



## League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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# League of Women Voters of Brooklyn Center

BROOKLYN CENTER, MINNESOTA

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The handgun concurrence was discussed briefly at our Jan. 1985 unit meeting and we discovered we all agreed on the issue.

Barbara Sexton  
President

Oct-28

OCT 30 1984

Enclosed are roses/ies  
balls in enclosure

Although we announced  
several times to put  
names on back of "espies"  
& instructions were clear—  
I find we have some with  
no name— All present at  
our meeting were members  
A few members may send  
balls separately,

Ann Berry  
Sue Harman  
Social Policy

November 29,  
1984

DEC - 4 1984

The Maktomedi League of Woman Voters held a November meeting on "Handgun Control".

At that meeting we also collected the concurrence ballots. Some of our members present could not find their Aug. issue of The Minnesota Voter, so copies of the article had been run off so everyone would have a ballot.

The members using those ballots did put their names on the back so no one could be accused of voting twice.

We hope this will meet with the State's League office approval.

B. Gunderson  
Chairman of Committee

January 29, 1985

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Re handgun concurrence statements:

I could certainly support the principle that in general the state should not be able to legislate less stringent restrictions for a municipality than the latter jurisdiction wishes for itself. However, I don't believe either of the two handgun concurrence statements embodies that idea.

The designation of present Minneapolis handgun restrictions merely as "current" is too vague and unspecific. What if Minneapolis changes those restrictions in the future? Would the LWV of MN then support the "current" local restrictions?

With regard to Statement no 2-- What if in the future the people of Minneapolis decide they wish less stringent restrictions regarding handguns? Would the LWV of MN oppose that change?

Those of us outside of Minneapolis shouldn't be deciding what that jurisdiction should or shouldn't do with respect to this matter. In my opinion these statements are asking us to do just that.

Dolly Nasstrom  
LWV of Minnora

JANUARY, 1985

TO: League of Women Voters of Minnesota  
FROM: League of Women Voters of Rochester, Minnesota  
SUBJECT: Handgun Concurrence

Please find enclosed Handgun Concurrence Statement votes which were turned in following a December meeting of the Rochester League of Women Voters.

Polly Keppel and Carolyn Hendrixson did a great job of presenting and answering questions on Handgun Control and we applaud and thank them.

All members present at the meeting understood that this was their one vote and they would not mail in their Minnesota Voter ballot. Three who attended chose not to vote. Two LWV members of Freeborn County attended and their votes are also enclosed and marked.

Sincerely,

*Marcia L. Brown*

Marcia Brown,  
Vice President for Program

P.S. to Carolyn Hendrixson: How do we pay you for your expenses?.....  
or is this a "road show" State Budget expense? Please let  
us know.

OCT 12 1984

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NORTHERN DAKOTA COUNTY AREA

TO: State LWV Office  
FROM: Karen Flood, President  
DATE: October 10, 1984  
RE: New Members - Handgun Concurrence

Please add the following names to our membership list:

Margaret Seng  
2930 Lexington Ave. S. ✓  
Eagan, MN 55121

Nancy Crippen  
2140 Timmy St. ✓  
Mendota Hgts, MN 55120

Both of these members were at our recent HANDGUN Concurrence meeting and need to have ballots sent to them. Also, three other new members whom I reported to you several weeks ago have not received ballots for this issue. I understand from Barb Hiles that they are available. Please mail as soon as possible to keep the enthusiasm going with these much-needed new members!

Thank you for your help.

5-10/15/84

*Karen*



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE MANKATO AREA  
MANKATO, MINNESOTA 56001

Jan 17, 1965

RE: Hand Can Concurrence

Enclosed are ballots collected at Unit Meetings  
to be counted.

We wondered if Minneapolis Lur is participating  
in this.

We wondered if statement would have been  
better to concern that any city have local  
option.

We wondered how you plan to control "ballot  
stuffing."

Some members did not have "coupon" ballot,  
so were given yellow papers to use. This  
was acceptable to members and we hope you  
will include these in the count.

Nail Kendall, President

OCT 22 1984

## Duluth L.W.V. - Handgun Concurrence

(held Oct 8-12)

At our October, 1984 unit meeting we spent half the meeting discussing and voting on the State L.W.V. Handgun Concurrence. 39 members attended the October meeting and 28 of those chose to vote, at the meeting, on the Concurrence statement.

There were some questions and problems encountered and I will relate them to you.

1. Some L.W.V. members, for some reason, did not receive their Minnesota VOTERS. There seemed to be a wide range of time for members who did receive the VOTER - from Sept 21 → Oct 6.
2. We received no extra VOTERS from State L.W.V. so photocopies were made. However, it wasn't until at one of the Oct unit meetings, where a State Board member was present was it noted that the name of the L.W.V. member - was on the reverse side of the ballot. So photocopied ballots from

that unit meeting only are signed by members. At our board meeting on October 17 the board voted unanimously to accept the unsigned ballots as belonging to valid Duluth LUV members.

3. Other comments from Duluth LUV members:

— Language of concurrence questions - especially the 1<sup>st</sup> was too restricting.

— Tear-off ballots - lead to less intelligent voting - especially if there was no unit meeting or a member did not attend a meeting. Member's voting often influenced by discussion at the meetings.

— Some members felt the State was rushing the issue. (We had scheduled this particular unit meeting back in July before the deadline was moved to February and were locked into our schedule)

— Some members felt that this Mpls handgun control issue should be considered more appropriately under "Home Rule". That way members outside the

Twin Cities might be better able  
to relate to problem, i.e., the  
Duluth freeway issue - City Council vs.  
State legislature on the completion of  
I-35 through downtown Duluth.

- My personal complaint would be the  
lack of information on how to verify  
membership voting.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Guttarmsson  
Social Policy Chn.

HANDGUN CONCURRENCE REPORT  
2/15/85

Committee met on Feb. 15, 1985. Present: Erica Buffington, Action Chair; Barb Hiles, CJ; Lynne Westphal, Edina LWV; Carolyn Hendrixson, Mpls LWV; Peggy Leppik Golden Valley LWV; Prudy Cameron, Duluth LWV; Mindy Greiling, Roseville LWV.

Due to the percentage of members responding, the Handgun Concurrence did not pass.

There were 391 responses to the mail in ballot. Twenty-five ballots were not valid since they were not identified by either name or league. The remaining 366 ballots represent 16% of the total membership (minus Mpls). Of those voting, there was an overwhelming number of yes votes, with only 8 no's on the first question, and 15 no's on the second question.

A total of 37 Leagues were represented in the voting, though some by very small numbers. 14 Leagues were non-metro, with 23 metro, and we had a good balance geographically with the exception of the "northern tier".

It was obvious that those Leagues who chose to have unit meetings on the topic participated in a far greater number than those who did not.

#### EVALUATION OF THE PROCESS:

The committee would recommend that a mail in ballot not be used for a concurrence or consensus question.

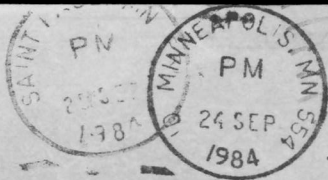
Some of the problems that came out were objections to having members identified on the ballot, which would appear to be essential for a valid concurrence/consensus, and would remain a problem regardless of the topic matter. VOTERS were misplaced prior to voting. New members did not receive the VOTER with ballot, and local Leagues had to reproduce both article and ballot since there were no extra VOTERS provided by State. ( This was an oversight, as extra VOTERS were requested for that purpose.)

If mail in ballots are to be used in the future the committee would recommend the following:

1. Provision be made for reproducing the ballot in local VOTERS, with space for identifying the League on the ballot, and requiring that those ballots be mailed to the State office in one batch, or in an envelope identifying the league member by return address.
2. That Leagues be certain that all ballots are mailed by the deadline. It appears that some ballots were not received by the office for some reason, and Leagues should be aware of this problem.
3. That address of State office be on ballot.

Report written by Hiles, with committee approval of the draft copy.

LL response  
\* PAST CONC - 42% - 44%  
" CONS - 52%



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Issues we want to study?  
we want to study low and high  
level nuclear waste disposal sites?

program for the  
two years and be prepared to  
share your ideas at your local  
League's lively issues/program  
planning meeting.



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1. Have \_\_\_\_\_ ballots in one envelope.
2. No unit meeting. Read the VOTER \_\_\_\_\_ office.
3. Have a general meeting. Vote individually and mail ballots in one envelope to LWVMN office, or if you prefer, mail your ballot to the office separately.

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*Connie Cameron mpls LWV*  
against regulation of handguns and firearms in general.

A summary of the case against control of handguns.

However, the United States \_\_\_\_\_



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SSS Wabasha

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ANN PUGLIESE

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