



## League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA  
(State)

STATE LEAGUE ANNUAL REPORT  
April 1, 1966 - March 31, 1967

(Please fill in and return 3 copies NOT LATER THAN March 31, 1967, to the League of Women Voters of the United States, 1200 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., 20036. If enough space is not provided for your replies, attach additional sheets.)

LOCAL LEAGUES:

Number of local Leagues, 3/31/67	<u>67</u>
Number of provisional Leagues, 3/31/67	<u>2</u>
Total local and provisional Leagues, 3/31/67	<u><u>69</u></u>

Check last year's State Annual Report and give:  
Increase of local and provisional Leagues over 3/31/66 2  
OR  
Decrease of local and provisional Leagues under 3/31/66 \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP:

Voting members, estimated 3/31/67	<u>5497</u>
Associate members, estimated 3/31/67	<u>26</u>
Members-at-large, estimated 3/31/67	<u>5</u>
Total voting, associate and members-at-large, estimated 3/31/67	<u><u>5528</u></u>

Check last year's Annual Report and give:  
Increase of voting, associate and members-at-large over 3/31/66 \_\_\_\_\_  
OR  
Decrease of voting, associate and members-at-large under 3/31/66 163

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE:

If you have undertaken any special project to increase the number of members-at-large in your state, please describe the project and the services you are giving these members and their part in League activities.

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LOCAL LEAGUES AND MEMBERSHIP

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Name of League (Include local and provisional Leagues. Indicate which are provisional)	Population of Community of Area of League	No. Voting Members 3/31/67	No. Associate Members 3/31/67	No. new Members this year	No. Members dropped this year	Net Increase or Decrease + or -	Total Membership 3/31/67
Albert Lea	18,000	42		12	3	plus 9	42
Alexandria	7,000	38	1	14	12	" 2	39
Anoka	11,000	47		13	3	" 10	47
Arden Hills	5,000	60		13	17	- 4	60
Austin	27,000	173		54	1	plus 53	173
Battle Lake	900	15		3	1	" 2	20
Bemidji	9,958	58		21	8	" 13	58
Blaine	15,554	41		14	19	- 5	41
Bloomington	60,000	94		25	20	plus 5	94
Brainerd	12,637	23		1		" 1	23
Brooklyn Center	15,000	49		5	7	- 2	49
Brooklyn Park	15,000	38		5	12	- 7	38
Buffalo	2,500	19		1	3	- 2	19
Burnsville - Prov.	10,000	58		8	9	- 1	58
Cass Lake	1,565	21		4	3	plus 1	21
Sub Total or Total	211,114	776	1	193	118	plus 75	782

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Chisholm	7,500	29		8	28	- 20	29
Cloquet	9,054	38		5	14	- 9	38
Columbia Heights	23,283	24		6	9	- 3	24
Crookston	10,000	48		4	9	- 5	48
Crystal	40,000	44		5	18	- 13	44
Deephaven	3,000	57		5	7	- 2	57
Duluth	106,884	304	1	63	33	plus 30	301
Edina	35,000	216	7	11	35	- 24	223
Excelsior Area	8,140	60		21	8	plus 13	60
Falcon Heights	5,923	43		8	9	- 1	43
Faribault	8,000	34		1	4	- 3	34
Fergus Falls	14,000	36		5	7	- 2	36
Fridley	26,500	65		13	27	- 14	65
Golden Valley	22,000	95		15	21	- 6	95
Granite Falls	3,200	40		9	7	plus 2	40
Sub Total or Total	222,484	1133	8	179	236	- 57	1137



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Greater Mankato Area	30,000	79		20	19	plus 1	79
Hibbing	18,000	68		7	16	- 9	68
Hutchinson	8,000	29		7	2	plus 5	29
International Falls	6,778	35	2	2	35	- 33	37
Jackson	3,500	21		2	1	plus 1	21
Mahtomedi Area	5,600	57		9	12	- 3	57
Maplewood	20,000	22		4	4	- 4	22
Minneapolis	500,000	995		145	235	- 80	995
Minnetonka	35,000	123		55	30	plus 25	123
Moorhead	22,000	77		11	9	" 2	77
New Brighton	9,500	63	2	24	24		65
New Ulm	12,800	29			4	- 4	29
Northfield	6,500	51	2	10	15	- 5	52
North St. Paul	10,000	23		3	4	- 1	23
Owatonna	15,000	45		15	20	- 5	45
Sub Total or Total	702,678	1717	6	310	430	- 110	1722

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Red Wing	10,000	46	1	4	2	plus 2	47
Richfield	46,000	70		10	12	- 2	70
Robbinsdale	21 18,000	41		6	8	- 2	41
Rochester	50,000	175		25	64	- 39	175
Rock County - Prov.	11,864	42		2		plus 2	42
Roseville	32,000	86		10	42	- 32	86
St. Anthony	7,500	53		4	11	- 7	53
St. Cloud Area	32,000	60		5	8	- 3	60
St. Croix Valley	10,000	48	6	6	6		54
St. Louis Park	48,000	190		42	32	plus 10	190
St. Paul	350,000	400	4	57	80	- 23	404
St. Peter	8,484	49		14	14		49
Shoreview	6,900	40		12	11	plus 1	40
Silver Bay	4,000	32	1	3	7	- 4	33
South St. Paul	24,000	42		7	2	plus 5	42
Sub Total or Total	660,748	1374	12	207	299	- 92	1386

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Virginia	14,034	47		11	2	plus 9	47
Wayzata Area	16,000	64		20	25	- 5	64
Wells	2,796	16			6	- 6	16
Westonka	8,500	40		2	11	- 9	40
West St. Paul	25,000	55	4	10	46	- 36	55 <sup>9</sup>
White Bear Lake	19,410	86		27	22	plus 5	86
Willmar	13,000	48		5	8	- 3	48
Winona	26,000	80		11	13	- 2	80
Worthington	9,915	55	1	12	6	plus 6	56
Sub Total or Total	1,931,669	5491	26	987	1222	- 225	5525 <sup>17</sup>



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### INTER - LEAGUE GROUPS

Please list the inter-League groups in your state (county councils, metropolitan councils, etc.), EXCEPT those set up to implement the national WATER item. Include the names of the Leagues in each inter-League group, the name and address of the chairman, and the League program and/or other activities carried on by the inter-League group. **Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues**

Anoka	Excelsior Area	Robbinsdale
Arden Hills	Falcon Heights	Roseville
Blaine	Fridley	St. Anthony
Bloomington	Golden Valley	St. Croix Valley
Brooklyn Center	Mahtomedi Area	St. Louis Park
Brooklyn Park	Maplewood	St. Paul
Burnsville	Minneapolis	Shoreview
Columbia Heights	Minnetonka	South St. Paul
Crystal	New Brighton	Waysata Area
Deephaven	North St. Paul	Westonka
Edina	Richfield	West St. Paul    White Bear Lake

Chairman: Mrs. Nicholas Duff, Rte. 3 - Box 120, Waysata, Minn. 55391

State Board Liaison - Mrs. O. J. Janski

Program: Transportation: 1. CMAL will scrutinize existing transportation by vehicle and rail here and elsewhere to determine which forms might prove feasible for this area. 2. CMAL will examine the relationship of transportation and land use to determine the best policies for present and future development. 3. CMAL will explore methods of financing public transportation to determine the roles of government and private enterprise.

First part dealt with mass transportation in other parts of the country. Published in mimeographed form - Mass Transportation, February 1966.

Second part published in printed form - Exploring Transportation for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area, June 1966. Copy attached.

Consensus: Copy of statement attached and are now lobbying at the legislature.

Materials: In addition to above - maps, clippings, Metropolitan Issues flyer (copy attached), publish regular newsletter.

Meetings: Executive Committee meets monthly. Three general - two with speakers on the subject, one a legislative review. CMAL Convention - very active and interested group. The 20 Leagues reporting were in general agreement that the study materials were excellent. All had provided, in one way or another, for the every-member use of the Transportation booklet and the Metro Handbook. In addition, these pamphlets were given to local officials and contributors to local finance drives. This is as far as the distribution went. The Leagues thought the general meeting good to excellent. Four of the 20 Leagues had general meetings in addition to a unit meeting on CMAL Program. Four Leagues had two unit meetings. Local League bulletins were used mainly for general CMAL information. One League, provisional, had no meetings though they send a delegate regularly to meetings. There a few Leagues that have requested closer supervision of CMAL by the state Board. At present time, liaison is excellent.

Interest in metropolitan government has developed faster than expected by CMAL. This session of the legislature is spending considerable time on this problem and CMAL is not ready to be involved in the discussions or decisions. CMAL leadership is reluctant to have Leagues in the area involved in study of metropolitan sewerage problems. Problems of leadership in this are resolved by state Board handling this study.

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- 1) Has your state League an office? **yes**

Address: State Organization Service, Univ. of Minnesota, Minneapolis

Is it permanent? **yes**

Do you share it with a local League? **no**

How many rooms? **2** Describe briefly. **One large room with two desks, all filing cabinets, long counter, built-in cupboards. One inner office used for a conference room and library.**

Do you make use of volunteer help on a regular basis? **no** How is this organized?

- 2) Give name of staff person(s) and brief description of staff job(s), (indicate full or part time). **Diane Kutzler - clerk-typist - part-time. Roberta Williams - bookkeeper - part-time. Peggy Thompson - organization secretary - works with local Leagues, legislative activities, VS - full-time**

- 3) List dates of state Board meetings 1966-67. Indicate if pre- or post-Convention or Council.

**4/20/66**

**5/19/66 - post Council**

**6/15/66**

**8/17/66**

**9/21/66**

**10/18/66**

**11/10/66**

**11/16/66**

**12/14/66**

**1/18/67**

**2/21/67**

**3/15/67**



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- 1) Has your state League an office?

*LWV of Minn.*  
Address: State Org. Service - U of Minn. Bldg. 5545

Is it permanent? Has been - will need to find new quarters within year  
Do you share it with a local League? No

How many rooms? Describe briefly. Two - 1 small meeting room - reception area - larger area for pamphlet storage counter for preparing mailings - typical school principals office of the early 1900's.

Do you make use of volunteer help on a regular basis? No How is this organized? We use one or two people now and then - help usually requested by portfolio chairmen

- 2) Give name of staff person(s) and brief description of staff job(s), (indicate full or part time).

*Since we have no executive sec. she performs in this capacity too delegating work to the typist & office management.*  
*of state and general experience of office operation.*  
Mrs. Robert Thompson - org. Sec. Full time  
Mrs. E. C. Williams - Billing & Bookkeeping part time  
Miss Diane Kutzler - clerk typist - part time

- 3) List dates of state Board meetings 1966-67. Indicate if pre- or post-Convention or Council.

*See date*  
3rd Wed. of each month beginning April 1966  
May had meeting was post council meeting  
June & March 1967 meetings - third Tues of each month.

*include special meeting with Nat Board*  
Meetings held regularly each month with exception of July

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#### Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues

Anoka

Arden Hills

Blaine

Bloomington

Brooklyn Center

Brooklyn Park

\* Burnsville

Columbia Hts.

Crystal

Deephaven

Edina-Morningside

Excelsior Area

Falcon Hts.

Fridley

Golden Valley

Hamtomedj Area

Maplewood

Mpls.

Minnetonka

New Brighton

North St. Paul

Richfield

Robbinsdale

Roseville

St. Anthony

St. Croix Valley

St. Louis Park

St. Paul

Shoreview

South St. Paul

Wayzata

Westonka

West St. Paul

White Bear Lake

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Chairman: Mrs. Nicholas Duff  
Rout 3, Box 120

Wayzata, Minn. (add Zip)

State Bd Liaison: Mrs. V. J. Janski

Program: ~~Three year study in mass transport~~

\* part. Dealt with mass transportation in other parts of the country - Published in mimeographed form - Mass Transportation. Feb. 1966

and part. Published in printed form - June 1966

Exploring Transportation for the Twin Cities

Metropolitan Area. (copy attached)

(consensus: ~~teacher~~ statement attached and are now lobbying at the state legislature)

Materials, in addition to above - maps, clippings,

Excerpts from pertinent publications  
Metro issues flyer-like issues (copy attached) (OVER)

Meetings - ~~one general~~ - two with speakers on the subject of legislative Review

Executive Com.  
meets monthly

annual convention

~~Good leadership~~ - very active and interested group

x  
1/20/67  
add  
publish  
revised  
letter  
New  
revised  
letter  
add

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#### STATE SERVICES TO LOCAL LEAGUES

- 1) Is there a Membership Chairman on your state Board? If your state Board has given help to local Leagues in the field of membership expansion describe fully. Attach any materials not already sent to the national office. There are two Board members responsible for Membership-Organization. Membership Workshop preceding Council, April 1966 (How to get and keep members.) Leadership Workshops, June 1966, each Board member had appropriate section; we were responsible for Membership and unit organization.  
*Attached*  
~~We all use the monthly Board Memo for timely tips to local Boards.~~
- 2) What kinds of service (in addition to those described in question 1) has your state Board provided your local Leagues during the past year?
- a) Local Board training yes? All local Leagues no? How is this carried out? Please attach any materials that are available.

Detailed Board training for provisional Leagues; informal Board training whenever necessary in special cases.

We have <sup>some</sup> weaker Leagues and often find it useful to meet informally with these Boards to brief them and answer their questions.

- b) Do you have consultants, advisers, or coordinators \_\_\_\_? How are they selected? How are they trained? Other comments? Please attach any materials that are available.

~~Each Board member is a consultant to several Leagues; Organization has about half under its wing. Each provisional League has an adviser. The Organization Committee makes these choices. The Committee has a training meeting for the advisers. These advisers are picked from a neighboring League and this League acts as a "mother hen" under an Adopt-A-League plan.~~

- c) Have you held workshops or conferences for your local Leagues \_\_\_\_? On what subjects? Have you had any state Program Conferences for members? Do you have a Presidents Workshop?

Legislative (State Action) Workshops - held in fall in various locations around state  
Budget Workshop - Held in December

China Workshop - February, speakers and film

Legislative Observers Program - 6 sessions with speakers during our legislative session

Presidents' Workshop - May, 1967 held alternate years

- d) How do you regularly communicate with local League boards?

~~All Board contributes monthly to Board Memo.~~

*Our Board Memo, with supplements, material is mailed out about 10 days after each Board meeting. We usually have no Board Memo in May or July with a special interest for work issue early in June. Each League receives a copy of the Board Memo for each Board member. Additions, copies of enclosures are included as we feel necessary.*

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STATE SERVICES TO LOCAL LEAGUES (continued)

3. AID TO LEAGUES WITH LIMITED MEMBERSHIP

- a) Please describe any special service you gave to the smaller Leagues in your state. Did you supply additional help in program coverage? Arrange for assistance by another local League or cooperative work? In your state program materials do you indicate the minimum amount of coverage expected, bibliography used, number of meetings, etc. as a guide to small Leagues? Have you employed any technique for small Leagues which you would recommend to other states?

~~We have many small Leagues and fully realize their problems. We try to visit each one yearly and the weaker one more often. We communicate with those in need of help as much as necessary. Organization helps with numerous phases, especially membership. We call in the appropriate Board members for Program, etc. assistance. We do encourage cooperations among neighboring Leagues - DHR Committees both in Ramsey and Hennepin Counties & a state-wide group just formed for Water.~~

~~We have no special technique.~~

- b) How successful do you think the national Board has been in preparing and issuing materials designed to simplify Program work and lighten the work load of Leagues with limited leadership?

You have made some good suggestions and have been more aware of the small League's problem, but it seems to me that it is more a matter of poor planning on their part. If they would read the National Board Report and try to understand the emphasis put on certain items rather than to panic and try to cover them all in depth they would be able to cope. The amount of material that a League receives certainly does make them feel swamped at times and they do need to be well-organized to cover it all.

#1 All Board members have tried to stress membership expansion — as a total Board responsibility and agent related to their particular Board positions. Emphasis has been on making all League activities appealing not only to potential members — also to present members. Program chairmen have stressed importance of planning for meaningful meetings and the value of resource committees in accomplishing together. Our Program Coordinator has continued to work in this area stressing the value of "good" unit meetings.

Open May 1966 The Council was entirely oriented toward increasing membership. The theme, "Paychecks for Voluntary Service" was chosen to counteract the ~~not~~ trend to ~~getting~~ employment. There were a series of round robin workshops on Membership, Program, and Gates Service. Although one was specifically membership, all were pointed toward a more satisfying League experience for the member. The three sections specifically on Membership covered: 1) Keeping members through good program development; 2) Ways of keeping members other than through Program; 3) Exploring ways of getting members.

In June our Membership Workshops for all local Board members included a section for Membership Chairmen where the emphasis was on the work of the chairman and his Committee. There was also a section for the



Discussion Unit Chairmen to help strengthen this function at the local level. The suggestions of Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Montgomery at these Leadership Workshops was truly a membership inspiration for membership expansion.

The monthly Board Memo summarizes useful and to examine year-round efforts to increase membership. We have concentrated our major efforts on strengthening the League we have and helping develop our status rather than ~~starting~~ <sup>more</sup> new Leagues.

2 a) We have not provided <sup>specific</sup> Board training except to new Provisional Leagues for several years. Our Leadership Workshops in June, 1966 were offered to all local League Board members instead. These workshops are well attended and enthusiastically received. Training national Board members particuarly added a great deal!

Provisional League Boards are given an all-day opening session as soon as they are organized. Consultants after call upon other Board members to meet Board meetings with them and give special assistance and training as is needed. <sup>try to</sup> Give special training when there is an abrupt change of leadership.

b) Prepared consultants for all established leagues. All state Board members serve as consultant to local leagues (other than their own leagues) and one former state Board member is consultant for three local leagues. The number of leagues assigned to other than the organization co-chairmen, varies from two to eight depending upon the geographic distribution, ~~quantity~~ additional responsibilities, etc. of the Board members. 36 local leagues are rounded off by the organization co-chairman. Assignments of consultants are made by the president after consultation with the organization committee.

There is no specific training for consultants although they are urged to communicate with other Board members if they seem to be problems relating to specific areas. All consultants' personal responsibilities as consultants <sup>or</sup> are fully covered in their orientation and also that there is emphasis on developing good rapport between the 3 leagues. The consultants have been urged to meet other than Board meetings this year to get to know what the members are doing and thinking. Consultants were asked to assist the Budget Committee in setting the proposed budget. Of course some Board members plan through better than others (assignments are made with this in mind). They all are expected to be thinking in other leagues because they



receive the minutes, special communications and all local League bulletins. The organization secretary keeps minutes for Board members, too and all minutes prepared by organization chairman, President and 1st vice president.

c) We may had more than the usual number of workshops this year. (One - for speakers Bureau - was cancelled because of insufficient registration.) All right, this one, however, well-attended. We started with the Leadership Workshops previously mentioned which involved all state Board members. Total attendance 385

In August we held a series of four State Action Workshops regarding the state (there are several more in detail under our Legislative Report for their purpose was to prepare for the session of the state Legislature). Total attendance 77

In December we held a Budget Building Workshop for representatives of all local Leagues. This was well attended (details under Finance). Total attendance 408

In January we held an every member Workshop on Rep. Churn. This was also open to the public. See Program under "Churn". This too was well received. Total attendance - over 300

We hold a President's Workshop before State Convention (every other year) for <sup>most of our</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>local</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>local</sup> Leagues have new presidents at this time

3 a) All our service could be considered geared to the so-called "small league" because the majority of our leagues fall into this category to ~~some~~ <sup>some</sup> ~~anyone~~ outside of Minnesota. The acceptance we give to all leagues is generally geared to the unit, for we feel that, regardless of the size of the league, the unit is the ~~primary~~ <sup>important</sup> element. Many leagues do not have formal planning sessions, but are becoming more receptive to ideas presented in Regional Meetings. Our units are generally no larger than 30 members so that each can speak as members; hence, all members will be important to the unit & participate. Our emphasis has continued to be on the preparation of appealing printed publications, & promoting easy member use. Thus we feel our members are becoming better prepared to participate.

We still have work to do in promoting cooperation between resource committees. Such activity is not done at the calendar planning stage, so coordinating is a problem.

We do not indicate the minimum amount of work. Our efforts have been to increase the number of meetings (and this is not, really, very well). We continue to appreciate all the ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> small leagues do. Our small leagues are apt to be doing a better job than some of our medium-sized leagues, who seem to be spending much too much



time, these days in "analysis" and "evaluation" not only of themselves but of League at all levels. Such activity takes time & doesn't seem to produce much.

1) Our Leagues haven't received the "message" - they seem to be added to their old procedures so the challenge is to the State Board to help them understand what variations there can be in governance. In order to be satisfied with this approach, however, the State League must set up more definite steps for orientation and make positive efforts to keep members updated.

Not enough small Leagues use sufficient subscription service so that the burden seems to be on the president. He is the one who needs the help - and this we try to give.



1.

QUESTION 1. a) Budget-Building:

(a) Local: During the Leadership Workshops, held in June, 1966, local budget-building was briefly dealt with in the sections for local League treasurers and finance chairmen. This was primarily in the explanation of these chairmen's duties -- e.g., they would be serving on their League's budget committee.

(b) The morning session of the Budget Workshop, held on December 1, 1966, was devoted to local League budgeting: the composition of the committee, the duties of the various members, the attitude and outlook of the local Board and budget committee members. Local League representatives were led in a discussion of the expenditure side of the budget by using a mythical League of Lowvision and turning it into the League of Growvision. Four local League representatives spoke on increasing the four phases of income: raising dues to \$7.50 and simultaneously increasing membership; publication sales to the members and to the community including the sale of publications to businesses; member contributions; and non-member contributions.

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STATE SERVICES TO LOCAL LEAGUES

- 1) Is there a Membership Chairman on your state Board? If your state Board has given help to local Leagues in the field of membership expansion describe fully. Attach any materials not already sent to the national office.

**There are two Board members responsible for membership-organization  
(See attached)**

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- a) Local Board training yes? All local Leagues no? How is this carried out? Please attach any materials that are available.
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- c) Have you held workshops or conferences for your local Leagues yes? On what subjects? Have you had any state Program Conferences for members? yes  
Do you have a Presidents Workshop? yes
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I. All Board members have tried to stress membership expansion - as a total Board responsibility and as it related to their particular Board portfolio. Emphasis has been on making all League activity appealing not only to potential members but also to present members. Program chairmen have stressed the importance of planning for meaningful meetings and the value of resource committees in areas working together. Our Program Coordinator has continued to work in this area stressing the value of "good" unit meetings.

Our May 1966 State Council was entirely oriented toward increasing membership. The theme, "Paychecks for Volunteer Service," was chosen to counteract the trend to employment. There was a series of round-robin workshops on membership, Program, and Voters Service. Although one was specifically membership, all were pointed toward a more satisfying League experience for the member. The three sections specifically on membership covered: 1) Keeping members through good Program development; 2) Ways of keeping members other than through Program; 3) Explaining ways of getting members.

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STATE FINANCE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (continued)

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## QUESTION 5.

Of the 65 Leagues whose reports are in, two had official Men's Advisory Committees and one had an "unofficial" committee. These Leagues feel they received good publicity, new ideas and additional inspiration from these Committees. The state finance chairman feel that these committees play a useful role by providing inspiration, ideas, endorsement statement or letters, advice and techniques. Other local Leagues should be made aware of the benefits of a Men's Advisory Committee in these areas. However, a local League might also derive as much benefit from an "ad hoc" committee at periodic intervals of two or three years.

## QUESTION 6.

Only 17 of the 65 Leagues who have reported said that the total number of business gifts had increased substantially this year. Local League comments, reasons and opinions varied widely on this. Included were: "Business firms are probably more aware of and more educated in responsibility to support organizations like League." "It's easier to get solicitors to call on businesses. Businesses have more money available while individuals must limit the number of donations." "Individuals are tired of being on our 'list'." Other Leagues commented that there were more "new" businesses to contact; or that because of lack of womanpower, more emphasis was put on soliciting those "more sure of giving" businesses. Still others felt that League members should themselves contribute more.

The state finance chairman admits to having mixed emotions about the soundness of the developing increase in total business gifts and the decrease in the total number of individual contributions. It is true that it is easier to obtain solicitors to contact businesses and organizations. This may be because the call is more "impersonal" than calling on an individual, especially after the original contact has been made and the first contribution has been received. It is also true that bigger initial contributions are received from businesses than from individuals. However, if the League of Women Voters exists as this year's calendar says, "to help its members and other citizens assume political responsibility with intelligence and conviction," and if we believe that we do "Let the people know; make the people care; help the people act," then we must continue to solicit from those individuals who feel as the League does. I would prefer to see a balance between individual and business solicitations rather than total dependence on either (one) type.

However, because of the increased financial needs of all three levels of League, because of the larger contributions of businesses (possibly because they deduct some from taxes through the public relations aspect of their budgets), because of the lack of sufficient woman-power (either through lack of membership size or the reluctance of some League members to make finance calls), I presume the trend toward greater dependence on business gifts will continue.

QUESTION 7

We have tried our best to build better understanding and acceptance among local Boards and members of the need to provide adequate financial support for all three levels of League. Our success in this respect is as yet unknown; since some of the local Leagues have delayed in indicating acceptance of the suggested pledge sent them from the state Budget Committee.

The state Budget Committee and Board attempted to build the bridge of understanding through the detailed explanation of support for state-national services on the expenditure side of state proposed budget, the local and provisional support section on the income side of the proposed state budget, the letter sent to local League presidents concerning their suggested pledges for state-national services, the letters sent to local League Boards from their consultants, and the Minnesota VOTER of Jan.-Feb. 1967.



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Albert Lea	249.00	743.67	35	6	81	19	50	14	3	1	-	30	Yes
Alexandria	500.00	631.50	-	-	68	4	27	31	6	-	-	17	Y
Anoka													
Arden Hills	350.00	218.00	6	12	10	7	13	7	1	-	-	29	Y Mid- drive
Austin	400.00	476.15	79		38	81	24	9	2			121	Y - of sorts
Battle Lake	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No
Bemidji	400.00	455.00	10	23	30	20	23	15	5	-	-	11	Y
Blaine *	300.00	373.00	7	10	44	19	22	19	1	-	-	28	Y
Bloomington	1200.00	1353.50	27	29	112	46	53	58	10	1	-	40	Y
Brainerd	345.00	375.00	3	7	60	35	27	7		1		17	Y
Brooklyn Center	900.00	885.68	36	8	66	45	30	19	4	3	1	30	Y
Brooklyn Park	540.00	511.43	6	3	60	18	26	20	5	-	-	26	Y
Buffalo	300.00	473.22	3	-	71	18	35	18	-	-	-	8	Y
Burnsville *	300.00	336.80	-	3	45	11	19	16	2	-	-	39	Y
Sub Total or Total	9784.00	6832.95	212	101	685	323	349	233	39	6	1	396	

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Cass Lake	185.00	161.00	13	24	3	25	11	4	-	-	-	4	Y
Chisholm	200.00												Holding drive March 14
Cloquet	403.00	463.00	35	52	8	46	34	12	3	-	-	35	Y
Columbia Heights	500.00	380.00	-	-	64	20	29	14	1	-	-	19	Y Mid- drive
Crookston	510.00	422.00	11	11	53	19	40	14	2			24	Y
Crystal	450.00	602.90	3	-	105	43	42	21	3	-	-	32	Y
Deephaven	450.00	443.35	16	75	-	47	33	8	3	-	-	26	Y
Duluth	2550.00	2531.30	72	180	34	22	91	87	10	2	-	54	Y
Edina	1550.00	1424.00	124	79	25	8	39	47	6	1	3	119	Y Mid- drive
Excelsior Area	435.00	493.36	13	16	54	15	38	17	-	-	-	19	Y
Falcon Heights	230.00	289.00	26	2	12	8	17	14	1	-	-	7	Y
Faribault													
Fergus Falls	335.00	278.00	6	34	2	7	21	14	-	-	-	16	Y
Fridley	720.00	575.00	61	25	45	37	16	4	4	1		59	Y
Sub Total or Total	8518.00	8062.91	380	498	405	297	411	256	33	4	3	414	

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Golden Valley	700.00	793.80	29	19	46	22	41	25	4	2	-	36	Y
Granite Falls	260.00	303.20	30	5	72	105	-	2	-	-	-	30	Y
Greater Mankato	825.00	369.00	11	1	39	1	17	20	2	-	-	30	Y Mid- drive
Hibbing	790.00	725.50	-	-	108	25	51	28	4	-	-	13	Y
Hutchinson	191.00	335.00	30	3	33	6	13	16	1	-	-	22	Y
International Falls	575.00	300.00	8	30		6	18	9	1	-	-	12	Strike in major Y industry cut into
Jackson	90.00	132.00	4	-	4	4	2	2	-	-	-	-	"No one wants/drive to do a drive in our League"
Mahtomedi Area	641.00	413.50	15	60	11	40	33	13	-	-	-	27	Y
Maplewood													
Minneapolis	10625.00	11038.92	+ Units 351	220	169	229	128	241	34	28	18	279	Y
Minnetonka Village	705.00	957.50		44	43	37	38	30	2	4		73	Y
Moorhead													Y
New Brighton	435.00	528.00	8	4	42	6	21	14	4	-	1	24	Y
New Ulm	540.00	575.72	11	52	20	21	42	17	3			11	Y
Sub Total or Total	16367.00	16472.14	497	408 30	587	502	404	417	55	34	19	557	

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Running Total 34,669.00 31,368.00 1089 1007 30 1677 1122/1164/906/127 44 23 1367

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North St. Paul	358.00	340.00		11		5	5				1	8	\$300 Cont. from businessmen's org.
Northfield	400.00	595.79	7	20	29	9	27	17	2	1	-	20	Y
Owatonna	600.50	636.50	-	27	68	18	38	27	4	-	-	25	Y
Red Wing	625.00	643.00	5	11	59	15	36	19	4	1	-	13	Y
Richfield	425.00	373.83	69	28	25	75	36	10	-	1	-	69	Y
Robbinedale	450.00	469.50	10	6	73	29	42	17	1	-	-	15	Y
Rochester	2025.00	1745.00			162	15	72	56	11	3		36	Y
Rock County *													organized late. No drive held 66-67.
Roseville	800.00	885.00	12	18	77	27	34	40	9	-	-	35	Y
St. Anthony Village	485.00	485.00	10	50	12	20	30	15	2	1			Y
St. Cloud Area													
St. Croix Valley	515.00	515.00	6	10	50	6	30	22	8	-	-	31	Y Mid- drive
St. Louis Park	1250.00	1210.00	3	6	190	78	76	40	4	1	-	85	Y
St. Paul	5000.00	4661.05	80	100	119	46	67	123	41	21	1	84	Y
page Sub Total or Total	12,933.50	12,559.67	202	287	864	343	493	386	86	29	2	421	

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Running Total 47,602.50 43,927.67 1291 1294 2541 1465/1657/1292/213 73 25 1788



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St. Peter	650.00	587.50	15	57	11	4	36	24	3	-	-	18	Y
Shoreview	500.00	437.50	35	130	10	170	5					35	Y Hold Circle Fair
Silver Bay	400.00	420.00	6	74	21	43	33	3	1			16	Y
So. St. Paul	520.00	565.00	3	-	61	6	26	18	4	1		15	Y
Virginia	400.00	414.00	4	32	42	19	44	12	1			20	Y
Wayzata Area	630.00	602.00	21	38	38	38	57	2				20	Y
Wells	125.00	173.00	16	1	30	9	16	5	1			10	Y
Westonka													
West St. Paul	430.00	463.00	2	12	42	11	18	15	1	1	1	24	Y
White Bear Lake	765.00	896.00	10	55	86	42	74	34	1	1		43	Y
Willmar	600.00	639.19	5	91		9	54	28				12	Y
Winona	550.00	544.00	31		29	9	16	15	8			15	Y
Worthington	500.00	666.00	2		115	32	59	21	3			16	Y
Page Total	6070.00	6407.19	150	490	485	392	438	177	23	3	1	244	
Sub Total or Total	53,672.50	50,334.86	1441	1784	3026	1857	2095	1169	236	76	26	2032	

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STATE LEAGUE (See explanation of items on reverse side)	1965-66	Estimated 1966-67
Income		
1. Local Leagues Support	\$ <u>33,705</u>	\$ <u>36,105</u>
2. Contributions direct to state	<u>341</u>	<u>350</u>
3. All other receipts	<u>10</u>	<u>1,607</u>
4. From Reserve		
5. TOTAL INCOME	\$ <u>34,056</u>	\$ <u>38,062</u>
Expenditures		
6. General Administration	\$ <u>14,881</u>	\$ <u>13,527</u>
7. Direct Services to Local Leagues	<u>5,300</u>	<u>4,191</u>
8. National Support	<u>14,525</u>	<u>15,975</u>
9. All other disbursements	<u>14,525</u>	
10. TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ <u>34,706</u>	\$ <u>33,693</u>
*****		
CASH STATEMENT		
11. Cash balance on hand (including savings) at beginning of year 4/1/66		\$ <u>10,485</u>
12. Estimated cash balance on hand (including savings) at close of year, 3/31/67		\$ <u>14,854</u>

LOCAL AND PROVISIONAL LEAGUES	1965-66	Estimated 1966-67
Income		
Dues	\$ <u>28,040</u>	\$ <u>27,340.20</u>
Member Contributions	<u>7,466</u>	<u>7,212.07</u>
Non-Member Contributions (Individuals & Business)	<u>40,980</u>	<u>40,268.13</u>
Other Receipts (total of 4a), b), c), d), from Local League reports)	<u>8,562</u>	<u>14,294.46</u>
Drawn from Reserves (total of 5a) and b) from Local League reports)	<u>10,110</u>	<u>8,534.76</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$ <u>95,158</u>	\$ <u>97,649.62</u>
Expenditures		
Local Work	\$ <u>59,059</u>	\$ <u>58,584.94</u>
State and national services	<u>33,705</u>	<u>32,675.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ <u>92,764</u>	\$ <u>91,259.94</u>

CASH STATEMENT

Total of local Leagues		
Balances on hand (including savings) at beginning of year 4/1/66		\$ <u>12,765</u>
Estimated balances (including savings) on hand at close of year, 3/31/67		\$ <u>38,393.59</u>
How much of the estimated balance is earmarked?		\$ <u>12,399.26</u>

Note: We are aware that the state Board must receive local League figures by March 15. We suggest you reassure your local Leagues that their figures may be based on their best estimates.

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

### INCOME

1. Local League Support: Include both pledge support and additional gifts from local Leagues.
2. Contributions Direct To State: Show any gifts made directly to the state League from other than local League sources.
3. All Other Receipts: Include dues from members-at-large, net profit from publications or other activities.
4. From Reserve: Fill in this figure only if funds were drawn from: a) Earmarked Reserves for state and national Convention or Council delegates' expenses, for special publications or for equipment, etc., or b) drawn from savings to balance expenses.

### EXPENDITURES

6. General Administration: Include cost of President, Board, Delegates, Legislative costs, Operating costs, Salaries, Public Relations costs, Fees, Capital Expenditures, or net cost from the operation of Council or Convention.
7. Direct Service to Local Leagues: Include cost of field travel, conferences, free organization materials; also net cost of any state publications or any national publications.
8. National Support: State pledge plus any additional gifts made to national.
9. All Other Disbursements: Any expenses not included in 6, 7, and 8.
11. Cash Balance, 4/1/66 Include total of all cash in all savings and all checking accounts.
12. Estimated Cash Balance, 3/31/67 You will arrive at this figure by adding 1, 2, 3, and 11 (Cash Balance, 4/1/66) and then subtracting 10 (Total Expenditures, 1966-67).



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EXPENDITURES FOR

Name of League star the provisional	Members		Non-Members		Other Receipts 4 a), b), c), d)*	Total Drawn From Reserves 5 a), b)*	Local Disburse- ment	State and National Support
	Dues	Member Contri- butions	Individuals	Business Firms, etc.				
Virginia	180.00	-----	-----	655.50	50.90	276.44	479.29	260.00
Wayzata	300.00	110.26	243.50	279.50	217.13	28.90	456.93	450.00
Wells	56.00	10.25	5.00	168.00	9.48	-----	52.27	95.00
Westonka								300.00
West St. Paul	295.00	25.00	438.00		35.00	272.00	715.00	350.00
White Bear Lake	487.00			896.00	111.15	427.92	1186.71	575.00
Willmar	240.50	33.19		600.00	19.40	129.00	572.09	350.00
Winona	395.00	139.00		405.00	7.76	50.00	746.76	250.00
Worthington	188.00	36.00		166.00	20.36		246.95	150.00
Sub Total or Total	2141.50	353.70	686.50	3170.00	471.18	1184.26	4456.00	2780.00

\* See explanation on back of local League Treasurer's Report Form.

TOTAL 27,340.20 7,212.07 9,807.50 30,460.63 14,294.46 8,534.76 58,584.94 32,675.00

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	Dues	Member Contri- butions	Individuals	Business Firms, etc.				
Red Wing <i>Albert Lea</i>	322.50	28.00	107.50	535.50	621.00	625.00	1447.11	365.00
Richfield	345.00	65.00	139.00	179.50	238.79	206.52	623.81	550.00
Robbinsdale	246.00	47.00	31.00	391.50	148.35	404.01	525.65	385.00
Rochester	850.00	156.50		1600.00	413.55		2006.23	1650.00
Rock County	315.00	27.50		5.00	2.80		115.66	125.00
Roseville	510.00	90.50	151.00	613.50	183.61	3.44	652.05	900.00
St. Anthony	245.00	21.00	424.50		56.89		296.32	330.00
St. Cloud Area	396.00	72.00		1200.00		85.00	675.00	450.00
St. Croix Valley	292.00	10.00	50.00	450.00	25.00		400.00	385.00
St. Louis Park	1062.00	13.00	11.00	1187.50	400.87	419.92	2115.23	975.00
St. Paul								
St. Peter	227.50	6.00	639.00		21.11	45.00	640.31	260.00
Shoreview	195.00	134.50	303.00		11.50	114.00	423.00	210.00
Silver Bay	162.50			342.93			406.31	225.00
South St. Paul	210.00	29.41		536.00	7.48	152.45	411.32	300.00
Sub Total or Total								

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	Members		Non-Members		Other Receipts 4 a), b), c), d)*	Total Drawn From Reserves 5 a), b)*	Local Disburse- ment	State and National Support
	Dues	Member Contri- butions	Individuals	Business Firms, etc.				
Greater Mankato Area	585.00	107.89		686.40			685.94	330.00
Hibbing	338.00			807.00		80.00	689.72	500.00
Hutchinson	150.00	16.25		306.00	21.68		173.56	135.00
International Falls	210.00	3.10	241.00		83.87	68.89	458.75	
Jackson	57.00	12.50			144.65		98.33	95.00
Mahtomedi Area	285.45	119.50	267.00	68.00	75.99	300.00	687.13	440.00
Maplewood	115.00	12.00	30.00		205.55	225.72	316.18	250.00
Minneapolis	6214.00	3065.42	3353.00	4620.50	7402.44	492.00	17,997.00	7100.00
Minnetonka	732.00	85.00	413.50	538.00	131.38	94.50	539.25	675.00
Moorhead	432.00	21.50		657.50	12.33	381.98	1077.80	360.00
New Brighton	315.00	32.50	20.00	479.00	62.82	419.06	1034.00	200.00
New Ulm	125.00	102.22	298.50	175.00	8.20	253.59	311.10	185.00
Northfield	260.00	53.29	100.00	300.00			543.00	175.00
North St. Paul	125.00	1.50		340.00	48.38	73.99	268.19	245.00
Owatonna	257.00			636.50	11.35		495.00	400.00
Sub Total or Total	10200.45	3632.67	4723.00	9613.90	8208.64	2389.73	25374.95	11090.00

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Chisholm	101.50	4.50	6.00		8.05	379.33	147.06	150.00
Cloquet	190.00	51.00	412.50			77.55	271.08	175.00
Columbia Heights	115.00	25.36		380.00	137.63		356.05	175.00
Crookston	235.00	20.50	54.00	347.50	18.48		515.33	175.00
Crystal	330.00	8.90		596.00	108.00	78.00	292.00	350.00
Deephaven	300.00	85.35	358.00		83.79	175.00	578.00	375.00
Duluth	1470.00	673.50		1864.80	413.65	125.00	2796.95	1750.00
Edina	1290.00	250.00	749.00	501.00	492.00	1266.00	2818.00	1730.00
Excelsior	360.00	75.36	108.00	310.00	110.82		403.04	350.00
Falcon Heights								235.00
Faribault								180.00
Fergus Falls	180.00	60.75	181.00	47.00	282.63	93.26	300.00	315.00
Fridley	346.50	120.00	150.00	450.00	30.00		847.00	400.00
Golden Valley	455.00	121.50	110.00	562.30	259.90		757.01	625.00
Granite Falls	215.00	90.00	10.00	203.20		185.52	503.72	200.00
Sub Total or Total	5588.00	1586.72	2138.50	5261.80	1944.95	2379.66	10585.24	7185.00

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INCOME FROM					EXPENDITURES FOR			
Name of League; star the provisional	Members		Non-Members		Other Receipts 4 a), b), c), d)*	Total Drawn From Reserves 5 a), b)*	Local Disburse- ment	State and National Support
	Dues	Member Contri- butions	Individuals	Business Firms, etc.				
Albert Lea	234.00	176.17	50.00	517.50	13.00		341.72	200.00
Alexandria	185.00			631.50	55.29		525.00	275.00
Anoka								420.00
Arden Hills	280.00	63.00	43.00	170.00	15.19	236.94	458.13	350.00
Austin	1158.75	204.15		221.00	599.29		960.45	715.00
Battle Lake	75.00	25.00	10.00		7.50		25.00	85.00
Bemidji	290.00	81.50	100.00	273.50	15.00		372.08	360.00
Blaine	200.00	68.25	56.00	272.00	72.65	156.83	384.81	175.00
Bloomington	486.00	70.50		1283.00	344.39	42.00	1823.50	755.00
Brainerd								125.00
Brooklyn Center	250.00	106.68	40.00	739.00	97.00	75.00	820.00	475.00
Brooklyn Park	190.00	28.43	11.00	472.00	78.84	15.00	470.00	225.00
Buffalo	95.00	31.22		442.00	106.00		476.60	120.00
Burnsville	483.00	41.17	7.00	329.00	100.59		641.61	125.00
Cass Lake	105.00	51.50	86.50	23.00	34.00		131.85	105.00
Sub Total or Total	4031.75	947.57	403.50	5373.50	1538.74	525.77	7430.75	4510.00

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## NATIONAL CURRENT AGENDA - DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

(Add extra sheets if necessary.)

1. How would you evaluate the work of your local Leagues on the Human Resources item?
2. What evaluation has been made of state programs to provide equality of opportunity for education and employment? If so, what, if any, conclusions have been reached about them?
3. Has your League taken any state action under the national Human Resources position? If so, describe the issue or issues on which you acted and the form of action taken. In your judgment, was the action effective? Did you combine the national position with a state position?

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DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES (continued)

4. Has any member of your state Board served in local or state programs related to the Human Resources item? If so, in what capacity? In what ways, if any, has the League benefitted from this kind of activity?

5. Comment on the guidance of the national Board and on the helpfulness of national Human Resource materials. Do you have any specific suggestions to make about the Guidelines for Local and State Action?

1. The majority of activity in local Leagues in Minnesota has centered in four inter-League groups established with the assistance of the state Board. Each group is quite different in goals and accomplishments.

Hennepin County Committee involves Minneapolis and 12 of 14 suburban Leagues. This group is action oriented, but it has never found a really satisfactory avenue for action. Initially, they hoped to do some research on poverty in suburban Hennepin leading to the establishment of programs in this area, but it became obvious that there would be no money available for such programs. Some members are involved in remedial reading on a one-to-one basis in the target schools in north Minneapolis. The Committee has published a report on the use of 89-10 funds in Hennepin. This is being used as the basis of unit discussion. In part, the project was the result of Congressman MacGregor's consistent opposition to 89-10. Members wanted to know just how the money was being used.

Ramsey County Committee involves St. Paul and 5 of the 7 suburbs. This group felt they needed more information before contemplating any action. A resource committee has completed a survey of programs, mostly factual with some evaluation. Exactly what use will be made of the report is uncertain. Many suburban members regard the problems as something apart from their lives.

Anoka County is a half-suburban, half-rural county adjacent to the Twin Cities. The four Leagues here have joined together to increase community support for CAP programs. They have written their county commissioners urging continuation of CAP and the programs were extended for one year. There has been some friction on this committee because one community is less interested in pushing for action while another League is all for action. They have agreed on a public meeting March 30 presenting their OED director to the area. State Board members will be present to strengthen their support.

Minnesota Valley under the leadership of Mankato and involving St. Peter and New Ulm have set up a program to observe their community action council and to present information to the public within their communities. They have established a speakers bureau.

On the Iron Range in northern Minnesota the local Leagues have given Human Resources good coverage within their Leagues. In the rest of the state very little has been done. Local Leagues have found great difficulty in handling Human Resources as a local item. Only the Anoka group has actually taken any action. Only the Minnesota Valley group has made a consistent effort to take the programs to their communities. Explanation for inactivity lies in part with the uncertainty of funding on the federal level and uncertainty about guidelines. League members have felt uncertain about asking for funds for projects in their areas when perhaps the need was greater elsewhere. They have felt unsure of themselves in criticizing guidelines that are perhaps too rigid for Minnesota but needed elsewhere. In addition, there seems to be a lack of leadership within local Leagues in this whole area. During most of the year, Minneapolis, St. Paul and the state Board operated without DHR chairmen. Women with strong interests in acting in this area seem to have found outlets for their energy in organizations other than the League of Women Voters.

The picture is rather negative when one looks at just what was done under DHR; it becomes considerably brighter when one looks at what was done under our state Equality of Opportunity item and local items in Minneapolis and St. Paul. The problems of Minnesota Indians, support of the State Commission Against Discrimination, fair housing, are all areas that are of concern to local Leagues. Suburban Leagues have been working with fair housing groups within their communities, viewing their efforts as related to the solution of problems of de facto school segregation. Local Leagues have been active in building support for the continuation of the Indian Affairs Commission on the philosophy that such a Commission must have the participation and support of the Indians to be effective. Bemidji conducted can-



ducted candidates meetings on the Red Lake Reservation. Minneapolis is involved in a voter registration project for Indians. St. Paul has been working on school boundaries, open enrollment, and a voluntary bussing program. Minneapolis has opposed changes which would have weakened a local FEPC. But, all these things would have been done whether or not we had studied DHR. DHR has been valuable in adding to the League member's knowledge of national problems, national programs, but this knowledge does not seem to have been translated into action on the local level. Since our state studies predate the national item, and since studies were directed to those areas which were of particular concern to members of the LNV of Minnesota, it is probably inevitable that positions reached under the state item have received the most attention. We have made no attempt to differentiate between national and state positions; the two studies have been complementary. We have encouraged local Leagues to study the two items together or apart as best suited their local situation. Clearly from the format of the annual reports, local Leagues do consider the two together.

2. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota has had a long history of action in equality of opportunity in employment. In 1965 our state law was extended to cover all employers. The state Board therefore decided to concentrate efforts on education, looking at the role of the State Board of Education. We singled out two areas for concentrated attention, racial imbalance in the city schools and the very small schools in rural areas which have insufficient tax base and enrollment to provide quality education.

A Facts and Issues type publication was prepared for local Leagues. The coverage given this material by local Leagues was excellent. As a result of our study we reached the following position:

"The League of Women Voters of Minnesota believes that the state of Minnesota has a responsibility to ensure equality of opportunity in education. Because racial imbalance threatens equality in education, the entire state should be concerned. The League favors the state's having power to investigate, to set and enforce standards, to give extra financial help to achieve these standards.

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota believes the state should work to achieve equality of opportunity in education through consolidation of elementary and secondary schools to create districts which meet state standards."

This position combines positions reached under the DHR study with conclusions of local Leagues after studying education in Minnesota.

The state Board has also devoted some attention to Minnesota's participation in the Upper Great Lakes Regional Development. We prepared a fact sheet for local Leagues, discussed action at two area workshops. It was our conclusion that not much will be done in this area as long as the Viet Nam war is putting pressure on the domestic budget. Interest in this topic among local Leagues is moderate; obviously they will not go ahead without a real push from the state Board. We feel that interest of members in a joint Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota study of water pollution is greater than concern about other areas of regional development.

3. A question to the state Board of Education on the need for a state policy on racial imbalance resulted in the adoption of a strong statement. How meaningful this statement will be is still not determined. The LNV of Minnesota is currently lobbying at the legislature for a bill to extend the definition of a "dependent child" to include those children who have passed their 18th birthday and are not yet 21 and are still in school. We have contacted the Governor, testified before a Senate committee and issued a Time for Action to local Leagues with Senators on the Welfare Committee. The bill has received favorable action from the Welfare Committee and is now in Senate Finance. We have cooperated in this effort with the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women, the state PTA, the Council of Churches and the state AFDC League. We have done research on costs to the state and counties. Our efforts will be instrumental in securing some extension



of the coverage. It is still too early to predict if we will get as broad coverage as we want.

We are also lobbying for consolidation of school districts - a joint state-national position.

On the basis of previously reached state positions we are working for funds for the State Commission Against Discrimination, extension of the coverage of the state Housing Law, continuation of the Indian Affairs Commission as a separate agency. (See state item for more complete description.)

4. Mrs. Harold Watson is secretary of the Indian Affairs Commission. This Commission is charged with investigating problems and making recommendations in matters of health, housing, law enforcement, education, welfare, economic development and civil rights. Mrs. Watson has been one of the most active members of this Commission, working very closely with the director. Her knowledge of problems in this area has been invaluable to the League. She has also developed close contacts with the Indian leaders.  
Mrs. O. J. Janski is a member of the Hennepin County United Fund Budget Committee. Her assignment has been budgets of settlement and neighborhood houses. She has given an insight into the manner in which federal programs are affecting existing social agencies.  
Mrs. William Whiting, as a member of the Owatonna Park and Recreation Committee, was involved in a successful neighborhood youth corps in the summer of 1965.  
Mrs. Earl Colborn has served on an ad hoc committee concerned with migrants. This has resulted in some information on present programs, but the group has been ineffectual.
5. As a state Board we like the Guidelines for Local and State Action, feel comfortable in using them. We find being given responsibility for development of League Program in Minnesota an exciting challenge. We like the flexibility in combining state and national positions. We like freedom to act in our state legislature without having to clear with the national office.  
For local Leagues in Minnesota, the Guidelines do not seem to have produced any action. We are not sure that changing the Guidelines would help, however. Perhaps there could be more illustrations of what other local Leagues are doing, similar to the examples cited in the January 1967 National Board Report.  
Both the Current Review and the Board Reports have been helpful. We feel the January 1967 National Board Report with its action orientation was especially outstanding.  
Perhaps the national Board should consider publishing an every-member facts and issues piece on DHR next year. We know there is plenty of available material already, but nothing stimulates local Leagues to schedule a meeting as well as a new League publication. We could, of course, do a publication on the state level, but / a national emphasis would be useful at this point.

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CHINA (continued)

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NATIONAL CURRENT AGENDA - FOREIGN POLICY SUPPORT POSITIONS (Trade, Aid, U.N.)

1. Evaluate the work of your local Leagues under the foreign policy support positions (including evaluation of response to Times for Action).

Trade

In Minnesota this year we have made a determined effort to get our local Leagues to respond to national Times for Action. We have eight congressional districts in our state. We now have a Times for Action coordinator in each of these districts. She is in touch with local Leagues in her district and finds out when, as, if and how they have responded to Times for Action. This information is reported to the state office.

A state Board member <sup>met with</sup> went with each of these coordinators late last year to interview her congressman on issues of interest to the League.

We note a steadily improving climate in Minnesota on trade in general and East-West trade in particular. Many communities see the East, perhaps even China, as a market for Minnesota's agricultural commodities.

We would expect good response on Times for Action from our local Leagues, *but they will probably need some updating material.*

Aid

Aid is another story. Many Leagues obviously feel they will have an uphill battle in explaining their commitment to Aid to their communities. <sup>we hope</sup> Most of our members are still enthusiastic as individuals;

an audience of League members reacted ~~very~~ strongly to the comment of a state legislator that Foreign Aid was mismanaged and a give-away program. Foreign Aid at the Crossroads does not seem to have <sup>gotten</sup> ~~gotten~~ the circulation <sup>attention</sup> in Minnesota that it deserves, but a number of Leagues

are planning to hold meetings on Aid after their meetings on China this spring. *There are more and more members who feel as do their Congressmen that perhaps LWV should take another look at their position in support of Aid perhaps develop new criteria keeping it abreast of the current world situation.*

United Nations

The state League and several local Leagues cosponsored, with other organizations, a U.N. Rally in Minneapolis last October. It was a tremendous success. Mrs. Little of the LWV was one of the panelists.

The China study will be a springboard for renewed interest in the UN for many Leagues. They will be reviewing the League positions on the UN in conjunction with the China study.

Very few local Leagues will have covered Trade, Aid, the UN and China during the year. Some Leagues will focus exclusively on China; the majority will cover China and one other area of our support positions; foreign aid is the topic most frequently scheduled for unit discussion, the UN the least frequently cited as having a whole meeting. East-West trade is frequently being/handled/ planned for bulletin articles and short updates// in units.

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FOREIGN POLICY SUPPORT POSITIONS (continued)

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Most of the state's foreign policy committee work was centered on the Red China item. Of course through our regular monthly state Board Memos we attempted to keep local Leagues abreast of meetings and publications of interest. *We need to do more.*

3. Evaluate usefulness to local Leagues of foreign policy publications (e.g., Leaders Guide, With Continued Support, Foreign Aid at the Crossroads, U.N. Pocket Reference, Current Review, VOTER articles, etc.).

All of these publications were helpful to the local Leagues. "Foreign Aid at the Crossroads" was especially useful. *With Continued Support is invaluable and we hope our Leagues are beginning to use it. They didn't seem to make the best use of "Foreign Aid at the Crossroads." All these publications had their use - but it was not as general as we would have liked. Try, again, state Board, could do more to assist the local Leagues in this area.*

4. Comment, if you wish, on the assistance given by the national Board *We* We do like the new subscription service for Times to Action. ~~I~~ would hope that individual subscriptions to this will increase response in our local Leagues. We always have some problem knowing what the National Board plans for local Leagues after it has sent a Time for Action on State ~~66~~ Supplement. It would help if you could give us some idea. The Consular Treaty was a case in point. *We* know you wish to limit the number of times you ask local Leagues to write their Congressmen to the most meaningful occasions, but many League members would have been interested in the actions taken by National and state League before the day the Senate passed the Treaty. *No appropriate periodic resumés of national Board activity in this area.*

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## State Board

1) We feel national Board members' participation in our business leadership Workshops is a superb type of field service and would like to have it continued. (If not two, then maybe one?). We are looking forward to a report by Mrs. Stuart next year of a meeting of our members - we like to share with national Board members.

We could use services of Mary Ann Lupton in Public Relations. What have other states managed in this area? Our RR workshops seem to be the best successful attendance-wise.

Maybe we would benefit from some joint meetings with Wis. Agric. Mech. and Art. and maybe the Defectives, etc. and D.P. Perhaps we should make more effort to get together with these people at Conventions and Councils. Getting state presidents together at National Conventions was most helpful.

Our Board <sup>likes</sup> ~~prefers~~ Inter-League Conferences in general such as we participated in this year, but we prefer being with representatives of Leagues with whom we have more in common. Membership and organization are other areas suggested for Inter-League Conferences. In the Program fields the Board would

proffer conferences on national rather than  
state steps. There are too many differences  
of approach, subject, years of study, etc.  
with state items.

We appreciate less emphasis on the  
small League (since we have so many of  
these). We could use more help in  
developing cooperative activities between  
Leagues.

We repeat a suggestion of last  
year — less lengthy bibliographies and  
more specific, step-by-step sort of  
approach, including what goes for the  
material, when material can be distributed  
when the resource committee meets, etc. True,  
this is well covered in the excellent new  
publication "Meaningful Meetings," but  
unless they are guided through, they  
don't seem to be able to follow.



2) Again, we do feel we need to be notified as soon as postponement of matters is imminent. If we know soon enough, perhaps we can help fill in when there seems to be a bit of "panic" at the local level.

We are still having trouble with meetings. We thought we had enough "supplements" and "duplicates" to take care of ~~our~~ needs ~~and~~ but we are continuously ending up receiving only one copy of something (and all the time thinking there were at least two other copies around!)

We still have a problem over the national candidates questions not being pertinent enough for use by every League. Could we have questions for League use like in our interviews and more freedom for candidates questionnaires?

We appreciate more frequent reports on action of Congress but feel there should be for the entire membership — this includes Times for Action such as the Congress Treaty. If local Leagues are not to act, they should get first seeing a Memorandum — and why not get them to action? Is it this part of citizen responsibility, or is the state president to do it all for them? We don't think so.

We hope many members will take advantage of the new subscription service for Time for Action. More of this sort of thing needs promoting directly to the member — perhaps through GfA so it gets into bulletins.

We keep hearing rumblings about impending consensus questions — on all levels. Perhaps a good "how-to" publication on "How to Write Good Consensus Questions" would be helpful. And speaking of publications, we were hoping to have a guide on producing publications for use on the state level.

The new Organizing Local Leagues is working out well. One suggestion we have to supplement would be more specific direction on what parts or segments of a national item must be covered. They can't spend months on all the needs, aid, DSA, etc. Perhaps an outline & bibliography of <sup>available</sup> League publications would help.

Because of the many obvious inaccuracies in our estimates from Annual Treasurer's reports, we would suggest changing our fiscal year to March / ex. Then our Annual reports would reflect actual figures.

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1. What information, guidance, and assistance has the state Board given local Leagues for work under the national water item?

The Board Memo was used extensively to give information and guidance to local Leagues starting with the Outlook for Work and a Checklist for Water Resources in June 1966. July 25, a copy of a letter to Mrs. Sharpe giving background on formation of a metropolitan sanitary district in the Twin Cities area was sent to all local Leagues. This was followed in September and October with additional information including the excellent publication prepared by an Ad Hoc Committee, A Metropolitan Sanitary District in 67?. Discussion guides and suggestions for coverage of this material was included. Invitations were sent to all local Leagues in the Twin City area to participate in a Forum on the question of "What Future Does the '67 Legislature Hold for a Metropolitan Sanitary District," sponsored by the LWV of Minneapolis. Supplementary material on "Proposals for State Tax Incentives to Industry for Pollution Control" was included in the September mailing. Local Leagues were asked to consider their own community situations as a part of their incentive studies and to include case study reports to the state office. These are being used in various water statements.

Local Leagues have been kept abreast of activities throughout the state and encouraged to work with other Leagues and organizations in their river basins. They have been urged to attend water quality hearings and Federal Water Pollution Enforcement proceedings. Leagues in the metropolitan area were represented at the Water Forum conducted by the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce. (See attached sheet.)

2. What legislative and/or community action has the state Board taken under the national item?

Community Action: We have become involved in the Twin City Metropolitan Sewerage District through the work of our Ad Hoc Committee. We have also been supporting the efforts to establish a federal River Basin Commission for the Souris-Red-Rainy River Basin (Moorhead, Battle Lake, Fergus Falls, Crookston, International Falls).

Legislative Action: To date we have given testimony in support of adequate funds for our Water Pollution Control Commission. We are preparing for action on flood plain zoning and expect other opportunities as the session progresses.

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NATIONAL CURRENT AGENDA - WATER RESOURCES (Continued)

3. What kind of continuing help from the national Board on this item would be useful to the state Board?

We appreciate all the assistance we receive. It would simplify matters if we could have guidelines such as we have for DHR and then proceed with approval of the state Board. Our legislature moves too quickly to go through formal applications being completed, sent to the national office and then waiting for response.

4. If you are aware of a major water problem or interest emerging in your region, please describe it.

There is no doubt that general interest in water is rising in this area. This legislature seems to be receptive to suggestions for controlling and enforcing what we now have. We see, however, some definite conflicts being sharpened between industry and its economic appeal and the general public interest as to the setting of standards and developing our resources for the future generations.

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Members of the state Board have been following activities of the various agencies involved with water resources and reporting information to local Leagues. A section of the State Action Workshops, October 1966, was devoted to water resources and the opportunities for action at this session of the legislature. Statements given at the legislature and at the FWPC Administration Enforcement Conference on the Upper Mississippi River Basin were sent to all local Leagues.

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Members of the State Board have been fulfilling activities of the various agencies provided forth water resources and reporting information to local Leagues. A section of the State Action Workshops, October, 1966, was devoted to water resources and the opportunities for action at this session of the Legislature.

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Legislative Action: To date we have given testimony in support of adequate



Funds for our Water Pollution Control Com.  
We are preparing for action on Flood  
plain zoning and expect other opportunities  
as the session progresses.

3- We appreciate all the assistance we  
receive. It would simplify matters if  
we could have guidelines such as we  
have for DDA and then proceed <sup>with</sup> ~~through~~  
approval of state Board. Our legislature  
moves too quickly to go through forms,  
applications being completed, sent to  
the national office and then waiting for  
response.

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in water is rising in the area. This  
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5. What has your state League done in Voters Service to develop

- a) Understanding of politics?
- b) Understanding of state government and the state legislature?

6. What have you done to help your local Leagues this year, other than published material? Workshops, conferences, memos, etc. Please attach agendas if available.

7. What kind of nonpartisanship problems (if any) were brought to your attention by your local Leagues?

8. What materials would you like to see the national Board supply to the state League in the area of Voters Service?

1. a) Series of TV "Meet TheCandidate" interviews with candidates for Gov., Lt.Gov., Attorney Gen., U.S.Senator, and 3 metro-area Congressmen on 8 successive Saturdays, 1 to 1:30 p.m., interviewed by local newsmen with information on other state offices and also some questions posed by political science professor. Candidates had time for initial statement and rebuttal via questions and answers with moderator.  
b) none other directly sponsored by state League - *Local Leagues "picked up" 1 or 2 of above programs*  
c) Office can fill in the quantities and costs:  
Your Vote Makes a Difference flyer  
Amendment Broadside - *remember sales to businesses & MNA -*  
New District maps? This was not a ballot issue, but was voter information and perhaps should be listed somewhere on annual report  
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*Shouldn't we summarize from local reports?*
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3. ~~My vote would go for the VS publications prepared by state Board for use by local Leagues and for direct distribution to public -- the election facts flyer and the amendment broadside, and these seem to have consistent enough use by local Leagues to justify this "top billing"--I would hope that a state League published candidate info "voters guide" in the future would extend this technique.~~  
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4. ~~I would hope~~ *in fact* that the state Fair Booth could be classed as a "special success"--though it had its day-to-day problems, its overall effect was successful, ~~I feel~~--both as a service to voters and as a member-and-League participation effort. The fact that 33 local Leagues worked together to staff the booth 11 hours each day for 10 days is monumental--even viewed from the comfortable distance of 6 months away! *(each local League paid admittance for its workers)* And the cooperation with WCCO-Radio and IBM was beneficial in many ways--~~certainly the use we made of the district maps provided at the booth and for use in legislative workshops was successful--and as I mentioned above, the exposure of the League members themselves and the voting public, too, to the experimental automatic voting machines was certainly useful in a state which is still reviewing their authorization for general state use.~~  
*by WCCO*
- The ABC Key Precinct reporting was certainly a dominant part of the effort by the state Voters Service chairman--and its successful completion and involvement of local Leagues served many purposes--not the least of which is the establishment of the VS revolving fund which will aid in future service to voters and in local Leagues in this area of VS. As a demonstration of the "possible", I would classify it as a "success story" --whether it is totally "Voters Service" I might question! But it was certainly a part of this year's VS!
5. a) The TV Candidates Meetings served this end, I feel--though not primarily And hopefully the Voters Guide info--questions, etc.--served this, also  
b) Here the legislative observers course would certainly rate high--and mention should be made of the extended audience via KUOM and Tapes of the course.



VVMD - 60,000

1¢ each

Amendment Crossroads - 80,000

1¢ each

Destruct Maps - 20,000 - underwritten  
by Highland Corp

- mailing cost  
postage costs

WCO-Radio provided the building and the displays which included large maps of the states new districts. Their public relations department advised us throughout the project and helped work out details with B.M. B.M. provided thousands of state law maps with automatic instructions printed on the reverse side. B.M. provided a sorting-tabulator for the health with the idea that seven times a day WCO-Radio would report from their booth the results of the stream vote from the 100 health. Automatic conditions were such, however, that cards had to be kept and for tabulation. Both WCO-Radio and B.M. underwrote costs for booth including games, telephone, etc. as well as displays and handouts.

6. Voters Service Sampling - ~~Feb. 24, 1966~~ - representatives from 7 metro area Leagues of varying size called in for a conference to go over previous election year VS activity and make recommendations for 1966 activity and also to inquire about local League "VS Health". Very successful. Topics covered included school elections, cooperating with other organizations on public meetings, types of candidates meetings that have been tried, distribution of candidate information, VS speakers bureaus, "issues" meetings--how to get both sides, plans for a state fair booth sponsored by state League. Discussion here furnished aid in planning workshop at Council and also Leadership Workshops in VS.

Council Workshop - May 18, 1966 - in 3 sections--launching Voters Service Sights the You in Youth, use of publications in VS, and variety and versatility in VS (local League swap shop of successes). Participants rotated and attended all 3 sessions.

Leadership Workshops - June, 1966 - These were for the VS chairmen in local Leagues and were designed to give the "how to" information needed in an election year including how to set up a committee, plans for candidates information and meetings, calendar planning, outlook for work beyond election in fall, and explanation of the new state fair project and the Key Precinct reporting project--a "for your information" type of presentation since not all Leagues took part in both projects. →

7. Under the nonpartisanship problems, I really don't know what to say!! Most of the questions that came to my attention were involving candidates meetings and our state Board directive about not including state-wide candidates at local League meetings, due to the state League TV series. There were a few questions raised about cancellation of one candidate's appearance and what to do about his ~~counterpart~~ opponent--and problems raised due to the late running of the congressional session and Leagues' scheduling candidates meetings early in the fall involving such candidates. →

8. *We* feel that the "Give the Voter a Hand" is due for updating--it is a 1960 publication and many changes in local League VS have evolved which are not currently covered--such as nursing homes service, senior citizen service, fresh look at use of radio and TV and in-person candidates meetings. Also actual outlines of citizen education projects would be helpful. The swap shops are very useful--and very welcome!

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Here is my "list of appearances made, speeches given, Leagues visited, committees worked with, etc.":

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4/6/66 - conference with both political party chairmen (separately!) - Mr. Thiss and Mr. Farr  
5/1 to 6 - attended National Convention, addressed state League presidents on our "You in Youth" publication and also attended a conference meeting their on problems of state Leagues  
5/17, 18, & 19 - state Council - VS Workshops  
6/6, 7, & 8 - Leadership Workshops  
6-27 - conference with Mpls. LNV, Citizen's League, and Mpls. Tribune on Voters Guide  
8/16/ - conf. with WCCO and Displays Unlimited on state fair booth plans  
8/26 - appearance on WPBC - 11 p. m. - on state fair booth publicity and also general LNV info.



The regular Board Meetings were used for  
Veteran Service information to local Leagues.  
Candidates questionnaires with instructions were  
also handled in the regular mailings. Veterans  
Service Talks and Bibliographies were sent out  
to all Leagues after Speakers Bureau Workshop  
was cancelled.

We work with state officials of both parties ahead  
of time (<sup>6 months</sup> a year?) and make our plans accordingly.  
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informed ahead of time so that problems which  
may arise do not appear insurmountable.  
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the number of candidates appearing - they  
all seem to want to "show" at League  
sponsored meetings and then the meetings become  
unwieldy. We had some trouble with the  
minor parties because they felt they should  
have an opportunity to appear even if their  
parties were not legally recognized in  
Minnesota.



- 8/18 - conf. with Forrest Talbot on Amendment Broadsides information and proof
- 8/27 through 9/5 (10 days) - daily attendance at state fair booth
- 9/6 - clear away and close state fair booth
- 9/14 - conference on WCCO-TV candidates meetings
- 9/17 - first TV Candidates meeting
- 9/20 - talk on arousing citizen interest in voting - given to house bulletin editors association meeting
- 9/21 - conference with John Thompson on ABC TV key precinct project
- 9/26 - talk on proposed const. amendments at senior citizens meeting, Mpls.
- 10/8, 15, 22, 29, and Nov. 5 - hostess assignments at TV candidates meetings
- 10/19 - moderate candidates meeting at St. Louis Park (incl. Robbinsdale and Golden Valley Leagues)
- 10/24 - moderate candidates meeting at Fridley
- 10/25 - moderate candidates meeting at Robbinsdale (Incl Crystal and Golden Valley Leagues)
- 11/2 - attend Edina candidates meeting
- 11/4 - attend a Minneapolis legislative candidates meeting
- 11/8 - election day - phone sit for ABC TV  
(I also made some trips to the hinterland for ABC TV--to Carver County and to Irondale and Posh City --but these were not strictly League type contacts, but were League involved, I guess!)
- 12/1 - Budget Workshop (visual aids)
- 1-11 & 25 - attend Observers Course
- 1-17 - visit Edina Board meeting
- 2-19 - attend CMAL legislative meeting
- 2/7 - attend Granite Falls Board meeting
- 2/14 - attend Alexandria Board meeting
- 2/8 - attend Observers Course
- 3/22 - observers course
- 3/30 - talk at Brainerd (for Organization)

Mary Ann McCoy

P.S. - Just wondered if you would want to attach the Speakers Bureau  
VS Talks - Outline & Bibliography prepared for this ill-fated conf.,  
and mailed later to Leagues - and then there were VS sections  
in Board Memo - including Outlook for Work - all this under  
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### PUBLIC RELATIONS

From the state point of view what was your foremost public relations achievement in the year 1966-67? Describe. We had no particular efforts which could be called pure public relations, although PR figured heavily in several other areas, in the setting up and operation of the state fair booth, the newspaper Voters Guide, and TV candidates meetings in the Voters Service effort, in <sup>state activity</sup> legislative workshops in promoting ~~with~~ work with other organizations and with the legislature, and the setting up and carrying out of the Legislative Observer Program, all as part of cooperating with program promotion and action. We have done the usual PR promotion of workshops and publications. We are trying to reach counties with no LLs through news releases and our legislative 'Capitol Letter.' We have been working on opening up What methods do Leagues in your state use to reach the public? (next page)

All reported use of the press, primarily for voters service, then for local and national program, next state program and less frequently for membership, least of all for finance. 39 used radio, again primarily for voters service (candidates meetings? or interviews?). 15 used TV, 18 speakers bureaus, 42 posters or hand bills. All of these figures are misleading, for in some cases it indicates regular, periodic use and in others, single occurrences. Press releases require the least effort. A number of Leagues indicated needed improvement in speakers bureaus.

Are some techniques being neglected? The amount and quality of PR varies greatly from League to League. Some are doing an excellent job of promoting League regularly through several channels. Some reports reflect minimum promotion, usually through the press, often in announcing a candidates meeting, etc. The use of radio and TV depends upon the availability of such stations in a community. We have been concerned about promoting speakers bureaus, but it is difficult to know just what the opportunities really are in this area. *Many Leagues manage publicity but fail to make use of "Tips on Reaching the Public" as a guide for developing better relationships in their communities. Their contacts and knowledge of other organizations is very limited.* What aids are being offered by the state League?

Help in getting Leagues in an area to work together? LLs have been encouraged to cooperate where they share a common newspaper or radio station. They do this well. They have worked together in Program and Voters Service with PR support. Workshops? Leadership workshop, a speakers bureau workshop was set and cancelled for lack of participants (12 were registered), but sample speeches in all state program areas were sent to LL's as well as voters service. *AR section on Leadership Workshops.* Idea-exchange? We have encouraged using the Board Memo as a vehicle for the exchange of ideas and sent out a summary of ideas from the leadership workshop. Our intentions were good, but Other? we probably have not pursued this as well as we might have.

We purchase tapes and other materials which can be borrowed by LLs. We have been working to make available to all LLs Minneapolis-St. Paul's radio program "Listen with the League" for use on other radio stations throughout the state, the idea being that purely local programs re Mpls.-St. P. could be replaced by other local programs. Details have not all been ironed out, and actual presentation of this series may not begin before next fall. Sample press releases for statewide meetings, etc.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS (Continued)

What organizations do your Leagues work with most often? Two favorites: Girl Scouts (26LLs), Chamber of Commerce (18), JayCees (8), Boy Scouts (7), Schools (7), Govt. Commissions (6), AAUW (4), Campfire (3), numerous other organizations mentioned once or twice. One surprise was that only one LL mentioned political parties. Also some of these contacts consisted of getting a service from the other organization, especially youth groups.

Are some areas of cooperation with other groups being neglected?

Obviously, but this is an area we have had difficulty prying loose. The previous state BR chairman made up forms for local surveys of other organizations, their programs, officers, interests, etc. About 2/5 of the LLs completed them. In legislative workshops we have stressed this avenue for action. It may be tied to lack of activity in speakers bureaus. Our record on the state level is not ~~it's~~ too brilliant either although we do a good job of distributing publications broadly, of working with other groups in program development, and of cooperating with a variety of organizations and political parties in our legislative program. *League is asked to participate in just about every meeting, conference, forum, etc. that comes along. So we must be selective in our attendance.*

Do your Leagues use films or filmstrips? 24 do. How? Indicate both information-giving and springboard for discussion, also as membership tool.

Would they like to use more? Some say yes.

What impediments are there to greater use of visual materials?

Lack of conviction that they are useful, lack of equipment, sometimes lack of information regarding availability of films. Most reported use of 'It's Your Decision\* Clean Water'. *We have "A Woman's Place" but after League do not have access to a filmstrip projector. Our own series of slides "The League at Work" needs updating. Keeping these materials current is one of our biggest problems.*

What do you see as public relations problems in the state?

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channels of communication with the Northwest Industrial Editors Association which represents editors from house organs throughout the state. We have been told that they are using some of our material particularly of a Voters Service nature. KUOM, the University of Minnesota radio station, remains our best program promotion vehicle. They record most of our guest speakers from program workshops, Councils, Conventions, Legislative Observer programs, etc., and use them on their program, 'Public Affairs Forum.' We have been trying to develop radio programs throughout the state by encouraging rebroadcast by local outstate radio stations of Minneapolis-St. Paul's 'Listen with the League.' Several outstate Leagues are seriously interested in the series. They would substitute Minneapolis-St. Paul's local topics with programs of local interest in their own community. This can all be done with an initial investment in the tapes and after that for a minimum cost for dubbing and mailing. Expressions of interest have come in slowly, and some details need still to be worked out with the U. However, this plan should become operative soon. We have developed a packet of information for PR chairmen to use in developing speakers bureaus.

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VOTERS SERVICE (continued)

5. What has your state League done in Voters Service to develop

- a) Understanding of politics?
- b) Understanding of state government and the state legislature?

6. What have you done to help your local Leagues this year, other than published material? Workshops, conferences, memos, etc. Please attach agendas if available.

7. What kind of nonpartisanship problems (if any) were brought to your attention by your local Leagues?

8. What materials would you like to see the national Board supply to the state League in the area of Voters Service?



1. a) Series of TV "Meet the Candidate" interviews with candidates for Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, U.S. Senator, and three metropolitan area Congressmen on eight successive Saturdays, 1:00 to 1:30 p.m., interviewed by local newsmen with information on other state offices and also some questions posed by political science professor. Candidates had time for initial statement and rebuttal via questions and answers with moderator.
  - b) None other directly sponsored by state League. Two local Leagues were able to arrange to have local TV stations pick up one or two of the "Meet the Candidate" programs.
  - c) Your Vote Makes a Difference - \$590 - 1¢ each to Leagues - 60,000 ordered  
 Amendment Broadside - \$420 - 1¢ each to local Leagues - 80,000 ordered  
 District Maps - underwritten by Midland Cooperatives - mailing costs to local Leagues - 22,000 ordered  
 Minneapolis Tribune produced a Voters Guide before both elections which was included in each copy of their newspaper. It was also made available separately for local League distribution. Many local Leagues worked with local papers in the preparation of information on candidates for the state legislature.
  2. The State Fair Booth which served several citizen education ends by arousing interest in the primary election, acquainting citizens with the Votomatic voting machine which is on a trial run here in the state under permission of the state legislature, and providing an avenue for distribution of district maps (new) and the election procedures and voting requirements information contained in the VS flyer and also information on the proposed constitutional amendment.
  3. VS publications prepared by the state Board for use by local Leagues and for direct distribution to the public - the election facts flyers have proved most successful. These seem to have consistent enough use by local Leagues to justify this "top billing" - I would hope that a state League published candidates information "voters guide" in the future would extend this technique.
  4. We feel that the State Fair Booth could be classed as a "special success" - though it had its day-to-day problems, its overall effect was successful, both as a service to voters and as a member-and-League participation effort. The fact that 33 local Leagues worked together to staff the booth 11 hours each day for 10 days is monumental - even viewed from the comfortable distance of six months away! (And each local League paid admittance for its workers.) The cooperation with WCCO-Radio and IBM was beneficial in many ways. WCCO provided the building and the displays which included large maps of the state's new districts. Their public relations department advised us throughout the project and helped work out details with IBM. IBM provided thousands of state fair maps with Votomatic instructions printed on the reverse side. IBM provided a sorter-tabulator for the booth with the idea that several times a day WCCO would report from their booth the results of the straw vote from the LNV booth. Climatic conditions were such, however, that cards had to be sent out for tabulation. Both WCCO and IBM underwrote costs for the booth including power, telephone, etc. as well as displays and handouts. As mentioned above, the exposure of the League members themselves and the voting public, too, to the experimental automatic voting machines was certainly useful in a state which is still receiving their authorization for general state use.
- The ABC Key Precinct reporting was certainly a dominant part of the effort by the state VS chairman - and its successful completion and involvement of local Leagues served many purposes - not the least of which is the establishment of the VS revolving fund which will aid in future service to voters and to local

Local Leagues in the area of VS. As a demonstration of the "possible" I would classify it as a "success story" - whether it is totally "Voters Service" I might question,! But it was certainly a part of this year's VS!

5. a) The TV candidates meetings served this end, I feel - though not primarily. And hopefully the Voters Guide information questions, etc. served this, also.  
b) Here the legislative observers program would certainly rate high, and mention should be made of the extended audience via KUOM and tapes of the course.
6. Voters Service Sampling - representatives from seven metropolitan area Leagues of varying size called in for a conference to go over previous election year VS activity and make recommendations for 1966 activity and also to inquire about local League "VS health." Very successful. Topics covered included school elections, cooperating with other organizations on public meetings, types of candidates meetings that have been tried, distribution of candidate information, VS speakers bureaus, "issues" meetings - how to get both sides, plans for a state fair booth sponsored by the state League. Discussion here furnished aid in planning workshop at Council and also Leadership Workshops in VS.  
Council Workshop - May 18, 1966 - held in three sections. Launching Voters Service Sights the You in YOUTH, use of publications in VS, and variety and versatility in VS (local League swap shop of successes). Participants rotated and attended all three sessions.  
Leadership Workshops - June 7, 8, 9, 1966. These were for the VS chairmen in local Leagues and were designed to give the "how to" information needed in an election year including how to set up a committee, plans for candidates information and meetings, calendar planning, outlook for work beyond election in fall, and explanation of the new state fair project and the new Key Precinct reporting project - a "for your information" type of presentation since not all Leagues took part in both projects.
7. Under the nonpartisanship problems, I really don't know what to say! Most of the questions that came to my attention were involving candidates meetings and our state Board directive about not including state-wide candidates at local League meetings, due to the state League TV series. There were a few questions raised about cancellation of one candidate's appearance and what to do about this - what about his opponent and problems raised due to the late running of the congressional session and Leagues' scheduling of candidates meetings early in the fall involving such candidates. We work with state officials of both parties ahead of time (six months), and make our plans accordingly. We then try to keep the local Leagues well-informed ahead of time so that problems which may arise do not appear insurmountable. One of our biggest problems is keeping down the number of candidates appearing - they all seem to want to "show" at League-sponsored meetings, and then the meetings become unwieldy. We had some trouble with the minor parties because they felt they should have an opportunity to appear even if their parties were not legally recognized in Minnesota.
8. We feel that the "Give the Voter a Hand" is due for updating - it is a 1960 publication and many changes in local League VS have evolved which are not currently covered - such as nursing homes service, senior citizen service, fresh look at use of radio and TV and in-person candidates meetings. Also actual outlines of citizen education projects would be helpful. The swap shops are very useful and very welcome.



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## PUBLIC RELATIONS

From the state point of view what was your foremost public relations achievement in the year 1966-67? Describe. We had no particular efforts which could be called pure public relations, although PR figured heavily in several other areas, - in the setting up and operation of the state fair booth, the newspaper Voters Guide, and TV candidates meetings in the Voters Service effort, in state action workshops in promoting work with other organizations and with the legislature, and the setting up and carrying out of the Legislative Observer Program, all as part of cooperating with program promotion and action. We have done the usual PR promotion of workshops and publications. We are trying to reach counties with no LLs through news releases and our legislative 'Capitol Letter.' We have been working on opening up What methods do Leagues in your state use to reach the public? (next page)

All reported use of the press, primarily for voters service, then for local and national program, next state program and less frequently for membership, least of all for finance. 39 used radio, again primarily for voters service (candidates meetings? or interviews?). 15 used TV, 18 speakers bureaus, 42 posters or hand bills. All of these figures are misleading, for in some cases it indicates regular, periodic use and in others, single occurrences. Press releases require the least effort. A number of Leagues indicated needed improvement in speakers bureaus.

Are some techniques being neglected? The amount and quality of PR varies greatly from League to League. Some are doing an excellent job of promoting League regularly through several channels. Some reports reflect minimum promotion, usually through the press, often in announcing a candidates meeting, etc. The use of radio and TV depends upon the availability of such stations in a community. We have been concerned about promoting speakers bureaus, but it is difficult to know just what the opportunities really are in this area. Many Leagues manage publicity but fail to make use of "Tips on Reaching the Public" as a guide for developing better relationships in their communities. Their contacts and work with other organizations is very limited. What aids are being offered by the state League?

Help in getting Leagues in an area to work together? LLs have been encouraged to cooperate where they share a common newspaper or radio station. They do this well. They have worked together in Program and Voters Service with PR support. Workshops? Leadership workshop, a speakers bureau workshop was set and cancelled for lack of participants (12 were registered), but sample speeches in all state program areas were sent to LLs as well as voters service. Idea-exchange? We have encouraged using the Board Memo as a vehicle for the exchange of ideas and sent out a summary of ideas from the leadership workshop. Our intentions were good, but we probably have not pursued this as well as we might have. Other?

We purchase tapes and other materials which can be borrowed by LLs. We have been working to make available to all LLs Minneapolis-St. Paul's radio program "Listen with the League" for use on other radio stations throughout the state, the idea being that purely local programs re Mpls.-St. Paul could be replaced by other local programs. Details have not all been ironed out, and actual presentation of this series may not begin before next fall. Sample press releases for statewide meetings, etc.

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## PUBLIC RELATIONS (Continued)

What organizations do your Leagues work with most often? Two favorites: Girl Scouts (26LLs), Chamber of Commerce (18), JayCees (8), Boy Scouts (7), Schools (7), Govt. Commissions (6), AAUW (4), Campfire (3), numerous other organizations mentioned once or twice. One surprise was that only one LL mentioned political parties. Also some of these contacts consisted of getting a service from the other organizations, especially youth groups.

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Are some areas of cooperation with other groups being neglected? Obviously, but this is an area we have had difficulty prying loose. The previous state PR chairman made up forms for local surveys of other organizations, their programs, officers, interests, etc. About 2/5 of the LLs completed them. In legislative workshops we have stressed this avenue for action. It may be tied to lack of activity in speakers bureaus. Our record on the state level is not too brilliant either although we do a good job of distributing publications broadly, of working with other groups in Program development, and of cooperating with a variety of organizations and political parties in our legislative program. League is asked to participate in just about every meeting, conference, forum, etc. that comes along so we must be selective in our attendance.  
Do your Leagues use films or filmstrips? 24 do How? Indicate both information-giving and springboard for discussion, also as membership tool.  
Would they like to use more? Some say yes.

What impediments are there to greater use of visual materials? Lack of conviction that they are useful, lack of equipment, sometimes lack of information regarding availability of films. Most reported use of 'It's Your Decision-Clean Water'. We have 'A Women's Place' but often Leagues do not have access to a filmstrip projector. Our own series of slides 'The League at Work' needs updating. Keeping these materials current is one of our biggest problems.

What do you see as public relations problems in the state?  
Newspapers: Outstate and in smaller communities, cooperation in the main seems good. In the Twin Cities (Mpls.-St.P.) newspapers will print only what they consider news which is understandable, and the names of women who attend meetings or visiting dignitaries are not even acceptable to the Women's Page. If we have a speaker who will attract attention himself rather than because of his informational value to LWV, they will give him space. Relationships of LLs to papers varies -- some are excellent, some papers completely unsympathetic. Generally our image is good. LLs still report some trouble in explaining our nonpartisanship policy. PR committees are hard to come by, and LLs feel hampered in this activity by lack of womanpower -- and much may be due to a real lack of understanding of the value of public relations to a League.

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channels of communication with the Northwest Industrial Editors Association which represents editors from house organs throughout the state. We have been told that they are using some of our material particularly of a Voters Service nature. KUOM, the University of Minnesota radio station, remains our best program promotion vehicle. They record most of our guest speakers from Program workshops, Councils, Conventions, Legislative Observer Programs, etc., and use them on their program, 'Public Affairs Forum.' We have been trying to develop radio programs throughout the state by encouraging rebroadcast by local outstate radio stations of Minneapolis-St. Paul's "listen with the League." Several outstate Leagues are seriously interested in the series. They substitute Minneapolis-St. Paul's local topics with programs of local interest in their own community. This is all done with an initial investment in the tapes and after that for a minimum cost for dubbing and mailing. We have developed a packet of information for PR chairmen to use in developing speakers bureaus.

Minnesota Newspaper Assoc. releases on:

- The Constitutional Amendment
- Legislative Observers Program
- Letter to Governor from state president
- An Announcement of Mpls. meeting on sanitary district.

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

Legislative Position VOTER included full resume of our position in this area. No new positions were reached this year.

We are in the process of lobbying now under a position reached last year for modification of Home Rule in cases where more than one unit of government is affected. The bill we are actively supporting just passed the House and is now about to be considered by the Senate.

Hopefully, we will realize success in this area but a final evaluation is not yet possible.

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CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support legislation to regulate lobbying and conflict of interest.

No new material prepared on this item except the every-member legislative Position VOTER which included a resume of this stand.

No new position, of course.

We lobbied for a good lobby regulation bill at 1967 session. It was passed by committee in original form but amended to be so strong on the House floor that its death in Senate committee is assured.

This must be already be considered a failure.

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

a) an easier amending process, b) regular and equitable reapportionment, c) legislative sessions of adequate length, d) provision for a post-auditor, e) clearly fixed executive responsibility.

Project Update: Constitutional Revision - printed resource piece for every member, explaining our constitutional revision position and also giving information on what other states are doing in this area. This piece was designed for use in legislative preparation unit meetings and to enable members to answer calls for action in the area of constitutional revision. Resume of position was included in Position VOTER. The state Board decided not to support constitutional revision by convention in the '67 session. We do favor a commission set up by legislators to study improvements ~~in~~ in our state constitution.

Amendments have been offered implementing all of our other stands, and we are actively lobbying for these, expect to have ballot amendments we support in the next state election.

No lobbying done in this area yet and too early to assess success or failure.



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3. none

4. none yet

5. not possible yet.

State Board decided not to <sup>support</sup> ~~pass~~ constitutional revision by convention in the '67 session. We do have a commission set up by legislators to study improvement of our state constitution.

Amendments have been offered implementing all of our better stands and we are actively lobbying for these, expect to have ballot amendments ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> the next state election.

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1. How useful did you find the Inventories of Work (prepared by the national League).

on State Fiscal Policy, 1965?

on Constitutional Revision, 1966?

other Inventories?

2. Comment on how they were used.

3. In what area of state study would you find an Inventory of Work useful, should another one be planned?

Financing Government in Minnesota: Evaluation of revenue sources with consideration of state and local needs.

This item was adopted for the first time in May 1965. By April 1, 1966 Financing Public Services in Minnesota had been published and a series of regional workshops had been held. These latter were concerned with the subject matter and also offered suggestions for presenting the material to League members in unit or general meetings. Most local Leagues held their first meetings in April or May of 1966 at which time they discussed how government is now financed in Minnesota - where the money comes from and where it goes. At state Council in May 1966 delegates expressed a desire to evaluate present and alternative revenue sources and methods of distribution with no push for consensus rather than to limit our study to the property tax with the hope of reaching consensus.

The June 1966 Outlook for Work promised new study material by September 30 and suggested local Leagues plan their meetings for November or December. It urged attendance at the legislative workshops planned for the fall and at the Observers Program during the legislative session. It also offered suggestions for additional reading.

The Leadership Workshops in June included a discussion section for state Program and state action chairmen. This was a "how-to" sort of meeting on both study and action aspects of Program. With the June Board Memo, each League was sent a copy of "An Analysis of Recent Tax Proposals" by the Minnesota Department of Taxation and "Reforming the Property Tax and Other New Developments on the State Revenue Front." The latter was a copy of the speech given at our state Council banquet by Dr. John Shannon, Senior Analyst, Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.

The state resource committee of about ten people, most of whom had worked on the first publication, started working in June. An eight-page, facts and issues type publication, Property, Income and Sales Taxes, was off the press by the middle of September. (Approximately 6000 have been sold.) As an aid for local Leagues in reviewing their spring study, a short quiz on Financing Public Services was also published. Order blanks for both of these were included with the August Board Memo and the September Board Memo carried suggestions for presenting the material, a discussion guide and report forms as well as a copy of each publication for each local League.

The regional workshops in October were concerned with state action. Financing Government was mentioned but the meetings were focused on those items likely to see action in the legislative session. Since we had no consensus on this topic no action was anticipated.

Most local Leagues held meetings on Financing Government in November, December or January. For the most part they seem to have been good meetings with lots of discussion and interest. As the reports of these began coming in, it appeared as if it might be possible to reach consensus in the property tax field. If the Leagues had time to discuss specific consensus questions during February, we might be able to act in this legislative session. Consequently, the local Leagues were asked whether they wanted to attempt this or not. Since a number of Leagues said they didn't have time in February, the state Board decided not to try. So we still have no consensus. But this has been the sort of study the Council delegates requested. If this item remains on the Program another two years, we should have a good foundation for reaching consensus.

Both of our publications have been very well received outside the League as well as within. A number of local Leagues have given Property, Income and Sales Taxes to their contributors, schools, libraries, etc. A copy of Financing Public Services was sent to each legislator before the session. Property, Income and Sales Taxes is being given to members of the Tax Committees of both houses. We are observing the hearings of both of these committees and are trying to keep our members informed through the Capitol Letter.

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

**Project Update: Election Laws** - printed resource piece for every member, explaining our election laws positions and emphasizing what legislative action will be in present 1967 session. This publication was designed for use in legislative preparation unit meeting and to enable members to answer anticipated calls for action in the area of election laws. Council workshop held on election laws; also had a demonstration for delegates of voting machines in use in Minnesota (horizontal, vertical, electronic). Every member legislative Position VOTER, December 1966, included a resume of this position.

No new positions under this item.

Some League members participated in the election law study done by citizen research organization in Twin City area.

Encouraged members to support some of our election laws stands at precinct caucuses for inclusion in party platforms. Appeared as state Board representative before platform committees of both parties to urge their support. Spoke to incumbent Governor's chief assistant to gain support.

No evaluation of possible successes or failures possible at this time.

## State Program

CA II - Equality of Opportunity: 1. Support of policies to insure equality of opportunity in employment, housing, public accommodations, education and other public services for all citizens. 2. Support of commission administration of anti-discrimination laws. 3. Support of state responsibility for Indian citizens.

## 1. Status of item a year ago.

This item represents study and consensus ~~done~~ over a period of several years. A year ago it was decided to do additional study in the area of equality of opportunity in education *following direction of the 1965 State Convention*

## 2. Development of the item.

*Project report*  
The state resource committee decided to study equality of opportunity in education by examining the problem areas of de facto segregation, the common school district and the small high school. ~~The publication~~ *A fact and issue type publication, prepared*  
~~The Minnesota School System - Equal for All?~~ *The Minnesota School System - Equal for All?* was ~~written~~ *prepared*. This material used along with the previous League publication, Human Resources - Minnesota's Changing Patterns was the basis of League study. The Minnesota School System - Equal for All? was used as an every member publication with over 4,000 distributed. *A discussion guide was also prepared for use in units.* At least 53 Leagues participated in the study and consensus.

Several Leagues did local research on these problems. The topic was used by local Leagues for radio programs with a  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour TV program in the planning stage.

*State Action*  
The four area workshops included presentation of probable legislative action in the areas of concern covered by this whole item. Equality of opportunity in education was briefly touched upon.

At the state level this item was combined with the National League DHR item. Research was done on PL 89-10 at the state level and a Newsletter was published. *(# 2000)*

State and Federal laws affecting Minnesota Indians were updated and a new listing was compiled for the use of Indian leaders. Bemidji League held a candidates' meeting at the Red Lake Indian Reservation.

## 3. Positions reached.

*new*  
The education study resulted in the following position statement:

"The League of Women Voters of Minnesota believes that the state of Minnesota has a responsibility to ensure equality of opportunity in education.

"Because racial imbalance threatens equality in education, the entire state should be concerned. The League favors the state having power to investigate, to set and enforce standards, and to give extra financial help to achieve these standards.

"The League of Women Voters believes that the state should work to achieve equality of opportunity in education through the organization and consolidation of elementary and secondary schools to create districts which meet state standards."

## 4. Action taken:

## 1) Legislative or executive

~~Members were urged to attend party caucuses and submit platform recommendations embodying League positions in these areas. Testimony was made to the platform committees of the two major parties stressing our positions on expanded fair housing legislation, adequate financing~~



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of the State Commission Against Discrimination, and retaining an independent Indian Affairs Commission.

A Time for Action went out for Leagues to write the Governor-elect prior to his ~~state of the state~~ <sup>inaugural</sup> address to keep the Indian Affairs Commission separate from the proposed new State Department of Human Relations. ~~This was answered by at least 39 official responses with many leagues sending several letters.~~ <sup>The response was excellent</sup> The Leagues also put articles in their papers and contacted other interested groups, Mrs. J.C.s, ministerial associations, local human rights commissions, etc.

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In replying to Time for Action calls, local Leagues have used newspaper publicity, contact with groups sharing the same concern, etc. The study phase of the equality of opportunity in education was in many cases shared with the public and thus has helped build a public awareness of the issues.

### 4) Ballot issues - none.

### 5. Evaluation of results - success or failure of specific legislation

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## ELEC. LAWS

1. Quote LA position

2. Project Update Election Laws - Printed resource piece for every member, explaining our election law positions & emphasizing what legislative action will be in <sup>present</sup> 1967 session. This publication <sup>was</sup> designed for use in legislative <sup>preparation</sup> unit meeting & to enable members to answer anticipated calls for action in area of election laws. Council workshop held on election laws; also had a demonstration for delegates of voting machines in use in Minnesota (horizontal, vertical, & electronic.) Every member Legislative Position Vote, Dec 1966, ~~also~~ included Resolutions of this position.

3. ~~none~~ No new positions

④ <sup>Some LWV</sup> Members participated in election law study done by citizen research organization in Twin City Area.

Encouraged members to support some of our election law stands at present caucus for inclusion in party platforms. Appeared as sthd representative before platform committees of both parties to urge their support. Spoke to incumbent governor's chief assistant to gain support.

Legislation now in session; several of our positions are in bill form & we are supporting them.

5. No evaluation yet possible

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**Equality of Opportunity:** 1. Support of policies to insure equality of opportunity in employment, housing, public accommodations, education and other public services for all citizens. 2. Support of commission administration of anti-discrimination laws. 3. Support of state responsibility for Indian citizens.

This item represents study and consensus over a period of several years. A year ago it was decided to do additional study in the area of equality of opportunity in education following direction of the 1965 State Convention.

The state resource committee decided to study equality of opportunity in education by examining the problem areas of de facto segregation, the common school district and the small high school. A facts and issues type of publication, Project Update: The Minnesota School System - Equal for All?, was prepared. This material used along with the previous League publication, Human Resources: Minnesota's Changing Patterns, was the basis of League study. The Minnesota School System - Equal for All? was used as an every member publication with over 4000 distributed. A discussion guide was also prepared for use in units. At least 53 Leagues participated in the study and consensus. Several Leagues did local research on these problems. The topic was used by local Leagues for radio programs with a ½ hour TV program in the planning stage.

The four State Action Workshops included presentation of probable legislative action in the areas of concern covered by this whole item. Equality of opportunity in education was briefly touched upon.

At the state level this item was combined with the national League DHR item. Research was done on PL 89-10 at the state level and 2000 Newsletters were published.

State and federal laws affecting Minnesota Indians were updated and a new listing was compiled for the use of Indian leaders. Bemidji League held a candidates meeting at the Red Lake Indian Reservation.

The education study resulted in the following new position statement:

"The League of Women Voters of Minnesota believes that the state of Minnesota has a responsibility to ensure equality of opportunity in education.

Because racial imbalance threatens equality in education, the entire state should be concerned. The League favors the state having power to investigate, to set and enforce standards.

The League of Women Voters believes that the state should work to achieve equality of opportunity in education through the organization and consolidation of elementary and secondary schools to create districts which meet state standards."

Testimony was made to the platform committee of the two major parties stressing our positions on expanded fair housing legislation, adequate financing of the State Commission Against Discrimination and retaining an independent Indian Affairs Commission.

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No ballot issues.

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Financing Government in Minnesota: Evaluation of revenue sources with consideration of state and local needs.

This item was adopted for the first time in May 1965. By April 1, 1966 Financing Public Services in Minnesota had been published and a series of regional workshops had been held. These latter were concerned with the subject matter and also offered suggestions for presenting the material to League members in unit or general meetings. Most local Leagues held their first meetings in April or May of 1966 at which time they discussed how government is now financed in Minnesota - where the money comes from and where it goes. At state Council in May 1966 delegates expressed a desire to evaluate present and alternative revenue sources and methods of distribution with no push for consensus rather than to limit our study to the property tax with the hope of reaching consensus.

The June 1966 Outlook for Work promised new study material by September 30 and suggested local Leagues plan their meetings for November or December. It urged attendance at the legislative workshops planned for the fall and at the Observers Program during the legislative session. It also offered suggestions for additional reading.

The Leadership Workshops in June included a discussion section for state Program and state action chairmen. This was a "how-to" sort of meeting on both study and action aspects of Program. With the June Board Memo, each League was sent a copy of "An Analysis of Recent Tax Proposals" by the Minnesota Department of Taxation and "Reforming the Property Tax and Other New Developments on the State Revenue Front." The latter was a copy of the speech given at our state Council banquet by Dr. John Shannon, Senior Analyst, Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. The state resource committee of about ten people, most of whom had worked on the first publication, started working in June. An eight-page, facts and issues type publication, Property, Income and Sales Taxes, was off the press by the middle of September. (Approximately 6000 have been sold.) As an aid for local Leagues in reviewing their spring study, a short quiz on Financing Public Services was also published. Order blanks for both of these were included with the August Board Memo and the September Board Memo carried suggestions for presenting the material, a discussion guide and report forms as well as a copy of each publication for each local League.

The regional workshops in October were concerned with state action. Financing Government was mentioned but the meetings were focused on those items likely to see action in the legislative session. Since we had no consensus on this topic no action was anticipated.

Most local Leagues held meetings on Financing Government in November, December or January. For the most part they seem to have been good meetings with lots of discussion and interest. As the reports of these began coming in, it appeared as if it might be possible to reach consensus in the property tax field. If the Leagues had time to discuss specific consensus questions during February, we might be able to act in this legislative session. Consequently, the local Leagues were asked whether they wanted to attempt this or not. Since a number of Leagues said they didn't have time in February, the state Board decided not to try. So we still have no consensus. But this has been the sort of study the Council delegates requested. If this item remains on the Program another two years, we should have a good foundation for reaching consensus.

Both of our publications have been very well received outside the League as well as within. A number of local Leagues have given Property, Income and Sales Taxes to their contributors, schools, libraries, etc. A copy of Financing Public Services was sent to each legislator before the session. Property, Income and Sales Taxes is being given to members of the Tax Committees of both houses. We are observing the hearings of both of these committees and are trying to keep our members informed through the Capitol Letter.

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### STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

(This section is designed to find out how you organize your legislative work both for action on League Program and for general education of members and public on matters of the legislature, its operations and procedures. The report of State Program work itself will be made under that section.)

ORGANIZATION Please describe. Is the state chairman a director with this as her sole assignment? or is this a temporary assignment? If the latter, what is her other assignment? Is there a state committee? Board or non-Board composition? how selected? how frequently does it meet?

*Legislative activity assigned to State Action Chairman, a director - a full-time assignment but not her only assignment. Board committee, appointed by president. On preparation for session & during session, State action emergency committee functions (composed of president, State action chairman, board program chairman & concerned lobbyist). State Action Chairman also resource chairman for Home Rule and Election Laws. Works closely with State Program Coordinator.*

What, if any, local League parallel operation is there?

*Local state action chairman on each Board. We encouraged appointment two years ago but not until this fall did we have good response. This assignment after handled by state Program Chairman in smaller Leagues -*

LOBBYING How does the State Board determine which legislation it will seek or support? How are Times for Action and statements to the legislature handled by the State Board? by local Leagues when received? Is any effort made to inform the public? Describe. Describe any legislative successes and failures so far this session.

COSTS How realistically are the expenses for this portfolio provided for in the budget? What kind of services would you provide or utilize if more money were available? Do you have access to legislative reporting from sources other than newspapers or your own reports?

*Our budget for Program Services includes Program Promotion and Lobbying expenses. It is an accrual account. Legitimate, and not because of inadequate budget. This year extensive lobbying activities are carried on by volunteers who get very small part of travel and lodging expenses reimbursed. Do have more adequate funds for distribution of materials, etc. Also continue to receive \$350 legislative service as a gift which is a service essential to our lobbying activity. We would like to have them copying meeting for better communication during the session (improve communications at all times)*



# LEGISLATIVE WORK (Continued)

## SERVICES

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**CONTACT WITH LEGISLATORS** Were interviews with legislators held? How are local Leagues prepared for these? Is any report made to the state League? How successful were they? What percent of the legislators were seen? Do you provide any information to the legislators? What?

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Informal use of the press so far - fortunately, we seem to agree with metropolitan press.

A complete legislative report will be sent at the end of the session.

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Both parties provide Tour Guides for Capitol Tours after lunch. (How many organizations asked to participate & actually, then? How many publications sold or given away?)

Publications available for sale. Lists of committees & schedules available free.



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#### STATE BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) Does your state Board have suggestions for the kind of field service that would be most beneficial for your state? Visit by national Board or staff member? On a specific program, activity or problem? Or a general visit? A single visit or repeat visits by the same Board or staff member? Would your state League benefit from participation in an Inter-League Conference? In what area of League Program or activity? Other suggestions or comments about national field service.

We feel national Board members' participation in our biennial Leadership Workshops is a superb type of field service and would like to have it continued. (If not two, then maybe one?) We are looking forward to a visit by Mrs. Stuart next year at a meeting for our members - we like to "share" national Board members.

We could use the services of Mary Ann Guyol in public relations. What have other states managed in this area? Our PR workshops seem to be the least successful attendance-wise.

We feel we would benefit from some joint meetings with Wis., Iowa, Mich., and Ill. and maybe the Dakotas on Water and DHR. Perhaps we should make more effort to get together with these people at Conventions and Councils. Getting state presidents together at National Convention was most helpful.

Our Board likes inter-League conferences in finance such as we participated in this year, but we prefer being with representatives of Leagues with whom we have more in common. Membership and organization are other areas suggested for inter-League conferences. In the Program fields the Board would prefer conferences on national rather than state items. There are too many differences of approach, subject, years of study, etc. with state items.

We appreciate less emphasis on the small League (since we have so many of these). We could use more help in developing cooperative activities between local Leagues. We repeat a suggestion of last year - less lengthy bibliographies and more specific, step-by-step sort of approach, including what goes in the bulletin, when material can be distributed, when the resource committee meets, etc. True, this is well covered in the excellent new publication, "Meaningful Meetings," but unless they are guided through they don't seem to be able to follow!

(OVER)

STATE BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS (continued)

- 2) Does your state Board have suggestions for changes in basic League policies or for improvement in the procedures and services of the national Board and office? If so, please describe, giving reasons and suggestions for the improvements that might be made.

Again, we do feel we need to be notified as soon as postponement of material is imminent. If we know soon enough, perhaps we can help fill in when there seems to be a bit of "panic" at the local level.

We are still having trouble with mailings. We thought we had enough supplements and duplicates to take care of our needs, but we are continually ending up receiving only one copy of something (and all the time thinking there were at least two other copies around!).

We still have a problem over the national candidates questions not being pertinent enough for use by our media. Could we have questions for League use like those in our congressional interviews and more freedom from candidates questionnaires?

We appreciate more frequent reports on action in Congress, but we feel these should be for the entire membership - this includes Times for Action such as the one on the Consular Treaty. If local Leagues are not to act, they should at least receive a Memorandum - and why not alert them to action? Isn't this part of citizen responsibility, or is the state president to do it all for them? We don't think so.

We hope many members will take advantage of the new subscription service on Time for Action. More of this sort of thing needs promoting directly to the member - push through FYI so it gets into bulletins.

We keep hearing rumblings about wording of consensus questions - on all levels.

Perhaps good "how-to" publications on "How to Write Good Consensus Questions" would be helpful. And speaking of publications, we were hoping to have a guide on producing publications for use on the state level.

The New Organizing Local Leagues is working out well. One suggestion we have to supplement would be more specific direction on what parts or segments of a national item must be covered. They can't spend months on all the trade, aid, DHR, etc. Perhaps an outline and bibliography of suitable League publications would help. Because of the many obvious inaccuracies in our estimates from annual treasurers' reports, we would suggest changing our fiscal year to March 1. Then our annual reports would reflect actual figures.

Problem 4. Super Highway Inter-Change Location

Because of its location directly south of a large urban center, a small farming and resort community discovers that an interstate interchange has been planned for a flat highly productive area just south of the village. Some local residents favor this since they anticipate increased business from the transient traffic and rising real estate values. Others are unhappy that the country residential quality of the village that has attracted visitors as well as been enjoyed by residents will be destroyed, billboards and a string of commercial places will line the highway, slowing traffic and blotting out the scenery. Agricultural interests point out that a lot of agricultural land used to grow vegetables processed in a local plant will go out of production because of the interchange and the developments the increased traffic will encourage. Someone proposes that the interchange and interstate could go north of the village where the farmland was poorer and where it wouldn't be so disruptive to the character of the village.

1. Which group is right?
2. How can citizens influence the interstate location?
3. How can the effects of the increased traffic be minimized? How would you get this done?
4. Assuming the location can't be changed, what compromise arrangements are possible?

*study of metropolitan sewerage problems. Problems  
of description in this area resolved by state  
Board handling this study.*



The 20 Leagues representing felt generally  
were in general agreement that the study  
materials were excellent - all had  
provided, in one way or another for the  
every member and of the Documentation  
booklet and the South Handbook. In  
addition, these \$ pamphlets were given to  
local officials and contributors to the  
Leagues' finance drive. This is as far  
as the distribution went. (See back!)

The Leagues ~~were also in agreement on~~  
~~the high quality of study materials and~~  
thought the general meeting good to  
excellent. Four of the 20 Leagues had general  
meetings in addition to a winter meeting or  
small program. Four Leagues had two  
winter meetings. L.L. bulletins were read  
mainly for general CONAH information.  
One League, prov., had no meeting, the  
they send delegates regularly to CONAH  
meetings.

There are a few Leagues that have requested <sup>supervision of</sup> CMA by the State Board. <sup>at the present</sup>  
<sup>time</sup> <sup>lesson is excellent</sup>  
Interest in metropolitan government has developed faster  
than expected by CMA. This section of the legislature is  
spending considerable time on this problem and  
CMA ~~is not ready to be~~ <sup>is not ready to be</sup> <sup>involved</sup>  
in the discussions or decisions. CMA leadership  
reluctant to have Leagues in the area involved in