



## League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS  
for  
"ETHICS AND THE PUBLIC SERVANT"

JUN 6 1960

1. Conflicts of Interest

A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes 19 No   

B. If legislation is the answer, which of the following would you like to see included?

Financial disclosure of sources and amounts of income, <sup>if excluded</sup> financial holdings, speaking fees, reimbursement for expense, gifts exceeding \$50. Yes 6 No 1

On the spot disclosure of interest in legislation. Yes 19 No   

Prohibition against any public official representing private interest before state agency. Yes 19 No   

Prohibition against public official representing private interest against the state in any action in which the state (or state agency) is the complainant. Yes 19 No   

Prohibition against disclosure of confidential information. Yes 19 No   

Prohibition against private employment of public official where activity would be incompatible with proper discharge of public duties. Yes    No   ?

Prohibition for two years against former official representing private interest against state in any matter for which he was responsible during state service. Yes    No   ?

2. Lobby Regulation

A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes 19 No   

B. If legislation were enacted and you had a choice, which of the following would you like to see disclosed?

1. Name, address, etc. of lobbyist. Yes    No   

2. Name of his employer. Yes    No   

3. Nature of legislation with which he is concerned. Yes    No   

4. Nature of activities in which he engages. Yes    No   

5. Amount of money contributed to his lobbying action and by whom. It should be pointed out that if a lobbyist is hired by a public relations firm, registering simply the name of his employer does not indicate who is really financing his activities.) Yes 19 No   

6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes 19 No   

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Saint Paul 8, Minnesota  
June 13, 1960

League of Women Voters of Minnesota  
15th and Washington S.E.  
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

Mesdames:

The following is a summary of the three consensus meetings of the Falcon Heights League:

1. Conflicts of Interest

- |                             |    |     |  |
|-----------------------------|----|-----|--|
| A. Legislative action       | 24 | yes |  |
| B. Financial disclosure     | 24 | yes |  |
| on the spot disclosure      | 23 | yes |  |
| representing private int. 1 | 24 | yes |  |
| representing private int. 2 | 24 | yes |  |
| confidential information    | 24 | yes | (6 say confidential needs definition.)     |
| private employment          | 24 | yes | (8 say difficult to draw a line sometimes) |
| two-year prohibition        | 24 | yes | (8 say time should be longer: 3 yr.min.)   |

2. Lobby Regulation

- |                             |    |     |                                     |
|-----------------------------|----|-----|-------------------------------------|
| A. Legislative action       | 24 | yes |                                     |
| B. 1. Name, address, etc.   | 18 | yes | 6 no (6 say address not necessary)  |
| 2. Name of employer         | 24 | yes |                                     |
| 3. Nature of legis. concern | 24 | yes |                                     |
| 4. Nature of activities     | 24 | yes | (6 say this especially important)   |
| 5. Contributions            | 24 | yes | (8 exphasize <u>contributors</u> .) |
| 6. Terms of employment      | 24 | yes |                                     |

Discussion on the consensus questions was lively in all units, but always in agreement with the opinion behind the questions as they were asked. Since everyone thought alike no nuances of point of view were apparent.

Unit III decided that legislative action would not come through league pressure on legislators alone. Education in the community would be our strongest weapon, to inform the voters of all the possibilities for corruption in our legislature, not necessarily actual corruption.

I have enclosed the individual consensus sheets for any additional help they might give.

Very truly yours,

*Marguerite B. Simson*  
(Mrs. George)  
Marguerite B. Simson  
League of Women Voters of  
Falcon Heights

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS  
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*morning Unit  
Falcon Heights June 1  
8 members present 1960*

1. Conflicts of Interest

A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes 8 No   

B. If legislation is the answer, which of the following would you like to see included?

Financial disclosure of sources and amounts of income, financial holdings, speaking fees, reimbursement for expense, gifts exceeding \$50. Yes 8 No   

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Prohibition against any public official representing private interest before state agency. Yes 8 No   

Prohibition against public official representing private interest against the state in any action in which the state (or state agency) is the complainant. Yes 8 No   

Prohibition against disclosure of confidential information. Yes 8 No   

Prohibition against private employment of public official where activity would be incompatible with proper discharge of public duties. Yes 8 No   

*Discussion indicated members felt it would, however, be difficult to "draw the line" in some cases.*  
Prohibition for two years against former official representing private interest against state in any matter for which he was responsible during state service. Yes 8 No     
*all felt that the time might be better even longer; say 3 yrs. as a minimum*

2. Lobby Regulation

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B. If legislation were enacted and you had a choice, which of the following would you like to see disclosed?

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2. Name of his employer. Yes 8 No   

3. Nature of legislation with which he is concerned. Yes 8 No   

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6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes 8 No   

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*Marquette D. Johnson*  
League of Women Voters



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Unit II  
Falcon Heights  
10 members present

1. Conflicts of Interest

A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes 10 No    

B. If legislation is the answer, which of the following would you like to see included?

Financial disclosure of sources and amounts of income, financial holdings, speaking fees, reimbursement for expense, gifts exceeding \$50. Yes 10 No    

On the spot disclosure of interest in legislation. Yes 9 No    

Prohibition against any public official representing private interest before state agency. Yes 10 No    

Prohibition against public official representing private interest against the state in any action in which the state (or state agency) is the complainant. Yes 10 No    

Prohibition against disclosure of confidential information. Yes 10 No    

Prohibition against private employment of public official where activity would be incompatible with proper discharge of public duties. Yes 10 No    

Prohibition for two years against former official representing private interest against state in any matter for which he was responsible during state service. Yes 10 No    

2. Lobby Regulation

A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes 10 No    

B. If legislation were enacted and you had a choice, which of the following would you like to see disclosed?

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2. Name of his employer. Yes 10 No    

3. Nature of legislation with which he is concerned. Yes 10 No    

4. Nature of activities in which he engages. Yes 10 No    

5. Amount of money contributed to his lobbying action and by whom. It should be pointed out that if a lobbyist is hired by a public relations firm, registering simply the name of his employer does not indicate who is really financing his activities.) Yes 10 No    

6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes 10 No    

*We felt unanimously that the questions quite obviously covered*  
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*K. Vander Horch*  
*Marguerite B. Simson*  
League of Women Voters

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*Unit 14  
Falcon Heights*

1. Conflicts of Interest

A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes ☒ No ☐ 6

B. If legislation is the answer, which of the following would you like to see included?

Financial disclosure of sources and amounts of income, financial holdings, speaking fees, reimbursement for expense, gifts exceeding \$50. Yes ☒ No ☐ 6

On the spot disclosure of interest in legislation. Yes ☒ No ☐ 6

Prohibition against any public official representing private interest before state agency. Yes ☒ No ☐ 6

Prohibition against public official representing private interest against the state in any action in which the state (or state agency) is the complainant. Yes ☒ No ☐ 6

Prohibition against disclosure of confidential information. Yes ☒ No ☐ 6

Prohibition against private employment of public official where activity would be incompatible with proper discharge of public duties. Yes ☒ No ☐ 6

Prohibition for two years against former official representing private interest against state in any matter for which he was responsible during state service. Yes ☒ No ☐ 6

*Publication of facts gathered so that they will be available to public digestion.*

2. Lobby Regulation

A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes ☒ No ☐ 6

B. If legislation were enacted and you had a choice, which of the following would you like to see disclosed?

1. Name, address, etc. of lobbyist. Yes ☐ No ☒ 6

2. Name of his employer. Yes ☒ No ☐ 6

3. Nature of legislation with which he is concerned. Yes ☒ No ☐ 6

4. Nature of activities in which he engages. Yes ☒ No ☐ 6

5. Amount of money contributed to his lobbying action and by whom. It should be pointed out that if a lobbyist is hired by a public relations firm, registering simply the name of his employer does not indicate who is really financing his activities.) Yes ☒ No ☐ 6

6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes ☒ No ☐ 6

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*Marquette D. Simon*  
League of Women Voters

*since his legislative salary.*  
*You need League action in community to pass the popular.*

*define confidential*

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✓ On the spot disclosure of interest in legislation. Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition against any public official representing private interest before state agency. Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition against public official representing private interest against the state in any action in which the state (or state agency) is the complainant. Yes ☒ No ☐

✓ Prohibition against disclosure of confidential information. Yes ☒ No ☐

✓ Prohibition against private employment of public official where activity would be incompatible with proper discharge of public duties. Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition for two years against former official representing private interest against state in any matter for which he was responsible during state service. Yes ☒ No ☐

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3. Nature of legislation with which he is concerned. Yes ☒ No ☐

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6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes ☒ No ☐

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✓ Those checked not all agreed  
— represented a very small  
percentage.

*Helmi Storie*  
League of Women Voters  
Golden Valley

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FEB 23 1960

1. Conflicts of Interest

A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes 11 No 0

B. If legislation is the answer, which of the following would you like to see included?

Financial disclosure of sources and amounts of income, financial holdings, speaking fees, reimbursement for expense, gifts exceeding \$50. Yes 11 No 0

On the spot disclosure of interest in legislation. Yes 9 No 2

*if not too time-consuming*  
Prohibition against any public official representing private interest before state agency. Yes 11 No 0

Prohibition against public official representing private interest against the state in any action in which the state (or state agency) is the complainant. Yes 11 No 0

Prohibition against disclosure of confidential information. Yes 11 No 0

Prohibition against private employment of public official where activity would be incompatible with proper discharge of public duties. Yes 11 No 0

Prohibition for two years against former official representing private interest against state in any matter for which he was responsible during state service. Yes 11 No 0

2. Lobby Regulation

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3. Nature of legislation with which he is concerned. Yes 11 No 0

4. Nature of activities in which he engages. Yes 11 No 0

5. Amount of money contributed to his lobbying action and by whom. It should be pointed out that if a lobbyist is hired by a public relations firm, registering simply the name of his employer does not indicate who is really financing his activities.) Yes 11 No 0

6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes 11 No 0

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*Mattomede evening unit*  
League of Women Voters

*It would be interesting to have the time to discuss whether such a code should*



have strong sanctions or whether  
it should be merely "an expres-  
sion of hope." The all-regretted  
we had only one meeting to  
devote to the very timely question  
of ethics.

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12 present

Morning unit - April 13 -

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1. Conflicts of Interest

A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes 12 No —

B. If legislation is the answer, which of the following would you like to see included?

Financial disclosure of sources and amounts of income, financial holdings, speaking fees, reimbursement for expense, gifts exceeding \$50. Yes 6 No 6

On the spot disclosure of interest in legislation. Yes 12 No —

Prohibition against any public official representing private interest before state agency. Difficult to assess Yes undecided No —

Prohibition against public official representing private interest against the state in any action in which the state (or state agency) is the complainant. Yes ✓ No —

Prohibition against disclosure of confidential information. Yes 12 No —

Prohibition against private employment of public official where activity would be incompatible with proper discharge of public duties. Yes 12 No —

Prohibition for two years against former official representing private interest against state in any matter for which he was responsible during state service. Yes 12 No —

2. Lobby Regulation

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2. Name of his employer. Yes 12 No —

3. Nature of legislation with which he is concerned. Yes 12 No —

4. Nature of activities in which he engages. Yes 12 No —

5. Amount of money contributed to his lobbying action and by whom. It should be pointed out that if a lobbyist is hired by a public relations firm, registering simply the name of his employer does not indicate who is really financing his activities.) Be specific Yes 12 No —

6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes 12 No —

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1. Conflicts of Interest

A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes 7 No    

B. If legislation is the answer, which of the following would you like to see included?

Financial disclosure of sources and amounts of income, financial holdings, speaking fees, reimbursement for expense, gifts exceeding \$50. Yes 7 No    

On the spot disclosure of interest in legislation. Yes 7 No    

Prohibition against any public official representing private interest before state agency. Yes 7 No    

Prohibition against public official representing private interest against the state in any action in which the state (or state agency) is the complainant. Yes 7 No    

Prohibition against disclosure of confidential information. Yes 7 No    

Prohibition against private employment of public official where activity would be incompatible with proper discharge of public duties. Yes 7 No    

Prohibition for two years against former official representing private interest against state in any matter for which he was responsible during state service. Yes 7 No    

2. Lobby Regulation

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2. Name of his employer. Yes 7 No    

3. Nature of legislation with which he is concerned. Yes 7 No    

4. Nature of activities in which he engages. Yes 7 No    

5. Amount of money contributed to his lobbying action and by whom. It should be pointed out that if a lobbyist is hired by a public relations firm, registering simply the name of his employer does not indicate who is really financing his activities.) Yes 7 No    

6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes 2 No 5

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*Mr. John H. Hume - May 1960*  
League of Women Voters



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Prohibition against disclosure of confidential information. Yes ☒ No ☐

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*Lucille Watt*  
League of Women Voters

*Maplewood*



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A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes 3 No 3

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On the spot disclosure of interest in legislation. Yes 6 No 0

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6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes 6 No 0

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to Mrs. ~~W~~ Dehange  
2659 Hawester  
St. Paul 19

Unit #6 - Maplewood  
League of Women Voters

Sorry this is late. It was mislaid.

# League of Women Voters

JUN 15 1960

## of Minnetonka Village

### Consensus Report On Ethics

June 1960

The Minnetonka league is in favor of ethics in government and is happy to be studying the subject - but was unable to reach consensus on the questions concerning conflict of interests and lobbying.

There was not enough unanimity among the membership to reach consensus and therefore this league does not wish the state board to use the report as a basis for action. We realize the state board is looking for direction from the member leagues but we, in Minnetonka, feel we cannot give direction for any action because we have not studied the subject thoroughly enough. We don't know what action we want to take, if any at all.

Specifically now, this is what the members reported:

Four of the eight units thought it was too soon to reach any definite conclusions on a subject introduced for the first time in our units. They were not sure, especially in the area of conflict of interests, that legislative action was desirable. They said that the league has prided itself on its careful study of agenda items before taking a stand or position on them. On the basis of a one unit meeting study, they did not feel they were adequately informed to put the League stamp of approval or disapproval on any bills that might be introduced in the 1961 legislature. They also expressed a wish for a wider latitude of opinion in the questions posed in order to accurately reflect their thinking. They felt that there was too much emphasis on the specific areas and categorized - not enough on the main question: "Is legislation desirable?" They disliked the presumption that the first question would be answered affirmatively making the following questions answerable. Some league's said reapportionment is the biggest and most important ethical question - "why worry about the plantings around the commons when the whole commons itself is being stolen from us",

Three units favored legislative action in the area of conflict of interests and would like to see in this legislation, all of the seven questions raised in the questionnaire. However, within this group:

- 9 were against financial disclosure
- 3 " " on the spot disclosure
- 6. " " prohibition of public official representing private interest before a state agency
- 9 against 2 year prohibition of former official representing interest against state in any matter for which he was responsible during state service.
- 1 against each of the other stipulations listed on the questionnaire.

(more)



One unit did not think conflict of interests was an area for legislative action.

Four units agreed that legislative action was desireable for lobbying regulation and though all isx questions concerning lobbyist disclosure should be enacted in legislation.

So much for the report of the 8 units.

Prior to our unit study of this agenda item, we had a general membership meeting with one of the members of the Governor's Committee on Ethics, Mr. William Carlson, as guest speaker.

In our unit study we used the "Ethics and the Public Servant" pamphlet, the Governor's Committee on Ethics report, and the MacDonald newspaper articles.

In conclusion we can only request:

1. further study, with
2. emphasis on whether or not these questions are legislatively desireable, and
3. how practical and how enforceable they would be
4. a consesnsus questionnaire that does not appear slanted to preclude affirmative answers.

Sincerely,



Mrs. L. J. Lederle,  
MINNETONKA LEAGUE of  
Women Voters



To Jan Sigfred:

JUN 14 1960

These are more individual unit censuses sheets  
to add to a few others we sent you. As you know we  
suggested that if units had time they should work on  
censuses sheet; the city party designation censuses came  
the same month.

*minneapolis*

Phyllis Richter

— Didn't mpls deal w. this as  
a board

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4. Nature of activities in which he engages. Yes ☒ No ☐

5. Amount of money contributed to his lobbying action and by whom. It should be pointed out that if a lobbyist is hired by a public relations firm, registering simply the name of his employer does not indicate who is really financing his activities.) Yes ☐ No ☐

6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes ☒ No ☐

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Unit 9 (D. J. J. J.)  
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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS  
for  
"ETHICS AND THE PUBLIC SERVANT"

1. Conflicts of Interest

A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes ☒ No ☐

B. If legislation is the answer, which of the following would you like to see included?

Financial disclosure of sources and amounts of income, financial holdings, speaking fees, reimbursement for expense, gifts exceeding \$50. Yes ☒ No ☒

On the spot disclosure of interest in legislation. Yes ☒ No ☒

Prohibition against any public official representing private interest before state agency. Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition against public official representing private interest against the state in any action in which the state (or state agency) is the complainant. Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition against disclosure of confidential information. Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition against private employment of public official where activity would be incompatible with proper discharge of public duties. Yes ☐ No ☒

Prohibition for two years against former official representing private interest against state in any matter for which he was responsible during state service. Yes ☒ No ☐

2. Lobby Regulation

A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes ☒ No ☐

B. If legislation were enacted and you had a choice, which of the following would you like to see disclosed?

1. Name, address, etc. of lobbyist. Yes ☒ No ☐

2. Name of his employer. Yes ☒ No ☐

3. Nature of legislation with which he is concerned. Yes ☒ No ☐

4. Nature of activities in which he engages. Yes ☒ No ☐

5. Amount of money contributed to his lobbying action and by whom. It should be pointed out that if a lobbyist is hired by a public relations firm, registering simply the name of his employer does not indicate who is really financing his activities.) Yes ☒ No ☐

6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes ☒ No ☐

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*Teta Cleveland*  
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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS  
for  
"ETHICS AND THE PUBLIC SERVANT"

1. Conflicts of Interest

A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes ☒ No ☐

B. If legislation is the answer, which of the following would you like to see included?

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2. Lobby Regulation

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6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes ☒ No ☐

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6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes ☒ No ☐

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It seemed to Unit 41 that we were endorsing the obvious reforms for the public servant. There seemed no point in setting up guide posts for the public servant without strong enforcement measures.

Also, the corruptionist should be penalized as well as the "corruptee".



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6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes ☒ No ☐

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS  
for  
"ETHICS AND THE PUBLIC SERVANT"

1. Conflicts of Interest

A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes ☒ No ☐

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Prohibition against disclosure of confidential information. Yes ☐ No ☐

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Prohibition for two years against former official representing private interest against state in any matter for which he was responsible during state service. Yes ☒ No ☐

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3. Nature of legislation with which he is concerned. Yes ☒ No ☐

4. Nature of activities in which he engages. Yes ☒ No ☐

5. Amount of money contributed to his lobbying action and by whom. It should be pointed out that if a lobbyist is hired by a public relations firm, registering simply the name of his employer does not indicate who is really financing his activities.) Yes ☐ No ☐

6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes ☒ No ☐

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Unit 21 - Mrs. S. L. Rodley  
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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS  
for  
"ETHICS AND THE PUBLIC SERVANT"

1. Conflicts of Interest

A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes 9 No    

B. If legislation is the answer, which of the following would you like to see included?

Financial disclosure of sources and amounts of income, financial holdings, speaking fees, reimbursement for expense, gifts exceeding \$50. Yes 9 No    

On the spot disclosure of interest in legislation. Yes 9 No    

Prohibition against any public official representing private interest before state agency. Yes 9 No    

Prohibition against public official representing private interest against the state in any action in which the state (or state agency) is the complainant. Yes 9 No    

Prohibition against disclosure of confidential information. Yes 9 No    

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Prohibition against private employment of public official where activity would be incompatible with proper discharge of public duties. Yes 9 No    

Prohibition for two years against former official representing private interest against state in any matter for which he was responsible during state service. Yes 9 No    

2. Lobby Regulation

A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes 9 No    

B. If legislation were enacted and you had a choice, which of the following would you like to see disclosed?

1. Name, address, etc. of lobbyist. Yes 9 No    

2. Name of his employer. Yes 9 No    

3. Nature of legislation with which he is concerned. Yes 9 No    

4. Nature of activities in which he engages. Yes 9 No    

5. Amount of money contributed to his lobbying action and by whom. It should be pointed out that if a lobbyist is hired by a public relations firm, registering simply the name of his employer does not indicate who is really financing his activities.) Yes 9 No    

6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a [contingency basis, etc.]). Yes 9 No    

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*Eleanor L. Colborn*  
League of Women Voters

*Unit #28*



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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS  
for  
"ETHICS AND THE PUBLIC SERVANT"

1. Conflicts of Interest

A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes ☒ No ☐

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2. Lobby Regulation

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5. Amount of money contributed to his lobbying action and by whom. It should be pointed out that if a lobbyist is hired by a public relations firm, registering simply the name of his employer does not indicate who is really financing his activities.) Yes ☒ No ☐

6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes ☒ No ☐

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*Anita #12*  
League of Women Voters

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS  
for  
"ETHICS AND THE PUBLIC SERVANT"

1. Conflicts of Interest

A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes ☒ No ☐

B. If legislation is the answer, which of the following would you like to see included?

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On the spot disclosure of interest in legislation. Yes ☒ No ☐

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2. Lobby Regulation

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6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes ☒ No ☐

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS  
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6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes ☒ No ☐

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*We thought some of the*  
*questions were too inclusive & ambiguous*  
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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS  
for  
"ETHICS AND THE PUBLIC SERVANT"

1. Conflicts of Interest

- A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
- B. If legislation is the answer, which of the following would you like to see included? *maintain*

Financial disclosure of sources and amounts of income, financial holdings, speaking fees, reimbursement for expense, gifts exceeding \$50. Yes ☒ No\_\_\_

On the spot disclosure of interest in legislation. Yes ☒ No\_\_\_

Prohibition against any public official representing private interest before state agency. Yes ☒ No\_\_\_

Prohibition against public official representing private interest against the state in any action in which the state (or state agency) is the complainant. Yes ☒ No\_\_\_

Prohibition against disclosure of confidential information. Yes ☒ No\_\_\_

Prohibition against private employment of public official where activity would be incompatible with proper discharge of public duties. Yes ☒ No\_\_\_

Prohibition for two years against former official representing private interest against state in any matter for which he was responsible during state service. Yes\_\_\_ No ☒

2. Lobby Regulation

- A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes ☒ No\_\_\_

- B. If legislation were enacted and you had a choice, which of the following would you like to see disclosed?

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4. Nature of activities in which he engages. Yes ☒ No\_\_\_

5. Amount of money contributed to his lobbying action and by whom. It should be pointed out that if a lobbyist is hired by a public relations firm, registering simply the name of his employer does not indicate who is really financing his activities.) Yes ☒ No\_\_\_

6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes ☒ No\_\_\_

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*Unit #9 - mps*  
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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS  
for  
"ETHICS AND THE PUBLIC SERVANT"

1. Conflicts of Interest

A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes ☒ No ☐

B. If legislation is the answer, which of the following would you like to see included?

Financial disclosure of sources and amounts of income, financial holdings, speaking fees, reimbursement for expense, gifts exceeding \$50. Yes ☒ No ☐

On the spot disclosure of interest in legislation. Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition against any public official representing private interest before state agency. Yes ☒ No ☐

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Prohibition against disclosure of confidential information. Yes ☒ No ☐

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6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes ☒ No ☐

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS  
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"ETHICS AND THE PUBLIC SERVANT"

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6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes ☒ No ☐

*7- How many people he represents -*

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*Mrs. Robert J. Brin*  
League of Women Voters

*Unit 53- Mpls.*



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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS  
for  
"ETHICS AND THE PUBLIC SERVANT"

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*McLeod Hutchinson*  
League of Women Voters  
*Mrs. Virgil Prieve*

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS  
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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS  
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"ETHICS AND THE PUBLIC SERVANT"

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Prohibition for two years against former official representing private interest against state in any matter for which he was responsible during state service. Yes ☒ No ☐

2. Lobby Regulation

A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes ☒ No ☐

B. If legislation were enacted and you had a choice, which of the following would you like to see disclosed?

1. Name, address, etc. of lobbyist. Yes ☒ No ☐

2. Name of his employer. Yes ☒ No ☐

3. Nature of legislation with which he is concerned. Yes ☒ No ☐

4. Nature of activities in which he engages. Yes ☒ No ☐

5. Amount of money contributed to his lobbying action and by whom. It should be pointed out that if a lobbyist is hired by a public relations firm, registering simply the name of his employer does not indicate who is really financing his activities.) Yes ☒ No ☐

6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes ☒ No ☐

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS  
for  
"ETHICS AND THE PUBLIC SERVANT"

1. Conflicts of Interest

A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes ☒ No ☐

B. If legislation is the answer, which of the following would you like to see included? *Many members (but not all) felt it was wrong for a man to have to disclose his amt. of income just because he's a public official.*

Financial disclosure of sources and amounts of income, financial holdings, speaking fees, reimbursement for expense, gifts exceeding \$50. Yes ☒ No ☐

On the spot disclosure of interest in legislation. Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition against any public official representing private interest before state agency. Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition against public official representing private interest against the state in any action in which the state (or state agency) is the complainant. Yes ☒ No ☐

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2. Lobby Regulation

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3. Nature of legislation with which he is concerned. Yes ☒ No ☐

4. Nature of activities in which he engages. *? too vague* Yes ☐ No ☐

5. Amount of money contributed to his lobbying action and by whom. It should be pointed out that if a lobbyist is hired by a public relations firm, registering simply the name of his employer does not indicate who is really financing his activities.) Yes ☒ No ☐

6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes ☒ No ☐

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*New Richland*  
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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS  
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"ETHICS AND THE PUBLIC SERVANT"

1. Conflicts of Interest

A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes ☒ No ☐

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Prohibition against private employment of public official where activity would be incompatible with proper discharge of public duties. Yes ☒ No ☐

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4. Nature of activities in which he engages. Yes ☒ No ☐

5. Amount of money contributed to his lobbying action and by whom. It should be pointed out that if a lobbyist is hired by a public relations firm, registering simply the name of his employer does not indicate who is really financing his activities.) Yes ☒ No ☐

6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes ☒ No ☐

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*Mrs. Leonard Kucha (Treas.)*  
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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS  
for  
"ETHICS AND THE PUBLIC SERVANT"

1. Conflicts of Interest

A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes X No    

B. If legislation is the answer, which of the following would you like to see included?

Financial disclosure of sources and amounts of income, financial holdings, speaking fees, reimbursement for expense, gifts exceeding \$50. Yes X No    

On the spot disclosure of interest in legislation. Yes X No    

Prohibition against any public official representing private interest before state agency. Yes X No    

Prohibition against public official representing private interest against the state in any action in which the state (or state agency) is the complainant. Yes X No    

Prohibition against disclosure of confidential information. Yes X No    

Prohibition against private employment of public official where activity would be incompatible with proper discharge of public duties. Yes     No X  
(NOT DEFINED)

Prohibition for two years against former official representing private interest against state in any matter for which he was responsible during state service. Yes X No    

2. Lobby Regulation

A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes X No    

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1. Name, address, etc. of lobbyist. Yes X No    

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3. Nature of legislation with which he is concerned. Yes X No    

4. Nature of activities in which he engages. Yes X No    

5. Amount of money contributed to his lobbying action and by whom/ It should really explained be pointed out that if a lobbyist is hired by a public relations firm, registering simply the name of his employer does not indicate who is really financing his activities.) Yes X No    

6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes X No    

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Prohibition against private employment of public official where activity would be incompatible with proper discharge of public duties. Yes ☐ No ☐

Prohibition for two years against former official representing private interest against state in any matter for which he was responsible during state service.

*Although there was concern as to how much to limit the lawyer-legislator, it was generally agreed that all of these items should be included.* Yes ☒ No ☐

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6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes ☒ No ☐

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*Red King, Minnesota*  
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"ETHICS AND THE PUBLIC SERVANT"

1. Conflicts of Interest

A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes 9 No 1 *units*

B. If legislation is the answer, which of the following would you like to see included?

Financial disclosure of sources and amounts of income, financial holdings, speaking fees, reimbursement for expense, gifts exceeding \$50. Yes 7 No 2 *units*

On the spot disclosure of interest in legislation. Yes 8 No 1

Prohibition against any public official representing private interest before state agency. Yes 8 No 1

Prohibition against public official representing private interest against the state in any action in which the state (or state agency) is the complainant. Yes 5 No 1

Prohibition against disclosure of confidential information. Yes 7 No 1

Prohibition against private employment of public official where activity would be incompatible with proper discharge of public duties. Yes 7 No 1

Prohibition for two years against former official representing private interest against state in any matter for which he was responsible during state service. Yes 5 No 1

2. Lobby Regulation

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6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, Yes 8 No 1

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*Pax Thompson*  
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6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes ☒ No ☐

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The Robbinsdale League  
felt that they would not  
include the disclosure of  
financial holdings. They were  
in agreement with everything  
else.



## ROCHESTER LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA

June 10, 1960

Mrs. Kenneth Sigford  
1987 Beacon Street  
St. Paul 13, Minnesota

Re: Ethics in Government Consensus

Dear Mrs. Sigford:

Attached are eight Consensus Questions for Ethics and the Public Servant. Two of our units were unable to hold meetings on the Ethics in Government material.

Very truly yours,

*Patricia R. Whisnant*  
(Mrs) Patricia R. Whisnant  
Chairman, State Item

Att. 8

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS  
for  
"ETHICS AND THE PUBLIC SERVANT"

1. Conflicts of Interest

A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes ☒ No ☐

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Financial disclosure of sources and amounts of income, financial holdings, speaking fees, reimbursement for expense, gifts exceeding \$50. Yes ☐ No ☒

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Prohibition against any public official representing private interest before state agency. Yes ☐ No ☒

Prohibition against public official representing private interest against the state in any action in which the state (or state agency) is the complainant. Yes ☐ No ☒

Prohibition against disclosure of confidential information. Yes ☒ No ☐

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2. Lobby Regulation

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2. Name of his employer. Yes ☒ No ☐

3. Nature of legislation with which he is concerned. Yes ☒ No ☐

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5. Amount of money contributed to his lobbying action and by whom. It should be pointed out that if a lobbyist is hired by a public relations firm, registering simply the name of his employer does not indicate who is really financing his activities.) Yes ☒ No ☐

6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes ☐ No ☒

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Unit I - Mrs. Don Tierney  
League of Women Voters



CONSENSUS QUESTIONS  
for  
"ETHICS AND THE PUBLIC SERVANT"

1. Conflicts of Interest

A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes ☒ No ☐

B. If legislation is the answer, which of the following would you like to see included?

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On the spot disclosure of interest in legislation. Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition against any public official representing private interest before state agency. Yes ☐ No ☐

Prohibition against public official representing private interest against the state in any action in which the state (or state agency) is the complainant. Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition against disclosure of confidential information. Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition against private employment of public official where activity would be incompatible with proper discharge of public duties. Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition for two years against former official representing private interest against state in any matter for which he was responsible during state service. Yes ☐ No ☒

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1. Name, address, etc. of lobbyist. Yes ☒ No ☐

2. Name of his employer. Yes ☒ No ☐

3. Nature of legislation with which he is concerned. Yes ☒ No ☐

4. Nature of activities in which he engages. Yes ☒ No ☐

5. Amount of money contributed to his lobbying action and by whom. It should be pointed out that if a lobbyist is hired by a public relations firm, registering simply the name of his employer does not indicate who is really financing his activities.) Yes ☒ No ☐

6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes ☒ No ☐

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Unit 3 Rochester - Julie Shandy  
League of Women Voters

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS  
for  
"ETHICS AND THE PUBLIC SERVANT"

1. Conflicts of Interest

A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes ☒ No ☐

B. If legislation is the answer, which of the following would you like to see included?

Financial disclosure of sources and amounts of income, financial holdings, speaking fees, reimbursement for expense, gifts exceeding \$50. Yes ☒ No ☐

On the spot disclosure of interest in legislation. Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition against any public official representing private interest before state agency. Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition against public official representing private interest against the state in any action in which the state (or state agency) is the complainant. Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition against disclosure of confidential information. Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition against private employment of public official where activity would be incompatible with proper discharge of public duties. Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition for two years against former official representing private interest against state in any matter for which he was responsible during state service. Yes ☒ No ☐

2. Lobby Regulation

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1. Name, address, etc. of lobbyist. Yes ☒ No ☐

2. Name of his employer. Yes ☒ No ☐

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4. Nature of activities in which he engages. Yes ☒ No ☐

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6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes ☒ No ☐

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Miss 5. Mrs. Fred Sauer  
League of Women Voters

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS  
for  
"ETHICS AND THE PUBLIC SERVANT"

*A Code rather  
than legislative  
action*

1. Conflicts of Interest

A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes ☒ No ☐

B. If legislation is the answer, which of the following would you like to see included?

Financial disclosure of sources and amounts of income, financial holdings, speaking fees, reimbursement for expense, gifts exceeding \$50. Yes ☐ No ☐

On the spot disclosure of interest in legislation. Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition against any public official representing private interest before state agency. Yes ☒ No ☐

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Prohibition against disclosure of confidential information. Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition against private employment of public official where activity would be incompatible with proper discharge of public duties. Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition for two years against former official representing private interest against state in any matter for which he was responsible during state service. Yes ☐ No ☐

2. Lobby Regulation

A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes ☒ No ☐

B. If legislation were enacted and you had a choice, which of the following would you like to see disclosed?

1. Name, address, etc. of lobbyist. Yes ☒ No ☐

2. Name of his employer. Yes ☒ No ☐

3. Nature of legislation with which he is concerned. Yes ☒ No ☐

4. Nature of activities in which he engages. Yes ☒ No ☐

5. Amount of money contributed to his lobbying action and by whom. It should be pointed out that if a lobbyist is hired by a public relations firm, registering simply the name of his employer does not indicate who is really financing his activities.) Yes ☒ No ☐

6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes ☒ No ☐

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*Unit 6 - Mrs Carl M Johnson*  
League of Women Voters



CONSENSUS QUESTIONS  
for  
"ETHICS AND THE PUBLIC SERVANT"

1. Conflicts of Interest

A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes 12 No    

B. If legislation is the answer, which of the following would you like to see included?

Financial disclosure of sources and amounts of income, financial holdings, speaking fees, reimbursement for expense, gifts exceeding \$50. Yes 11 No 1

On the spot disclosure of interest in legislation. Yes 12 No    

Prohibition against any public official representing private interest before state agency. Yes 12 No    

Prohibition against public official representing private interest against the state in any action in which the state (or state agency) is the complainant. Yes 12 No    

Prohibition against disclosure of confidential information. Yes 12 No    

Prohibition against private employment of public official where activity would be incompatible with proper discharge of public duties. Yes 12 No    

Prohibition for two years against former official representing private interest against state in any matter for which he was responsible during state service. Yes 12 No    

2. Lobby Regulation

A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes 11 No    

B. If legislation were enacted and you had a choice, which of the following would you like to see disclosed?

1. Name, address, etc. of lobbyist. Yes 11 No    

2. Name of his employer. Yes 11 No    

3. Nature of legislation with which he is concerned. Yes 11 No    

4. Nature of <sup>lobbying</sup> activities in which he engages. ? Yes 11 No    

5. Amount of money contributed to his lobbying action and by whom. It should be pointed out that if a lobbyist is hired by a public relations firm, registering simply the name of his employer does not indicate who is really financing his activities.) Yes 11 No    

6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes 11 No    

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS  
for  
"ETHICS AND THE PUBLIC SERVANT"

1. Conflicts of Interest

A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes ☒ No ☐

B. If legislation is the answer, which of the following would you like to see included?

Financial disclosure of sources and amounts of income, financial holdings, speaking fees, reimbursement for expense, gifts exceeding \$50. Yes ☐ No ☐

On the spot disclosure of interest in legislation. Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition against any public official representing private interest before state agency. Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition against public official representing private interest against the state in any action in which the state (or state agency) is the complainant. Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition against disclosure of confidential information. Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition against private employment of public official where activity would be incompatible with proper discharge of public duties. Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition for two years against former official representing private interest against state in any matter for which he was responsible during state service. Yes ☒ No ☐

2. Lobby Regulation

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6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes ☒ No ☐

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Unit 9

League of Women Voters

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS  
for  
"ETHICS AND THE PUBLIC SERVANT"

1. Conflicts of Interest

A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes 10 No    

B. If legislation is the answer, which of the following would you like to see included?

Financial disclosure of sources and amounts of income, financial holdings, speaking fees, reimbursement for expense, gifts exceeding \$50. Yes 9 No    

On the spot disclosure of interest in legislation. Yes 7 No 1

Prohibition against any public official representing private interest before state agency. Yes 4 No 3

Prohibition against public official representing private interest against the state in any action in which the state (or state agency) is the complainant. Yes 6 No 2

Prohibition against disclosure of confidential information. Yes 4 No 5

Prohibition against private employment of public official where activity would be incompatible with proper discharge of public duties. Yes 9 No 1

Prohibition for two years against former official representing private interest against state in any matter for which he was responsible during state service. Yes 9 No 1

2. Lobby Regulation

A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes 10 No    

B. If legislation were enacted and you had a choice, which of the following would you like to see disclosed?

1. Name, address, etc. of lobbyist. Yes 10 No    

2. Name of his employer. Yes 10 No    

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6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes 10 No    

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Group 10, Mrs. L.A. Weed, Chr.  
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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS  
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"ETHICS AND THE PUBLIC SERVANT"

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Prohibition for two years against former official representing private interest against state in any matter for which he was responsible during state service. Yes X No

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*June K. Klupp*  
*Evelyn S. DeLaney (Mrs. R.F.)*  
League of Women Voters

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On the spot disclosure of <sup>(private)</sup> interest in legislation. Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition against any public official representing private interest before state agency. Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition against public official representing private interest against the state in any action in which the state (or state agency) is the complainant.

*(guide necessary for legislators)* Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition against disclosure of confidential information. Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition against private employment of public official where activity would be incompatible with proper discharge of public duties. Yes ☒ No ☐

*Public announcement of conflicts* *(Distinguish between public official in quasi-judicial & administrative)*  
Prohibition for two years against former official representing private interest against state in any matter for which he was responsible during state service. Yes ☒ No ☐

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A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes ☒ No ☐

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1. Name, address, etc. of lobbyist. Yes ☒ No ☐

2. Name of his employer. Yes ☒ No ☐

3. Nature of legislation with which he is concerned. Yes ☒ No ☐

4. Nature of <sup>lobbying</sup> activities in which he engages. Yes ☒ No ☐

5. Amount of money contributed to his lobbying action and by whom. It should be pointed out that if a lobbyist is hired by a public relations firm, registering simply the name of his employer does not indicate who is really financing his activities.) Yes ☒ No ☐

6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes ☒ No ☐

RETURN BY JUNE 15

*Roseville*  
League of Women Voters



MAY 6 1960

Tues. evening

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15th & Washington S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.  
February 1960

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS  
for  
"ETHICS AND THE PUBLIC SERVANT"

1. Conflicts of Interest

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6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes ☒ No ☐

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St Anthony Village  
League of Women Voters

MAY 6 1960

*Wed Night*

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS  
for  
"ETHICS AND THE PUBLIC SERVANT"

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*if personal income kept Confidential*  
On the spot disclosure of interest in legislation. Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition against any public official representing private interest before state agency. Yes ☒ No ☐

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*St Anthony Village*  
League of Women Voters

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Tuesday A.M.

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS  
for  
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Prohibition against private employment of public official where activity would be incompatible with proper discharge of public duties. Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition for two years against former official representing private interest against state in any matter for which he was responsible during state service. *if told before going in to office.* Yes ☒ No ☐

2. Lobby Regulation

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*St Anthony Village*  
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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS  
for  
"ETHICS AND THE PUBLIC SERVANT"

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Prohibition against any public official representing private interest before state agency. Yes ☐ No ☐

Prohibition against public official representing private interest against the state in any action in which the state (or state agency) is the complainant. Yes ☐ No ☐

Prohibition against disclosure of confidential information. Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition against private employment of public official where activity would be incompatible with proper discharge of public duties. Yes ☐ No ☐

Prohibition for two years against former official representing private interest against state in any matter for which he was responsible during state service. Yes ☐ No ☐

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6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes ☒ No ☐

RETURN BY JUNE 15  
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
ST. CLOUD, MINN.

St. Cloud  
League of Women Voters

JUN 15 1960

Approximately sixty members, in four units, of the St. Cloud League considered the problems of conflicts of interest and lobby regulation at their respective unit meetings. It was generally agreed that legislative action in the two areas is desirable and that all the items listed under lobby regulation are obvious requirements if legislation is enacted.

The conflicts of interest item stimulated the expression of differing opinions. Three units were in favor of including all the items mentioned in some form. They agreed, moreover, that disclosure of sources and amount of income should not be made available to the public. Some members believed that gifts of amount should be included; others felt that the limitation should be \$100 rather than \$50. Many felt that items 3&4 were confusing in wording and that item 6 could be so general as to be unenforceable.

In contrast to the position taken by the other groups, members of the fourth unit wanted to have the financial statements printed in the official county newspapers a few times during the legislative session. They also believed that on the spot disclosure of interest would be used unfairly to sway the public opinion.

One suggestion made was that a review board, specifically some form of enforcement committee, should be required.

It was also pointed out that legislation in the field of ethics should make constituents aware of the necessity for selecting candidates who do not have conflicts of interests.

## Consensus on Ethics and The Public Servant

I. No of units in St Paul League----- 27  
Reporting----- 9

### II. Conflicts of Interest

#### Questionnaire

	Yes	No	No reply
A.	9		
B1	8		1
B2	8	1	
B3	9		
B4	8		1
B5	6	1	2
B6	8		1
B7	8		1

#### Summary

All units feel that some legislation is necessary in this area. Most feel that legislation should include disclosure of source and amount of income and disclosure of interest in legislation. Units reporting generally feel that legislation should prohibit public officials from representating private interest before State agencies, and from representating private interest against the State if the State is the complaint. Legislation should also prohibit officials from disclosing confidential information, from accepting private employment that would be incompatible with public service.

Lastly we feel that legislation should require former officials to wait 2 years before representating private interest against state on any matter for which the public official was responsible during state service.

### III. Lobby Regulation

#### Questionnaire

- A. Reporting units feel legislative action is desirable
- B. All units answered yes to all questions

#### Summary

Units would like to see a ~~lobby~~ lobby law enacted that would require lobbyist to disclose their name, address, name of employer, terms of employment, type of legislation with which he is concerned, kind of activities in which he engages, amount of money contributed to his lobbying action, and who contributes.

Submitted by Alpha Adkins  
St. Paul League



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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS  
for  
"ETHICS AND THE PUBLIC SERVANT"

1. Conflicts of Interest

A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ ☒

B. If legislation is the answer, which of the following would you like to see included?

Financial disclosure of sources and amounts of income, financial holdings, speaking fees, reimbursement for expense, gifts exceeding \$50. Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

On the spot disclosure of interest in legislation. Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Prohibition against any public official representing private interest before state agency. Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Prohibition against public official representing private interest against the state in any action in which the state (or state agency) is the complainant. Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

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Prohibition against private employment of public official where activity would be incompatible with proper discharge of public duties. Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Prohibition for two years against former official representing private interest against state in any matter for which he was responsible during state service. Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

2. Lobby Regulation

A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ ☒

B. If legislation were enacted and you had a choice, which of the following would you like to see disclosed?

1. Name, address, etc. of lobbyist. Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ ☒

2. Name of his employer. Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ ☒

3. Nature of legislation with which he is concerned. Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ ☒

4. Nature of activities in which he engages. Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ ☒

5. Amount of money contributed to his lobbying action and by whom. It should be pointed out that if a lobbyist is hired by a public relations firm, registering simply the name of his employer does not indicate who is really financing his activities.) Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

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*Unit 20 Nancy Brown*  
League of Women Voters  
*St. Paul*

AUG 29 1960

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS  
for  
"ETHICS AND THE PUBLIC SERVANT"

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Financial disclosure of sources and amounts of income, financial holdings, speaking fees, reimbursement for expense, gifts exceeding \$50. Yes ☒ No ☐

On the spot disclosure of interest in legislation. Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition against any public official representing private interest before state agency. Yes ☒ No ☐

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Prohibition against private employment of public official where activity would be incompatible with proper discharge of public duties. Yes ☒ No ☐

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6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes ☒ No ☐

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Unit 29 - St. Paul

League of Women Voters

↑  
Sorry; this was misplaced -

JUN 13 1960

In submitting this consensus, it was the feeling that many of the questions answered in the affirmative should almost have been an unqualified "yes".

We definitely feel the need for more study in this area and also feel that the wording of the questions under "Conflicts of Interest" was confusing.

Mrs. Frank Moschet  
Chairman, Ethics In Government  
League of Women Voters of Silver Bay



CONSENSUS QUESTIONS  
for  
"ETHICS AND THE PUBLIC SERVANT"

JUN 13 1960

1. Conflicts of Interest

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On the spot disclosure of interest in legislation. Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition against any public official representing private interest before state agency. *Feel need of more information & Study* Yes ☐ No ☐

Prohibition against public official representing private interest against the state in any action in which the state (or state agency) is the complainant. Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition against disclosure of confidential information. Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition against private employment of public official where activity would be incompatible with proper discharge of public duties. Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition for two years against former official representing private interest against state in any matter for which he was responsible during state service. *Feel need for more information & Study* Yes ☐ No ☐

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6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes ☒ No ☐

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Silver Bay

*Mrs. Frank Moschetti*  
League of Women Voters

*Chairman - Ethics in Government*

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS  
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On the spot disclosure of interest in legislation. *within limits* Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition against any public official representing private interest before state agency. *within limits - again -* Yes ☒ No ☐

Prohibition against public official representing private interest against the state in any action in which the state (or state agency) is the complainant. Yes ☐ No ☐

Prohibition against disclosure of confidential information. Yes ☐ No ☒

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6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes ☒ No ☐

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*So. St. Paul, Minn.*  
League of Women Voters

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS  
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*However, this to be changed - see reverse side -*  
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6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes ☒ No ☐

RETURN BY JUNE 15

*Bernice M. Anderson*  
League of Women Voters  
*Wayzata League*



B. 1.

Financial disclosure of sources and amounts of income, financial holdings which may pertain to conflicts of interest for the legislator, as well as speaking fees, reimbursement for expenses - gifts exceeding \$100.

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS  
for  
"ETHICS AND THE PUBLIC SERVANT"

JUN 16 1960

1. Conflicts of Interest

A. Is this an area in which legislative action is desirable? Yes ☒ No ☐

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RETURN BY JUNE 15

*M. J. Nelson*  
League of Women Voters

*(Mrs. J. H. Nelson) (state chair.)*

JUN 21 1960

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS  
for  
"ETHICS AND THE PUBLIC SERVANT"

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6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes ☒ No ☐

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Wesley Paul - Unit III  
League of Women Voters



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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS  
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"ETHICS AND THE PUBLIC SERVANT"

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On the spot disclosure of interest in legislation. Yes ☐ No ☒

*if he introduces bill - would be covered in above.*  
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*opinion split - some felt this was -*

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*(by one employment) -*  
6. Terms of his employment (length of time of employment, is payment made on a contingency basis, etc.). Yes ☒ No ☐

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*Cynthia Gilbertson*  
League of Women Voters  
*West St. Paul*

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for  
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Betty Frost - Units  
League of Women Voters

West St. Paul



After studying the topic, there are several additional areas that I wish I had been asked my opinion about, such as: Ethics:

- 1- What kind of legislation - a code with no penalties or a law with penalties defining certain areas which have been most questionable?
- 2- Should disclosure of money & gifts received be kept private unless there is governmental investigation or should they be made public?
- 3- Should legislators in the pay of private interests that might conflict with legislative duties register as lobbyists?
- 4- Should the LWD endorse & work for the enactment of the Governor's Committee report?

Lobbying:

- 1- What kind of legislation - registration with penalties for not complying but allowing any sort of activity or registration with penalties and prohibiting improper types of lobbying?
- 2- Should there be penalties for giving false information?
- 3- Should winning & losing be controlled?
- 4- Should the principle be required to register the same as lobbyists - listing lobbyist's fees & the amount paid?
- 5- Should the principle register their contributors of over a set amount?
- 6- How should the registration material be made public - publishing the list per session, weekly, available for public inspection at any time?
- 7- Should the law be made to apply to anyone in the state who attempts to influence legislation even if the influence isn't by direct contact with the legislators?

The whole area of conflict of interest is an interesting one and very complicated. I feel that more time should be spent going into the details & ramifications of it.

St. Croix Valley --

Stillwater Unit- Ruth Jacobson- Unit Chm  
Filled out by Gail Frazier

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Money in Elections -- A Study of Corrupt Practices

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Yes ☒ No ☐ Comments:

2. Should the public know how the campaign money is spent?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Comments:

3. Are public reports the best way to get this information?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Comments:

4. Should candidate responsibility be increased?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Comments:

*would be wise to legislate large enough amounts for the campaign so that candidate could keep better track of the amounts spent.*

5. Should there be dollar limitations?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Comments:

*If the amounts legislated are large enough so that candidates can be responsible and it is not shifted off to volunteer organizations where no one is responsible.*

6. Should there be a ban on corporation contributions?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Comments:

7. Should there be a ban on labor union contributions?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Comments:

8. Should candidates for public office be required to sign a Code of Fair Campaign Practices?

Yes ☐ No ☒ Comments:

*There are laws already to take care of this.*

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✓ Alexandria \_\_\_\_\_  
✓ Anoka \_\_\_\_\_  
✓ Arden Hills \_\_\_\_\_  
✓ Austin \_\_\_\_\_  
Battle Lake \_\_\_\_\_  
✓ Bemidji \_\_\_\_\_  
✓ Bloomington \_\_\_\_\_  
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✓ Mound \_\_\_\_\_  
✓ New Richland \_\_\_\_\_  
✓ New Ulm \_\_\_\_\_  
North St. Paul \_\_\_\_\_  
Olivia \_\_\_\_\_  
✓ Owatonna \_\_\_\_\_  
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✓ Richfield \_\_\_\_\_  
✓ Robbinsdale \_\_\_\_\_  
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✓ St. Cloud \_\_\_\_\_  
✓ St. Croix Valley \_\_\_\_\_  
✓ St. Louis Park \_\_\_\_\_  
✓ St. Paul \_\_\_\_\_  
✓ Shoreview \_\_\_\_\_  
✓ Silver Bay \_\_\_\_\_  
✓ South St. Paul \_\_\_\_\_  
Virginia \_\_\_\_\_  
✓ Wayzata \_\_\_\_\_  
Wells \_\_\_\_\_  
✓ West. St. Paul \_\_\_\_\_  
✓ White Bear Lake \_\_\_\_\_  
✓ Worthington \_\_\_\_\_



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No ☐

Comments: *They are more concerned with where it comes from - than with where it goes.*

2. Should the public know how the campaign money is spent?

Yes ☒

No ☐

Comments: *Within reasonable limits. No detailed itemized account should be required.*

3. Are public reports the best way to get this information?

Yes ☒

No ☐

Comments: *Newspapers reach most people. If editors take stands - reports could be issued in legal forms in paper.*

4. Should candidate responsibility be increased?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Comments: *Undecided*

5. Should there be dollar limitations?

Yes ☒

No ☐

Comments: *Present limitations should be made more realistic.*

6. Should there be a ban on corporation contributions?

Yes ☐

No ☒

Comments:

7. Should there be a ban on labor union contributions?

Yes ☐

No ☐

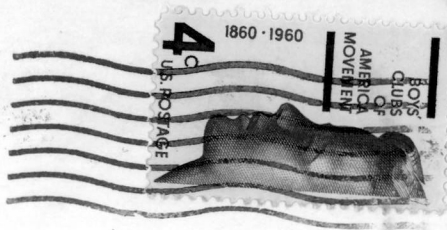
Comments: *Both sides of issue argued. Labor union members are not all of one party - therefore why should Union support one party?*

8. Should candidates for public office be required to sign a Code of Fair Campaign Practices?

Yes ☒

No ☐

Comments: *They feel there should be more attempt to enforce election & campaign practices laws.*



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Yes ☒ No ☐ Comments: *Might help to prevent pressure from large contributors.*

2. Should the public know how the campaign money is spent?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Comments: *Would force more care in accounting.*

3. Are public reports the best way to get this information?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Comments: *Felt there was no other way.*

4. Should candidate responsibility be increased?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Comments: *But there must in turn be much tighter Committee (volunteer) restrictions.*

5. Should there be dollar limitations?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Comments: *No clear opinion on this. If so, they would have to be much higher. Some fear abuses if there are none.*

6. Should there be a ban on corporation contributions?

Yes ☐ No ☒ Comments: *This money is badly needed.*

7. Should there be a ban on labor union contributions?

Yes ☐ No ☒ Comments: *This money is badly needed. It would be a tremendous financial blow to the parties to lose this income.*

8. Should candidates for public office be required to sign a Code of Fair Campaign Practices?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Comments: *Could be effective, but should have enforcement measures of some sort.*





## ROCHESTER LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA

1111 7th Ave., S.W.  
Rochester, Minn.  
February 3, 1959

Mrs. Louise Kuderling  
5521 S. 27th Ave.  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Kuderling:

The following is the breakdown on the "Consensus Questionnaire on Election Laws":-

Administration: 6 units voted "yes"  
1 unit voted "no"

Residence: 7 units agreed "nobody should lose their right to vote because of a change of address."

3. 7 units agreed "there should be uniform legislation guaranteeing qualified person's votes, despite change of address."

4. 4 units voted "no".  
1 unit voted "yes".  
2 units could not reach a decision.

Registration: 5. 6 units vote "yes".  
1 unit favors "county basis".

Election Judges: 6. 2 units vote "yes".  
2 units vote "no".  
1 unit states, "not for Rochester".  
1 unit states, "If centralized responsibility were functioning properly, controlled flexibility would be possible and preferable."  
1 unit left question blank..

Primary: 4 units voted "yes" for Open Primary.

1 unit suggested, "vote in one party's primary but choice of which party secret".

1 unit had a majority vote for a closed primary. One quarter of unit voted for open.

1 unit had divided response. (No figures given.)

8. 3 units voted "yes".

1 unit voted "no".

1 unit "undecided".

1 unit split vote thusly: 2 "yes"  
9 "undecided"  
1 "no"

1 unit split vote thusly: 4 "yes"  
10 "no"

9. 6 units voted "no".

1 unit voted "yes".

Respectfully submitted,

*Gloria Goldstein*  
(Mrs.) Norman P. Goldstein

# St. Paul - Election Laws Consensus

Units reporting - 16

## Administration

1. - 1 yes
2. yes - worth extra app. prop.
3. yes - half felt H.F. 5 the way
4. yes - for uniformity & training
5. yes
6. unanimous yes
7. consensus - favor of centralized pos. under civil Service
8. yes
9. 1 unit says no
10. yes - civil service
11. need more info.
12. yes
13. yes
14. yes
15. yes
16. yes

## Residence

2. 1. yes - feeling that should have priv. of going back once
2. yes - pattern after Conn. or Wis. on local level
3. yes - change meaning of district
4. yes - definitely
5. yes - county-wide no g.
6. yes
7. yes - vote in old precinct all processes of
8. yes
9. yes
10. yes
11. yes
12. yes - cong. districts
13. yes
14. yes (vote in old prec. once)
15. no
16. yes (vote in new prec.)

3. 1. yes - preferably done nationally, Conn. system
2. yes
3. yes - no def. for either plan but one or other
4. yes - Cong. should pass law recommend, either C. or W. uniform
5. yes
6. yes
7. yes, but no agreement as to how done
8. yes
9. yes
10. yes
11. yes - W. or C. plan
12. yes
13. yes
14. yes - natl. uniform
15. yes - " "
16. yes - " "

4. 1. no
2. no
3. maj. (7 out of 12) said yes
4. no ("all the matters present were emphatic that it NOT be lowered")
5. no
6. no
7. yes
8. 1/2
9. 1/2 & 1/2
10. no
11. no
12. yes
13. no
14. yes
15. undecided
16. no



## Registration:

5. 1 - whole state
- 2 - grad. according to pop.
- 3 - grad. change toward full reg.
- 4 - felt state-wide done by counties
- 5 - no answer
- 6 - whole state
- 7 - whole state - done by counties
- 8 - whole state
- 9 - whole state
- 10 - whole state

11. changed (not statewide)
12. statewide
13. ~~statewide~~
14. mandatory in counties over 5000
15. whole state
16. - yes - county level

## Election Judges

6. 1 - qualifications should be uniform thru state
- 2 - no, up to local
- 3 - determined by municipal under state recommendations
- 4 - want status quo of old law
- 5 - don't like "more latitude" without governing factor controlling
- 6 - more flexibility
- 7 - more latitude
- 8 - more lat. in nos. - chg. ruling that  $\frac{2}{3}$  Repub. &  $\frac{1}{3}$  Dem.
- 9 - set up qual. in rural like S. C. Paul
- 10 - yes - local officials

## Primary

7. 1 - pretty much closed
- 2 - maj. - closed
- 3 - much disc. but no agreement
- 4 - no agreement
- 5 - prefer open
- 6 - no agreement
- 7 - no agreement closed
- 8 - no agreement
- 9 - open
- 10 - ~~open~~

11. open
12. open
13. open
14. closed
15. closed
16. open

8. 1 - not incumbent, party desig.
- 2 - yes on both
- 3 - yes
- 4 - no
- 5 - yes
- 6 - yes
- 7 - no agreement
- 8 - yes
- 9 -

- 10 -
11. incumbents to desig.
12. party endorsed - no
13. yes on both
14. yes " "
15. no
16. incumb. - yes
- on party offices - yes
- on partisan offices - yes

- 9- 1 - yes, particularly in party offices - favors Canadian system  
2 - yes - some favor Canadian plan  
3 - yes  
4 - no decision  
5 - yes - Canadian refund plan  
6 - no  
7 - no  
8 - ?  
9 - yes with qualif. - minimum of \$25 on state level  
did not want Canadian.  
10 - ———  
11. opposed  
12. raised to at least \$200 or more  
13. yes  
14. yes  
15. yes  
16. yes
- 

6. (continued)

15. yes  
16. yes

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*By an independent director and staff appointed by the Governor and directly responsible only to him.*

#### RESIDENCE

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*If a person moves to another precinct he should be able to vote on his old registration card.*

3. Do you believe that there should be legislation to provide for an otherwise qualified person to vote for president and vice president before he meets residence requirements? (p.17,18) *yes,*

4. Would you lower the voting age to 18? (p.21)

*he should have the right to vote on who is to serve in the government. If a person can serve in his County he is in the*

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*should be changed to extend to more municipalities, etc. All voters should have to register.*

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6. Do you believe that local election officials should have more latitude in setting qualifications and in determining the number of election judges needed? (p.30)

*No.*

#### PRIMARY

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*open.*

8. Do you believe that incumbents in nonpartisan offices or candidates endorsed by their parties before the primary should be designated as such on the ballot? (p.38)

*yes*

9. Do you favor raising filing fees? (p.39)

*No,*



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*Yes, we were in unanimous approval of it.*

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*No, immaturity is not limited to age but there is a certain lapse for an increase in judgment - leave it at 21.*

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*Signed: Mrs. C. J. Wasker  
State Agenda Chmn.  
Cal. Hts. LWW*

*Since we considered this a two year study, we haven't covered these questions yet.*

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Louise Lutz

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Yes -- Voter should be allowed to vote in his old precinct

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Yes -- Change should be made so voter may vote in new state upon

4. Would you ~~lower~~ <sup>proof of eligibility to vote</sup> the voting age to 18? (p.21)

No -- Poorest record of voting is between 21 and 28 - lowering it to 18 would be no improvement.

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Uniform registration for state according to "ideal" law.

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Raise on state level; same on local level

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Yes ☒ No ☐ Comments:

*on file for anyone interested*

4. Should candidate responsibility be increased?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Comments:

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Yes ☐ No ☒ Comments:

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Yes ☐ No ☒ Comments:

*too much like a loyalty oath  
which members opposed*

St. Croix Valley - Evening Unit -- with areas  
where morning unit disagreed noted in margin

*a.m. unit  
release to newspaper  
not file  
a.m. - he or his  
manager  
a.m.  
yes*

*Yes.  
after much  
discussion*



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*Don't evening unit*  
*13 attendance*  
*8 attended prev meeting.*  
*on this agenda item.*  
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5. Should there be dollar limitations?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Comments: *with realistic figures and controls*

6. Should there be a ban on corporation contributions?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Comments: *Split*

7. Should there be a ban on labor union contributions?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Comments:

8. Should candidates for public office be required to sign a Code of Fair Campaign Practices?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Comments: *13 for - 1 against*  
*"Requested" to sign - not required*

November 25, 1960

## DEEPHAVEN LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS

### Consensus on Money in Elections - Corrupt Practices

1. Does public have right to know where political money comes from?  
Yes, two groups agreed - one specified on donations of large amounts of money.
2. Should the public know how the campaign money is spent?  
Yes, groups agreeing - 33 members in all
3. Are public reports best way to get this information?  
Yes, groups agreed. No comments
4. Should candidate responsibility be increased?  
Opinion rather divided, but want more control over volunteer committees.
5. Should there be dollar limitations?  
One group said yes, with realistic figures and controls.  
Group two didn't feel this would help because of loop holes available.
6. Should there be a ban on corporation contributions?  
Divid opinion on this. They wondered about all the loopholes here, too.
7. Should there be a ban on labor union contributions?  
Same rules as applied to ~~labor unions~~ *corporations*, both groups agreed.
8. Should candidates be required to sign "Code"?  
Group one suggested they be "requested" not "required" to sign.  
Group two said No, they thought it was a waste of time.\*

\* Board members attending this meeting said later that they thought the true feeling of the group was similar to that of the group one consensus - that is, they were inclined to favor the signing of the Code of Fair Practices.

# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DULUTH

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## Consensus on Money in Elections-A Study of Corrupt Practices

### Unit Report

The following are suggestions from 13 Units of the Duluth League as compiled in December 1960.

1. Does the public have the right to know where political money comes from?

Yes X No      Comments: All of our units voted yes on this question.

2. Should the public know how the campaign money is spent?

Yes X No      Comments: They also voted yes on this one.

3. Are public reports the best way to get this information?

Yes X No      Comments: We are in favor of public reports, too. Several units suggested the publishing of reports in newspapers with the widest circulation in the area covered by the election would be the most ideal solution. Two units felt that in addition to this reports should be available to any interested individual.

4. Should the candidate responsibility be increased?

Yes X No      Comments: The units favor greater candidate responsibility. One suggested that a business manager whose name was on file could be responsible as this would be a great help to a busy candidate.

5. Should there be dollar limitations?

Yes 6 units No 7 Comments: Six units voted in favor of dollar limitations. One suggested that these limitations should be flexible to keep pace with the economic trend. Perhaps they could be figured on a percentage of the yearly salary for the office to be gained.



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6. Should there be a ban on corporation contributions?

Yes 12 units No 1 unit Comments: Only one unit voted against a ban on corporation and union contributions. The rest felt that individuals in corporations and unions should be encouraged to contribute on a voluntary basis to the party of their choice, but that loopholes in the laws should be closed so that corporate funds and union dues could not be used.

7. Should there be a ban on labor union contributions?

Yes 12 units No 1 unit Comments: Same as above.

8. Should candidates for public office be required to sign a Code of Fair Campaign Practices?

Yes 11 units No 2 units Comments: One unit voted no and two other units were split down the middle on the code question. The people who voted, no, objected mainly to the wording of the question. They thought the question should read "requested to sign" rather than "required to sign". Those who voted yes felt that if candidates read the code carefully and signed it, it might increase their personal sense of responsibility and possibly help create a better moral climate for campaigns.

Mrs. William Boyce-Ethics Chairman

Board Report

The Board of Directors reviewed the consensus questions in December 1960 and agreed with the units in the majority of questions.

Question No. 2- Some Board members suggested a time limit on campaigns and that conventions be held at a later date to curb spending rather than an unrealistic dollar limitation.

Question No. 8-The Board voted one yes and thirteen no . Some members considered this Code similar to a Loyalty Oath and objectionable for that reason.

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At the January 19, 1961 Board meeting, Mrs. William Boyce moved that question No. 8 be reconsidered as she felt that the Code of Fair Campaign Practices and its purposes may have been misunderstood.

The question was discussed and the Code read to the Board. A vote was taken.

Two members voted that candidates be required to sign the Code of Fair Practices. Comment- A law in this area would have "teeth" and therefore be more effective.

Fifteen Board members voted that candidates be requested to sign the Code.

Comment- 1. Objection was taken to the use of the word condemn in the Code.

2. It would be better to leave this type of thing up to the Fair Campaign Practices Committee.
3. Legislation in this area is almost impossible because it could not be properly enforced.
4. Public knowledge or public rejection would be the best check on this problem.

Mrs. Robert Unzen Ethics Committee

# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF EDINA

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Attached is the consensus of the Edina League with a few comments.

The interest and enthusiasm in the study of Corrupt Practices and Money in elections was most evident. As usual, the pertinent questions appeared "loaded", "idealistic", and "general" to some. One even termed the questions "just stupid" which would seem to indicate an impatient and intollerant negativism toward the problems being considered.

Most predominant reactions indicated the question of fine line of interpretation and enforceability; the ultimate dependence on personal integrity of people involved; the best possible methods of exposure used, and the hope for adoption of laws similar to those of Florida as possible. The answers to the eight questions were almost unanimous for a change, but the degree of emphases somewhat varied, and all had misgivings of final enforceability.

Jane Stenson

*Jane Stenson*  
*Edina League*



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Yes ✓ No        Comments:

2. Should the public know how the campaign money is spent?

Yes ✓ No        Comments:

3. Are public reports the best way to get this information?

Yes ✓ No        Comments:

4. Should candidate responsibility be increased?

Yes ✓ No        Comments: *4 units voted No - but suggested the Florida Treas. idea which interpreted right means yes I believe*

5. Should there be dollar limitations?

Yes 7 No 8 Comments: *Two units commented only for sliding scale & a realistic amount - many commented on limiting time of campaign as well*

6. Should there be a ban on corporation contributions?

Yes ✓-16 No 1 Comments: *One suggested limitations*

7. Should there be a ban on labor union contributions?

Yes ✓-16 No 1 Comments: *Quite a number asked to outlaw "educational" expenditures of unions - (contributions) most units agreed it must be uniform for unions & corporations*

8. Should candidates for public office be required to sign a Code of Fair Campaign Practices?

Yes ✓-15 No 2 Comments: *no's wanted it voluntary -*

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1. Does the public have the right to know where political money comes from?  
Yes 15 No 1 Comments: Info. should be available, but not necessarily published. Some felt that publishing info discourages contributors and tends to unjustly discriminate against candidates.  
No Opinion - 2
2. Should the public know how the campaign money is spent?  
Yes 18 No \_\_\_\_\_ Comments:
3. Are public reports the best way to get this information?  
Yes 18 No \_\_\_\_\_ Comments: in order to get true picture, volunteer comm. should be required to file financial reports.
4. Should candidate responsibility be increased?  
Yes ~~18~~ 10 No - Comments: In view of courts decision of limited resp. it would seem impossible ~~in~~ to increase cand. resp. under present system. Party Designation necessary before Legis. Cand. resp. can be increased.  
No Decision-8
5. Should there be dollar limitations?  
Yes 10 No 8 Comments: Those in favor felt this was necessary in order to equalize Cand. chances. They recommended an escalator clause to make limits realistic and in keeping with economic changes. Those opposed felt that public disclosure equalizes opportunity.
6. Should there be a ban on corporation contributions?  
Yes 18 No \_\_\_\_\_ Comments:
7. Should there be a ban on labor union contributions?  
Yes 13 No \_\_\_\_\_ Comments:
8. Should candidates for public office be required to sign a Code of Fair Campaign Practices?  
Yes 18 No \_\_\_\_\_ Comments: Mrs. Maurice Lizee - State Agenda Chairman

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Twenty nine people in three units.

1. Does the public have the right to know where political money comes from?

Yes 29 No 0 Comments: No comments.

2. Should the public know how the campaign money is spent?

Yes 27 No 1 Comments: See back page.

3. Are public reports the best way to get this information?

Yes 28 No 0 Comments: See back page.

4. Should candidate responsibility be increased?

Yes 17 No 0 Comments: One unit didn't report an answer to this one.  
See back of page for comments.

5. Should there be dollar limitations?

Yes 14 No 12 Comments: See back page.

6. Should there be a ban on corporation contributions?

Yes 13 No 12 Comments: See back page.

7. Should there be a ban on labor union contributions?

Yes 15 No 14 Comments: See back page.

8. Should candidates for public office be required to sign a Code of Fair Campaign Practices?

Yes 16 No 13 Comments: One unit voted 'yes' unanimously; one unit voted 6 'yes,' 3 'no'; the third unit voted 2 'yes', 10 'no'. See back for comments.



The League of Women Voters of Falcon Heights answered the consensus questions with these comments:

2. One person thought that the information should not be published in the newspapers, but should merely be made available (or accessible) to those who would be interested.

3. Public reports should be made during, not just after the campaign. Some thought that publicity money could better be spent by publishing the past record of each candidate. Some thought that publication of #1 should be candidate responsibility, (or party) but that #2 be merely available for publication as straight news. One unit favored the plan of having each candidate's and each party's books available and up to date all during the campaign would insure publication of any infringements or unethical practices.

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4. Agreement was/that this might not be entirely possible with the citizens committee system of campaign financing. It was suggested that everyone working on behalf of a candidate might be required to take a fair practices oath. (Required by the candidate to protect himself?)

5. Limits if set should be reasonable in accordance with today's prices (and tomorrow's). Unlimited campaign expenditures give the advantage to wealthier candidates. Publication of records during campaign would bring out facts, both contributors and expenditures, so public could judge fitness for office by the record. Any limits should be rigidly enforced, and there should be no loopholes, such as 'miscellaneous expenses' or Citizens committees.

&7.

6./One unit favored regulation of collection methods for both unions and corporations, rather than ban on either type of contribution. Union membership dues should be banned. However, more accurate reporting of income sources might be result of dropped bans. Neither employees of corporations nor union members should be made to contribute. Contributors of any sort--individuals, corporations or other groups--should be listed very carefully, perhaps listing individual's job, position, or employer as well as name and address.

8. One unit voted 11-1 'yes' on this question, then changed 2-10 'no' after hearing '1' state her reason. She opposed it as she opposed oaths by teachers of no communist affiliation--breach of liberty. Their comments: We do not want a law or code to handle this. We should aim at individual responsibility, better education of voters. An oath would not stop an unethical person from wrong-doing. Other comments: The code should be used, but not required. It should be available for candidates who would want to use it, even for publicity alone. Deviations should be published as newsworthy material. One unit re-worded your questionnaire, 'be asked to sign it.' 'Asking' could be a service of the League of Women Voters.

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1. Does the public have the right to know where political money comes from?

Yes X No        Comments: *All three units were in unanimous agreement*

2. Should the public know how the campaign money is spent?

Yes X No        Comments: *Same as number one*

3. Are public reports the best way to get this information?

Yes X No        Comments: *The only disagreement here was one method - whether to publish in newspapers or as mimeographed reports available to anyone requesting them. The important thing is to have it available within a short time of reporting.*

4. Should candidate responsibility be increased?

Yes X No        Comments: *All agreed it should cover volunteer committees, but candidate protected from unsuspicious opposition who might work without his approval.*

5. Should there be dollar limitations? *(on spending)*

Yes        No X Comments: *This simply has given rise to quipsters groups arising to get around the law.*

6. Should there be a ban on corporation contributions?

Yes        No X Comments:

7. Should there be a ban on labor union contributions?

Yes        No X Comments:

*The same law should apply to both business + labor. With public disclosure it wouldn't be so important. However, it was preferred to have donations on an individual basis. As it is both labor + corporations are spending for political campaigns in an unbalanced way.*

8. Should candidates for public office be required to sign a Code of Fair Campaign Practices?

Yes        No X Comments: *A few felt that this would be nothing more than what we have a right to expect from anyone running for public office. However, most could not see any point in the Code for there is no enforcement for violations. Should have educational campaign along this line so people would demand it.*

(over)

As a result of our study, the Fergus Falls League Board has two conclusions we feel should be of primary concern in any election changes. First, that the length of the campaign be considerably shortened. In this way the expenses would be cut and many of the unfair campaign practices would be avoided. In this day of efficient mass communications there is not the necessity for stumping the hinterlands to constantly reiterate the same issues over and over.

Secondly, what laws we do have must have effective teeth. As it is now the legislative group can simply flaunt the courts decisions and the "due process" is too slow and costly. One member suggested that a candidate who violates an election law be prohibited from ever running for office again.



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Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ Comments:

2. Should the public know how the campaign money is spent?

Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ Comments:

3. Are public reports the best way to get this information?

Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ Comments:

4. Should candidate responsibility be increased?

Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ Comments:

5. Should there be dollar limitations?

Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ Comments:

6. Should there be a ban on corporation contributions?

Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ Comments:

7. Should there be a ban on labor union contributions?

Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ Comments:

8. Should candidates for public office be required to sign a Code of Fair Campaign Practices?

Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ Comments:

*Helmi Starlie*  
*Golden Valley*

## C O M M E N T S

1. a. For all contributions over \$25.00.  
b. It is essential in a democracy. We will have a better knowledge of pressure groups. A candidate should serve a majority group, not only those who finance his campaign.
2. a. People should be aware of the cost of a campaign.  
b. A candidate should be selected by a responsible, well informed public. This information will help in this area.
3. a. Publicly published reports in the local newspapers are necessary. We feel that reports should be published concerning the candidate running without party designation too!
4. a. Should have a responsible law that can be enforced.  
b. We feel that each candidate should be charged with complete financial responsibility. This includes the volunteer groups.  
c. We feel that this is done in the Florida plan, by having an over-all treasurer, responsible to the candidate.
5. a. With realistic dollar limitations. Also mandatory periodic review of limitations to keep up with living costs of present times.  
b. We feel that disclosure is the essence here and that perhaps limitations are less important. We had strong feeling about limiting the duration of the campaign. Most feel it is too long.
6. a. (from a unit that ~~voted~~ did not vote yes or no)  
We are not ready to decide. We feel there must be other solutions here. However, we feel that corporations and labor unions should be treated equally.
7. (from the unit that didn't vote yes or no)  
We are not ready to decide. The volunteer community is the curx of a lot of this we think.
8. <sup>one</sup> ~~two~~ units out of five voted no on this—there are the comments) <sup>one didn't vote</sup>  
a. Concerned that our individual rights would be threatened.  
b. We are not opposed to it being offered to a candidate to sign, but we are opposed to it being a requirement.  
c. Idealistic. How enforced?

ADD under 1.

2. Yes, to the extent that such report should be filed with the Attorney General's office and available for perusal to any interested party.

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1. Does the public have the right to know where political money comes from?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Comments:

2. Should the public know how the campaign money is spent?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Comments:

3. Are public reports the best way to get this information?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Comments:

4. Should candidate responsibility be increased?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Comments:

*we feel this is desirable but would be difficult for major candidates where so much is spent by volunteer committees.*

5. Should there be dollar limitations?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Comments:

*But a realistic amount. This would also be hard to control because of volunteer committees.*

6. Should there be a ban on corporation contributions?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Comments:

7. Should there be a ban on labor union contributions?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Comments:

8. Should candidates for public office be required to sign a Code of Fair Campaign Practices?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Comments:

*If there were some means of enforcement - otherwise it would seem there would be no point in it.*



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Yes X No      Comments:

2. Should the public know how the campaign money is spent?

Yes X No      Comments:

3. Are public reports the best way to get this information?

Yes X No      Comments:

4. Should candidate responsibility be increased?

Yes X No      Comments:

5. Should there be dollar limitations?

Yes X No      Comments:

*if this means what the  
candidate spends.*

6. Should there be a ban on corporation contributions?

Yes ✓ No      Comments:

*not unless there is one  
on labor*

7. Should there be a ban on labor union contributions?

Yes ✓ No      Comments:

*not unless there is one  
on corporation*

8. Should candidates for public office be required to sign a Code of Fair Campaign Practices?

Yes X No      Comments:

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Yes X No      Comments:

2. Should the public know how the campaign money is spent?

Yes X No      Comments:

3. Are public reports the best way to get this information?

Yes X No      Comments:

4. Should candidate responsibility be increased?

Yes X No      Comments:

5. Should there be dollar limitations?

Yes X No      Comments:

*If this means what the  
candidate spends*

6. Should there be a ban on corporation contributions?

Yes X No      Comments:

*Not unless there is  
one on labor*

7. Should there be a ban on labor union contributions?

Yes X No      Comments:

*Not unless there is  
one on corporations*

8. Should candidates for public office be required to sign a Code of Fair Campaign Practices?

Yes X No      Comments:

Morning Unit - Mahtomedi League of Women Voters.

Jan. 11, 1961. 15 present.

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Yes 15 No      Comments:

2. Should the public know how the campaign money is spent?

Yes 15 No      Comments:

3. Are public reports the best way to get this information?

Yes 15 No      Comments: 8 felt this information could be filed; 7 felt it should both be filed and published.

4. Should candidate responsibility be increased? The members felt they could not answer this question, for while all abiding and responsible, they want to know what specific responsibilities are referred to, before committing themselves.

Yes      No      Comments:

5. Should there be dollar limitations?

Yes      No 15 Comments:

6. Should there be a ban on corporation contributions?

Yes      No 15 Comments:

7. Should there be a ban on labor union contributions?

Yes      No 15 Comments:

If the amounts are reported, as in questions 1 + 2.

8. Should candidates for public office be required to sign a Code of Fair Campaign Practices?

Yes      No 15 Comments:

Felt that if it were not voluntary, the purpose of the Code would be defeated.



# Evening Unit - Mahtomedi League of Women Voters-

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6 present

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1. Does the public have the right to know where political money comes from?

Yes 6 No        Comments:

2. Should the public know how the campaign money is spent?

Yes 6 No        Comments:

3. Are public reports the best way to get this information?

Yes 6 No        Comments: *Should be filed and published.*

4. Should candidate responsibility be increased?

Yes 6 No        Comments:

5. Should there be dollar limitations?

Yes        No 6 Comments:

6. Should there be a ban on corporation contributions?

Yes        No 6 Comments:

7. Should there be a ban on labor union contributions?

Yes        No 6 Comments:

8. Should candidates for public office be required to sign a Code of Fair Campaign Practices?

Yes 3 No 3 Comments:

This is the Maplewood League consensus. The numbers indicate the number of units voting.

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1. Does the public have the right to know where political money comes from?

Yes 8 No        Comments:

2. Should the public know how the campaign money is spent?

Yes 8 No        Comments: Campaign expenses should be published in all county newspapers along with other legal notices.

3. Are public reports the best way to get this information?

Yes 7 No 1 Comments: Perhaps over T.V.

4. Should candidate responsibility be increased?

Yes 8 No - Comments: Candidate should file a report on expenses. Candidate should know how campaign money is spent. Candidate should be responsible for volunteer committees. Committee and candidate responsibilities should be fused.

5. Should there be dollar limitations?

Yes 37 No 1 Comments: A more realistic figure.

6. Should there be a ban on corporation contributions?

Yes 32 No 4 Comments: Contributions should be made by individuals. Let the corporations help as long as they have the money to give.

7. Should there be a ban on labor union contributions?

Yes 33 No 4 Comments: It would be impossible. Contributions should be made only by individuals.

8. Should candidates for public office be required to sign a Code of Fair Campaign Practices?

Yes 74 No 1 Comments: A person filing for office should be of such character that a code would not be necessary. Signing such a statement would be binding and perhaps help keep campaigns on higher level. Immaterial.

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Yes ☒ No ☐ Comments:

2. Should the public know how the campaign money is spent?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Comments:

3. Are public reports the best way to get this information?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Comments:

4. Should candidate responsibility be increased?

Yes ☐ No ☒ Comments:

5. Should there be dollar limitations?

Yes ☐ No ☒ Comments:

6. Should there be a ban on corporation contributions?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Comments:

7. Should there be a ban on labor union contributions?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Comments:

8. Should candidates for public office be required to sign a Code of Fair Campaign Practices?

Yes ☐ No ☒ Comments:

treat the same.

Promote public education.



*Monhead*  
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1. Does the public have the right to know where political money comes from?

Yes X No        Comments:

2. Should the public know how the campaign money is spent?

Yes X No        Comments:

3. Are public reports the best way to get this information?

Yes X No        Comments: If public report is other than daily paper, a notice should be placed in daily paper as to where and how it could be obtained.

4. Should candidate responsibility be increased?

Yes X No        Comments: This could be the first step in eliminating complicated and extensive the need for C.P. laws.

5. Should there be dollar limitations?

Yes X No X Comments: Some members felt this invites corruption--that dollar limitations are something to be gotten around. Others felt limitations were necessary as equalizers.

6. Should there be a ban on corporation contributions? \*

Yes X No        Comments: A small group of members said 'no' to this question.

7. Should there be a ban on labor union contributions? \*

Yes X No        Comments: Again there was a minority 'no'.

\* Members felt that these two groups should be treated in a like manner. This view was stressed as very important.

8. Should candidates for public office be required to sign a Code of Fair Campaign Practices?

Yes        No X Comments: While members felt it would be desirable for candidate to voluntarily support such a code and to let the public know that he does, the idea of a compulsory signature was deplored.

*Mrs. Robert Salso - Chairman, State Item*

# Consensus on Corrupt Practice League of Women Voters of Moorhead Minnesota

Mrs Robert Salso  
State Item Chairman

1. The League of Women Voters of Moorhead Minnesota is hereby

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Consensus

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Consensus

2. The League of Women Voters of Moorhead Minnesota is hereby

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Consensus

3. The League of Women Voters of Moorhead Minnesota is hereby

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Consensus

4. The League of Women Voters of Moorhead Minnesota is hereby

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Consensus

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1. Does the public have the right to know where political money comes from?  
Yes ☒ No ☐ Comments: An enlightened public is always of some help.
2. Should the public know how the campaign money is spent?  
Yes ☒ No ☐ Comments: Same as above.
3. Are public reports the best way to get this information?  
Yes ☒ No ☐ Comments: This information seldom appears as a news item; a yearly audit with public report at time of audit.
4. Should candidate responsibility be increased?  
Yes ☐ No ☒ Comments: Impossible on national or even state level: perhaps on a local basis.
5. Should there be dollar limitations?  
Yes ☐ No ☒ Comments: Could not be enforced.
6. Should there be a ban on corporation contributions?  
Yes ☐ No ☒ Comments: Would do no particular good. Too easily gotten around by individual gifts.
7. Should there be a ban on labor union contributions?  
Yes ☐ No ☒ Comments: Useless - individuals do not determine how funds are spent.
8. Should candidates for public office be required to sign a Code of Fair Campaign Practices?  
Yes ☒ No ☐ Comments: Might possibly help.

*New Richmond LWV.*



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CONSENSUS

on

Money in Elections -- A Study of Corrupt Practices

RETURN TO STATE LWV OFFICE BY JANUARY 27, 1961.

19 ballots

1. Does the public have the right to know where political money comes from?

Yes 19 No      Comments:

2. Should the public know how the campaign money is spent?

Yes 18 No      Comments:

1 no vote either way

3. Are public reports the best way to get this information?

Yes 18 No      Comments:

1 no vote either way

4. Should candidate responsibility be increased?

Yes 17 No 1 Comments:

1 " " " "

5. Should there be dollar limitations?

Yes 2 No 16 Comments:

1 " " " "

6. Should there be a ban on corporation contributions?

Yes 13 No 3 Comments:

3 " " " "

7. Should there be a ban on labor union contributions?

Yes 12 No 4 Comments:

3 " " " "

8. Should candidates for public office be required to sign a Code of Fair Campaign Practices?

Yes 13 No 6 Comments:

Merle A. Park  
State Item Chairman  
Mound League of Women  
Voters

ANSWER "YES OR NO"  
AND MAKE COMMENTS:

*afternoon group - New Ulm*

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2. Should the public know how the campaign money is spent? *Yes*

3. Are public reports the best way to get this information? *Yes*

4. Should candidate responsibility be increased? *Yes*

5. Should there be dollar limitations? *No -*

*Only provides evasion of the law. Creates problem of enforcement.*  
6. Should there be a ban on corporation contributions? *Yes (see below)*

7. Should there be a ban on labor union contributions? *Yes (see below)*

8. Should candidates for public office be required to sign a Code of Fair Campaign Practices? *No - The honest, sincere man does not need a code and his opposite will not abide by it.*

6 & 7 - We believe no monies should be contributed except on an individual basis. Corporations are representing ~~for~~ stock holders who do not necessarily hold the same political views. Likewise, unions, or any committees thereof, do not necessarily represent a unanimous political view.

However, we do believe that in fairness, if C. O. P. E. is allowed to contribute, corporations may too - but it is only to balance an existing wrong.