



League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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1967 LEGISLATIVE REPORT

There are four past legislative chairman's reports in my files and each differs markedly in format and material included. I have done this one in a form that I would have found most useful as a new state Board member assigned the legislative portfolio. This report begins with summaries of programs in the off-legislative year and continues through the state Convention two years later.

The entire set of Capitol Letters is included to provide a running account of our legislative activity. The final issue is as good a summary as I could do. The 1967 session saw League emphasis mainly on our long-held positions. We had one major state study item, Financing State Government, but no lobbying positions. Without current major positions, the legislative effort seems somewhat unfocused and harder to enthuse members about. Fortunately, our national item allowed us to take consensus on and lobby for more effective anti-discrimination in the field of housing, and this proved to be our most interesting, successful area.

We experimented by referring to the portfolio as state action. I see great merit in retaining the title legislative chairman because it is easily understood both in and out of the League. The one responsibility the legislative chairman should assume early and continue right up to the session is to see that each local League appoints a counterpart. There was just a tremendous difference in every activity - legislative interviews, responses to Times for Action, attendance at the Observers Course, material in local bulletins - between those Leagues with a legislative chairman on the Board and those with none. Ask again and again for the name of the local legislative chairman.

Then, I recommend keeping in contact. The Ward Memo can serve as an invaluable conduit between the state legislative chairman and the local Board. As legislative chairman I tried to include an item in every Memo. Before caucuses the positions selected for resolutions can be explained in detail with the suggestions to use the material in the local bulletin. The method of legislative interviews, their necessity, the uses a local League can make of legislators' answers, recuses of platforms, importance of workshops all need stressing. The Board Memo serves as a way to update and inform local Leagues and to keep that vital local legislative chairman thinking.

I said this report would go through state Convention. Actually, it just goes up to it. Because the Convention followed by only a few days the end of the session, I was not involved in much of the preparation. I did give a speech about my impressions of the legislature in terms of what we were trying to accomplish there and then introduced seven of our lobbyists who were to each give a brief resume of their areas. This was not a success; it went on and on much too long. I'd suggest two or three lobbyists speaking to one point or experience or perspective they have. I think it's a good idea to introduce and recognize (by saying for their lunch for example) all the lobbyists that can come, but wholesale reporting by them did not work out.

In writing and rewriting this report and in reflecting on all the activity of the past two years, two thoughts come to me. First, legislative chairman is the best job on the Board. Second, I don't think our organization should be trapped into evaluating our "effectiveness" in terms of bills passed. Minnesota has a nationwide reputation as a state with issue-oriented campaigning, with graftless politics, with well-informed voters, with a high level of participation by citizens in the political process. To me, it is not just a coincidence that there is also a strong League of Women Voters.

THE TWO PHASES OF 1965-67 LEGISLATIVE CAMPAIGN

More specifically, looking at my portfolio, we did get many members going to caucuses with resolutions which were ultimately found in both party platforms. We did personal interviews with over two-thirds of the legislators in their home districts by their constituents. We held a series of meetings in the dead of winter in which legislators and professors and government officials spoke to approximately 200 people at each meeting about state problems. We published a legislative newsletter eight times which went to over 2500 interested people, most of whom paid to read it. We had fourteen lobbyists who personally were involved in the legislative process and better educated about it than would be possible in any other way. As a result of all this, we have an organization of over 5,500 members interested enough and concerned enough about state government to decide to focus attention and study in the next two years on how citizens can aid in its improvement. Is there any other organization you can name that has been this "effective"?

1. Article for NACW on League action at caucuses.
2. Flyer for distribution with issue brief, especially Pat Richdorf, detailing League legislative plans for active participation by members.

League Campaign

1. Continue league efforts.

February-March

1. Issue planning -
 - a. Appearances before governmental issues sections of platform committee - must request time from parties.
 - b. Legislative Workshops
 - c. Hearings before (or document in Action Course?) - a success by any name.
 - d. Issues of lobbying activity and possible lobbyists.
 - e. Position paper
 - f. Legislative interviews
 - g. Legislative techniques

April

1. Check legislative technical committee work.
2. Publish full workshops.
3. Progress for Council.
4. Contact for work with special agencies or receiving a visit meeting for legislative updates. (NACW, NACW, NACW are good possibilities.)

May-June-September

1. All planning must be completed in each area.

September-October

1. Legitimate and good every activity from here on - interviews, workshops, Council, policy recommendations, Hearings before committees.
2. Complete list of lobbyists.
3. Final report work on positions (leaving only those still in suspension-taking stage to be handled in last effort before closing).

November

1. Election over - Target congratulatory letter from president and committee on getting local league interviews completed with league publications given

December 1966

CAUCUS

Caucus activity begins in September and October by the legislative chairman leading Board discussion in selection of the positions to be offered by members as individual party people when they participate in their caucuses, scheduled in February-March of even-numbered years.

These must be well-understood, easily explained items of current political relevancy. I recommended three to the Board in the fall of 1966 - party designation, joint election of governor-lieutenant governor and a procedure to enforce reapportionment if the legislature failed to.

The unit member, very likely a first or second time caucus participant, must feel comfortable with what League sends her in with, must feel she can state the position in resolution form and say a few words about it; this is hard to do. Actually, the offering of resolutions is most valuable in that it gives League members a reason for going and a kind of method for local Leagues to check their units to make sure members attend in every precinct. It also provides an excellent party contact, contributes to member knowledge of some positions, and gives a base of statewide support for those chosen by the parties for their platforms.

Precinct caucus attendance by League members with positions in hand in duplicate to introduce as resolutions seemed a hard step for our organization to take. As in all areas concerned with political action, timing is of the essence - and our timing was off. Also, there is a lot of footwork involved and I believe Voters Service and legislative chairmen will have to work together in making the local contact with their local party organizations for time and places of caucuses.

We made a good start; precinct caucus attendance is becoming an accepted League activity, for Board people as well as members. We got much publicity for what we did do to stimulate member and citizen participation. As a result of a Minneapolis League meeting, Miriam Alburn wrote an excellent series of articles for the Tribune editorial pages explaining the role of the caucus and its participants.

The Republicans held their caucuses from 2/7 to 2/14, the DFL on 3/1. We had a short article in the Sept-Oct. VOTER on caucuses, a longer one in the Jan.-Feb. one which arrived many places after the Republican caucuses had been held. I wrote an extensive article for the December Board Memo so that local Leagues could get information in their January bulletin, but the December Board Memo was filled with Voters Service and budget so my material, heavily rewritten, got sent out as a special note to local Leagues in December. Mindsight prompts me to recommend Board Memo material in October and a special piece and/or Board Memo to local Leagues in November - with actual suggestions for bulletin editors and for notices to unit chairmen.

The legislative chairman must work with the Voters Service chairman to see that their League does contact the parties, establish a relationship, tell them of League activity to interest citizens and members in attending.

Another recommendation I have is to emphasize state positions - not many national positions are offered at precinct caucuses. I believe state Board members can offer applicable national positions to the party platform committees at the appropriate time. And, I would not refer local Leagues back to resource pieces and reference material but rather give them enough information on the material urging attendance to intelligently offer a few, easily understood resolutions.

Getting them to their caucuses is the big thing!

This is not going on
Duplicate President's
Mailing

TO: State Action Chairmen and Local League Presidents
FROM: Mrs. Michael Richdorf

SUBJECT: Support of State and National League Positions at Precinct Caucuses.

The September-October MINNESOTA VOTER pointed out to us - as members of the League of Women Voters - that it is not impossible to engage in both nonpartisan and partisan activity. The January-February issue will further challenge our members to active participation in their political parties.

The December BOARD MEMO has an invitation to "Come to the Party", a copy of the "Comment on Caucus" flyer, and also information on the St. Paul League's new flyer on precinct caucuses - all designed for your Voters Service activity in promoting participation.

As your League's State Action Chairmen you should feel the excitement and the challenge of all this activity. Why? Because through an all-out effort by your League to stimulate voter attendance at caucuses, the parties will recognize our support of the two party system, our interest, and also our influence. Furthermore, as action chairmen, you are interested in sparking support for League Program at the grass roots.

Often resolutions passed in the caucuses go all the way to the state and national party conventions. Attached is a copy of our 1965 Outlook for Legislative Action reprint from the March 1965 MINNESOTA VOTER. Using this as a guide you may draft specific resolutions or make suggestions for such resolutions for your members' use. (There is excellent background information on state Program in the Program section of the 1965 State Convention Workbook.) Included in this material are Home Rule and Discrimination in Housing, part of our Project Update. Since our consensus reports are not due until January 14, we suggest you wait until your January BOARD MEMO to draft any statements on these two subjects.

Don't overlook our national Program. Remember, we have no position on Human Resources, but resolutions supporting League positions on U.N., Foreign Aid, Trade and D.C. Home Rule should certainly receive attention at the caucus level. Check with your national Program chairman.

We have a broad Program with all our state and national items. Therefore, we request that you give top priority in your list of suggested resolutions to:

1. Party Designation for state legislators.
2. Governor - lieutenant governor on one ballot.
3. Provision within the Minnesota Constitution to provide for an outside agency to reapportion the state if a legislature fails to reapportion itself.

Why these three items? Their timeliness is apparent. Our past experience lobbying in the legislature has made it quite evident that the only way to be successful with Party Designation is to gain broad support at the grass roots level. Now is the time for our members to be "party oriented" and to promote this item where the candidate for legislator is chosen - develop a ground swell of support back home which will carry through to the legislature.

We have come close with the governor - lieutenant governor item in the last two sessions; with both officials on the ballot this year, the issue can be highlighted ahead of time thus gaining the needed support.

What better time to promote the revision on reapportionment than when the subject is receiving top priority in the news.

We will continue our campaign for these items after the precinct caucuses. The support for them should start to build up by their introduction in both parties' caucuses in each precinct your League covers. Friends could be encouraged to do the same in areas where we do not have Leagues.

As State Action Chairman, discuss this project with your committee and then with your Board. We suggest you recruit unit members (and/or League husbands) in each of your precincts who affiliate officially or nominally with either party and urge them to spend an interesting night at their caucuses, offering a resolution. Your committee can propose wordings; resolutions may be informally worded; it's a good idea to take a resolution into a caucus prepared in duplicate.

Included in this mailing are the names of the Republican and Democratic-Farmer-Labor County Chairmen and Chairwomen. Republican caucuses will be held from February 7th through February 16th, so please contact the appropriate Republican officials in your area to get the date, time and places of their caucuses. Contact DFL officials for your area late in January for time and places of their caucuses. All Republican caucuses in one county will be on one date, and all DFL caucuses in Minnesota will be March 1st. (Remember, when publishing information on Republican caucuses to announce that information on DFL caucuses will be made available later.) Use this information in planning your campaign for promoting League Program. Pass it on to your Voters Service Chairman to publish to help promote participation.

Don't delay - get organized now - join the fun - let's make this a real crusade starting with the precinct caucus!

The enclosed information on parties and Program together with a copy of this memo should be given to your State Action Chairman as soon as possible.

PLATFORMS

Early in May we contacted the party organizations to ask if we might appear at working sessions of the platform committees with our recommendations. We worked up a paper outlining eight of our state positions, went over these and left them with the committees. Two well-informed people should go to these presentations because the platform committee members involved in governmental issues know what they are talking about and so must the League representatives.

This seemed to be the best place for urging inclusion of our positions, rather than waiting until the parties' state conventions and the more formal platform committee hearings, for the planks are by then fairly well set.

We had excellent success in both platforms in 1966. For the State Action Workshops I prepared an analysis of the Republican and DFL platforms and how they fit in with League Program. Many local Leagues mentioned using this in their legislative unit meetings and interviews and seemed enthusiastic about it.

1. To provide American youth with the opportunity to serve their country voluntarily in 1966, we support action of the Legislature to establish the National Service Corps and the National Youth Service Corps.

2. The League of Women Voters supports the passage of legislation to establish a Department of Community Development, to be headed by a woman, to be the commission that would issue the National Development Plan. It would coordinate with the Legislature the state's development plan, to be completed if the Legislature fails to act.

3. To facilitate the selection of metropolitan planning, we support the establishment of the local concept division of the State Planning Commission in the case of special laws affecting urban areas. Local units of government, we do favor the requirement of local consent that any local governmental unit, such as a city, village, township or school district, is affected.

4. We support provision being made for a state auditor, independent of and directly responsible to the Legislature, since the Legislature has the responsibility for appropriating state funds. It should have the financial officer to make certain these funds are spent as the amount the Legislature directed.

5. The League of Women Voters opposes discriminatory practices denying any rights to any citizens on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or age. We support the present housing legislation and urge enforcement of the law to cover the sale of all single-family dwellings.

6. Because voter registration is necessary to insure proper vote count and to facilitate procedures on election day, we support enactment of mandatory registration to all communities within a certain radius of a large metropolitan area.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

STATE ORGANIZATION SERVICE, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55455

June 3, 1966

Members of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota have studied our state's constitution, form of government and election laws. We believe improvements can be made through the political process and will work hard to implement the results of our studies in the 1967 legislative session. We urge you to include these positions in the Republican party platform you are now constructing.

1. Since the state legislature determines whether or not a party's platform becomes a reality, legislators must be identifiable by party; therefore, we support party designation for legislators.
2. To provide greater unity in the executive department and to insure continuity in office, we support amending the constitution to provide for election of Governor and Lt. Governor on a single ticket.
3. The League of Women Voters supports the principle of regular and equitable reapportionment; to insure this, we support an amendment to the constitution that would leave the primary responsibility for reapportionment with the legislature but would establish definite procedures if the legislature fails to act.
4. To facilitate the solution of metropolitan problems, we urge the modification of the local consent provision of the Home Rule Amendment in the case of special laws affecting two or more local units of government; we do favor the requirement of local consent when just one local governmental unit, such as a city, village, township or school district, is affected.
5. We support provision being made for a post auditor appointed by and directly responsible to the legislature; since the legislature has the responsibility for appropriating state funds, it should have its own financial officer to make certain these funds are spent in the manner the legislature directed.
6. The League of Women Voters opposes discriminatory practices which deny rights to any citizen on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin or age; we support the present housing legislation and urge extension of the law to cover the sale of all single-family dwellings.
7. Because voter registration is necessary to insure proper vote count and to facilitate procedures on election day, we support extension of mandatory registration to all communities within a certain radius of a large metropolitan area.



9. In order to better balance the executive and the legislative branches of state government, we support allocating the Legislature, as well as the governor, the power to call a special session.

Presented to the Republican Platform Committee, June 5, 1968, by Mrs. Walter Carpenter, Amendments Lobbyist, and Mrs. Michael Rickards, State Action Chairman

THE MINNESOTA VOTER

COUNCIL

Publication of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota

The 1966 State Council was held May 18-19. State action was given an hour workshop to discuss election laws with delegates and give them an idea of Board thinking on our legislative plans. We'd made tentative Board decisions not to do a new study in election laws, not to lobby on 18-year old voting, on an open primary. Discussions with delegates strongly confirmed these decisions; too many consensus in '66 already, much disagreement on question of lowering voting age, little idea of what an open primary was - let alone why the League favored it.

I used sample ballots from around the state in my workshop and they were effective in showing lack of uniformity in several areas - size of amendment, color, notation to vote on amendment. Also, I used sample ballot to show how much it differed from what the voter actually votes on.

We used the excellent Citizens League Voting Procedures Report for 25¢, all we could get, 50 I think. We also had voting machine demonstrations before the program started and the machines were left all during Council for delegates to look at (Shoup, AVN and Votomatic.)

We briefly discussed extension of voter registration and the League of Minn. Municipalities aids for communities interested in this. Lastly, I went over planned publications in state Program areas.

I enjoyed the chance to talk about election laws with delegates and get their ideas on League positions and course of action at the legislature. I felt the visual aid contributed greatly to the workshop. The voting machine displays were not as interesting as the work involved in setting them all there, though the Votomatic was checked over by many leagues.

I recommend handing out printed state action material in this workshop. Good opportunity to begin Program promotion, delegates love to get something and they are always desperate for more state material. Otherwise, these were satisfactory workshops. I'd planned to do them with Alva Carpenter but special session was in progress and she was there attempting to get our reapportionment amendment introduced. I feel in retrospect, however, that the time goes by so quickly and these delegates all fed and rested that it can best be handled by state Board member alone.

The state will be pleased to hear the outcome of the convention on Council.

"How a League Workshop" She is a woman who gave the word to the League as a member of the Board of Directors of the St. Paul and Minnesota Leagues. Much of the work of the new organization can be done from the home, generally, and dealing with the League of Women Voters. The hope of many women is to be able to do so. It is to be hoped that the women who would come to her who have been working hard in the League.

League members are: Mrs. D. H. Anderson, Mrs. H. John Haggren, Mrs. D. J. Jones, Mrs. R. A. Jones, Mrs. Mary Kohn, Mrs. Kenneth Nelson, Mrs. Robert Smith, Mrs. Robert E. Wagoner, and, of course, Mrs. Hope Washburn.



If you are new, please contact the League of Women Voters of your Community.

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PAYCHECKS PLANNED FOR STATE COUNCIL (Pay⁴'s, That Is)

Delegates to State Council which will be held in St. Paul May 18 and 19 at the Lowry Hotel will be reporting in to the "Paymaster" to collect two days of "payment" for volunteer hours logged during the last League year.

State Council time is always a good time to "take inventory," check the "pay off" for the work that has been done and talk about "meeting the payroll" for the year to come. When someone asks "What's in it for me?" we need to know what the job is worth and hence what the "pay" is. The workshops will give us the necessary job analysis in Program, Voters Service, and Membership.

The "take home pay" received by your representatives at State Council is meant to be shared with all members

of the local Leagues. The state Board members in turn will take home direction on where to go on state Program now that we've had a year to work on the job we took on at State Convention last year.

There is plenty of "payola" to be had. A variety of things is in store for the delegates who will come prepared to have fun while working in depth through three fields. We'll talk a lot (and even brag a little!) and we will hear two good speakers as well as do our organizational house-keeping (adopting a budget). The schedule is a full one but it is full of "pay dirt." (Not to be confused with "rewarding gossip.")

Banquet Bonus

When last year's Hope Washburn Award winner, Mrs. Gilbert Hufington, steps up to the podium at the Wednesday night banquet at State Council, excitement will fill the air. There is a tingling air of mystery also because up until the moment of announcement she is the only person who knows who this year's winner is.

How is the winner chosen? Two months before convention or council, individual League members and local League boards send nominations, together with a statement of service, to the state nominating committee. The nominating committee meets, reviews the League activities (at any level—local, state, or national) of each of the nominees and then selects two finalists. Then each of the five members of the committee independently sends the name of her choice to the previous year's recipient, who is charged with keeping the secret until she presents the award at the convention or council.

Who is Hope Washburn? She is a woman who gave devoted service to the League as a member of the Board of Directors of the St. Paul and Minnesota Leagues. Much of the vitality of the state organization can be directly traced to the energy, generosity, and devotion of Hope Washburn to the League of Women Voters. The Hope Washburn Award was established in 1956 to honor her and others who would come after her who have given outstanding service to the League.

Former winners are: Mrs. O. H. Anderson, Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, Mrs. O. J. Janski, Mrs. R. A. Jensen, Mrs. Stanley Kane, Mrs. Kenneth Sigford, Miss Barbara Stuhler, Mrs. Frederick Winston, and, of course, Miss Hope Washburn herself.

Husbands Collect 'Fringe Benefits'

A special feature of State Council this year is the invitation to bring along "The Beleaguered Half" to the Wednesday night banquet. The banquet is open to all members who wish to make a reservation. (Guests do not necessarily have to be related by marriage.) It begins at 7 p.m. and is at the Lowry Hotel. The social hour preceding the banquet starts at 6 p.m.

Speaker of the evening is Dr. John Shannon, Senior Analyst—Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. His talk is entitled "New Developments on the State Revenue Front."

THE BELEAGUERED HALF



If that was your State Council I'd be afraid to attend one of your Conventions!

Your Job of Communicating

Dr. Ronald M. Brown will be our Thursday luncheon speaker. Dr. Brown, Assistant Professor and Communications Consultant at the University of Minnesota, presents a varied background in the study of communication. He has served as an admissions counsel or for Gustavus Adolphus College, as a high school English teacher, as a radio and television specialist for Northern Michigan University, and as a forensics director at the University of Minnesota, Duluth.

He has appeared as lecturer for the Center of Continuing Studies at the University of Minnesota, for the Public Services Division of Northern Michigan University, and at seminars conducted by the Minnesota Department of Conservation and the Michigan State Extension Service. He has appeared as a speaker before numerous groups on a wide range of subjects dealing with communications. He is a former winner of the First Prize of the Inter-State Oratorical Contest—a national award.

The title of his luncheon talk is "Listening With Your Ears."

Job Planning for State Council

The hostess League for State Council is Arden Hills. The village was incorporated in 1951 and the local League started in 1952. It is a small village, long and narrow in shape, north of St. Paul. Governor Rolvaag owns a home there as well as State Legislator, Robert Ashbach.

Mrs. Ted Lindbom (Ramona) is serving as General Hostess Chairman. She has been in the Arden Hills League for 6 years. Marriage interfered with her training for a nursing career. She says she enjoys "bridge and vacations." That's in addition to various and sundry jobs in League.

As Registration and Meals Chairman we have Mrs. Lawrence Kinports (Carol) who serves on the Arden Hills board after 3 years in League. She has a B.S. from St. Olaf in nursing. Bridge and skiing are her enthusiasms.

Publication Chairman is Mrs. Warren Michael (Lillian) who is a charter member of the Arden Hills League. She did graduate work at the University of Minnesota in Theatre and was on the non-academic staff of University Theatre. She has been able to channel some of her theatre experience into League work.

Mrs. Donald Burrows (Phyllis) has been in the League for 3 years and is currently membership chairman on the Arden Hills board. She will be in charge of ushers and pages. Phyllis is a knitter and camper who started a college career in Home Ec. but exchanged the academic side of her field for the domestic.

General Chairman and Member of the State Board is Mrs. James J. Jenkins (Jerry). She is serving as *Voter* editor on the board and as "the whip" of State Council. Some may recall another Council in which she demonstrated how to wriggle into a girdle while using the telephone.

Task: Tax Talk

Dr. John Shannon received an A.B. from the University of Notre Dame, an M.A. in Public Administration from Wayne University, and was awarded a Ph.D. in Political Science by the University of Kentucky.



DR. JOHN SHANNON
Banquet Speaker

He has held various positions—Research Associate, Kentucky Department of Revenue; Assistant Professor of Political Science, Creighton University; Public Finance Analyst, White House Staff; and Financial Consultant, Government of Liberia. He was the coordinator on the preparation of the Advisory Commission's recently released report "Federal State Coordination of Personal Income Taxes."

His present position is Senior Analyst—Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, Washington, D.C.

Voting Machines and Our Job

What is the relationship between voting and the use of voting machines? What can the LWV do, under our position on improving election laws, in the next legislature? Come to Council for the "payoff" in answers to these \$64 questions.

There will be an automatic voting machine for you to try out and also the new electronic machine developed by IBM. Do they make a difference?

We will show you how the sample ballot posted on the walls of voting machine precincts, and intended to aid voters, differs markedly from what you see when you enter the voting machine and pull the curtain. Wouldn't making it identical with what the voter votes on bring a "dividend" in the form of easier voting?

Does the voting machine affect voting on constitutional amendments? Hopkins voted 99% on the taconite amendment using paper ballots while adjoining Edina, using machines, voted only 77% on the same question. Should our League position on more uniform election procedures include pressing for statewide consistency on constitutional amendment voting methods?

"Consensus, therefore, is not an area of shining truth in the midst of a sea of darkness but a grayish area where myriad different opinions converge."

Saturday Evening Post
January 29, 1966.

SHARE THE WEALTH PLAN

Not every League member can attend special conferences and meetings; therefore, we have arranged for your representatives to tell about two recent meetings. One meeting was held in Chicago and was in the field of finance. One meeting was held in Minneapolis and was on water.

Finance

"If you ever have to get petitions signed, going door-to-door is a waste of time. You have to go where the people are. I found the best place was outside the reptile house at the zoo—because so many people didn't want to go in. They were happy to stand outside and talk." This was a lively, young League member from Michigan talking. She, along with over 70 other eager members from 29 states, was attending the conference on Financing State Government sponsored by the national LWV in Chicago on February 15-17.

For a time there was doubt as to whether the Minnesota contingent would ever arrive at the meetings. It appeared that the building housing the Illinois League—and the conference—was now nothing but a very large hole in the ground! However, after walking up and down and down and up Madison Ave. it was finally discovered that the elusive building was still there—just a few more blocks down the street.

Our own Annette Whiting was the first speaker on the first panel of the conference, discussing the question, "Should the League be in the field of tax reform?" Even putting prejudice aside, hers was easily the best of the three five-minute talks—but it will have to be conceded that the little gal from Virginia was the cutest.

If you've ever been guilty of the thought that financing government is dull, you should have been there. What a lively bunch! Sales, income and property taxes were all discussed as well as constitutional provisions, fiscal administration, official tax studies, and both legislative and statewide campaigns. Delegates were on the edge of their chairs eager to express their opinions. Pros and cons were thrown back and forth with great delight—but earnestness as well. There was agreement on nothing. For a moment it looked as if there might be concurrence on the principle of "ability to pay," but in true League fashion, someone brought up the question of definitions and that chance was lost. It was truly an action-packed two days.

The League's Role in Tax Reform

Mrs. W. W. Whiting, our president, provided us with a job description for LWV in the field of tax reform in her Chicago talk. 1.) We can bring a non-partisan objective viewpoint, 2.) We can encourage citizen awareness and understanding, 3.) We can help develop criteria for efficient fiscal administration, and 4.) We can help foster patterns which are long range rather than the short term "government by crisis" approach. As Mrs. Whiting states "Our perspectives may differ, our approaches may vary, nevertheless we all realize at this juncture in American history financing government at all levels is one of the chief problems we in this country must solve. We in the League are not being presumptuous in feeling we should lend our assistance to searching for solutions to what may appear to be an insoluble problem."

Water

One rarely has the chance to see a League item come to life. But the water item showed exciting vitality when forty community leaders from Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin met to consider the importance of joint planning for wise land and water use. These forty "students" were legislators, mayors, conservationists, dairy farmers, educators, planners, industrialists, engineers—each of whom signed an agreement to carry out some sort of constructive action upon his return to his community.

Professor Sanford Farness, keynote speaker from Michigan State University's School of Urban Planning and Landscape Architecture, set forth the basic conflict involved in planning. "We have acceded to viewing nature, ourselves, our social environment and our artifacts almost entirely in terms of exchange value or as natural resources of economic commodities." This makes it difficult to justify the use of land or water in other than economic terms even though to make our environments liveable we must include other values—esthetic, social, sanitary, and scientific.

It was a novel experience to listen to an industrialist, a dairy farmer, and a waterway engineer discuss riparian rights on a river and to realize how different their interests really are and how inadequate our laws are to reconcile those differences.

Pollution was defined by Dr. John Shaeffer, Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission, as a "resource out of place"—a new way of looking at that. He also asked us to consider that we may reuse water in negative as well as positive ways. A negative reuse of flood water would be using it to create several more floods downstream. A positive use might be recharging ground water reservoirs or filling a man-made lake.

Every effort was made to wrench the participants out of their set ways and to get them to think imaginatively about new approaches. We hope the enthusiasm they expressed at the end of the conference will buoy them up to do their community job.

Retirement Plan Not a Part Of LWV Job

Mrs. Robert Wunderlich, Duluth, has sent along the following letter written to her January 31, 1966:

"In your good article about our Mrs. B. of Duluth in the January *Minnesota Voter* you quote her as saying: 'The League of Women Voters appeals to women of all ages.' Members of Group 5 in Duluth say 'how right she is.' We are curious to know if our counterpart exists in other Minnesota cities. Six years ago we organized our group to meet at the home of a League of Women Voters retired school teacher who was losing her eyesight. We have been meeting regularly ever since. Our members include a former Duluth League president, a former vice president and board member, and the present treasurer of the Duluth League board. Our loyal members range in age from three in their eighties, three in their seventies, three in their late sixties, and two in their early sixties. We have to admit that when we go to a briefing session we don't look much like the other briefers, but we doubt if any surpass us in our appreciation of what this generation of League leaders is doing to maintain the high standard of League performance in behalf of principles of good government.

We are sure there are similar groups of old Leaguers in Minnesota; wherever you are, Group 5 Duluth salutes you."

The letter is signed by Anna H. Paine (Mrs. F. Rodney) 224 Paine Farm Road, Duluth.

GOOD NEWS

Brooklyn Park and New Brighton have received recognition from national LWV. These Leagues were under our Adopt-A-League plan. Brooklyn Center helped Brooklyn Park and St. Anthony Park served New Brighton.

The state Board representatives at National Convention will be Mrs. W. W. Whiting, Mrs. Earl Colborn, and Mrs. Michael Richdorf. Mrs. L. V. Rozycki was designated as alternate.

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Program Action

Caucus emphasis by League members was great this year. We have had compliments from everyone, Republican and DFL party leaders, newspaper editors, and public officials. **Don't Let Interest Drop Now!**

We have heard first-time caucus attenders bubble with real enthusiasm about seeing how political events start in the precincts and wards. And over and over again we hear that exciting sentence, "I'll never miss another caucus."

As candidates begin rounding up support for the legislative races, keep our League positions in front of you. If you see newspaper articles touching on these areas, write a letter. St. Louis Park sent the national reapportionment stand to their suburban paper and it rated a favorable editorial with credit to all members as citizens interested in good government.

Remind everyone that it is really fiction that legislators cannot be identified by party. It is interesting to read our state election laws; the two major parties are recognized in election laws time and time again but the legislators who wrote these laws won't admit the parties' existence when they run for office.

Ask a legislative candidate to explain why the governor and his lieutenant-governor shouldn't be of the same party. Or why a separate body shouldn't be set up to reapportion our state if the legislature fails to act. Or how the legislature can tell if the money it appropriated was spent correctly without its own post-auditor.

Writing letters, questioning candidates, serving as convention delegates, working in your party, these are ways a good member can act between now and election time to emphasize our Program.

IT PAYS TO SERVE

Election results in 50 to 60 key precincts in Minnesota's general election November 8, 1966, will be reported to ABC by League of Women Voters reporters. Pay received from ABC for this service will be allocated to provide Voters Service in areas of Minnesota where there are no Leagues, according to the state Board's recommendation. Precincts to be covered will be assigned by ABC in August.

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

These Workshops were not well-attended by local Program people. The three state Program chairmen had one workshop. I'd recommend printing up the speeches for distribution since so few Program Board members attended.

I discussed how to "inform yourself" on state Program; what Program publications I planned; the local legislative chairman's responsibilities; and the importance of calendar planning. I stressed the necessity of getting a November, December, or January meeting. It was an attempt to get Program people interested in doing some summer work in their areas; to get a local League committee formed to help them; to think about developing Board, member and public support for our legislative Program.

The Local Legislative Chairman Job Description was distributed.

4. Give your district, for your own benefit, the time necessary for legislative work. Make these lists with your area informed.

III. MEAN OF YOUR VISITS WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS AND/OR PERSONNEL AND/OR GROUPS

1. Your approach to your legislative objectives and your follow-up and reflect your awareness of the end, of the time and of the time individualize your approach.

2. See what Program publications offer a good basis for legislative work, check, inform, and valuable information.

3. Remember to have a record of any legislative committee for your own file and the use of other Board members. Check your committee and check-out your legislative and about your legislative in the state office.

IV. WORK WITH COMMUNITY

1. Secure (1.00 week end) speaking engagements before other groups. Their speakers to help you.

2. Distribute League Program materials.

3. Write initial letters, correspondence to key people - at least five with advertising to people through the League. Check on your district, legislative, community of your community active in party politics or approach to candidates.

4. Check in at least one "state level" meeting open to the public and include on the guest list your state legislative, members of your community, organizations, local group people, high school, social service, business.

5. Schedule some type of follow-up meeting after the meeting with your legislative.

V. PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE

1. Prepare with legislation and program to call for action from the state Board. After your (own) members who will readily write and call up a number of representatives. With other state representatives and

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR LOCAL STATE ACTION CHAIRMAN

I. KNOW STATE PROGRAM RESOURCE MATERIAL

II. INTERVIEW YOUR LEGISLATOR REGULARLY IN YOUR HOME DISTRICT

1. Take one or two state Program committee members with you.
2. Be sure you know the purpose of the interview, what to cover, what to bring, the impression you want to leave.
3. Join with other local Leagues with whom you "share" your legislator for the best approach.
4. Know your district, for your own benefit, but also because your legislator sees those lines with even more interest.

III. FOLLOW UP YOUR VISITS WITH APPROPRIATE LETTERS and/or MATERIALS and/or PHONE CALLS

1. Your approach to your legislative interviews and your follow-ups must reflect your assessment of the man, of the issue and of the times; individualize your approach.
2. New state Program publications offer a good entre for setting up a short, informal, but valuable interview.
3. Remember to keep a record of any legislative contacts for your own file and the use of other Board members. Send your comments and observations about your legislators and about your interview to the state office.

IV. INFORM YOUR COMMUNITY

1. Secure (i.e. seek out) speaking engagements before other groups. Train speakers to help you.
2. Distribute League Program material.
3. Give Capitol Letter subscriptions to key people - at least five gift subscriptions to people outside the League, such as your Mayor, Editors, Legislators, members of your community active in party politics or appointed to commissions.
4. Schedule at least one "State Issues" meeting open to the public and include on the guest list your state legislators, members of other community organizations, local press people, high school social studies teachers.
5. Schedule some type of follow-up meeting after the session with your legislators.

V. CAMPAIGN FOR THE PROGRAM

1. Respond with enthusiasm and promptness to Calls for Action from the state Board. Know your local members who will readily write and set up a method of contacting them. Find other civic organizations and

individuals in the community who might be interested in specific LWV issues and ask them to respond to Calls for Action.

2. At the direction of the local Board, supplement local League action with community action . . . letters to the editor, campaign techniques such as motorcades, lawn signs, slogans, radio, TV.

3. Thank your legislators for their vote favoring League positions.

VI. DON'T FORGET YOUR LEAGUE MEMBERS

1. Is your state resource committee keeping your League members up to date on state Program? On Continuing Responsibilities as well as on Current Agenda? How many meetings are spent in study of state Program?
2. Are you well represented at the Legislative Observers Program? Are your members attending regularly (this is a "series")?
3. Have you promoted the sale of Capitol Letter subscriptions to each member of your League?
4. Are you working for a place in the budget? Money for gift subscriptions to Capitol Letter, travel allowance to attend the Legislative Observers Program?

NOTE: It should also be noted that the local State Action Chairman has the rare opportunity in off-legislative years to change her pace. That is, legislative years do require fairly specific kinds of action from you, revolving around the promotion of Capitol Letter, the Observers Program and the total state League Program.

BUT: It is in the off-legislative years that you can, e.g.:

1. Become an expert on state Program.
2. Build up your joint Action and State Resource Committee
3. Have a friendly visit with your legislators and not ask for anything specific.
4. Write those letters to the editor without the pressure of Calls for Action.
5. Seek out those speaking engagements. Train one or two others to speak on state League Program.
6. Become known in your community by attending meetings of other groups and get your League members to become politically active and to serve on appointive commissions.
7. Plan "State Issues" meetings without the pressure of other activities - hold them at the most opportune time.

BUILD ON YOUR GOOD FORTUNE!

POSITION VOTER

The Position VOTER is an essential state Program piece and was used by every League which scheduled a legislative unit meeting. All final reports mentioning this VOTER stressed how valuable it was as an every-member resource piece. It also furnished material for local League legislative interviews. Of major importance, too, is its contribution to the state Board's action in defining our Program and in selecting issues for emphasis at the legislature.

It was the hardest thing I've done as a Board member, and it needn't be! Responsibility for its initial writing and forms must remain with the state legislative chairman and the VOTER editor. November-December issue, assuming mid-November delivery is an ideal time. There is not time, and there is no reason, to let the whole Board read and reread and rework this issue. It focuses on our positions, but with a good Convention, good Board backgrounding by Program people, and an attempt by all Board members to visualize state Program as a vital area of their responsibility, supposedly the Position VOTER should come as no great shock.

First recommendation then - it is not a total Board responsibility to draft each sentence. The VOTER editor should give the legislative chairman an idea of how many words can be fitted in; should work with her on initial issue layout; then assign appropriate Program Board members to write positions and legislative forecasts; work with legislative chairman to fit these all in, cutting where necessary together; then open it up to the president. This follows format of successful Capitol Letters and retains in editor's hands essential decisions on timing and spacing.

Second recommendation - return to type size of 5/64 blue OR VOTER; this issue is not as concerned with ease of reading as with setting the positions in with good background and forecasting. Also, use blue issue's form for footnotes - more effectively placed and less space than in green issue. Capitol Letter subscription blank need not be so large. We also should try to cut the size of the ownership statement if it must be in this issue. Other publications (i.e. the Star and Tribune) make it much smaller. I recommend that the president's column not be included in this space-at-a-premium issue. This is not a VOTER for anything but positions. It is meant to serve as a resource piece throughout the session, to be given to legislators, and its purpose should not be diluted.

The usefulness of this piece, mailed directly to every member without additional charge or bother perfectly timed to coincide with legislative unit meetings and legislative interviews, cannot be emphasized enough. Nearly all annual reports mentioned it; many legislators have referred to it; members used it for Times for Action. With a redefined, single list, dropping several long-held CEs, it is even more necessary to do an every-member updating with legislative predictions before the 1969 session. No matter what other pamphlets or item updates are issued during the biennium, I recommend a Position VOTER, begun in the summer, issued in the late fall 1968.

With an update publication or resume already in the hands of each League on our positions (scheduled to be received in fall 1967), the Position VOTER will not have to go over this backgrounding so thoroughly and with our "cleaned up" positions it can more easily get into the interesting aspect of legislative forecasting and speculating.

A smart legislative chairman will get a good idea of what kind of Board knowledge and Program support she will get during the session from doing this VOTER. When Board members responsible for items requiring legislative action must write out specifically what they expect and what they predict, weak spots will show up.

Position VOTER - cont'd.

Four years previously off-Board people wrote the position resumes in areas where the Board itself was weak, and this provided a back-up. However, the problem probably occurs most frequently in national items requiring state legislative action (I think immediately of Water and DRR.) and requiring Board decisions led by the interested Board member which an off-Board specialist simply couldn't do.

The legislative chairman can't/shouldn't make policy decisions on specific bills to support in areas outside of her particular knowledge - there was a lack on the Board of well-backgrounded Program people. Without a president knowledgeable in state legislative Program and without a Program coordinator who previously had been involved in state Program, the legislative chairman's job would have been impossible. The Position VOTER will indicate where Board strength is and isn't and the president and the legislative chairman must build it up or legislative action in those areas will suffer.

1. Legislative chair.
2. Should have plan to indicate which agencies by location to be contacted.
3. Job description.
4. Membership Rollbooks, Leg. chair's name.
5. Party affiliation.
6. State for legislative chair meeting.
7. No. of people to be contacted.
8. Letter to be sent to Leg. chair.
9. Sign out in report.
10. Legislative chair's speech, public relations chairman's speech.

LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOPS

1. Check list for state Legislative Workshops.
2. Capitol Letter order blank.
3. Copy of letter to hostess League.
 - a. Times in this letter are not correct.
 - b. Coffee is essential.
 - c. For metropolitan area, time is too late for good motel/hotel accommodations. Should be handled by League office as soon as time and date are set. I'm sure the hostess League would not care (in metropolitan area).
4. Tips for Legislative Chairmen.
5. List of candidates for House and Senate.
 - a. This list looks simple to compile, but I spent time at DFL office with Hank Fischer and at GOP office with Dick Willow to check their reports on probable caucus affiliation of candidates. Interestingly, their lists had some differences which recontact and checking resolved for them and for me.
6. Evaluation sheet.
 - a. Should have place to indicate which workshop by location is being evaluated.
7. Job Description.
8. Minnesota Railroads Assn. legislative district maps.
9. Party platform analysis.
10. Ideas for legislative unit meeting.
11. So You're Going to Write Your Legislator.
12. Letter to hostess League.
13. Flyer sent out in August.
14. Legislative chairman's speech, public relation's chairman's speech.

A first step was taken in the fall of 1967 when the Legislative Unit of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was organized. Our first effort was to develop a list of legislative districts for the 1968 election. This was done by the Minnesota League of Women Voters, and the list was distributed to the legislative unit members. The list was also distributed to the public relation's chairman's speech, public relation's chairman's speech.

Legislative Unit members were also given a copy of the "So You're Going to Write Your Legislator" booklet. This booklet was developed by the Minnesota League of Women Voters, and it was distributed to the legislative unit members. The booklet was also distributed to the public relation's chairman's speech, public relation's chairman's speech.

The League of Women Voters, which is a non-partisan organization, is dedicated to the improvement of the government and the participation of citizens in the political process. The League of Women Voters is a national organization, and it has a long history of service to the community. The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization, and it is dedicated to the improvement of the government and the participation of citizens in the political process.

LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS FOR 1967

Equality of Opportunity

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

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

In the area of housing, we support the present legislation and recommend its strengthening to include all housing except the rental of space in a private home or owner-occupied duplex. Regulation of such facilities in owner-occupied property might constitute an invasion of privacy.

League Background

A civil rights item first appeared as part of our state Program in 1949 and has been a Program item ever since. Our early efforts were directed toward securing a Fair Employment Practices Law (FEP), which was passed in 1953. The 1961 Legislature passed the State Act Against Discrimination which amended the FEP law to forbid discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, or national origin in transactions of property or housing accommodations. Exempt from coverage of the Act are rental of rooms in a private home, rental of one-half of an owner-occupied duplex, and the rental, lease or sale of single-family owner-occupied housing which is not publicly assisted. This law is enforced by the State Commission Against Discrimination (SCAD).

League consensus in 1962 indicated strong support for this law. We urged continued support of commission administration of anti-discrimination laws including the public accommodations law and adequate funds for SCAD. We favored adding age to the list of those factors covered by the employment section of the law. Bills calling for an "age amendment" have been introduced several times, but they have never been passed. Five amendments to the State Act Against Discrimination were proposed to the Legislature in 1965. Of these, three which were supported by the League were approved. These bills extended the coverage of the employment provisions of the law to include persons who employ fewer than eight individuals, extended the jurisdiction of SCAD to act on complaints of discrimination in public accommodations, and provided for procedural reforms for SCAD.

Legislative Outlook

In 1967, efforts will be made to accomplish additional procedural reforms in the enforcement machinery of SCAD. There will be an attempt to remove all exemptions from the housing law. Once again the question will be raised as to whether businesses and labor unions which continue discriminatory practices should be licensed by the state. The League of Women Voters will seek ways of implementing our 1966 consensus favoring extension of the housing law to cover the sale of single-family, owner-occupied housing which is privately financed. Our action on proposals relating to changes in the procedures or structure of the enforcement agency (including its merger with the Governor's Human Rights Commission and other human rights agencies) will depend upon whether the particular measure would strengthen or weaken its operation. We do support administrative enforcement with policies and programs determined by a commission or board; we favor education and conciliation as part of the procedure aimed at changing behavior patterns; we wish to guarantee swift legal redress for the aggrieved citizen; and we support adequate funding of the agency.

The League of Women Voters, believing that democratic government depends upon the informed and active participation of its citizens, concerns itself with governmental issues which arise out of the needs of the community, the state and the nation.

The League of Women Voters takes action in support of, or in opposition to, selected governmental issues. Its members choose the issues to be studied. This study leads to action.

The League of Women Voters is nonpartisan. It does not support or oppose candidates or political parties. Members are encouraged to work as individuals in the political party of their choice. Board members refrain from active party work while in League office.

This issue of the VOTER is designed to help each member prepare for the 1967 legislative session. It contains statements of League positions reached after concentrated study and discussion. After reading this material and any additional background necessary, each member will be able to provide an effective grass roots lobby to round out League lobbying activity at the state Capitol. Developing community support, as well as support of League Program by individual legislators, is the responsibility of League members at the local level.

Minnesota Indians

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota believes that the ultimate goal of all programs for Minnesota Indians should be the self-sufficiency of the Indian population and acceptance into American life, but this acceptance or integration does not imply altering their reservation status or cultural patterns except as the Indians may desire it.

League Background

After study, League members agreed that the state of Minnesota should declare and assume its responsibility for Indian citizens as for all other citizens. We oppose in principle the idea that legislation should single out any race or that separate services should be provided. However, since Indian citizens have been singled out for separate consideration throughout our history, we recognize that special attention must be given to their unique circumstances. We believe that this attention should be directed toward solving existing jurisdictional conflicts in order to guarantee equal treatment for Indians by all levels of government.

Home Rule

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota believes in the principle of home rule. We support the requirement of local consent in the case of special laws affecting one city, village, township or school district. We support modification of the requirement of local consent in the case of special laws affecting two or more local units of government to facilitate the solution of intergovernmental problems. We support realistic restrictions on special legislation and broader provisions for the adoption and amendment of home rule charters.

League Background

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota has studied Home Rule since 1947. We have supported our state's tradition of home rule. We supported the 1958 Home Rule Amendment which made adopting and amending home rule charters easier and which also legalized special legislation.

Special legislation laws are those laws applying to a single unit of government or to a group of such units in a county or in adjoining counties. Before the 1958 Amendment, special legislation was forbidden by the Constitution, but was frequently passed by the legislators anyway.

Ethics in Government

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

Ethics in government has been a League concern since 1959. We will continue our efforts to back stronger lobby

Indian Affairs Commission

League members agreed that the state should set up an effective agency to facilitate the solutions to the problems of Indian citizens. The 1963 Legislature established the Minnesota Indian Affairs Commission. The 1965 Legislature amended the law to enable the Commission to hire a staff. The League defined an effective agency as one which would be acceptable to the Indians themselves, permanent, staffed by professionally qualified people, authorized to set up, carry out and coordinate programs, empowered to utilize the services of other existing agencies, and provided with adequate funds. The Minnesota Indian Affairs Commission met our criteria.

Legislative Outlook

In the 1967 legislative session, we can support increased funds to continue the work of the Indian Affairs Commission. Also, we can support measures to remove discriminatory references to Indians in Minnesota laws and legislation designed to insure adequate public services such as law enforcement and welfare services in reservation areas.

The 1958 Amendment required that all special legislation be approved by the affected governmental units before it went into effect. The purpose of this requirement, called the local consent provision, was to guarantee the self determination of municipalities. An unforeseen result, however, has been that when special legislation affects several municipalities and is desired by most of them, one dissenting local government can exercise a veto power over all the others. Among other things it is hampering effective and practical solutions to modern-day metropolitan problems.

Legislative Proposals

Bills will be proposed in the 1967 Legislature to alter local consent. One proposal will be designed to dispense with the local consent provision except when the legislature chooses to, add it to specific bills. Another proposal will require local consent on all special laws except those affecting governmental units in areas of over one million population. Still another proposal will require local consent when a special law affects one governmental unit but will abolish the requirement when two or more units are affected. The last-named proposal may best meet League criteria because it is designed as a statewide solution to the problems of all our metropolitan areas, not just of the Twin City area alone.

regulation bills. We will continue to support legislation to prohibit conflict of interests. There has been no concerted action in the legislature in the areas of lobbying regulation and conflict of interest. Minnesota, like other states, lacks adequate and enforceable legislation. Admittedly, practical solutions are difficult but we will be ready to act if any legislation is proposed in 1967.

ELECTION LAWS

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

Party Designation

For nearly 16 years the League of Women Voters has advocated "putting the label on the man" by having party designation for legislators. The policy-making arms of Minnesota state government are the governor and legislature. The governor runs on a party platform and is committed to trying to enact this platform into law if elected. Legislators are elected without a stated commitment to any platform.

The League believes that political parties are essential to the operation of a democratic society in two ways, 1) by providing the election machinery through which the citizen nominates, then elects public officials, and 2) by providing the party platform through which the citizen communicates his wishes to those who carry out his laws. We believe that the voter has a right and in fact has a duty to know what a candidate stands for. While parties must consider the needs of the state as a whole, under the present system, individual legislators may feel their primary responsibilities are to the particular constituents which elected them, whether individual citizens or special interest groups.

During the legislative session every legislator joins either the DFL or the conservative caucus. The majority caucus organizes the legislature and heads all committees. Yet no official record of this is indicated in any legislative document. We ask that the voter be given the benefit of knowing the reality which exists.

During each legislative session League lobbyists seek out legislators willing to sponsor a party designation bill. Getting it out of committee has been the stumbling block in previous sessions.

Campaign Practices

Study and discussion by League members brought us to support changes in the campaign practices laws. Changes proposed are: 1) complete reporting of all money spent in the election, 2) bringing the candidates' volunteer committees under more control, and 3) raising obsolete limits on campaign spending.

League members believe that candidates and candidates' volunteer committees should be responsible for making public reports on where campaign money comes from and how it was spent. Furthermore, we believe that unions and corporations should be treated equally in the laws.

There is little evidence that legislators are willing to enact stronger legislation in this field. The League will be ready to support legislation to improve realistic reporting of campaign expenses. The search for new methods of broadening the base of candidate support will be of interest to all League members.

Extension of Voter Registration

The League lobbied in the 1959 Legislature for extension of registration. At that time a bill was enacted to require registration in municipalities of over 10,000 population. The bill also allowed smaller municipalities to set up registration systems if they so desired.

In the 1965 session, the League lobbied for a bill to require registration in all municipalities with populations of 5,000 to 10,000. This attempt failed.

Believing that order and regularity in voting procedures throughout the state is desirable the League will continue to lobby for extension of voter registration. There are various methods for achieving this end. Requiring registration in all municipalities within a certain radius of the Twin City metropolitan area, regardless of their populations, is one alternative. County-wide registration when the population of a county reaches a certain figure is another possibility. Statewide, mandatory registration may be considered. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota can support any of these measures.

Centralized Responsibility

The League favors centralized responsibility in the state government for achieving uniform election procedures and for training election officials. The Secretary of State administers election laws as written by the state legislature in state statutes. There is no administrative control or supervision, however. Proposals in this area in the 1967 session will need our attention.

Voting Age

The League of Women Voters has no position on lowering the voting age to 18 because we have never studied it. Since both parties' 1966 platforms advocate lowering the voting age to 18 we will observe and report any efforts to achieve this change.

Open Primary

Minnesota has an open primary. The voter is not required to declare his party affiliation before entering the voting booth. His ballot contains the two lists. The voter must either vote for DFL candidates or Republican candidates in the partisan races in the primary.

The League will observe and report efforts to change the open primary system but will not lobby in this area.

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Constitutional Revision

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support Constitutional revision by convention and by amendments based on previously reached positions as follows: 1) An easier amending process, 2) Regular and equitable reapportionment, 3) Legislative sessions of adequate length, 4) Provision for a post auditor, 5) Clearly fixed executive responsibility.

Revision by Convention

The League of Women Voters has a long history of working for a constitutional convention. The first step towards this goal was taken in 1954 when voters approved a League-supported amendment allowing legislators to serve as delegates to a constitutional convention and providing for the ratification of a new constitution by three-fifths of the voters voting on the question. The next step, action by the legislature to place a constitutional referendum on the ballot, has never been taken.

Constitutional Study Commission

The League believes that the state legislature should authorize a thorough study of our state constitution. There have been many changes in the constitution by amendments and by removal of obsolete provisions in the last twenty years. We believe that a well-funded, broad-based study of what we have and what we need in our present constitution is essential. We believe that this study should be done by a commission made up of laymen and legislators. The commission should be staffed and funded in order to be effective.

Constitutional Amendments

League members have not been content to wait for a revision of the entire constitution but have instead studied ways of improving the state constitution by amendments. Members have agreed on specific items that should be included in the constitution. Some of the changes could be accomplished by statute.

Easier Amending Process

The amending process itself can be made easier by 1) the retention of a simple majority vote by the legislature in proposing amendments and 2) the substitution of a majority of those voting on the question in the ratification of amendments in place of the present requirement of a majority of votes cast at the election.

League Lobbying Defined

Lobbying at the Capitol is not meant to replace lobbying from home by the local League members, but rather to supplement it. A League lobbyist may be assigned to a particular committee of the legislature. She attends as many of the committee hearings as possible, attempts to establish friendly relationships with its members, speaks to them about legislation on the League's Program and tries to bring about a committee recommendation favorable to the

Sessions of Adequate Length

We believe in providing adequate time for consideration of legislation by the legislature. We favor more frequent, regular sessions and allowing the legislature to determine the length of the sessions. We favor allowing special sessions to be called at the discretion of the legislature as well as the governor.

Post Auditor

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota has long been concerned that there is no financial officer to advise the legislature about how the money it has appropriated is actually spent. We believe that a post auditor should be appointed by and responsible to the legislature. There is no one the legislature can rely on to give it a clear picture of the state's financial standing. The legislature needs its own financial expert to aid it in its constitutional responsibility to raise and to spend the state's funds.

The League's position could be implemented by statute or amendment.

Executive Responsibility

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota supports the principle of clearly fixed executive responsibility. We favor certain amendments to achieve this end. They provide for 1) the shortened ballot making more offices appointive, 2) the joint election of governor and lieutenant governor and 3) the constitutional provision for an executive budget.

The League can support amendments or statutes to make such offices as secretary of state, treasurer, and auditor appointive. Also, we could support legislation to eliminate from election Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners although this is not a constitutional office.

Reapportionment

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota supports the principle of regular and equitable reapportionment. We favor an amendment to the state constitution which would 1) leave the primary responsibility for reapportionment with the legislature but establish definite procedures if the legislature fails to act, 2) specify the maximum deviation of any district from the ideal (total population divided by number of legislators), and 3) prohibit increase in legislative size.

League's position. When a bill is due for a vote, she may contact many different legislators, particularly those whom local League chairmen have reported as noncommitted or needing additional information or persuasion. She may also see legislators from non-League areas.

When the state Board decides that the legislators are ready to hear from the "grass-roots lobby" on a specific legislative proposal the League sends out a Call To Action. Local League boards and members respond by writing letters, making phone calls, writing newspapers, etc.

POSSIBLE STATE ACTION ON NATIONAL POSITIONS

Development of Human Resources

Working under the positions reached on the National Program item, Development of Human Resources (DHR), we may channel our efforts in three arenas: 1) the state's role in insuring non-discriminatory practices in apprenticeship training, 2) the state's role in increasing efforts in the vocational and educational field, and 3) the state's role in encouraging and supporting community action programs where necessary.

Water Resources

Working under the positions reached on the National Program item, Water Resources, we are concerned in three areas: 1) the state's role in over-all, long-range planning of water resources development, 2) the state's role in managing water resources on a regional basis, and 3) the state's role in financing water resource development.

There is much opportunity for state legislative action in dealing with our water resources in the next session. We can urge our state to assume more responsibility for water resource development and to seek federal aids as needed. We can urge more river basin and regional planning. We can support the allocation of more funds to the Water Resources Research Center at the University of Minnesota.

Our current national study on Water Resources is concerned with tax incentives to private industries to encourage pollution abatement. In January we hope to reach con-

sensus on the national level. This consensus will determine League action in the 1967 state legislative session as well as action on the federal level.

We will observe the action of the Governor's Water Resources Commission, the Water Pollution Control Commission, and the Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Area Commission. We will observe debates on the Metropolitan Sanitary district bills presented for consideration during this session.

Federal Amendments

State Legislatures have the power to ask Congress to call a constitutional convention for the purpose of amending the federal constitution. League members are opposed to 1) constitutional limitations on tax rates, 2) constitutional changes that would limit existing powers of the executive and the Congress in foreign relations, and 3) changes in the requirement of population equity for both houses of state legislatures.

The so-called Liberty Amendment which dealt with tax rates and treaty-making was considered in the last session of our state legislature. The League testified against it. It was not passed.

Foreign Policy

Under our national trade position we lobbied against the meat labeling bill in the 1965 Legislature. We may see similar action in 1967.

For Further Information

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From Our President . . .

Focus on State Government

Some years ago Professor Ferdinand Lundberg of New York University forecast the total disappearance of state government. We believe his conjecture has gone awry. State government is not going to disappear. In fact state government is on the eve of assuming greater importance than at any time in the last century.



The federal government is continually in the spotlight and much is written about its growth. On the other hand little is said about the growth of state government, yet state governments have ever increasing influence on our daily lives. Further, state government is close to home. It is state government that we can do something about.

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota is an organization concerned with the state's needs. At our biennial State Conventions representatives of all the members discuss, debate and finally select those areas of concern in state government which they will study and on which they will make decisions leading to action.

In this VOTER we have stated the League positions reached in this manner which may be implemented in the 1967 session of the Minnesota legislature. There are many other major issues of interest to League members. We necessarily use restraint in selecting those items upon which to concentrate. League procedure requires a certain amount of time for members to become knowledgeable and to discuss pros and cons, before reaching consensus. We are in this process now in a number of areas of state concern. One of these is financing government in Minnesota. Our members are studying and discussing basic issues of fiscal policy. As yet, we have no position in support of any definite tax or tax reform.

Political inactivity is needed to deal successfully with the governmental problems of the metropolitan complexes—another major responsibility of the 1967 Legislature. About half of our membership live in the growing Twin City metropolitan area. They have been studying problems of metropolitan transportation and of metropolitan sewerage but they have reached no position on metropolitan governmental structures.

To help turn the spotlight on state government, the Minnesota League will again sponsor a legislative observers course, in the auditorium of the State Office Building in St. Paul. This series is open to the public. The dates of these meetings are January 11 and 25, February 8 and 23, and March 8 and 22. Among the subjects to be covered are effect of reapportionment on the legislature, use of federal funds in state programs, trends in legislative reform and the role of state government in metropolitan problems.

Through all this activity the League of Women Voters

of Minnesota intends to put the focus clearly on state government. We see our state government as a creative and vital force in serving the needs of all of our people.

Mrs. W. W. Whiting

President, LWV of Minnesota

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STATE ACTION WORKSHOPS

The four State Action Workshops were scheduled in early October 1966. Interest in the next legislative session was rising; heavy Voters Service efforts hadn't begun; this timing offered local Leagues the opportunity to schedule state action unit meetings in November, December or January; we could make predictions about the elections and start Leagues thinking about our Program while candidates were campaigning and attending candidates meetings; and the weather was great for traveling. I'd do it again at the same time.

The first was Battle Lake, October 6th, then Saturday, October 8th, in St. Paul, October 11th in Cloquet and October 13th in Minneapolis. It's good to begin outstate because it takes one workshop to gain confidence and to make it tie together well, and the attendance is less outstate so it's an easier beginning. All were planned in public-type places because the service and facilities make these more enjoyable places to meet.

The Saturday meeting in St. Paul was a mistake - the people who like Saturday meetings are more vociferous but less numerous than those preferring Monday through Friday. Tuesdays and Thursdays seemed good days to meet. I'd consider doing one upper center state, two metropolitan and one in Bloomington for southern Leagues, with option clearly stated to attend non-assigned workshop if necessary. I would make initial contact with Bloomington motel at first opportunity myself because they are booked so far ahead. I also think workshops can be in at 9:30 or at latest 9:45 rather than 10:00 because minutes are precious and everyone is usually assembled early anyway.

We handed out much written material which they appreciated - if this could have been assembled and put in a kit with a printed agenda of the workshop day, it would have been more impressive. The material was:

1. Legislative district map of the state.
2. List of candidates running for legislature, population of each senatorial district and probably caucus affiliation of every aspirant.
3. Flip sheet of ideas for legislative issues unit meeting.
4. Capitol letter order blank.
5. Job Description for Local State Action Chairman.
6. How to Write Your Legislator.
7. Analysis of how the DFL and GCP party platforms fit in with League positions.
8. Evaluation sheet.

I began by talking about four areas of League lobbying concern at the next session, an attempt to refresh memories and spark interest in the Equality of Opportunity position, and home rule-local consent emphasis, the League's role in tax discussions and our new push for a Constitutional Commission to study, evaluate and recommend new ways to improve our constitution.

Elie Colborn then talked about what reapportionment will and won't do; what powerful Senators and Representatives will be missing and what this may mean to League Program; and what the election's outcome would be.

Marion Watson spoke on the practical hurdles a bill must pass on its way to becoming a law, gave an eye-opening view to Leagues who had read How a Bill Becomes a Law and thought they knew it all (as included).

We had requests for copies of these speeches. It might be a good idea to distribute copies then at the peak of interest for them. But mine was much better paid by the fourth workshop so there is an advantage to waiting till then and to print them up. The Leaguers in attendance were most anxious for Program help and information on the state level.

We next broke into workshops - Marion Watson and I took the state action chairman, went over the kit stressing the importance of scheduling a unit meeting for preparing members for the legislative session (most Leagues, following early advice from Leadership Workshops, had put this on their calendars). We pushed Capitol Letter ordering for members and community opinion-makers, the Observers Program and talked about interviews they would do with their newly-elected legislators. We also went over organizing for a Time for Action and how to write a legislator and then went over some material from the speakers bureau kit prepared in September - gave them ideas on how to use this information. They showed interest in a service that would tell them specifically how their legislators voted and what bills they sponsored and this may be worth setting up a committee to provide.

Elle Colborn, Liz Abbott, and in the metropolitan meetings, Nancy Tokyoki took the presidents, Program and Water chairman and discussed improving response to Times for Action, asked for suggestions on what helps we can give them in promoting state Program, again urged a unit meeting on legislative issues.

Workshops are the most rewarding for me in these informal group sessions. We had so much material to go over in our section that we lacked time to fully discuss as much as the participants seemed to want to - but on the other hand, the state action chairman were glad to get enough material so they could choose some for their own particular League's use.

Because all southern Leagues and half of those scheduled for the Saturday meeting in St. Paul came to the workshop in Minneapolis, it was too crowded. I believe there is a need for the state Board in the beginning of each year to tentatively schedule all workshops and locations and give real thought to whether or not we must go where the local League is or if we should plan to best attract the most attenders, even though this obviously means having the various workshops in the same general places. For example, I see more emphasis being put on going for the northern workshops to Duluth or nearby because that's where the activity is. This is a basic philosophical question that it seems the Board should ponder because I think Board members new at setting up workshops need more help. I scheduled these by looking at a map, not at where Leaguers lived, and this was a mistake. Also, if there is to be one of some series in the northwest section, maybe it should be in Moorhead where the Boarders involved can fly in.

Lunches were fun - no head tables and a continuation of the workshop discussions. I liked hearing the well-informed comments on local legislative races. Minneapolis' Lexington offered a super salad luncheon.

Because the Equality of Opportunity state study focusing on school consolidation and de facto segregation was coming up shortly, the item chairman, Liz Abbott, was given 45 minutes of the afternoon session to explain the materials and the way given the study was taking and why, and to answer the many questions from Program chairmen. She also talked about legislative action we favor under the new housing position and discussed merger of human rights agencies and our lobbying role there. This was a good opportunity for her to create interest in the item and for Leaguers to ask her specific questions. In every session we had to call time so we could jump into Water.

We had allocated the rest of the afternoon session, 70 minutes, to Water - what action we saw under this item in the next session. Unfortunately, I timed the workshops at the same point that Lois Mann, Water chairman, was taking University exams. Lois spoke at Battle Lake and Minneapolis. Annette Whiting prepared a Water talk for St. Paul which she Colborn then gave in Cloquet. Annette's emphasis was strong on possible fields of legislative action plus being a to be pop talk and was really well-received. I was amazed at the amount of interest, knowledge and action that Leagues are taking on this topic, and the one overwhelming feeling I have after these workshops is that this is an area we as a state League can help our members in. NMSG, Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Commission, the Upper Great Lakes Organization, the Four-State Compact, the metropolitan sewage problem, the State Planning Agency - all are concerned in this topic and are of real interest to members. I think it's so unusual to see a statewide demand for more work on a topic (oh, if it were only legislative reform) that our Board may see Water as a vehicle for revitalizing state Program.

We passed our evaluation sheets at the start of each workshop, made a big effort to get them back at the end. We have 44, of which 14 were mailed in. They are fun to read - because they are so favorable. Comments included:

even made the next session sound interesting
 interesting and stimulating
 especially enjoyed legislative predictions
 informal, informed, specific and graphic - totally satisfactory
 enjoyed every minute
 glad to get League positions - they need clarification during the year as changes occur
 expert information, clearly given, interesting enthusiastic leadership
 route a bill takes in becoming law most interesting
 provided not only motivation but emphasis on major points
 provided not only information but was inspiring
 good review and alert of what to look for
 speakers excellent
 morning speakers effective in making state Program exciting and lively
 renewed enthusiasm for League legislative role
 informal atmosphere led to free give-and-take of ideas
 material will provide good unit meeting
 planning a unit meeting on legislative issues as a result of workshop

Suggestions included:

would like Water report to be more specific
 keep giving more information on regional planning
 more information on economic development
 should have brought VS and PB chairmen - did I misunderstand
 more direction in Equality of Opportunity
 more members of local Leagues should attend - several mentioned this
 reprints of speeches and agenda
 copies of speeches
 morning coffee - missing in Mpls.
 local-national chairmen felt too much general talk, time wasted
 need a bigger push to do things in community
 more emphasis on Indians
 expected talk on state finance study
 water material too general
 water topic not well-coordinated
 workshop on Equality of Opportunity would have been more helpful than talk at general session

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Note to President:

Because the legislative focus of League does not end with the session, because a good legislative chairman is essential to your board, do appoint one now. She can be responsible for the state program items that will not involve new study, can prepare herself and your league for effective state action next session.

OUT LOOK FOR WORK
LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN - 1967 - 68

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Here are some things you will want to do in the coming year:

- (1) First, send personalized notes to your representatives and senators. No one does. Good place for League to make an impression and besides, they have worked very hard for you - so let them know you know it. By personalized, I mean mention the votes they cast for League supported bills, for bills of interest to your community, for committees they headed. Use your newspaper articles right now for background information, check Capitol Letters for sponsors of our bills and the last issue for a rundown of votes on many important questions. Drop our state office a note; we have a file on every legislator and will gladly share this with you (bills he's sponsored, areas of his interest on committees etc.) if you write us and if you promise to use it.
- (2) Plan a post-session meeting with your legislators. They are full of stories about the session and its a perfect opportunity to let them tell you about it. Your League members will enjoy it and so will the legislators.
 - a. One league had a Legislative Picnic, husbands invited, food and beer for \$1.25 each, mid-June, in a member's back yard. Big success.
 - b. Another League cooperated with both political parties (in an area where the parties endorsed legislative candidates) in an open meeting and got some lively questions from the bi-partisan audience.
 - c. A suburban League had a Sunday afternoon open house at an accommodating Leaguer's for members and families to drop by and talk with the legislators.
 - d. Several Leagues arrange a formal meeting with each legislator, as you did for your pre-session interviews, get his comments on the session and feature them in their Bulletin.
 - e. Do contact these legislators in some way; have a League pot-luck supper, schedule a general meeting, or get your board and legislators together for a luncheon. Plan something in early summer so members don't forget they belong, and legislators don't forget we exist!
- (3) Know your state Program resource material. We are preparing a pamphlet on our single list items which don't require further study or consensus. You could use this along with your legislators' comments and Capitol Letter summation for a good state Program backgrounding meeting in the fall. "What we got in '67, what we want in '69."

(4) Inform your community. Use your most articulate and enthusiastic League members to work with you as a speakers bureau. Go to groups in your community, starting in the fall, and talk to them about the ~~past~~ legislative session. Provacative titles, eye-catching flyers, imaginative ideas are important. The national League's Tips on Reaching the Public is full of good ideas for you.

(5) Take League material with you to leave with the group, such as How a Bill Becomes a Minnesota Law, publications catalog, invitation to join LWV.

(6) Write letters to the editor about League Program to keep it before the public between legislative sessions.

4/11/67

TO: All Board Members

FROM: Pat Richards

Ele, Marion, Annette, Irene, and I began planning the Legislative Observers Course in early June. We needed a place to meet and speakers so that if we wanted the course publicized in the January local League bulletins, we could get them this information by December.

We reserved the State Office Building auditorium through Mary Lou Hill in Governor Rolvaag's office; after the election had a "rest assured" letter from Gov.-elect Le Vander that we could still use the facility. Publicity was sent out on this basis. The Legislature convened January 3rd, and on the 4th, we received notice that the House was going to use the auditorium as a hearing room and our series would have to move elsewhere. Last minute efforts by Gov. Le Vander's office couldn't help. Marion turned up the basement of Christ Lutheran Church on Capitol Hill. Most convenient to Capitol and seating capacity adequate; sound system was not. We donated \$20 a week (\$120 total) to the church for the use of facilities and janitorial help. Could investigate rooms in Minnesota Historical Society, Highway Building, Armory, new St. Paul Arts & Sciences (if asked for enough in advance, Bd. of Directors might let it be used without charge but it is not handy to Capitol). Shall we or was church satisfactory?

We tried to make the theme "The Changing Role of State Government" and peg in our speakers to different aspects of that topic. Then as we were unable in two cases to get our first choices for speakers, we sort of changed the topics to fit the speakers. I feel in balance, it went together well. Great attention must be paid to the titles for the sessions because many Leaguers told me they came to one or the other solely on that basis.

We scheduled the course to begin January 11th during the second week of the session, on every other Wednesday mornings except for 2/23, following Washington's birthday. Easter vacation never entered my mind and it should have - first, because we had mobs of children at the course and in the Capitol, and second, because home life is different during vacation and disrupts normal patterns. I would not plan another during Easter vacation. I would not plan them again on Wednesday, because many churches have meetings that day; the Legislature seems more active on M, W, F; Minneapolis has briefing meetings on Wednesday and why build in a conflict, and because our attendance on the Thursday was excellent. Neither would I begin them so soon - the weather is awful, the lobbyists have little to report, interest in the session is much greater later. In retrospect, I can't imagine why we don't schedule the first one early in March and go on from there.

The attendance began at about 150 and edged up to about 275-300 at the end. Some local Leagues called some of us to ask if we encouraged bringing groups of young students and we said "no" but several out-state Leagues came with whole classes of them. Since facilities are fairly limited, since we have such excellent adult attendance, and since the course is aimed at an adult audience, I recommend next session a definite statement discouraging bringing these young groups (often just to fill up the chartered bus - actually the time schedule is definite enough so that public transportation could be used. I would, however, contact political science departments of all the colleges within commuting distance at the same time we begin local League publicity. I believe some or all the sessions would be of interest to Carlton, Mankato State, Macalester, etc. I've met several students working on projects connected with the legislature and some of them had come to the '67 Observers Course, all said they would have liked to know about them.

I arranged for legislators to follow the speaker, really on a fairly casual basis, after talking with Ele and Marion. We could do this on a more formal arrangement, and then send out their names in our publicity. I had excellent luck getting legislators I wanted; whether or not they would commit themselves weeks in advance I don't know. I recommend trying because they would add to drawing power of programs, and it would be one less thing to have to do during the legislative session.

We gave the speaker about 45 minutes to speak, then had a question and answer period of 15 minutes. Then the two legislators talked, about the main speakers' topic, and anything else they wandered off on, for about 15 minutes each; then about 30 minutes of questions, which always seemed to zip by.

January 11th was Mitau (excellent) with Senator Holmquist (majority leader) and Senator Gristner (minority leader), both very good. January 25th was Head (not prepared but funny and effective) and Senator Jack Davis and Rep. Arlen Brdahl, both interested in constitutional question, different viewpoints - both excellent.

February 8th, Ray Olsen, state planning director, gave much information Leaguers couldn't have had about this new state effort; followed by Birles (instrumental in setting up SPA) and Rick Coleman - neither really great that day. February 23rd was Barrett - excellent - followed by Renner - even excellenter, as I think everyone who was there will agree. (Yagve tied up by snowstorm and failed me, but Renner could have gone on for another hour.)

March 8th was Naftalin, very good but too hard to get - required more calls, confirming, etc. by Ele than all the others combined; then got mixed up in location; followed by Norman Rydahl, budget director, who gave a good presentation and an interesting viewpoint from Naftalin and from the legislator, Bob Johnson, who was good but not terribly. March 22nd was Backstrom - excellent - and Senator J. Hughes and Rep. John Johnson - who really weren't. Johnson, especially, wanted to make a speech.

We have worked with both parties in other sessions to provide tour guides after the course and began July 11th to do so again by inviting the two state chairwomen to lunch. We kept up contact after that, put in more effort than should ever have been necessary, ended up with little good will to show for it. I sincerely recommend NOT doing it again.

The Republicans failed us and only after much calling did we arrange to get Republican tour guides there. The DFL reserved House gallery and eating space in the Capitol lunch room, left sessions early to make these reservations, disrupting the course. The Republicans felt this advance planning by the DFL was suggested by the League and were unhappy since their attempts to do the same were too late. The DFL told several Leaguers how dissatisfied they were with the course set-up. We tried to make everyone happier by allowing, as had been done before I learned after the third session, the tour guides to stand up after the main speaker and announce where and whom they could meet and who would speak to them and then allowed all who wanted to leave at the end of the legislators' comments to do so without hearing the lobbyists. If the coats hadn't been in the same room or if the basement were easier to exit from, this might have worked better but as it was the exitters didn't but stood around in the back of the room chatting. Then, most of the Leaguers plan to meet their legislators right after the program for lunch, don't want a tour then, and this seemed to irritate the parties.

I am unable to see one benefit from the effort we made to involve the parties. I think the St. Paul League should have two or three interested ladies who come to Observers Program and could take whoever wanted a tour on one without any of the problems we had. I recommend getting St. Paul interested in this if possible and not getting messed up with the DFL and Republican ladies again.

I do think the lunch with legislators is excellent. We must provide early a list of eating facilities to every League. The Highway Building cafeteria is pleasant and has not been crowded this session. The basement cafeteria in the Capitol is impossible. The Holiday Inn is nice but reservations need to be made well in advance. The church caters on request. We should also send a list of early morning committee hearings for Leaguers who arrive before 10:00 a.m. and directions on how to get to the Capitol from bus and train stations in St. Paul.

I recommend trying to reserve HNS House gallery space in the name of the LNV after every course; I'm certain Leaguers would fill it up, and I would hope we could get at least a portion of that space now given daily to 4th graders in Ramsey County or wherever these squirming children are from.

I need comments on selling publications; was it worthwhile? I recommend checking early with information desk at the Capitol to see what they get to distribute, then contacting organizations like Railroad Association for beautiful district maps with legislators written on each district or NEA for House and Senate seating charts and pictures of legislators.

I plan to use this as the basis of my legislative report section on Observers Program - any comments or suggestions or disagreements you faithful attenders of the '67 series can make, I will truly appreciate.

Memo to: Board members
Subject: Legislative workshops

The State Action Committee met August 2nd to formulate plans for the legislative workshops to be held this fall. We will discuss these recommendations at our August Board meeting and ask for your approval of them. Any further ideas or suggestions will be warmly welcomed.

We've scheduled the first one in Fergus Falls on Thursday, October 6th, the second at the Venetian Inn, Roseville, Saturday, October 8 (the date of the Minnesota - Indiana game at Indiana, the third on Tuesday, October 11th, at Cloquet, and the last on October 13th, Thursday, at the Whunderbird with Edina as hostess League.

From 9:15 to 9:45, we plan to have registration, coffee and rolls. The hostess League and the coffee should both be prepared and ready at 9 a.m.

I will begin with an outlook of the next legislature, what our plans will be and what we see as areas of action. This section will include a brief bit about what we see as our part in the state finance discussions at the legislature. This will last till 10.

From 10 to 10:15, Elie will go over what their districts look like, who will be gone from the legislature and what this will mean to us, what affects of reapportionment will be here and have been in other states.

We will have for distribution, maps with district lines, who is running for each seat, and population figures for districts.

Then for an hour and ten minutes, we will separate into two groups in the two outstate meetings, maybe have to break down into four groups in the larger metropolitan ones. I think we will be able to decide this after we know for sure who is coming.

One workshop, led by Elie and Lis Ebbot, will focus on what the member can do for program, how it can be made interesting to the member, to the community, a mention about the community survey and bringing it up to date, how to organize response to calls to action.

The other, with Marion and me, will emphasize what the legislative chairman can do for program: what is her board responsibility, use of Capitol Letter in community and in unit meetings, use of Lobby by Letter kit, furnish them with list of duties of local state action chairman, promotion of Observers Program, Blue Book, how to get to know their own legislators and the importance of this.

Then we will reassemble for a short summary of the two workshops by me and a 15 minute talk by Marion on what happens to our program at the legislature, a practical look at what a bill has to go through to get passed, including lobbying efforts.

It's now 11:45 and all take short break, then lunch until 12:45.

The afternoon, we will review our two program items, water and equality of opportunity; both involve coordination of national and state efforts and members need more information on what we plan at the state legislature on both these items. Lis Ebbot will begin by going over what she is doing on equality of opportunity and education item for thirty minutes, spending 16 more minutes on questions from the leaguers. Then Lois Mann will go over our planned water action for 45 minutes and spend 15 additional minutes on questions.

We have set one price, \$3, statewide; this will include registration, publications (or handouts - not booklets) coffee, lunch.

P. Richert

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TO: All Boarders
FROM: Pat Richdorf

STATE ACTION WORKSHOPS

The four State Action Workshops were scheduled in early October 1966. Interest in the next legislative session was rising; heavy Voters Service efforts hadn't begun; this timing offered local Leagues the opportunity to schedule state action unit meetings in November, December or January; we could make predictions about the elections and start Leaguers thinking about our Program while candidates were campaigning and attending candidates meetings; and the weather was great for traveling. I'd do it again at the same time.

The first was Battle Lake, October 6th, then Saturday, October 8th, in St. Paul, October 11th in Cloquet and October 13th in Minneapolis. It's good to begin outstate because it takes one workshop to gain confidence and to make it tie together well, and the attendance is less outstate so it's an easier beginning. All were planned in public-type places because the service and facilities make these more enjoyable places to meet.

The Saturday meeting in St. Paul was a mistake - the people who like Saturday meetings are more vociferous but less numerous than those preferring Monday through Friday. Tuesdays and Thursdays seemed good days to meet. I'd consider doing one upper center state, two metropolitan and one in Bloomington for southern Leagues, with option clearly stated to attend non-assigned workshop if necessary. I would make initial contact with Bloomington motel at first opportunity myself because they are booked so far ahead. I also think workshops can begin at 9:30 or at latest 9:45 rather than 10:00 because minutes are precious and everyone is usually assembled early anyway.

We handed out much written material which they appreciated - if this could have been assembled and put in a kit with a printed agenda of the workshop day, it would have been more impressive. The Material Was:

1. Legislative district map of the state
2. List of candidates running for legislature, population of each senatorial district and probable caucus affiliation of every aspirant.
3. Tip sheet of ideas for legislative issues unit meeting
4. Capitol Letter order blank
5. Job description for local state action chairman
6. How to write your legislator
7. Analysis of how the DFL and Republican party platforms fit in with League positions
8. Evaluation sheet

I began by talking about four areas of League lobbying concern at the next session, an attempt to refresh memories and spark interest in the Equality of Opportunity position, and home rule-local consent emphasis, the League's role in tax discussions and our new push for a Constitutional Commission to study, evaluate and recommend new ways to improve our constitution.

Ele Colborn then talked about what reapportionment will and won't do, what powerful senators and representatives will be missing and what this may mean to League Program, and what the election's outcome would be.

Marion Watson spoke on the practical hurdles a bill must pass on its way to becoming a law, gave an eye-opening view to Leaguers who had a read *How a Bill Becomes a Law* and thought they knew it all (me included).

We had requests for copies of these speeches. It might be a good idea to distribute copies then at the peak of interest for them. But mine was much better said by the fourth workshop so there is an advantage to waiting till the end to print them up. The Leaguers in attendance were most anxious for Program help and information on the state level.

We next broke into workshops - Marion and I took the state action chairmen, went over the kit stressing the importance of scheduling a unit meeting for preparing members for the legislative session (most Leagues, following early advice from Leadership Workshops, had put this on their calendars). We pushed Capitol Letter ordering for members and community opinion-makers, the Observers Program, and talked about interviews they will do with their newly elected legislators. We also went over organizing for a Call to Action and how to write a legislator and then went over some material from the speakers bureau kit prepared in September - gave them ideas on how to use this information. They showed interest in a service that would tell them specifically how their legislators voted and what bills they sponsored, and this may be worth setting up a committee to provide.

Ele, Liz Ebbott, and in the metropolitan meetings, Nancy Ronyeki took the presidents, Program and Water chairmen and discussed improving response to Calls for Action, asked for suggestions on what helps we can give them in promoting state Program, again urged a unit meeting on legislative issues.

Workshops are the most rewarding for me in these informal group sessions. We had so much material to go over in our section that we lacked time to fully discuss as much as the participants seemed to want to - but on the other hand, the state action chairmen were glad to get enough material so they could choose some for their own particular League's use.

Because all southern Leagues and half of those scheduled for the Saturday meeting in St. Paul came to the workshop in Minneapolis, it was too crowded. I believe there is a need for the state Board in the beginning of each year to tentatively schedule all workshops and locations and give real thought to whether or not we must go where the local League is or if we should plan to best attract the most attenders, even though this obviously means having the various workshops in the same general places. For example, I see more emphasis being put on going for the northern workshops to Duluth or nearby because that's where the activity is. This is a basic philosophical question that it seems the Board should ponder because I think Board members new at setting up workshops need more help. I scheduled these by looking at a map, not at where Leaguers lived, and this was a mistake. Also, if there is to be one of some series in the northwest section, maybe it should be in Fargo where the Boarders involved can fly in.

Lunches were fun - no head tables and a continuation of the workshop discussions. I liked hearing the well-informed comments on local legislative races. Minneapolis' Leamington offered a super salad luncheon.

Because the Equality of Opportunity state study focusing on school consolidation and de facto segregation was coming up shortly, the item chairman, Liz Ebbott, was given 45 minutes of the afternoon session to explain the materials and the direction

the study was taking and why, and to answer the many questions from Program chairmen. She also talked about legislative action we favor under the new housing position and discussed merger of human rights agencies and our lobbying role there. This was a good opportunity for Liz to create interest in the item and for Leggers to ask her specific questions. In every session we had to call time so we could jump into Water.

We had allocated the rest of the afternoon session, 70 minutes, to Water - what action we saw under this item in the next session. Unfortunately, I timed the workshops at the same point that Lois Mann, Water chairman, was taking University exams. Lois spoke at Battle Lake and Minneapolis. Annette Whiting prepared a Water talk for St. Paul, which Elie then gave in Cloquet. Annette's emphasis was strong on possible fields of legislative action plus being a topic pep talk and was really well received. I was amazed at the amount of interest, knowledge and action that Leagues are taking in this topic, and the one overwhelming feeling I have after these workshops is that this is an area we as a state League can help our members in. The Minnesota Outdoor Recreation Commission, the Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Commission, the Upper Great Lakes organization, the Four-State Compact, the metropolitan sewage problem, the State Planning Agency, all are concerned in this topic and are of real interest to members. I think it's so unusual to see a statewide demand for more work on a topic (oh, if it were only legislative reform!) that our Board may see WATER as a vehicle for revitalizing state Program.

We passed our evaluation sheets at the start of each workshop, made a big effort to get them back at the end. We have 44, of which 14 were mailed in. They are fun to read - because they are so favorable. Comments included:

- even made the next session sound interesting
- interesting, stimulating
- especially enjoyed legislative predictions
- informal, informed, specific and graphic - totally satisfactory
- enjoyed every minute
- glad to get League positions - they need clarification during the year as changes occur
- expert information, clearly given, interesting enthusiastic leadership
- route a bill takes in becoming law most interesting
- provided not only motivation but emphasis on major points
- good review and alert of what to look for
- speakers excellent
- morning speakers effective in making state Program exciting and lively
- renewed enthusiasm for League legislative role
- informal atmosphere led to free give and take of ideas
- material will provide good unit meeting
- informative and inspiring
- like tips in writing to legislators
- helped see League as a whole - good background for election
- clear view of state topics our various Board members are working on
- planning a unit meeting on legislative issues as a result of workshop
- how you gals are able to be so devoted is inspiring

Suggestions included:

- would like Water report to be more specific
- keep giving more information on regional planning
- more information on economic development
- should have brought Voters Service and PR - did I misunderstand
- more direction in Equality of Opportunity
- more members of local Leagues should attend - several mentioned this
- reprints of speeches and agenda

copies of speeches
morning coffee - missing in Minneapolis
local-national chairman felt too much general talk, time wasted (with her portfolios
she can't waste time.)
need a bigger push to do things in community
more emphasis on Indians
expected talk on state finance study (never included on our 1966 agenda)
water material too general
should present local presidents at lunch
Water topic not well-coordinated
workshop on Equality of Opportunity would have been more helpful than talk at
general session
prepared outline to follow
what will legislature do in water resources

Several commented that the gap between their interest and knowledge after the workshops and their local League members' was hard to bridge, but they said we had done a good job, and it was their responsibility to transmit the interest on down. It is a problem, though. One last comment - one asked for information about affairs Leaguers have had entertaining their legislators. (I didn't tell them to go that far.)

Leagues not in attendance were: Cass Lake, ~~Crookston~~, Maplewood, North St. Paul, St. Cloud Area, White Bear Lake, Chisholm, International Falls, Silver Bay, Jackson, New Ulm, St. Anthony, Willmar, Worthington.



ALL EYES ARE ON STATE
GOVERNMENT

SO
LET'S GO WHERE THE
ACTION IS

STATE ACTION WORKSHOPS

October 6 - Battle Lake-Fergus Falls, Battle Lake Motel

October 8 - St. Paul, Capp-Towers, 77 E. 9th Street

October 11 - Cloquet, Cloquet Golf Club — *Be*

October 13 - Minneapolis, Leamington Hotel, 10th Street and 3rd Avenue

TIME - 9:30 to 2:30

PRICE - \$3.00 per person

PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE:

- .. What we hope to accomplish in the 1967 legislative session
- .. How reapportionment has affected the legislature
- .. Who's gone - changes in the power structure
- .. Group discussions on - What the member can do for League Program and What the state action chairman can do for League Program
- .. State action in Water and Equality of Opportunity

This is a must for presidents, state action chairmen, state Program and Water Resources chairmen.

See reverse side for assignment schedule.

Enclosed is a check payable to the DWV of Minnesota in the amount of \$ _____
for reservations for _____ members of the DWV of _____
who will attend the SA Workshop in _____.

Mail checks to the state League office.

October 6, Thursday, Battle Lake-Fergus Falls. Reservation deadline, September 30.
No cancellations accepted after that date.

Alexandria.
Battle Lake
Bemidji
Cass Lake

Crookston
Fergus Falls
Granite Falls
Moorhead

October 8, Saturday, St. Paul. Reservation deadline, September 30. No cancellations accepted after that date.

Anoka
Arden Hills
Blaine
Falcon Heights
Mahtomedi Area
Maplewood
New Brighton
Northfield
North St. Paul
Red Wing

Rochester
Roseville
St. Cloud Area
St. Croix Valley
St. Paul
Shoreview
South St. Paul
West St. Paul
White Bear Lake
Winona

October 11, Tuesday, Cloquet. Reservation deadline October 4. No cancellations accepted after that date.

Brainerd
Chisholm
Cloquet
Duluth

Ribbing
International Falls
Silver Bay
Virginia

October 13, Thursday, Minneapolis. Reservation deadline October 7. No cancellations accepted after that date.

Albert Lea
Austin
Bloomington
Brooklyn Center
Brooklyn Park
Buffalo
Burnsville
Columbia Heights
Crystal
Deephaven
Edina-Morningside
Excelsior Area
Faribault
Fridley
Golden Valley
Greater Mankato Area

Hutchinson
Jackson
Minneapolis
Minnetonka
New Ulm
Owstonna
Richfield
Robbinsdale
St. Anthony
St. Louis Park
St. Peter
Wayzata Area
Wells
Westonka
Willmar
Worthington

November 3, 1966

Mrs. William Peet
2156 Iglehart
St. Paul, Minnesota 55104

Dear Mrs. Peet:

I want to thank you and the St. Paul League for serving as hostess for the October 8 State Action Workshop. All of your arrangements were excellent.

The other Board members involved in the Workshops and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and judging from the local League response your efforts were well spent. Their reactions were generally enthusiastic.

Again, thank you for contributing so much to the success of the Workshop.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Michael Richdorf
State Action Chairman

Thank to other 3

TIP SHEET: A UNIT MEETING ON LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

A successful legislative meeting can

- . . . arouse member interest in the Legislature
- . . . rekindle member enthusiasm for League Positions
- . . . prepare members for Calls to Action

The following suggestions will help you in planning a meeting. You will, of course, not want to use all of them. Your presentation should be pertinent, provocative and personalized to fit your League.

BEFORE THE MEETING: Remind Members to Read and Bring the Blue Position Voter. Proceed on the assumption that they will be reasonably familiar with the material it contains.

INTRODUCTION

- A. Stress the importance of the legislature - its responsibility for Minnesota programs for education, highways, mental health, metropolitan problems, local governments, judicial system.
- B. Stress the rewards to the individual member and the League as a whole as we enter into the "Action" phase of League activity. After the work of study and consensus, we are ready to get some of our ideas put into practice.

BACKGROUND

- A. Outline the political composition of the legislature and the executive branch. Just who are your own representatives? What are their occupations, interests? What are their past voting records on League issues?

Discussion Question: How will the make-up of the legislature affect League Program? (For instance, we are most likely to implement our position for clearly fixed executive power when the governor and the legislature are of the same party.)

OR

- B. Briefly review How A Bill Becomes a Law. You might try a picture of an athletic field with all the hurdles a bill must pass. Don't feel you are preparing members to pass a civics test. Do stress the importance of the committee in determining what bills actually pass. Using last session's Capitol Letter, trace the progress of several bills - those that made it and those that didn't. Mention League positions on Lobby Regulation and Conflict of Interest here.

Discussion Question: How will the committee structure affect legislation in 1967? (For example, we have enough votes on the floor to pass Party Designation if it ever gets out of committee.)

OR

- C. Using the material you received at the State Action Workshops, review how the planks in the parties' platforms treat areas of League concern.

Discussion Question: What League positions are receiving major attention, in the platforms, in the news, and in your community? Do you understand these positions well enough to write a short, simple letter on them? Discuss areas your members are not quite sure about.

OR

- D. Point out issues that seem particularly pertinent in your community. What bills, if any, are your local officials asking for? What bills are your legislators planning to sponsor? Quotes might be effective here. Or do a short skit based on an interview with your legislators or local officials. Or use role-playing to highlight divergent opinions on the solution of local problems.

Discussion Question: Do the solutions of your local problems depend on the resolution of "local consent" under our Home Rule position? Is there a conflict between what your local officials want and the League position for realistic limitations on special legislation.

LEAGUE PROGRAM

Don't try to cover all our positions because you won't be able to say much more than was in the Position Voter. Do a few issues well. Be flexible-----a discussion of committee structure could well make all the points necessary on Party Designation, or the League position in housing may have been well covered in discussion on civil rights legislation. As a visual aid you might try writing each area of League concern on a sheet of paper, then pinning the sheets to a curtain, sticking them on a fireplace or hanging them on a skirt hanger. As you go along you could take down those that have been covered.

- A. Election Laws: You should spend some time discussing questions raised in the new Update publication. Mention the special responsibility the League has in this area. Mention also the excellent reputation our state has for good election laws.

Discussion Question: Since our main concern in lobbying under this item will be extension of voter registration, point out how this fits in with local consent modification and how essential it is, particularly in the fast-growing Twin City area - Find out the names of places near you not requiring registration. In your election laws section, under Campaign Practices, you might find it interesting to point out that in the recent Viet Nam elections, much American funds and efforts were used to register voters and to get out the vote on election day. Yet, in our own country, this is not recognized as a governmental responsibility. Should it be? Would political parties, being freed from registration and voting campaigns, be able to devote more effort to their candidates and thus free these candidates from dependence on large contributors for campaign financing?

- B. Constitutional Revision: Review briefly the advantages and disadvantages of conventions, commissions and amendments as outlined in the Update publication on Constitutional Revision.

Discussion Question: What methods of revision seem to hold the most hope in Minnesota? What amendments seem to be receiving attention in this legislature?

- C. Metropolitan Sanitary District: If this is the first chance you have had to use this publication in your League, you may well want to use the outline you receive with the material. You might wish to use this publication along with taxes as part of a discussion of major state issues. Or discuss a Metropolitan Sanitary District along with the CHAL topic of Mass Transit as they relate to legislative proposals for single-purpose and multi-purpose districts in the metropolitan area.
- D. Focus on a League issue of your choice. Your enthusiasm will be transmitted to members whether your prime concern is the post auditor, water, housing or reapportionment.

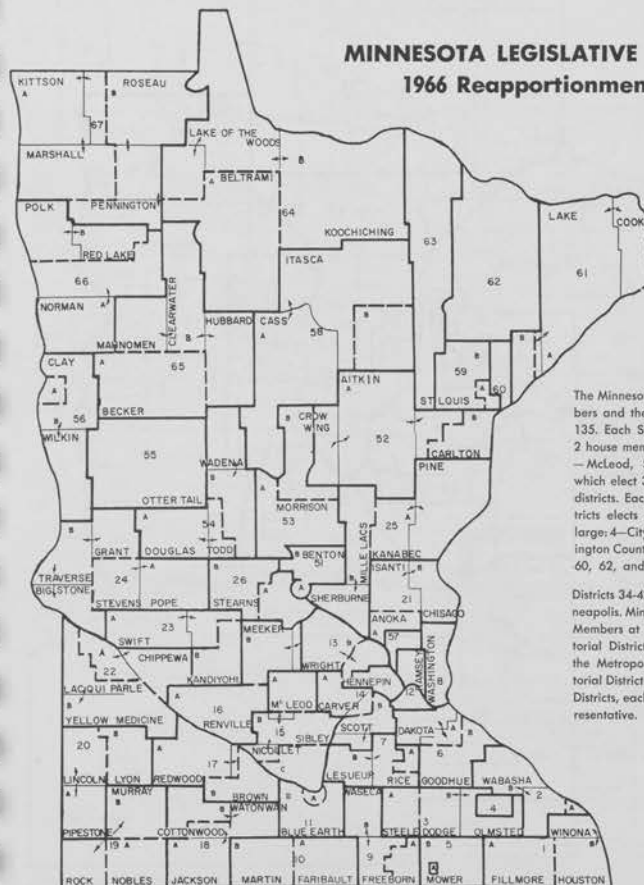
ACTION

- A. Take an issue that has just been discussed. Ask your members what they think they can do as individuals or what can be done by the local League to build community support for the issue.
- B. Discuss lobbying by letter in response to Calls to Action. Make sure that every member has the full name and address of her legislators. Emphasize that no one need be an expert to write a letter, that the best letters are short, simple and to the point. Explain that the State Action Chairman will alert members for action at the most appropriate times, giving pertinent information, bill numbers, etc.

VOTERS INFORMATION

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MINNESOTA LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS 1966 Reapportionment Act

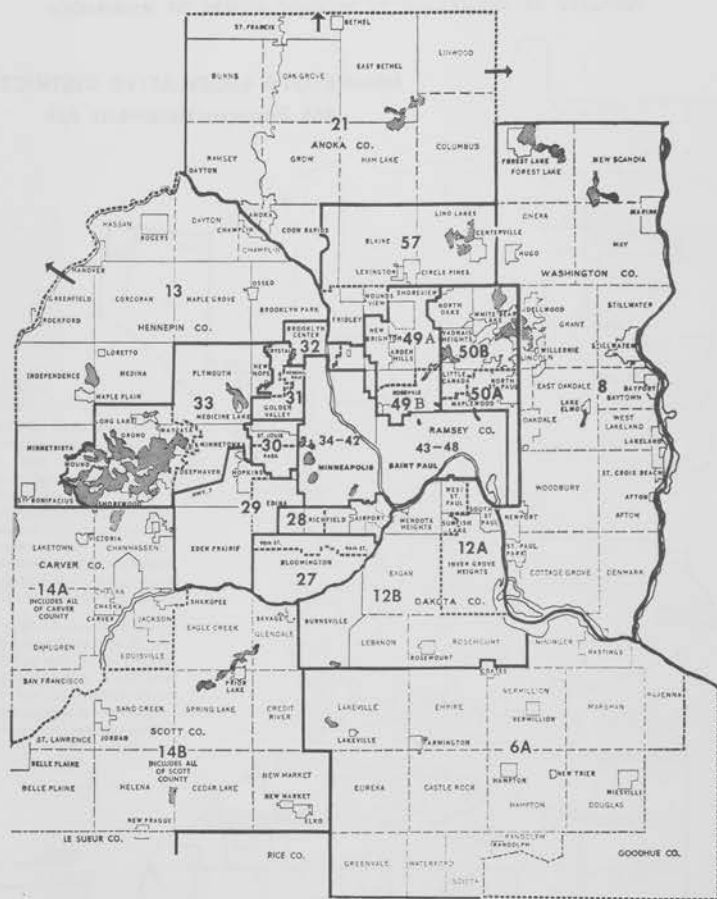


The Minnesota Senate has 67 members and the Minnesota House has 135. Each Senatorial District elects 2 house members except District 15—McLeod, Sibley and Nicollet—which elect 3. A-B-C denotes house districts. Each of the following Districts elects 2 House members at large: 4—City of Rochester, 8—Washington County, 55—Ottertail County, 60, 62, and 63—St. Louis County.

Districts 34-42 are in the City of Minneapolis. Minneapolis elects 2 House Members at large from each Senatorial District. In the remainder of the Metropolitan Area each Senatorial District is divided into 2 House Districts, each electing a single Representative.

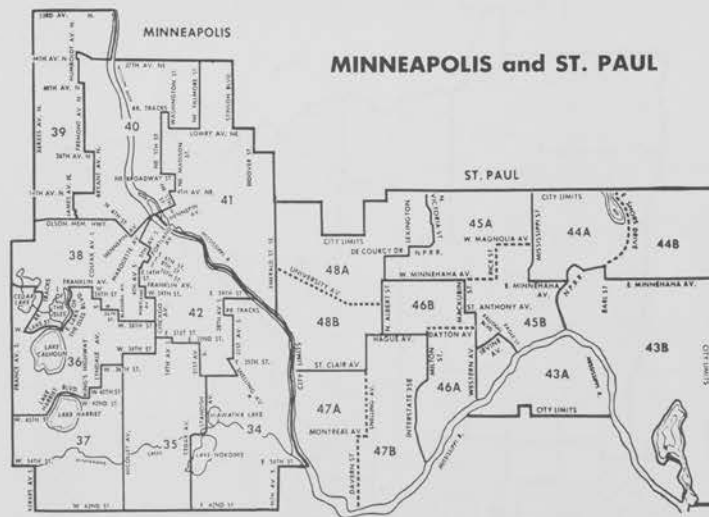
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SEVEN COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA



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1966 ELECTION CALENDAR



August 23 - Last day to register for voting at State Primary Election



September 13 - State Primary Election



October 18 - Last day to register for voting at General Election



November 8 - General Election Day

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MAP



3rd District is Rural Hennepin County and Anoka County.

4th District is all of Ramsey and Washington Counties.

5th District is the City of Minneapolis.



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JOB DESCRIPTION FOR LOCAL STATE ACTION CHAIRMAN

I. KNOW STATE PROGRAM RESOURCE MATERIAL

II. INTERVIEW YOUR LEGISLATOR REGULARLY IN YOUR HOME DISTRICT

1. Take one or two state Program committee members with you.
2. Be sure you know the purpose of the interview, what to cover, what to bring, the impression you want to leave.
3. Join with other local Leagues with whom you "share" your legislator for the best approach.
4. Know your district, for your own benefit, but also because your legislator sees those lines with even more interest.

III. FOLLOW UP YOUR VISITS WITH APPROPRIATE LETTERS and/or MATERIALS and/or PHONE CALLS

1. Your approach to your legislative interviews and your follow-ups must reflect your assessment of the man, of the issue and of the times; individualize your approach.
2. New state Program publications offer a good entre for setting up a short, informal, but valuable interview.
3. Remember to keep a record of any legislative contacts for your own file and the use of other Board members. Send your comments and observations about your legislators and about your interview to the state office.

IV. INFORM YOUR COMMUNITY

1. Secure (i.e. seek out) speaking engagements before other groups. Train speakers to help you.
2. Distribute League Program material.
3. Give Capitol Letter subscriptions to key people - at least five gift subscriptions to people outside the League, such as your Mayor, Editors, Legislators, members of your community active in party politics or appointed to commissions.
4. Schedule at least one "State Issues" meeting open to the public and include on the guest list your state legislators, members of other community organizations, local press people, high school social studies teachers.
5. Schedule some type of follow-up meeting after the session with your legislators.

V. CAMPAIGN FOR THE PROGRAM

1. Respond with enthusiasm and promptness to Calls for Action from the state Board. Know your local members who will readily write and set up a method of contacting them. Find other civic organizations and

individuals in the community who might be interested in specific LNW issues and ask them to respond to Calls for Action.

2. At the direction of the local Board, supplement local League action with community action . . . letters to the editor, campaign techniques such as motorcades, lawn signs, slogans, radio, TV.

3. Thank your legislators for their vote favoring League positions.

VI. DON'T FORGET YOUR LEAGUE MEMBERS

1. Is your state resource committee keeping your League members up to date on state Program? On Continuing Responsibilities as well as on Current Agenda? How many meetings are spent in study of state Program?
2. Are you well represented at the Legislative Observers Program? Are your members attending regularly (this is a "series")?
3. Have you promoted the sale of Capitol Letter subscriptions to each member of your League?
4. Are you working for a place in the budget? Money for gift subscriptions to Capitol Letter, travel allowance to attend the Legislative Observers Program?

NOTE: It should also be noted that the local State Action Chairman has the rare opportunity in off-legislative years to change her pace. That is, legislative years do require fairly specific kinds of action from you, revolving around the promotion of Capitol Letter, the Observers Program and the total state League Program.

BUT: It is in the off-legislative years that you can, e.g.:

1. Become an expert on state Program.
2. Build up your joint Action and State Resource Committee
3. Have a friendly visit with your legislators and not ask for anything specific.
4. Write those letters to the editor without the pressure of Calls for Action.
5. Seek out those speaking engagements. Train one or two others to speak on state League Program.
6. Become known in your community by attending meetings of other groups and get your League members to become politically active and to serve on appointive commissions.
7. Plan "State Issues" meetings without the pressure of other activities - hold them at the most opportune time.

BUILD ON YOUR GOOD FORTUNE!

Dist. No.	Composed of	Probable Caucus Affiliation		1960 Census Figures
		Conservative	Liberal	
49	Ramsey (pt)	Robert Ashbach	Harold Koeck	49,135
50	Ramsey (pt)	Leslie Westin *	Jerome Hughes	53,142
51	Benton-Sherburne (pt) Stearns (pt).	Keith Hughes *		50,907
52	Aitk.-Carl.-Crow Wl. (part)	Warren Johnson	Norman W. Hanson *	47,972
53	Morrison-Cr. Wing (pt)	Gordon Rosenmeier *		50,897
54	Dougl.-Todd-Wadena	M. W. Bursch	Wm. C. F. Heuer *	56,631
55	Otter Tail	Cliff Ukelberg *	Paul Nycklemoe	48,960
56	Clay-Wilkin	W. B. Dosland *	Frank Kendrick	49,730
57	Anoka-Ramsey (pts)	Tom Greig	Connie Burchett	50,012
58	Cass-Itasca	Benjamin Patterson *	Norbert Arnold	54,726
59	St. Louis (pt)	Orville Petersen	Francis LaBrosse *	52,518
60	St. Louis (pt)	Earl O. Olson	Arne Wanvik *	49,732
61	Cook-Lake-St. Louis (part)	Raymond Higgins *	John Olevik	47,118
62	St. Louis (pt)		A.J. (Tony) Perpich Thomas Vukelich *	49,519
63	St. Louis (pt)		Rudy Perpich * Elmer Peterson	48,632
64	Lake of the Woods-Koochiching-Beltrami	John McKee *	Gene Mammenga	45,919
65	Becker-Hubbard-Mahnomen Clearwater	Robert Leiseth	Norman Walz *	49,126
66	Norman-Polk-Red Lake	Norman Larson *	Dale Sorenson	53,265
67	Pennington-Kittson-Marshall-Roseau	Donald Sinclair *	Herman Kjos	47,227

With the extensive help of both political parties and news sources, the League of Women Voters of Minnesota has drawn up this list of legislative candidates running for office in November, 1966, and has predicted their probable caucus affiliation. We want to underline the word "probable" because without party designation, there is no sure way, until the legislative session has actually begun, to tell who will affiliate with which caucus.

* Designates Incumbent

33 Conservative Incumbents, Senate
23 Liberal Incumbents, Senate

LIST FOR CANDIDATES FOR SENATOR IN LEGISLATURE, NOVEMBER, 1966

Dist. No.	Composed of	Probable Caucus Affiliation		1960 Census Figures
		Conservative	Liberal	
1	Fill.-Hous.-Win.(pt)	Low Larson *	Claude Kremer	45,683
2	Wabasha-Win. (pt)	J. R. Keller	Roger Laufenburger *	52,617
3	Stle.-Dge.-Olms.(pt)	Cliff Sommer	Thane Shinkle	50,015
4	Olmsted (pt)	Harold Krieger *	Gerald Crowson	53,805
5	Mower	Wayne Austin	C.R. Hansen	48,498
6	Good.-Dak.(pt)	Clarence Langley *	George Consensus	55,460
7	Rice-LeSueur (pt)	A. O. Sundet *	Elmer Rosmhildt	49,540
8	Washington	Hugh J. Andersen	Robert J. Brown	52,432
9	Waseca-Freeborn	Rudolph Hanson *	Edmond Conn	53,932
10	Farib.-Martin	Ernest J. Anderson *	Ford Jensen	50,671
11	Blue Earth	Kelly Gage, Val Imm *		44,385
12	Dakota (pt)	Rollin Glenwe	Paul Thuet *	55,878
13	Wright (pt)Henn.(pt)	Larry Doyle, Jr.	Victor Jude	52,996
14	Carv.-Scott-LeSu.(pt)	John Metcalf	Robert Schmitz	52,671
15	Nic.-McLeod-Sibley	Malcolm MacKenzie	Harold Popp *	63,825
16	Renv.-Meeker-Wright(pt)	Stanley W. Holmquist *	Odean Enestvedt	46,746
17	Brown-Redwood	Carl A. Jensen	A. J. Eckstein	49,394
18	Cottonwood-Jack.-Watson	Walter Franz *	Al Brandt	46,127
19	Murray-Nobles-Rock	John L. Olson *		49,972
20	Lincoln-Lyon-Pipest.	J. A. Josefson *		45,911
21	Chis.-Isanti-Anoka (pt)		Howard Nelson *	50,110
22	Chippewa-Yellow Medi- cine-Lac qui Parle	John Mills	Tom Ward	
23	Swift-Kandiyohi (pt)	Robert G. Johnson *	Vernon Jensen *	45,173
24	Big Stone-Grant-Pope- Traverse-Stevens		Eugene Knudsen *	44,923
25	Pine-Kanabec-Mille Lacs-Sherburne (pt)	C. C. Mitchell *	C.J. Benson *	48,503
26	Stearns (pt)		Carl Iverson	50,266
27	Hennepin (pt)	Henry Harren *	George Grant	
28	Hennepin (pt)	Jerome Blatz *	R. L. Ray Weis	49,891
29	Hennepin (pt)	W. G. Kirchner	M. Eugene Dodge	50,498
30	Hennepin (pt)	Alf Bergerud *	Gordon A. Anderson	47,077
31	Hennepin (pt)	Kenneth Wolfe	Myles Spicer	54,411
32	Henn.-Anoka-Ram.-(pts)	Eugene Welter	Leonard Jackson, Sr.	47,915
33	Hennepin (pt)	Dean Nyquist	Richard Parish *	50,618
34	Hennepin (pt)	Henry McKnight *	Vernon Holm *	48,680
35	Hennepin (pt)	Mel Hansen *	Karl Gruhn	52,692
36	Hennepin (pt)	Wayne Popham *	Stanley Enebo	52,956
37	Hennepin (pt)	Glenn McCarty *	Gerard Hegstrom	54,606
38	Hennepin (pt)	Harmon Ogdahl *	H. F. Fischer	52,779
39	Hennepin (pt)	Donald O. Wright *	Hugh Gallagher	49,291
40	Hennepin (pt)	Helen Santee Johnston	William E. Wright	54,215
41	Hennepin (pt)		Leo Mosier *	55,404
42	Hennepin (pt)	Roy Holsten	Harold Kalina *	54,507
43	Ramsey (pt)		Frank Adams *	55,378
44	Ramsey (pt)	Daniel Slater	Jack Davies *	53,631
45	Ramsey (pt)	Leslie M. Anderson	Karl Grittner *	52,403
46	Ramsey (pt)		Wendell R. Anderson *	51,558
47	Ramsey (pt)	David Clemans	Edward Novak *	52,684
48	Ramsey (pt)	Clifton Parks *	Nicholas Coleman *	52,667
		John Tracy Anderson	John Schwarzwald	52,121
			Jim McGovern	52,048

Dist.	Composed of	Probable Caucus Affiliation	
		Conservative	Liberal
25A	Kanabec-Pine	Joe Gimpl *	Bill Jokela
25B	Mille Lacs-Sherbu. (pt)	Glenn Blomquist *	
		Robert Dunn *	
26A	Stearns (pt)	Jerry P. Weyrens	B. J. Brinkman *
26B	Stearns (pt)		B. F. Du Bois *
27A	Hennepin (pt)	Harold J. Nelson	Thomas Ticen
27B	Hennepin (pt)	Joseph Graw *	G. Ross Toomer
28A	Hennepin (pt)	Earnest Lindstrom	Loren Gross
28B	Hennepin (pt)	Robert E. Cook	James C. Swanson
29A	Hennepin (pt)	Otto Bang *	Richard Bartz
29B	Hennepin (pt)	John Keefe	Bill Street
30A	Hennepin (pt)	Bill Frenzel *	Samuel Dikel
30B	Hennepin (pt)	Robert McFarlin	Roger Flatten
31A	Hennepin (pt)	Donald Forseth	Orvold Boyum
31B	Hennepin (pt)	Rolf Nelson	Walter Sochacki
32A	Hennepin (pt)	Roger Scherer	Lynn Slattengren
32B	Anoka (pt)-Henn. (pt)- Ramsey (pt)	Jack Meyer	John Bastolich
33A	Hennepin (pt)	John Yngve *	William Leeper, Jr.
33B	Hennepin (pt)	Salisbury Adams *	John Kotula
34	Hennepin (pt) (2)	Vernon Hoppe	Gordon Norheim
		Ray Wolcott	Edw. Volstad *
35	Hennepin (pt) (2)	Gary Flakne *	Robert Lucas
		Lyall Schwarzkopf *	James Spensley
36	Hennepin (pt) (2)	Thor Anderson *	Merrill Anderson
		F. Gordon Wright *	Rose Erlander
37	Hennepin (pt) (2)	Harold J. Anderson *	Joseph Kenney
		John W. Johnson	
38	Hennepin (pt) (2)	Richard White *	A. R. Desmond
		George Humphrey **	
39	Hennepin (pt) (2)	Andrew Bednarczyk	Edward Gearty *
			Richard Larsen
			John Salchert
40	Hennepin (pt) (2)	John Skolte	Stanley Pudro *
			Edward Tomczyk *
41	Hennepin (pt) (2)		Leo A. Bernat
			Edward Burckhardt
			John Skeate *
			Alpha Smaby *
42	Hennepin (pt) (2)	Charles St. Denis	James Adams *
			Martin Sabo *
43A	Ramsey (pt)	Robert Pavlak *	Raymond Kempe
43B	Ramsey (pt)		Arnold Olsen
			Vern Sommerdorf *
44A	Ramsey (pt)	Emery Barrette	Lyle T. Farmer *
44B	Ramsey (pt)	Joe Ackert	Bruce Lindahl *
45A	Ramsey (pt)		Al Charles Elliott
			Joseph Prifrel *
45B	Ramsey (pt)	Paul Beckman	Richard Richie *
46A	Ramsey (pt)	Mrs. R.D. (Mary Lou) O'Leary	Fred Norton
46B	Ramsey (pt)		Anthony (Al) Podgorski
			Roy Ryan
47A	Ramsey (pt)	Robert W. Johnson *	Mrs. John (Carolyn) Cochrane
47B	Ramsey (pt)	Joseph T. O'Neill	John E. Christensen
48A	Ramsey (pt)	Jack Morris	Martin McGowan *

Dist.	Composed of	Probable Caucus Affiliation	
		Conservative	Liberal
48B	Ramsey (pt)	Robert F. Christensen *	Robert Doody
49A	Ramsey (pt)	Richard Andersen	Douglas Christenson
49B	Ramsey (pt)	Robert Bell	Roger Sax
50A	Ramsey (pt)	John Winter	H. Leonard Boche
50B	Ramsey (pt)	Tom Newcome *	Gerald L. Carlson
51A	Stearns (pt)	Robert Mahowald *	Jack Kleinbaum
51B	Benton-Sherburne (pt)- Stearns (pt)	Marvin Schumann *	John Bares Jr.
52A	Aitkin-Carlton (pt)- Crow Wing (pt)		Birger Numminen *
52B	Carlton (pt)		Howard E. Smith
			Bernard Carlson *
			George C. Carlson
53A	Morrison	Jack Lemme	Gordon Gerling *
53B	Crow Wing (pt)	John Laurian	Don Samuelson
54A	Douglas-Todd (pt)	Clifford Lofvegren	Art Engelbrecht *
54B	Todd (pt)-Wadena	Ron Everson *	Keith Hirman *
55	Otter Tail (2)	H.J. Henning,* Calvin Larson, Geneva Tweten	Russ Parta
56A	Clay (pt)	D. H. Sillers *	Rod Grubb
56B	Clay (pt)-Wilkin	Arlan Stangeland	Cliff Ouse
57A	Anoka (pt)-Ramsey (pt)	Bob Ylinen	Don Savelkoul
57B	Anoka (pt)-Ramsey (pt)		Joseph C. Cook
			Ray S. Johnston
58A	Cass-Itasca (pt)	Robert Remner *	Ted Nichols
58B	Itasca (pt)	Art Frick *	James Hassmussen
59A	St. Louis (pt)	Dwight Swanstrom	Ralph Ray
59B	St. Louis (pt)	W. T. Grussendorf *	Willard Munger
60	St. Louis (pt) (2)	Richard H. Hanson	Alton Frykman
		Duane Rappana *	James Lasky
61A	Cook-Lake-St. Lou. (pt)	Jean Raiken	William House *
61B	St. Louis (pt)	Alfred France *	
62	St. Louis (pt) (2)	J. William Trygg	Fred Cina,* Roy Coomb
			Peter Fugina *
63	St. Louis (pt) (2)		Jack Fena,* Loren Rut
			Eugene Simonson
			John Spanish
64A	Beltrami (pt)	Leonard Dickinson *	Robert Falk
64B	Belt (pt)-Koochi.-lk.o.the Wds.		Irvin Anderson *
65A	Becker	Frank DeGroat *	Ray J. Anderson
65B	Clearw.-Hubb.-Mahnomen	Harold N. Johnson *	L. J. Lee *
66A	Norman-Polk (pt)	Luther Rodvik	Marvin Christianson *
66B	Polk (pt)-Red Lake		Louis Murray
			Harvey Wilder *
67A	Kitts-Marsh.(pt)-Ros.(pt)	Richard W. Fitzsimons *	Victor L. Johnson *
67B	Marsh.(pt)-Penn.-Ros.(pt)	Andrew Skaar *	Everett Battles *

With the extensive help of both political parties and news sources, the League of Women Voters of Minnesota has drawn up this list of legislative candidates running for office in November, 1966, and has predicted their probable caucus affiliation. We want to underline the word "probable" because without party designation, there is no sure way, until the legislative session has actually begun, to tell who will affiliate with which caucus.

* Designates Incumbent
 68 Conservative Incumbents, House
 43 Liberal Incumbents, House
 1 Independent Incumbent, House

LIST FOR CANDIDATES FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN LEGISLATURE, NOVEMBER, 1966

Dist. No.	Composed of	Probable Caucus Affiliation	
		Conservative	Liberal
1A	Fillmore	Clinton Hall *	Neil Haugerud
1B	Houston-Winona (pt)	L. L. Duxbury *	Willis Tulare
2A	Winona (pt)	David Johnston	Frank Theis *
2B	Nabasha-Winona (pt)	Lester Howatt *	Charles Miller
3A	Steele	John Hartle *	Oliver Randall
3B	Dodge-Olmsted (pt)	Al Falkenhagen *	Edward Kramer
4	Olmsted (pt) (2)	D. Dewey Day, Donald Frerichs	E. W. Quirin *
		Alfred Schuman *	
5A	Mower (Austin)	Allen Skogebo	Helen McMillan *
5B	Mower (Rural)	Harvey Sathre *	Stella Jensen
6A	Dakota (pt)-Goodhue (pt)	Walter Klaus *	Gerald Kalina
6B	Goodhue (pt)	Roy Voxland *	John Gorman
7A	Rice (pt)	Warren D. Chamberlain	Gerald Dusbabek
7B	Rice (pt) LeSueur (pt)	George Krenik *	Robert Culhane
8	Washington (2)	Howard Albertson *	Gordon Moosbrugger
		Richard Langlais	Richard O'Dea *
9A	Freeborn (pt)	Paul Overgaard *	Bernard Jackson
9B	Freeborn (pt)-Waseca	Rod Searle *	
10A	Faribault	Arlen Erdahl *	Everett Madetske
10B	Martin	Newton Johnson, Jack LeFor	
11A	Blue Earth (Mankato)	C. A. Johnson *	(Ind) Donald Dranttel
11B	Blue Earth (Rural)	Roy Schulz *	Ann Ober
12A	Dakota (pt)	Frank Armentrout	Raymond Pavlak *
12B	Dakota (pt)	Howard Knutson	Arnold Kempe
13A	Hennepin (pt)	John Wingard *	George Samardich
13B	Wright (pt)	Russ Esau, Arnold Gruys	
14A	Carver-Scott (pt)	Ralph Jopp *	R. H. Simons
14B	LeSueur (pt)-Scott (pt)	Henry Morlock *	Michael McGuire
15A	McLeod (pt)	Walter Jungclauss *	Edward Gavin
15B	McLeod (pt)-Nic. (pt)	August Mueller *	
	Sibley		
15C	Nicollet (pt)	Harold Anderson *	Carl M. Johnson
16A	Renville	Ernest Schafer *	DePaul Willett
16B	Meeker-Wright (pt)	Adolph Kvam	Fred Berke *
17A	Brown (pt)-Redwood	Aubrey Dirlam *	Harlan Otto
17B	Brown (pt)	Ivan Stone *	William Gafford
18A	Cottonwood (pt)-Jackson	Gilbert Esau *	George Mann *
18B	Cottonwood (pt)-Watson	M. K. Hogstrom *	Clifford Ekstedt
19A	Nobles	Don Mitchell *	George Heikes
19B	Murray-Rock	Wendell Erickson *	Hilary Barry
20A	Lincoln-Pipestone	Verne Long *	Richard Crain *
20B	Lyons	W. Casper Fischer *	Marlin Legler
21A	Anoka (pt)	Jerry Jacob, Charles Weaver	
21B	Chisago-Isanti	Robert Becklin *	Joseph E. Gillach
22A	Chippewa-Lac qui Parle	George Grussing *	Harold Dammermann
	Yellow Medicine (pt)		
22B	L. G. Parle (pt)-Yel. M. (pt)		Harry Peterson *
23A	Kandiyohi (pt)-Swift		W. D. Shores
			Orville L. Tatge
23B	Kandiyohi (pt)	Wallace Gustafson *	Richard Falk
24A	Pope-Stevens	Delbert F. Anderson	
		John H. Peterson *	
24B	Big St.-Grant-Traverse	Al Kanstrup	Sam Barr *

TIPS FOR LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN

... This is your year - the opportunity to truly push League positions into legislation! ...

This sheet will offer suggestions to help organize your work. You may have more to add; we hope so. If you do, please plan to share your ideas at the workshop.

1. Dig out your "Job Description for Local League Legislative Chairman" - June 1964.
2. Arrange to have at least five minutes of each meeting during the legislative session to bring the Board up to date on activity at the Capitol.
3. Push the subscriptions to Capitol Letter. Encourage each member of your League to subscribe.
4. Push the sale and use of "The Minnesota Voter, Resource Edition - Continuing Responsibilities for 1963-64". (Blue Voter)
Order from: LNV of Minnesota
State Organization Service
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minn. 55455
Cost: 6¢ per copy
5. Buy and READ "Legislative Manual for Young Readers - 1963-64".
This is an excellent resource piece. The supply is limited, and the office of the Secretary of State will only honor orders for single copies. You should have a copy.
Order from: Secretary of State
Room 128, State Capitol
St. Paul, Minn.
Cost: 15¢ per copy if picked up - 25¢ per copy if mailed
6. There will be a survey taken in your community by you or some appointed Leaguer. This survey will supply information on the degree of activity of individuals and groups in your community. Please study the results of this survey and get to "know" the "key" people and/or groups in your area. You may need this for Call to Action time.
7. Organize a convenient, productive pattern to handle Calls to Action. You may try a telephone brigade or appoint individuals you know will follow-up to take this responsibility.
8. Wait for official Calls to Action from state. Your lobbyist is watching the drama as it unfolds, and she will notify the state office of the "best time" for us to act. The lines must be read carefully and correctly if the play is to be successful. Remember - wait for your cue!
9. Be sure all Leaguers know:
... their Legislative District
... their State Senator
... their State Representative

10. Know your legislators' attitudes toward the League and League program.
11. Know your legislators' voting records on League issues.
12. Make a legislative scrapbook. Know what your legislator says at home, and what he says to our lobbyist. This scrapbook is very important. Clip anything your local paper prints about your legislators. Sometimes his favorite recipe is a necessary conversation item for the lobbyist.

August 11, 1966

Mrs. Frederick Wolner, President
League of Women Voters of Cloquet
100 - 2nd Street
Cloquet, Minnesota

Dear Arlene,

We want to thank you for accepting the responsibility of hosting one of the area workshops on state action.

I am enclosing two workshop checklists. When you have made all the arrangements, please fill in the sheets and return one to the state office. We would appreciate it if you would return the checklist within the next two weeks.

There should be no cost to your League in hosting the workshop. If expenses are involved, the state budget will cover them, though we hope the charges will be modest.

If easily done, it is nice to have coffee during the registration period, 9:30 - 10:00.

As you can see on the checklist, the local Leagues will send their reservations to the state office. We will set the deadline about one week in advance of the scheduled date which will give us plenty of time to get the actual count to you two or three days before the workshop. We will send a check to cover the reservations at that time.

At one period in the morning - just preceding lunch - we will want to break into two groups. This can be two separate rooms, or, if that isn't possible, divide the room with screens or a divider.

If a lecturer, top of the table variety, can be available, it will be most helpful. If there's any possibility that a mike will be necessary, please have it all ready to go. That will avoid confusion and wasted time.

Thanks again for your help on this project. If you have any questions, contact the office.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Robert Thompson
Organization Secretary

CHECK LIST FOR STATE LEAGUE WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

TITLE OF WORKSHOP OR CONFERENCE

State Action Workshop

STATE CHAIRMAN OF EVENT

Mrs. Michael Richdoyf

LOCAL CHAIRMAN OF ARRANGEMENTS

DATE

Thursday, Oct. 6

TOWN

Battle Lake

PLACE OF MEETING

Battle Lake Hotel

COST PER PERSON

(fill in actual cost of lunch)

RESERVATION DEADLINE

Sept. 30

MEAL GUARANTEE VARIATION

offer chicken, vegetable, salad

MAXIMUM NUMBER EXPECTED

20 plus Battle Lake - just guesswork

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

state sends check to local League

WHO INVITED FROM EACH LEAGUE

President, state action chairman,
state Program and Water chairman

WHAT LEAGUES ARE INVITED

see flyer

HOSTESS LEAGUE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR
ITEMS CHECKED BELOW AND FOR PERSONNEL
AS NOTED:

☒ Registration Table

☒ Registration Sheets with space for
name, address, LNW. Turn this over
to state chairman when done.

☒ Name tags, pins, heavy marking pen or
pencil to print in large letters names
of all those attending.

___ Money box and change for those who
inevitably register late.

___ Table to sell publications

___ Coat racks

☒ Ash trays

☒ For leaders of meeting have a table
with 3 chairs in front of room.

☒ Set up the chairs in meeting room in
☒ theatre style, ___ seated at
tables, or ___

___ Blackboard, chalk, eraser

___ Bulletin board, easel, or wall for
leaders to display publications &
clippings during presentation; tacks,
pins, tape.

___ Visual or audio-aids, extension cord.

☒ Local publicity

☒ Summary of local personnel needed.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND MEALS

Registration - 9:30

Meeting begins - 10:00

Into two groups - about 11:15

Lunch - 12:15

Adjourn - 2:30

Signed: Wm. Chan & Morte LNW of Battle Lake Date 9-16-66

OUTLOOK FOR WORK

State Action Chairman:

Elections! Leading up to a legislative session! So much attention focusing on state government - what will a newly reappointed legislature do - how will League Program fare? It really depends on you. Heard that before? But it's true.

Groundwork for our Program has already been well laid. Leaguers attending precinct caucuses began it by offering resolutions supporting Party Designation, Lt. Governor - Governor elected as a team, provision for a separate agency to reapportion if legislature fails to. We will follow this up by testifying before the platform committees of both parties urging them to incorporate our Program ideas in their platforms.

As your Board's action chairman, volunteer to help your Voters Service chairman with candidates meetings - remember, some of them will win and you'll already have met them. Right after the primary election we will send you an interview type form and assign you candidates to meet with and question. In an informal type atmosphere we hope you can impart some League ideas to them and get some future lobbying tips and guidelines from their answers. At the least, arrange for answers to be distributed to members. While we are not planning any state action program topic, you should ask your Board to schedule a unit meeting in December or January to prepare members for the session. By using the every-member Nov.-Dec. Position VOTER before Thanksgiving, interview results with your own legislators and a quick review of our CE's, you can prepare a profitable meeting and aid the lobbyists during the session with lots of well-informed constituents.

Legislative workshops are scheduled early in October and will be held throughout the state.

The Legislative Observers Course is planned for late January, February and March, every other Wednesday morning in the Auditorium of the State Office Building. We've had such good attendance for this series that we've kept the plans near to what has been offered in other years. Three speakers will center attention on the challenge to and the importance of state government. After the main speaker, two legislators will comment, lobbyists will report and you can arrange to meet your legislator for lunch, later tour the Capitol and sit in on a committee meeting.

Capitol Letter should be a part of your local budget. Send it to opinion-makers in your community and certainly to your legislators. Encourage members to subscribe. Some Leagues order it for their entire membership, contributing a bit toward the price, which we still have kept at \$1.00 for ten issues. Deadline for ordering will, however, be earlier this year - December 1 - to enable us to keep the price so reasonable.

Think about a meeting after the session - your legislators appreciate it. You'll find their inside information fascinating, and the League will profit in good will for remembering these state government men who so often are unrewarded for the immense amount of work they do. One League, after the '65 session, scheduled a beer picnic with husbands and the legislators loved it. Or think about a public meeting in the legislative district, offering an opportunity to discuss and evaluate the past session.

Set up a group of Leaguers you know will write letters when time for Action comes.

TO: Local Leagues Interviewing State Legislators

FOR: Legislative Interviews with State Senators and Representatives

FROM: Mrs. Michael Richdorf, State Action Chairman

The election is over and the state legislature convenes January 3, 1967 at 10:00 a.m. Before this exciting day, local Leagues throughout the state are being asked to arrange personal interviews with their legislators. These interviews give League members an opportunity to develop and build good relations; will let us know how these legislators view League Program; and will give the legislators concrete proof that their constituents realize and care about some of the vital issues they will be voting on during the 1967 session.

THINGS TO DO BEFORE THE INTERVIEW

Read the November-December 1966 Position VOTER. If you are still unsure of a position, go back to the resource material in your files. Remember the pertinence of electing governor-lieutenant governor on a single ballot, the need for extension of registration - especially in the metropolitan area, our new position favoring inclusion of sale of private homes in anti-discrimination legislation, our position to retain local consent on special laws involving one unit of government but to modify it when two or more are involved. Do review all our positions and select those you feel most pertinent in your community. Check again the information on Party Platforms and League Program.

Then check your sources for information about your legislator. Maybe some League members have worked on his campaign or know him and his stands. We hope you have a file on past statements he has made. Read his answers to the Candidates Questionnaires; check what committees he served on if he is an incumbent. All of this background information will make you better informed about him and also help you make a better impression.

THE INTERVIEW

What kind of an interview you have will depend upon you and your legislator. We suggest you send your well-prepared delegation of two or three members to the legislator's office (or home if he does not maintain an office) where the interview may be conducted in a businesslike way. Be sure to make an appointment in advance. Remember, your legislator will be busy preparing for the session (or if he is an incumbent, busy with interim committees) so be flexible in selecting the best time for him.

The interview should be an informal, friendly give and take. Be sure of your facts on the League and how we function as well as our state Program! (We have almost 6000 members in 69 local Leagues.) Have an idea of a few positions you want to go over; make these positions clear, but also listen and note his feelings and opinions. He is vitally interested in state government or he wouldn't be a legislator. By your interest in him and your broader background in government than most of his constituents possess, you show him you care, too. Most state legislators will consider your visit important and be flattered by your interest in him and the issues he must face.

Don't try to go over every area of League concern. Do tell him of our long interest in constitutional improvement and point out that the legislature last authorized a

constitutional study commission in 1947 - doesn't he feel we need another now?

Remember, this interview is only one of many League contacts he will have. You may be laying the foundation for a luncheon with him after a session of the Observers Program, a flood of letters from your members and community in response to a Time for Action, a contact from a League lobbyist in the halls of the Capitol, or a letter from you thanking him for a favorable vote. Make it a friendly occasion. This is not a for-publication type of interview, but something for you to use in your legislative preparation unit meetings and for our state lobbying use. Keep a record of it for your files, send one to your "recipient" Leagues and send one to the state office before January 1.

Two League members who have read the Position VOTER and are familiar with and interested in promoting state Program should be well able to handle this interview. You are interested in state government and he is too - relax and have a pleasant talk!

Bibliography for Background on State Program

1965 State Convention Workbook
November-December 1966 Position VOTER
Statement of Position on Indians, June 1964
Project Update: Home Rule
Project Update: Discrimination in Housing

REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEWS

League of Women Voters of _____ Date _____

(If Representatives of more than one League participated, list all Leagues represented at interview).

Legislator: Senator:

Representative:

Name

District

Caucus

Subjects discussed and views of legislator on each:

Attitude of legislator toward League:

Kind of Interview: where held, number of League members involved -
general impression

Signed

Address

FOR LEGISLATIVE FILE
LWV of MINNESOTA

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

Please return one copy to the state office and one copy to each League in
your district.

LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEWS

Some local Leagues are the only League in their district. They will interview all legislators in their district. Some local Leagues are in districts where several Leagues share a legislator. In these cases, we have assigned Leagues to do parts of the job and distribute to all the other Leagues in their district the information gathered. The assigned League may wish to ask other Leagues in the district to participate in the interview, although the number involved in the actual interview should be kept small.

Area Leagues will receive reports of interviews with legislators in all districts included in their areas.

<u>ASSIGNED LEAGUE</u>	<u>INTERVIEWS</u>	<u>RECIPIENT LEAGUES</u>
Winona	Senator, Dist. 2 Representative, Dist. 2A	Winona Winona
Owatonna	Senator, Dist. 3 Representative, Dist. 3A	Owatonna Owatonna
Rochester	Senator, Dist. 4 Representatives, Dist. 4	Rochester Rochester
Austin	Senator, Dist. 5 Representative, Dist. 5A Representative, Dist. 5B	Austin Austin Austin
Red Wing	Senator, Dist. 6 Representative, Dist. 6B	Red Wing Red Wing
Faribault	Senator, Dist. 7 Representative, Dist. 7A	Faribault, Northfield Faribault, Northfield
St. Croix Valley	Senator, Dist. 8 Representative, Dist. 8 (Albertson)	St. Croix Valley, Mahtomedi Area St. Croix Valley, Mahtomedi Area
Mahtomedi Area	Representative, Dist. 8 (O'Dea)	St. Croix Valley, Mahtomedi Area
Albert Lea	Senator, Dist. 9 Representative, Dist. 9A	Albert Lea Albert Lea
Wells	Senator, Dist. 10 Representative, Dist. 10A	Wells Wells
Greater Mankato Area	Senator, Dist. 11 Representative, Dist. 11A Representative, Dist. 11B	Greater Mankato Area Greater Mankato Area Greater Mankato Area
South St. Paul	Senator, Dist. 12 Representative, Dist. 12A	W. St. Paul, So. St. Paul, Burnsville So. St. Paul
West St. Paul	Representative, Dist. 12B	W. St. Paul, Burnsville

ASSIGNED
LEAGUE

Brooklyn Park

Buffalo

Hutchinson

St. Peter

New Ulm

Jackson

Worthington

Rock County

Anoka

Granite Falls

Willmar

St. Cloud Area

Bloomington

Richfield

Edina

Minnetonka

St. Louis Park

Golden Valley

St. Louis Park

Crystal

Robbinsdale

INTERVIEWS

Senator, Dist. 13

Representative, Dist. 13A

Representative, Dist. 13B

Senator, Dist. 15

Representative, Dist. 15A

Representative, Dist. 15C

Senator, Dist. 17

Representative, Dist. 17B

Senator, Dist. 18

Representative, Dist. 18A

Senator, Dist. 19

Representative, Dist. 19A

Representative, Dist. 19B

Senator, Dist. 21

Representative, Dist. 21A

Senator, Dist. 22

Representative, Dist. 22A

Senator, Dist. 23

Representative, Dist. 23B

Senator, Dist. 26

Representative, Dist. 26A

Senator, Dist. 27

Representative, Dist. 27A

Representative, Dist. 27B

Senator, Dist. 28

Representative, Dist. 28A

Representative, Dist. 28B

Senator, Dist. 29

Representative, Dist. 29A

Representative, Dist. 29B

Senator, Dist. 30

Representative, Dist. 30A

Representative, Dist. 30B

Senator, Dist. 31

Representative, Dist. 31A

Representative, Dist. 31B

RECIPIENT
LEAGUES

 Brooklyn Park, Buffalo,
Wayzata Area
Brooklyn Park, Wayzata Area
Buffalo

 Hutchinson, St. Peter,
Greater Mankato Area
Hutchinson
St. Peter, Greater Mankato
Area

 New Ulm
New Ulm

 Jackson
Jackson

 Worthington, Rock County
Worthington
Rock County

 Anoka
Anoka

 Granite Falls
Granite Falls

 Willmar
Willmar

 St. Cloud Area
St. Cloud Area

 Bloomington
Bloomington
Bloomington

 Richfield, Edina
Richfield, Edina
Richfield

 Edina, Minnetonka
Edina
Minnetonka

 St. Louis Park, Golden
Valley
Golden Valley, St. Louis
Park
St. Louis Park

 Crystal, Golden Valley,
Robbinsdale
Crystal
Robbinsdale, Golden Valley

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LEAGUE

Brooklyn Center	Senator, Dist. 32	Brooklyn Center, St. Anthony, Fridley, Columbia Heights
Columbia Heights	Representative, Dist. 32A Representative, Dist. 32B	Brooklyn Center Columbia Heights, Fridley, St. Anthony
Wayzata Area	Senator, Dist. 33	Wayzata Area, Excelsior, Westonka, Deephaven, Minnetonka
Excelsior	Representative, Dist. 33A Representative, Dist. 33B	Wayzata Area, Minnetonka, Excelsior, Westonka, Wayzata Area, Deephaven
Minneapolis	Senators, Dist. 34 thru 42 Representatives, Dist. 34 thru 42	Minneapolis Minneapolis
St. Paul	Senators, Dist. 43 thru 48 Representatives, Dist. 43 thru 48	St. Paul St. Paul
Arden Hills	Senator, Dist. 49	Arden Hills, Roseville, New Brighton, Falcon Heights, Shoreview
New Brighton	Representative, Dist. 49A	New Brighton, Arden Hills, Roseville, Shoreview
Roseville	Representative, Dist. 49B	Roseville, Falcon Heights
White Bear Lake	Senator, Dist. 50	White Bear, Maplewood, No. St. Paul
North St. Paul White Bear Lake	Representative, Dist. 50A Representative, Dist. 50B	No. St. Paul, Maplewood White Bear
St. Cloud Area	Senator, Dist. 51 Representatives, Dist. 51	St. Cloud Area St. Cloud Area
Cloquet	Senator, Dist. 52 Representative, Dist. 52B	Cloquet Cloquet
Brainerd	Senator, Dist. 53 Representative, Dist. 53B	Brainerd Brainerd
Alexandria	Senator, Dist. 54 Representative, Dist. 54A	Alexandria Alexandria
Fergus Falls	Senator, Dist. 55 Representatives, Dist. 55	Fergus Falls, Battle Lake Fergus Falls, Battle Lake
Moorhead	Senator, Dist. 56 Representative, Dist. 56A	Moorhead Moorhead
Fridley	Senator, Dist. 57 Representative, Dist. 57A	Fridley, Blaine Fridley
Blaine	Representative, Dist. 57B	Blaine

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Cass Lake

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Duluth

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Silver Bay
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Representative, Dist. 61A
Representative, Dist. 61BDuluth, Silver Bay
Silver Bay, Duluth
Duluth

Virginia

Senator, Dist. 62
Representatives, Dist. 62Virginia
Virginia

Hibbing

Senator, Dist. 63
Representatives, Dist. 63Hibbing, Chisholm
Hibbing, Chisholm

Bemidji

Senator, Dist. 64
Representative, Dist. 64A
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Bemidji
International Falls

International Falls

Crookston

Senator, Dist. 66
Representative, Dist. 66BCrookston
Crookston

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LEGISLATIVE OBSERVERS COURSE

Elie Colborn, Marion Watson, Annette Whiting, Irene Janski and I began planning the Legislative Observers Course in early June. We needed a place to meet and speakers so that if we wanted the Course publicized in January local League bulletins, we could get them this information in December.

We reserved the State Office Building Auditorium through Mary Lou Hill in Governor Holvaag's office; after the election we had a "rest assured" letter from Governor-elect LeVander that we could still use the facility. Publicity was sent out on this basis. The legislature convened January 3rd, and on the 4th, we received notice that the House was going to use the Auditorium as a hearing room and our series would have to move elsewhere. Last minute efforts by Governor LeVander's office couldn't help. Marion Watson turned up the basement of Christ Lutheran Church on Capitol Hill. Most convenient to the Capitol and seating capacity adequate; sound system was not. We donated \$20 a week (\$120 total) to the church for the use of facilities and janitorial help. Could investigate rooms in Minnesota Historical Society, Highway Building, Armory, new St. Paul Arts and Sciences (if asked for enough in advance, Board of Directors might let it be used without charge, but it is not handy to the Capitol). Shall we, or was church satisfactory?

We tried to make the theme "The Changing Role of State Government" and peg in our speakers to different aspects of that to-do. Then as we were unable in two ones to get our first choices for speakers, we sort of changed the topics to fit the speakers. I feel, in balance, it went together well. Great attention must be paid to the titles for the sessions because many Leaguers told me they came to one or the other solely on that basis.

We scheduled the Course to begin January 11th during the second week of the session, on every other Wednesday morning except for 2/23, following Washington's Birthday. Easter vacation never entered my mind and it should have - first, because we had none of children at the Course and in the Capitol, and second, because home life is different during vacation and disrupts normal patterns. I would not plan another during Easter vacation. I would not plan them again on Wednesday because many churches have meetings that day; the legislature seems more active on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; Minneapolis has briefing meetings on Wednesdays and why build in a conflict, and because our attendance on the Thursday was excellent. Neither would I begin them so soon - the weather is awful, the lobbyists have little to report, interest in the session is much greater later. In retrospect, we should schedule the first one early in March and go on from there. Some Board members feel mid-February is better because local Leagues get so busy in April that they wouldn't come.

The attendance began at about 150 and edged up to about 275-300 at the end. Some local Leagues called some of us to ask if we encouraged bringing groups of young students, and we said "no," but several outstate Leagues came with whole classes of them. Since facilities are fairly limited, since we have such excellent adult attendance, and since the Course is aimed at an adult audience, I recommend next session a definite statement discouraging bringing these young groups (often just to fill up the chartered bus - actually the time schedule is definite enough so that public transportation could be used.) I would, however, contact political science departments of all the colleges within commuting distance at the same time we begin local League publicity. I believe some or all the sessions would be of interest to Carleton, Mankato State, Macalester, Hamline, St. Thomas, U. of M. I've met several students working on projects connected with the legislative process and some of them had come to the '67 Observers Course; all said they would have liked to know about them.

I arranged for legislators to follow the speaker, really on a fairly casual basis, after talking with Eile Colborn and Marion Watson. We could do this on a more formal arrangement and then send out their names in our publicity. I had excellent luck getting legislators I wanted; whether or not they would commit themselves weeks in advance I don't know. I recommend trying because they could add to drawing power of the programs, and it would be one less thing to have to do during the legislative session.

We gave the speaker about 45 minutes to speak then had a question and answer period of 15 minutes. Then the two legislators talked, about the main speaker's topic, and anything else they wandered off on, for about 15 minutes each; then about 30 minutes of questions which always seemed to slip by.

January 11th was Dr. Mitau (excellent) with Senator Holmgren (majority leader) and Senator Gritts (minority leader), both very good. January 25th was Head (not prepared but funny and effective) and Senator Jack Davies and Rep. Arlen Erdahl, both interested in constitutional questions, different viewpoints - both excellent.

February 8th, Ray Olsen, State Planning Director, gave such information Leaguers couldn't have had about this new state effort; followed by Arlen (instrumental in setting up SPA) and Rick Coleman - neither really great that day. February 23rd was Barrett - excellent - followed by Rep. Renner - even excellent, as I think everyone who was there will agree. (Yvette tied up by snowstorm and failed me, but Renner could have gone on for another hour.)

March 6th was Mayor Haftali, very good but too hard to get - required more calls, confirming, etc. by Eile Colborn than all the others combined; then got mixed up in location; followed by Norman Dybbahl, Budget Director, who gave a good presentation and an interesting viewpoint from Haftalin's and from the legislator's, Bob Johnson, who was good but not terribly. March 22nd was Beckstrom - excellent - and Senator Jerome Hughes and Rep. John Johnson - who really weren't. Johnson, especially, wanted to make a speech.

We have worked with both parties in other sessions to provide tour guides after the Course and began July 11th to do so again by inviting the two state chairwomen to lunch. We kept up contact after that, put in more effort than should ever have been necessary, ended up with little good will to show for it. I sincerely recommend NOT doing it again.

The Republicans failed us and only after much calling did we arrange to get Republican tour guides there. The DFL reserved House gallery and eating space in the Capitol lunch room, left sessions early to make those reservations, disrupting the Course. The Republicans felt this advance planning by the DFL was suggested by the Leagues and were unhappy since their attempts to do the same were too late. The DFL told several Leaguers how dissatisfied they were with the Course set-up. We tried to make everyone happier by allowing, as had been done before I learned after the third session, the tour guides to stand up after the main speaker and to announce where and when they could meet and who would speak to them and then allowed all who wanted to leave at the end of the legislators' comments to do so without hearing the lobbyists. If the seats hadn't been in the same room or if the basement were easier to exit from, this might have worked better, but as it was, the exits didn't, but stood around in the back of the room chatting. Then, most of the Leagues plan to meet their legislators right after the program for lunch, don't want a tour then, and this seemed to irritate the parties.

I am unable to see one benefit from the effort we made to involve the parties. I think the St. Paul League should have two or three interested ladies who come to Observer's Course and could take whoever wanted a tour on one without any of the problems we had. I recommend getting St. Paul interested in this if possible and not getting messed up with the DFL and GOP ladies again. One Board member feels we get many attendees from the party publicity. I think we should still inform the parties of our program but let them work out their own plans for reassembling after they attend. The Republicans strongly favor this. The DFL did not reply, but I feel they could just as effectively do what they did this session on their own. With a later starting date and more time for some publicity (we had none in the metropolitan papers this time), I believe attendance will be good.

Another suggestion from our post-Board discussion was to begin at 9:30 and perhaps have lobbyists speak first, then have speakers and commentators and finish by noon. Also, coffee is always welcome. Perhaps the church women's group could make some money by providing it for us.

I do think lunch with legislators is excellent. We must provide early a list of eating facilities to every League. The Highway Building cafeteria is pleasant and has not been crowded this session. The basement Capitol Cafeteria is impossible. The Holiday Inn is nice but reservations need to be made well in advance. The church eaters on request. We should also send a list of early morning committee hearings for Leaguers who arrive before the Course begins and directions on how to get to the Capitol from bus and train stations in St. Paul. We should also furnish a map with parking spaces indicated near the church.

I recommend trying to reserve the House gallery space in the name of the League after every Course; I'm certain Leaguers would fill it up, and I would hope we could get at least a portion of that space now given daily to 4th graders in Ramsey County or wherever those quirming children are from. This is assuming the House will again be the only body with afternoon sessions. The block of seats must be reserved preferably before the session begins through the office of the Speaker.

We set up a table along one side of the room staffed with state Board members selling publications and those involved felt it was worthwhile in publication sales, in public relations and in providing a spot for members to talk with Boarders informally. I feel we can get good information to distribute free also if we begin early. Check with the state Capitol information desk to see what they are giving away. Get those district maps with legislators' names from the Railroad Association and the MRA's seating charts with pictures of legislators.

I sent a brief questionnaire to the 50 Leaguers who had attended three or more sessions of the 1967 Course and found there is much enthusiasm for it. Concrete suggestions included Fjelstad as a speaker, segregation of smokers, David Noble and Clark Chambers if U. of M., and everyone to see Kenner chair a Civil Administration meeting, better facilities, no wandering in and out, be prepared for large turnout so the Course can begin on time, change name to our former one of Government in Action.

We allocated \$120 to pay for speakers but had to pay for only Dr. Barrett; we hadn't anticipated spending anything for facilities but because of the extra janitorial and heating service required, we donated \$120 to the church. We charged Leaguers within 50 miles of the Capitol \$10 if they sent anyone and the other Leaguers \$5.00 if they had members attending.

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 555 Wabasha Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101
November 1968

MEMO TO: LOCAL LEAGUE PRESIDENTS

FROM: MARION WATSON, LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN

This is a packet of information relating to State Legislative action:

1. Pre-Legislative Conference on Indian Affairs (notice enclosed).

Since we wrote in the last Board Memo our emphasis has shifted somewhat. Besides updating League members, we now believe that our primary goal is to give Legislators an opportunity to hear from Indian citizens about their problems and solutions. Indians have commented that if consideration were given to their viewpoint in legislation, affecting them, they would be more apt to accept their decisions.

"We want a chance to make our own mistakes for a change," said Mr. John Bucknaga.

It is important for us to get Legislators there. We are writing to all Legislators to tell them about this conference. Perhaps you would consider inviting your Legislators as your guests. This would be a good thing to include in your Legislative interview.

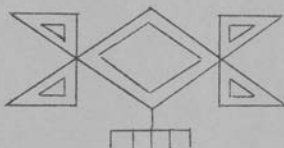
2. Legislative Interview

Previously we sent you lists of the Senators and House candidates. Other instructions are included in this mailing.

3. Lobbyist and Observer Training

We sent out an announcement with the last Board mailing regarding the November 14 meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the State DW office, 555 Wabasha Street, St. Paul. This meeting is intended as a means of recruiting observers and lobbyists for the 1969 Legislature. We hope you will encourage all likely prospects to attend.

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 555 Wabasha Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101



PRE-LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

on

INDIAN AFFAIRS

Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota and the League of Women Voters of Minneapolis

DATE: Tuesday, December 10, 1968

TIME: 10:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.

PLACE: Christ Lutheran Church on Capitol Hill
105 University Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota

A JOINT MEETING FOR INDIANS, LEGISLATORS, LEAGUE MEMBERS AND OTHER INTERESTED CITIZENS

Panel discussions by Indian representatives on

- . Education
- . Federal Indian Rights in Minnesota
- . Public Welfare
- . Employment Opportunity
- . Health and Housing
- . Law Enforcement and Justice

At 2:30, League lobbyists will provide lobbying information and orientation at the Capitol for anyone wishing to stay.

A simple sandwich lunch will be served by ladies of the church for \$1.50 for which reservations are necessary. Parking is available in the church parking lot or the nearby Eagle's Club parking lot. Please send your reservation to the Office of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota before December 4, 1968.

I (will, will not) be able to attend the Pre-legislative Conference on Indian Affairs.

Please reserve _____ places at lunch at \$1.50 each.

Name _____

Address _____

TO: Local League Presidents and Legislative Action Chairmen

FROM: Mrs. Harold Watson, State Action Chairman

SUBJECT: Legislative Interviews with State Senators and Representatives

The Minnesota Legislature will convene January 7, 1969 at 10:00 a.m. Between now and then we urge local Leagues to interview their Legislators. This is of help to you in getting better acquainted with them and in letting them know that there is an interested League of Women Voters in their districts. These interviews are a source of extremely valuable information for your state lobbyists. They help us to know, in detail, which would be otherwise difficult to acquire, what the interests and attitudes of these men are. It helps the Legislators to know that they go to the session with the gratitude and support of their constituents.

THINGS TO DO BEFORE THE INTERVIEW

Don't feel threatened. It is true that you already knew enough to ask meaningful questions which is really all you need to be able to do. For security, review League positions in Goals for Good Government. Add our new position on financing government. Read the November-December 1968 Legislative Outlook VOTER. If you are in doubt about a position, look at the 1967 State Convention Workbook where they all appear. We will have sent him a letter of congratulations along with Facts and Issues on the Minnesota Legislature and Financing Public Services: Some Property Tax Flaws and Opinions. You may want to take something with you, like a new local survey if you have done one or You are the Government. Select a few positions which are pertinent to your own community which you know he will be familiar with or will want to be informed about.

Then check your sources of information about your Legislator. Maybe some League members have worked on his campaign or know him and his stands. Was he party endorsed? If so you may want to remind him of platform agreements with League positions. Do you have a record of past statements he has made? If he is an incumbent, do you know how he voted on key issues in the last session. Read his answers to candidates' questionnaires. Ask him about his own particular interests at the Legislature. Know his committed assignments. Remember that his area of expertise may not coincide with own program, but he is probably very knowledgeable on some subjects. Find out what they are.

THE INTERVIEW

What kind of interview you have will depend upon you and your Legislator. We suggest you send a small delegation (4 or 5 at the most). This means where Leagues share a Legislator, only one member may be able to go from each League. We believe it is a good idea for all Leagues in a district to be represented. They get a chance to meet him, and he is familiar with the variety of Leagues in his area. Make an appointment to see him in his home or office where the interview may be conducted in a businesslike way at his convenience. Be flexible.

The interview should be an informal, friendly give and take. Let him know how League program is arrived at and assure him that positions are derived from the members--not from the Board--which makes League unique. Remember you are there to learn about him and to impart this information to us. You also want to make our positions clear. Most Legislators are grateful for useful information and are reassured by your interest in him and the issues he must face.

Remember, this interview is only one of many League contacts he will have. You may be laying the foundation for a luncheon with him after the session begins, for writing to him in response to a Call for Action, a contact from a League lobbyist in the halls of the Capitol, or a letter from you thanking him for a favorable vote. Make it a friendly occasion. This interview is not for publication. You may want to use it in preparation for your unit meeting on the Legislature. Keep a copy for your files and send one to your recipient Leagues. Send one to the State League Office before December 15. You will not want to be interviewing him during the Christmas rush, and it will be useful for us to have the information two weeks before the session begins.

The lobbyists at the Capitol and your legislative chairman thank you for your help which is always tremendous.

You are interested in government and your Legislator is too. Relax and have a pleasant talk!

Bibliograpy for Background on State Program:

1967 State Convention Workbook
November-December 1968 Position VOTER
Goals for Good Government
Facts and Issues on the Minnesota Legislature
Financing Public Services: Some Property Tax Flaws and Options
Financing Government Position (on the front page of Financing Public Services)

LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEWS

Some local Leagues are the only League in their district. They will interview all Legislators in their district. Some local Leagues are in districts where several Leagues share a Legislator. In these cases, we have assigned Leagues to do parts of the job and distribute to all the other Leagues in their district the information gathered. The assigned League should ask other Leagues in the district to participate in the interview, although the number involved in the actual interview should be kept small.

Area Leagues will receive reports of interviews with Legislators in all districts included in their areas.

Note: If members of your League are constituents of districts not listed here, please encourage them to expand our coverage by visiting their Representatives or Senators, and reporting these visits to us.

<u>ASSIGNED LEAGUE</u>	<u>INTERVIEWS</u>	<u>RECIPIENT LEAGUES</u>
Winona	Senator, Dist. 2 Representative, Dist. 2A	Winona Winona
Owatonna	Senator, Dist. 3 Representative, Dist. 3A	Owatonna Owatonna
Rochester	Senator, Dist. 4 Representatives, Dist. 4	Rochester Rochester
Austin	Senator, Dist. 5 Representative, Dist. 5A Representative, Dist. 5B	Austin Austin Austin
Red Wing	Senator, Dist. 6 Representative, Dist. 6B	Red Wing Red Wing
Faribault	Senator, Dist. 7 Representative, Dist. 7A	Faribault, Northfield Faribault, Northfield
St. Croix Valley	Senator, Dist. 8	St. Croix Valley, Woodbury Hts. Mahtomedi Area
Mahtomedi Area	Representative, Dist. 8 (Albertson) Representative, Dist. 8 (O'Dea)	St. Croix Valley, Woodbury Hts. Mahtomedi Area St. Croix Valley, Woodbury Hts. Mahtomedi Area
Albert Lea	Senator, Dist. 9 Representative, Dist. 9A	Albert Lea Albert Lea
Wells	Senator, Dist. 10 Representative, Dist. 10A	Wells Wells
Greater Mankato Area	Senator, Dist. 11 Representative, Dist. 11A Representative, Dist. 11B	Greater Mankato Area Greater Mankato Area Greater Mankato Area

<u>ASSIGNED</u> <u>LEAGUE</u>	<u>INTERVIEWS</u>	<u>RECIPIENT</u> <u>LEAGUES</u>
South St. Paul	Senator, Dist. 12	W. St. Paul, So. St. Paul, Burnsville
West St. Paul	Representative, Dist. 12A Representative, Dist. 12B	So. St. Paul W. St. Paul, Burnsville
Brooklyn Park	Senator, Dist. 13	Brooklyn Park, Buffalo, Wayzata Area
Buffalo	Representative, Dist. 13A Representative, Dist. 13B	Brooklyn Park, Wayzata Area Buffalo
Chaska	Senator, Dist. 14 Representative, Dist. 14A	Chaska CHaska
Hutchinson	Senator, Dist. 15 Representative, Dist. 15A	Hutchinson, St. Peter, Greater Mankato Area Hutchinson
St. Peter	Representative, Dist. 15C	St. Peter, Greater Mankato Area
New Ulm	Senator, Dist. 17 Representative, Dist. 17B	New Ulm New Ulm
Jackson	Senator, Dist. 18 Representative, Dist. 18A	Jackson Jackson
Worthington	Senator, Dist. 19 Representative, Dist. 19A Representative, Dist. 19B	Worthington, Rock County Worthington Rock County
Rock County		
Anoka	Senator, Dist. 21 Representative, Dist. 21A	Anoka Anoka
Granite Falls	Senator, Dist. 22 Representative, Dist. 22A	Granite Falls Granite Falls
Willmar	Senator, Dist. 23 Representative, Dist. 23B	Willmar Willmar
St. Cloud Area	Senator, Dist. 26 Representative, Dist. 26A	St. Cloud Area St. Cloud Area
Bloomington	Senator, Dist. 27 Representative, Dist. 27A Representative, Dist. 27B	Bloomington Bloomington Bloomington
Richfield	Senator, Dist. 28 Representative, Dist. 28A Representative, Dist. 28B	Richfield, Wdina Richfield, Wdina Richfield
Wdina	Senator, Dist. 29 Representative, Dist. 29A Representative, Dist. 29B	Wdina, Minnetonka Wdina Minnetonka

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St. Louis Park	Senator, Dist. 30	St. Louis Park, Golden Valley
Golden Valley	Representative, Dist. 30A	Golden Valley, St. Louis Park
St. Louis Park	Representative, Dist. 30B	St. Louis Park
Crystal	Senator, Dist. 31	Crystal, Golden Valley, Robbinsdale
Robbinsdale	Representative, Dist. 31A Representative, Dist. 31B	Crystal Robbinsdale, Golden Valley
Brooklyn Center	Senator, Dist. 32	Brooklyn Center, St. Anthony, Fridley, Columbia Heights
Columbia Heights	Representative, Dist. 32A Representative, Dist. 32B	Brooklyn Center Columbia Heights, Fridley, St. Anthony
Wayzata Area	Senator, Dist. 33	Wayzata Area, Excelsior, Westonka, Deephaven, Minnetonka
Excelsior	Representative, Dist. 33A Representative, Dist. 33B	Wayzata Area, Minnetonka Excelsior, Westonka, Wayzata Area, Deephaven
Minneapolis	Sensors, Dist. 34 thru 42 Representatives, Dist. 34 thru 42	Minneapolis Minneapolis
St. Paul	Sensors, Dist. 43 thru 48 Representatives, Dist. 43 thru 48	St. Paul St. Paul
Arden Hills	Senator, Dist. 49	Arden Hills, Roseville, New Brighton, Falcon Heights, Shoreview
New Brighton	Representative, Dist. 49A	New Brighton, Arden Hills, Roseville, Shoreview
Roseville	Representative, Dist. 49B	Roseville, Falcon Heights
White Bear Lake	Senator, Dist. 50	White Bear, Maplewood, No. St. Paul
North St. Paul	Representative, Dist. 50A	No. St. Paul, Maplewood
White Bear Lake	Representative, Dist. 50B	White Bear
St. Cloud Area	Senator, Dist. 51 Representatives, Dist. 51	St. Cloud Area St. Cloud Area
Cloquet	Senator, Dist. 52 Representative, Dist. 52B	Cloquet Cloquet
Brainerd	Senator, Dist. 53 Representative, Dist. 53B	Brainerd Brainerd

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Alexandria	Senator, Dist. 54 Representative, Dist. 54A	Alexandria Alexandria
Fergus Falls	Senator, Dist. 55 Representative, Dist. 55	Fergus Falls, Battle Lake Fergus Falls, Battle Lake
Moorhead	Senator, Dist. 56 Representatives, Dist. 56A	Moorhead Moorhead
Fridley	Senator, Dist. 57 Representative, Dist. 57A	Fridley, Blaine Fridley
Blaine	Representative, Dist. 57B	Blaine
Cass Lake	Senator, Dist. 58 Representative, Dist. 58A	Cass Lake Cass Lake
Duluth	Senator, Dist. 59 Representatives, Dist. 59	Duluth Duluth
Duluth	Senator, Dist. 60 Representatives, Dist. 60	Duluth Duluth
Duluth Silver Bay Duluth	Senator, Dist. 61 Representative, Dist. 61A Representative, Dist. 61B	Duluth, Silver Bay Silver Bay, Duluth Duluth
Virginia	Senator, Dist. 62 Representatives, Dist. 62	Virginia Virginia
Hibbing	Senator, Dist. 63 Representative, Dist. 63	Hibbing Hibbing
Bemidji	Senator, Dist. 64 Representative, Dist. 64A	Bemidji, International Falls Bemidji
International Falls	Representative, Dist. 64B	International Falls
Crookston	Senator, Dist. 66 Representative, Dist. 66B	Crookston Crookston

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REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEWS

League of Women Voters of _____ Date _____

(If representatives of more than one League participated, list all Leagues represented at interview.)

Legislator: Name _____ Address _____

Senator or Representative _____

Freshman or Veteran? What year first elected) _____

District _____

Caucus _____ Was he party endorsed? _____

Subjects discussed and views of Legislator on each:

(We know you will not discuss all items listed and you will discuss other subjects. We do not want to limit or direct your conversation. We have listed them for our own easy reference and tabulation. Do they plan to sponsor bills in any of these areas?)

Financing Government

Exempt Property

Pollution Control

Legislative Reform

Length of Session

Executive Reorganization

Metropolitan Council

Equality of Opportunity - Human Resources

Election Laws

Lobby Regulation and Conflict of Interest

Constitutional Revision

Reapportionment

Amendments to the Federal Constitution

Other - Non-League Topics

Attitude of Legislator toward the League?

Kind of Interviews

Where held, number of League members involved - general impression

Signed _____

Address _____

FOR LEGISLATIVE FILE, LMV OF MINNESOTA

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

Please return one copy to the State Office and one copy to each League in your district.

THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF LOBBYING

1. Remember when you interview a legislator he commands respect as the representative elected by majority of voters in his district.
2. Make an appointment before calling at a legislator's office or residence, so that he will not feel that the visit is an intrusion. It is desirable that you take another League member along for the interview.
3. Never overstay your time. Take your cue for leaving from your representative.
4. KNOW YOUR MEASURE THOROUGHLY and be able to ANSWER OPPOSITION to it.
5. Let your representative talk and present his side fully. It is helpful to learn his point of view.
6. Do not take notes during the interview, but if you expect to make a report fill it in as soon as possible afterwards.
7. Please note and report any NEW ARGUMENTS AGAINST the measure presented during the interview.
8. Don't be afraid to admit ignorance on special points. Say, "I will look that up and let you know later," and be sure to do so.
9. Confine your conversation as far as possible to the measures you are discussing, and if measures come up which are not on the League's support program, explain that in the League we do not support or oppose measures unless they have been studied thoroughly, that we try to do a few things well rather than a lot superficially.
10. Remember that the League is strictly nonpartisan and that we as members are interested in the public merits of the measure.
11. Keep a sense of proportion and realize the subject in which you are so interested may not be important to the person you are interviewing, except as you are able to make it so.
12. It will aid greatly in an interview if you know something of the legislator's record, especially if he has voted on measures in which we are interested.
13. Leave the legislator with a friendly feeling, even though he turns you down. Say you are sorry you can't agree and do not emphasize the difference of opinion.

THE HISTORY OF THE

1. The first part of the history is the story of the discovery of the land.
2. The second part is the story of the early settlement.
3. The third part is the story of the growth of the colony.
4. The fourth part is the story of the struggle for independence.
5. The fifth part is the story of the war of independence.
6. The sixth part is the story of the peace and the establishment of the new government.
7. The seventh part is the story of the early years of the new government.
8. The eighth part is the story of the growth of the new government.
9. The ninth part is the story of the struggle for the rights of the people.
10. The tenth part is the story of the present state of the country.



