Photo Composition.

## TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

If you have any questions about the event, messages may be left at 872-6221.

Take Back the Night core committee: Tracy Allen, Liz Ferron, Edie Karras, Susan Long, Nancy Madigan, Matthea Smith, Cheryl Thompson, Heidi Spurlin.

## THANKS

The 1989 core committee would like to thank all marshals, short-term volunteers, performers, workshop facilitators, businesses and organizers who make this event possible.

Donations for local food shelves would be greatly appreciated and will be collected at the door to Laura Ingalls Wilder School.

## WORKSHOPS

To help cover workshop costs, we ask that participants make a donation of \$4.00 to \$8.00 (sliding fee) which will cover attendance at any or all of the four sessions. Although Take Back the Night organizers and

workshop presenters all donate their time, each year the cost of facilities, equipment rental and liability insurance continues to rise. While it's important that everyone who can afford it contribute, all women are welcome to the workshops regardless of their ability to donate. Please note: Room numbers and any last-minute changes to the workshop schedule will be posted at the Laura Ingalls Wilder School on September 9.

### 10:30-12:00

**The Journal as a Power Tool** (Bring your journal)  
*Morgan Willow, Community Organization for Renewal Through the Arts*

**The World from 36 Inches: The System's Accountability to Abused Children**  
*Deb Jones*

**Confronting Sexual Assault**  
*Sexual Violence Center*

**Take Back Your Soul: Recovering from Abusive Religious Systems**  
*Vicky Gaylord*

**Employee Rights and the Law for Non-Managerial Paid/Unpaid Workers in Non-Profit Organizations**  
*Members of B.W.M.A.P. (Battered Women's Movement Accountability Project)*

**Parenting for a Non-Violent Future**  
*Nancy Schafer, M.S.W. and Gretchen Harry, M.S.W.*

**Women Confronting Racism** (open to all women)  
*Donna McNamara and Alice Lynch*

**Jewish Women's Caucus**  
**Women of Color Caucus**

### 12:10-1:40

**Cultural Origins of Domestic Violence**  
*Elaine Amond*

**Black Women's Spirituality: Exploring Internalized Racism and Alternatives to Patriarchal Religions** (Black women only)  
*Keyah Davis and Roseanna Hudgins*

**Legal Advocacy for Battered Women**  
*Amaya Maura, paralegal, Centro Legal*

**Lesbian Battering**  
*Liz Richards and members of the Survivors Network*

**Empowerment for Bi-sexual Women**  
*Elise Kruger and friends*

**Discussing Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights**  
Focusing on: Defining what Lesbian and Gay civil rights means, appreciating the civil rights movements which give content to the term "Civil Rights." Building and recognizing leadership in our movement.  
*Ann Viitala*

**Empowering Asian Women**  
*Community University Health Care Center*

**Hispanic Women's Current Issues and Concerns**  
*Pam Zeller, Casa de Esperanza, St. Paul and San Juana Flores, Victims' Crisis Center, Albert Lea*

**Women with Disabilities Caucus**

### 1:50-3:20

**Not Our Bodies, Not Ourselves: Images of Women and Children in Mainstream Media and Pornography**  
*Charleen Danielson Nelson, Twin Cities Chapter, National Organization for Women*

**Leadership in a Circle**  
What would leadership be like in a circle where the experiences and knowledge of all were valued? This experiential workshop will explore this question, and

others, in the context of planning a ritual to honor Maiden, Mother and Crone.  
*Antiga*

**Internalized Racism** (open to all women)  
*Amaya Maura, Susana Lugarejo and Beatrice Luciano*

**Ageism and Battering**  
*Keyah Davis, Project Coordinator, Ageism and Battering for women of color at B.I.H.A. (Black, Indian, Hispanic, Asian) Women in Action*

**Revictimization of Battered Women in the C.D. and Mental Health Systems**  
*Sue Ann Malone, Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women*

**Overcoming Fat Oppression through Fat Acceptance**  
*N.A.A.F.A. (National Association for the Advancement of Fat Acceptance)*

**Bi-sexual Women's Caucus**

**Lesbian Caucus**

### 3:30-5:00

**Pornography: A Practice of Inequality**  
(slide show; no one under 18 admitted)  
*Angie Velasco, Organizing Against Pornography*

**Internalized Homophobia**  
*Taylor Wilcox, Minnesota AIDS Project*

**Reclaiming Our Vision**  
Panel discussion of current issues, and possible solutions, in the battered women's and sexual assault movements.  
*Angie Carlos, Mary Dolan, Alice Lynch, and Sandy Parnell*

**Prostitution is Violence Against Women**  
*Members of a survivors network*

**Diversity and Wholistic Healing within American Indian Traditions**  
*Gabrielle Funaro, Dakota/Sioux and members of Women of Nations*

**Poor and Working Class Women's Caucus**

This is not a complete listing of workshops. Complete listings will be available on September 9.



## In Minnesota

LWV Study 1987-89

TO: Local Leagues

FROM: Barbara Flanigan, Chair, Mental Health Study & Monitoring Project

RE: Children's Mental Health

DATE: August 16, 1989

### For Your Information

By October 1, 1989, each county in Minnesota must establish an advisory council on Children's Mental Health. 1989 Children's Mental Health Legislation allows counties several options for designing their local council. They may either: 1) set up a separate advisory council on Children's Mental Health; 2) form a subcommittee of their existing Mental Health Advisory Council; or 3) add the required Children's Mental Health representatives to the existing council.

If you would like more local information or you would like to participate, call your county social service director or existing Mental Health Advisory Council Chair.

Contacts for further information are Louise Brown, of Family and Children's Service, and chair of the Children's Mental Health Initiative, 612/340-2492, and Jim Auron, staff to the State Mental Health Advisory Council, 612/297-4164.

### Self-Help Groups

Parents of emotionally disturbed children are meeting and organizing local self-help groups around the state. Louise Brown has more information about these groups and would be happy to talk with anyone interested in participating.



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

TO: Local League Presidents

FROM: Beverly McKinnell

RE: What to do with this mail!

DATE: July 25, 1989

1. Mental Health Monitoring Project: (blue) Copy for your Bulletin Editor then pass to your Mental Health Chair.
2. Fundraising Survey: (pink) Give to your Finance Chair for successful ideas.
3. Bells Across America: (blue) Give to your Bulletin Editor and your Government Chair.
4. Plastics: (buff) Pass on to your National Resources Chair.
5. LWVMN Webster Decision Statement: (FYI)

If you do not have people to handle #3 & #4 or if your League does not have an interest - toss it!