



## League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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Mound, Minn.

Dec. 24, 1940.

Dear P. H. M -

Would you please not be too angry if I turn in my resignation to the Board to take effect immediately. I have a most guilty conscious, an awareness of skipping many board sessions these past two years and am afraid I am straying off the League Lanes. Having been on the Board eight years it really is time for me to step off and give some other Leaguer a chance. I am honestly frightfully tired of pre-election activities, having had it so long I have reached the "crabby teacher" stage where I feel like turning "Johnny Public" over my knee and breaking a ruler over his bottom." You see therefore it is time for me to quit, there's a lot to teacher's retirement you know.

About those State memberships - I rather

think after looking the list over that I  
wouldn't worry much about them. My own  
hunch is their membership means to them  
an indorsement of the League and its principles,  
the privilege of buying League literature,  
attending general convention sessions etc.  
In receiving the voter they are kept posted  
on League affairs & literature. There's a  
lot to individual initiative and I rather  
think that the majority of the state  
members, if they wanted more from  
the State League would know how to  
get it. (I would suggest Mrs. G. be  
invited to join the Mpls League)

This turns out to be almost a manuscript  
therefore I will bring it to its fitting  
climax and hereby tender my resignation  
to the Board to be accepted with no  
regrets from anyone. "Heres to the  
League, heres to all it stands for and  
may she go onward stronger and stronger.  
Best wishes to all and love to a  
grand bunch - "

Marian B. Winter

Mrs. Albert J. Olson  
2 Parkview Circle  
Owatonna, Minnesota

May 10, 1954

Dear Mrs. Young,

I regret that I am unable to serve on the State Board at this time. My three children are very young and I do not feel that I can give as much time as a State Board position requires. In a few years, when the children are in school, I would be happy to serve.

Thank you for asking me.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. A. J.) Dorothy Olson



1915 Lake Boulevard  
No. St. Paul 9, Minn.  
August 30, 1955

Mrs. Basil Young, President  
League of Women Voters of Minnesota  
84 South Tenth Street, Room 406  
Minneapolis 3, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Young:

Since receiving your tempting letter two days ago concerning the vacant position of Secretary on the State Board of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota, I have been doing some very deep thinging.

It is with a sad heart that I must decline to accept the job for personal reasons. They are: (1) I have a baby daughter who will be only two weeks old tomorrow. She is therefore too young to receive nursery school care. My problem is one of baby-sitting. (2) My older daughter starts kindergarten next week for two short hours a day. We still do not know whether it will be morning or afternoon.

There is one bright side. Our local League holds evening meetings and therefore I can continue to do League work in the local League as extensively as before.

I can only hope that this unavoidable refusal will not shut the door to another opportunity such as this one in the future, when my children are a little older.

League work to me is still the most rewarding and worthwhile volunteer work that I can possibly do.

Thank you for your confidence in my ability. I would truly have loved to have accepted.

Very truly yours,

Anita Karnuth  
Mrs. Donald Karnuth

January 15, 1955

Mrs. J. S. McCarty  
3900 Yosemite  
St. Louis Park, Minn.

Dear Mrs. McCarty:

Mrs. Clifford Simonson, Finance Chairman on the State Board, has found it necessary to resign from that post because of the illness of her son.

You have been very highly recommended to me as a person who could very ably fill that position, and I am writing to ask if you will give the state the benefit of your talents and experience, in this respect.

Mrs. Simonson has offered to spend the amount of time necessary to help you get started and has also agreed to act as Budget Chairman.

We are having a budget committee meeting on January 26th at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon at the Minneapolis League office, and would appreciate it if you could let me know before that time if you could accept this position and attend that meeting.

I do hope you will say Yes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Basil Young  
President

January 15, 1955

Mrs. Lloyd Hocraffer  
President, League of Women Voters  
of Roseville  
14 Mid Oaks Road  
St. Paul 13, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Hocraffer:

The time for making out our annual budget has rolled around again, and I am writing to ask if you will serve on the budget committee for the state.

It would involve only two meetings: one on January 26th at 2:00 o'clock p.m. at the Minneapolis League office, and one at the convention.

I would appreciate it very much if you could serve the state in this respect, and if you would let me know quite soon if you feel you can accept and attend the January 26th meeting.

I do hope you will say Yes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Basil Young  
President

Same letter: Mrs. Jerome Gray, 4215 Morningside Road, Minneapolis



Board File

June 4, 1955

Dear Mrs. Janski:

C Thank you for your very nice letter. It was a pleasure to meet with your League; I enjoyed it immensely and it was a real thrill to see such a large and enthusiastic turn-out for your annual meeting. I was glad too that your delegates enjoyed and were satisfied with the convention.

O As I have told you before, we are very proud of our Richfield League, which has grown so strong and effective under your expert guidance and wise leadership - which leads me into what I started to say to you when I was in Richfield, namely: That the State Board has had its "eye on you" for quite some time, and the nominating committee wanted very much to ask you to accept a board position, but were loathe to ask you to add to your duties as local president. However, a crisis has now arisen -- Mrs. Popp is unable to continue as Secretary because her husband is Mayor of Hutchinson -- and, after consulting with a member of the nominating committee and several others whose judgment I respect, and from my own knowledge of your ability, I am wondering if we could not again look at that possibility, and ask you to consider accepting the position of Secretary, rationalizing it thusly:

P Y The job of secretary is not a heavy one; I promise it would not involve any extra jobs - correspondence will be taken care of either by the office or myself. It would mean of course your attending board meetings once a month, and writing up the minutes - but that would be all. At the same time, the board would have the benefit of your thinking and experience and you would be gaining experience that would not only help the State, but Richfield as well.

I know your first reaction will be - "Oh, No", but please consider it very carefully. I know it's asking you to give more time than one person should be asked to, but I sincerely feel if anyone can do it, you can, and you can rest assured we will make the job as light as possible.

Our next board meeting is on the 16th of June. If you do not have time to think about it and write before then, I will call you when I get to Minneapolis on the 15th.

Sincerely, and hopefully,

Mrs. Basil Young  
President

copy to Barbara; if you think Mrs. Guthrie should have a copy, will you make and send one; sorry I didn't think of it in time.



Board File

June 3, 1955

Dear Stella:

C Thank you so much for your kind note and good wishes. I am sorry, too, that we didn't have an opportunity to talk at the convention, and hope that can be rectified in the near future. I would like to tell you personally how very much I have appreciated all your help, encouragement and good counsel, and also the friendly cooperation and assistance the Minneapolis Board and staff have always given the State Board and office. It has meant a great deal to all of us.

C We are very proud of the Minneapolis League, which has grown increasingly vital and effective under your wise and expert leadership. Long before I did any work on the state level, I had heard of the wonderful president the Minneapolis League had, and have now found it out for myself.

P You are going to be sorely missed, I know, but you can take tremendous satisfaction in a job faithfully and exceedingly well done.

P I do hope you have a most pleasant and relaxing summer.

Sincerely, and with best wishes  
to you and Mr. Gale,

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Board File

June 2, 1955

Mrs. Fred G. Hargesheimer  
5226 East Bald Eagle Boulevard  
White Bear Lake, Minnesota

C Dear Mrs. Hargesheimer:

I am trying to get all assignments and appointments on the State Board completed by our next Board meeting on June 16th, and would be very pleased to have you accept the position of Finance Chairman.

O Your record as president of the League of Women Voters of White Bear Township has been outstanding, and I do hope you will feel you can now give the state the benefit of your talents and experience.

P This position would involve, with the help of a committee, assisting local Leagues in their finance work. You would be a member of the State Budget Committee and would interpret to the State Board and to the local Leagues the finance needs of the League, state, local, and national, in carrying out the purpose of the League of Women Voters. The National Board is planning regional finance conferences in the fall, and we believe one will be conducted in the Twin Cities.

I do hope you will say Yes.

Y Sincerely,

Mrs. Basil Young  
President

June 12, 1955

Dear Mrs. Popp:

I have been meaning to write you long before this, but have been busy with jury duty the past two weeks, and have had to let a lot of my correspondence wait.

I wanted to tell you again how very sorry I am that we won't have the pleasure of working with you on the State Board. It was a real disappointment; we were all so happy that you had accepted and that Hutchinson would be represented on the Board so ably.

As I told you on the phone, while I am perfectly confident that your husband's position would in no way hamper your service on the Board, there is always the danger of it being misinterpreted by the public and we must always of course guard against this, and can never compromise on our non-partisanship policy in the slightest degree.

We will all be looking forward to your accepting a board position two years hence. In the meantime, I hope I will see you at council and convention times.

With every wish to you and your husband for a most successful term.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Basil Young  
President.

P.S. As you will probably recall, we are having our Board meeting on the 16th. If you have not already done so, would you send in the minutes so we can have them for that meeting.



June 12, 1955

Mrs. E. J. Schroeder  
Rt. 3., Excelsior, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Schroeder:

I am trying to get all assignments and appointments on the State Board completed by our next Board meeting on June 16th, and you have been very highly recommended as Finance Chairman. The job you did for Deephaven was magnificent, and I do hope you will feel you can now give the state the benefit of your talents and experience.

This position would involve, with the help of a committee, assisting Local Leagues throughout the state in their finance work. You would be a member of the State Budget Committee and would interpret to the State Board and to the local Leagues the finance needs of the League, state, local, and national, in carrying out the purpose of the League of Women Voters. The National Board is planning regional finance conferences in the Fall, and we believe one will be conducted in the Twin Cities.

You would of course be excused from whatever organization work you feel you would be unable to do if you took this assignment, and I do hope you will take it. We would so much like to have an able representative of Deephaven on the Board.

I was glad of the chance to meet you at the Conference last month, and hope to have the pleasure of working with you on the Board.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Basil Young  
President.

P.S. I know you won't have time to write me before I go to Minneapolis for Board meeting on the 15th, so will call you when I get there.



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University of Minnesota  
15th & Washington Ave, SE

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September 20, 1955

Mrs. M. J. Simmer  
New Prague, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Simmer:

I am so happy at your decision to accept the position of secretary on the State Board. I am confident you will find it a worth while experience.

Our next board meeting is at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on October 5th at the Sheridan Hotel in Minneapolis. However, there is a Conference on the day before, October 4th, (called a Progress Conference) when the State Board will meet with a national Board member, Mrs. Boyne, at the same place. This will also begin at 10:00 a.m. If you need to come the night before, on the 3rd, in order to be there by 10:00 the next morning, will you let the office know and they will make a hotel reservation for you at the Sheridan.

There is still another meeting --on September 27th at 10:00 a.m. at the YWCA to which representatives from local leagues have been invited, and which will be conducted by Mrs. Horner, field representative of the national board. State board members are being asked to attend this meeting, and if it is convenient, I believe you would find it very helpful.

I shall be looking forward to meeting and working with you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Basil Young  
President.

M. J. SIMMER

Home Furnishings

NEW PRAGUE, MINNESOTA

Sept. 14 1955

Mrs Basil Young  
117 W. Howard Street  
Hibbing Minnesota  
Dear Mrs Young:

I received your letter regarding the position of Secretary on the State Board and after considering it since yesterday, I have decided to accept the position - and hope that I may be able to do the work as it should be done.

No doubt I will enjoy it and learn much about the League on the state level.

Thank you so much for the confidence that you have placed in me and I shall be waiting for instructions as to what to do.

Sincerely  
Olive H. Simmer  
(Mrs Thomas M.)

*Nomination*

October 11, 1955

Dearest Hope:

Seems like a long time since I have talked to you - hope you are feeling okay now. Hear about you now and then - for example, last night at our unit meeting (32 there - will need to split), we recruited a new member from St. Paul - Mary Hill Childs. I had a very nice visit with her; she is one of your fans. Everyone was very much impressed with her. It's not often we fall heir to a leaguer with that background and enthusiasm, and we consider ourselves fortunate indeed.

But this isn't just a chit-chat letter. My real purpose in writing is to ask you to do us the honor of allowing us to submit your name as a nominee for the National Board. It would make us very proud and happy; you were the unanimous choice of the Board when we discussed it last week.

I know it would mean a certain amount of sacrifice, but with your background and experience plus your wisdom and charm, it would not be as hard as for most, and you would not have the problems that exist on the lower levels.

Please say Yes - for the LWV of Minnesota, the LWV of the United States --and me.

Much love,

*Ethel*

June 16, 1956

Mrs. Frank Dosse  
5931 Second Ave. South  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Dosse:

I am delighted that you have accepted a position on the State Board, and am confident you will find it a satisfying and rewarding experience.

I have long been impressed with your work in the Minneapolis League, and know that you are going to be a valuable board member.

You have received the agenda for the June 21st & 22nd board meeting, and have noted that we plan to devote the evening to conferences, and I wonder if it would be convenient for you to stay down town and have dinner with me after the board meeting on Wednesday, the 21st. We could ~~then~~ discuss your portfolio in more detail then and la ter.

I shall be looking forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Basil Young  
President



497 OTIS AVENUE  
ST. PAUL 4, MINNESOTA

October 17, 1955

Mrs. Basil M. Young, President  
League of Women Voters of Minnesota  
117 W. Howard Street  
Hibbing, Minnesota

Dear Ethyl:

I wish to express my appreciation for the confidence shown by yourself and the Board in asking permission to recommend me for the National Board. I am sorry that I can't consider it but as you know I have felt it necessary to curtail some of my activity locally in the League because I don't seem to have as long-lasting pep as formerly, which is natural. I know that the National Board job requires a great deal of physical endurance and therefore feel it takes younger women than myself. I have been told by Mrs. Hargraves that Mrs. Gunderson of Wisconsin is now on the board so it is not imperative that you have someone to recommend from Minnesota at this time, though of course you do want ideas. I'd like to suggest Jean Chesley if her children are old enough or for the next time you are asked for a suggestion. Also when and if Mrs. Winston should be free at some future time, I believe she would be a good representative. However, you have not asked me for suggestions, have you? Well, you see the old habit of looking for leaders is still on me.

Thank you again for the honor you have done me. I'd be proud to represent you but would want to do better by you than I can now, I know.

Best wishes to the Board and yourself.

Hope Washburn

Feb. 14, 1956

Dear Ethel,

I'll accept the legislative job.  
I wanted to think about it for  
at least a week to be sure.

I have felt that I was tiring  
a little of League organizational  
problems - the same ones over and over  
again. But the chance to work  
right in the middle of state  
government has an interesting  
slant.

I know its will be a hard  
job and I don't know just where to

begin. But I'll try.

I still feel guilty about  
taking you to H illmar for  
such a small crowd.

Sincerely,  
Doris

February 20, 1956

Dear Doris:

Thanks so much for accepting the legislative job - I appreciate it more than I can say!

Our next board meeting will be March 8th; Grace tells me Mrs. Duncan left the legislative files in the office, but they haven't been sorted out too well and you may want to consult with her. Unfortunately, she is out of town until March 1st, but you may want to go through them before then.

In the meantime, I'll go through what I have here and write you before board meeting. I am going to St. Cloud Thursday to talk on const. rev. for ONE HOUR at a MFWC meeting there, so will have to do a little boning the next two days.

Again, bless you for taking the job; I know we have exactly the right gal for it, and that you will do it splendidly; will see that you get help too.

Don't feel guilty about Willmar! Look what I got out of it -

Sincerely and gratefully,

Ethyl Young



July 23, 1956

Dear Betty: Kane

Barbara told me about your conversation with her about your concern (and Bergerud's) for lobbying on the reapportionment item in the legislature, its conflict with the constitution revision job, and your request to be relieved of the c. r. job in order to do reapp. and other continuing responsibilities, as well as continue in your research work for c.r.

You know how happy I was to get you back on the board, and how reluctant I am to see you leave, but Barbara tells me you convinced her and others, and at your suggestion asked Mrs. Hargraves to take the const. rev. chairmanship. Happily, as you probably know by now, she accepted.

Barbara tells me to take heart in the fact that you will serve on both the legislative and constitutional revision committees, do a job for c.r. and the continuing responsibilities, so I will, but wish we could work it so you could still stay on the board. The job of cont. responsibilities, should be a board position, and if we could get a present board member to take over finance, it would be the solution, as under our by-laws, we can have only one more board member.

We will see - in the meantime, my grateful thanks for assuming the above mentioned responsibilities.

Affectionately,

Ethyl

Even if you can't be on the board, doubtless we'll see a lot of you and herewith a standing invitation to attend any and all board meetings - we will of course feel your impact nonetheless.

July 23, 1956

Dear Mildred:

To say that I am delighted at your acceptance of the job of constitutional revision chairman would be the understatement of the century. It is something I have wistfully dreamed of but never had the temerity to propose, and I - and the Board - shall be eternally grateful to Barb and Sis for putting it over - and to you for not saying No.

Barb reported her arguments - and I won't repeat, except to underline the well known fact that you have precisely the kind of talents the job needs. I am salving my conscience over what would at first seem a dreadful imposition by the thought that you are into it to a great extent anyway, you know the subject better than anyone else in the state, and with Betty's promise to help with the research and legislative work. She was, as Barb no doubt told you, concerned about the administrative part - the coordinating and pulling together of the three committees - which of course is right down your alley.

Hope gave me a detailed account of how the coup was accomplished when we were there this week-end. Apparently it was kismet - and that moment should go down in history.

We had a wonderful time at Hope's; slept in the beds you helped her carry down - isn't that a wonderful place to sleep; ate your fudge and strawberry jam, and admired Barb & Sis' job on the garbage disposal, which isn't all disposed as yet, but Hope seems to feel a melon rind that was there before has now disappeared, and we were all confident that in the prescribed two weeks with warm weather it will all depart.

See you August 16th when I can personally thank you.

Fondly, and with gratitude,

Ethyl

*File*

1476 No. Grotto Street  
St. Paul 13, Minnesota  
May 14, 1956

Mrs. Basil Young, President  
League of Women Voters of Minnesota  
117 West Howard Street  
Hibbing, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Young:

I am sorry that I must resign from the State Board effective May 19. The combined responsibilities of my library position and my home do not leave me enough time to do an adequate job on the State Board. I feel that some one else will contribute more and be able to better carry out the very necessary and important work.

Thank you and all the board members for giving me a stimulating year. I feel badly to think I have received so much training and am unable to contribute more as a measure of repayment.

Sincerely yours,

*Agatha L. Klein*

Agatha L. Klein,  
Mrs. John A. Klein



October 13, 1956

Dear Mrs. Thornton:

I hope you will forgive my delay in answering your letter; I have been gone, my husband has been sick, and things have piled up.

Needless to say, it was with very deep regret I read your letter, but I understand. Your first responsibility is to your family.

I hesitate to ask Mrs. Balcom to take the chairmanship on the state board in addition to acting for Minneapolis, unless you feel she would like to in spite of the double burden.

In the meantime, at the suggestion of Gladys Beirne, I am writing Mrs. Leon Sabine, former President of Arden Hills, who did a study paper a few years ago on water resources, and has brought it up to date and given talks on it.

Is the state agencies chart near completion, or ready to turn over?

Thanks for your good work, and good luck in your new job. We will miss you very much.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Basil Young  
President



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1555 West Oak Avenue  
St. Paul 13, Minnesota  
October 17, 1956

Mrs. Basil Young, President  
League of Women Voters of Minnesota  
15th & Washington Ave. S. E.  
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Young:

I must with deep regret refuse the privilege of  
serving on the State Board with you until next Spring.

While I know that the work would be interesting and  
that it would be a pleasure as well as an honor to  
be associated with the group in that position, the  
uncertain state of my health makes it unwise to  
undertake any additional responsibility at this time.

I thank you for the compliment implicit in the  
invitation, and repeat that I regret the necessity  
of refusal.

Sincerely,

*Ona Lee Sabine*

Mrs. Leon Sabine

File

Mrs. James W. DuShane  
1210 Sixth Street S. W.  
Rochester, Minnesota  
May 30, 1957

Mrs. Robert Carlson, Secretary  
League of Women Voters of Minnesota  
Granite Falls, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Carlson and members of the Board:

I have written to Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Wilson to explain that it is necessary for me to resign my office as second vice-president of the State League, and this letter to you for the file will make it "official", alas. "Reasons of health" or "Doctor's Orders" are the trite but true causes of my action which I profoundly deplore and regret.

I know that I am not indispensable and that there are many qualified members of the League who can replace me. But my placing the Board in the position of having to take the valuable time to find and orient a replacement is what troubles me most.

Please try to forgive my defection and the grievous wrong I've done you. I will certainly miss what promised to be delightful and enjoyable associations with you all--you Great and Valiant Hearts.

Please accept my humblest apologies and also my sincerest wishes for a happy, successful, and productive term.

Very sincerely yours,  
Mary Margaret DuShane  
(Mrs. James W. DuShane)

1628 Louisiana Ave  
St. Louis Park 26. Minn  
February 2, 1957

Dear Mrs. Young.

Please accept my resignation  
from the State Board of the Minnesota  
League of Women Voters. effective at  
once. Our house has been sold and  
we shall be leaving Minnesota before  
the end of the month.

It has been a most  
interesting experience to have been  
a member of the board for even  
such a short time and I have  
enjoyed it.

I will send the member-  
ship material & notebook to the  
office with Mrs Williams, also the  
nominating committee material for  
Barbara Stuhler.

Wrote her  
a personal note  
Thanking her  
9.4.

Sincerely  
Gladys W Beirne

# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

15TH AND WASHINGTON AVENUES S.E., MINNEAPOLIS 14, MINNESOTA FE 8-8791

July 30, 1960  
Rochester, Minnesota

To The Members of The State Board:

This letter is indeed a difficult one for me to write, for I sincerely regret having to make the decision to resign from the state Board. However, it seems there is no other choice at this time.

This decision was more or less forced on me in the past several days because of extenuating circumstances concerning family. I thought that when my children were safely off to school I would be able to devote a fair amount of time in the direction of the League. However, I did not reckon with the time I might be involved with both my parents, as well as my in-laws, and their infirmities. With assistance needed on both sides, I must certainly give what extra hours I have to them.

It would seem I am dumping the horse in the middle of the stream, and for that I am truly sorry. After a year of schooling on the Board, I felt I was finally beginning to see the light and hoped to be able to put into practice a little know-how this coming year. It has been an experience in itself just to sit in on Board meetings and get to know all you wonderful people. I shall miss you. I do not intend to miss the League entirely, though, for I hope to be able to keep a hand in the business at least through my local League.

My thoughts will be with you all on the first Thursday of the month as I sit and eat my peanut-butter sandwich alone. Of course I am routing for a bang-up year for the League!

Sincerely,

*Bette Miller*

Mrs. R. Drew Miller







Mailings to her

SEP 9 1960

634 W. Laurel

Levy's Falls, Minn.

Sept. 8, 1960

Dear Mrs. Andersson,

Your request was such a surprise!  
There are so many capable League members  
that I am overwhelmed to be asked to  
serve on the State Board.

We had a family conference and, with  
their approval, I will accept the position  
you have offered me.

It will be quite a challenge to  
replace Mrs. Sigmund. I read with  
regret that it was necessary for her  
to resign.

Sincerely,

Lois Mann

(Mrs. Grady Mann)

M TO: Mrs. Grady Mann  
E 638 W. Laurel  
M Fergus Falls, Minn.  
FROM: Roberta Williams

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

15th and WASHINGTON AVES. S.E.  
MINNEAPOLIS 14, MINNESOTA

O SUBJECT Welcome

DATE 9/24/60

*Grace added note of welcome 9/23/60*

This is a rather belated note of welcome - sorry - but we have been so busy. I'm so glad you are able to come on the state board and I'm sure you'll not only enjoy the work but be such a good addition to it. Probably Mrs. Anderson has told you the actual keeping of the books is done by me - in my spare time - it is one of those things that is always put off until the last moment. However, I usually try to close the books on the first of the month and then send a copy of the Cumulative Treas. Report to the state Treasurer and she gives the report - very brief - at the board meeting. Since Sue resigned I've been giving the report and if you like, I'll be happy to do so at the October meeting. We can talk about the treasurer's job more whenever you like. Did Sue write to you that she'd be happy to meet with you and turn over all ~~of~~ her files - mostly on water - whenever it is convenient for you. Or, if you have no spare time, they could be brought into the office and you could pick them up on board day - October 6th. We put you on the mailing list yest. and you will be receiving the Pres. Mailing that all board members get. Hopefully today or Monday at the latest, Grace and I will get together some of the material a new board member needs and send it to you. I assumed that you would be taking the train and so did not make a garage reservation for you. If I'm wrong, please let me know. Parking is a problem around here. If you do come in the night before and would like a ride to the board meeting, please feel free to say so. I or some one else would be glad to pick you up - we're hard to find if you haven't been here before. See you in Oct.

November 21, 1960

Dear Dorothy,

After much serious consideration of my appointment to the State Board, and fully appreciating the great confidence that was shown by the members who suggested that I be considered for this honor, I am now convinced that I am not "top-banana" material.

Please understand, Dorothy, that this is indeed difficult for me to admit, but it must be done.

Les has been named chairman of a volunteer committee for "John Yngve for Plymouth Council" and it is here that I can do the most good, helping Les, and I might add he feels hurt that I keep saying, "I'm on the League Board and I can't do this or that."

I am asking that I be relieved of responsibility effective immediately so that I can pitch in and continue to keep this family a working, happy unit.

With Sincere Regrets,

Margaret Wassing

*Letter written Dec 7-1960*

*K. Welch*

Mrs. DAVID N. KANATZ  
2901 O'HENRY ROAD  
MINNEAPOLIS 12, MINNESOTA

December 15, 1961

Dear Dorothy and State Board members:

The League of Women Voters becomes almost a way of life, and I think it must be fairly obvious that it is one which I dearly love, so it is with real sadness that I must resign from the State Board. I had somehow looked forward to being a member forever.

I am taking the position of Assistant Director of the State FEPC, and it is quite clear that this is a job only laughingly referred to as full-time. It will be a tremendous challenge professionally and I look forward to getting back in the harness again. Money sounds good too!

I am still unaware of the ramifications of the rules applying to has-beens, but I certainly hope that I will always be an "is now" as far as League interest and participation is concerned.

Cordially,





February 13, 1962

Dear Mrs. Kanatz,

The state Board of Directors of the Minnesota League of Women Voters accepts with regret your resignation from the Board. We know that our loss is the gain for the FEPC Commission. We, too, shall feel that you are a permanent "fixture" with the League of Women Voters.

Sincerely, *Roberta White*  
Mrs. Dean White  
Secretary, Board of Directors  
LWV of Minnesota

February 9th, 1962

Mrs. O. H. Anderson, Pres.  
League of Women Voters of Minnesota  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Anderson,

It is with real regret I must submit my resignation from the state board of the League of Women Voters.

My brief relationship with the board gave me an even greater respect and admiration for the abilities of each of its members.

Sincerely,

*Maxine Harkness*  
Maxine Harkness

1879 Tatum St.  
St. Paul 13, Minnesota

President's Letter, February 21, 1962, page 3

BOARD POSITIONS

We regretfully accepted the resignations of Mrs. Leonard Harkness, state legislative chairman, and Mrs. David Kanatz, state Item II chairman. Mrs. Kanatz has accepted the position of assistant director of the state Fair Employment Practices Commission and Mrs. Harkness is going to make her own little contribution to the population explosion.

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs. Harold Watson of St. Paul to fill the State Item II spot on the state Board.

METROPOLITAN  
NEWSLETTER # 2

With this mailing we enclose the second of our Metropolitan Newsletters, prepared by the Steering Committee for a metropolitan organization in League. Since a decision as to the formation of such an organization will be made at Council, we strongly advise against any local Leagues putting a metropolitan item on their local agendas this year. At the Council Workshop, in May, we will suggest the necessary next steps.

(Enclosures)

VOTERS SERVICE &  
PUBLICATIONS

This has been a big publications year for the League in Minnesota. This month we add two Voters Service helps. "Speak for Yourself" contains basic information on the November, 1962, election picture and is planned to encourage and stimulate participation in party politics by League members. With it we are also sending you "A Digest of Minnesota Election Laws," which embodies the changes made in these laws by the 1959 and 1961 Legislatures.

(2 Enclosures)

Local Publications Chairmen can keep members up to date on our good publications by doing brief reviews of contents at unit meetings. This month they could stress "Commentary on the Minnesota Constitution," mentioned on page 1; the two Voters Service publications in the paragraph above; "You and Your National Government," latest national publication which gives an overall view of the federal government and the citizens' relationship to it.

We have received several hundred copies of "You in the U.S.A." from the Overseas Education Fund. This is a small handbook designed for foreign visitors and is free on request from the state office. You might contact foreign student advisors in your high schools and colleges for ideas for distribution of these pamphlets.

ENCLOSURES

"Speak for Yourself," 1 copy  
"A Digest of Minnesota Election Laws," 1 copy  
Metropolitan Newsletter # 2, 1 copy for each Board member  
Governor's Metropolitan Coordinating Committee Report, 1 copy  
Membership Memo # 7, 1 copy  
Complimentary List for recent state publications, 1 copy  
State Publications Catalog, Feb., 1962, 1 copy

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TO: a copy of you as I have legible copies

*This means P.N. & P.F.*

FROM: M. V. Whiting

SUBJECT Chicago conference

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA**

STATE ORGANIZATION SERVICE  
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA  
MINNEAPOLIS 4, MINNESOTA  
PHONE: 373-2959

DATE 6-8-53

We will not be able to discuss this at our August Board meeting so will you please send me your ideas by return mail. The more specific you can be the more helpful it will be to me in drafting a composite reply. Some of you may feel you have too little experience at this point but you have been reading manuals and other material available to state Board members and should begin to know where you feel there are gaps. Remember those specifically requested to attend are President, Organization and State Program.....Lillian (that's my new electric typewriter!), Lennie, Ann and I will be going.



# Memorandum

1026 17th Street, N. W. - Washington 6, D. C.

August 6, 1963

TO: State Presidents of Leagues of Women Voters of California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Rhode Island and Wisconsin

FROM: Mrs. John A. Campbell, Organization Chairman

A meeting of the planning committee for the State Board Conferences will be held the last week in August. We would welcome a list of subjects you and your Board members would like to have discussed at the Conference to which you have been invited. Deadline for receiving this list in the national office is August 26th. I know these suggestions probably cannot be the result of full Board discussion because many of you will not have Board meetings in August, but perhaps you can get together with a few state Board members in your vicinity, or perhaps you can drop a note to your Board members and ask them to send suggestions directly to Miss Christine Urban at the national office who will compile them for the Conference planning meeting.

We have already received the following discussion topics. If you have any comments on them, we would like to have them.

## Legislative Techniques

- State Board-Local League communication
- Intra-State Board communication
- State Board committee organization
- Roles of the vice president
- Administration of state League and/or state office
- New League organization
- Servicing of existing Leagues
- "Ideas to help small Leagues operate with less frustration"
- Effect of changes brought on by growth of metropolitan areas
- Implementing state program -- defining scope, state resource committee, writing of publications, state Board assistance to local Leagues, consensus, action, etc.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

STATE ORGANIZATION SERVICE, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS 55, MINNESOTA

875 Prentice Street  
Granite Falls, Minnesota  
September 1, 1963

Mrs. Roy Nordling  
923 9th Avenue S.E.  
St. Cloud, Minnesota

Dear Irene:

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota accepts with great reluctance your resignation from the State Board. We are sorry to lose your talent and will miss getting to know you better. We all hope that you will continue to be active in the St. Cloud League--surely we'll see you at a workshop or other meeting soon.

Yours truly,

Mrs. John Lundquist, Sec.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA  
Minutes of the Board of Directors  
August 27, 1963

MEETING PLACE: State Office, 9:30 a.m., Mrs. William Whiting, President, presiding.

ATTENDANCE: Board members present: Mmes. Diefenbach, Duff, Faucett, Henricksson, Janski, Johnson, Murray, Watson.

Board members absent: Mmes. Letourneau, McWatt, Nordling, Rothnem, Lundquist.

Staff members present: Mmes. Thompson and Williams.

MINUTES: MOTION: That we dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Mover: Diefenbach Second: Henricksson Carried.

Corrections: Page 3, paragraph 3, sentence changed to: Mimeographed material on workshops will be sent by consultants to those Leagues who were not represented at their local League workshops.

Page 4, paragraph 3, sentence changed to: MOTION: The state Board will serve as a coordinating and liasion body between state agencies (SCAD and the Governor's Human Rights Commission) and local Leagues in an attempt to organize local citizens committees on human rights.

Page 5, paragraph 3, sentence one changed to read: The World Affairs Center is making plans to hold a possible 8 meetings to inform high school students and others as to the broadening and strengthening of international law.

Page 5, paragraph 6, delete the first two sentences and substitute: Marge Johnson discussed the up-dating of the CR material, asking for ideas concerning timing of publication and types of publications that could be used. A meeting will be held of the Board CR committee and former League lobbyists to discuss their recommendations for future League activity and emphasis on CRs during the coming legislative session. A report concerning this meeting will be made to the Board at the August meeting.

MOTION: Adopt the minutes as corrected. Carried by common consent.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance on hand, 4/1/63	\$ 5,066.40
Receipts, 4/1/63 to 7/31/63	\$ 8,366.13
Expenditures, 4/1/63 to 7/31/63	\$10,866.10
Balance on hand, 7/31/63	\$ 2,566.44

The discrepancy of 1¢ is a typographical error and should be:

Balance on hand, 7/31/63	\$ 2,566.43
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Pledges are coming in satisfactorily.

Special Meetings Account:

Original Deposit, profit on 1961 Convention	\$ 280.58
Profit on 1962 State Council	\$ 137.57
Profit on 1963 Capitol Letter	\$ 211.50
Profit on 1963 State Convention	\$ 165.08
	\$ 794.73
Less bank charges	\$ 5.98
Bank balance 8/30/63	\$ 788.75

REVISION OF AGENDA: Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Duff requested time later in the day.  
Request was granted.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT: A letter of resignation from Mrs. Nordling was read.

MOTION: That we accept Mrs. Nordling's resignation with reluctance.



Bobbie P. 9

What's that comfortable chair  
you were going to get for  
making this sort of thing?

x x  
Ann

Mrs. Robert J. Phillips, President  
League of Women Voters of the U. S.  
1026 17th Street, N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

October 10, 1963

Dear Mrs. Phillips:

I'm overjoyed at the possibility that the national Board may recommend in January a change in the program structure, Article XIII, to be considered by the 1964 National Convention. I am writing in favor of the single list.

I have been in the League almost 20 years now and in the little snatches of time available around the rearing of four children it has been my pleasure to see the organization from a variety of viewpoints - the inactive member, the active member, the executive secretary to a city League in the east, the small midwest suburban League Board member with a variety of portfolios ranging from finance to organization to foreign policy chairman to president and now the state Board with public relations and currently legislative chairman.

Through the years I have become increasingly concerned that we fail to capture the full potential of this really unique "experiment in democracy". Instead, we have been more and more inclined to bury ourselves in structure and terminology. The result is that we stifle our membership and waste valuable Board time on "can we?" details rather than "should we?". The new member of high potential and dedication - but not in sympathy with the organization woman outlook - finds it too difficult to cut through this structure and terminology to make her mark on better government. Too often we lose her. That third reason for membership loss, Disenchantment, I feel comes primarily from the frustrations of this stifling and secondarily from personal treatment she may have received as a member of a minority opinion on a program item (here we need to do a better job in our units in personal relations and in a more thorough job of discussing a new area of agreement from all viewpoints and more carefully unbiased resource presentations).

The national Board's proposed By-law changes plus the single list will go a long way towards freeing the member so she can fully take part and in freeing the Boards so they can focus their energies on doing what their membership wishes.

Looks like this is going to be a glorious year - 2 major policies at once! I'm overjoyed. I'm referring to Article XIII plus the revision in the Area policy. The strict delineation under which we lived for so long was, as you know from my complaints as a LL



president, a continual source of irritation. Here again we were burying the member in artificial structure. I was delighted to see this spring that we are now free from these confines in the current policy which I feel is much more realistic and life-giving.

Now, while you're at it - could my cup runneth over? - the non-partisanship policy. The policy itself is excellent and, plus the unique people in League, accounts through the years for the significant contribution we have been able to make towards better government at all levels. Our focus on the issue, rather than the partisan individual, plus our ability to mold together the support from both sides of the political fence, accounts for our achievements at City Hall, the Legislature and Congress. My difference of opinion is with the interpretation of this policy - no Board member having any contact with her party. This is the easy way to avoid criticism. We should take the harder way - freedom to interpret this policy as it applies to our community. I think the past league leader, prominently known in her community as "League" but now active in her political party (this we encourage) has a greater impact on the League's reputation than a new young LL bulletin editor who has a minor party job (this we do not allow). What's lacking is common sense; we're emphasizing structure rather than spirit. The spirit of nonpartisanship - League working impartially on issues for the general good of all - is being stifled. This is because at the action phase we're blocked-off in our ivory tower unable often enough to close this gap between our excellent publications and better government as seen through legislation. I feel the only people it's necessary to have completely divorced from their political parties during their terms of office are presidents, public relations chairmen, finance, legislative, voters service and the agenda chairman at that level of government (eg. local program chairman on local Boards, state on state etc.). In fact in setting up a new Board we might consider as one of many criteria: are both political parties or shades of opinion represented? The major opinion builders in the community? This to me is realism to speed our goals to better government. Nonpartisanship comes in in the way we look at issues, in our voice of independence ahead of our times in the community, in the fine League spirit with which we do things. Our unnecessarily strict interpretation of this policy has caused Disenchantment and flight among many of our best 10-15 year members, and we have suffered unnecessarily in the program action field, I believe.

We're ready to move ahead to a new plateau in the League. 40 Years has made a difference. The next 40 will too if we can free ourselves from unnecessary structure and straight jacket interpretation of policies. Free our members to do the League job more quickly, productively and with greater personal satisfaction. We need to invigorate ourselves anew with the human approach, the person, the common sense so that we can carry on in our desires to help the League member help herself to better government in this shaky democracy on trial for all humanity in the world today. This

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Sept 15, 1963

Dear Annette and Fellow Board Members;

It is with regret that I find I must resign as a director on the League of Women Voters State Board.

Shortly after my election to the board I was appointed by the Mayor of St. Paul to serve as chairman of a newly created Minority Housing Committee. This is a committee which, under the citizen participation phase of a city's workable program for community improvement, is charged with suggesting to the Mayor and the Council and also to the Citizens Advisory Committee ways and means of securing better housing for all ethnic and minority persons.

As the summer wore on and the increased attention was being given to discrimination in minority employment and housing it became apparent that the job of this committee was growing and was becoming more time consuming.

I know that just as all Americans are involved in the struggle to achieve first class citizenship for all, you will understand why I have chosen to concentrate what time I have in this area. It seems to me, as one who participated in the study and action of the League's item on discrimination which was only recently concluded, that I have no choice but to continue our stand directly in my community. Although I may have doubts as to just how much this committee can accomplish, nevertheless the responsibility has been offered and I feel I can do no more than to accept a portion of it.

May I thank all of you for the opportunity of serving with you in this most respected organization. May I also hope that the cry of 1963, "Freedom Now" will be attained by all means possible, including the thoughtful, forthright and continuing programs of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

Sincerely  
Katie McWatt

# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

STATE ORGANIZATION SERVICE, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS 55, MINNESOTA

October 28, 1963

Mrs. Arthur McWatt

915 Dayton

St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Katie:

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota accepts with deep regret your resignation from the State Board. We are surely proud of the work you are doing on the Committee for Minority Housing Problems in St. Paul. This is a great responsibility and we know that you will do an excellent job.

We all enjoyed our short association with you and will look forward to seeing you again soon.

Yours truly,

Secretary,

League of Women Voters  
of Minnesota



M TO: Sue Murray  
E (Mrs. Larry Murray, Box 82, Minnetonka  
M Beach)  
O FROM: Grace and Roberts in the office  
SUBJECT Your Appointment

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

15th and WASHINGTON AVES. S.E.

MINNEAPOLIS 14, MINNESOTA

DATE

10/5/62

WELCOME ABOARD! We're delighted.

I am sending you under separate cover a new Local League Handbook, State Handbook and Organizing New Leagues, for your perusal and use.

I don't know what plans Dorothy (Mrs. Anderson) is making for you to get your ether material and orientation, so I'll not send you more now. Perhaps you will be meeting in the office sometime, and since the material is here, you could get it at that time.

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M TO: Julie Hrneciksson  
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M FROM: A. Whiting  
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**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA**

15th and WASHINGTON AVES. S.E.  
MINNEAPOLIS 14, MINNESOTA

DATE 8-9-63

Am I supposed to be doing something for the next issue--don't remember that anything was said about it but I can't depend upon my memory. Wonder if we should consider something on Civil Rights for all of our members--sort of personal approach kind of thing or report on Ruth Phillips special memorandum. What do you think?

I am very much concerned about the lack of a public relations chairman and as a result just no real concern on our part for our public relations. We are mighty busy doing everything else about I do not feel we can continue to ignore PR while we continue our search for this person. I am therefore asking if you would be responsible for this phase of our activity for the time being along with your other responsibilities. I know that when Ann returns and gets caught up a bit she will be of assistance (would like to feel that we would have a recruit by that time) but in the meantime would you give it thought and see what we are leaving undone in this area.

(Please excuse misspelling of your name and other errors--this new electric typewriter and I are having our problems but it takes time like everything else!)

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
OF THE UNITED STATES  
1026 17TH STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

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October 25, 1963

Mrs. Nicholas E. Duff  
League of Women Voters of Minnesota  
Route 3, Box 120  
Wayzata, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Duff:

Mrs. Phillips has asked me to acknowledge your thoughtful letter of October 10. Yours was the very first letter we received in reaction to the proposals in the latest Board Report and we were pleased to find that you are happy with the direction of the suggested changes. Final decisions await the January Board meeting. Letters such as yours will be of enormous help to the Board in making its recommendations.

Your comments on the application of the nonpartisanship policy will be handed along to the proper committee on the Board you may be sure. They will provide material for a lively discussion but I doubt if, with all the irons presently in the fire, the Board is likely to overhaul its recommendations on applying the nonpartisanship policy!

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mabelle M. Long  
Organization Secretary

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CC: State LWV  
Miss Stuhler

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA  
Minutes of the Board of Directors  
October 24, 1963

MEETING PLACE: State Office, 9:30 a.m., Mrs. William Whiting, President, presiding.

ATTENDANCE: Board members present: Mmes. Diefenbach, Duff, Faucett, Janski, Johnson, Letourneau, Lundquist, Murray, Rothnem.  
Board members absent: Henricksson, McWatt, Watson.  
Staff members present: Mmes. Thompson, Williams.

MINUTES: MOTION: That we dispense with the reading of the minutes.  
Mover: Diefenbach Second: Janski Carried.

Corrections: Page 4, line 3 under Finance, change to read: the local League Presidents will be urged to appoint a budget chairman, etc.

MOTION: Adopt the minutes as corrected. Carried by common consent.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance on hand, 4/1/63	\$ 5,066.40
Receipts, 4/1/63 to 9/30/63	\$14,958.91
Expenditures, 4/1/63 to 9/30/63	\$14,864.03
Balance on hand, 9/30/63	\$ 5,161.28

Mrs. Faucett listed the percentages of the funds in the budget which have been used to date. The Board approved of sending a mid-year Treasurer's Report with the Board Memo, and also a sheet showing local League support to date.

REVISION OF AGENDA: Mrs. Rothnem asked to give her report of membership at a later meeting. Request was granted.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: Mrs. Whiting asked the Secretary to read a letter of resignation from Mrs. Arthur McWatt.

MOTION: We accept Mrs. McWatt's resignation with regret.  
Mover: Rothnem Second: Letourneau Carried.

Mrs. Whiting announced the appointment of Mrs. John Hutchens (Bonnie) as Local Agenda Chairman on the state Board.

MOTION: We accept the appointment of Mrs. John Hutchens.  
Mover: Janski Second: Diefenbach Carried.

Mrs. Whiting announced the appointment of Mrs. Harold Nash (Mary) as Public Relations Chairman on the state Board.

MOTION: We accept the appointment of Mrs. Harold Nash.  
Mover: Duff Second: Rothnem Carried.

Mrs. Whiting reminded Board members to assist new members when possible. Orientation conferences will be arranged soon for them. Mrs. Hutchens will serve as Board Liaison with CMAL and will attend the meeting of the CMAL executive committee and the state Board committee on October 30 and will act as recorder. The Board committee (Mmes. Whiting, Murray, Janski, Johnson and Hutchens) will meet at the state office at 9:00 a.m. to prepare for the combined meeting at 10:00 a.m. Material has been given to the members.

Mrs. Whiting thanked the Board members for carrying on so well while she was enjoying her trip in Europe.

The comments on the discussion workshops have been good.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

STATE ORGANIZATION SERVICE, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS 55, MINNESOTA

December 30, 1963

Mrs. N. E. Duff  
Route 3, Box 120  
Wayzata, Minnesota

Dear Ann:

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota accepts with deep regret your resignation from the State Board.

Annette has assured us that you will be available for off-Board consultation but all of us will miss you and your many talents at our meetings.

We wish you a Happy New Year!

Yours truly,

*Mrs. John Lundquist*

Mrs. John Lundquist, Sec.  
League of Women Voters of  
Minnesota



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MOTION: To accept with regret Mrs. Rothnem's resignation from the Board of Directors.  
Mover: Watson Second: Diefenbach Carried.

Board members were asked to give suggestions for a new Organization Chairman to the Nominating Committee. This person must be able to travel and be away from home frequently. It would be most convenient to have someone from the metropolitan area. Mrs. Whiting also announced that Mrs. Elton Johnson will be leaving in August to accompany her husband to Washington for a year's stay, and we must be thinking of someone to work with her now and be ready to take over the State CRs when she leaves.

Miss Barbara Stuhler, national Board member, joined our meeting to answer questions pertaining to the second round of national Program suggestions. Many questions were raised about the scope and focus of the equal opportunity item, foreign economic policy re-evaluation, four item current agenda, elimination of loyalty-security, difficulty in calendar planning, the not-recommended item on election laws. This portion of the meeting and the discussion of second round national Program suggestions is on tape in the office.

Miss Stuhler said that there may be a preliminary Time for Action on foreign aid before the April 30 Aid meeting. We thanked her for her help, and she left.

SECOND ROUND NATIONAL PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS: Mrs. Whiting read our first round suggestions before we discussed those suggested by the national Board.

Equality of Opportunity: some members like it for its timeliness, some felt it should not be called a civil rights item, others wondered if action might already be taken by the government before we would have time to study it. A majority of the state Board was not in favor of this item.

Mrs. Watson and her committee will write to the national Board to comment and make recommendations on focus and scope as they re-evaluate this item.

MOTION: To substitute Election Laws for the Equal Opportunity item and go along with the other three national Current Agenda items.  
Mover: Janski Second: Lundquist Carried.

Reasons for proposing Election Laws were: close to home, clear cut, easy to understand, etc., with the possibility of study of standardization, voter registration, campaign practices, uniform codes and electoral college.

REVISION OF AGENDA: Mmes. Diefenbach, Colborn, Nash and Janski asked for additional time. Mmes. Hutchens and McCoy requested less time than planned.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mmes. Murray and Whiting went to Virginia to visit the League (Whiting) there and discuss the Taconite Amendment. The Virginia League has done an excellent job with the amendment issue.

Mrs. Whiting had received replies to her letters on the Water Research Act from several Congressmen, thank you's from three Congressmen for the material we sent them on the Proposed Amendments, a follow-up letter from Mrs. Hedtke from Hibbing regarding our last meeting, and from Rochester asking how to make a bid for a State Convention or Council. The Board could consider Rochester for the 1966 Council. It was decided to ask the delegates to the 1964 Council if they would like to meet in Rochester in 1966. This question would appear on the evaluation sheet to be filled out by delegates after Council.

An activities report of the Minnesota World Affairs Center was passed around.

Mmes. Letourneau and Whiting have been invited to attend a regional Foreign Policy Conference sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Milwaukee and the LWV of Wisconsin on March 21.

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July 3, 1964

Mrs. L. C. Holkanen  
5720 Oneida  
Duluth, Minnesota

Dear Margaret:

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Welcome a-Board -- we are mighty happy to have you assume this new responsibility to further the purpose of the League of Women Voters. Official action will not be taken on your appointment until the August state Board meeting but you know how the League operates so that you understand we now consider you a member of the state Board and will expect to put you to work as soon as you are ready.

I do hope you have a little spare time in the next six weeks so that you can get into Minneapolis for some orientation. The first thing to do of course would be to meet with Mrs. E. J. Diefenbach, 5933 Halifax, Edina 24 whose place you are assuming on the state Board. Although Jeanne has served just a year as state Publications Chairman she has made a real contribution and I am sure has some specific recommendations she would like to make as she turns over her portfolio to you. Because Jeanne was living in the twin city area she was able to assume some responsibilities personally that you may have to recruit committee members to carry out for you.

This is the sort of thing I would like to discuss with you along with some of the ideas I have for you as a state Board member and as a Publications Chairman. This is all in the way of getting you started as a state Board member. I would hope that you could meet with Jeanne and then return later for a meeting with me with the idea that between the two meetings you would have time to go through some of the material Jeanne has for you and get some idea of your job and how we function on the state level. The sooner this can all be done the sooner we can find the answers to your questions....we know from experience there will be some....and then the sooner you will be a productive member of our Board.

We are looking forward to working with you and I sincerely hope you will find that being a member of the state Board of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota is challenging, stimulating, rewarding and to top it off really lots of fun. I shall be looking forward to hearing from you real soon as will Mrs. Diefenbach.

Sincerely,

*William W. Whiting*  
Mrs. William W. Whiting  
President

FEB 24 1964

Feb 20, 1964.

Dear Mrs. Whiting & State Board Members,  
For health reasons, I will  
not be able to serve on the  
State Board after March 1, 1964.

I had hoped to be able to  
continue until June, but our  
doctor has advised me to  
curtail all outside activities now.

I have enjoyed doing field  
service work & will miss it.  
I guess I don't have to add  
that League has always meant  
some thing special to me.

Best wishes to all of you.

Sincerely,  
Lorraine Rothman  
(Mrs M.S.)

Copy to  
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# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

STATE ORGANIZATION SERVICE, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS 55, MINNESOTA

March 20, 1964

Mrs. Morris S. Rothnem  
4605 Townes Circle  
Edina 24, Minnesota

Dear Lorrie,

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota accepts with deep regret your resignation from the State Board as Organization Chairman. We will all miss your enthusiasm, humor, and all that hard work! We also hope that you will be feeling much better soon so that we can call on you occasionally for your valuable assistance.

Yours truly,

Mrs. John Lundquist  
Secretary, League of Women Voters  
of Minnesota





off  
June 3, 1964

Mrs. Charles Johnson  
9321 Briar Lane  
Minneapolis 31, Minnesota

Dear Josie:

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Welcome a-Board! I am so delighted that you have decided to use your talents in the League of Women Voters of Minnesota rather than in some of the other areas of particular concern to you...we all appreciate this decision on your part.

I know that several of the other Board members have already contacted you and for that matter started to work with you. Sue Murray is particularly anxious to work with you as soon as possible as we plan our Program campaigns. It is important for us to do as much work as possible now so that we are creating the community support that will lead to legislative support.

No doubt Marje Johnson, whom you succeed, has also contacted you about sitting in on her workshop sessions during our leadership workshops June 9-10-11. This will give you an opportunity to get acquainted and get some of Marje's ideas on what needs to go on from here in the area of CRs though of course with this workshop she is making a general approach to the subject rather than specifically state CRs.

We are getting you right into specific work relating to your portfolio before providing general orientation relating to responsibilities as a state Board member. I have not forgotten the latter and will set up plans for that at our Board meeting on the 18th. (It will be at this Board meeting that we will take formal action on your appointment but we are considering you a member of the Board and I will so introduce you at the Leadership Workshops.)

We are all looking forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. William W. Whiting  
President

# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

STATE ORGANIZATION SERVICE, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS 55, MINNESOTA

June 28, 1964

Mrs. Elton Johnson  
701 Keller Parkway  
St. Paul 17, Minnesota

Dear Marge:

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota accepts with regret your resignation from the State Board of Directors. We appreciate the energy and enthusiasm that you gave the League and we will miss your good work.

Have a great year in Washington and before you forget, send that recipe for lasagne!

Yours truly,

Mrs. John Lundquist, Secretary



# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

STATE ORGANIZATION SERVICE, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS 55, MINNESOTA

June 28, 1964

Mrs. E. J. Diefenbach  
5933 Halifax  
Edina 24, Minnesota

Dear Jeanne:

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota accepts with regret your resignation from the State Board of Directors. We will surely miss your talents as well as your sunny disposition. We thank you for all of the work you have done and will be looking forward to seeing you soon. Have a good summer!

Yours truly,

Mrs. John Lundquist,  
Secretary



# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

STATE ORGANIZATION SERVICE, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS 55, MINNESOTA

FOX RIVER BOND  
25% COTTON

August 25, 1964

Mrs. John Hutchens  
5016 W. 109th Street  
Minneapolis 31, Minn.

Dear Bonnie:

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota accepts with regret your resignation from the Board of Directors. We appreciate all the energy and enthusiasm that you gave to the League and are envious of Kansas City's gain.

Election year activities are increasing and we will miss your help--please come to visit when you come back to Minneapolis.

Yours truly,

*Mardelle*

Mrs. John Lundquist,  
Secretary

