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TO: Fellow Boarders

FROM: Marion Watson

SUBJECT: Discrimination Legislation

OUR POSITION: (May 10, 1962) "The League of Women Voters of Minnesota opposes discriminatory practices which deny rights to any citizen on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin or age. Anti-discrimination legislation, enforced by commission administration, is a necessary means of eliminating such discrimination.

"We support the present legislation regarding employment, real property and public accommodations as partially achieving this end."

To clarify the application of the above statement, I requested that the following be included in the May 10 minutes:

"This means support of:

1. Administration by the State Commission Against Discrimination of the public accommodations law.
2. An age amendment to the employment law.
3. Increased funds and personnel to SCAD.
4. Support of the 1961 amendment regarding real property and the establishment of SCAD.
5. Following the operation of all of these laws with an eye to strengthening or improvement. We want built in flexibility to support changes which more closely approximate the ideal."

EMPLOYMENT POSITION HISTORY: From 1949 to 1955, fair employment was a CA. Consensus on employment was limited to the question of employment on merit. With the 1955 Fair Employment Practices Act, support of the FEPC became a League CR. It remained there until May 1961, when, along with other discrimination concerns, it returned to CA status.

DISCUSSION: The Minnesota Council for Civil and Human Rights, a coordinating organization made up of representatives from human rights agencies, governmental and private, church groups, civic organizations, etc., has been the recipient of suggestions for legislation in the area of civil rights from the member organizations and public agencies. The following legislative recommendations have been discussed and adopted by them. It would be wise for us to evaluate those recommendations in the light of our position to determine which ones we will support actively in 1965.

1. Appropriations for civil rights. "Additional appropriations requested by the State Commission Against Discrimination, the Governor's Human Rights Commission, the Indian Affairs Commission, and for civil rights legal services should be granted."

(Our 1962 consensus which consisted of 51 replies out of 59 Leagues was overwhelmingly, almost unanimously, in favor of the commission method of enforcement. Incidentally, late replies were not counted in this consensus. We recognized that with the additional duties of enforcing the housing amendment, it was necessary to increase funds and staff for SCAD. We worked for this in 1963. Funds and staff for the Indian Affairs Commission would bring it closer to satisfying our criteria for an effective agency in that regard. In the last session, the Board voted to support fund requests for the GHRC.)

DECISION FOR THE BOARD: Shall we continue this concern in 1965?

2. Equal opportunities in public accommodations. "The Minnesota State Act

Against Discrimination should provide that discrimination in public accommodations, as defined in Minnesota Statute 327.09, constitutes an unfair discriminatory practice. This will allow the State Commission Against Discrimination to act on complaints of discrimination in public accommodations as it does with complaints in employment and housing."

(This is in accord with our position regarding SCAD enforcement of the the public accommodations law. In the 1962 consensus, over 85% of the replies favored this measure. It does not repeal 327.09, but makes two avenues for enforcement possible.)

DECISION FOR THE BOARD: Shall this be a LWV lobbying concern in 1965?

3. "Procedural reforms. The Minnesota State Act Against Discrimination should provide that the State Commission Against Discrimination has the power to issue orders which are binding unless reversed or modified by a court of law, in conformance with Session Laws 809 providing for judicial review from administrative agencies."

(SCAD procedure is now like this: A citizen complains to SCAD. SCAD investigates and either dismisses the case or issues a statement of 'probable cause.' They then attempt to educate and conciliate. If they feel they have made no headway, the Governor is asked to appoint a 12 man Board of Review. Once again, the same procedure is followed, the case is dismissed or a request is made to 'cease and desist.' Now if the respondent fails to comply, the case goes to District Court. If there is a finding of 'guilty' a Court Order is issued. This is the first point at which any actual order is given. This measure would allow SCAD to issue a cease and desist order which would remain in effect until and unless reversed or modified by a court. This is standard administrative procedure with other State agencies. This is an attempt to streamline and clarify SCAD procedures. Allowing this order to be issued would not eliminate the other steps in the enforcement procedure.)

DECISION FOR THE BOARD: Does our support of the commission method of enforcement leave us free to support this improvement in their procedure? Shall this be a LWV lobbying concern in 1965?

"The State Commission Against Discrimination should have the power to obtain a temporary injunction to forbid the sale or rental of housing during the pendency of a complaint, subject to reasonable time limits."

(This is another procedural reform. This had not been thoroughly explored as a possibility when we did our study. It was offered in comment by only one League. If a man is interested in a house, and earnest money payment is refused by the owner or realtor, the house can be sold to someone else. When this refusal results from discrimination, the complainant loses the chance to buy the house, making the cease and desist request meaningless. The argument against this measure is that an innocent respondent might be inconvenienced through the delay which might result in the sale of his house. The legislature would have to decide what might be a 'reasonable time limit,')

DECISION FOR THE BOARD: Is this a procedural reform we can support? Should it be a lobbying concern in 1965?

4. Discrimination in Housing. "The Minnesota State Act Against Discrimination should forbid discrimination in the rental, lease or sale of single family housing, whether publicly assisted or not."

(At present single family housing which is owner-occupied and which is not publicly financed, e.g., by FHA or VA loans, is exempt from coverage by the law. In 1962, our consensus question asked for approval or disapproval of an Act of the legislature. We did not ask a question on the principle of fair housing. Of the 51 Leagues participating, 41 said support the law, 25 said support and strengthen, 2 said repeal. The opinion was that since the law did not go into effect until January, 1963, we would not have had an opportunity to judge its effectiveness during the 1963 session. This was the opinion of other civil rights groups and agencies as well. Therefore, in 1963 no attempts were made to strengthen the law. Furthermore, while a League might check the 'strengthen' blank, often there was no way for us to know how they wanted to see it strengthened. Where opinions were expressed, they leaned in the direction of strengthening the commission rather than extending coverage. More Leagues opposed changes in coverage than voted to extend coverage. It is hard to know whether opposing changes in coverage connoted opposing curtailing or extending. We had a 'wait and see' position. The unfortunate part of the consensus method was that we did not ask a question on principle. In order to decide the question before the Board in this case, our only course, it seems to me, is to examine our statement of principle on page 1, which was approved by the Board in 1962 as embodying the principle contained in our consensus, and to ask whether action on this measure can be taken consistent with that position. The Board at that time recognized the problem created by the kind of question we had asked.)

DECISION FOR THE BOARD: Does this measure embody our position? Shall it be a lobbying concern in 1965?

5. Discrimination in Employment. "The coverage of the Minnesota State Act Against Discrimination should be extended to all employers."

(Our original position with respect to employment called for employment on merit. The 1955 law exempted from coverage those employers who employ 8 or fewer employees. This proposal seeks to remove that exemption.)

DECISION FOR THE BOARD: Does this measure embody our position? Shall it be a lobbying concern in 1965?

In each case we can decide to support, oppose, or take no stand. In any of the measures which we decide to support, we would not initiate legislation. That will be done by the Minnesota Council for Civil and Human Rights. However, it would be well for us to communicate to them our decisions.

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Memo to Ele, Marion, and Jerry
From Mary Ann McCoy --most belatedly dated November 3, 1965
Subject - National Program Suggestions

All the while I have been typing various League things--state Board minutes, memos, VS letters, memos, YOU in Youth correspondence--what I knew I should be doing (too) was sorting out my Program suggestions. And now I am very late, and my suggestions are still very unsorted, but for what they're worth, here they are?

I am concerned about the mass of study and reading expected of League members resulting from the sheer variety of items included in Program at all three levels. I don't have an answer to that. My suggestion would be to not tackle a new national item, at least, and build upon previous study and background.

In Human Resources, narrowing the item to include either education or employment but not both might help free more time for a better comprehension of this part of national Program. I'd choose education because I think we could all be better informed on where all these federal monies will be going from recent legislation--in the light of existing educational facilities all over the country.

The idea of including foreign political aid in addition to foreign economic aid to developing nations and in international and regional cooperation interests me. Perhaps this might be included in our FEP item -- an inquiry, a study, with consensus within a year or so, maybe later. The aid aspect on an economic level might be handled with less study and more keeping up current information, with the study time channeled into the political aid inquiry??

Keep UN on the CA--and incorporating an inquiry or study into the Red China question would certainly inform us and help us to inform our communities. Maybe adding this additional study, however, would be too much, in line with the concern about the mass of reading that seems to descend upon members annually?

As to Apportionment, place it on CR -- it represented too much too late, in my estimation. It is difficult to make Program suggestions while a consensus is pending isn't it?

I'd favor retaining Water Resources as a CA as worded, keeping it as a minimal unit of study, but keeping it on CA so we can be more flexible.

I agree in keeping DC Home Rule on CR, but I wonder whether Treaty Making and Tax Limits are too old to keep as CRs without restudy? I can't recall studying these positions during these seven years I've been a member, but I admit those first few years were pretty baffling and we might have studied them and reached consensus on them without my full knowledge!! And if they require time in study and bringing to a CA to be valid, I'd question adding them at this time to our CA load, and there I am, wondering if they ought to be retained as is as CRs?

TO: Board Members
FROM: Marlene Roth
DATE: June 5, 1970

Will you consider the following report on the Organization of State Government consensus reaching efforts and then respond to me before the June Board meeting (at home - 5 Ridge Road, Burnsville, Minn. 55378.)

Question - How would you amend the proposed support position statement?
Any other comments?

[illegible]

In the following information the phrase "local Leagues" does not include any of the three provisionals. (FYI - of the 3 current provisionals, Moundsview did not exist, and only Woodbury reported. Chaska did not respond.)

Out of 66 local Leagues, containing 5,149 members, 44 Leagues returned consensus report forms. The 44 represented:

22 outstate Leagues
22 metro area Leagues
and included;
4,198 members or 81 + %

No reports were received from 22 local Leagues representing:

951 members
or 18 + %

The 22 Leagues include 12 outstate Leagues and 10 metro area Leagues as follows:

Worthington
White Bear Lake
Wayzata Area
South St. Paul
Shoreview
New Ulm
Mahtomedi Area
Jackson
Hibbing
Granite Falls
Fridley
Fergus Falls

Excelsior
Columbia Heights
Cass Lake
Buffalo
Brooklyn Center
Brainerd
Bemidji
Anoka
Albert Lea

Some general comments of interest which appeared on report forms included --

"I attended the state Convention last year and really felt that although it was my portfolio on our board, that this item could have been dropped from the state program. We had consensus on the Legislative side as a basis for lobbying. By an accident of date, our convention met just a couple of days prior to the Legislature's vote on Governor LeVander's proposals for executive reorganization. We could not foresee at the convention whether there would even be much need for a study and consensus. Not could we

tell whether there would be any interest among legislators for pressing for reorganization after that vote was in. It seems incredible to me that we are not flexible enough in our procedures to have permitted dropping this item from the program a couple of weeks after the convention

"Only a minority are in favor of the short ballot. Some members feel the short ballot at the state level may carry over to the county level and they still prefer to elect locally. Others feel that concentration of power in the hands of the governor would make it much easier for a revolutionary force to take over."

"League's January publication was outstanding in its helpfulness."

AND FOR CONTRAST

"Inadequate information, poor sentence construction."

"All consensus questions should be prepared far enough in advance so that they could be tested for understandability on an average League group."

RE: The existence of a consensus or lack of one, question by question.

1. Do you think expansiveness of an executive branch and fragmentation of functions are strengths or weaknesses in state government? State the reasons for your position.

With the exception of two Leagues, the rest indicated by some wording, a consensus that fragmentation and expansiveness are weaknesses in government. Only in a few Leagues did some members seem to take seriously the chance to see fragmentation and expansiveness as strengths.

I had the impression that some Leagues may have felt the "strengths" option was a weak attempt on my part to balance the question. What it was actually, was an opportunity to say what a few Leaguers did choose to say - namely - strenghts because they

- a. "provide check and balance system"
- b. "fragmentation is a good safeguard. It does not give too much power to one man. . . . also feel there should be a crosscheck on the governor."

In making a case for expansiveness and fragmentation as weaknesses, Leagues gave reasons such as: need to fix line of authority and responsibility, duplication, overlapping, various units of government compete with each other, confusing for citizens to deal with government, more costly in terms of dollars, makes for weak governor, coordination of effort difficult, some units of government are obsolete, too cumbersome, coordination of activities by function is a desirable goal, fragmentation leads to diffusion of responsibility and lack of accountability, difficult for a governor to supervise and "state government is over organized."

2. Do you see any problem areas e.g. (but not limited to) housing, urban affairs, that the present organization and structure of the executive branch are not geared to meet?

The following problem areas received mention most frequently in descending order: environmental quality, housing, education, intergovernmental relations, urban affairs.

Much less frequently mentioned in descending order were welfare, health services, Indians, consumer protection, taxes, human rights, crime, employment, and small towns.

3. Our present League position favors a Short Ballot or fewer elected state officials. Officials whose duties are primarily administrative rather than policy-making should be appointed in order to clearly fix executive responsibility with the governor, where it belongs, and lessen voter confusion.

Does this position reflect your viewpoint? If not, how would you modify it?

Of the Leagues reporting, 2 were not able to reach consensus. Of the rest, support was expressed for the present position on short ballot by all but one League. The dissenting League mentioned the objection quoted earlier re "revolutionary force". Most of the Leagues used this opportunity to make comments on the composition of short ballot. (We, of course, only sought consensus on the concept.)

One Minneapolis unit recommended abolition of offices of Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, and Treasurer. They suggested election of Attorney General, but prohibition on his seeking elective office for 2 years after expiration of his term. The same unit recommended the abolition of the state-federal system, replacing it with "regional agencies to handle regional problems, and metro councils to deal with urban area matters." Other comments included: mention of legislature to serve as advise and consent group on appointments, concern with whether attorney general should be elected vs. appointed. joint election of governor and lieutenant governor, limit governor to 2 terms, put appointive positions under civil service.

4. What function should independent boards and commissions perform?
- administrative
 - advisory
 - both

State reasons

In retrospect I see that my nagging worry late last fall was well-founded. It was that the Facts and Issues had not done enough with "independent boards and commissions" - at least not enough for many, many Leaguers who tried to make something complex out of something pretty simple (at least by my definition.) "Independent" was clearly defined and the question, reduced to simple terms was, "Do you as a citizen approve of the legislative practice of assigning the delivery of government services to groups not directly responsible to the governor? Is he to be accountable for how the executive branch performs or isn't he? Is it legitimate to respond to the pressures of special interest groups by keeping certain powers out of the governor's sphere of influence? What was fun was to see some Leagues zero right in and show understanding as in:

"All units thought they should be advisory except those boards involved in licensing or having quasi-judicial functions. Our units felt these boards and commissions are slow, cumbersome, and wasteful since they tend to be timid and ineffective in cooperating with other departments. A governor cannot be held accountable if he cannot act within his authority without interference."

or

"Majority thinks that if functions are advisory then responsibility is more clearly fixed on executive."

Statements such as these were too few. 19 Leagues including the two largest did not reach a consensus. Even more significant, however, is the utter confusion (implicit and explicit) one reads in too many report forms. It would be highly inadvisable to try to state a support position on this subject. NO CONSENSUS!

5. Is uniformity in nomenclature important to or incidental to helping citizens understand state government? How?

Two Leagues reported no consensus of opinion. The others agreed substantially that standard nomenclature is desirable. A few dissenting Leaguers suggested that "uniformity may disguise legitimate diversity" and "public wouldn't care anyway." Reasons given in support included: would help citizens to know where to go for service, could help to clarify the relationship between the citizen and the executive branch. One League said, "If citizens of a democracy wish to participate, things should be clear and logical enough for them to take steps to do so." In another League one unit said it would be helpful if all states adopted a standard nomenclature.

THEREFORE!

I suggest this wording of our support position on Minnesota's Executive Branch. JUST remember, I have never done this before and I realize the first sentence is out and out duplication.

SUPPORT OF IMPROVED STRUCTURE AND PROCEDURES
FOR THE MINNESOTA EXECUTIVE BRANCH
(to be added to our Organization heading.)

Support of executive reorganization in the following areas:

- a. Consolidation and reduction of boards, departments, agencies, divisions, commissions, based on commonality of function.
- b. Ensuring that the present organization and structure are designed to confront contemporary problems - especially environmental quality, housing, education, intergovernmental relations, urban affairs.
- c. Short Ballot - (Note, I think we should put this here and take it out of election law arena. At least today I do!)
- d. Adoption of a standard nomenclature for the executive branch.

SOCK IT TO ME!

P.S. I realize the 4 headings need explanation or amplification.

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MEMO TO: All Boarders

FROM: Janet Rosenbloom, Secretary, and Liz Ebbott, Program/Action V.P.

SUBJECT: Directions to the State Board from 1973 Convention

May 29, 1973

Here are notes from Convention "For Your Information" as we plan our OUTLOOK FOR WORK in preparation for the June 12-13, 1973, Board meeting. The tape of this discussion is in the state office.

Corrections study: Break study into areas: structure and content.

1. Structure

A. summarize current thoughts, patterns in corrections; in what areas are alternatives available, pro and con of various methods. This should be done immediately with information to local Leagues this year.

B. inventory programs, also do field work, visit institutions, interviews, see what exists.

C. evaluate how to get from where we are to where we want to go.

2. Content - institutionalization - facilities, personnel, parole, follow-up.

Presented by Marcia Janssen, St. Louis Park League.

State Human Rights Commission: suggestion to have regular League observers at these meetings; says it needs visibility, visible citizen effort.
Mary Lou Hill, Minneapolis.

No new studies on positions, need action in pursuing the positions we have.
Barbara Hughes, Fridley.

Establish an ad hoc committee to study revenue sharing. It is relevant to property tax and affects all government bodies, needed to understand local government - vital to decision making. Virginia Greenman, St. Paul.

Give emphasis and awareness to Mexican-American population. They have unique problems: language, they lack citizenship, are new residents, have a unique culture. We could benefit from knowing their unique culture.
Elna Ponto, Albert Lea.

Make available to local Leagues information on tools available to work on housing. Suggested doing this via a VOTER article. Don't limit it to just discrimination in housing. Mary Rollwagen, Minneapolis.

Agreed with Rollwagen suggestion. Said we have tools and position but need the will of the people. Gwen Luhta, Minnetonka-Eden Prairie.

On Corrections consensus, asked if it needed to be reached in two years, noting that her League could not reach consensus on the Judiciary item.
Norma Kelly, Robbinsdale.

Include area of finance in Corrections study so that we will know what it will cost to implement proposals and how we are going to pay for it. Priorities have to be set based on financing. Judy Schuck, Minnetonka-Eden Prairie.

Look into doing a Political Accountability Rating (PAR) on state legislators.
Diane Ahrens, St. Paul.

Look into sex bias in schools, action under Human Resources item. Marjorie Williams, St. Croix Valley.

Give State Board flexibility to take action if needed in Park Point Indian school dispute. Indians want to keep school separate from Park Rapids. Convention agreed to give Board this scope. Hazel Shimmin, Bemidji.

Watch for move to reverse ERA. Claire Downes, St. Cloud.

Keep up with pack on ERA and show we have a firm commitment. Be prepared to work for a state ERA if needed. Pam Berkwitz, Minneapolis.

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ALTERNATIVES TO PROGRAM MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

-- by Gwen Murphree

How to cope with both the study and action phases of the myriad issues that local members and leaders adopt every year is a long-standing and continuing problem. The situation is becoming increasingly exacerbated, not only because of the increased number of issues that concern League members in the '70's, and their increasing complexity, but because of the diminishing woman hours or member resources available. We live in an age that offers women a multitude of options for productive use of their time. This places the LWV in sharper competition for their energies and talents, and particularly for the time and attention traditionally given League issues, especially the study phase.

In little meetings at the recent New Jersey state convention, delegates there said "...the study - consensus process could be speeded up without injuring our democratic (that is, grassroots) base," that "the hurrying up of the consensus process shouldn't concern us so much." Also expressed there was concern for the lack of depth of study (although this apparently was not defined), but others just as strongly felt that we must shorten the study process. Their final conclusion was that "since we seem to be content with the huge Program workload, we must figure out how to cope with it." Flexibility was their key suggestion, and that we should legitimately recognize that there are different types of Leagues.

It is probably fair to say that, at no time, has every local League "covered" every item at every level of League every biennium. Nor is it possible to say that every local League covers consensus items in the same way or in the same depth or manner. There has always been concern about the strength or validity of League positions reached thru the unit meeting/consensus process not only because of the question of depth of coverage, but because of the small amount of time available and the small number of members participating in the process, usually less than 30% of the total membership (25% in the case of the Solid Waste Management consensus just announced and likely to be even less with the International Relations study just finished).

In countless letters, local and state Voters, annual reports, and minutes, the national board has been requested to take a leadership role in pulling together various ideas, suggestions, techniques, and experiences from local and state Leagues across the country, into a compendium of alternate and new approaches to Program Management and Development -- from adoption through study, decision-making on a position and finally to action.

The role of leadership in a member-controlled organization is a complex one, always subject to highly vocal criticism from those who view your particular interpretation of the leadership role as too little or too much. To strike a "middle of the road" stance at this point seems indicated as the best way to measure what is happening now, with suggestions for future courses of action based on present approaches to the problem. This, coupled with the expansion of older themes and a new idea altogether would provide all levels of the League with the optimum in opportunities and would enable us to maximize and capitalize on not only the plurality of the approaches, but to utilize the diversity of the Leagues and the current membership profile.

To begin with the obvious:

1) The National VOTER - The national board proposes that, in addition to its present expanded, all-encompassing format, a prime function of the National VOTER will be to assist every member to keep up with all of national Program--its totality--in an organized way, so that each year members are briefed on all of the Program. This would result in local Leagues being relieved of having to make a cumulative review in their Voters or at meetings of each national Program item each year. In addition, the VOTER can become the means--a major instrument--for providing the basic information for members to be informed in preparation for action on national Program. This should make the work of Resource Committees less complicated, arduous, and frustrating!

2) A Resource Book - This is a term that is beginning to be used to cover a variety of joint efforts in managing and developing Program. The most obvious of course is the use of joint committees, long employed by Leagues in close proximity to each other. Joint committees have been structured in a variety of ways and certainly should continue such flexibility, e.g., one League chooses an item of special interest to it, and then serves as the resource committee on that item for all neighboring Leagues, in turn using other Leagues' resource and expertise on items it is unable to staff or in which it has less immediate interest. Other variations include an ILO or similar regional arrangement of Leagues taking responsibility for developing a skill book, pulling in the expertise from within the area as a whole to form an on-going resource in Program expertise as well as "how to" techniques from which local Leagues can draw at will and as is necessary. Such an approach makes possible the optimum use of the talents and skills of those League members with limited time to devote to the League. The idea of the Resource bank can be modified for a very large League with many units wherein various units choose a Program item for its own, to build expertise in depth and thus serve the other units in the local League during the study phase, but more importantly to become the source and base for that local League's action on a given item.

In some states, the state board is becoming the Resource bank--to serve as a traveling team--to bring a Program item, either national or state, to local Leagues. More often the Program item is organized around an issue such as trade, housing, education, welfare, and taxes. This not only shares the expertise and allows the item to be developed in more depth, but the leadership resources as well. A local League will be less likely to resent giving up its precious and limited leadership to another level of League if it can be assured it will be getting back more than it is giving up.

3) The application of League positions to other levels of government seems so obvious -- now. Our experience with the national position on apportionment of state legislatures being made applicable to all other elected governmental bodies indicates that League members approve this speed-up technique. There is no cogent reason why positions reached on the U.S. Congress should not be equally applicable to state legislatures, city councils, school boards, county or regional governmental units. Application and adoption of the positions reached by one League on the same item just adopted for study by another League is also a possibility, e.g., compare the similarity or identical positions arrived at by state after state in studying its state judicial system: with few exceptions each calls for a unified court system administered by a central authority, usually the state supreme court; for uniform procedures; for separation of the administrative function of the courts from the judicial; state-wide, uniform court financing; provisions for selection of judge usually on the Missouri plan; a commission for discipline and removal of judges usually on the California plan; transferability of judges

and cases, etc... The outlook for work by two states that have just adopted this item for study reads like the positions I have just listed. Think of the vast number of woman hours saved in researching and studying the same material already researched and studied by other League members. How much sense it makes for a League to move onto implementing the position already reached. This leads me to a fourth alternative -- why not expand and make better use of an already existing League Program technique for management and development --

4) Concurrence -- The idea of concurring in another League's consensus or affirming its position on a common Program issue began to have currency during the early years of our water study -- when Leagues in the same river basins found it necessary, indeed imperative, that they speed up their consensus process on management of water resources in their common river basin. Local League members in river basins have managed this technique for almost 20 years with little difficulty, with ease, aplomb, and confidence -- mainly because the technique made good sense.

With the approval of the change in the basis of organizing Leagues begun in the early sixties to the Area League concept, the national board incorporated the concurrent theme into the organizational structure of area Leagues. Members in area Leagues are in the habit of regularly concurring in the consensus reached by the separate components of their League's organizational structure.

Concurrence in previously reached positions by other League members than ourselves in our own local League or unit is also operative every day, although many of us may not have previously recognized it as such. Every member who joins the League concurs in Program positions already arrived at -- such positions having been researched, studied, discussed, agreed upon before her arrival on the League scene. The same concurrence is applicable and operable for those League members who move from League to League. Each move I make, and there have been four in the last eight years, finds me concurring in the positions already reached by League members of the League I am joining. Their positions, local and state, automatically become my positions without my going through the same process they did to get the positions. I trust that if I took the time, the energy to research, study, and discuss, I would arrive at the same position they did. I save that time and energy, do not duplicate, by accepting the validity of the process by which they arrived at the position. I concur, I accept. I, in effect do the same thing when I, like two-thirds of the membership, am unable to attend unit meetings on a Program item needing consensus; I did not attend either a solid waste management or international relations study unit, yet I will concur in the consensus reached and affirm and act on the position resulting therefrom. I see no reason then why, living in one state, I couldn't accept the general concepts of a given issue arrived at by League members in another state or local League. This essentially is the modus operandi for League action on mass transit and strip mining.

Another form of concurrence occurs regularly when a position is adopted at a local annual meeting, a state or national convention. At the 1972 national Convention, delegates not only adopted a position extending the apportionment principle, but also extended the Human Resources position to include women and Indians. The delegates also went a step further to declare a position on a specific piece of legislation to implement a position -- the Equal Rights Amendment. While many state and local Leagues had a long history of study and action on this subject at the state level, there had been no national study per se by all Leagues. Yet there was overwhelming concurrence and acceptance of the position adopted by Convention delegates. Thus it seems only logical and sensible to pursue and expand the already tried and accepted

League procedure or concurrence, to maximize the time, energies, and talents of the limited member resources available to the League in the '70's.

A fifth tool for Program Management and Development is:

5) The decision-making process in the League -- now under close scrutiny. Because on the average only one-third of the League's membership participates in or attends unit meetings, thoughtful League leaders have expressed concern over this fact almost since the beginning of the unit system in 1944. Now we are hearing noises about new or alternate or additional ways to make decisions. Consensus is only one of the processes that can be used in the League to make a decision about a Program position. The only other process we use is adoption of a position at annual meetings and conventions. I think we should say clearly that consensus is reached through group discussion.

There are other decision-making processes, however, which the League could use to establish a Program position, and some local and state Leagues have begun to experiment with them on a limited basis. The most organized and intriguing plan we've seen is one devised by a local League in Massachusetts. This local League takes an altogether realistic, common sense, and refreshing approach to the decision-making procedure. This board recognizes at the outset that not all issues are alike and that we should forego our 30-year old habit of treating, or organizing to work on every issue in exactly the same way. They suggest that the nature of a given issue should determine how the issue is treated in the study stage, and how a decision is to be made regarding a position on that issue. Seems so obvious.

Thus they have listed a number of decision-making procedures, any one of which the board can decide to use on a given issue. Of course, regardless of which procedure the board decides to use, it goes without saying that the membership will have been informed in some way, i.e., either through printed material, workshops, radio/TV, newspaper articles. These are the decision-making processes they will choose from:

1. the usual unit discussion/consensus process
2. a telephone poll
3. a simple questionnaire sent by a special mailing or enclosed in the Voter for return to the board, either to the entire membership or a sampling
4. a Voter tear-off which can take a variety of forms
5. publishing the resource committee's position in the Voter and seeking affirmation by the membership through a tear-off or a telephone poll
6. a simple acceptance by the board of the resource committee's conclusions, and declaring this the League's position
7. a call-in response to a TV presentation or newspaper series
8. calling a special meeting of members to adopt a position.

Many of these techniques provide the opportunity for the non-meeting goer amongst the League membership to participate directly in the decision-making process.

And finally, sixth, we would like to suggest the possibility of the League concentrating on still another alternative in Program Management and Development:

6) To identify a central governmental concern -- a concurring, recurring theme -- on which the League as a whole, at every level could focus -- to treat an agreed-upon issue as a whole in its total ramification, laterally or horizontally, and vertically, through all strata of government and the League, cutting across all governmental and League lines -- rather than in separate parts or at different levels.

Issues which come to mind and that might lend themselves to this kind of approach: tax reform, administration of justice, freedom of information, rights of society versus individual freedom, and yes, even the political system itself which could include the election process, representation, campaign financing, the candidate selection process, checks and balances, conflicts among the four branches of government (Congress, courts, executive, administrative agencies). Indeed the total political process of this country is in danger of becoming a modern day travesty in view of the excesses that regularly mark each day's headlines. Think about it.

Is it now possible for the LWV in 1973, past the threshold of its own second half-century and on the threshold of this country's third century, to once again mold its structure, its procedures, its policies, its techniques, its experiences to fit the issues of the times so as to carry out its purpose for both members and citizens? From the accumulated and cumulative experimentation now underway in the League, it would seem so. The Michigan state board said it very well in proposing their focus on action to their state convention: "The days of overemphasis on traditional structure are over. -- A new wind is blowing across the land, a wind that speaks of meeting today's needs with new approaches. And that wind reaches the League, too..."

Do we dare allow the dynamism of reality to work for us?

National Council '73

An Informal Advance-Advance Report to Minnesota's 44th State Convention by Delegates to Council '73

"Jots from Jerry"

Representation: National Council, League of Women Voters of the United States
Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C. May 7 - 10, 1973

Every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands sent delegates. There were 124 delegates and observers plus the National Board, National Board staff, some national nominating committee members, the national budget chairman, and some past National Board members.

Agenda: According to Article X, Bylaws of the LWV-US, the Council shall give guidance to the Board on Program, methods of work, and budget as submitted by the Board of Directors. We accomplished all that in a very positive and constructive manner with a fair hearing for all. President Lucy Benson conducts meetings in a most remarkable way - moving the business along, maintaining openness and a good spirit - as those of you who attended Convention will recall.

Budget and Funding: Naturally, much time was devoted to the business of funding our organization. State pledges fell short by \$64,000, but some \$52,000 in grants and additional gifts meant that the proposed budget income was \$12,000 short. This was balanced by allocating \$12,000 more from dividends and interest. Nothing was cut from the expenditure side. In addition to the budget proposed, delegates voted \$10,000 for an active ERA campaign from the operating cash balance remaining from the '72-73 fiscal year. Unanticipated income during January-March, 1973, created this cash balance and makes possible a businesslike operating fund. Copies of the budget as adopted are available in the State office.

Things we shall be hearing more about:

New Ways to Manage Program: Gwen Murphree, National Board, gave a very exciting talk which will be the basis for further discussion here in Minnesota.

Nominating Procedure (National Board): there was a small group discussion at Council and further discussion by members will be implemented by a tape and materials to come from national office.

Publication Orders: Beginning September '73, payment will be sent with all League orders, resulting in an annual savings of \$18,000 in office billing time.!

Looking ahead to Convention '74: Strong support was expressed by Council delegates for removing the word "women" as a qualification for membership in LWV. Several states declared intent to propose the following to Convention: reducing the size of Convention, giving votes to Members At Large, eliminating the pledge system.

National VOTER: National Board plans to use it to assist every member in keeping up with National Program; each Local League will be freed from this expense and effort.

Sincere thanks for the opportunity to attend.

Jerry Jenkins, 2nd Vice-President

"Mary Ann's Memo"

Calendar: 1973 - National ERA Campaign - "This is one battle none of us can afford to lose," Ruth Greenawalt, HR Chairman, LWV - US.
Congress Item: study of campaign financing and spending with resource material published in National VOTER this fall; "consensus by Thanksgiving" (Nov. 22) - no exact date specified yet.

1974 - Near Feb. 1 (3 mos. before Convention '74) National Program suggestions due - just one round, remember.

Emergency Items:

News Dissemination Proposal - withdrawn by Leagues introducing it: League's membership on press council, no funding in budget among reasons cited.
Energy Issue Proposal - was not voted consideration by delegates.

Proposal for Land Use: Consensus before Convention '74: discussed and voted down as not in keeping with Convention intent in adopting this item, among reasons cited.

Day on the Hill: Following briefings on proposed trade and budget control legislation, we conferred with Senator Humphrey; Representatives Quie, Nelsen, Frenzel, Karth, Bergland; staff of Rep. Zwach and Blatnik (all within 4½ hrs!). We found the Minnesota delegation backing free trade, aware of proposals for budget control legislation about to be considered, and appreciative of word from "home" and meeting with Leagues in their districts. Meeting in their Capitol offices - each characteristic of the man's region, personal and family hobbies/interests lends additional dimension and strengthens our ties and effectiveness with our own efforts and those of LWV - US Lobby Corps.

New Jersey Proposal: Study of budget and operations of LWV - US and LWV - Ed. Fund by a special committee to report to Convention '74 discussed and rejected by delegates; a willingness to get on with League work at all levels and experiment with new ways to manage Program and the funding within the adopted budget with its inter-relationship between LWV and EF were among reasons cited.

Elections Systems Project: Handbook for training election judges is on the presses at this moment; handbook for monitoring due in 6 weeks.

"Outside Speakers": Five Congressmen briefed us on legislation; Warren Weaver - New York Times staff, lawyer, author of Both Your Houses - challenged us to look at "Our 3 Branches: Who's Checking, Who's Balancing?". Predicting that the Watergate matters will result in reducing the influence and power of the presidency, he asked how this will affect the other 2 branches and how they fit together. He feels that the time will come when Congress will have to take positive steps to move into its constitutional power position and pass campaign financing legislation, move in tax reform, and reform its own fiscal procedures. "Now is a real opportunity for the legislative branch," he stated and concluded that he hopes "Congress will be bold enough to sieze it."

To answer Mr. Weaver's rhetorical question about who's checking and who's balancing (League-wise), I'd like to sketch a wider stroke... All the 1972 Convention delegates were as present in our Council discussion as in Atlanta when the proposal for a land use consensus was debated - checking. . . All 150,000 members were as present when FMP and Pledges were discussed as in our local Leagues, when we heard that 22 Leagues had pledged national support pending action at upcoming state Conventions. . . We are all checking and balancing - however precariously - between goals and realities, between Purpose and proposals . . . and the balancing act premiered in financing proposals submitted to Convention '72 may reappear at Convention '74, when inflation may make a hold-the-line-budget untenable. However, may we predict that a supporting net woven of the proposals to handle Program (and services, funding) to be submitted by National to members, local and state Leagues may strengthen the daring of delegates?

Watch for the next National Board Report and National VOTER for details on these and other Council Happenings . . . to be continued! Jerry and I join in our thanks to you for enabling us to represent our state at Council, and as delegates, we're at your disposal for questions and interpretation.
Mary Ann McCoy, President

memorandum

The League of Women Voters of the United States

This is going on
Duplicate Presidents Mailing

September 14, 1973

TO: State and Local League Presidents
FROM: Ruth Clusen, Public Relations Chairman
RE: White House Fellows Program

Anne Armstrong, Counsellor to the President has written to us with the information that the White House Fellows program is particularly interested in seeing qualified women apply for the program. Mrs. Armstrong noted that the current group of eighteen fellows includes four women as a result of a campaign last year to increase the number of female participants. So, in the midst of supporting the Equal Rights Amendment we are submitting to you the following information on a program stressing equal opportunity for women in its admissions practices.

The White House Fellows program was established in 1964 to draw gifted young Americans from the ages of 23 through 35 to Washington for a year's look at Federal Government. Each fellow will serve as a special assistant to a Cabinet Secretary or senior member of the White House staff. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and not employed by the Executive Branch of the Federal Government other than as career military personnel in the Armed Services. Applicants must have demonstrated unusual ability, high moral character, outstanding motivation and a broad capacity for leadership. They must show exceptional promise of future development and be dedicated to the institutions of the United States.

The application period for the 1974-75 White House Fellowships closes on November 15, 1973. Additional information and application forms are available from The President's Commission on White House Fellows, Washington, D.C. 20415, (202) 382-4661.

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League of Women Voters of the U.S.
1730 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

September 24, 1973

To: Local, State and ILO Presidents
From: Lucy Wilson Benson, President
Re: National Program Recommendations (1974-1976)

We are again approaching the time when League members make up their minds about national program for the next two years. Urgent issues are pressing. Some are continuations of unresolved problems; others are matters newly thrusting themselves on the public's awareness. What should the League concentrate on in the 1974-76 biennium?

We are looking for ways to make the program making process better--for ways to help members think creatively and hardheadedly about future program, with as many members participating as possible. The June-July VOTER about program and program management was designed with this in mind. It gives a capsule account of what present program emphases are, how we arrived at this form of this program and what the developing edges of existing program seem to be. It also suggests some possibilities for restructuring program. Since members have that VOTER at hand and the media are bombarding us with new problems and new issues, we decided not to do "Issues on the Horizon" in the VOTER.

We also have attempted to refine the official form on which you, the League leaders, report your League's recommendations. The form consists of two parts:

Part A asks you to report your League's recommendations on present program: For instance...Is it time to drop a program segment? Then circle 1. Does your League say, "Keep up the good work?" You'll circle 2. Do you want more study of one segment? You'll circle 3 and then tell us at the top of page 3 what the further study should be about. And you can indicate, by circling 4, under the appropriate heading, "Make it an action priority." Part B asks you to tell us what your League wants that's new...new under existing program, or new and separate. For example, energy, administration of justice, and health services were front runners among the not-recommended subjects for '72-74. Part B also asks you to indicate if your proposed issue(s) is a central governmental concern which the League would work on at all levels of government. See pages 9-10 of the June 1973 National Board Report, under 6, for further explanation of this idea.

As you know from the September 1st Call to Convention, we have decided not to publish a Leaders' Guide on program making. But there is still plenty of help on tap for leaders. The 1971 Leaders Guide: National Program Making (#356, 25¢), Meaningful Meetings: Role of the Resource Committee (#319, 40¢) and the June National Board Report are full of hints on how to involve members effectively in this exciting part of the League process. The September National Board Report and the next VOTER will have more to say about program making. In particular, they will underscore what you are already acutely aware of--that we can't adopt program uncritically, because there's an unsolved problem out there, crying for attention. Both study and action take time and money--and people. Carefully weigh how much the League can undertake. (The May 22, 1973 Financial Highlights

--- You'll be reporting your League's recommendations by February 6.
--- At its March 4-8 meeting, the national board formulates the proposed program, based on tabulation of all reports and identification of the chief subjects the League as a whole wants to concentrate on.
--- The proposed program 1974-76 (with explanations) and a list of not-recommended subjects will be sent to local and state Leagues by March 25.
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Local League

State

NATIONAL PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS: 1974-1976

Please use this form for your League's official recommendations for the 1974-1976 national program. Send one copy to the national office.

Recommendations must be postmarked no later than February 6, 1974.

A. NATIONAL PROGRAM (1972-1974)

(Circle the appropriate number for each.)

	<u>Drop</u>	<u>Retain As Is</u>	<u>Change</u> further study	<u>Emphasis</u> action priority
I. ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY				
a. Solid waste management	1	2	3	4
b. Air quality	1	2	3	4
c. Water resources	1	2	3	4
II. LAND USE				
	1	2	3	4
III. HUMAN RESOURCES				
a. Women	1	2	3	4
b. American Indians	1	2	3	4
c. Education	1	2	3	4
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f. Welfare	1	2	3	4
IV. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS				
a. Development (aid)	1	2	3	4
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V. REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT				
a. Campaign Financing	1	2	3	4
b. U.S. Congress	1	2	3	4
c. Election of the President (Electoral College)	1	2	3	4
d. District of Columbia	1	2	3	4
e. Apportionment	1	2	3	4

COMMENTS: Specify and explain your suggested emphases.

Local League

State

NATIONAL PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS 1974-1976

Please use this form for your League's official recommendations for the 1974-1976 national program. Send one copy to the national office.

Recommendations must be received no later than February 5, 1975.

A. NATIONAL PROGRAM (1974-1976)

(Circle the appropriate number for each.)

Change in program	Current program	Other	Section 501(c)(3)	Change in program
1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
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96	97	98	99	100

B. NEW ISSUES

LIST ISSUE(S): For each, indicate problem to be solved, scope and focus of proposed study, and reasons for recommendation. Specify if it is to be part of a current program item (indicating which one) or a separate program item. Also specify if it is to be a central governmental issue on which the League would work at all levels.

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LEAGUE PROFILE

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Number of members participating in the
program recommendation process _____

What methods were used to elicit member views? Please check.

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General member meeting	[]
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Telephone	[]
Questionnaire	[]
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Signature

Position

Date

Local League

State

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Recommendations must be postmarked no later than February 6, 1974.

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Position

Date

memorandum

The League of Women Voters of the United States

October 24, 1973

This is going on
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TO: Local, State and ILO Presidents
FROM: Lucy Wilson Benson, President

In the past few days, we have received many phone calls and letters from League leaders and members concerning the developments in the Watergate case. They all have a common theme: "What can we do?"

As you know, the League does not have a position on the specific issues involved: whether there are grounds for impeachment or the extent of executive privilege, for example. However, we do have a commitment to the orderly processes of government and to the legal and moral principles upon which this government is founded. As our principles state: "The League of Women Voters believes in: Representative government and in individual liberties established in the U.S. Constitution." Each of you is a citizen as well as a member of the League and I know that each of you is as concerned as I am about the nature and seriousness of the crisis that confronts this country.

The League purpose and principles also call for encouraging active citizen participation in government, and if ever there was a time when citizen participation and concern are needed it is now.

As League leaders you are also leaders in your community -- individuals whose opinions may and are being sought on the stunning sequence of events now being played out in Washington. While none of us may speak in the name of the League, we can express our thoughts on what is happening.

There's no denying the fact that partisan politics are involved in some recent developments. However, the basic issues transcend parties and individuals and involve the form, structure, and processes of our government. The decision to comply with the Court of Appeals order to release the tapes to Judge Sirica has, it appears, put a brake on the rush of events. It has not, however, ended the controversy or resolved some of the fundamental questions involved.

I'm sure I don't have to remind you of the gravity of these questions and their impact on the future of this country. This is obviously not an occasion for flamboyant statements or instant reaction -- it is a time for thoughtful and constructive views on matters such as the dangers of excessive secrecy in government, the role of the courts and law in the conduct of our affairs, and the Constitutionally established system of checks and balances which determines the role of the three branches of government.

All this is not to say that you have to speak out. It is rather to say that you, as an individual and as a citizen, have a right and perhaps a responsibility to be able to express your concerns and thoughts.

I hope that all of you will discuss these issues at your next board meeting. I hope, too, that you will consider creative and constructive ways in which your League can contribute to the public dialogue on the principles involved. The over-

night pendulum swings in public opinion brought about by new headlines and television reports are not the way that the problems we face today will be solved. We need understanding, respect and tolerance for the varying points of view being expressed.

Beyond that, there comes a point when each of us as individuals must contribute to the public debate. It is vital that the citizens of this country have their say as to whether we shall have a government of laws or a government of men. As Elliot Richardson said: "It is up to the American people."

memorandum

The League of Women Voters of the United States

September 24, 1973

To: Local and State League Presidents
From: Lucy Wilson Benson, President
Re: Kettering Foundation Grant: Telephone Survey of Members

The LWVUS has received a grant of \$14,800 from the Kettering Foundation which will enable us to undertake a limited but systematic survey of League activities and operations. Although this is only a pilot project, it should yield additional insights as to League effectiveness, member attitudes and also provide information which will strengthen the League. The survey instruments which will be used in this project are being developed with the assistance of two experienced consultants, Dr. Albert Cantril and Susan Davis Cantril.

The study has four parts:

- (1) A statistical overview of local Leagues analyzing financial, membership and community data. The 1972 Annual Reports are being used as the source of information.
- (2) A telephone interview with 600 members and former members, to be conducted by League volunteers from the Washington Metropolitan Area.
- (3) On-site interviews in four local League communities to be used as a pilot project to field test a questionnaire prepared for in-depth case studies.
- (4) A national survey to assess the degree of public awareness of LWVUS activities, to be accomplished by including five comprehensive questions in a Gallup Survey during October.

The telephone interviews will be carried on during October. Members' names will be selected from the Voter mailing list, using a scientific statistical count devised by the consultants to assure geographical and local League distribution. League volunteers will make the calls; names will not be given to anyone outside the League. Each telephone interview will last 20 to 25 minutes, and the calls will be made in the evening and on weekends. All answers will be confidential.

League of Women Voters of the U.S.
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December 11, 1973

FACT SHEET

(To accompany TIME FOR ACTION on the Impeachment Inquiry)

The TIME FOR ACTION which this "Fact Sheet" accompanies, is limited to action on the impeachment inquiry, but it is necessary that League members and the public understand the larger context in which an inquiry takes place. The process of impeachment is already underway. This is the first step provided in the Constitution; it takes place in the House.

- Resolutions to investigate charges against the President and asserting specific articles of impeachment have been introduced by House members and referred to the House Judiciary Committee Chairman, Peter W. Rodino.
- The House has granted \$1 million to the Committee for expanded staff, etc., to investigate whether or not impeachable offenses have been committed by the President. (The resolution - H Res 702 - passed 367 to 51, with Republicans voting 138 for passage and 47 against, and Democrats voting 229 for and 4 against.)
- 31 staff members are already at work and Samuel L. Garrison has been named Chief Counsel for the Republicans.

Misconceptions abound and many questions are raised about "impeachment":

- What does the term "impeachment" mean?
- How does it fit into the overall Constitutional process for removal of public officials from office?
- What is that overall process of bringing charges and determining the innocence or guilt of an individual?

To answer those and other questions for League members, and provide a basic community information tool, this fact sheet provides:

1. The provisions set forth in the Constitution with regard to removal from office upon impeachment and conviction;
2. A discussion of terms pertinent to discussion and action;
3. A brief description of the distinctly separate processes for which the House and Senate are responsible;
4. A brief review of official House action to date;
5. A brief list of resource material.

WHAT THE CONSTITUTION SAYS

The President, Vice President and all civil Officers of the United States, shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors. [Article II, section 4.]

The House of Representatives . . . shall have the sole Power of Impeachment. [Article I, section 2.]

The Senate shall have the sole Power to try all Impeachments. When sitting for that Purpose, they shall be on Oath or Affirmation. When the President of the United States is tried, the Chief Justice shall preside: and no Person shall be convicted without the Concurrence of two thirds of the Members present.

Judgment in Cases of Impeachment shall not extend further than to removal from Office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any Office of honor, Trust or Profit under the United States: but the Party convicted shall nevertheless be liable and subject to Indictment, Trial, Judgment and Punishment, according to Law. [Article I, section 3.]

In summary:

• The House alone has the power to bring charges of impeachable offenses; that is, to impeach.

• The Senate alone has the power to bring the accused individual to trial and determine innocence or guilt; that is, possibly to convict and remove from office.

• The only penalty the Senate can impose is removal from office and disqualification from holding any future public office.

DISCUSSION OF TERMS

1) Impeachable offenses: The Constitution lists these as "treason, bribery, high crimes and misdemeanors." Not all of these terms have been defined precisely by law or legal precedent, and one purpose of the inquiry is to define "impeachable offenses." Definitions range from A to Z as you can see from the following quotes:

• "Impeachable offenses are not confined to acts interdicted by the Constitution or the federal statutes, but include also acts not commonly defined as criminal or subject to indictment."

and

• "Impeachment may be based on offenses of a political character, on gross betrayal of public interests, inexcusable neglect of duty, tyrannical abuse of power and offenses of conduct tending to bring the office into disrepute." -- From Cannon's Precedents of the House of Representatives (Vol. VI, Sec. 545).

• "Those offenses which proceed from the misconduct of public men, or, in other words, from the abuse or violation of some public trust. . ." Impeachable offenses are political, "as they relate chiefly to injuries done immediately to the society itself." -- From The Federalist (No. 65) by Alexander Hamilton.

• "What, then, is an impeachable offense? The only honest answer is that an impeachable offense is whatever a majority of the House of Representatives considers to be at a given moment in history." -- Gerald Ford, April 1970, in connection with his effort to have U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas impeached.

2) Inquiry: an official investigation by a House committee to determine whether or not there is justification for a formal accusation. An "inquiry" does not constitute impeachment.

- 3) Articles of Impeachment: an official statement of one or more charges (or accusations) that are deemed to be offenses which could constitute justification for removal of certain public officials from office. The "articles" may be submitted by individual House members in resolutions or may be drawn up by a committee charged with investigating claims or evidence of "impeachable" charges.
- 4) Impeachment: one step in the process of removal of a public official -- the formal accusation by majority vote in the House that one or more "impeachable offenses" has been committed. Such a vote of accusation (i.e. impeachment) by the House does not result in removal from office; it is comparable to indictment by a grand jury and leads to trial to determine innocence or guilt with regard to the charges or accusations.
- 5) House Managers: one or more members selected by the House to prosecute the impeachment (accusation) in the Senate.
- 6) Impeachment Trial: the Senate procedure for determining innocence or guilt of charges brought by the House. The procedure may be compared to trial by jury, but is more flexible than civil or criminal court proceedings. In effect, the Senate serves as the courtroom, the House Managers as Prosecutors, the Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court as judge, and the Senators as jury.
- 7) Conviction: a two-thirds vote by the Senators present agreeing that the individual accused is guilty on at least one article of impeachment. It is only after such a Senate vote that a President or other public official can be removed from office. A failure to attain the two-thirds vote in the Senate has the effect of retaining the accused individual in office, but still liable to indictment and conviction for criminal and indictable offenses in judicial branch procedures.

THE PROCESS OF REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

...The process of impeachment in the House may begin in a variety of ways: by charges made on the floor by a member; by resolution or memorial; by charges transmitted from the President, a state legislature, a grand jury; or in response to facts derived and reported by an investigating committee of the House. Indeed, 'common fame', such as facts contained in newspaper reports, has at times led the House to order an investigation with a view toward impeachment. As Thomas Jefferson, drawing on a 1625 Resolution of Parliament, said: 'Common fame is a good ground for the House to proceed by inquiry, and even to accusation.'

...If the investigating Committee recommends impeachment, it sends to the House a resolution and articles of impeachment which specify the grounds of accusation. These are then debated and voted upon, a majority vote of those present being required to bring the President to trial. The House then selects 'managers' to prosecute the impeachment in the Senate trial. In the past, House managers have been chosen by the Speaker or by majority vote of House members. The House managers then transmit the articles of impeachment to the Senate. The Senate, in turn, informs the House when it is ready to proceed with the trial.

The Senate trial is governed by the Senate Rules of Procedure.... When the President is on trial, the Chief Justice presides. The trial begins with the Justice administering an oath to the Senate members. Each must swear or affirm that he or she will 'do impartial justice according to the Constitution and laws.' The accused is then summoned to appear and answer the charges. The accused may appear personally or by counsel. A failure to appear personally or by counsel

is treated as the equivalent of a plea of "not guilty".

The proceedings are somewhat similar to, but far more flexible than, those applicable in either a civil or criminal trial. Both sides may present witnesses and evidence and the accused has the right to cross-examine witnesses. Procedural questions which arise during the trial, such as questions of evidence, are ruled upon by the Chief Justice. However, at the request of a single member, he may be overruled by a majority vote of the Senators present.

The Constitution specifically provides that conviction requires a two-thirds vote of the Senators present. The Senate rules require a separate vote on each article (charge). A two-thirds vote on a single article is sufficient for conviction.

The Constitution limits the penalties to removal from office and disqualification from future office.

- Summarized from Jefferson's Manual and House Rules, by the American Civil Liberties Union in "The Impeachment Handbook," November 1973, pp. 26-27.

RESOLUTIONS BEFORE THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The Committee has before it 107 resolutions of two basic types:

- one kind sets forth specific charges (Articles of Impeachment) which it requests the Committee to submit to the House for a vote. There are 31 resolutions of this kind, which set forth either three, seven, or eight charges of criminal, illegal, or political acts the sponsors deem to be impeachable offenses;

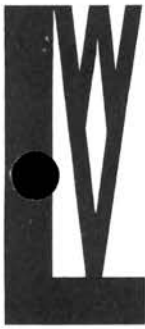
- the other type of resolution (with 76 sponsors and co-sponsors) calls for official Committee investigations of the President "to determine whether high crimes have been committed and to report any articles of impeachment or other recommendations it deems proper."

The Committee also has before it one resolution asking that Congress censure and condemn the President for his "announced defiance of the judicial branch. . . ."

RESOURCE MATERIAL

In recent months a number of books and publications have been issued. The few we cite are intended to provide facts and official documents related to impeachment and removal from office and to place that issue in the context of increased executive branch power.

- 1) Raoul Berger, Impeachment: The Constitutional Problems, Harvard University Press, 1973.
- 2) House Committee on the Judiciary, 93-I, "Impeachment: Selected Materials," (1973), Y.4. J89/1: IM 7/2. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. \$4.40.
- 3) Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., The Imperial Presidency, Houghton-Mifflin, 1973. (The Atlantic, November '73, reproduces the last chapter from that book - "The Runaway Presidency.")



memorandum

The League of Women Voters of the United States

This is going on DPM

December 10, 1973

TO: Local, State and ILO Presidents

FROM: Lucy Wilson Benson, President

On December 3 and 4, the Board of Directors held a special meeting to discuss possible League reaction to the current chain of events in Washington. We did so out of deep concern for the effect that the so-called Watergate revelations are having on public confidence and trust in all levels of government and to see what role, if any, the League could play in restoring a sense of equilibrium and perspective.

As you can well imagine, the discussion covered a broad range of subjects. From the outset of the meeting it was clear, as I indicated in my memo of October 24th, that we could not, as an organization, speak to many of the specific issues, charges, and counter-charges which are so much a part of the Watergate controversy. While nothing is certain in these tumultuous times, it seems highly likely that the impeachment process now underway in the House of Representatives may ultimately provide the answers to some of the questions raised by Watergate as well as other actions taken by the Executive Branch over the past five years.

It is not the League's business to judge the validity of the charges that have been made -- that task rests with the House Judiciary Committee. However, the Board does believe that as an organization dedicated to responsible and responsive government we have an obligation to insist that the impeachment process be carried out as expeditiously, fully and fairly as is possible. For that reason, the Board authorized the enclosed Time for Action which speaks to the Judiciary Committee procedures.

In doing so, the League is speaking to a process that has already been put in motion and one that has been seconded by Republicans and Democrats, conservatives and liberals. George Aiken (R., Vt.) put it most succinctly when he said, "Either impeach him or get off his back." In talking about impeachment, the Board found itself wrestling with the whole question of what the word really means and what the process actually involves. The steps now being taken by the House Judiciary Committee are preliminary steps -- they constitute an inquiry into whether or not impeachable offenses have been committed by the President. Because of the difficulties we had and because of the general public confusion over the nature and semantics of impeachment we have prepared the enclosed Fact Sheet for League information and use. We are also considering publishing a fuller version for all members in the next issue of THE VOTER.

The Board also believes that Leagues can play a vitally important public education role on the impeachment issue -- in giving citizens the facts about the process, how it came into being, and what it entails. In short, that it is not a process to be feared unless one fears the Constitution. The Board will be discussing the League's public education role in more detail at its next regular meeting January 7-10. In the interim, we hope that if you have a congressional interview scheduled in the upcoming recess you will bring the matter up with your Congressman. Leagues

should also consider sponsoring community discussions on the process either through public meetings or via radio or television public affairs programs. Your Congressman, for example, might welcome the opportunity to discuss the matter on a League moderated panel along with other community leaders and authorities. If you have any suggestions for League activities that you'd like the Board to consider, please let us know.

For your information, the Representative Government Committee will meet next week to analyze the results of the campaign finance decision making and to formulate recommendations for the Board to consider. Since Congress failed to act this session, there will be plenty of work for the League in 1974. We plan to mail the results out as quickly as possible after the Board meeting. In addition, you can get a detailed summary of our new campaign financing position by calling (202) 296 0218, the League Spotmaster service, any time between 9:30 a.m. Friday, January 11 and 5:00 p.m. Monday, January 14.

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TO: Boarders

FROM: Mary Ann McCoy

SUBJECT New Board Appointment

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55102

PHONE: 224-5445

DATE 5-29-73

It is with great pleasure that we announce that Ann Andersen, immediate past president of the Crystal-New Hope League and Convention '73 Chairman, has accepted appointment to the State Board, subject to confirmation at our June 12-13 Board meeting. Ann will have responsibility for the Editorial Committee which includes editing, publishing and promoting of State League publications. Ann's address and phone no.:

4064 Jersey Ave., N.
Crystal 55427
(612) 537-9555

Memo to All Boarders
From Mary Ann McCoy
RE: Board Committee Assignments--A working draft copy
y 29, 1973

To aid in preparation of the OUTLOOK FOR WORK, Liz, Jerry and I have worked out the following assignments; off-Board members to be added, of course; Boarders to be advisory (except for those named chairmen!). Underlinings indicate chairmen. Please let us know if you seek changes or additional assignments.

ORGANIZATION COMMITTEES (reporting to Jerry Jenkins as Organization V.P.--Jerry is ex-officio member of each of these committees; President is ex-officio on all committees):

Field Service: Cushing, Jones, Amundson, Ebbott, Borg, Moss, Phillips, Weber.
Finance: _____, Cushing, Moss, Robertson, Atchison.
Voters Service: Waldo, Jones, ~~Robertson~~, Rosenbloom, Andersen, Steinkamp, Amundson, Knutson
Membership: Atchison, Cushing, Jones, Rockenbach, Amundson, Watson, Phillips, Moss.
Local Agenda: Jones, Cushing, Steinkamp, Rockenbach, Borg.

PROGRAM COMMITTEES (reporting to Liz Ebbott as Program/Action V.P.--Liz is ex-officio member of each of these committees; President is ex-officio on all committees):

US Cong. D.C. Corrections: Weber, Robertson, Jenkins, Rosenbloom, Rockenbach.
Judiciary: Rockenbach, Weber, Jenkins, Rosenbloom, Rockenbach Gross
Representative Gov't: Knutson, Waldo, Steinkamp, Borg.
Voting Rights: Direct Election of Pres, Steinkamp, Waldo, Phillips, Weber.
International Relations: Moss, Watson, Rosenbloom, Jones.
Environmental Quality: Watson, Atchison, Robertson, Moss.
HR/Equality of Opportunity: Phillips, Cushing, Borg, Weber.
Education: Jones, Atchison, Phillips, Moss, Borg
Organization of State Gov't: Knutson, Watson, Steinkamp, Phillips, Borg.
Campaign Financing Election Laws: Steinkamp, Waldo, Phillips, Atchison, Amundson.
Financing State Gov't: Moss, Watson, Phillips, Rosenbloom, Knutson
Legislative Action: Borg, Cushing, Watson, Jones, Steinkamp, Phillips, Rockenbach, Jenkins, Knutson
Lobbying Congress National Action: Ebbott, Cushing, Phillips, Watson, Borg.

OTHER OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES (reporting to Mary Ann as President, ex-officio on all committees):

Treasurer: Moss
Secretary: Rosenbloom
Office Management: Moss, Amundson, Rosenbloom, Atchison, Rockenbach.
VOTER: Amundson, Rosenbloom, Borg, Atchison, Waldo, Rockenbach, Cushing, Jenkins
Development: Robertson, Moss, Rockenbach, Amundson, Atchison, Borg, Andersen, Ebbott, Waldo
Public Relations: Rockenbach, Waldo, Amundson, Robertson, Cushing, Andersen, Borg
Editorial: Andersen, Amundson, Moss, Rockenbach, Rosenbloom, Cushing, Waldo, Jenkins, Robertson.

State Budget: (To be appointed by Board: chairman, off-Boarders;
from Board: Robertson, Moss, Jenkins)

AD HOC Committee on Consensus - Chairman and members to be named; reporting
to Jerry. *McCoy + Ebbott*

Stone:
AD HOC Committee on Revenue Sharing - Chairman and members to be named;
reporting to Liz. *Amundson, Ebbott, Jenkins*
Lucas + Greenman - Moss, Phillips, Watson, Jones

(President and both V.P.s ex-officio on these two AD HOC Committees.)

Leadership Memorial Fund: Moss, Amundson, Robertson.

Attention Chairmen: contact your Board committee members as you plan
OUTLOOK in preparation for June 12-13 Board Meeting. Watch for memo (soon!)
on travel arrangements, additional plans for that meeting.

B O A R D E R B I T S - Friday, May 24, 1974

A medium for communication among board members--anything and everything we might talk about over a morning cup of coffee. All items will be brief.

Mary Ann McCoy: Mother underwent surgery over 2 weeks ago and M.A. is commuting to Duluth to be with her as much as possible. M.A. is joining a group from the Minn. Historical Soc. for a jaunt down the McKenzie River this summer. M.A. has been selected to undertake leadership training for the Minn. Historical Society in order to train volunteers in their work. She will be unable to attend our June board meeting.

Jerry Jenkins will participate in the national League workshop from July 21-28 at the Center for Creative Leadership in No.Car. She is taking a battery of tests (5 hrs.) in preparation. Her dad arrived yesterday to stay for a week.

Liz Ebbott has been appointed to the state Ethics Commission which has met and assigned duties to members. INDIANS is on way to press.

Mary Waldo has finished jury duty. Son Andrew was bitten by a stray cat which has not been found and it looks like he will have to undergo anti-rabies shots.

- Mary and Mary Ann McC. will meet on June 19 with Bob Corson (sp.?) and Charles Backstrom together with the candidates for the office of Secretary of State to discuss voting procedures in Minnesota and to agree on procedures in areas of concern.
- Mary Waldo pleads for board input in formulating questions to go out to candidates for statewide office. These will serve as the basis for the questionnaires to appear in the Voters Guide. Mary needs input by June 4 for board action on the 11th. Call (644-9228), send a memo or jot down your thoughts and give to her at Leadership Workshop.

Shirley Amundson and Jerry Jenkins will attend a one day conference on Women in the Criminal Justice System on Saturday, May 25, at Mpls. YWCA.

- An Annual Meeting booklet file will be kept in the state office. Please actively recruit additions to the file from Leagues with which you consult.

Kathy Merriam will return to the office June 1 after 5 weeks in Australia.

LWV of Edina raised its dues to \$17. Budget committee member Harriett Herb "sold" them on it.

Gloria Phillips will be 1 of 3 adults with up to 21 teen-agers backpacking Isle Royale June 16-24. All water must be boiled because of moose-flukes (honest, that's what she said!).

Ann Knutson and family are going fishing June 13-16.

Liz Ebbott will be part of a TV show on Channel 11 being taped June 4--on Ethics. When Liz finds out time and name of program, etc., we'll print it.

M TO: All Boarders
E FROM: Shirley Amundson
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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55102

PHONE: 224-5445

SUBJECT Improving Communications - A
trial balloon

DATE May 20, 1974

At the request of some Boarders, we are going to reinstate "Boarder Bits" in an effort to improve communications between and among Board members. We see this as a one page series of one liners - a list of meetings you intend to attend or have attended, vacation schedules, personal problems (no solutions given cause we aren't Dear Ann or Abby), jury duty calls, etc.

As a trial, we'll be sending this out every Friday with the weekly mail. Everybody call me (484-0987) or the office (224-5445) with your information pieces, please.

Gracias, merci, danka, etc., etc.

B O A R D E R B I T S

June 7, 1974

Andrew Waldo did not have to undergo rabies shots. The stray cat that bit him was found and impounded.

Mary Watson attended the Land Use Conference at St. John's Monday through Wednesday, June 3 - 5; the LWV-St. Cloud was a cosponsor.

Barbara Steinkamp stopped in the office last week. She's now a registered representative with Possis.

Eleanor Weber and Paula Karl visited Thistledew Camp, the correctional institution in Togo, MN, Wednesday and Thursday.

The Edina Student Board of Education beat the Senior Board of Education by a score of 16 to 11 in a 7 inning softball game on June 2. HH was catcher for the Senior Board.

Kathy Merriam will be back to work (part time-part time) on Monday, June 10.

Liz Ebbott will be on T.V. with Senator O'Neill on Sunday morning, 7:30 a.m., Channel 11, the Concern Program, to talk about the Ethics Bill. (All right - everybody rise and shine. There'll be a test on the show first thing at Board meeting!)

The LWV of South Carolina ordered 50 copies of Sid's VOTER on Financing State Government. "Needless to say, I thought the issue very good," was the comment on the order.

Helene Borg's husband, Harold, underwent back surgery for disc problems.

Nancy (Atchison) was elected to be chairperson of the steering committee of the Edina Open School. Any of the 16 dozen cookies left?

The May/June VOTER went to the printer today.

INDIANS IN MINNESOTA will go to the printer on Tuesday - the publisher and one expert reader willing.

If and when you attend a local League calendar planning session - or do any consulting - please file a report on that visit. Give to Peggy.

Judy Head, national Board Local and State Government chairperson, wrote to HH (in response to her letter to the National Board re management and education), "Because I think that volunteer groups like ours need good management as much (or more?) than corporations, I had resolved last summer to attend the Executive Program at Stanford's Graduate School of Business. I am glad to say that I was admitted, although they had never had an applicant who was not financially employed before, and shall be spending my summer there, with about 140 from top management from here and abroad."

BOARDER BITS

June 21, 1974

Mary Ann McCoy is out of town - again? - until late Wednesday evening. She'll be in town on Thursday, but takes off again that evening for Duluth. She didn't say when she'd be back again. Liz will be in charge - or Jerry when she's back in circulation.

Jerry is having a D & C on Tuesday morning. She enters Eitel Hospital Monday.

Gloria Phillips is back packing - among the moose flukes - on Isle Royal. She comes home from that on June 24 and goes off again from June 27 to July 2 canoeing in Canada.

While we're on the out of town bit: Herb will be gone July 1 through July 5. The office WILL BE CLOSED JULY 4 and the hours for that week will be shorter too. Figure the office'll be open from 9 a.m. till 2:30 if you want to "pop" in.

A celebration took place Tuesday at luncheon in the Rosewood Room! when Liz, Jessie, Jerry, Ann A. and Shirley A. received their reward - on earth - for the completion of INDIANS IN MINNESOTA. They dined elegantly (drank, too I hear - HH). Because of extensive rewriting, it was deemed best by the printer and Ann A. not to try to salvage text from the original plates. Therefore, the book probably will come from the printer for distribution in late September.

Mary Ann and Mary (and Arley) Waldo lunched Wednesday with Minneapolis STAR & TRIBUNE people to discuss plans for interviewing candidates for secretary of state and for planning for researching the needs in election laws and judges' training.

Arthur Naftalin is organizing another University/Community seminar series (like Revenue Sharing) on development procedures for the Metropolitan Area. Ann Thomas, ex-CMAL president, and the state LWV will be involved in the planning.

The Ethics Commission will have their formal hearing on campaign financing rules and procedures July 2, 9:30 a.m., Room 107, State Capitol.

Liz will be part of a panel on "Innovations in State Government" for a U of M political science seminar, July 3.

KQRS, KUOM, KMSP - TV, and Channel 11 are offering one (1) minute of free time on a 90 day trial basis. Call Rosemary if you have any suggestions about a LWV spot.

When Rosemary delivered the Beautiful Activist nominations to AAUW, she learned that the application blanks are only mailed to AAUW members. If any Boarders are members please let Rosemary know - or if you have friends that are - so she can get the applications sooner and more directly than they were received this year. Thanks.

There will be a slide/tape show of training modules for local government officials and employees on July 2 at 10:00 a.m. in the first floor conference room, Capitol Square Building, 550 Cedar, St. Paul. The show is a joint preparation of St. John's Center for the Study of Local Government and the State Planning Agency's Office of Local and Urban Affairs. They'd like suggestions re disseminating the modules. Anyone care to attend?

BOARDER BITS
June 28, 1974

REMINDER: Herb will be gone all next week. Sid, as office management chairman, is in charge. Peggy and Jessie will be "womaning the office" probably from 9 to 2:30 every day but Thursday, July 4. CALL THE OFFICE BEFORE POPPING IN to be sure someone will be here to help you.

Attention all Program people: Herb has integrated and cleaned up all Program files. Drop in to review what we have and where it is so you'll all know. (Other files will be tackled later.)

Mary Ann is in Duluth for a visit with her mother and brother. She'll be attending a multi-state conference on Community Schools, June 30 & July 1 at Breezy Point. She'll be back in town all next week, after Mon.

Waldo and McCoy have meeting scheduled with Secretary of State Erdahl on Wednesday - to talk about elections, judges training, etc.

Bouquets to Liz, Jerry and Shirley - National wants galley proofs of INDIANS as soon as possible (mid-August) so they can plug that into their forthcoming publication. Jerry and Shirley will help to edit national's book too.

Shirley A. will fly in to Canada for a fishing trip from July 7 - 12.

Ann K. will be camping the week of July 1. Phillips, what have you started?????

Jerry is back in limited circulation again after receiving an A-OK from her D & C. She's supposed to get lots of iron for a while.

Duluth and Minneapolis have okayed their new dates for the traveling Action workshops. PLANNING MEETING: 1 p.m. STATE OFFICE, July 9.

The sergeant at arms will be conducting "Workshop On State Government: A Legislative Perspective" from July 8 to July 19, from 9:00 to 12:00 each week-day morning. Students will meet with elected officials, legislative staff, state employees and lobbyists. Cost \$55. Call Borg, Ebbott or McCoy for further details or see the blue flyer on bulletin board in office.

Anybody for kittens??? McCoy has five which will be ready for homes in eight weeks. Sign up now for the black/whited spotted kitties.

All Boarders: Keep the office or Shirley A. informed of your whereabouts and your domestic affairs. Helene - how's Harold? Mary Ann - how's your mom?

Westmorelands move to Minneapolis this week so the address on your Board list is "operative".

TO: State Board Members
 From: Program-making Committee (Phillips, Andersen, Watson)
 December 11, 1973

PLEASE RETURN TO OFFICE WITH YOUR COMMENTS BY DECEMBER 26.

NATIONAL PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS: 1974-1976

(Circle the appropriate number for each.)

	<u>Drop</u>	<u>Retain As Is</u>	<u>Change</u> further study	<u>Emphasis</u> action priority
I. ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY				
a. Solid waste management	1	(2)	3	4
b. Air quality	1	(2)	3	4
c. Water resources	1	(2)	3	4
II. LAND USE				
	1	(2)	3	(4)
III. HUMAN RESOURCES				
a. Women	1	(2)	3	4
b. American Indians	1	(2)	3	4
c. Education	1	(2)	3	4
d. Employment	1	(2)	3	4
e. Housing	1	(2)	3	4
f. Welfare	1	(2)	3	4
IV. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS				
a. Development (aid)	1	(2)	3	4
b. Trade	1	(2)	3	4
c. China	1	(2)	3	4
d. United Nations	1	(2)	3	4
V. REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT				
a. Campaign Financing	1	(2)	3	(4)
b. U.S. Congress	1	(2)	3	4
c. Election of the President (Electoral College)	1	(2)	3	4
d. District of Columbia	1	(2)	3	4
e. Apportionment	1	(2)	3	4

COMMENTS: Specify and explain your suggested emphases.

- I. Water update has been promised - still needed.
- II. Land Use - Upon completion of the Land Use consensus we would like the new position to receive action priority.
- III. Campaign Financing should receive priority for action if needed.

B. NEW ISSUES

LIST ISSUE(S): For each, indicate problem to be solved, scope and focus of proposed study, and reasons for recommendation. Specify if it is to be part of a current program item (indicating which one) or a separate program item. Also specify if it is to be a central governmental issue on which the League would work at all levels.

The following new issues are not recommended by the committee, but are offered as possible areas of interest.

1. A study of cable television. Problem: guarantee of public's protection. Scope: federal (FCC); state (Minnesota for example has a Cable TV Commission and local (grants the actual franchise).
2. A study of the rights of privacy of the individual as it applies to the collection, storage and use of personal information about himself, by governmental and private agencies. Principles developed by a national consensus could be applied at state and local level. The LWV of Illinois has done a survey at the state level.
3. Health Care: Evaluation of the Delivery of Health Care in the U.S.
Scope - Providers
Consumers
Finance

Comparison with Delivery Systems of other countries, including costs and trends in medical statistics;
Possible solutions to problems.

Another way of approaching this problem would be to add health care to the Human Resources item.

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We hope you are interested. If so, will you check the questionnaire below and return to us before December 1? If we do not hear from you, we will assume that you are not interested. Realizing the magnitude of the present program, we are open to suggestions on how the League can approach new problem areas.

Proposed by Gainesville, Florida League.

MINI REPORT OF NATIONAL CONVENTION 1974

San Francisco--May 6-10

Finance

Per Member Payment: \$4.25 (same amount to be used in 1975)
Proposed budget: cut by \$35,000
Profit on ERA bracelets: \$70,000 (to be used for ERA action)

Election

Proposed slate accepted - Ruth Clusen, Wisconsin, is president.
Irene Janski, Minnesota, appointed -
Organization

Bylaws (several passed but two listed below regarded as SIGNIFICANT)

Removed word "women" in Membership article.
Substituted "(a) action to implement the Principles" in Program article.
Cautionary note: action should be based on member agreement,
understanding and support.

Program

Emphasis on ACTION in Environmental Quality, Human Resources, International Relations, Representative Government
Added to Representative Government--an evaluation of the role of the executive branch
Land Use consensus and position by May 1975
Accepted proposed Task Force on Energy Issues to provide materials for discussion, concurrence and action.

Principles

Added to the second principle--all governmental bodies should be open to the public; citizens should have access to public records; measures should be taken to insure public's right to know what formal actions are being considered by governmental bodies

Resolutions

Urge the president to comply with all requests of the Judiciary Committee
Seek Education Fund money for a Bicentennial "special" on the Bill of Rights and the role of individual liberties in our society today

Recognition Standards

Adopted as proposed with a few additional words

Action taken during Convention

Against Gurney amendment to Elementary and Secondary Education Act
Prod Hayes and Albert on Campaign Financing
Hope Washburn attended on Wednesday. Award winners and Roberta Williams who used to work in state office had lunch with Hope. Minnesota delegation greeted Hope at reception and banquet. Hope is a warm, witty human being and it was a delightful reunion.
There was an ERA rally in Union Square on Wednesday
There was a report on the LWV Self-Study--capsule portrait: over 40, white, college educated, suburban (and would do more if asked!)
The Convention is described by Minnesota delegation as "reasonable" and "in good spirit."

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Thirty-eight Minnesota local Leagues had delegates at Convention:

Albert Lea	Northfield
Alexandria	Owatonna
Arden Hills	Red Wing
Brooklyn Center	Richfield
Columbia Heights	Robbinsdale
Crystal-New Hope	Roseville
Deephaven	St. Anthony
Duluth	St. Cloud Area
Edina	St. Croix Valley
Excelsior	St. Louis Park
Falcon Heights	St. Paul
Golden Valley	Shoreview
Mahtomedi	Stevens County
Mankato	Wayzata Area
Marshall	Wells
Minneapolis	West Dakota County
Minnetonka-Eden Prairie	Westonka
New Brighton	White Bear Lake
Northern Dakota County Area	Winona

Jerry Jenkins
Vice President



memorandum

The League of Women Voters of the United States

THIS IS GOING ON DPM

May 24, 1974

SUMMARY

CONVENTION '74

Delegates to Convention '74 made some historic choices:

- They opened the LWV to voting membership for men by adopting the League's own Equal Rights Amendment to the membership bylaw.
- They adopted a program with a strong action emphasis and voted to allow action on the principles.
- They opted for a new approach to managing program by endorsing the proposed Task Force on Energy.
- They created a committee to review convention/council representation, League membership, and the nominations process and to make recommendations to the '76 convention.

They made other decisions, too--added to Representative Government a new focus on the role of the executive branch, amended a principle and several bylaws, adopted revised standards for League performance, passed two resolutions expressing the will of convention, and paused to take action against anti-busing legislation and for campaign finance reform. It was a fiscally responsible convention. For almost every action proposed, the question came: How will it affect the budget? The budget adopted was trimmed to reflect the gap between suggested and actual pledges. Delegates voted a \$4.25 PMP for the biennium and indicated that any additional income from Leagues for FY 75-76 be sought by the state pledge route.

A complete summary of convention action follows. As you read, it would be helpful to get out your March National Board Report.

NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR ACTION, 1974-76

Citizen participation in government is basic to the democratic process and is therefore the cornerstone of the League's political purpose. The League acts in the public interest on political issues. We also act to enlarge citizen participation: to open up electoral and other government processes, to make facts on issues and on the political process more accessible, to protect the right of every citizen to vote, and to protect individual liberties established under the Constitution.

The League uses many forums and techniques in pressing for change. We take legislative, litigative and administrative action at all levels of government. To get things done, we also act directly in the community. Simultaneously, in preparation for future action, we take up new issues identified by members as targets for research and decision.

Whatever the issue, the League believes that government policy, programs and performance must meet these criteria:

- competent personnel with clear responsibilities
- coordination among agencies and levels of government
- adequate financing
- effective enforcement, and
- well-defined channels for citizen input and review.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Action to achieve a physical environment beneficial to life, including improvement of water and air quality, promotion of wise use of water resources, progress in recycling and reduction in generation of solid wastes. (Adopted by voice vote).

LAND USE

Action (to be determined)

Focus Land use policies and powers needed to foster an optimum balance between human needs and environmental quality. (Adopted by voice vote).

HUMAN RESOURCES

Action to achieve equal rights for all, combat discrimination and poverty and provide equal access to housing, employment and quality education. (Adopted by voice vote).

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Action to achieve liberal trade practices, to promote sound international development and to strengthen the United Nations, in recognition of the need for cooperation among nations in an interdependent world. (Adopted by voice vote).

REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT

Action to promote an open governmental system that is representative, accountable, and responsive to all citizens, emphasizing comprehensive reforms in campaign financing and in congressional structure and procedures and an evaluation of the role of the executive branch. (Adopted by voice vote).

Energy

A national task force on energy issues (composed of board and non-board members) to direct the production of energy-related materials to further League and public understanding and to produce recommendations to be used as a basis for League discussion, concurrence and action.

MORE ABOUT PROGRAM: STUDY...ACTION...DECISIONS...DIRECTION

As the program above indicates, the adopted program of action was essentially that proposed by the national board, with these changes:

--In REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT "and an evaluation of the role of the executive branch"* was added, in the Friday morning period for reconsideration of the program adopted on Thursday. (Of three not-recommended issues that were voted consideration, this was the only one to be translated into adopted program.)

--The wording of the motion on a task force on ENERGY originally read, "...and to produce recommendations for League concurrence and action." The last phrase after "recommendations" was amended to "to be used as a basis for discussion, concurrence and action," and adopted in the amended form. The sense of the meeting was to state expressly in the motion, as in the VOTER and the March 1974 NATIONAL BOARD REPORT, that Leagues would be able to discuss the issues, as always, to any degree and in any form that they might choose.

--The adopted bylaw amendment permitting Leagues to take "action to implement the principles" (see bylaw section below) also had program implications. Delegates requested that the national board provide guidance that would hold such action within the bounds of the League's program tradition, i.e., that it be based on member understanding and agreement.**

LEAGUE FINANCE

The delegates voted a \$4.25 PMP for the current fiscal year, as proposed by the national board. They voted down a second board proposal to permit council to increase the PMP up to \$5.00 for FY 1975-76. The effect of this action is to set the PMP at \$4.25 for the biennium and to indicate that any increase in League income will need to be covered by increasing state pledges.

A budget for the LWVUS was adopted and a budget for the LWVEF was recommended. (Legally, the board of trustees adopts the LWVEF budget.) The proposed gross budget for the two organizations was \$2,214,617. State pledges were, however, \$36,727 below the suggested pledges on which the proposed budgets were predicted.

Adoption of the new Representative Government study also carried a price tag of approximately \$8,500 for half a budget year. The convention authorized the national board to adjust the budgets to accord with the smaller state pledge income and with the added outlay for study. Target areas for budget changes were informally identified. They included some increases in dividends/interest and fundraising income, as well as some trimming of committee meetings, field service and options that had been identified earlier by the board. Considerable concern was expressed about local and state Leagues' fiscal responsibility. Several state delegates noted that repeated failure of some states to meet suggested pledges meant that other states were underwriting more than their fair share of the national budget. Concern over nonpayment of some PMPs led to a vote to have a committee of board and non-board members look into the problem--its causes and possible remedies.

ACTION ON BYLAWS AND PRINCIPLES

1. Voted (969 to 433) to admit men to full voting membership in the LWV by deleting "women" from ARTICLE III on membership, Section 2a. It now reads, "Voting members

* At its post-convention meeting, the national board agreed that this issue is for study only, in the current year. The board also set a January 31, 1975, deadline for the decision making process on Land Use (see June NBR for further details).

** The June NBR will include the board's response to this request.

shall be those citizens at least 18 years of age who are enrolled in recognized local leagues."

2. Amended ARTICLE III, Section 2c to delete the figure of \$10.00 for national MAL dues.

3. ARTICLE VII, Sections 1 and 3 were amended to list two rather than four vice-presidents and to establish the order of succession, both changes to take effect during the nominating process before the 1976 convention.

4. ARTICLE IX, Section 5 on powers of convention was amended to "transact such other business as may be properly presented."

5. Discussion of membership and representation at convention/council, which arose from proposed amendments, led to a vote for "appointment of a committee, of board and non-board members, to explore the method of and formula for representation of the membership at convention and council and to consider membership in the League."

These and other discussions were seen in the broad context of "opening up the system" and of assuring full and fair representation. In addition, though recommended amendments to the nominations bylaw were defeated, an exploration of the nominating process was added to the mandate of this committee.

6. Program ARTICLE XIII, Section 1, was amended, by a vote of 1055 to 339, to insert "action to implement principles."

7. ARTICLE XIV on Financial Administration was amended to require the national board to submit a budget to convention and council, copy going to state and local Leagues at least two months in advance, thereby formalizing the present practice.

8. The second principle was amended to express the League's commitment to the public's right to know, (see proposed amendment in March NBR, page 21), exact wording to be subject to editing by the national board, for clarity, brevity, and consistency with other principles. (The wording adopted at a post-convention board meeting: The LWV believes that democratic government depends upon the informed and active participation of its citizens and requires that governmental bodies protect the citizen's right to know by giving adequate notice of proposed actions, holding open meetings and making public records accessible.)

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR LEAGUES

In keeping with two of the main thrusts of the convention--to put the accent on doing and to function in a sharing, accepting style--delegates approved the performance standards as presented in the March 1974 NBR, with two changes:

--Wherever the phrase "political policy" appears, it will read "nonpartisan political policy," to make plain to the public the League's own clear understanding that we are "partisan on issues, nonpartisan on candidates."

--In each set of standards, the last phrase in the membership factor will read "as representative of the community as possible."

Editorial changes will be made to bring the five sets of standards into conformity with one another.

CONVENTION STATISTICS

The 31st national convention of the League of Women Voters of the United States met in the San Francisco Hilton Hotel in San Francisco, California, May 6 to 10, 1974. Delegates came from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. They represented 925 local Leagues and 50 state Leagues. Peak attendance, by categories: 1,306 delegates from local Leagues; 135 delegates from state Leagues; 22 delegates from inter-League organizations (ILOs); 18 delegates from the national board; 7 observers from provisional Leagues; 176 visitors from local and state Leagues; 42 special guests; 26 media representatives; 32 members of the national staff; and 202 members of the local convention committee from Leagues throughout the Bay Area. (In all, a record-breaking 811 volunteers came to help; over 500 attended a preconvention orientation session.) The top attendance day was Thursday, when a total of 1,930 people were present.

MOTIONS EXPRESSING THE WILL OF CONVENTION

Of five motions to express the will of convention that were voted consideration, two carried:

--"Whereas the League of Women Voters is already on record as wanting the impeachment process to proceed as expeditiously and fairly as possible, with full information

Whereas the delegates assembled in Convention are dedicated to an open and orderly process of government

Whereas there has been an erosion of confidence in that process

...we urge the President of the United States to honor all requests of the judiciary committee of the House so that committee and the Congress can fulfill their constitutional mandate and expedite the impeachment process."

--"That it be the will of this convention that the League of Women Voters, as its bicentennial contribution undertake through the Education Fund some form of public education on the Bill of Rights and the role of individual liberties in our society today."

SPECIAL EVENTS

Campaign Financing Petition Drive The convention got off to a strong action-oriented start Monday afternoon, when each state (plus D.C. and the Virgin Islands) reported the results of its petition drive as the roll was called. Over half a million signatures were gathered in the allotted two weeks. As some Leagues continued the drive in their own communities, unofficial returns before week's end went past the 600,000 mark.

ERA Rally Wednesday noon's ERA rally went off with snap and flair. State banners and ERA posters dotted the parade line as delegates streamed from the hotel two by two for the walk to nearby Union Square. There, a Nevada trio sang their own ERA songs, a Dixieland band competed with the bongo drums and the guitars on the square's perimeter, and outgoing President Lucy Wilson Benson made a strong statement on the urgency of keeping up the pressure for the ERA. League presidents in unratified states signed a scroll affirming renewed efforts for passage.

The Panel of Women in Politics put some nourishing meat on the bare-bones injunction that women should get out and run--for office. Doris Davis, mayor of Compton, California, Mary Newman, manpower secretary for the state of Massachusetts, and Barbara Mikulski, member of the Baltimore city council, related their experiences in campaigning for office and offered a quick course in campaign techniques.

Banquet Henry Steele Commager, distinguished historian, addressed those attending the Thursday evening banquet, the week's only formal occasion. His theme was the urgent need for revitalizing democratic processes. Though he painted a dark picture of the state of politics today, he expressed great confidence in the strength of the American people and especially in that "basic American institution, the voluntary association."

Times to Talk The Thursday evening session on the LWV Self-Study drew an SRO crowd. Their interest whetted by a panel presentation in the general session, over 400 members came to exchange ideas about the meaning and the potential of the study. Other sessions, on cable TV, litigation, the UN and the ERA gave delegates a chance to talk about other ways to shape the future.

Media coverage was excellent--especially of the debate and the vote on men in the League: one educational TV station taped the full debate, and many members who hurried

to the phone at day's end to report to families and Leagues at home found that the word had already been heard on the evening's news.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE LWVUS

The slate of officers and directors proposed by the Nominating Committee was elected (There were no nominations from the floor.):

President:	Ruth Clusen	Green Bay, Wisconsin
Vice Presidents:	Joanne Hayes	York, Pennsylvania
	Ruth Hinerfeld	Larchmont, New York
	Virginia Sweet	New Canaan, Connecticut
	Carol Toussaint	Madison, Wisconsin
Treasurer:	Elizabeth Rack	New Orleans, Louisiana
Secretary:	Ellen Walters	St. Louis, Missouri
Directors:	Jean Anderson	Billings, Montana
	Pat Backman	San Diego, California
	Judith Head	Columbus, Indiana
	Judith Heimann	Bethesda, Maryland
	Dorothy Ann McKinney	Chevy Chase, Maryland
	Marion Nichol	Durham, North Carolina
	Ruth Sims	Riverside, Connecticut
	Nan Waterman	Muscatine, Iowa

At a post-election meeting, elected members of the national board approved appointment of these additional directors:

Keller Bumgardner	Columbia, South Carolina
Kayhryn Christopherson	Louisville, Kentucky
Irene Janski	Richfield, Minnesota
Betty MacDonald	Madison, Wisconsin
Gwen Murphree	St. Croix, Virgin Islands
Virginia Nugent	Morgantown, West Virginia

The full board elected Virginia Sweet first vice president. The board also voted to elect the identical slate as officers and trustees of the LWVEF.

CONVENTION TALKS

Available (prepaid order, please) from Publication Sales, LWVUS, 1730 M St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036

PRINTED SPEECHES

Opening Address--Lucy Wilson Benson	Pub. #514 - 20¢
Banquet Address--Henry Steele Commager	Pub. #515 - 20¢
Closing Address--Ruth Clusen	Pub. #516 - 20¢
LWVEF Report--Gail Bradley	Pub. #517 - 20¢
LWVUS Action Report--Ruth Sims	Pub. #518 - 20¢

TAPES AND CASSETTES

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TAPE B (or CASSETTE B)

Side 1 - Banquet address--Henry Steele Commager	TAPE B - #487
Side 2 - Closing address--Ruth Clusen	CASSETTE B - #489

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REPORT
Joint Midwestern Board Meeting
July 30 and 31, 1974
Chicago, Illinois

I. Overview of Organization as seen from the vantage point of LWVUS (Janski)
Presentation:

1. Leadership Development Workshop (MN to be Nov. 1,2,3) of key importance to present/future and pivotal in LWVUS service to state Leagues.
2. All LWV's subsidize efforts to keep our 50 state Leagues going as a high priority in Organization.
3. New Treasurer's Handbook now available; new local League HANDBOOK to be available "by end of year".

Questions:

1. Travel equalization: WI, MI, IA and IL have this now for local Leagues attending state meetings. Cushing will investigate their criteria and report to MN.
2. Nonpartisanship policy is to assure the credibility of LWV as a non-partisan organization.
3. Remind local Leagues to send copies to state of official letters they send to LWVUS.
4. New standards have new flexibility; interim report on Provisional Leagues is very important; acceptance of our current LWV Program is to be demonstrated - not whether Provisional League has covered all of the whole Program; feasibility study is very important to Provisional League; evidence of community involvement is essential.

II. Finance

1. PMP may not be "The Answer"; a state pledge continues the spirit of "ability to pay" in support of LWVUS.
2. New "Monitoring Local Government" pamphlet holds important aids to local Leagues in watching state budget, as well as local League's own.
3. Need for gutsy approach in state fund raising; match what a business will support with the League project needing doing.
4. Tabulate average gifts by business as a means to assess strengths in fund-raising and uncover new areas to tap.
5. State LWV needs to help local leaders explain budget to members, to sell "the budget support attitude".

III. Membership

"Unless we find a way to accomodate the part-time volunteer, the person who is NOT willing to devote her entire life to League, this organization will die!"

So quoth Irene Janski, former president, LWVMN and National Board Chairman of Organization. Unfortunately, no ideas were forthcoming from this group on how to accomodate to this all-to-familiar person. There was much talk of "flexibility" and of "listening" to local Leagues. There was no mention of mean (oh, that Freudian slip!), men, this is, either positively or negatively. This group of state Board members seemed to feel that it is incumbent on us all to be constantly aware of the demands on local League Boards and members and to pace our requirements of them so that they do not become discouraged.

We agreed that the burden for recruiting members lies with local League members, that state Boards can contribute to visibility and help with efficient organization so that membership is satisfying and not overly demanding.

We learned that Members-at-Large are somewhat more numerous in other states than in Minnesota. For example, Nebraska has 114, some of whom are organized into M.A.L. units. This is considered an unsatisfactory solution to the problem of members in towns where no local League seems feasible. We described our practice of encouraging "outlying" units, instead of Members-at-Large.

Ohio is the only state in this group that has a state per-member-payment. Others felt that PMP is not the answer for state because it does not take into account ability to pay. We seem to be somewhat more successful at getting realistic dues in Minnesota Leagues.

I did make contact with a couple of lively membership chairmen, and hope we will be able to exchange ideas. I already have made extensive use of materials originating in Illinois.

IV. Organization Exchange

Revealing discussions of the function of the state Board(s) led to the comment "Local Leagues should know how much we care!" which reinforced agreement on the importance of communication. Ideas exchanged included using off-Board training teams, coordinators who work with consultants for geographical areas, pairing of local Leagues to encourage cooperation, workshops tailored to requests, use of "reorganization" status for troubled Leagues, organization of groups smaller than necessary for Provisional status (Member-at-Large units), maintaining "comment book" passed around at Board meetings for notes on local Leagues, profile sheet of each local League for handy reference in office notebook.

V. State Board Organization and Structure

No report.

VI. Local Agenda

Agreed to exchange local Program list which has been marked to indicate outstanding efforts so list will be of some practical use. Ohio has interesting publication called "Resolving Conflict Among Leagues" which includes concurrence guidelines. Agreed major problems with local Programs include items not appropriate for local study, items not appropriate for action, poor wording (e.g. "The Mess in the Elkhardt Schools"), and stereotyped ideas.

VII. Publications Exchange

Set up Heartlands Review Board made up of McCoy, MN, Whalen, WI, Moon, IA and Wasmuth, national organization staff, to communicate to 10 Leagues in attendance what publications in both organization and Program/action are available and useful.

Agreed to send publications catalogs, Board lists, local agenda lists to other states in attendance.

National organization staff plans to send out a mimeographed sheet on useful organization tools which could be ordered from other states around the nation.

National LWV's state and local government department sends out a Program and effective local action report which they get out of Annual Reports.

VIII. Communications

Reminded us that members are also part of public so we should shake ourselves out of thinking about a member meeting and a public meeting being 2 different things.

Got idea for a media workshop which Mary Ann plans to adapt for use in MN.

Found one state uses an "urgent" stamp in office which seems to speed up post office delivery and member reading and response.

BOARDER BITS
July 12, 1974

An historic first for the MN State Board - we're about to become "grandmothers"!!!!!! Peggy Gross is expecting; due date is early October. To our knowledge this is a first; we don't recall any other State Boarders who were pregnant/delivered during their term of office. Best wishes to all the Gross family.

Our sympathies to Carolyn Cushing whose father died last week.

Our sympathies also to Arley Waldo whose grandmother died recently.

On your list of State Board Officers, please add this phone number to Shirley Westmoreland's listing: 823-5807.

The office has on file a VOTING ASSISTANCE GUIDE prepared by the Office of Information for the Armed Forces.

Rita Kaplan, former Judiciary Chairman, is now the executive director for the MN Social Workers organization which has offices in St. Paul. Kaplans will go to England in August for the month. Rita will return here while Manny goes to Israel for three months on sabbatical.

Hal Borg is back at work and also driving the car short distances.

Mary Ann McCoy's mother is much better. Mary Ann is off to D.C. and Chicago from July 15 to July 31. She'll be around all the month of August.

Phyllis Robertson called this week. She'll be turning her files over to Mary Ann or Sid about the 18th of this month. Their tailgate party at the Guthrie was a success. Stacy R. had a benign bone tumor removed from her leg and George had a bum back for a week and was in traction.

Jerry Jenkins will be doing a lot of traveling this month. She left for the lake (Pequot Lakes area) on the 8th and will return on the 19th. Then she'll be Chicago (at a national conference) from the 21st to the 28th. She'll also be in Chicago for the Midwest State League meeting August 30, 31.

Sid Moss will be leaving July 25 to go with Jerry to Blacksburg, Virginia until August 11.

Gloria Phillips is back from her sojourns and about ready to think LWV again.

The Amundsons came back a day early - they had a good time in beautiful country even tho the fishing and the resort were poor.

REMINDER: the next state Board MEETING is AUGUST 6 - not August 13. Your pink forms are included; return to office by July 26 and 31 for time on the agenda.

Mary Ann met with Hope Washburn and Lil Jenson yesterday after work. Hope's here for part of her vacation. Lil's also trying to get hold of Jerry - we wish her luck!

BOARDER BITS
July 19, 1974

IMPORTANT: Although Boarders were at one time informed that Board Memo material did not need to be turned in at our August 6 Board meeting, we are reversing that decision and asking that the material BE TURNED IN AUGUST 6. We face a real crunch in the office about that time (not only does the Memo have to go out, but also the draft(s) of the corrections publication, INDIANS will be ready to proof and the Voters Guide will be in preparation) and the staff would like to have some flexibility in scheduling, working, etc. Your cooperation will be most greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Janet Yonehiro is running for Joan Growe's legislative position.

Shirley Amundson visited Jerry Jenkins at the Lake for two days. Then the two of them came back to town to have lunch with Hope Washburn, Lil Jensen and Barbara Stuhler. Shirley says that Hope is small, sweet and soft. A fun time was had by all.

Noah Rosenbloom will be a workshop presenter at the Corrections Workshop, October 14.

Borgs have a new German Shepherd puppy who is busily tearing up all sorts of gardens.

Ann Andersen will be gone from August 15 - 26.

Waldos will be away August 24 - September 3.

Liz will be away July 24-25-26.

The Jones family will be touring Eastern Canada from July 26 to August 10.

Cushings will be "moving" to Itasca from July 21 through August 24 while Ed teaches at the U of M Biological Station.

Eleanor Weber leaves July 27 till ?. It's an in and out kind of "vacation" for a couple of weeks.

BOARDER BITS
August 23, 1974

After an (unmissed) absence of several weeks, your intrepid editors are back at it once again. How lucky (?) can you get. On with the news -----

For those of you who may not know, Ralph Berdie, husband of CMAL's treasurer Fran, died of a sudden heart attack on August 22. Fran has been a member of the Falcon Heights League for a number of years. (Fran's address: 2208 Folwell, 55108.)

Does anybody know of a League meeting scheduled for Friday, September 20 - other than the Development Committee? Common Cause has a man coming in from D.C. who would like to attend a meeting that day. Call Common Cause - 227-9139.

Janet Rosenbloom will be having a D & C this coming week - in Rochester. Jerry, I didn't think it was catching.

In the traveling department:

Gloria Phillips went to Europe August 2 and is to be home the 27th. Ask her about visiting her soldier son stationed in Europe.

Jerry Jenkins did State Board training in South Dakota - on a ranch - the beginning of this week. She'll do one in November in North Carolina.

Cushings are due back from their "tour" at the Biological Session at Itasca this week. Thanks again, Carolyn, for those delicious blueberry goodies you brought to Board meeting.

Ann Knutson has been "commuting" to Preston. They've an eight (8) party line down there. Who has any secrets?

Mary Waldo is in Nebraska until Labor Day - hoping to get away from all that Voters Service and Campaign Techniques Kit for a few minutes.

Ann Andersen returns this Monday from glorious Colorado - rested and ready (we hope) to tackle the publications bit once again.

Publications! They're coming out of the office's ears!!! INDIANS page proofs arrived in the office Wednesday afternoon late. (Ann, the office hasn't had time to review them yet. Sorry.) That same afternoon Eleanor Weber hand delivered the copies of the Corrections drafts to the "expert" readers. The office is in the midst of getting the typing done on the Voters Guide. That's all in addition to getting the Board Memo and its 20+ enclosures done and mailed!! Jessie is on "vacation and taking kids to college" until September 16. Fortunately, Betty Ann McKaig, former executive secretary for the Edina LWV is on hand as Jessie's "replacement".

Jerry requests the following be sent: "Please remind consultants that they have a role in encouraging local Leagues to send a person to National Action Workshop in October, Corrections Conference on Columbus Day (dig that alliteration) - a good program to invite prospective members to - and State Convention (June 1975).

Mary Ann McCoy will be off to Rice Lake this week to do Voters Service workshops for a regional meeting of some Wisconsin Leagues. Then it's getting ready for the MacKensie River Tour (with the Historical Society) in early September. They've already had snow up there!!

HH and Liz - if she's around and not taking a son to Dartmouth - will be doing the Board agenda. You'll get the "pink slips" after Labor Day.

THE END

BOARDER BITS
September 6, 1974

First the bad news: The Phillips will be moving to Philadelphia soon. Reuel is already there, working at the Univac office; Gloria will be going down shortly to look for a home there. They learned of the transfer while on their European jaunt - that kinda put a damper on the trip. We'll miss Lorenza's visits to the office; want to leave it here?

And now the good news:

Well so much for that. Now on to other interesting tid bits.

We have two invitations to extend on behalf of local Leagues. 1. Mary Davies called from Moorhead. They'd like a state Boarder to come to Moorhead to do a presentation at a general membership meeting the morning of September 26. They'd like someone from Corrections or other Program area. Helene did something similar for Moorhead last fall - flying up in the morning - and the members were so impressed that they want another such visit. Let the office know - or Mary Davies - by September 9. 2. Silver Bay would like as many Boarder members as possible to attend their membership drive dinner on September 17 at 5:30 p.m. We realize that's state Board meeting day, but if we have a short agenda - and nobody gets carried away in discussing - several Boarders could make it up there for the occassion. Peggy has details.

Travel information: Eleanor Weber left on the 4th to "parlez vous" until the 22nd. Helene and Hal went to jolly auld England on the 5th; will return on the 30. H.B. says they're attending a dental convention - she really is going to liven up the forthcoming British elections. Mary Watson visited son and daughter-in-law in New York in August; another son joined them there for a few days. Liz takes #1 son to Dartmouth on the 7th, returning the 13th. And where's McCoy now? Floating down the MacKenzie River - we think.

In the animal department: (The office is a constant zoo, we'll admit, but we are referring to the four-legged kind here.) Sid has a new Schnauzer puppy named Tony. He's about 10 weeks old and is black. Helene Borg's dog - the german shephard - thinks it's a cat and runs around the roof of their house. Can't you picture that! Mary Waldo's cat blew out the TV - ask HER for details.

Mystery of the month - Ann Andersen needs a translation - and the rest of us are now most curious - what means: present and giving a live pair? (That's Congressional lingo - the D.C. variety.)

Publications Department: Our INDIANS IN MINNESOTA has been page proofed and is now in final printing process. CORRECTIONS is in the final typing stages - Betty Ann McKaig is doing that for us. Jerry and Shirley A. are Knee deep in national's Indians publication so if they come to Board meeting bleary-eyed and incoherent don't be alarmed. The VOTERS GUIDE is ready to be pasted up - on the 11th. Ann Andersen needs some volunteers to help proof it with her and Mary Waldo. (Gee, Shirley and Jerry, you could trade the feathers for ballots.) Call Ann and offer your services PLEASE.

If you want to be on the AGENDA, it goes to "press" - oh, this printer's lingo is permeating the whole office - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11. H.H. wants to get to it early (not at 3:22 p.m. on Friday) so PLEASE GET YOUR MATERIALS IN. Thank youses.

-AMEN-
PAX
etc.
etc.
etc.

Suggestions for farewell gifts for Gloria Phillips -- Amundson's, 10:30 a.m., October 21st,
Map will follow.

These suggestions should trigger ideas of your own. Don't know what we do to avoid duplication.

1. Bottle of Sky Blue Waters
2. Whoopee John Wilfahrt Polka Record - or other type Polka records
3. Wild rice
4. The Joy of Sex"
5. Mug or other kind of drinking receptacle with Minnesota emblem
6. A "funny" example of the kind of Minnesota souvenirs sold in dime stores
7. A jar of Minnesota soil
8. A bottle of Minnesota brewed beer
9. A bottle of wine made out of Minnesota-grown grapes
10. A piece of taconite
11. A Minnesota apple
12. Books about Minnesota or with sketches of Minnesota scenes
13. An old Stassen button
14. Minnesota Indian artifact
15. A replica or picture of the state capitol or 555 Wabasha
16. A Capitol Letter) subscription
Minnesota VOTER)
17. The Runestone
18. A Minnesota pine tree (dwarfed, Bonsai?)
19. What's that Minnesota newspaper or magazine called that did a piece on Ulland?
A subscription to that perhaps.
20. Do they sell replicas of the Father of Water statue in St. Paul City Hall?
21. Minnesota puzzle
22. Bottles of Cope, Compoz, Lydia Pinkham, Geritol, etc.
23. Tennis balls (not being on Minnesota state board may mean she'll have time for
it. (HH spoken for this.)
24. A guide to Philadelphia (is that where she's going?)



The League of Women Voters of Minnesota

REPORT on
LWVUS National Council
May 5-8, 1975

To: Local Leagues of Minnesota
From: Jerry Jenkins and Mary Watson
June 3, 1975

Please realize that this can only be a brief report. Council workbooks will be available in the state office if you wish to get a more complete picture.

Council Business In accordance with LWVUS bylaws, Council delegates gave guidance to the national Board on Program and methods of work and adopted a budget.

Budget: Total pledged: \$336,660. Amount short: \$16,745. If litigation grant comes through, the budget is short by \$3000. Council delegates left final revision to national Board, agreeing where cuts should come in general.

Looking ahead
to Convention
1976

Council delegates approved Budget/PMP Committee recommendation: That the League of Women Voters undertake a study and consensus on financing the League. A study guide would be prepared, dealing with ways to finance the League. Contents would be based on suggestions made by delegates, Board members, etc., and could include selected background data compiled for the Budget/PMP Committee, a section stressing the financial interdependence of all levels of League, alternatives to the present system, the cost of doing League business and the use of tax-deductible and/or grant money. Tentative plans are for a guide to be published in September 1975 and a consensus deadline of February 1, 1976 would be set. These deadlines would allow Leagues and/or the national Board to submit their own bylaws proposals, if any, in time for the 1976 national Convention. The study and consensus method would insure "grass roots" input, direction and decision making. Hopefully, the results would establish a system of funding which would allow us all to project our needs, set our goals and implement our plans on a more stable basis.

Council delegates received a report from Membership Representation Committee which proposed 1) to put a national focus on membership and to conduct a pilot membership project, 2) to give members-at-large and provisional League members voting privileges at state Conventions and meetings and allow such members to be included in state delegations to national Conventions and meetings. A possible rewording of LWVUS bylaws Article III, Sec. 2 was suggested to implement this.

Council delegates received a report from Convention/Council Representation Committee. No change was proposed in the present system of Convention representation, but they did explore alternatives. The committee recommended that Council be eliminated and that the LWVUS/LWVEF budget be a two-year budget.

Bicentennial Pennsylvania's project is to have 76% registered and voting in 1976. It was suggested that all Leagues undertake a mammoth voter registration project.

Program (See Council workbook for fuller report, please!)

ERA Great concern and pessimism expressed. Propose to use funds for an

every member mailing giving information and asking for at least \$1.00 from every member to finance the push to ratification.

International Relations Another area of great concern, as expressed by the Council delegates.

Energy See statement of Energy Conservation concurrence. Further study will follow a "sequential process." Delegates talked some about where the emphasis should be. Transportation, nuclear, solar--Task Force focus was first on conservation and will now be on transportation.

Land Use key activity suggested: strengthening the capacity of state government to cope with land resource issues.

Environmental Quality A new publication, a committee guide and continuation of UPDATE series will probably be forthcoming.

Human Resources Strong support and monitoring of programs, especially on unemployment, child care, food, social services. Follow-up on Community Development and Housing Act of 1974 and 1974 amendments to Elementary and Secondary Education Act will be pursued.

Attention Local Leagues: Out-of-work survey--Part I sent in April. A committee guide (companion to A Recharge for HR) will come.

Representative Government You'll get Facts and Issues and a committee guide for consensus November 24, concerning Executive Branch.

Campaign Financing, Congressional Reform and Voting Rights are in the monitoring stages.

TV Spot available See flyer on Equal Housing Opportunity.

Guidelines requested Delegates requested guidelines for concurrence, task force, IRS audits, issue politics, grants and social welfare.

Citizen Information/
Voters Service In Human Resources area: School Finance Reform Project and Revenue Sharing Project have Citizen Information grants. LWV anticipates close attention to proposed revision and extension to the Revenue Sharing Act.

A number of delegates expressed concern about Voters Service not having a separate department in national LWV office. Problem is funding. They continue efforts to get special project money. Delegate effort to give it separate budget category was defeated.

"Issue Politics" This was a new term for many of us. Not anything new in Minnesota LWV, but we haven't used the term. Issue politics means forming coalition with other groups on issues. It also means 1) making sure issues are discussed in political campaigns, 2) getting public involved in issues, 3) getting commitments from candidates on issues, 4) getting a "head count" on the number of candidates who give "qualified answers" and use such answers as grounds for compromise, 6) holding candidates who win election accountable on stands taken before election.

Day on the Hill We had appointments with four Congressmen to which we were assigned to talk chiefly about the Clean Air Act, but also included Land Use. Fran Kieffer, who lives in DC area and is formerly from Duluth, is "our" lobbyist in the DC Lobbying Corps. We talked with Bergland's aide, Hagedorn, Nolan and an aide, and Oberstar and an aide.

Futures Planning Delegates participated in small group discussions to stimulate thinking about the Future of the Nation and the Future of the League.

Special
Speakers

Dr. Alice Rivlin spoke on "How Congress Deals with the Budget." (Her mother was on the national Board at one time.)

Congressman Philip Burton (California), chairman of the Democratic Caucus, spoke about congressional reform and especially about open meetings of the caucus.

Most "radical" proposal: Establish a political action arm of LWVUS with an independent Board and budget which would receive contributions to support or oppose candidates.

"Regionalism" keeps cropping up in LWV vocabulary. It is used to refer to governmental approaches to solving problems and it is used in referring to a number of LWVs working together (river basin groups, etc.).

More and more Leagues referred to using the concurrence process and task force program method.

The spirit of the Council was exceptionally good. Ruth Clusen gave a talk on "What's Right with the League" at the close of Council, engendering a feeling of optimism and renewal.

HOT OFF THE PRESS! IN LEAGUE--GUIDELINES FOR LEAGUE BOARDS
(we used to call it the Local League Handbook)
Pub. #275 \$2.00

The League of Women Voters of the United States, 1730 M Street, N.W., Wash., D.C.

THIS IS GOING ON DPM

May 23, 1975

TO: Local, State and ILO Presidents
FROM: Ruth C. Clusen, President
RE: Report on National Council, May 5-8, 1975

Nan Waterman, the council planning chairman set the stage for a forward-looking 1975 national council when she put the focus on the future. President Ruth Clusen summed it up when she talked about what's right with the League, emphasizing the League's ability to work together and its record of responsiveness to members and to the community. In between came four days of council sessions that produced constructive, positive decisions and guidance for the coming year. Throughout, the recurring motifs were two: membership--how to build it, how to diversify it, how to serve members and enable them to function effectively--and political action--what to do to build the League's clout.

It's hard to single out one subject as most important, but it's easy to say what stirred the delegates: a proposal that the League develop a national strategy to guide next year's ERA effort, and to invest the funds remaining from the ERA bracelet sales in an every-member direct mail effort to replenish our campaign resources.

IN ATTENDANCE.....

98 delegates from 50 state Leagues, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands

19 members of the national board

18 state visitors

13 special guests including members of the nominating committee and the League's UN Observer

15 members of the national Lobby Corps

WHAT NATIONAL COUNCIL DOES.....

The bylaws provide that the council "shall give guidance to the board on program, methods of work, and budget as submitted by the Board of Directors. The council is authorized to change the program only in the event of an emergency, provided that notice of any proposed change shall have been sent to the presidents of local and state Leagues at least two months in advance of the meeting of the council. A two-thirds vote shall be required to adopt any change. The council shall adopt a budget for the ensuing year and shall transact such other business as shall be presented by the board."
(Article X, Sec. 3)

WHAT COUNCIL '75 DID

Budget Adopted

Council delegates voted adoption of the LWVUS budget (\$1,175,905) as presented, and stated their approval of the LWVEF budget (\$881,957), which will be formally approved by the national board in June. Delegates also passed a supplemental motion giving the national board discretion to make final adjustments in both budgets at their June meeting. The motion was the result of two sets of circumstances. First, state pledges were \$16,675 under the suggested level--the closest we've come to meeting the suggested level since the 1970-71 budget. Secondly, we've had oral (not written) confirmation from the Ford Foundation that the LWVEF Litigation grant will be extended for another year. This would mean the LWVEF litigation funding obligation would be reduced from the budgeted \$39,360 to \$25,000. The \$14,360 difference plus an additional \$2,315 pared in amounts of less than \$500 each from 5 line items would be used to balance the budget. The budget chairman indicated additional cuts if the Ford grant does not come through. A revised budget will be sent to state and local Leagues following the June meeting.

Budget Committee's PMP/Pledge Report

Budget Committee Chairman Yvonne Spies reported on the second part of their last year's assignment--carrying out the 1974/convention directive to analyze current methods of financing the League and to make recommendations concerning the problem of unpaid PMP's and unmet pledges. You will receive a supplementary memo detailing their findings, but generally both the committee and the board recommended a positive rather than a punitive approach to assist Leagues in their efforts to fund all organizational levels adequately.

Both the committee and the national board also recommended that further attention be paid to the financial structure of the League at all levels, i.e. dues, PMP and pledges, including an assessment of alternative methods of finance. Council delegates responded positively to a proposal for an every-member study of League finance, with a reporting deadline of February 1, 1976. Materials for the study will be sent to each League in the form of a Committee Guide supplemented by an article in the national VOTER. Recommendations emerging from the study will be presented to the 1976 convention for delegate consideration.

Membership: A Recurring Theme

The committee on membership and member representation created by Convention 1974 reported on its consideration of the broad topic of League membership, as well as its alternative suggestions for structure of council and convention. With regard to membership, the committee recommended that the League conduct a "demonstration" project in a given area, to test a variety of

techniques for increasing membership, member participation and member retention. The committee report elicited wide-ranging discussion of membership trends, which was picked up repeatedly during the remainder of the council sessions. Council delegates passed a motion recommending that membership be made a priority in budgetmaking for 1976-77. Local Leagues will receive a summary of the committee's initial report.

Development

Virginia Sweet, Development chairman, reported that the total gross receipt of development funds for fiscal year 1974-75 was \$508,029, of which \$506,924 was new money and \$1,105 was paid on account from the 50th Anniversary campaign. Fundraising suffered from the recession far less than expected; in fact, corporation receipts were up by some \$50,000, with 17 new donors, and union receipts were down only \$6,000. Government and foundation grants were down from last year, but the decline is more apparent than real, because grants confirmed informally but not yet signed, sealed and delivered would put the total very near that of last year.

Treasurer's Reports

Elizabeth Rack informed delegates that the pre-audit treasurer's reports show an excess of income over expenditures for the LWVUS in fiscal 74-75 of \$31,404, while LWVEF income was \$13,433 more than expenditures. These figures will undoubtedly change as a result of late arriving bills and other items and whatever surplus remains will be part of the 1975-76 operating budget for the LWVUS and LWVEF. The 12-month treasurer's report will be incorporated in the budget sent to Leagues in June.

PROGRAM

ERA: Strategizing for '75-'76

The discussion of ERA was enthusiastically assertive despite, or perhaps because of, recent setbacks in some states. In addition to the need for intensified ratification efforts many states reported a spurt in rescission moves and the need to make a success of state ERA efforts, once begun. What it added up to is the need for a concerted national effort, in addition to the state-by-state push.

The council encouraged the national board to take the lead in developing a national campaign effort to counter that of the opposition. It further endorsed the proposal to underwrite this effort by using the balance of ERA "bracelet money" (about \$20,000) to fund a direct-mail appeal for small contributions from League members. Local Leagues will receive a memo with more details about the mailing which is scheduled to go out to members in June.

There was no ambivalence about council delegates' determination to see the League take a leadership role in seeing to it that the ERA fight reaches a

victorious conclusion and their realization that it's going to take increased political clout and toughness. The council also moved to request that the national board urge political parties and other groups to hold their national conventions only in ratified states.

Energy Conservation Position--What It Means

The board announced its adoption of an energy conservation position at its May board meeting, based on League reports of concurrence. Wording is as printed in the National VOTER (winter 1975).

This newest of League national positions directly expresses a positive League commitment in support of energy conservation; heretofore, action has been limited to energy issues that directly affect existing League positions. The new position can be used to reinforce and undergird these existing positions; it can also be the basis for action on specific energy conservation proposals. The board emphasized that its approach to action possibilities under this broad position (see NATIONAL BOARD REPORT, January 1975) will be both careful and cautious. Some proposals for energy conservation are clearly in line with League member thinking; on many decisions about how to conserve energy, the board recognizes that it will be necessary to seek member input before taking action.

Gwen Murphree, chairman, gave a round-up of the ETF's first-year activities. She also outlined the materials that Leagues will be receiving:

- a memo, on the new position,
- ETF annual report,
- a kit, including Ford Foundation EPP and other resource materials,
- an LWVEF COMMUNITY GUIDE (in the kit).

RG: Executive study materials and timetable

Judith Heimann announced November 24, 1975 reporting deadline for questions for agreement. The questions will be sent out in early June along with a COMMITTEE GUIDE to help resource committees guide the member-agreement process and develop consensus in their Leagues on questions about presidential powers and succession.

Coming also are: two substantive every-member FACTS AND ISSUES:

- Perspectives on the Presidency - An Historical View
- Perspectives on the Presidency - A Look Ahead

Leagues already have:

- Bibliography (summer 1974)
- A comprehensive COMMITTEE GUIDE on the study, Examining the Presidency
- A Dialogue on the Presidency (now out of print)
- Presidential Accountability (just off press)
- VOTER materials, including Thomas E. Cronin's "The Presidency...Balanced?...or Checked?" (summer '74) and "Examining the Presidency" (fall '74).

IR: Updating Members on the UN

Following Ruth Hinerfeld's report on IR priorities and activities, there

was some discussion of recent changes and developments at the United Nations. The following motion was passed:
"that the national board encourage local Leagues to update their members on the League's United Nation's position and the changing nature of the United Nations by providing direction and an every-member article in the fall issue of the VOTER.

"that local and state boards be asked to discuss the following questions prior to national Convention:

- Does basic agreement with the League's UN position still exist among your members?
- What kind of action do you think the League should take regarding the United Nations?"

An every-member UPDATE, UN: Are There Cracks in the Glass House? is already available (Pub. No. 570, 35¢). Besides the VOTER article, additional updating materials will be sent out in the fall.

HR: Focus on Unemployment

Appointment of Nan Waterman as national HR chairman was announced, Virginia Nugent having resigned in late April for personal reasons. Pat Backman will succeed Nan as Research and Projects chairman.

The unemployment survey now under way got a strong endorsement from Alice Rivlin (see below), who stressed that what is most needed now in efforts to galvanize public opinion and Washington action is "heart"--the human dimension that the case studies can provide. Reports on these, due in the national office May 23, will form the nucleus for national, as well as local and state, action. Forms for Part II on statistical data and Part III on officials' views will go out to Leagues in late June.

THE COUNCIL AND THE HILL

Delegates to council had a full day on Wednesday, May 7, beginning with the departure from the Mayflower on chartered buses at 8:15 a.m., followed by briefing in the Cannon House Office Building Caucus Room by Legislative Action Division staff on three issues, for discussion with their state's congressmen/women.

Congressman Phillip Burton (D-CA), chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, talked to the delegates about how recent revisions in caucus and House procedures have made that branch more responsive to current needs.

Council delegates visited more than 175 congressional offices, lobbying senators, representatives or top staff on the Clean Air Act, land use and/or voting rights. The timing was right for all three issues, since committee mark-up was taking place on both clean air and land use bills, and the House Judiciary Committee had just reported out the bill to extend and expand the Voting Rights Act.

To supplement their Hill activities, on Thursday delegates to council also moved to:

- send a telegram to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, commending it

for holding hearings on the UN at a crucial point in its history and deploring the UN General Assembly and UNESCO actions that violate the spirit of the UN charter. The telegram further stated that "although we do not feel that U.S. withdrawal from participation is appropriate, we urge the United States to supply strong leadership and support for UN policies that fall within the spirit of the charter."

--send a letter to the House and Senate conferees outlining support for several key parts of the Emergency Housing Bill relating to the low-income housing supply.

OTHER COUNCIL NOTES

Voters Service in '76

With the double incentive of a presidential election year and the bicentennial, delegates urged the national board to step up Voters Service activity. They supported the efforts of the board to seek funding that would make possible a strong Voters Service performance.

State and Local Government--What Is It?

Judy Head, State and Local Government Chairman, clarified the role of the State and Local Government Department which, working under an LWVEF committee, serves Leagues and other community groups in providing information on state and local programs and issues. Examples of recent State and Local Government materials include the new series, UPDATE on Community Issues, (first issue mailed to Leagues in May) designed to help Leagues and other groups keep up on some of the local and state issues they are working on. Also available on request is a new SO YOU WANT TO series aimed at groups working on specific local problems. The first two, dealing with Recreation and Police Departments have just been published, and Leagues will be notified of future issues.

Rivlin Speech

Alice Rivlin, engaged as Tuesday's luncheon speaker while still a Brookings fellow and expert on the budget, addressed the delegates as the newly appointed head of Congress' budget office. This office was created as part of the more general reforms in Congress' management of the appropriations/priorities process. It is intended to give Congress objective information, alternative courses and costs--a capability that will strengthen its ability to deal with the Administration's budget in a comprehensive instead of an ad hoc fashion. Ms. Rivlin outlined the goals and modus operandi of the budget office and asked for League input and help in determining national priorities.

Futures Sessions

Delegates spent Tuesday afternoon and evening sampling the Alternative Futures materials soon to be published by the LWVEF 21st Century Project.

Political Strategy Breakfast

A come-if-you-like political strategy breakfast turned out to be a crowd puller. Here, there emerged an agreement that the League needs to keep pressing in its political action--to seek continually for hard-hitting tactics and strategies that fall within its nonpartisan policy. Primary emphasis was put on techniques for getting candidates to take a position on League issues before the election, in order to raise public awareness and give the voter a clear and informed choice. With these goals in mind, delegates expressed particular interest in the impact of new tax legislation (see below).

League Tax Status

Both at the breakfast and in Thursday's plenary session, delegates expressed interest in receiving additional information on potential effects on new federal tax legislation and campaign finance laws. A memo on these items will be sent to Leagues in June. States were also urged to check with counsel or other experts on any changes in state laws that might affect their political activities.

The States and the Press

At least seven state delegations set up meetings during council week to discuss League programs and concerns with members of the Washington press corps covering their states. These sessions served to open up communication between the Leagues and their regional press in Washington. Both press and state leaders will, as a result, know better whom to contact when news is breaking or information is needed. At the same time, state leaders reminded the media that the League is a good news source.

UPCOMING DATES AND DEADLINES

November 24, 1975	Deadline for receipt of member agreement/consensus on the Executive
January 15, 1976	Deadline for receipt of Section I of Local League Annual Report (Including Membership, Finance, Treasurer's Reports)
February 1, 1976	Deadline for member study on financing the League
February 3, 1976	Deadline for <u>receipt</u> of suggestions for national program
February 3, 1976	Deadline for <u>receipt</u> of suggestions for national bylaws amendments
March 15, 1976	Deadline for receipt of Section II of Local League Annual Report
March 15, 1976	Deadline for receipt of State League Annual Reports--all sections
May 3-7, 1976	National convention, New York City

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TO: All Boarders
Staff

FROM: Harriett

SUBJECT Mini-Boarder Bits

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

555 WABASHA

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55102

PHONE: 224-5445

DATE December 13, 1974

I will be on vacation from December 18 to January 1, 1975. Jessie, Peggy and Pat - and Betty Ann, if needed - will be covering the office. From December 23 on the office will be "womaned" from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Peggy will cover on Dec. 23, 27 and 30; Jessie will be there Dec. 26. The office will be CLOSED ENTIRELY on December 24, 25, and 31, as well as January 1. Pat may or may not be in, depending on Action needs and Phillips Legislative Service (which usually comes on a Thursday or Friday).

We are getting low on mimeo papers with colored headings - blue border, purple, green, gold (less than a ream left). If you all want to make any changes to those, we should have the suggestions by mid-January so we can get bids, etc.

Shirley Amundson's down with the "bug". A speedy recovery. Waldo's are gathering boxes for their Dec. 26 move to 2279 Folwell. Atchisons are leaving for Hawaii on December 18, returning the 29th.

Aloha!!!!!!

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TO: All Boarders

FROM: Harriett

SUBJECT Bicentennial Youth Debates

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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DATE August 15, 1975

The attached came to JJ, and she wants all of you to give special attention to all debate topics. There is more information (list from inside folder) which I have in files, should you want to see/read.

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BICENTENNIAL YOUTH DEBATES

Wayne State University, Dept. of Speech Communication
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August 5, 1975

Jerry Jenkins
LWV Of Minnesota
2252 Folwell
St. Paul, Minnesota 55108

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

I hope by now that you have heard about the Bicentennial Youth Debates. Ruth Clusen has endorsed the BYD on behalf of the League of Women Voters and serves on our Council for Development and Community Involvement. The enclosed materials should bring you up to date on the activities of the BYD in Minnesota.

We want high school and college students who participate to do so before community groups and to be judged by community leaders. In order to facilitate the participation of League members in your state will you send me a mailing list of program chairmen or Presidents of local organizations? I would like to send them a copy of the enclosed Guide for the Community Leader together with a contact person working on the BYD in their area. Since our events begin this fall I would like to make this mailing as soon as possible.

I realize that you would hesitate to make such a mailing list available carelessly. I hope after you review the enclosed materials on this unique Bicentennial project that you will concur with Ms. Clusen's endorsement and wish to have your members actively participate in the public discussion of issues raised at the time of the Revolution and still of importance today.

If you have any questions regarding this request please feel free to call me. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Donald N. Ritzenhein
Regional Director

Enclosures

DNR/gbj

National Office: 1625 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036 (202) 265-1070

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BYD TOPICS

LOCAL EVENTS

September 27 - November 1, 1975

High School:

- Debate: Resolved: That the "melting pot" metaphor is an historical fiction.
- Persuasive: My country, right or wrong?
- Extemp: General Topics: OUT OF MANY, ONE.
- Sample Questions:
1. The American Indian: Is this land his land?
 2. Contributions of Black Americans: An overlooked chapter in American history?
 3. America's immigrants: Did they find what they had hoped for?

College Age:

- Debate: Resolved: That urbanization has lowered the quality of American life.
- Persuasive: The American Frontier: Crucible of our National Character
- Extemp: General Topic: THE SPRAWLING CITY
- Sample Questions:
1. What's American about American cities?
 2. Are cities the new frontier?
 3. Have American political institutions traditionally reflected an anti-urban bias?

DISTRICT EVENTS

November 15 - December 20, 1975

High School:

- Debate: Resolved: That extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice.
- Persuasive: The Press: Reporter or Maker of History?
- Extemp: General Topic: EQUAL PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW
- Sample Questions:
1. Impartial peers or community prejudice: Have American juries helped or hurt the cause of equality before the law?
 2. Money and politics: Could a man of modest means - an Abe Lincoln - be elected today?
 3. Should the pledge of allegiance be changed to read "...seeking liberty and justice for all" instead of "...with liberty and justice for all"?

College Age:

- Debate: Resolved: That American political parties have been dominated by socioeconomic elites.
- Persuasive: Is Federalism Obsolete?
- Extemp: General Topic: "IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED...." A REPRESENTATIVE LEGISLATURE
- Sample Questions:
1. Has the Congressional Seniority System benefitted or hindered the nation?
 2. Should Congressmen follow their personal judgment or heed the opinions of their constituents?
 3. Should the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government be coequal?

SECTIONAL EVENTS
January 31 - March 6, 1976

High School:

Debate:

Resolved: That America has significantly overemphasized social welfare at the expense of individual rights.

Persuasive:

The evolution of America's work ethic: a change for the better?

Extemp:

General Topic: ORGANIZATION OF THE LABOR FORCE

Sample Questions:

1. Have American labor unions generally represented the true interests of the worker?
2. How has the role of women in the labor force changed during the last two centuries?
3. Was a non-union labor force essential to America's industrial development?

College Age:

Debate:

Resolved: That governmental policy towards the American economy has benefitted consumers at the expense of producers.

Persuasive:

Advertising - the vernacular of America?

Extemp:

General Topic: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE IN THE MARKETPLACE

Sample Questions:

1. The small businessman: What does his decline mean to the American economy?
2. What was the role of American enterprise in the American revolution?
3. Has American industry been overregulated during the 20th century?

REGIONAL EVENTS
March 20 - April 24, 1976

High School:

Debate:

Resolved: That American public education has emphasized socialization to the detriment of intellectual development.

Persuasive:

The American Family: A Past with a Future?

Extemp:

General Topic: "IN GOD WE TRUST and A SENSE OF BELONGING

Sample Questions:

1. Does increasing mobility spell the loss of community as America has known it?
2. Discrimination in America: Has the ideal American community been white Anglo-Saxon Protestant?
3. Was the Constitutional separation of church and state an overreaction to religious oppression in Europe?

College Age:

Debate:

Resolved: That American foreign policy has wrongly violated the basic principles of the Declaration of Independence.

Persuasive:

Can America afford a foreign policy based on moral principles?

Extemp:

General Topic: A NATION AMONG NATIONS

Sample Questions:

1. American isolationism: Will it return?
2. Latin America: American fiefdom or good neighbor?
3. Has America traditionally underemphasized its responsibility to aid underdeveloped nations?

NATIONAL EVENT
June, 1976

"LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS"

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TO: All Boarders

FROM: Ann Knutson

SUBJECT Minnesota American Assembly
on Choosing the President

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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DATE 1/21/75

Please read the outline of the proposed conference on the Presidency. Comments:
If funding is available, the format of the meeting will be modeled after the
American Assembly meeting, using the text Choosing the President. The book will
be available to all participants minus the conclusions reached by the American
Assembly in 1973.

This format will limit the number of League participants; however, if the
Minnesota Humanities Commission funds this as anticipated, the plenary sessions
must be open to the public. The date is not firm, but tentative for fall of
1975 to fit into our consensus reaching calendar.

We were asked if we could tap any of our sources for funding-about \$700. Our
response was no, but we can provide the broad mailing services in lieu of cash.

Ann Knutson, LWR - How does this look?

Bill Ryan

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League of Women Voters of Minnesota

MINNESOTA AMERICAN ASSEMBLY ON
CHOOSING THE PRESIDENT

Fall 1975
Holiday Inn Central
Minneapolis, Minnesota

PROPOSED PROGRAM

Wednesday

- 11:30 Registration
12:30 Luncheon
D 1:30 Speaker I - Plenary Session open to public
2:30 Discussion Groups - First Session
5:30 Social Hour
R 6:00 Dinner
7:30 Speaker II - Plenary Session open to public

A Thursday

- F 7:30 Breakfast
8:45 Discussion Groups - Second Session
10:00 Coffee Break
T 10:15 Discussion Groups - Second Session
12:00 Luncheon
1:30 Discussion Groups - Third Session
3:00 Coffee Break
3:15 Discussion Groups - Third Session
5:45 Social Hour
6:30 Dinner
7:30 Plenary Session (Panel of Humanists)

Friday

- 7:30 Breakfast
9:00 Closing Plenary Session - Adoption of Final Report - open to public
as observers
12:00 Luncheon

M TO: Office Management Committee
E (Borg - FYI)

M FROM: Harriett

O SUBJECT Charging for xeroxing - policy

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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DATE January 28, 1975

Perhaps you all would like to give consideration to a pricing policy for using the xerox machine - especially as it pertains to local LWVs and our biggest customer, Common Cause. We have now had the machine for three months; as of yesterday we had done 60030 copies on the machine. The base cost per month is \$280.80 (\$80 a month for rent and copy costs up to \$190 minimum; balance is sales tax.) Based on the costs incurred so far (\$325 for the wiring, and \$184.60 for installation) base cost per copy is 2.3¢ each EXCLUSIVE of paper and supplies. If one adds in the cost of the ink bought, but not all used so far, (\$256.36), the cost per copy comes to 2.8¢ each. The cost of paper is .00534¢ each. We could "sell" copies for 3¢, including paper, per copy, and come out alright. At the moment, I bill Common Cause 6¢ for the first 10 copies of any run over 10 (6¢ for runs of 10 and under), and 3¢ for copies over and above 10. (Xerox's charges are: 4.8¢ for the first 5 copies; 1.5¢ for copies 6 - 10; free for over 10 until one reaches the magic figure of 20,000 copies at which point the over 10's becomes 0.4¢).

Your directions, suggestion please. Thanks.

Called Rita - she sells for 3¢/copy

To: Jerry, Watson, Nancy, Helene, Elna
From: Harriett
Re: Conversation with Dimi Mitchell, Mpls. LWV
June 6, 1975

Yesterday Dimi called with several suggestions which I herewith pass on to you all.

With the decrease in "woman power" either via the back-to-school, work or whatever route, Dimi wonders if there couldn't be more coordination of the various portfolios of Leagues. She suggested that each LWV get a list of counterpart(s) names & addresses, e.g. bulletin, citizen information, etc., so they could be in contact with one another. She also thought some cooperation, similar to that done on the Congressional study several years back, would be a saving of tight "woman power" and would ease the burden for all. As I recall, she said that one LWV was responsible for bibliography, another for glossary, another book reports, etc. She thought it might be bigger than Congressional district coordination in the Metro Area, but that might be a viable alternative in non-Metro areas.

She also strongly requested that some time be set aside at Conventions & Councils for counterpart luncheons, with or without the state Board counterpart being present.

Dimi also expressed great concern about the ability of computers to "talk" with each other and get the "goods" on a person within seconds. She'll suggest a rights of the individual or the right to privacy as a national study item, but suggested the LWVMN Board might like to consider same too.

M TO: All Boarders

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PHONE: 224-5445

O SUBJECT Columbus Day Event - - Oct. 13 DATE 7-2-75

We should have a subject for the workshop selected at the August Board meeting.

What Program area would be of the greatest interest to League members and others?

E.R.A., Energy ????? etc. Another suggestion was an assertive training session.

I would like to have suggestions prior to July 31 since I will be out of town from

August 1 through August 25.

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M TO: Committee Chairmen

E FROM: Georgeann Hall

M SUBJECT Budget

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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PHONE: 224-5445

DATE June 27, 1975

At your first meeting - plan for the coming year and consider the moneys that are allowed in the budget. Think gross budgeting - all expenses. Turn in voucher to Harriett at the end of each meeting. If we all do this, we will have a more accurate Treasurer's Report for each Board meeting.
If your plans exceed the budget, let me know.
Thank you.

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102 - June 1975

To: All State Board Members

From: Jerry Jenkins

Subject: GREAT EXPECTATIONS ... on the way to August Board meeting

June 24, 1975

1. Where's the meeting? Places and hostess Leagues (if needed) should be set for Fall Workshops -- Sept. 23, 26, 27, 30, Oct. 1 -- CC
Columbus Day Event -- Oct. 13 -- AK
League Lobbyist Training -- Nov. 18 -- HB
Focus on Emerging Issues -- Jan. 20, Feb. 17, Mar. 16 -- M. Waldo
State Council -- Apr. 20-21 -- MW
Leadership Training -- June 8, 9 -- CC
2. Committee meetings -- other meetings in state office -- be sure HH has on her calendar.
3. Committee reports -- request time on the agenda when you are ready to report to the Board.
4. Committee constraints -- look at the budget! Consult HH for estimate of costs of your plans. Consult G. Hall if you want budget revision.

Time -- If you made a promise to deliver written material to local Leagues (mailed with Board Memo) or to every member (VOTER) for a specific month, then figure back from that month and construct some deadlines. For example: Aug.--research -- Sept.--rough draft to office and approval of on-Board (and off-Board if needed) readers by Board -- Oct.--draft to on-Board readers with deadline for return -- Nov.--revise after on-Board readers and have office type clean copies for off-Board readers--revise after off-Board readers' comments received -- Dec.--Who needs Christmas?--Final editing and preparation for publication -- Jan.--sell and promote. Feb.--don't collapse--time to get on with the next project!

Just an example--but you and your committee should include a timeline in plans which you can share with the Board if it is going to impose some adherence to deadlines on the part of other Board members. Also, HH has to know so that she can organize the office work.

5. VOTER -- we repeatedly get requests for reports on workshops, conferences, etc. (see Citizen League newsletter for examples) -- I'm sure this is not a desire for "a good time was had by all," but rather a request for a synthesis of the "meat" of the meeting or a review of the keynote address -- Can we respond to this request this year?
6. Migawd, she cried, more committees? -- National Bylaws -- will the following people agree to serve? -- Hall, Reeves, Ponto, Atchison? National Program -- Watson, Borg, Stone, DeSantis? First named acts as chairman.
7. Preparation of the next state budget -- in the past we have tried several approaches -- you'll note by your June minutes that Jan. 6 is designated "budget goals" and Feb. 10 is designated "budget." I have toyed with the idea of having each of you meet with the budget chairman during the Jan. Board meeting (individually). Can I have your thoughts on this process? I'll schedule discussion time at Oct. Board meeting. The next budget and OUTLOOK should be on your committee agendas!
8. Looking ahead (always) to State Council.
I believe this is a good time for each of you to give a "humanized" account of what happened in your portfolio between Convention '75 and Council '76. Another thing to be on your committee agenda. Full, ain't it?

Benediction: Thank you for hanging loose while we all search for ways to work together in LWVMN -- from here on down it's uphill all the way!

To: All Boarders
From: Nancy Atchison
Re: Committee Assignments*
June 25, 1975

(If any are wrong, please call Jerry Jenkins and the office immediately. These will be included on the list of OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 1975-76.)

Jenkins - ex officio on all committees

Watson - 1st VP - ex officio on Action-Program committees
Public Relations, VOTER

Atchison - 2nd VP - Administrative Assistant, Education, Field Service, Action
(Office Management) (Financing State Government)

Davies - Secretary, International Relations, Local Finance, Human Resources

Hall - Treasurer, Office Management, Local Finance, Education, Membership

Amundson - VOTER, Development, Education

Anderson - Financing State Government, Action, Election Laws, Citizen Information

Borg - Action, Field Service, all Program committees

Cushing - Field Service, Membership, Citizen Information, Financing State Government

DeSantis - Human Resources, Action, Education, Membership

Gross - Judiciary, Action, Corrections, Public Relations

Jones - Local Agenda, Education, Field Service

Ann Knutson - Organization of State Government, Action, Local Agenda, Election Laws

Rhoda Lewin - Publications/Editorial, VOTER, Public Relations

Mueller - Corrections, Action, Judiciary, Publications

Ponto - Membership, Field Service, Human Resources

Poppleton - Environmental Quality, Action, Financing State Government, Office Management

Reeves - Election Laws, Action, Development, Financing State Government

Stone - Development, Corrections, Membership

Waldo - Citizen Information, VOTER, Election Laws

PR person - Public Relations, Organization of State Government, Citizen Information

COMMITTEE ROSTER *

Office Management - Georgeann Hall, Mary Poppleton, Nancy Atchison

VOTER - Shirley Amundson, Rhoda Lewin, Mary Waldo, Mary Watson

Field Service - Carolyn Cushing, Elna Ponto, Nancy Atchison, Helene Borg

Local Agenda - Barbara Jones, Ann Knutson

Local Finance - Georgeann Hall, Mary Davies

Membership - Elna Ponto, Lois DeSantis, Dottie Stone, Carolyn Cushing, Georgeann Hall

Citizen Information - Mary Waldo, Karen Anderson, PR person

Public Relations - , Peggy Gross, Rhoda Lewin, Mary Watson

Development - Dottie Stone, Shirley Amundson, Jean Reeves

Publications - Rhoda Lewin, Laurel Mueller

Education - Nancy Atchison, Lois DeSantis, Shirley Amundson, Georgeann Hall,
Barbara Jones (Karen Anderson)

Organization of State Government - Ann Knutson, PR person

Corrections - Laurel Mueller, Peggy Gross, Dottie Stone

Judiciary - Peggy Gross, Laurel Mueller

Environmental Quality - Mary Poppleton, Mary Watson

Financing State Government - Karen Anderson, Mary Poppleton, Carolyn Cushing, Jean Reeves
(Nancy Atchison)

Human Resources - Lois DeSantis, Elna Ponto, Mary Davies (Nancy Atchison)

Action - Helene Borg, Atchison, Reeves, Knutson, Mueller, Gross, Poppleton, DeSantis,
Anderson (Jenkins and Watson)

*Underscoring indicates chairmanship of committee; parentheses indicates person should be informed.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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PHONE: (612) 224-5445

MEMO

TO: Boarders

FROM: Harriett

SUBJECT: Committees

DATE: June 20, 1977

As you fill in your committees with off-Board people, please give the office their names and addresses (and phone numbers). Thanks.

COMMITTEES

Criminal Justice - Betty Phelan, Chr.

Maggie Brown

Natural Resources - Sally Foley and Mary Poppleton, Chrs.

Human Resources - Maggie Brown, Lois DeSantis, Chrs.

Georgeann Hall

Education - Betty Shaw, Chr.

Barbara Jones

Government - Karen Anderson, Erica Buffington, Chrs.

Mary Waldo (Election Laws)

International Relations - Pat Llona, Chr.

Judy Rosenblatt

Membership - Jean Reeves, Chr.

Carolyn Cushing

CI/VS - Mary Waldo, Chr.

Carolyn Cushing

Ellen Dunn

Office Management - Georgeann Hall, Chr.

Carolyn Cushing

Mary Poppleton

Service to Local Leagues - Carolyn Cushing, Chr., Barbara Jones

Emily Schmitz

Jean Reeves

Pam Berkwitz

VOTER - Judy Rosenblatt, Chr.

Lois DeSantis

Development - Emily Schmitz, Chr.

Jean Reeves

Georgeann Hall

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TO: All Boarders

FROM: Harriett H.

SUBJECT 1) File Copy - Litigation
2) Reminder - Metro 2000

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PHONE: 224-5445

DATE Sept. 10, 1975

1) At the Board meeting on Sept. 9, you got some pamphlets (blue and one green) on litigation. Someone has the green one marked file copy. Please RETURN immediately.
Thanks.

2) Reminder - Metro 2000:
Sept. 25 - Jerry Jenkins
Oct. 2 - Dottie Stone
Oct. 9 - Helene Borg
Oct. 16 - Nancy Atchison
Oct. 23 - Nancy Atchison
Oct. 30 - Mary Waldo
Nov. 8 - Jerry Jenkins

M TO: Jerry
E FROM: Helene
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O SUBJECT: Metro 2000

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DATE 9/9/75 SEP 12 1975

I signed up for the Metro 2000 for October 9th. When I got home from Board I found that my daughter's doctor had switched her surgery to that date. These doctors seem to think mothers are forever available - and I guess we are. Obviously I can't be in two places, so you don't have that settled afterall. Sorry. I always hate to have the "done" things transferred back to the "undone" stack.

Helene -

I relate to your last sentence! But, for Heavens sakes! Surgery takes precedence in a mother's schedule. I did not know you were facing such an event and I am sorry and concerned. I hope it is relatively simple and uncomplicated. I can go on the 9th. I'll have H.A. check to see if someone else wants to go then, however.

Let's look at it this way - we're demonstrating our flexibility!

My best to you and yours!

Jerry

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TO: All Boarders

FROM: Mary Davies(via office)

SUBJECT October 13th

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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PHONE: 224-5445

DATE Sept. 16, 1975

Will need a place to stay on Monday, October 13th. Can anyone help her out?

Can anyone meet her train and take her to the YWCA - it will be and early a.m. arrival.

Please let the office know if you can help her out. Thanks.

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TO: All Boarders

FROM: Harriett for Ann Thomas

SUBJECT Metro 2000 -- 9/25 & 11/8

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PHONE: 224-5445

DATE September 17, 1975

The LWVMN is cosponsoring the first Metro 2000 seminar on September 25. We have been asked to provide six ushers to attend that session FREE. Please let the office know if you can be there - we'll provide buttons for you to wear.

They would also like to have 3 or 4 Leaguers to serve as workshop leaders in the afternoon of the Saturday, November 8 seminar, Creating a Planning Community. Again, if you can do this, please call the office. We will in turn notify Ann Thomas.

Thank you for your HELP!

M TO: All Boarders

E FROM: Harriett for Janet Boland

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SUBJECT Is LWV classified as a political organization? DATE October 2, 1975

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PHONE: 224-5445

Janet Boland addressed the Blaine Chamber of Commerce this morning and got a comment from some gentleman that his attorney had advised him that it was illegal to give a contribution to the LWV because we are a political organization. I recall that we had some of these same type of comments prior to the publication of the VOTERS GUIDE. If any of you have a good response for her, please let the office know so we can get it to her. (Dottie, would you please look through the Development files for a response from Norrgard to a letter from Mary Ann, August 1974, which was somewhat along the same vein as this from Janet is.) If something has come in from LWVUS about this, I haven't seen it so I'm at a loss to help Janet on my own.

Thanks for the help.

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TO: Borg and Lucas

FROM: Herb

SUBJECT Readers

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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PHONE: 224-5445

DATE August 13, 1976

Judy Hove, LWV-New Brighton, will be glad to read, clip and send in CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR articles pertinent to LWV studies. Will advertise for NATIONAL OBSERVER reader in Board Memo.

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MEMO

TO: All Boarders (Please relay to all
your committee members)

FROM: Harriett Herb, Executive
Director (I don't like jails!)

SUBJECT: 1976 Tax Law Changes

DATE: February 22, 1977

As you are no doubt aware, there were some changes made in the tax laws in 1976. As you will note in the forthcoming National Board Report, there MAY be an impact on our status. National's attorneys are recommending that we hang loose for now but begin to keep accurate records so we'll know how much we do spend on various parts of the budget. Since I DO NOT LIKE TO GO TO JAIL, I'm TELLING YOU - I'm no longer going to be polite and ask you - to KEEP AN ACCURATE AND COMPLETE RECORD OF ALL YOUR EXPENSES and TURN THE VOUCHERS IN EVERY MONTH. If you don't, you might have to start searching for an executive director while I serve out my sentence in the jail - and I'd be serving it for and on your behalf.



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MEMO

TO: H.B.

FROM: H.H.

SUBJECT: Addendum to Memo, #2

DATE: November 21, 1978

Pam attended the MWPC coalition meeting last night. (I left when she came because they had said earlier that the meeting was not really for appointment seekers.) Quie will be using Task Forces to screen and recommend finalists for interview by the "big honchos." Pam believes, and I agree, that the LWV should be represented on a number of those Task Forces. I suggest you call Bragg, 296-0222, and get yourself and other appropriate LWVers on some of the Task Forces if possible.

Pam says there's no firm procedure yet for appointments below the top 40 positions.

The next meeting of the coalition is December 18 at 6:30 in Room D or E of Hennepin County Government Center.

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The 1975-76 Board of Directors of the LWV of MN adopts the following policy:

Any board member shall ^{must consult} notify the President before seeking an elective office. Consideration shall be given to the ^{amount} ~~amount~~ of time involved in holding an additional office and any possible conflict of interest. Candidates for party office are automatically disqualified from board membership.

All board members ^{are} shall be encouraged to attend precinct caucuses and urge adoption of resolutions compatible with League's positions.

Board members (with the exception of the President, Action Chairman, and the Citizen/Information/Voter Service Chairman) may serve as delegates to party conventions up to the district or county level. Any further involvement in party politics implies an active and highly visible role and negates the non-partisan policy.

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TO: Boarders



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PHONE: (612) 224-5445

FROM: H.H.

SUBJECT: Committees

DATE: June 27, 1978

MEMO

Attached is the Committee Assignment Preferences form filled in as we have your preferences to date. You will note that there remains a lot of white space. Those committee chairs having no on-Board volunteers will no doubt want to recruit local LWV people to serve on the committees. Peggy is developing a file on local LWV people who've impressed Boarders. You might know others. Call - or write - if you'd like staff assistance with recruitment.

And once you have a committee, PLEASE provide the office with the names, addresses, phone numbers of same. Our ESP sometimes malfunctions.

Thanks.

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Human Resources - Jeannette Kahlenberg, Jean Tews, Chrs.

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Government - Karen Anderson, Erica Buffington, Chrs.

International Relations - Pat Llona, Chr.

Judy Rosenblatt

Membership - Jean Reeves, Chr.

CI - Barb Maher, Chr.

Ellen Dunn
Jean Reeves

VS - Mary Waldo, Chr.

Erica Buffington

Service to Local Leagues - Carolyn Cushing, Chr., Sue Scribner

Jean Reeves
Erica Buffington

VOTER - Judy Rosenblatt, Chr.

Development - Emily Schmitz, Chr.

Jean Reeves

Nominating - Laurel Mueller, Chr. (2 Board needed)

Erica Buffington
Carolyn Cushing

Budget - Carol Bergeson, Chr., Hall ex officio (2 Board needed)

Ellen Dunn
Emily Schmitz

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Automatic or Predetermined Committee Assignments

Action - Pam Berkwitz, chr. plus all Program chairs
Anderson, Armstrong, Buffington, Kahlenberg, Llona, Phelan, Poppleton,
Tews (optional - Scribner)

Office Management - Georgeann Hall, Chr., plus all staff counterpart chairs
Pam Berkwitz, Carolyn Cushing, Emily Schmitz, Mary Waldo