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1965 Program Making Schedule

Deadline dates set up in 1964 Outlook for Work (check carefully)
Preparation for Lively Issues Voter began in April 1964 for
Sept.-Oct. issue. See Lively Issues file 1964
Program Suggestion Committee appointed Oct. 1964.
Next step was material for local Leagues in preparation for
first round Program making which went into Board Memo for Nov. 1964.

Material contained sheet for first round return. Sheet ~~Inform~~
Guide for Informed Program Making. This material was written
by chairman and circulated to Program Committee for comment.

Dates set up for committee evaluation of Program Suggestions

When suggestions arrived, Committee met and evaluated suggestions
in preparation for Board evaluation. Committee proposal mimeo-
graphed for Board use.

Board discussed suggestions. First Round Proposed Program agreed
upon and material written up (with help of committee members) to
be included in Board Memo. Larger Leagues could use more copies
of this material if possible, probably a copy for each unit.
This material contained a second round return sheet and an ex-
planation of the proposed Program.

When Second Round suggestions came in, Committee met again for
evaluation before Board meeting. Committee proposal mimeographed
for Board use. Board discussion of proposal. Assignments made
as to Board members who would make speeches for consideration at
Convention. Also official negatives assigned to others for items
which seemed would be introduced at Convention.

Chairman wrote material for Convention handbook on Program.
Chairman straightened files and made listing of all suggested topics
by wording.

COMMENTS FROM DELEGATES: Not enough lively action and debate.
Board seemed to be doing everything. This was probably because
of the single list experiment with Board doing most of proposing.
What about time limits during debate. Should there be one opening
speech and then shorter talks. Motion for consideration of non-
recommended CRs could have been made from floor to get more of a
participation from delegates.

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TO: Mary F.

FROM: Julie H.

SUBJECT Program sugg.

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DATE May 7

I am in the midst of making up a listing of all the wordings of the various first round program suggestions for the file for use of delegates to Convention and will need the sheets I gave you that had to do with welfare. When you have ~~them~~ finished with them, please drop them into the mail to me. How is the official negative on welfare coming? I haven't started the one on mental health yet, so I'd better get busy to get it in to Annette by the 12th.

Did you have any tornado damage in your area? We had none in our local area, but it must have been terrible in MPLS. suburbs.

See you at Convention.

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TO: Annette

FROM: Julie

SUBJECT Convention Workbook

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DATE April 24, 1965

This is the rest of the material for the Program section of the Convention handbook, I hope it is okay. Some of the material for the scope under Home Rule is from Ele who talked with the gals of the CMAL committee who are on top of this. Talked with Jean Cross about the Election Laws scope and got some information from her - I am not very satisfied with what I did for that one. Please add your ideas here.

Some of the material in the finance item is taken from a talk by Administration Commissioner Quigley in explanation of the Governor's budget. The way Quigley described it, it all sounded so simple and very possible for us to make general observations and decisions along this line. material

I have sent a duplicate of this to the office and when you okay the material you can let them know when to go ahead.

The Human Resources publication is zooming along. We have been reading ~~proofs~~ ~~proofs~~ over the weekend and I don't think there is any problem of time now that it is in the printer's hands.

As I was looking up this Program material for the Background sections, I thought how valuable this type of roundup would have been to me two

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years ago as a new Board member. Although some of it was in the Convention Workbook and in CR publications and whatall I would have liked something to stick into my notebook that would give background and positions for easy reference. What do you think about running off enough extras of this section for notebooks for new Boarders or others who would want it separately from the Workbook?

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LIVELY ISSUES FOR LIVELY PROGRAM-MAKING

"Long Range Planning Urged for State's Natural Resources," "State School Aid Funds Low," "Citizens Form Group to Save Our St. Croix." Daily, newspaper headlines bemoan the many problems facing the state of Minnesota. We as League members are vitally aware of them, and as such we have a decision to make as to which subjects we will adopt as our Program for the next two years. The purpose of this special Lively Issues edition of the *Minnesota Voter* is to present to you a brief glimpse of some of the areas of state government which need study and action.

As we begin to think about program-making, we must consider these points. In which area can we best make a unique contribution toward solution of the problem? Is the problem one which can be met through government? Will it give League members valuable experience in citizen action? Is it timely? Is it an issue worthy of member time and effort and one about which we can do something?

The various articles championing these lively issues have been contributed by local Leagues throughout the state. Some Leagues are dedicated to the subjects they presented

and plan to bring them into Convention. Others offered to research certain subjects so these items could be presented in this *Voter*. Do not feel limited by the ideas suggested here because others may present themselves. Additional subjects to swell your lively issues list might include: Human Resources, Highways and Transportation, Study of Our Constitution's Finance Article, Reorganization of the Executive Branch or the Legislative Branch, Evaluation of Civil Service Laws, Study of the Judiciary, Administration of Justice, Statutory Reapportionment, and Intergovernmental Relations.

Participating in preparation of this issue of the *Voter* were: Mrs. W. B. Kenyon, Deephaven; Mrs. Clifford Lutz, Edina; Mrs. Darrel E. Walker, Bloomington; Mrs. M. I. Smith, Hibbing; Mrs. Robert Campbell, Arden Hills; Mrs. Howard Hanson, Mahtomedi; Mrs. Herbert Wright, St. Paul; Mrs. Harold Watson, St. Paul; Mrs. Earl Colborn, Minneapolis; Mrs. John Myslajek, Fridley; Mrs. Leland Powers, Willmar; Mrs. David Gabe, Roseville; Mrs. Grady Mann, Fergus Falls; Mrs. Larry Murray, Wayzata; Mrs. J. A. Callahan, Rochester.

1. WELFARE: Problem in Time of Prosperity

Someone once said that a society is judged by what it does for the least of its members. How well do Minnesota programs of public welfare serve the least fortunate members of our society?

In Minnesota public welfare costs amount to around \$150,000,000 annually. The state pays 35%, counties 35%, federal government 29% and other sources 1%. Recent reports show that both Ramsey and Hennepin Counties are faced with rapidly rising welfare costs in a time of general prosperity. Before we can ask if these costs are justified, or indeed whether we should be spending more, we must know more about present programs.

We need to know more about welfare programs such as the differing standards used in administering relief, Aid to Dependent Children, Old-age Assistance, Aid to the Disabled and Aid to the Blind plus Medical Assistance to the Aged which went into effect here July 1.

State welfare services and programs affect directly around 140,000 Minnesotans. It is pertinent to League principles that government "should share in the solution of economic and social problems which affect the general welfare." A timely item, it ties in closely with the national program item of development of human resources.

We might ask are state programs moving in the right direction in helping the disadvantaged people in our state? Are these programs helping people achieve a better life or are they standardizing the very characteristics they should seek to eliminate? Do they reach the people who need help the most?

Looking forward to action we might ask ourselves:

- Should there be one program and one standard to meet the needs of individuals throughout the state?
- Whether we should support elimination of residence requirements within the state from county to county or from state to state? Whether residence requirements are impeding the provision of services?
- Whether we should support legislation to broaden the application of Aid to Dependent Children?
- Whether we should support a more generous formula for reimbursement to distressed counties where the welfare costs are high in relation to resources?
- What are the special problems of medical care in public assistance programs?
- Are we being penny wise and pound foolish in the amounts we presently spend for welfare?

2. Taxation

State financing is *the basic* problem facing our 1965 legislature as we approach the new session.

Very tentative estimates from the state tax commissioners office show that we may well expect a \$55,300,000 increase in tax receipts from present sources for the 1965-67 biennium. In spite of this increase rough estimates show that we will need many millions in addition revenues just to cover present ventures—not including any new programs.

Legislators realize that new sources of revenue will have to be found in order to keep up with the need for state services. Some of the areas of consideration might be an increase in income tax rates, more selective excise taxes, such as a tax on new car sales and on utility bills, and also a look at the sales tax. Other legislators would like a review of the whole tax structure. Senate Finance Committee Chairman Val Imm and his committee have started to review major new state financing problems in preparation for the opening of the 1965 session.

Shall we as League members enter into this complex and most fascinating field of state government?

Any of the following questions may suggest possible CA items for our 1965-67 Program:

1. Should the whole basic picture of state financing be studied to determine if it is antiquated and if there is need for reform?
2. Currently there is talk of lack of funds for education with Department of Education officials estimating a need for \$43,000,000 more for the next biennium for school aid under the present formula. Whether the hassle over school funds is true or false, the League could look into the problem of rising costs of education and sources of revenue.
3. Sales taxes are getting more publicity and more general acceptance than ever before. Should it be accepted at all? If accepted should it be as a replacement tax for personal property taxes or another tax to meet rising costs? Should we be informed and ready to act?
4. Have you noticed the signs which announce costs of new highway construction as you drive around the state? We need more and better highways, but what is the best way to meet the mounting costs?

Any of these phases could be studied impartially and in depth to make a timely and worthwhile item, or they could be grouped together under a general tax study. The probability of other organizations delving into and evaluating the tax field seems unlikely. The League with state-wide membership and no special economic interest to protect or promote might be in a position to make positive suggestions for tax reform. Should the League accept the challenge of a tax item?

3. Mental Health

Mental illness is the number one health problem in our country with at least one person in every 10 having some form of mental or emotional illness that needs psychiatric treatment. How does Minnesota stack up in the care and treatment of this disease?

Our state ranks about at the median in the list of national averages and although progress is made slowly each year, we still lag behind in the mental health field. The quality and quantity of care given patients in our state hospitals can be gauged by an average of about \$6.00 per patient per day spent for mental care compared to \$37.50 for private hospital psychiatric care, not including doctor's services. State hospitals also have a low ratio of hospital personnel to patients, averaging 0.32 per patient as compared to 2.1 in community general hospitals. This figure varies greatly from 1 to 5 in custodial care units to 1 to 1 in intensive treatment and diagnostic units, depending on the emphasis in care.

Community Treatment

The current trend in mental health care is toward treatment of the patient in his home community. Following this trend, Minnesota has set up 20 of these treatment centers in various communities. Because these centers are financed half by state funds and half by local funds co-operation of the local community is essential.

About 75% of patients leave the hospital within the first year and return to their communities. There is need for legislation enabling counties to give adequate welfare services to these people as they again enter their home communities.

There is also a need for long-range research and training programs and for more basic research into the disease. Recruitment and keeping professional personnel at hospitals remains a basic problem.

Mental Ills Laws

Certainly a look at the need for revision of outmoded commitment laws dealing with mental illis would fit into a League-like study of the whole area of Minnesota's mental health problem. For example, persons committed to an institution by probate court lose some of their civil rights, including the right to vote. Persons committed voluntarily do not lose this right. But one of the four conditions under which a citizen can lose his right to vote under Minnesota election laws is for being not of sound mind. Is institutionalization an indication of being not of sound mind? This is only one of the knotty problems in the area of laws dealing with the mentally ill.

By entering the field of mental health the League could offer an unemotional approach to the subject by a group which is not involved by profession or organized specifically for work in this area.

4. Law Enforcement: A Matter of Growing Concern

When Minnesota set up a law enforcement system, it followed the practice of other states making law enforcement a local concern. Under this system which still prevails in the state today, Minnesota has no state police force as such.

In recent years the state has become aware that local police officers have in some cases failed to enforce state laws. For this reason various state agencies have been established to aid in law enforcement. Among these are the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the Highway Patrol and the Department of Corrections.

The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is basically a service organization which assists police departments, sheriffs, coroners, county attorneys and others in cases of a criminal nature. Although many feel the Bureau has been a tremendous asset to law enforcement in the state, it must operate under a limited budget, which necessarily keeps it understaffed and without proper equipment. A number of years ago when the crime rate was down, the Bureau operated with twenty-six agents. Today, with about the same budget, the Bureau has eight agents, while crime has increased 100 percent, from 28,661 major crimes in 1954 to 58,267 in 1963.

The Department of Corrections brings together in a single department those functions previously performed

5. Education: Local-State Partnership

The local school district often becomes a subject for local League study and action. Much of this study leads to a dead end because so many of the problems of the local school district must be solved on a state-wide level.

At the close of each legislative session, the Minnesota Department of Education, local school districts and other interested groups begin to evaluate the accomplishments of the session in the field of education to determine where future legislation is most needed and to put the wheels in motion for the next session. Looking forward to the 1965 session we find problems very typical of the education situation in our state.

The 1965 legislature will most certainly tackle the area of

by the Youth Conservation Commission, the State Board of Parole and Probation and the Department of Welfare, the latter being concerned with correctional institutions.

What about our correctional institutions? Are they adequate to serve the needs of the adult and youthful offenders? Are they offering the proper help and treatment to enable the individual to adjust to and become an asset to society when he is released? How do we stand in the area of juvenile delinquency? What is being done to help the delinquent? What are we doing to prevent future delinquency? And, concerning all of these areas, are they adequately staffed with trained people and sufficiently financed?

Local Elected Officials

Many of our officials such as the constable, the county sheriff and various judges are elected to office. Is the best qualified person necessarily selected by this method?

Are our best people coming forward to seek these offices; or are they reluctant because they must rely on the will of the voter for these positions?

We are a nation of laws, thus law enforcement becomes a very important function in our society. We will survive and prosper only as we observe a lawful atmosphere. How can we best retain the security of this lawful climate?

(1) State aid, or more precisely, the financing of state aid. Should we consider sources of income other than the steadily rising real estate tax, such as a sales tax, increased income taxes, or special taxes such as a tax on automobiles?

(2) Should the per capita tax limit, which many school districts are approaching and some have reached, be raised, eliminated or adjusted in some equitable way by this or a future legislature?

(3) The state law regarding the closing date for filing of candidates for school board elections. At present this closing date is 10 days prior to the election. Would thirty days be a more realistic period of time?

(4) Transportation aid is a problem which affects those school districts which are small in area. Should districts of less than 18 square miles receive transportation aid from the state?

(5) Teacher tenure might be an area of future legislation. In Minnesota a teacher with two years of employment goes on a continuing contract. Should there be a period of time determined by each school district in which a teacher is employed, during which his ability can be evaluated?

Because the local school district plays such a vital role in all our lives, the problems of education on a state level would seem a lively issue for League study and action.

CONSERVATION: the Future of our National Resources

6. LAND MANAGEMENT

"Our standard of living can be no higher than the standard of our natural resources," says John G. McKane, editor of *The Conservation Volunteer*, a publication of the Minnesota Department of Conservation.

While the idea of conservation is generally accepted, it is not always understood. All too frequently it is felt that this great idea is best left "to the other fellow . . . to the other town . . . to the other county," but it is carried out by each one of us and our neighbor, in our town and the other county.

Basic to conservation is land management. Minerals are a part of it, forests, agriculture, wildlife, and water are directly dependent upon the land. The welfare of the people of Minnesota depends upon how successfully land is managed.

Metropolitan land use planning, rural area development, resource planning are common terms in our state. What does this mean to the farmer, the small town businessman, the metropolitan dweller?

Certainly the wise use of Minnesota's natural resources is recognized as essential to the economic future of the state. Can the League contribute to conservation in a way that is not being met by the other organizations already involved in the field?

State conservation is controlled by the legislature making it a governmental issue. It is an issue on which out-state and metropolitan Leagues could feel a common bond. It would have appeal for the new member and stimulation for the old. Our procedure of study and consensus would be to our favor in approaching the legislature on these often explosive issues. Planning for the future as well as the present is not a new idea in League study. In conservation, tomorrow may be too late.

7. WATER RESOURCES

On the national level the League of Women Voters has worked in the field of water conservation since 1956. Our study has given us some insight into the needs, conflicts and alternatives to be considered in establishing a national water policy. Should we use this experience at the state level as Minnesota tackles its own problems of water conservation?

Many organizations are already concerned with one or more aspects of the state's water resources. Some of their aims overlap, some are complementary and still others are competitive. Would the League's involvement, representing the public interest, be helpful in developing possible avenues of legislative action?

Clean waters remain a prime concern. The Mississippi, originating in the state, is polluted by domestic and industrial wastes before it leaves our borders. Other major rivers and lakes are similarly afflicted. How can we en-

courage greater responsibility on the part of citizens, municipalities and industries in alleviating this menace to health and the economy? Can the recommendations of the Water Pollution Control Commission be more effectively implemented? Do we need further legislation in this area?

An adequate water supply is inextricably combined with good watershed management. For part of Minnesota this means the maintenance of our forests and the reforestation of unprotected and unproductive areas. For the open farmlands this means slowing down water runoff for maximum retention of rainfall and snow melt. Are recreation areas, industrial development needs as well as municipal needs considered in watershed planning? What is the status of the small watershed program in Minnesota?

There have been changes in Minnesota water laws since 1955 when the Water Resources Board was established. An analysis of present state water laws and their effect on federal, state and local water resource projects could well be done.

The League of Women Voters is recognized for responsible action. Can we apply this action now in the preservation of this vital natural resource?

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NEEDED: A New Look at Old CRs

Relate these three articles to the article by Mrs. Whiting on page 6.

8. HOME RULE

There was a feeling of dissatisfaction with our home rule position at the last state Convention. Although it was outmoded, home rule was retained as a CR instead of being dropped entirely or in lieu of the League undertaking a whole new basic study of the subject. Now we find possibilities of modernizing our home rule position through a limited study as part of a "single list" experiment. Our position states that we place realistic restrictions on special legislation and favor broader provisions for adoption and amendment of home rule charters.

But this position can't cover some of the changes in conditions in local government that have been evolving since our original study of home rule. In the field of local government we are seeing the increasing need for local units to work for solution of common problems through cooperation with neighboring communities. Some sort of modification of local consent as provided under the Spe-

cial Laws provision of the 1958 Home Rule Amendment should be worked out to make the local approval requirement flexible enough to meet the increasing demands for cooperation.

Although the issues involved in formulating legislation for waiving local consent are highlighted in metropolitan problems, this is a matter which would affect communities throughout the state. In fact, out-state municipalities should be especially alert to the possibility that knotty metro problems will spur the legislature into extremely stringent solutions which could destroy the foundations of home rule for everyone.

The League has a solid background to build an updating study of these new problems relating to local consent. We also could do effective work in our local communities to discourage the ever-increasing flow of special laws which bog down the legislature each session by encouraging local responsibility for local problems.

9. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

While in an area of concern like Home Rule, *conditions* are changing which affect our position, in the area of civil and human rights, *solutions* are changing and developing. Because the commission method of enforcement, with its possibilities for conciliation and education, has proved effective in dealing with discrimination in employment and housing, it is considered as an appropriate enforcement agency for a growing list of anti-discrimination laws.

Our consensus on fair housing was that we support the present law, but that we would like to study it in operation before working to strengthen it. Many proposals have now been made to increase the coverage of the law and to streamline the operation of the State Commission Against Discrimination. Some of these suggestions were unknown at the time of our study.

Possible solutions to the disadvantages which the Indians face will come from the Minnesota Indian Affairs Commission, and League members have shown an interest in considering these proposals.

Further, in the whole area of human resources, we are taking a new look at what contributes to disadvantage and at the policies and programs in the United States designed to insure equality of opportunity.

All of this makes for a dynamic study which may cause us to be dissatisfied with static positions. An equality of opportunity item may well be one which could be advanced to an experimental Current Agenda list.

10. CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

Constitutional revision has been a part of League Program for 16 long years. Since 1961 we have supported revision by constitutional convention as a CR and revision by amendment as a CA. Perhaps now is the time to take a fresh look at this old item and re-examine both our approach and what we hope to accomplish.

Here are some of the questions we might consider.

1. Are there any factors in the current political situation that make a constitutional convention more likely than it has been in the past? Would reapportionment, for instance, establish a more favorable climate in the legislature?
2. Do we really want a constitutional convention? Michigan's new constitution falls far short of the ideal. Could we avoid their mistakes?
3. How much can we expect to accomplish through the amending process? In recent years we have been unsuccessful in getting League-proposed amendments such as joint election of Governor and Lt. Governor on the ballot. How can we be more successful in the future?
4. Is it consistent to work for a constitutional convention as the best method of obtaining overall revision and, at the same time, continue to support amendments which produce piecemeal revision?

Shall We Join the Single List Experiment?

Last fall many of your local League bulletins carried an article entitled "Is It Time for a Change." The gist of this discussion was to do away with CAs and CRs and have a single list of program items. We were talking about it last fall because the idea of the single list was being proposed as a change in national Bylaws.



Mrs. Whiting

The LWV of New Jersey has a single list Program adopted in the spring of 1963, and our own Minneapolis League chose a single list Program this May. Rather than make such a drastic change on the national level at this time our 1964 Convention adopted an "experimental" Program with four Current Agenda items—one new item, continuing two CAs plus one former CR—and four CRs.

This is an experiment in that each of the Current Agenda items is to be given a different sort of treatment. This is possible because there is no provision in our Bylaws which makes equal attention to CAs mandatory. Our main concern is to make League Program as flexible as possible so that we can act—not quickly and rashly—but nevertheless up-to-date.

If we are to understand and appreciate how we might function under a structure change, we should plan now for the adoption of similar "experimental" Programs on the state and local levels.

What does this mean? It does not mean a change in Bylaws, for we interpret the authorization to be in our present state and local Bylaws just as it was interpreted to be in our national Bylaws. It means that as you participate in the program-making process you will recommend items for Current Agenda which do not necessarily require equal attention.

Take a good look at our present State CRs. Perhaps you can see a CA item including all of our positions relating to discrimination with little study foreseen, except as it might relate to developments in our new national development of human resources item. Perhaps our home rule item should become a CA with limited study and consensus the first year. An item on constitutional revision might be included in this type of an approach to state Program.

By keeping up-to-date in these program areas where we have a sound background, we will not lose opportunities to be effective. At the same time we may want to begin work in an entirely new area. There are many unsolved problems in government today as is apparent in discussion

of these lively issues. Perhaps our League needs the satisfaction of tackling one of these.

As we go through this experimental process it will be necessary to evaluate. Does it simplify our program procedure? Does it give the Boards too much authority? Does it actually provide greater flexibility? What about workload? Is the end result a longer, more forbidding Program or a shorter one? What about the responsibility of delegates, at state and national Conventions, for giving direction? Does this mean greater or less individual responsibility for the membership?

We must seek answers to these questions—this is the way we move ahead.

Mrs. W. W. Whiting, President

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PROPOSED STATE PROGRAM 1965-67
First Round

The tremendous response from 51 of our 64 local Leagues to the First Round Program Suggestions for 1965-67 shows the intense interest on the part of our members in the program-making process. Guided by these suggestions the state Board has recommended the following Program:

CURRENT AGENDA

1. Financing Government in Minnesota: Evaluation of revenue sources with consideration of state and local needs.
2. Equality of Opportunity: Support of policies (and procedures) to insure equality of opportunity in employment, housing, public accommodations, education and other public services *for all citizens*;
3. Home Rule: Support of policies that promote equitable application of home rule.
4. Election Laws: Support of party designation for legislators and improvements in election laws in the field of campaign practices, election procedures and voting.

CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support legislation to regulate lobbying and conflict of interests.
2. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support constitutional revision by convention and by amendments to improve the constitution.

EXPLANATION OF PROGRAM
Single List Experiment

From the set-up of this Program you will notice that the state Board has recommended a single list experiment similar to the one begun on the national level last year. By recommending four CAs and two CRs we do not intend to burden the members with a heavy work load. Only one item is new, with three recommended CAs encompassing present CRs, one combining with a present CA. Each item is intended to receive a different amount of attention with the finance item - since it is new - receiving major study. Remember that we have a two year period to work on these four items, and there may be no study on some until the second year. Updating of the three old items should be quite limited.

Feeling on a single list as taken from suggestions from local Leagues was very mixed. Some wholeheartedly endorsed a single list, some were very comfortable with the present situation, and others were willing to experiment. The Board decided on a single list experiment on the state level in order to facilitate and give a fair chance to the structure experiment begun at national Convention.

This will give the League a chance to try the experiment as a method of gaining greater flexibility in Program under the present Program structure. We would be able to update, re-evaluate and add to some of our older positions which have become increasingly outmoded, something which is impossible to do to a CR item. The Board does not recommend a Bylaw change at this time but would suggest waiting until the national Board has cleared up problems concerning a single list in the National Bylaws.

EXPLANATION OF CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

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Our anti-discrimination positions based on consensus arrived at from 1948 to 1964 include:

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Although we have supported realistic restrictions on special legislation we find the legislature still carrying a heavy load of special bills. Are local communities relinquishing their responsibility for home rule by passing problems on to the legislature for solution instead of wrestling with them at home?

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Scope: This item would probably call for very limited attention. By moving it to CA status we could expand our positions to cover subjects which might come out of an interim commission on election laws. The President's Commission on Registration and Voting Participation report has brought up some areas of election laws which we might study or re-evaluate. The Commission has recommended lowering the voting age to 18 which we may wish to re-examine. Each election many people are disenfranchised because of the high mobility of our population. We may look into various kinds of reciprocal arrangements between states to provide for voting before new residents meet the usual voting requirements--either voting in former states or voting in new states. We could look into the use of voting machines, how a ballot is set up, review our present campaign practices positions. This would also give us an opportunity to re-evaluate our present positions after we find out the results of this session's legislative action.

Material for Nov. 1964 Board memo

LWV of Minnesota, State Organization Service, Univ. of Minn., Minneapolis, Minn.
November, 1964

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Calendar for State Program Suggestions 1965-67

Feb. 19 - First round suggestions to state Board
March - First round suggestions back to local Leagues
April 12 - Second round suggestions to state Board
May 19 - Presentation of items at state Convention

Guide for Informed Program-making

Program-making: the most stimulating and exciting part of League procedures.

It may start with an idea--a newspaper article, a long-time interest in a project, a crying need in a particular area. It continues on through the process of individual members selling their suggestions to their local Leagues. The local League, in turn, picks up enthusiasm to carry this choice onto the floor of the 1965 Convention. It's a dynamic process where each member may have a voice in Program choice.

The discussion leader for Program suggestions should:

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1. Background your League in the Program-making process. (Local League Handbook, p. 16, 28) Short talks at units before Program suggestion meetings, articles in bulletins, will make procedures understandable.
2. Prepare your Board for their responsibility in this process. They will evaluate the suggestions which come from units. Set aside enough time for this important job.
3. Prepare interesting presentations making use of visual aids, skits.

Discussion At Units

1. Evaluate present Program items. Do we have positions on CAs? Are they meaningful? Take a close look at CRs. They generally receive a minimum of attention in the flurry of choosing Current Agenda items. What is the proposed action on CRs in the Legislature? Are our CRs still meaningful or have they become outdated? (CR position sheets will soon be available from the state office.) Would certain CRs be better moved to CA status?
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5. Consider the single list experiment begun on the national level at Convention last April.
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Background for Program Discussion

The National Voter, May-June 1964, League Principles

Local League Handbook, p. 16, 28, whole section on State and National Program

The Minnesota VOTER, March (CR Voter), July-August, September-October, (Lively
Issues Voter), November-December 1964

Board Memos - September, October, November and December 1964

National Board Report, September 1963, p. 10, 11--Program Structure

State CR Position Papers

STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

Suggestions must be in the State Office on or before February 19, 1965.

The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of _____.

Current Agenda Items

Continuing Responsibilities

Include as many suggestions as your League would like to see on the 1965-67 Program. Remember that a suggestion must be included in the First Round in order to be considered at Convention.

Material for ~~1964~~ Board Memo -
PROPOSED STATE PROGRAM 1965-67

First Round

The tremendous response from 51 of our 64 local Leagues to the First Round Program Suggestions for 1965-67 shows the intense interest on the part of our members in the program-making process. Guided by these suggestions the state Board has recommended the following Program:

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EXPLANATION OF PROGRAM

Single List Experiment

From the set-up of this Program you will notice that the state Board has recommended a single list experiment similar to the one begun on the national level last year. By recommending four CAs and two CRs we do not intend to burden the members with a heavy work load. Only one item is new, with three recommended CAs encompassing present

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Feeling on a single list as taken from suggestions from local Leagues was very mixed. Some wholeheartedly endorsed a single list, some were very comfortable with the present situation, and others were willing to experiment. The Board decided on a single list experiment on the state level in order to facilitate and give a fair chance to the structure experiment begun at national Convention.

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These CR positions would be handled as they have been in the past.

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Adequate legislative session

Provision for a post auditor (public examiner)

Reapportionment under our new consensus

Easing of the amending process

Clearly fixed executive authority which includes support of the short ballot, joint election of governor and lieutenant governor and constitutional provision for an executive budget.

We could initiate amendments which would implement any of these constitutional revision positions.

In addition to the items recommended by the Board, many other subjects were suggested by the local Leagues. This is a complete listing by general subject matter with an indication of the number of Leagues suggesting the item.
Current Agenda items
40 Leagues

Finance - taxation

20-25 Leagues

Welfare
Mental Health

10-15 Leagues

Equal Opportunities
Home Rule
Education
Conservation
Amendments to improve constitution

1-9 Leagues

Law Enforcement
Election Laws
Indians
~~Ethics in Government~~ Lobby regulation and conflict of interest.
Water Resources
Constitutional Revision by convention or amendment
Constitutional Revision by convention
Pressure Groups
Unemployment Insurance
Party Designation
Reapportionment
Human Resources
Junior College System
Mandatory Voter Registration
Governmental Reorganization
Clean and Repair Capitol Building

Continuing Responsibilities

Those Leagues which did not indicate a preference for a single list suggested varying numbers of our present CRs. All the five present CRs were recommended plus our two present CRs and some combinations of these.
Equal Opportunities, Election Laws, Constitutional Revision by Convention, Home Rule, Ethics in Government, Indians and Constitutional revision by amendment. Some suggested combining Indian position under Equal Opportunity. Some wanted Constitutional revision by convention teamed up with constitutional revision by amendment.

Material for Conv. Workbook
EXPLANATION OF 1965-67 PROPOSED STATE PROGRAM

Insert little article here
Single List Experiment

From the statement of the Proposed State Program 1965-67 you can see that the state Board has suggested that a modified single list experiment be adopted by the state Convention. This single list experiment would include four Current Agenda items and two Continuing Responsibilities - each CA requiring a different type of treatment and a different amount of study. This experiment has been suggested as a method of gaining greater flexibility in Program while retaining our present Program structure.

On the national level our present Program structure with its division into CAs and CRs was initiated in 1954? when the change was made from the ~~old platform~~ ^{blanket authorization} for action on dozens of subjects under the old platform. (Annette - was similar set-up on state level at this time?) (Should be sentence to that effect here)

During the past years as members have worked with our present Program set-up, many have become increasingly dissatisfied with the restrictions of the Continuing Responsibility category. When an item is voted CR status, following study and consensus, its position remains static; its position may be narrowed but not expanded. Action may be based on the stated position and may not go beyond this position, and there may be no new study leading to consensus.

Lobbyists working on legislation under some of our present CRs have found themselves stymied and unable to support or oppose legislation in certain parts of our study areas because that particular item was not an issue at the time of our original study. If this item had been a CA, a limited study would enable the League to reach a new consensus or add to present consensus in a field where we already had good basic background. Situations can change swiftly and many old positions under CRs need restudy to make them usable in the light of rapidly moving governmental concerns, e.g., some areas of discrimination.

When a CR is moved back to CA status, all the positions under the CR are retained unless these are changed following new study and re-evaluation. We did this type of study when we ~~reexamined~~ ^{reexamined} reapportionment amendment provisions in 1964.

National Convention Set the Pattern

At the 1964 national Convention a single list Program was proposed from the floor as a Bylaw amendment but not recommended by the national Board. This proposal was not adopted but a modified experiment was accepted instead. We are now entering the second year of study under this experiment on the national level. We have noted a heavier work load during this first year, but that is to be expected. The following year we should see a lighter work load as we have already done the basic background most of the national Program. We might expect a slightly heavier load the first year of a state single list experiment as items are updated, but this would slacken off during the second year.

Because we do not wish to burden local Leagues with a heavy Program, the state Board has chosen only one new CA, the Finance item, with major study focused here. We suggest only limited work on Election Laws, Equality of Opportunity and Home Rule. (An explanation of amount of study expected and ~~the~~ tentative plans for when the study will be carried out can be found under each item.)

Local Leagues have indicated quite a bit of interest in the single list during the past year with some adopting a single list for local Program. About half of the Program suggestions on the first round preferred a single list and some Leagues continued to indicate this preference on the second round.

The state Board chose not to recommend a Bylaw change to the single list at this time. The Board would like to live with the experiment on both national and state levels for two years in order

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to evaluate it more completely. A single list Bylaw change has been proposed by the Minneapolis League and this proposal will be discussed during the time provided on the Convention schedule.

By offering this single list experiment under present Program structure the state Board feels that we will have a more workable and timely Program - one upon which we will find more freedom to act.

This little item should go right under the heading - before the single list article.

The response was marvelous! Fifty-one local Leagues submitted Program suggestions on the first round to afford the state Board a clear choice for a proposed Program for the coming biennium. A finance item was indicated by over 3/4ths of the Leagues with welfare and mental health drawing the interest of 50 percent of the local Leagues participating.

On the second round 37 Leagues submitted recommendations, the great majority seconding the state Board's choice. Most comment on the second round involved the fear that Indians would be neglected and positions lost under the statement of the Equality of Opportunity item. The Board changed the wording of this item to mention Indians directly in the CA statement.

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

Civil rights has come to the fore as one of the most pressing problems facing our nation today. The League in Minnesota recognized the right to equality of opportunity for all its citizens as far back as 1949 when the League first entered the field of discrimination with a broad study of civil rights in Minnesota. Later our Program focused on fair employment practices, and the League worked with other groups for a strong, enforceable law against discrimination. Following passage of FEP legislation the League put "Support of the Fair Employment Practices Commission" on the Program as a CR. It remained as a CR until 1961 when the League became concerned with other aspects of discrimination. This discrimination item was placed on the Current Agenda to enable us to look into discrimination in the areas of housing, employment and the special problems of Indians. Following first year study, the League was able to support the fair housing bill and also to voice strong support of commission enforcement of fair housing. The second year of study under this item found us delving into the problems of Minnesota Indians. The Indian item was adopted as a separate CA in 1963 and since then we have dealt with welfare and law enforcement problems of the Indian citizen. In 1963 our discrimination item was moved to a Continuing Responsibility.

Our anti-discrimination positions based on consensus arrived at from 1948 to 1964 include:

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To amplify our position on Indians the League feels that the ultimate goal of all programs for Minnesota Indians should be the self-sufficiency of the Indian population and acceptance into American life, but this acceptance or integration does not imply altering their reservation status or cultural patterns except as the Indians may desire it. It is to be accomplished on their own terms.

*June 18, 1964, Consensus
Statement here*

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Scope

The new wording of our proposed Equality of Opportunity CA embraces present positions in employment, housing and public accommodations and adds to the scope of the item by inviting study of discrimination in ^{education} ~~public~~ and other public services (such as welfare).

We will have some background in equality of opportunity in ^{state} education through material in our new human resources publication, Minnesota's Changing Patterns. Can the League add a factual and unemotional approach to the area of discrimination in education? Could the League act as a clearing house for information gathered under an education study carried out in local communities?

During this legislative session there discussion of merger or revamping of the State Commission Against Discrimination and the Governor's Human Rights Commission. Should these two commissions be combined into a state department? Should SCAD retain its present status? What forms of merger would be most advantageous to the state? Since we did our 1961 study of commission enforcement, other states have used various forms of enforcement. Is it time to take another look at alternatives available in order to re-evaluate our commission method? Material gleaned from such a study might make good background information for an interim commission studying a possible merger. At the time our consensus was taken on fair housing the act We support the act as it stands and oppose efforts to repeal it. had not gone into effect. We had no chance to see the law in action before our consensus and so made no recommendation to strengthen it. By having Equality of Opportunity as a CA we would be able to assess the success of the act over the last several years and make further recommendations from this information. We might ask: should fair housing be extended to include all one family dwellings whether federally assisted or not?

Our position on Indians is probably broad enough to enable us to support solutions to the problems of the Indians under our present statement. No further study is anticipated in this area beyond updating. We will retain all of our positions arrived at during our study of Indians.

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We see as the tentative time schedule for our work on Equality of Opportunity first year work on alternative methods of enforcement. During the second year we might approach housing and education and other public services.

III Home Rule: Support of policies that promote equitable application of home rule.

Background

The League's specific interest in Home Rule grew out of a constitutional revision CA item studied as far back as 1948. In 1950 the strengthening of home rule was mentioned as a separate Current Agenda item, and Home Rule appeared in some form as a CA until 1957 when increased home rule for local government was adopted as part of a constitutional revision CR. In 1959, 1961 and 1963 Home Rule was although it was not recommended by the Board adopted as a separate CR 1 in 1963.

The League gave support to the Home Rule Amendment which was passed by the voters in 1958. The amendment was aimed at accomplishing these things: 1) facilitate the use by local governments of the charter process, 2) make the abuse of special laws by the legislature less likely by requiring local consent and the designation of affected communities by name, 3) allow for the organization of city-counties and for city-county consolidation through local action.

Although passage of this amendment accomplished some of the League goals, several areas of interest in the field of Home Rule need work. Our present position pledges League support of the principles of home rule relating to realistic restrictions on special legislation and broader provisions for the adoption and amendment of home rule charters.

Scope

The major area of action in Home Rule has moved away from special legislation and home rule charters and now rests in the area of local consent - a part of the Home Rule process on which the League has no position.

When we studied Home Rule from 1948 to 1957 the burgeoning metropolitan area had not yet faced up to the need for cooperation among local units of government. We did not see how the local consent provision of the Home Rule Amendment might hamper the ~~efficiency~~ securing efficient and practical solutions to the need for governmental services through cooperation. (According to the amendment every unit affected by special legislation must give its consent to this legislation, so one council, or board or the voters of one municipality can prevent the adoption of area-wide legislation. The amendment also stated that the legislature may dispense with local approval in some cases, but this must be provided for as a general policy by general law.) Now this problem of area cooperation is before us - greatly magnified - not only for the Twin Cities area but for many of the other urban areas around the state.

Since 1958 legislation has been introduced which would alter or do away with local consent, but so far none has been passed. Presently a bill, introduced by Sen. Gordon Rosenmeier, to dispense with local approval except when a special law itself provides for it. The Rosenmeier legislation has been met with cries of "death of home rule." it is before the legislature. Other less stringent solutions have been also introduced.

If the local consent clause is abolished by the Rosenmeier bill, this doesn't mean the the of a League study in this area. The question of local consent will still remain before the legislature, for that body then must set up some sort of legislative policy dealing with the question of when local consent should be included in special bills. Can the League help form a position dealing with realistic and fair limitation on local consent?

The League has long seen the need for limiting special legislation and hoped that the Home Rule Amendment would implement this. But we find that there is still a tremendous amount of special leg-

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islation being passed each session - 305 passed in 1963 as compared to 230 in 1957. New material is now available which may give us insight into how special legislation can really be limited. Would a brief restudy of this area give us new directions on our approach to realistic restrictions on special legislation? Do local units of government abdicate their responsibility for home rule by passing problems on to the legislature for solution?

The 1958 Home Rule Amendment gave counties the right to Home Rule, but no enabling legislation has been passed to facilitate this. We find much of our special legislation in the legislature deals with counties - setting retirement schedules for county employees, etc. Should counties have increased power to handle their own problems? Should the legislature set up mechanics for county charter commissions? ^{Or} should the legislature provide various plans (as for local municipalities) for the use of counties?

Through the new wording of this item the Board feels that we will have more leeway to work for a fair and workable provision for home rule under the rapidly developing situations in metropolitan areas. The study under this item would probably stem from outcome of the ~~present~~ session and would be scheduled for the first year.

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

Background

One of the most active and satisfying Program items adopted by the League has been the field of Election Laws. Party Designation has been on the Program as CA or CR since its initial adoption in 1951. Our position states support of party designation for legislators, and the inclusion of county officials in a party designation bill is not actually supported but would be acceptable.

In 1958 the League did an intensive study of state election laws while the item was a CA adopted by the 1957 Convention. Later we branched out into the area of corrupt practices with these items as part of the Current Agenda until 1961. At that time PD, election laws and campaign practices were combined into our current three-pronged CR.

Under our present positions the League maintains a strong interest in campaign practices and calls for: shorter campaigns, expenditure of less money on campaigns, reporting of how all money is obtained and spent to give a tighter control over candidates and volunteer committees. Although some improvements were made through the 1963 revision of the Corrupt Practices Law, the League continues to support dollar limits on campaign expenditures that are more realistic, flexible and enforceable. We also favor requesting, but not requiring, the candidate to sign a campaign practices code. The League feels neither labor unions nor corporations should contribute to campaign funds.

Under changes in election laws procedures the League supports centralized responsibility in state government for achieving uniform election procedures and for training officials, extending registration

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to smaller municipalities, counties, or state, giving more latitude to councils in determining qualifications and number of election judges, an open primary. We also oppose lowering the voting age and raising filing fees.

Recent successes in which the League worked long and hard were easing the 30 day residence requirement passed in 1961 and provision ^{an} to allow otherwise qualified voter to vote for president and vice-president before he meets residence requirements passed in 1965.

Scope

Our positions under campaign practices seem quite broad and probably are adequate as a basis for legislation for a number of years to come. The legislators seem reluctant to limit themselves to any more rigid legislation at this time. No ~~work~~ study in this area is contemplated except for the usual ^{type of} updating that the item would get as a CR.

Because election laws is an area where many League members are directly involved, as they serve as election judges or man the registration offices, Leaguers can make unique contributions toward solution of problems ~~involving~~ of election laws. Through the experience of those who have worked under present voting procedures and registration we may find the need for further changes in our election procedures.

League has worked hard for extension of voter registration to smaller communities and has met with little success. Could we ~~xxxxxx~~ do more research on this item which would be valuable background material for a future Interim Commission on Election Laws? Through new study
Could we write a mandatory voter registration bill which would have a better chance of passage?

In this age of the computer we find growing interest in electronic voting. Electronic voting is said to be cheap and an easy process but would need a change in laws to allow for this ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ method of casting the ballot. There might also be ^{citizen} the need for education ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ in use of this type of machine.

We also find new methods of voter registration which make the process an easier one for the voter to carry out. Could we adopt a more simple method of voter registration? While the League favors extending registration to smaller communities, we have not considered county-wide administration of voter registration.

The President's Commission on Registration and Voting Procedures has made a number of recommendations for improvements in the area of election laws. One of these is lowering the voting age to 18. We may wish to re-examine our position in opposition to lowering the voting age in the light of new information on the subject. Are there other recommendations of the commission which should be considered by our state?

Study by local Leagues on this Election Law CA would be very limited and would probably be centered on specific pieces of legislation. Plans are to work on this item during the first part of the second year in preparation for the 1967 legislative session.

PROPOSED CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

Over the years the League has studied certain governmental issues, reached consensus on these items and stated positions in order to be able to take action on these items. These state CRs are considered unfinished business upon which the League may continue to act as long as they are adopted by Convention as part of Program. CRs are restricted in that positions cannot be changed while they remain on the Program. The range of a CR may be narrowed by the membership but may not be expanded, so CRs are definite limited to action only on stated positions. There may be updating under a CR, but no change for new study and consensus.

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

Background: In 1959 Ethics in Government was adopted as a Current Agenda item stemming from League interest in election laws. After reaching consensus on lobby regulation and conflict of interest, this item became a CR by the will of the 1961 and 1963 state Conventions. League lobbyists have worked in legislative sessions under positions from our original consensus. In the field of lobby regulation these include: support of full disclosure of lobbying activities including disclosure of name and address of lobbyist, name of employer, nature of legislation with which he is concerned, nature of activities in which he engages, amount of money contributed to his lobbying actions and by whom, and terms of his employment.

Our positions on conflict of interests state: The League supports financial disclosure of sources and amount of income related to public service. It also calls for on the spot disclosure of personal interest in legislation and it prohibits certain incompatible activities such as: public officials representing a private interest before a state agency or representing a private interest against the state in any action in which the state or state agency is the complainant. It

prohibits disclosure of confidential information; prohibits private employment of public officials where activity would be incompatible with proper discharge of public duties; and prohibits for two years former officials representing private interest against the state in any matter for which he was responsible during state service.

2. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support constitutional revision by convention and by amendments to improve the constitution.

Background: During the last 17 years, the League has gained a reputation for continuing interest in constitutional revision. The League carried out basic constitutional studies many years ago and has had a constitutional item on its Program since 1948. The League endorses constitutional convention as the best way of securing orderly, complete revision of Minnesota's Constitution. At the same time the League recognizes that for the present the most practical method of constitutional revision is by amendment. We retain several positions on constitutional ~~xxxxxxxx~~ amendments which have been arrived at through consensus. These are:

1. An easier amending process. The League supports changing the majority required for ratification of constitutional amendments from a majority of those voting on the election to a majority of those voting on the question.
2. Regular and equitable reapportionment. A restatement of our reapportionment position is based on our recent study and consensus on that subject. The League favors an amendment which would:
 - a. Leave the primary responsibility for reapportionment with the legislature but would establish definite procedures if the legislature fails to act.
 - b. Specify the maximum deviation of any district from the ideal.
 - c. Prohibit an increase in legislative size.
3. Provision for a post auditor (public examiner) appointed by and directly responsible to the legislature.

4. Legislative sessions of adequate length. The League worked for a 120 day biennial session in the past and can support an annual 60 day session.

5. Clearly fixed executive responsibility which would include support of fewer elective offices (short ballot), an executive budget, and joint election of governor and lieutenant governor.

Under these positions we may not only support amendments drawn by others but initiate amendments which would implement these positions. If ballot amendments fall into any of these positions we can evaluate the amendments and support or oppose them just as we can for other legislation.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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

April 29, 1965

Mrs. Joel Russell
633 E. Vine
Owatonna, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Russell,

This is the listing of local Leagues which suggested a finance or taxation item on the first round of Program suggestions. The Leagues with stars included some explanation of the suggested item.

Bloomington
Brainerd
Brooklyn Park
Chisholm
Edina
Faribault
Fergus Falls
Granite Falls
Hibbing
Hutchinson
Deephaven*
Minneapolis
New Brighton
Owatonna
Red Wing
Richfield
Robbinsdale
Rochester
St. Croix Valley
Shoreview
St. Louis Park
Wayzata
Wells

White Bear Lake
Bemidji*
Battle Lake
Alexandria*
St. Peter
Albert Lea
Arden Hills
Brooklyn Center
Columbia Heights
Duluth
Fridley
Mahtomedi*
Roseville
St. Paul
Westonka
St. Cloud
Excelsior (financing education)

27 of these Leagues offered this as their first choice and 8 had it as second choice so you can see it has a great deal of support.

The second round indicated a continued support of the program suggested by the Board by over 3/4ths of the Leagues submitting suggestions.

If you are going to begin lobbying, I hope that you can whip up some enthusiastic discussion for some very lively Program making. Good luck.

Sincerely,

Julie Henriksson



Julie Henriksson

MENTAL HEALTH

Official Negative

Mental health has long been recognized as the number one health problem in our country and as such has created much interest among some League members as a possible program item for a number of program making periods. And this time was no exception. About 20 local Leagues indicated interest in this problem on our first round of program making.

Mental Health was not recommended by the state Board as an area for League study for several reasons.

One of our criteria for program choice asks if the League can make a unique contribution to the field. There are already a group of organizations specially organized for the specific reasons of Minn. attempting to solve these problems - organizations such as the Mental Health Association, organization for the Mentally Retarded, groups of the various professions, nurses, psychiatrists, social workers and others. These groups are making progress in the area. Could we do much more than parallel their progress? Would our contribution be unique? The board feels that it would not.

Another reason for non recommendation was the overwhelming support on the part of local Leagues for the finance item. The Board feels that under the proposed single list experiment there is not room at this time for two new study items.

We have all been moved by the heart rending photos taken in our state institutions and printed in the Minneapolis Tribune and other places. We have read with sympathetic reaction the Governor's pleas for improvement of the mental health picture in the state. We have read of the lack of adequate staff all down the line and seen the need for more workers necessary for progress in ~~work~~ with mentally retarded. The need for better facilities and the need for increased

staff boils down to increased appropriations to realize these needs. Six of the 8 legislative goals of the Minnesota Mental Health Association for 1963 were based on increased appropriations. Continuation of community mental health centers, treatment programs for disturbed youngsters, adequate state hospital appropriations, legislation to enable counties to give adequate welfare services, long range research and training programs, basic research. All of these are closely tied to legislative appropriations and funding of other kinds. As Leaguers we would like to be able to take action on issues rather than a program so dependent on appropriations.

The Board also felt that, if the membership continued the interest in mental health, following a basic study of financing our state government, we would have a much better background for study of this mental health problem which is so closely tied to appropriations. After two or four years of a finance study we may wish to narrow our area of interest to a specific field of state spending - such as mental health or welfare. The Board feels that now if not the time to attempt a mental health study.

(Annette - I would also like to add a paragraph about legislative appropriations when and if they get this settled before Convention as an example of some progress.)

1965-67 Program Suggestion Committee Report

In spite of sick children and cars that wouldn't start, the Program Suggestion Committee (Marion Watson, Mary Faucett, Ele Colborn, Julie Henricksson and Annette Whiting) met at Annette's on Feb. 22 to discuss and evaluate First Round state Program suggestions submitted by 40 local Leagues. This is what we considered and came up with as our recommendation for 1965-67 Program. Give it your careful thought for Thursday's Board evaluation.

Single List Experiment Feeling on a single list was divided from information on Program suggestions. Some Leagues including St. Paul and Minneapolis, endorsed a single list. About 16 other Leagues indicated a single list or single list experiment. So the Committee has recommended a Program which would involve the single list experiment - paralleling the national experiment. We would not recommend a change in state Bylaws to a single list at this time but would suggest waiting until the national Board has cleared up problems concerning the single list in national Bylaws.

The Committee's suggested Program would include four Current Agenda items, each to involve a different amount of attention with one brand new item, the other three including present CRs and CA which are in need of updating. We would retain two CRs.

Minimizing work as we go
Suggested Program

Current Agenda

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

This item was suggested because of the overwhelming interest on the part of 30 local Leagues in what many termed a tax structure item. Involved in some of the suggestions were the questions of where the money comes from, where it goes and comparison with other methods of obtaining revenues used by other states. Not too many Leagues offered real direction for this item, so think about this especially for the Board meeting.

Other items which had some strength were welfare - suggested by half the Leagues and mental health with less support. The committee felt that a finance item would be very basic to most of our state governmental problems and would be basic to welfare and mental health as well. After the Leagues gain a basic understanding of the financial structure of the state, our study could lead to a more closely defined field.

2. Equality of Opportunity: Support of policies and procedures to insure equality of opportunity in employment, housing, public accommodations, education and other public services.

post of this item is to be a study of the anti-discrimination laws and their impact on the new problems of the future
Background Our anti-discrimination positions based on consensus arrived at from 1948 to 1964 include:

1. The belief that anti-discrimination legislation, enforced by commission administration, is a necessary means of eliminating discrimination.

pointing that are antithetical more meaningful
There has been rapid movement in the field of anti-discrimination legislation and the Commission has gone ahead of our 1964
Since we did our basic study the field of anti-discrimination has gone ahead of our 1964

2. The belief that the state should declare its responsibility for all its citizens on an equal basis and work to insure equal treatment for all citizens by all levels of government.
3. Support of employment on merit, regardless of race, color, creed, national origin or age.
4. Protection of the 1963 State Act Against Discrimination against weakening amendments or repeal.
5. Support of commission enforcement of anti-discrimination laws dealing with employment, real property, and public accommodations.
6. Support of non-discrimination in public services as they apply to Indian citizens, and the setting of standards by the state where a financial contribution is made by the state.

Minor updating - will not be a new item -
Scope We have found there were limits on our present positions which prevented us from acting, but where a simple updating would have allowed us to know the will of the membership. (This updating with a consensus is impossible under CR status.) For example, we know we can support legislation to increase coverage in employment. Did the members want us also to support increased coverage in housing? We know we approve of commission enforcement in housing, employment, and public accommodations. Would we also support commission enforcement of non-discrimination in education and public services (such as law enforcement and welfare)? *Position we have previously reached in regard to Indian citizens will discuss as part of this item*

We feel that we need to evaluate the success of the commission method of enforcement as applied in Minnesota as against commissions and other enforcement forms used in other states. *Compared with information on the state in our model R. Govt. notes*

Our new national item on human resources may yield information which could be applied in the area of employment and we may be able to apply findings in the area of education as well.

- Home Rule - one of many will*
3. Support of policies that promote equitable application of home rule.

Our present home rule position indicates support of the principles of home rule relating to realistic restrictions on special legislation and broader provisions for the adoption and amendment of home rule charters. *Our present position only took on a limited area of the H.R. problem of equitable community*

Local control
 Since our original study of home rule we have seen a tremendous growth in the metropolitan areas of our state - not only the Twin Cities area. And with this growth have come resultant problems of cooperation between various units of government in an effort to provide needed services. The question of home rule is deeply involved in this problem. We anticipate a very limited study on the problems of the metropolitan areas involving home rule. *advising them*

- Election laws!*
4. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support party designation for legislators and improvements in election laws in the field of campaign practices, election procedures and voting.

This item would probably call for very limited attention. By moving it to CA status we could expand our positions to cover subjects which might come out of an interim commission on election laws and suggestions from the Presidents Commission on Registration and Voting Participation. We could look into use of voting machines, how a ballot is set up, campaign practices. This would give us an opportunity to re-evaluate our present positions after we find out the results of this session's legislative action.

Continuing Responsibilities

1. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support legislation to regulate lobbying and conflict of interests. *Pontine*
2. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support constitutional revision by convention and by amendments to improve the constitution.

This CR would embody our present CA and CR items retaining our positions on amendments in these areas:

Adequate legislative session

Provision for a post auditor (*public examiner*)

Reapportionment

Easing of amending process

Clearly fixed executive authority — (*init. stat. ballot*)

Joint election of governor and lieutenant governor

Constitutional provision for an executive budget)

40 Leagues responded

$\frac{3}{4}$ mentioned a toy item (Basic structure)

18 of 40 made it clear they wanted a single list or single list experiment

2nd - choice - ~~mental health~~ welfare
3rd - " - mental health

If the toy item is adopted - grants in aid would be in discussion of scope. H. Paul's wording lends itself to a better study - Can be expanded to local or County level.

50% of Leagues show interest in welfare. If the one toy item is adopted, the exploration should point out that welfare and mental health were shown 2nd & 3rd choices and that ~~there is~~ the study of welfare is under lying in the studies of both these items. Future C.A.S. will grow out of this study of welfare and certainly welfare and mental are two of them.

It was the feeling of the Committee the Board should recommend an experimental single list, and want to change the by-laws until the National program has cleared many of the problems concerning the single list and by-laws.

3)

Wording left the same
discrimination

I PR Election laws

18? - 21? yr old.

Voting machines - additional regulation
- how ballot was set up. -

Campaign practices
Reevaluate present position - Coordination of providers
(2) - Equality of opportunity
public services - (law enforcement, welfare, etc.)

Mergers? Conservative approach -
endanger our position?

Use same wording, but explain limits & scope

IV Support of Policies & procedure that we already have
enjo Scope: further clarification of
discrimination administrative & limited study would indicate
above depending on legislation
coming out.

Don't want to get in deprivation
limit policies & procedures
would limit to what we have now
employment housing
public accommodations
old - education & other public services

Would be changing Commission method of enforcement
discrimination in education is forbidden
now by law

Perhaps Council would be expected & not
disc. in ed & pub serv. should be
Commissional enforced.

Emphasize not welfare - study of this could grow
support of out of C A I (into a new C A)

IV Home Rule - add local consent
- no particular study - can leave alone
Vote power? Regs. should be written a general law

- no metropolitan laros

C.R. (9) - Constitutional Convention - amendment

(1) - ~~Conflicting interests~~

(2) - Leg. & severe regulation of lobbying
over Confusion of interest

Rep. under Constitution C.R.

Realistic

IV

Home Rule

Support of realistic restrictions principle
of Home Rule ~~not~~

Explanation would explain position
and need over depending upon legislation
Basic review.

General exploration why then
should be legal concept metropolitan problems -

* Support of policies that promote
equitable application of Home Rule.

This provides work for restrictions
as well as the principle.

Single list exploration

Direction for delegate - discipline
Written suggestions to delegate.

As much direction as possible from
legues each second round. Can give additional
direction at Convention. Summarizing direction in workbook

Convention Workbook include ^{sufficient} development
feel out how much study is needed
this mean to make decision (talking
about equal. of opp. item), not needed to
be known in first round, but in
second round.

National Bd. Appt - 1st round of Matl.
gone good sign of support of suggested
items to be come to do this.

Meeting of 1965-67 Program Suggestion Committee
April 13, 1965

Those attending to discuss the second round suggestions were Annette Whiting, Marion Watson, Ele Colborn, Mary Faucett, Mary Nash and Julie Henriksson.

37 Leagues submitted second round suggestions with a great majority (30) endorsing the Board suggested Program. There was some mention of this being too heavy a work load. Some still wanted a strictly single list and some others favored only the Finance item as a CA. There was very little direction on the Finance item.

A number of Leagues voiced concern that some of our Indian positions might be neglected under the Equality of Opportunity CA. In order to spell this out more clearly the committee came up with a new wording. (See listing below.)

The Convention Handbook will contain an explanation of the single list experiment with Board reasons for not recommending a Bylaw change at this time. There will be a complete and detailed explanation of submitted program with a tentative time schedule of study so Leagues will have a better idea of division of work load. There will be background and scope of item including questions to get delegates thinking about items.

Presentation of items at Convention was discussed and tentative assignments made. In order to safeguard our items on Equality of Opportunity and Election Laws they will also have to be proposed as not recommended CRs. The advantages of having these items as CAs instead of CRs will be discussed in the handbook and also the need to have these proposed as CRs in the event they aren't adopted as CAs. It is hoped that these will be proposed from the floor. If not Board members who propose item as CA will also do so for CR.

CURRENT AGENDA

1. Financing Government in Minnesota: Evaluation of revenue sources with consideration of state and local needs. (Mary Nash)
2. Equality of Opportunity: 1. Support of policies to insure equality of opportunity in employment, housing, public accommodations, education and other public services for all citizens. 2. Support of commission administration of anti-discrimination laws. 3. Support of state responsibility for Indian citizens. (Marion Watson)
3. Home Rule: Support of policies that promote equitable application of home rule. (Josie Johnson)
4. Election Laws: Support of party designation for legislators and improvements in election laws in the field of campaign practices, election procedures and voting. (Ele Colborn)

CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

1. LWVM will support legislation to regulate lobbying and conflict of interest. (Sue Murray)
 2. The LWVM will support constitutional revision by convention and by amendments to improve the constitution. (Sue Murray)
- Official negatives if called for will be given for: Constitutional Amendments (Ele), Welfare (Mary Faucett), Mental Health (Julie H.)

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League	Single List	Tax	Welfare	Mental Health	Const. Amendments	Water Resources & Conserv.	Law Enf.	Education	Const. Conv.	Ind.	P.D.	El. Serv.	Home Rule	Equal Opp.	Lobby Reg.
Albert Lea		✓(2)	✓(3)	✓(2)											
Anoka	✓		✓(1)												
Arden Hills		✓(5)	✓(2)	✓(1)			✓(3)	✓(4)							
Battle Lake	✓	✓(1)					✓(3)		✓(2)						
Bemidji	✓	✓(1)			✓					✓	✓				
Bloomington	✓?	✓(1)	✓(3)		✓(CR)			✓(2)	✓(CR)	✓(CR)		✓(CR)	✓(CR)	✓(CR)	✓(CR)
Brainerd		✓(1)							✓(CR)	✓(CR)		✓(CR)	✓(CR)	✓(CR)	✓(CR)
Brooklyn Center	✓	✓(1)	✓(2)				✓(3)		✓			✓(CR)	✓	✓	✓(CR)
Chickadee		✓(sales tax)						✓(1)		✓					
Col. Heights		✓(1)	✓(2)							✓(CR)		✓(CR)	✓(CR)	✓(CR)	✓(CR)
Crofton			✓							✓(CR)		✓(CR)	✓(CR)	✓(CR)	✓(CR)
Duluth	no agreement although drawing	✓(1)	✓(2)	✓(3)	✓(4) (CR)	✓(5)		✓(4)	✓(CR)	✓(7) (CR)		✓(CR)	✓(8) (CR)	✓(CR)	✓(CR)
Edina		✓(2)	✓(1)	✓(3)					✓(CR)			✓(CR)	✓(CR)	✓(CR)	✓(CR)
Excelsior	?	✓(2) (education)	✓(1)	✓(3)				✓(2) tax							
Falcon Heights	✓		✓(1)		✓					✓					
Fergus Falls	✓	✓(1)			✓(3)				✓	✓(2)					
Fridley		✓(1)	✓(2)						✓(CR)	✓(CR)		✓(CR)		✓(CR)	✓(CR)
Granite Falls		✓(1)					✓(2) financing		✓(CR)			✓(CR)	✓(CR)	✓(CR) (single CR)	✓(CR)
Golden Valley			✓(3)	✓(2)			✓(1)		✓(CR)			✓(CR)	✓(CR)	✓(CR)	✓(CR)
Hibbing	?	✓(1)							✓				✓	✓	✓
Hutchinson	✓	✓(2)				✓(1)							✓	✓	✓
Mahtomedi		✓(1)	✓(2)					✓(4)			✓(CR)	✓(CR)	✓(3)	✓(CR)	
Mpls	✓	✓(2)	✓(3)	✓(1)					✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Moorhead	✓		✓(1)	✓(2)											
New Brighton	✓	✓(1)													
New Ulm										✓(CR)					
Red Wing	✓	✓(1)			✓(2)										
Richfield	?	✓(1) sales tax also		✓(3)			✓(4)	✓(8)					✓(6)		
Robbinsdale		✓(1)	✓(2)		✓(3)					✓(4)		✓(CR)	✓(CR)	✓(CR)	✓(CR)
Rochester		✓(3)				✓(4)		Junior College	✓(CR)	✓(CR)		✓(CR)	✓(CR)	✓(CR)	✓(CR)
Roseville	✓	✓(4)	✓(3)		✓(2)				✓(CR)		only resp. CR.	✓(CR)	✓(CR)	✓(1)	✓(CR)
St. Anthony Val.						✓(1)				✓(CR)		✓(CR)	✓(CR)	✓(CR)	✓(CR)
St. Louis Park	?	✓(2) + sales tax		✓(1)						✓(3)					
St. Paul	✓	✓(1)	✓(2)	5	8	✓(3)						9	4	7	10
Shoreview	✓	✓(1)							✓	✓		✓		✓	✓

League	Single List	Tap	Welfare	Rental Receipt	Const. Amend.	Consumer Water Pwr.	Law Enf	Ed	Corridor	Ind	RD	El. Laws	Home Rule	Equality	Other Cpl.
Virginia	✓			(2)		(1)✓				(3)				(2)	
Westonba		(1)							(CR)			(CR)		(2)	
White Bear Lake	✓	(1)							(3)			(3)	(4)	(2)	(6)✓
Willmar	✓			(2)	(3)		(1)		(4)			(6)		(7)	(5)
Unassigned - late			✓		✓	✓									
Forebault	✓	(1)	(2)	(4)									(3)		
Granite	✓													Human Rights	
St. Cloud		(1)	(2)						CR			CR	CR	CR Ind	CR
Wells		(2)	(1)								CR				
Minnetonka			(1)		(2)					CR	CR	CR		CR	
St. Joseph	✓	(1)													
Owatonna	✓	(1)													
Alexandria	✓	(1) sales													
St. Croix Valley	✓	(6)							(4)			(2)	(2)	(1)	(3)
Wayzata		(1)											CR		
Brook Park		(2) Sales tax	4	(1)		6	CR	3	CR	CR	CR		7	5	CR

25 wanted welfare

39 wanted tap item or finance - most wanted tap structure

24 of 51 specified ^{indicated} single list -

Unemployment Insurance -

Lobbyists - pressure groups -

Hoover - Reapportionment

Clean & Repair State Capitol Bldg. New Ulm

Human Resources

This is a complete listing of subjects suggested in the first round which had wordings. Other subjects were suggested but just under general topic headings. These are itemized on another sheet.

FINANCE - TAXATION

Study of the overall condition of state financing to determine if a need for reform exists including study of a sales tax.

Study of the tax structure of Minnesota with the view of making recommendations for improvements as deemed necessary.

Study specific means of obtaining equitable tax revenue for our state.

Overall study of taxation as now exists and possible methods available.

The LWVM will study the state revenue sources and expenditures with a view to the support of sound fiscal policy.

The LWVM will evaluate tax structure and sources of revenue of the state of Minnesota.

The LWVM will study the tax structure of the state of Minnesota.

The LWVM will study state taxation to find out where the money comes from and where the money goes.

The LWVM will study the present state tax structure, other methods of taxation and budgeting of tax monies.

The LWVM will review the state tax structure.

The LWVM will evaluate the present tax structure of the state of Minnesota and investigate alternative taxing procedures for the state of Minnesota.

A study of the overall tax base in Minnesota.

A study of policies, statutes and constitutional provisions relating to the tax structure of the state of Minnesota.

A study of the advantages and disadvantages of a sales tax as a partial replacement tax as pertains to the following: 1. Income tax 2. Real Estate Tax 3. Personal Property Tax

Study of the basic structure of state taxes that we have, comparison with other states, hidden taxes, economies of collection with view to needed revision.

A study of the whole basic structure of state financing.

Study of the overall condition of state financing to determine if a need for reform exists including study of a sales tax.

WELFARE

Study the administration of public assistance and the state's policy making procedures.

The LWVM will study the intragovernmental responsibilities for financing the state's welfare programs.

Study of state welfare: a. Structure, b. Various Programs, c. Legislation.

LWVM will study welfare to evaluate the effectiveness of state programs.

State welfare services and programs: 1. How financed and operated. 2. Differences between "welfare" and "relief."

LWVM will study the welfare programs in the state of Minnesota including categorical aids and direct relief.

Welfare: Township, county, state and federal programs, how they interact and overlap with a view to changing emphasis from continued help to self help and improvement programs.

The LWVM will study the principles behind the administration of welfare in Minnesota to determine the extent to which these principles are being met, and consider the need for new legislation.

A study of the public welfare program in Minnesota.

Study the administration of public assistance and the state's policy making procedures.

Welfare problems and practices.

CONSERVATION

The LWVM will study conservation as it applies to these areas: recreation, land management and water resources.

Conservation: with emphasis on the preservation and development of the scenic, scientific and historic areas of the border lakes region.

Study of Minnesota state parks.

A study of water and pollution problems in Minnesota with possible coordination with the national item.

ELECTION LAWS

The LWVM will study state-wide uniform mandatory voter registration.

EDUCATION

Study the state educational policy as it is made by the legislature and the state board of education.

The LWVM will study the state education financing with particular emphasis on need for expanded vocational education at high school and junior college level.

The LWVM will study the junior college system in Minnesota. (Scope financing, outlook for future development.)

Problems of higher education, role of vocational or trade schools, needs for junior colleges.

Study the state educational policy as it is made by the legislature and the state board of education.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Law Enforcement: Laws not being enforced, where does responsibility rest, and what can be done to improve.

LWVM will study specific areas for improving law enforcement in Minnesota.

A study of arrest procedures and law enforcement in Minnesota.

Structure of local laws - how enforced with particular emphasis on Indians.

CONSTITUTION

The LWVM will work for amendments to improve the constitution of the state of Minnesota.

The LWVM will study constitutional revision by amendment.

DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Evaluation of policies and programs in Minnesota to provide for all persons equality of opportunities for education and employment.

INDIANS

the LWVM will study specific areas where legislation would be effective in improving the situation of the Minnesota Indian.

MENTAL HEALTH

The LWVM will survey the state's mental health program with emphasis on the problem, treatment and rehabilitation.

The LWVM will study and work for improvement in the state mental health program for the mentally retarded and the mentally ill.

Study of mental health in relation to policy, laws, state institutions, financing, adequate research and rehabilitation.

The LWVM will study specific areas regarding mental health problems in Minnesota. (Specific areas: improvements in legislation along areas of the state institutions, welfare services, research, adequate personnel in all areas and revision of commitment laws.)

A study of the mental health: existing institutions, legislature, community, private and public facilities in Minnesota.

A study of mental health in Minnesota to find possible areas where legislation would improve the problems.

A study of the mental health problem in Minnesota.

EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY

The LWVM will support legislation and an effective and well-financed administration to insure employment on merit, equal access to public accommodations and improvement of the Indian's welfare.

The LWVM will support legislation to insure employment on merit and non-discrimination in transactions involving real property and will work for adequately financed commission administration of such legislation and of legislation to insure equal access to public accommodations. It will work for legislation which would be effective in improving the situation of the Minnesota Indian.

The LWVM will support legislation to ensure equal opportunities for all people.

The LWVM will work to achieve equal opportunities for all citizens regardless of creed, color or national origin.

MISC.

Clean and repair state capitol.

In addition to the Program recommended by the Board, many other subjects were suggested by the local Leagues. This is a complete listing by general subject matter with an indication of the number of Leagues suggesting each item.

Current Agenda Items

40 Leagues

Finance-taxation

20-25 Leagues

Welfare

Mental Health

10-15 Leagues

Home Rule

Conservation

Equal Opportunities

Amendments to improve the constitution

Education

1-9 Leagues

Law Enforcement

Pressure Groups

Election Laws

Unemployment Insurance

Indians

Party Designation

Water Resources

Reapportionment

Lobby Regulation and Conflict of Interest

Human Resources

Constitutional Revision by convention

Governmental Reorganization

Constitutional Revision or amendment

Junior College System

Mandatory Voter Registration

Clean and Repair Capitol Building

Continuing Responsibilities

Those Leagues which did not indicate a preference for a single list suggested varying numbers of our present CRs. All of the five current CRs were recommended plus our two present CAs and some combinations of these.

Equal Opportunities

Election Laws

Constitutional Revision by Convention

Home Rule

Lobby Regulation and Conflict of Interest

Indians

Constitutional revision by amendment

Combining Indian position with Equal Opportunities

Constitutional revision by convention and by amendment.

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STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of Albert Lea.

Current Agenda Items

1. Mental Health and State Institutions - e.g. schools for mentally retarded, etc.
2. Taxation
3. Welfare Problems and Practices

The above three are the ones most people want to study. A ~~small~~ minority favored:

1. Equal Opportunities
2. Conservation of Water and Wild Life

Continuing Responsibilities

A considerable interest remains in working for:

1. Improved election laws
2. Campaign practices

Margaret Countryman

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STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of Alexandria.

Current Agenda Items

We would like to study the advantages and disadvantages of a sales tax as a partial replacement tax as pertains to the following:

1. Income tax
2. Real Estate tax
3. Personal Property tax

Continuing Responsibilities

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STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

Suggestions must be in the State Office on or before February 19, 1965.

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of ANOKA.

Current Agenda Items

The Anoka L.W.V. prefers the "Welfare Issue" as a new state item. We are interested in learning the differing standards used in administering relief from county to county. We wonder if different welfare services are administered only by the state or must they all go through the county or township manner of administration. Are there inter-relationships from county to county? Also to include the general structure throughout the state. Are the programs moving in the right direction in helping the disadvantaged or are they standardizing the very characteristics they should seek to eliminate? What programs are available in our state but are administered and/or financed by the federal government?

Continuing Responsibilities

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STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of Arden Hills.

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Current Agenda Items

Mental Health - 18 votes

Welfare - 17 votes

Law enforcement - 9 votes
emphasis on juvenile law

Education - 9 votes

Taxation - 6

emphasis on school taxes

Land management - 5 votes

Water Pollution - 3

Conservation - Nat. resources 3
emphasis water resources

We had 14 votes to have a single item agenda
and at one unit where it was brought up -
(over)

Continuing Responsibilities

Constitutional Revision - 3 votes

our members felt we should have some
time spent on our method of consensus
since we had a difficult time with
both the Indian consensus & the Re-
apportionment consensus.

STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of Battle Lake, Minn.

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Current Agenda Items

1. Study of Tax structure of State of Minn.
2. Will support constitutional Revision by Convention.
3. Structure of Local Laws. (how enforced) , with particular emphases on Indians.

Continuing Responsibilities

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STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

Suggestions must be in the State Office on or before February 19, 1965.

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of Bemidji, Minnesota.

Current Agenda Items

We favor a single list; therefore, all our suggestions are listed here.

We propose a new State item as follows: The LWV of Minnesota will study the tax structure of Minnesota.

We would want this study to include study of a sales tax as a replacement tax for personal property.

We feel that this legislative session is not going to do a really constructive job on the tax structure of Minnesota; therefore, the same situation will exist when the 1967 legislature convenes. If a group such as the League could be ready with proposals, it might produce results in the 1967 legislature.

We also suggest keeping the following parts of present State Program:

Continue working on problems of Minnesota Indians. This would not involve lengthy study; rather it would consist of keeping up to date and working from the position we now have.

Continue working on amendments to improve the Constitution, which will include studying whatever amendments may be proposed by this Legislature. A strong feeling was expressed that the League's support or non-support of proposed amendments was important.

Continue to support party designation for legislators

We suggest dropping the present CR of constitutional revision by convention and the Home Rule CR. This latter is not meant as opposition to home rule, but rather to the out-dated position.

Continuing Responsibilities

None, since we suggest the single list.

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STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

Suggestions must be in the State Office on or before February 19, 1965.

The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of Bloomington.

Current Agenda Items

First choice: TAXATION

Study of the overall condition of state financing to determine if a need for reform exists including study of a Sales tax.

Second choice: EDUCATION

Study the state educational policy as it is made by the legislature and the state board of education.

Third choice: WELFARE

Study the administration of public assistance and the State's policy making procedures.

Continuing Responsibilities

We favor the retention of the present CR's and the addition of a CR on Indians and Constitutional Revision by Amendments.

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STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of ~~Bloomington~~.

Current Agenda Items

First choice: TAXATION

Study of the overall condition of state financing to determine if a need for reform exists including study of a Sales tax.

Second choice: EDUCATION

Study the state educational policy as it is made by the legislature and the state board of education.

Third choice: WELFARE

Study the administration of public assistance and the State's policy making procedures.

Continuing Responsibilities

We favor the retention of the present CR's and the addition of a CR on Indians and Constitutional Revision by Amendments.

Include as many suggestions as your League would like to see on the 1965-67 Program. Remember that a suggestion must be included in the First Round in order to be considered at Convention.

Bloomington

Nancy Carlson

This is a proposal that the Minnesota League study state educational policy as it is made by the legislature and the state boards of education. The reason this seems appropriate is that Conant's study of state education, Shaping Educational Policy, will be given serious attention this year, and there will doubtless be proposals to follow or at least consider his recommendations. Educational policy is in the hands of the state; neither the federal government nor the local school board is in a position to make many of the important decisions. Another study by a colleague of Conant's has been made of the politics of state educational policies, so there is material available for the study.

In the December 3 issue of The Reporter, Conant offers an indication of the conclusions to which he has come and the problems which these conclusions might help solve. I am quoting a few of his remarks.

One problem: "The National Science Foundation in 1961 published some findings which showed that in many high schools those who were assigned to teach mathematics and the sciences had hardly more than a bowing acquaintance with the subjects taught." There has been no attempt to change the accreditation in these fields. The same report showed that less than half of the top ten per cent of high school students were graduated from college. Again, there has been no attempt to solve the problem.

Financial disparity in costs are tremendous: "We talk about the United States as a land of equal opportunity for all youth. Yet we tolerate methods of financing public education that can result in a threefold difference in the costs per pupil between one school district and another within the borders of a single state." Who knows whether our state has given any help to local school boards in keeping them informed of new methods of teaching foreign languages, mathematics, and the sciences?

The states have the power to stop the \$75 million business of fraudulent private colleges that sell degrees on essentially a mail-order basis.

"Whether we like it or not, the local school boards are creations of the state. But education has become too important for our welfare as a nation to be left to tens of thousands of school boards with as little guidance as is provided in most states. We cannot simply shrug off what happens in school districts other than our own.

"We do not have a national system of education but fifty state systems. Let me make it plain that I am not advocating the creation in any state of an educational system run from the state capital. I cannot imagine the abolition of local boards...I can imagine, however, far more leadership from the state school officer than is now exercised in any state except New York.

"As regards the education of teachers, I can hope that a state board of education composed of laymen would see to it that professors of the various academic disciplines, professors of education, and classroom teachers work out a rational policy of teacher accreditation." This must be a state responsibility.

One of the most pressing problems, education beyond the 12th grade, is solved in California by a master plan instead of by political pressures.

The state departments of education could themselves set up regional committees to get more facts on a state by state basis. They could study and formulate recommendations for education for grades 13 and 14, for uniformity of standards for professional degrees, the use of Federal funds for the promotion of research in all fields of learning rather than just in sciences and technology, the education of teachers and ---most difficult of all--the education of the Negro."

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BLOOMINGTON LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
FIRST ROUND OF STATE PROGRAM MAKING

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

SINGLE LIST EXPERIMENT

Four of six Units strongly favor a single list two year experiment.
One of six Units approves experiment with reservations concerning work overload.

One of six Units feels we should wait to see how the experiment fares nationally before committing ourselves.

One of six Units made a definite suggestion as to possible items for the list:

1. Home Rule
2. Constitutional Revision by Amendment
3. Equal Opportunity
4. Election Laws
5. Ethics in Government

SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS

C. A. SUGGESTIONS

TAXATION First choice of four of six Units and second choice of one Unit.

No definite identification of the scope of study emerged.
However, in general terms, the ideas were as follows:

1. Study the overall condition of state financing to determine if a need for reform exists.
2. Study the Sales Tax to see if it does indeed provide an answer to the rising need for money. Consider the ramifications of the Sales Tax as a replacement tax for the personal property tax. Does the Sales Tax really provide a solution to our problems or is it just another tax?

EDUCATION Second most frequent suggestion from the six Units.

Study the state educational policy as it is made by the legislature and the state boards of education. Educational policy is in the hands of the state; neither the federal government nor the local school board is in a position to make many of the important decisions.

WELFARE This was the only other item given serious study in more than two Units.

The suggestion is that the scope of study concentrate on the administration of public assistance and the state's policy making procedures.

C. R. SUGGESTIONS

The majority of the units favor retaining the present CR's and the addition of Indians and Constitutional Revision by Amendment to the list.

Two units favor "being realistic" and dropping Constitutional Revision by Convention.

NON RECOMMENDED ITEMS

Mental Health - study and work for improvements in the State's mental health program for the mentally retarded and mentally ill.

Law Enforcement - study of state police force and penal institutions.

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Dorothy Severtson

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STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

Brainerd

Suggestions must be in the State Office on or before February 19, 1965.

The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of *Brainerd*.

Current Agenda Items

1. The *Brainerd* League of Women Voters would suggest a study of the tax structure of Minnesota with the view of making recommendations for improvements as deemed necessary."

Continuing Responsibilities

1. Continue present items which are Continuing Responsibilities
2. Add present CA "Indian Item" to C.R.S.

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JAN 25 1965 STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

Suggestions must be in the State Office on or before February 19, 1965.

The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of Brooklyn Center, Minn.

Current Agenda Items

I.. The majority of our members are interested in a tax study - but reasons within the group differed. About half felt that because the tax issue is so timely we should study the pros and cons of a sales tax and other new sources of revenue, so we would be armed with information "before the fact". The rest of the tax enthusiasts wanted the same study from a slightly different angle. They are not so concerned with any particular tax, but rather in the means of getting adequate funds for existing agencies - welfare, mental health, etc. They reason that the inadequacies of many agencies are caused by lack of funds, and want to examine what can be done about this.

II Though the majority want a tax item, a large group felt strongly about a welfare item. The stress was divided about equally between those concerned with reform within present programs, & those who would like to study the feasibility of a single standardized program and the elimination of residence requirements.

III A group interested in law enforcement were staunch - but few. They would like to study reasons for the rise in crime rates (are they caused by inadequacies in enforcement procedures?) Also, they're interested in standardized requirements for elected law officials, possibly a compulsory training program.

The few remaining members wanted a Mental Health study (no clear direction) or "Education" with emphasis on teacher tenure & state aid.

Continuing Responsibilities

The majority of the members want to keep all of the C.R.s - but would like to see Home Rule, Equal Opportunities and Constitutional Revision moved to a "single list" agenda for limited study, if the Convention approves the single list.

A few of the members feel that we should drop Constitution & Convention. They believe that the fact that we have taken a stand on so many amendments has greatly weakened our position on revision by Convention.

Include as many suggestions as your League would like to see on the 1965-67 Program. Remember that a suggestion must be included in the First Round in order to be considered at Convention.

STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of Brooklyn Park (Provisional)

Current Agenda Items

Mental Health
Taxation (Sales Tax)
Education
Welfare
Non-discrimination
Conservation
Home Rule

Continuing Responsibilities

Constitutional Revision
Indians
Party Designation
Ethics in Govt.
Law Enforcement

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STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of Chisholm.

Current Agenda Items

Education--tax structure

aids and grants

Lobbyists--pressure groups

Sales Tax--other states' tax program

Continuing Responsibilities

Indians--more study on

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STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of Columbia Heights

Current Agenda Items

① The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study the Tax structure of the State of Minnesota.

② The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study the programs of public welfare of the State of Minnesota.

Continuing Responsibilities

left as is, with the exception of the Indian item. We couldn't decide the wording, but felt it should be moved to the CR's.

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FEB 17 1965 STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of Crystal.

Current Agenda Items

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study welfare throughout the state to determine the basis of Administration, finance and distribution.

Continuing Responsibilities

1. Support of Non-discriminations
2. Support Party Designation, improvement in Election Laws and Campaign Practices.
3. Support to Regulate Lobbying and Conflict of Interests.
4. Support Constitutional Revision by Convention
5. Support of Home Rule.

Plus — Indians in Minnesota (which is now a C.A.)

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FEB 23 1965

State Program Suggestions 1965-67: First Round

The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women of Deephaven .

Current Agenda Item

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study the state revenue sources and expenditures with a view to the support of sound fiscal policy.

Explanation of why this item is recommended:

The Deephaven LWV feels that our particular organization is uniquely qualified to study this item on behalf of the residents of our state because it represents no vested interest. Much has been said on the pros and cons of various programs by individuals; a Governor's committee has done some work on the item, but the LWV with its bipartisan reputation and its able woman-power is well suited to the effort. Whispers of pork-barrelling and expensive projects can be laid to rest or ferreted out. Alternate revenue sources can be discussed and hopefully the LWV can come forward with some sound suggestions on both outgo and income.

Our League is interested in the possibility of the single list program experiment to be tried at the state level, but did not feel we had the woman power to study the constitution in regard to CAs and CRs.

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STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

Suggestions must be in the State Office on or before February 19, 1965.

The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of Duluth.

Current Agenda Items

Three items took top priority, in regards to both first and second choice category. Considering both units and numbers of persons in units, the Board recommend the following:

(1) A STUDY OF THE WHOLE BASIC STRUCTURE OF STATE FINANCING

The majority felt any study of taxation would have to be all-inclusive to get a complete picture. Areas that might be emphasized included: sources of financing, philosophy, means of taxation and also new sources.

(2) A study of the public welfare program in Minnesota

This item was not pin pointed very exactly, but the effect of welfare programs on special groups was a concern, as well as tying this into our National Item on Human Resources.

(2) A STUDY OF THE MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEM IN MINNESOTA

Interest in this item was equally divided with the welfare item. There were some specifics mentioned, such as: "national lag", laws, financing, personnel, community treatment and the physical set-up.

Other items which were mentioned, in the order of their popularity were: Education, Conservation, Water Resources, Constitutional Amendments, Indians, and a restudy of Home Rule.

Continuing Responsibilities

Again in the order of their popularity:

Constitutional Revision
Equal opportunities
Home Rule
Party designation and Election Laws
Regulation of lobbying and conflict of interest
Amendments to improve the constitution
Indians

On the subject of "single listing", three units were for trying this to provide "greater flexibility, effectiveness and convenience". One unit was against it "because we are not ready". Another unit took no stand except they felt if taxation was a CA, it should be a single item agenda. So with 5 units,

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out of 14, expressing themselves, it does not seem indicative of any trend within our membership.

The Board itself was divided in its feeling, and no clear cut decision was forthcoming. On the one hand there was the opinion that this single listing does lead to greater flexibility, but, on the other hand, the experiment on the national level is not far enough along to lend itself to any concrete evaluations.

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STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

Suggestions must be in the State Office on or before February 19, 1965.

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of Edina.

Current Agenda Items

In order of their preference:

1. *Welfare*

Including the Indians and equal opportunity

2. *Taxation*

Sales Tax

3. *Mental Health*

Institutions, facilities, personnel, available treatment. health centers.

These were followed by Conservation, Education, Home Rule, Constitution, Law enforcement and Unemployment Insurance.

Continuing Responsibilities

Present C.R.'s be continued.

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Excelsior League

State Item Chairman

Margaret McKay

First Round Suggestions

1. All members agreed that they would like to see Welfare become a study item. The majority wished a specific study in the area of program abuse plus a study of the personnel working in the field.
2. a limited tax study in the field of education was the second choice of a majority of the members.
3. Mental Health was the third choice with the following specifications:
 1. existing institutions and their needs.

This league felt that a new item for study would be selected this year. and these topics listed in order of preference were their choices.

Margaret McKay

memo

LWV of Minnesota, State Organization Service, U. of M., Minneapolis, Minn. 55455
November 1964

STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of Falcon Heights.

Current Agenda Items

Our League would like to have the single list with only one new item of study for the 1965-'67 biennium.

The choice of the majority---

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study the principles behind the administration of welfare in Minnesota to determine the extent to which these principles are being met, and consider the need for new legislation.

Some interest shown by members in---

Mental Health

Taxation structure

Conservation

Law Enforcement

Education

Continuing Responsibilities

It was felt the present CA's and CR's should be kept on a single list for limited study.

Include as many suggestions as your League would like to see on the 1965-67 Program. Remember that a suggestion must be included in the First Round in order to be considered at Convention.

STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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Current Agenda Items

In order of preference:

- I Taxation
- II Welfare
- III Home Rule
- IV Mental Health

Continuing Responsibilities

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STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of Fergus Falls.

Current Agenda Items

- ① The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study specific means of obtaining equitable tax revenue for our state.

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study specific areas where legislation would be effective in improving the situation of the Minnesota Indian. (continue to?)

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will work for amendments to improve the Constitution of the state of Minnesota.

Continuing Responsibilities

We favor a single list with emphasis on first item.

We wonder if the present 5 CR's could be continued ~~either~~ at the end of the single list - perhaps the legislative session will help to know which position they must be in.

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STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of Fridley.

Current Agenda Items

First Choice - The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study State Financing--the policies, statutes, and constitutional provisions relating to the tax structure of the State of Minnesota.

Strong Second Choice - The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study the basic State welfare program with emphasis on available programs and standards for receiving aid.

Continuing Responsibilities

The Fridley League would like to have the first four CRs of the State Program 1963-65 carried over for the next 2 years. We would like to drop CR No. 5 (home rule) and replace it with: "The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support legislation which would be effective in improving the situation of the Minnesota Indian."

Include as many suggestions as your League would like to see on the 1965-67 Program. Remember that a suggestion must be included in the First Round in order to be considered at Convention.

STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of Granite Falls.

Current Agenda Items

A study of taxation

over-all study of taxation as now exists and possible methods available.

A minority wanted a second item - Law enforcement

Laws not being enforced, where does responsibility rest, what can be done to improve.

Our group still favors CA's and CR's.

We wish to retain the present CR's and include any positions reached on present CA's in them. The Indian item under No. 1, equal opportunities, and the amendment item under No. IV, constitutional convention.

Continuing Responsibilities

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STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of Golden Valley

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Current Agenda Items

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study the State education financing with particular emphasis on need for expanded Vocational education at High School and Jr. College level.

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will survey the State's mental health program with emphasis on the problem, treatment and rehabilitation.

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study the intragovernmental responsibilities for financing the State's welfare programs.

Continuing Responsibilities

Keep all CR's

Include as many suggestions as your League would like to see on the 1965-67 Program. Remember that a suggestion must be included in the First Round in order to be considered at Convention.

League of Women Voters of Hibbing

HIBBING, MINNESOTA

FEB 18 1965

Mrs. W.W. Whiting
President
League of Women Voters
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Whiting,

The Hibbing League would like to stress the study of State Taxes as suggested in the past years. If satisfactory action is'nt taken in this Legislature on Reapportionment we w ould like to study further on this.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Robert Vaneck

Secretary

STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of Hutchinson.

Current Agenda Items

The Hutchinson League of Women Voters voted unanimously in favor of a modified single list program.

This included 9 main study items

- 1 new item of intensive study
- 1 item of interest with limited study
[could be a C.E.]

2 items with no study, but support a position if need be.

The Hutchinson League of Women Voters voted for the following items for study.

1 Intensive study item - 1st choice - (44 votes)
State Resource & Community
2nd choice - Taxation (6 votes)

1 Limited study item 1st Equal opportunities (15 votes)
2nd choice [Constitutional Revision (5 votes)]

2 no study item - Home Rule
Constitutional revision by
Convention or amendment

Continuing Responsibilities

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STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of Mahtomedi.

Current Agenda Items

- Taxation - Study of the basic structure of state taxes what we have, comparison with other states, Hidden taxes - economics of collection, with view to needed revision -
- Welfare - Township, county, state and federal programs, how they interact, and overlap with a view to changing emphasis from continued help to self help and improvement programs
- Home Rule - Need for re-study of Home rule position in light of changing population patterns around core cities and needs of these governmental units.
- Education - Problems of higher education, role of vocational or trade schools, needs for junior colleges -

Continuing Responsibilities

- Equal opportunities
- Constitutional Revision - Recommend dropping "constitutional convention"
- Election Laws
- Party Designation

(over)

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There was also some slight interest in Law Enforcement, Mental health and conservation, but the main interest was in Taxation, Welfare, and Home Rule. If the choice is either Taxation or welfare, it is with the hope that it will be a one item current agenda in view of the complexity of either subject -

M. Johnson

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STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of Mankato.

Current Agenda Items

Development of Human Resources:

Evaluation of policies and programs in Minnesota to provide for all persons equality of opportunities for education and employment.

Continuing Responsibilities

Include as many suggestions as your League would like to see on the 1965-67 Program. Remember that a suggestion must be included in the First Round in order to be considered at Convention.

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STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of Maplewood.

Current Agenda Items

A study of mental health in Minnesota
& find ~~with~~ possible areas where legislation would
improve the problems.

A study of water and pollution problems
in Minnesota with possible co-ordination
with the National item.

Continuing Responsibilities

Include as many suggestions as your League would like to see on the 1965-67 Program. Remember that a suggestion must be included in the First Round in order to be considered at Convention.

STATE PROGRAM MAKING

37 of the 45 units in the Minneapolis League of Women Voters returned program suggestions on state program making. 28 of these indicated they would prefer a single list program. One desired an "experimental list" such as the national program. The remaining 8 preferred the present structure; Minneapolis presently has a single list.

The greatest number of units and individuals suggested either a taxation or mental health item for a new area of study. Those items which were suggested by only one unit are not included in the following enumeration.

Study	No. of Units	No. of Individuals
Mental Health	22	191
Taxation	15	178
Welfare	12	109
Water	10	85
Law Enforcement	8	73
Education	9	62
Land Management	5	24

The mental health item would be worded as follows:

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study and work for improvement in the state mental health program for the mentally retarded and the mentally ill.

areas of study to include the following:

1. State institutions (residential care facilities)
2. Mental health centers and other community facilities
3. Commitment laws
4. Vocational rehabilitation

Direction of this item came from a letter circulated to all units by a League member. The Board feels it would duplicate efforts of other organizations and would not be a field in which the League could make a unique contribution. It seemed to the Board that the state mental health program was not lacking in professional administration, but rather, needed additional staff and improved facilities, which in turn, depend on increased funds. The study would lead to studying sources of revenue and evaluating over-all state expenditures.

The Minneapolis Board recommends the taxation item, to be worded as follows:

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will evaluate tax structure and sources of revenue of the state of Minnesota.

This study includes present taxes and sources of revenue and future taxes and sources of revenue.

The Minneapolis Board and units recommend that "home rule" be restudied (CR 5).

The Minneapolis Board recommends that CA II and CR 4 be combined with the following wording:

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will work for and support constitutional revision by convention and/or amendments previously studied by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

We believe this item should be limited to the past positions. There was no suggestion for expanding the item. There seemed to be differing opinions on the disposition of CR 4. 15 units wished to keep it as is, 11 to combine it with CA II and 10 desiring to drop it.

The Minneapolis Board recommends retaining the Indian item and the remaining CRs as presently worded with no expansion of the present position.

R. Law Change

STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of _____.

Current Agenda Items

Continuing Responsibilities

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STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of Minnetonka Village.

Current Agenda Items

1. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study the programs, problems and structure of public welfare in Minnesota.
2. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study proposed amendments to the Constitution of the State of Minnesota.

Continuing Responsibilities

1. INDIANS: The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will work for programs for Minnesota Indians that will make progress toward the self-sufficiency of the Indian population and acceptance into American life without altering their reservation status or cultural patterns except as the Indians may desire it. The League will support legislation that does not single out a special national, racial or religious group unless government services now are being given or withheld on this basis.
2. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support party designation for legislators.

(over)

Include as many suggestions as your League would like to see on the 1965-67 Program. Remember that a suggestion must be included in the First Round in order to be considered at Convention.

Proposed CRs:

3. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support improvements in election laws in the field of campaign practices, election procedures and voting.
4. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support legislation to insure employment on merit and non-discrimination in transactions involving real property; it will work for adequately financed commission administration of such legislation and of legislation to insure equal access to public accommodations.

It is suggested that we drop CRs on:
Lobbying and conflict of interest;
Constitutional revision by convention; and
Home Rule.

Concerning single-list agenda:

Having had one-year's experience in working the four national CAs into our program, we feel that we should "go slow" in this direction on the state level. The flexibility and simplification of terms of the single list agenda would probably be advantageous, and it would seem desirable to try to accomplish these advantages without adding to the work load. That's probably an impossible goal.

We have found our present local program of one three-pronged CA, with no CRs, very workable for us this year.

STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of Moorehead.

Current Agenda Items

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I. Study of State Welfare

- A. Structure
- B. Various Programs
- C. Legislation

II. Study of mental health in relation to
policy, laws, state institutions, financing,
adequate research, and rehabilitation.

Continuing Responsibilities

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STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state
Program submitted by the ^{Provisional} League of Women Voters of New Brighton *Prov.*

Current Agenda Items

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Minnesota State Tax Structure

Ways of Increasing Revenue

Continuing Responsibilities

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STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of New Ulm, Minn.

Current Agenda Items

Clean and repair State Capitol Building.

We've got to go along with this one. P.T.

Continuing Responsibilities

Indians

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STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of Owatonna.

Current Agenda Items

The League of Women Voters ^{Minnesota} will study the tax structure of the state of Minnesota.

(we will support this item but will not initiate the campaign)

Continuing Responsibilities

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STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of Red Wing.

Current Agenda Items

1. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study the tax structure of the State of Minnesota.
2. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study Constitutional Revision by amendment.

Continuing Responsibilities

Include as many suggestions as your League would like to see on the 1965-67 Program. Remember that a suggestion must be included in the First Round in order to be considered at Convention.

2/16/65

✓ Mrs. Carlson, our unit
organization chairman, filled
this form out from the slips
she received back from the
units. I have numbered them
according to their importance.
She mistakenly included our
local item study suggestions.
They are circled: please
disregard them.

Mrs. J. Engelking
LWV of Richfield

STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of Richfield.

Current Agenda Items

Please disregard circled items.

- ① Sales Tax & Minn. Taxes structure in comparison to other similar states
- ② Sunday Closing Laws
- ⑤ Library
- ③ Mental Health & commitment laws for mentally ill.
- ④ Structure of law enforcement in Minn.
- ⑥ Home Rule
- (History of Richfield
Future Needs of Richfield)
- ⑦ Long Range planning of Conservation of Wilderness Area & Development of Recreational Areas
- (Survey of City of Richfield)
- Continuing Responsibilities
- (Study of Richfield streets & what can be done to improve them & why Fire Dept not properly equipped)
- ⑧ Problems of Education - Financing
- (Real Estate Taxes)

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STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of Robbinsdale

Current Agenda Items

1. LWV of Minnesota will study state taxation to find out where the money comes from and where the money goes.
2. LWV of Minnesota will study welfare to evaluate the effectiveness of state programs.
3. LWV of Minnesota will work for amendments to improve the State Constitution.
4. LWV of Minnesota will continue to study specific areas where legislation would be effective in improving the situation of the Minnesota Indian.

Continuing Responsibilities

1. Discrimination.
2. Support Party Designation and Improvements in Election Laws.
3. Support legislation to Regulate Lobbying and Conflict of Interests.
4. Support Principles of Home Rule.

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STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of Rochester.

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Current Agenda Items

1. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study the Junior College system in Minnesota.
Scope: financing, outlook for future development.
2. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study state-wide uniform mandatory voter registration.
3. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study the present state tax structure, other methods of taxation and budgeting of tax monies.
4. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study conservation as it applies to these areas: recreation, land management and water resources.

Continuing Responsibilities

The Rochester League favors retaining the present five CR's and adding to them two new CR's: the first to encompass our position with regard to legislation for the Minnesota Indian, and the second to hold the line on those constitutional amendment positions we now have (for example, post auditor, short ballot, Governor-Lt. Governor on same ticket, reapportionment, etc.)

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STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of Rosville.

Current Agenda Items

- We would recommend experimenting with a single list for 1965-67 program. This would include:*
- 1. The L. W. V. of Minn. will work to achieve equal opportunities for all citizens regardless of Creed, color or national origin. This item would include our present consensus on A.E.P., SCAP and the Indian item. It would exclude a limited study of those areas where we have not reached consensus. (i.e. other than publicly assisted housing.)*
 - 2. The L. W. V. of Minn. will work for amendment to improve the constitution of the State of Minn. This would include our present consensus on reapportionment and amending process plus a study of ballot issues if amendments are proposed. It could also include areas of study to propose a amendment to the legislature.*
 - 3. The L. W. V. of Minn. will study the welfare programs in the state of Minn. including categorical aid and direct relief.*
 - 4. The L. W. V. of Minn. will study the basic tax structure of the State of Minn.*
- Other items which were suggested, but not recommended by the Board were a study of public and elementary education, mental institutions and a study of the uses of insecticide.*

Continuing Responsibilities

- The Board recommends retaining as CR's the following:*
- I. Party designation, election laws, voting procedure*
 - II. Ethics in government, lobby regulation + corrupt practice*
 - III. Constitutional Convention*
 - IV. Home Rule*

Include as many suggestions as your League would like to see on the 1965-67 Program. Remember that a suggestion must be included in the First Round in order to be considered at Convention.

STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of St. Anthony Village

Current Agenda Items

Conservation, with emphasis on the preservation and development of the scenic, scientific and historic areas of the border lakes region

(We can foresee that this study item would touch on Human Resources - thus establishing a tie with the National item - & would also embrace certain aspects of the study on Indians. ~~Int~~ Interest would be high, we feel - as this study would be meaningful to those who would like to see Minn. make the most of its potential, thus benefiting all of its citizens.)

Continuing Responsibilities

We urge continued consideration of these current continuing responsibilities -
1, 2, 3 and 5

and the addition of two more on:
Reapportionment, and
Indian Affairs

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STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of St. Cloud.

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Current Agenda Items

- 1) A study of the Minnesota Tax System with a view toward tax reform.
- 2) A study of welfare with special emphasize on direct relief, the catagorical reliefs, and mental health.

We would favor no change in the CA and CR program at the state level. As a small League, with limited women power we find the long list of CA's, even with different emphasis ; overburdening when one is confroted with the possibility of restudying and reaching a new consenses on any one item. We would prefer a thorough study on a few items rather than a smattering of knowledge on a number of current issues.

Continuing Responsibilities

CR's remain the same with a directive that we put special emphasis on the Indian where he is concerned in our equal opportunities CR.

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STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of St. Croix Valley.

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Current Agenda Items

All three units agreed on a single listing

1. The LWV of Minn. will support legislation and an effective and well-financed administration to insure employment on merit, equal access to public accommodations; and improvement of the Indians welfare.
2. The LWV of Minn. will support party designation for legislators and improvements in election laws in the field of campaign practices, election procedures and voting.
3. The LWV of Minn. will support legislation to regulate lobbying and conflict of interests.
4. The LWV of Minn. will support constitutional revision by convention but until such time will support amendments that improve the constitution.
5. The LWV of Minn. will support the principles of home rule relating to realistic restrictions on special legislation and broader provisions for adoption and amendment of home rule charters.
6. The LWV of Minn. will review the state tax structure.

Continuing Responsibilities

NONE

Include as many suggestions as your League would like to see on the 1965-67 Program. Remember that a suggestion must be included in the First Round in order to be considered at Convention.

STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS - FIRST ROUND

ST. LOUIS PARK LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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| (1) | 1. Mental health facilities, state institutions | Units #4, 7, 8, 12 & 13 |
| | 2. Sales tax | #4 & 7 |
| | 3. Indians as Current Responsibilities | #7 |
| | 4. Human Resources | #5 & 7 |
| | 5. Sales tax | #7 & 4 |
| | 6. Reapportionment | #8 & 13 |
| (2) | 7. Indians as Current Agenda | #3, 8, 12 & 13 |
| | 8. Retarded children | #13 |
| | 9. State constitution | #5 |
| | 10. Education | #5 |
| (2) | 11. State Taxes
<i>with Salinity</i> | #1, 5, 8 & 12 |
| | 12. Water resources | #5 |
| | 13. Amending of State constitution | #1 |
| | 14. Intercity Bus transportation | #1 |
| | 15. Conservation of wilderness areas | #8 |
| | 16. State parks | #3 |

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STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of St. Paul.

Current Agenda Items

The St. Paul League recommends a Single List Program.

15 units reporting
20 units in St. Paul League

1. Financing government in Minnesota - 10 units

Scope: (1) State revenue sources with consideration of state and local needs
(2) State grants in aid

2. State Welfare Services and Programs - 8 units

Scope: (1) How financed and operated
(2) Differences between "welfare" and "relief"

3. Conservation - 6 units

Scope: (1) Land use
(2) Air and water pollution

4. Home Rule - 6 units

Scope: (1) Modified local consent (metro problems)
(2) Position and function of counties

5. Mental Health - 6 units

Scope: Problems and needs

6. Statutory Reapportionment - Board recommendation

7. Equal Opportunities - 4 units and 3 for Indians

Scope: (1) Including Indians
(2) Education and public services

8. Constitutional Revision by Amendment

9. Three pronged - 1. Party Designation

2. Election Laws

3. Campaign Practices

10. Ethics in Government

Continuing Responsibilities

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STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of St. Peter.

Current Agenda Items

1. A study of the overall tax base in Minnesota.
2. A study of the mental health: existing institutions, legislature, community; Private and public facilities, in Minnesota.
3. A study of arrest procedures and law enforcement in Minnesota.
4. A study of Minnesota State Parks

Continuing Responsibilities

1. Keep all the present C.R. except constitutional revision by convention.
2. Move Indians from a C.A. to a C.R.

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STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of Shoreview.

Current Agenda Items

- The L. W. V. of Shoreview recommends the adoption of the "single list" format for state program.
- New item for concentrated league study:
"The L. W. V. of Minnesota will evaluate the present tax structure of the state of Minnesota and investigate alternative taxing procedures for the State of Minn."
- Additional program items: (present wording to be unchanged)

Indians

Continuing Responsibilities

Constitutional amendments

Equal Opportunities

Party Designation, election laws,
and campaign practices

lobby Regulation - Conflict
of Interests

Constitutional Convention

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Non-Recommended Items:

- 1) "The U. W. U. of Minnesota will work for maximum development of individual potential through diversified education."
- 2) Welfare
- 3) Law Enforcement
- 4) Mental Health
- 5) Home Rule

STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of Virginia, Minn.

Current Agenda Items

Conservation - park policies.
Conservation - water pollution within Minnesota
Mental Health - state institutions; mental health centers.
Indian Affairs - housing

Continuing Responsibilities

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STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of Wells.

Current Agenda Items

Welfare - (12) the majority of the members share this

Education - this is the second choice

Continuing Responsibilities

Party Designation

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STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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Current Agenda Items

Welfare
Constitutional Amendments
Water Resources

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Continuing Responsibilities

Home Rule
Constitutional Revision

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STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of Wayzata.

Current Agenda Items

The League of Women Voters will study
the tax structure of Minnesota
(This would include a study of the
history of our present taxes.)

Continuing Responsibilities

Home Rule

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STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of Westonka.

Current Agenda Items

1. LWVM will study the tax structure of the state of Minnesota
2. LWVM will support legislation to insure employment on merit and non-discrimination in transactions involving real property it will work for adequately financed commission administration of such legislation and of legislation to insure equal access to public accommodations. It will work for legislation which would be effective in improving the situation of the Minn. Indian.

Continuing Responsibilities

3. LWVM WILL support party designation , improvements in election laws etc.
4. LWVM will support consitutional revision by amendment or convention etc.

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of White Bear Lake.

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Current Agenda Items

SINGLE LIST:

1. TAXATION: A study of policies, statutes, and constitutional provisions relating to the tax structure of the state of Minnesota.
2. Equal Opportunities. (includes our positions as stated in our present CR and any reached in our Indian study this spring. This would parallel our national Development of Human Resources item.)
3. CONSTITUTION REVISION by convention or amendment.
4. HOME RULE (present CR)
5. PARTY DESIGNATION--ELECTION LAWS--CAMPAIGN PRACTICES (present CR)
6. ETHICS: Lobby regulation, Conflict of interests. (Present CR)

Also mentioned: Conservation (Land Management and Water Resources)
Governmental Reorganization
Welfare

Continuing Responsibilities

Education--local-state partnership
Mental Health
Law Enforcement

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The League of Women Voters of Willmar submits its recommendation to the State Board that the adoption of a single list of program items be enacted for the State Agenda.

Single List Program Suggestions

- I. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study specific areas for improving Law Enforcement in Minnesota.
(Specific Areas: Need for a State Policy Force, evaluation of programs and policies in the areas of correctional institutions, Local and State law enforcement officers and system of courts.)
- II. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study specific areas regarding Mental Health Problems in Minnesota.
(Specific Areas: Improvements in legislation along areas of the State Institutions, Welfare Services, research, adequate personnel in all areas and revision of commitment laws.)
- III. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will work for Amendments to improve the State Constitution.
- IV. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support Constitutional revision by Convention.
- V. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support legislation to regulate lobbying and conflicts of interests.
- VI. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support party designation for Legislators and improvements in election laws in the field of campaign practices, election procedures and voting.
- VII. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support legislation to ensure equal opportunities for all people.
(Specifically: Ensure fair housing and fair employment practices. Study areas of discrimination in Minnesota and improving the Indian situation.)

If the single list agenda is not adopted, the program suggestion is as shown on the attached sheet.

STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1965-67: FIRST ROUND

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The following is a list of First Round recommendations for the 1965-67 state Program submitted by the League of Women Voters of Willmar.

Current Agenda Items

- I. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will work for Amendments to improve the State Constitution.
- II. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study specific areas for improving Law Enforcement in Minnesota. (First Choice)
- III. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study specific areas regarding Mental Health problems in Minnesota.

Continuing Responsibilities

- I. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support legislation to ensure equal opportunities for all people.
- II. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support legislation to regulate lobbying and conflicts of interest.
- III. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support Constitutional revision by Convention.
- IV. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support party designation for Legislators and improvements in election laws in the field of campaign practices, election procedures and voting.

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