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Budget: SS: Website: Y2K
1999-2000: 486's - eat another yr's use
\$8800: 586 - upgrades + Software + Consulting
\$2000: List integration - Content's / members
Budget items: * Hubmaster - on stage proposal from LRP
html editor - Microsoft
* ^(hi tech mail language) Mark added - ok by Tech. Comm

Decisions abt what goes on Website

Provider / Freenet - MRNET

\$100⁰⁰ * Domain name
\$180⁰⁰ * L.L. Websites - new site

Calendar -

\$1,900/yr - Internet ^{ISP} access lines (faxes, etc)

\$1000 Training
2500 yr phone lines
200 yr Cable

A Brief Glossary of Internet-Related Terms

Baud

In common usage the "baud rate" of a modem is how many bits it can send or receive per second. The higher the baud rate, the faster the modem and the faster the response time when transferring information. Common modem speeds are 14.4K (K=1024 bytes) or higher.

Browser

A client program (software) that is used to look at various kinds of Internet resources. Some popular browsers are Netscape, Microsoft Internet Explorer and Mosaic.

Email

(Electronic Mail) -- Messages, usually text, sent from one person to another via computer. Email can also be sent automatically to a large number of addresses (Mailing List).

FAQ

(Frequently Asked Questions) -- FAQs are documents that list and answer the most common questions on a particular subject. There are hundreds of FAQs on subjects as diverse as Pet Grooming and Cryptography. FAQs are usually written by people who have answered the same question over and over.

FTP

(File Transfer Protocol) -- A common method of moving files between two Internet sites. FTP is a special way to login to another Internet site for the purposes of retrieving and/or sending files. There are many Internet sites that have established publicly accessible repositories of material that can be obtained using FTP, by logging in using the account name "anonymous," thus these sites are called "anonymous ftp servers."

Gopher

A method of making menus of material available over the Internet. Gopher is a Client and Server style program, which requires that the user have a Gopher Client program. Although Gopher spread rapidly across the globe in only a couple of years, it is being largely supplanted by Hypertext, also known as WWW (World Wide Web). There are still thousands of Gopher Servers on the Internet and we can expect they will remain for a while.

Host

Any computer on a network that is a repository for services available to other computers on the network. It is quite common to have one host machine provide several services, such as WWW and USENET

HTML

Hypertext Markup Language -- A language used to create web pages. Standard codes called "tags" are placed before and after text or elements within a document to affect the appearance or placement when displayed on the monitor using a "browser" such as Netscape.

e.g. `[b]`This text will appear bold`[/b]` would display: **This text will appear bold**

`[i]`This text will be italicized`[/i]` would display: *This text will be italicized*

If you want to see what the HTML code looks like for the page currently being displayed, use the "View Document Source" command under the "View" menu in your browser.

Internet

The vast collection of inter-connected networks that all use the TCP/IP protocols and that evolved from the ARPANET of the late 60's and early 70's.

Internet Explorer

A popular "browser" program used to display web pages.

Java

A platform-independent programming language developed by Sun Microsystems. Java programs, called applets, are downloaded and run with any Java-enabled browser and are often embedded in web pages.

Login

Noun or a verb.

Noun: The account name used to gain access to a computer system. Not a secret (contrast with Password)

Verb: The act of entering into a computer system, e.g. "Login to the WELL and then go to the GBN conference."

Maillist (or Mailing list)

A (usually automated) system that allows people to send email to one address, whereupon their message is copied and sent to all of the other subscribers to the maillist. In this way, people who have many different kinds of email access can participate in discussions together.

Modem

(MODulator, DEModulator) -- a device that connects your computer to a phone line, that allows the computer to talk to other computers through the phone system. Basically, modems do for computers what a telephone does for humans.

Netscape

A popular "browser" program used to display web pages.

Newsgroups

The name for discussion groups on Usenet.

Password

A code used to gain access to a locked system. Good passwords contain a combination of letters and non-letters and are not simple combinations such as "virtue7." Passwords should not be easily guessable such as variations on family or pet names. A good password might be: Hot\$I-6

PPP

(Point-to-Point Protocol) -- a communications standard used to connect a computer to the Internet over a phone line. The advantage of a PPP account is that you can use applications that require a direct connection to the Internet, such as web browsers and news readers. The other type of dial-up connection is SLIP, but PPP has error correction and automatic negotiation features that SLIP doesn't have.

SLIP

(Serial Line Internet Protocol) -- a standard for using a regular telephone line (a "serial line") and a modem to connect a computer as a real Internet site. SLIP is gradually being replaced by PPP.

Telnet

The command and program used to login from one Internet site to another. The telnet command/program gets you to the "login:" prompt of another host.

URL

(Uniform Resource Locator) - The standard way to give the address of any resource on the Internet that is part of the World Wide Web (WWW). A URL looks like this:

`http://www.matisse.net/seminars.html`
or `telnet://well.sf.ca.us`
or `news:new.newusers.questions`
etc.

The most common way to use a URL is to enter into a WWW browser program, such as Netscape, Internet Explorer or Mosaic.

Usenet

A world-wide system of discussion groups, with comments passed among hundreds of thousands of machines. Not all Usenet machines are on the Internet, maybe half. Usenet is completely decentralized, with over 10,000 discussion areas, called newsgroups.

WWW (World Wide Web)

Two meanings - First, loosely used: The whole constellation of resources that can be accessed using Gopher, FTP, HTTP, telnet, Usenet, WAIS and other tools. Second, the universe of hypertext servers (HTTP servers) which are the servers that allow text, graphics, sound files etc. to be mixed together.

INTERNET BASICS

What is the Internet?

The **Internet** is a collection of computer networks that are tied together to provide services to millions of people worldwide.

What is a network?

A **network** is a group of computers that are able to communicate with one another and share data, files and other information.

The computers are connected by hardware and software. The hardware is what physically connects the computers together: computers, telephone lines, fiber-optic cables, routers, and gateways. The software is what enables us to use the hardware for communications and exchanging information.

How did the Internet begin?

In 1969, the Department of Defense set up an experimental network called ARPANET (Advanced Research Projects Agency Network). The network was used to research, develop and test networking technologies. The original network connected four host computers at four separate universities throughout the United States, enabling users to share resources and information.

ARPANET functioned as a backbone network, allowing smaller local networks to connect to the backbone. Once these smaller networks were connected to the backbone, they were in effect connected to each other.

In 1973 ARPANET went beyond the boundaries of the United States by making its first international connections to England and Norway.

In 1986 a faster backbone network was created by the National Science Foundation. By 1989 there were over 10,000 host computers connected to the Internet, or "network of networks". And because the NSF Network was so successful, ARPANET was dissolved in 1990 and many of the sites connected to it were absorbed by the NSFNET.

What can you do on the Internet?

The most common activity on the Internet is corresponding with other people through electronic mail. An Internet electronic mail, or e-mail, address is used to identify a person and a computer for purposes of exchanging electronic e-mail messages. An example of an Internet e-mail address is: janedoe@xyx.edu, which is read as "janedoe at xyz dot edu."

"janedoe"	is the name or alias of the person receiving or sending the message; this is referred to as the username.
"xyz"	is part of the domain name of the organization.
"edu"	is also part of the domain name and indicates that "xyz" is an educational institution.

Another activity on the Internet is searching for information. You can search, view or retrieve information at universities, libraries, government agencies and commercial businesses worldwide.

What is the World Wide Web?

The **World Wide Web**, also referred to as the **WWW** and "**the Web**," is the universe of information. The Web presents information as a series of "documents," often referred to as web pages, that are prepared using Hypertext Markup Language (HTML). Using HTML, the document's author can code sections of the document to "point" to other information resources. These specially coded sections are referred to as hypertext links. By clicking on the highlighted hyperlinked words you can be transported to another document, even if the second document is located on a server computer halfway around the world.

The World Wide Web is non-linear. There is no top; there is no bottom. Non-linear means you do not have to follow a hierarchical path to information resources. You can jump from one link (resource) to another or you can go directly to a resource if you know the Uniform Resource Locator (URL).

What is a URL?

A **URL** is an address of a web page. URL stands for Uniform Resource Locator. It is used to identify specific sites and files available on the World Wide Web. Every page you see on the Internet has a unique URL. Most of the time you do not need to know a page's URL, but there may be a time when all you have is the text of an URL given to you by a friend or newspaper article, or from radio or TV. You can then use the URL to go directly to that web page.

A URL is read like a sentence. For example the URL <http://www.bookstore.com> is read as "http colon forward slash forward slash www dot bookstore dot com".

What is .Com?

You've probably heard this while listening to the radio or watching TV when someone is giving the address of their web site: "Visit us at our Home Page, www.riverfront.com. Com is part of the domain name.

A domain name is a way to identify and locate computers connected to the Internet. A domain name must be unique; no two organizations on the Internet can have the same domain name. In the above example, [riverfront.com](http://www.riverfront.com) is the domain name.

A domain name always contains two or more components separated by periods, called "dots." The top-level portion of a domain name describes the type of organization holding that name. Some of the major categories for top-level domains are:

com	commercial entities (www.3m.com)
edu	four year colleges and universities (www.umn.edu)
org	miscellaneous organizations that don't fit any other category, like non-profits (www.lwv.org)
gov	United States Federal Government entities (www.census.gov)

What is a web page?

A **web page** is a unit of information, often called a document, that is available over the World Wide Web. It can be longer than one computer screen and can use more than one piece of paper when it is printed out.

A web page is created using Hypertext Markup Language (HTML). HTML consists of standardized codes, or tags, that are used to define the structure of a web page. These codes enable web pages to have many features including bold text, italic text, headings, paragraph breaks and numbered or bulleted lists.

Web pages can contain text, images, sound files, video files and hypertext links to other Internet resources. All of these features are indicated by using HTML codes.

Where can you learn more?

Here's a short list of web site tutorials to help you learn more. The one big advantage to using on-line resources is that they are updated frequently to include information on new technology and that's one thing you can count on - things are constantly changing on the Web!

<http://connect-time.com> - contains an on-line tutorial and glossary of computer and Internet terms

http://www.yahoo.com/Computers_and_Internet/Internet/Information_and_Documentation/Beginner_s_Guides/

- contains a list of web sites containing tips and information geared towards beginners, but even experienced users may learn something new. Yes, this is a l-o-n-g URL, but you can start at www.yahoo.com and click on the values between the slashes to navigate through a series of pages.

<http://www.lycos.com/help/gettingstarted.html> - contains instructions and tips on using the Lycos search engine and links to other help information.

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Dial-Up Internet Access Providers

AT&T

901 Marquette Avenue, #400
Minneapolis, MN 55042 376-5445
www.att.com

BackPack Software Inc.

475 N. Cleveland Ave. #225
St. Paul, MN 55104 645-7550
www.bpsi.net

Bitstream Underground Inc.

212 Third Ave. N., #490
Minneapolis, MN 55401 321-9290
www.bitstream.net

Frontier Communications of Minnesota

14450 Burnhaven Drive
Burnsville, MN 55306 435-1504
www.frontiercorp.com

Gofast.net Inc.

400 Sibley Street, #260
St. Paul, MN 55101 291-1890
www.gofast.net

GoldenGate Internet Services

PO Box 32031
Fridley, MN 55432 574-2200
www.goldengate.net

Infinity AccessNet

9749 Hamilton Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55344 944-7123
www.i axs.net

Innovative Software Designs, Inc.

511 11th Avenue S.
Minneapolis, MN 55415 434-5800
www.isd.net

MCI Telecommunications

5500 Wayzata Blvd., #400
Golden valley, MN 55416
www.mci.com

MEANS Telecom

10300 Sixth Ave. N
Plymouth, MN 55441 230-4400
www.me:ms.net

MRNet Internet Services
2829 University Ave. SE
Minneapolis, MN 55414 362-5800
www.mr.net

Millennium Communications
1300 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, MN 55403 338-5509
www.millcomm.com

Minnesota WaveTech Inc.
1900 Chicago Ave. S
Minneapolis, MN 55404 721-0355
www.wavetech.net

MinnNet Communications Inc.
511 11th Ave. S
Minneapolis, MN 55415 944-8660
www.minn.net

Net-Info
2312 Central Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55418 782-0000
www.net-info.com

pclink.com
PO Box 47974
Plymouth, MN 55447 541-5656
www.pclink.com

Pioneer Planet
345 Cedar St.
St. Paul, MN 55101 800-856-3134
www.pioneerplanet.com

Protocol Communications Inc.
43 Main St. NE #132
Minneapolis, MN 55414 623-9900
www.protocom.com

Skypoint Communications Inc.
PO Box 47804
Plymouth, MN 55447 475-2959
www.skypoint.com

Spacestar Communications
9531 W. 78th Street. #120
Eden Prairie, MN 55344 996-0000
www.spacestar.net

TIES
1925 W. County Road B2
Roseville, MN 55113 638-2354
www.ties.k12.mn.us

Twin Cities Free-Net
511 11th Avenue S., #266
Minneapolis, MN 55415 305-0847
www.freenet.msp.mn.us

US Internet Corp
4510 W. 77th Street
Edina, MN 55435 222-4638
www.usinternet.com

US West
200 S. Fifth Street
Minneapolis, MN 55402 800-328-2879
www.uswest.com

University of Minnesota Alumni Association
300 Washington Avenue Se
Minneapolis, MN 55337 624-2323
www.umn.edu

Vector Internet Services
12 S. Sixth Street
Minneapolis, MN 55402 288-0880
www.visi.com

Winternet
12 S. sixth Street. #M110
Minneapolis, MN 55402 333-1505
www.winternet.com

Questions to Ask:

1. Rate for service: flat rate or fee per minute?
2. Unlimited access or metered access? How many hours per month if metered?
3. Number of inbound telephones lines vs number of users?
4. What kind of access? Dial-up Shell? SLIP/PPP connections? Analog? ISDN?
Dedicated lines?
5. Serve primarily businesses or residential? Special rate for a non-profit?
6. Offer web-page space and web hosting? How much do they charge for the storage of web pages (per megabyte)?
7. Training classes? How much?
8. Design web pages? Offer any consulting services?
9. **Shop and Compare !**

Minnesota Government Information On-Line

Excerpted from *How To Lobby With Your Computer* from the League publication
How To Make A Difference

Much of the printed Minnesota government information is available on-line. The main source for Minnesota Government Information and Services is the North Star web site. North Star is coordinated by the Minnesota Office of Technology in collaboration with the a number of other partners. Located at <http://www.state.mn.us/> this site provides timely, comprehensive information. From the main North Star web site, there is a section titled, *Tools of Democracy*. This section provides links to information for citizen participation and is the on-line support for democracy from Minnesota Government. Here is a snapshot of the resources available, paraphrased from the actual *Tools of Democracy* section.

Important Minnesota Information Resources

Minnesota State Constitution

Minnesota State Statutes via the Revisor of Statutes

Minnesota Government Directory Information via North Star Directories

Information From Our Constitutional Officers

General information regarding the Governor's office is available. In addition, current news releases, speeches, and proposals can be found.

Governor's e-mail address: governor@state.mn.us

Lt. Governor's e-mail address: lt.governor@state.mn.us.

The Secretary of State's Office provides a comprehensive web site of voting and election information. Specifically, their Open Appointments section is a clearinghouse for membership information, including monthly listings, on state boards and councils. Participation on boards and councils allows individuals to become directly involved in the policies and services of state government.

Other constitutional offices are in the process of developing web sites, and links to these new sites will be available via North Star.

Information from the Legislative Branch

The Minnesota State Legislature has a significant amount of information available on-line. Popular sections include House and Senate Schedules, About the Legislature, the Senate Briefly, House Session Weekly, and Frequently Asked Questions. Text of Bills and the ability to track bills through the Legislative process are other valuable tools from this web site.

Information from the Executive Branch

The Ethical Practices Board provides access to the Ethics in Government Act, their rules, and their programs. This is another important tool for lobbyists, providing information on candidates' campaign financing and lobbyists and their expenses.

Minnesota Planning strives to provide timely, critical information to the public and the law makers. This web site has reports on government spending, state demographics, Minnesota Milestones, geographic information systems, environment and development, criminal justice, children and youth, and other issues.

Information from or about Our Elected Representatives

Electronic mail addresses for all house and senate members are available. Press releases from the two major political party Houses caucuses can also be found. In addition, there is a directory of information on Minnesota's United States Congressional Delegation, and via the Legislative Reference Library there is an address list for the delegation. Links are also provided to the White House to gain information on the President and Vice President of the United states of America.

Get House and Senate Committee Schedules via Electronic Mail

Committee schedules are available via the gopher and web sites, but anyone with e-mail can also receive daily and weekly committee schedules from both the House and Senate.

To receive the Senate schedules, send a message to:

listserv@senate.leg.state.mn.us

Leave the subject line blank and in the body of the message type the following:

subscribe sen-schedules

To receive the House schedules, send a message to:

listserv@house.leg.state.mn.us

Leave the subject line blank and in the body of the message type the following:

subscribe h-schedules

Many other offices and agencies provide various e-mail announcement lists. By visiting the various web sites. information on joining these announcement lists is available.

WEB SITES, NEWSLETTERS AND LISTS OF INTEREST TO LEAGUERS

The Technology Committee is always looking for good websites of interest to Leaguers. If you have one, please share with us all via LWVMN-Share.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

LWVUS The home page where you should start your investigations on the web.
<http://www.lwv.org/~lwvus/>

LWVMN The home page for our state League.
<http://www.freenet.msp.mn.us/ip/pol/lwvmn>

LWV CyberVoter A newsletter for on-line members of the League.
Subscription information: To subscribe, send e-mail to:
listserv@thecity.sfsu.edu
In message area: subscribe lwvcybervoter yourfirstname yourlastname

LWVMN-Share A forum for all MN League members to share ideas, request information, etc. To subscribe, send e-mail to: listproc@mtn.org
In message area: subscribe lwvmn-share yourfirstname yourlastname

FINDING GOVERNMENT and POLITICAL INFORMATION

Podesta's Government Research Links A very comprehensive site to find things such as all Congressional e-mail, fax, phone and addresses, committee assignments, Federal sites, Statistics & Databases (such as Census Bureau) and Federal agency press releases, Thomas Register, The White House, etc. <http://www.podesta.com/links.html>

FedWorld Information Network A one-stop source of US Government documents and information. <http://www.fedworld.gov>

Congressional Quarterly Provides comprehensive, nonpartial news and information on government and politics. <http://www.cq.com/>

North Star - Minnesota Connection A selection of resources that will help you discover our state. <http://www.state.mn.us/index.html> Check this site for Secretary of State, Ethical Practices, etc. Clicking on Government Offices will get you to anything to do with the legislature, including text of bills introduced.

Minnesota E-Democracy A non-partisan citizen-based project to improve participation in democracy through the use of information networks. <http://www.e-democracy.org/>

Minnesota Planning A state agency providing information on critical issues to policy-makers and the public. <http://www.mnplan.state.mn.us>

Government & Politics What's New A site that keeps you up-to-date with MN events. <http://www.freenet.msp.mn.us/govt/new.html>

Access Minnesota Project An ongoing project that provides communities with improved access to the Internet through the use of public information terminals.
<http://www.mes.umn.edu/accessmn/>

County & City Government Links to all counties/cities in the state with web sites.
<http://www.state.mn.us/local.index.html>

Metropolitan Council <http://www.metrocouncil.org/>

Women Leaders OnLine A Women's History Library among other offerings. <http://wlo.org/>

FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THE MEDIA WEB SITES

Frontline The PBS program site. <http://www2.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline>

Washington Post <http://www.washingtonpost.com>

Tribune <http://www1.trib.com/>

USA Today <http://www.usatoday.com/>

CSPAN <http://www.cspan.org>

Pathfinder <http://www.pathfinder.com>

CNN <http://www.cnn.com/>

NBC <http://www.nbc.com/>

Minneapolis Star-Tribune <http://www.startribune.com>

St. Paul Pioneer Press Check out link to lawandpolitics. <http://pioneerplanet.com>

WCCO <http://wcco.com>

KTCA <http://www.ktca.org>

ENVIRONMENT

EarthShare Has a list of conservation charities and organizations. <http://www.earthshare.org/>

RainForest Action Network Information, action alerts, more. <http://www.ran.org>

Discovery Conservation/environmental information.* <http://www.discovery.com>

Eisenhower National Clearinghouse A Department of Education site for math & science education. <http://www.enc.org>

EDUCATION

US Department of Education <http://www.ed.gov>

SOCIAL POLICY

Michigan State University College of Social Science Find papers on this issue.
<http://www.ssc.msu.edu/~pohg/>

Social Policy Magazine Read selected articles. <http://www.socialpolicy.org>

Democratic Leadership Council & Progressive Policy Institute Read texts of selected articles. <http://www.dlcppi.org/texts/social/>

Social Policy Links Site <http://library.aph.gov.au/libwww/socpol.htm>

WEB SITES, NEWSLETTERS AND LISTS OF INTEREST TO LEAGUERS

FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THE MEDIA WEB SITES

Frontline The PBS program site. <http://www2.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline>
Washington Post <http://www.washingtonpost.com>
Trib.com Internet news. <http://www1.trib.com/>
USA Today <http://www.usatoday.com/>
CSPAN <http://www.scpan.org>
Pathfinder Time-Warner connection to all its magazines. <http://www.pathfinder.com>
CNN <http://www.cnn.com/>
NBC <http://www.nbc.com/>
Minneapolis Star-Tribune <http://www.startribune.com>
St. Paul Pioneer Press <http://www.pioneerplanet.com>
WCCO <http://wcco.com>
KTCA <http://www.ktca.org>

ENVIRONMENT

EarthShare Has a list of conservation charities and organizations.
<http://www.earthshare.org/>
RainForest Action Network Information, action alerts, more. <http://www.ran.org>
Discovery Conservation/environmental information. <http://www.discovery.com>
Eisenhower National Clearinghouse A Department of Education site for math & science education. <http://www.enc.org>

EDUCATION

US Department of Education <http://www.ed.gov>

SOCIAL POLICY

Michigan State University College of Social Science Find papers on this issue and links to other organizations. <http://www.ssc.msu.edu/~pohg/>
Social Policy Magazine Read selected articles. <http://www.socialpolicy.org>
Democratic Leadership Council & Progressive Policy Institute Read texts of selected articles. <http://www.dlcppi.org/texts/social/>
Social Policy Links Site <http://library.aph.gov.au/libwww/socpol.htm>

We are always looking for new sites to add to this list. Let us know via LWVMN-Share.

USING THE INTERNET FOR LWV RESEARCH

The Internet is one of the fastest growing, most dynamic information/communication systems in the world. In November 1996, a Harris poll found 35 million Americans currently use the Internet. It is becoming a common part of our lives.

Like it or not, the Internet has become one of your research tools. The following entries provide a sampling of the most current "tools."

Search Engines

Search engines can be likened to a "Table of Contents" or index to the World Wide Web (Bolles, 1996). Search engines allow you to search for current and up-to-date information instead of relying on URLs, which may change or be discontinued regularly.

Searching Tips

- **Keywords:** Type in more than one keyword if you want to narrow a search. Example: family violence in MN
- **Quotation Marks:** Placing quotes around a phrase will ensure that sites found will include the entire phrase. Example: "Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing"
- **Lower and Upper Case Letters:** Typing in lower case ensures that the word will be selected in both upper and lower case form. Example: "apple" = apple and Apple Typing in upper case ensures that only upper case form will be selected. Example: "Apple" = Apple
- **A Plus Sign (+) in front of Keywords:** Placing a plus sign in front of a word ensures that the word will be included in all sites found during the search. Example: +violence in Minnesota (all sites found will include the word, "violence", however, all found sites may not include the words "in" or "Minnesota"
- **A Minus Sign (-) in Front of Keywords:** Placing a minus sign in front of a word will remove that word from sites found during a search. Example: +violence -family in Minnesota (all sites found will include the word "violence," however, any sites with both "violence" and "family" will not be included in the search.)

Try these search engines:

HotBot	http://www.hotbot.com/
Alta Vista	http://www.altavista.digital.com/
Lycos	http://www.lycos.com
Yahoo	http://www.yahoo.com
WebCrawler	http://webcrawler.com

And don't forget this site for a web glossary. Find out what URL means, for example.
<http://www.sdsc.edu/projects/hbook/hbook/glossary.index.html>

Return-Path: ady.wickstrom@wavefront.com
From: "Adrienne A. Wickstrom" <ady.wickstrom@wavefront.com>
To: "'BarbENFJ@aol.com'" <BarbENFJ@aol.com>,
 "'Czaplewskimj@juno.com'"
 <Czaplewskimj@juno.com>,
 "'PVDougher@aol.com'"
 <PVDougher@aol.com>,
 "'gibsond@freenet.msp.mn.us'"
 <gibsond@freenet.msp.mn.us>,
 "'spgrrg2@pipeline.com'"
 <spgrrg2@pipeline.com>,
 "'otuba@mindspring.com'"
 <otuba@mindspring.com>
To: "'johns735@tc.umn.edu'" <johns735@tc.umn.edu>,
 "'oakhill@brainerd.com'"
 <oakhill@brainerd.com>,
 "'lluebbe@luminet.net'"
 <lluebbe@luminet.net>,
 "'palmer@millcomm.com'"
 <palmer@millcomm.com>,
 "'gordmett@emily.net'"
 <gordmett@emily.net>,
 "'PSquared@worldnet.att.net'"
 <PSquared@worldnet.att.net>
To: "'MCVanEvera@aol.com'" <MCVanEvera@aol.com>,
 "'lwvmn@mtn.org'"
 <lwvmn@mtn.org>
Subject: Preliminary list of LWVMN member's e-mail addresses
Date: Fri, 13 Jun 1997 14:04:36 -0500

The preliminary list of LWVMN member's e-mail addresses is ready. The list contains names, e-mail address, League name (and position if known), and state League position. The e-mail addresses for the state office and lwvmn-share, and links to several LWV pages are also included. Please check the list for accuracy and let me know of any corrections.

The URL is:

<http://freenet.msp.mn.us/ip/pol/lwvmn/liste.html>

This page will not be linked to by any of our public LWVMN pages, so I recommend that you bookmark the address when you first view it. Please do not share the URL with anyone other than League members.

Only League members who gave their permission to be listed are included. Please let others in your League know about this option, and that they should send an e-mail message to ady.wickstrom@wavefront.com if they would like to be included.

Thanks,

Ady
LWVMN Technology Committee

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LWVMN TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE NOTES

May 19, 1997

Attendees: Judy Duffy, LWVMN president *lwvmn@mtn.org*; Diane Gibson, Arden Hills/Shoreview Tech. Comm. *gibsond@freenet.msp.mn.us*; Celeste Levie, LWVMN staff *levie@freenet.msp.mn.us*; Paula Pursley, Wayzata/Plymouth, Tech. Comm. *Psquared@worldnet.att.net*; Sally Sawyer LWVMN staff, *sawyer@freenet.msp.mn.us*; Florence Sprague ROMAFH, Tech. Comm.; Ady Wickstrom, Arden Hills/Shoreview, Tech. Comm., *ady.wickstrom@wavefront.com*

MTN has established new web access rules, but we are not affected because we do not have our web pages on their site.

We need to add a disclaimer on any forms on our web pages to not e-mail with a credit card number.

Freenet will be charging for space on their system, but we do not know when or how much. We need to keep on top of this.

We got some new e-mail addresses from the convention, and have several corrections. Corrections should be sent to Celeste.

Discussion on Technology Caucus issues - (discussion/responses are indented):

1. List our positions on our web page. We should contact other state Leagues who have done it for suggestions on how they separate Ed. Fund and Lobbying, and present our findings and recommendations to the new State Board.

The Technology Committee would like our positions on our web pages. In order to keep LWVMN and LWVMNEF separate, they need to be noticeably distinguishable. Diane and Ady will work on redesigning our pages so that the LWVMN and LWVMNEF pages have different looks, possibly including different graphics or logos. We can have links from LWVMN to EF, but not from EF to LWVMN. Celeste will e-mail the most recent Program for Action to Ady. Before publishing the new pages on our web site, we will demo them for the board at their August 13th meeting for their approval. Celeste will make copies of other League's pages.

2. List Leaguer's e-mail addresses on list of Local Leagues with their permission. This will take considerable effort, but Ady is willing to do it with the stipulation that updates will be made no more than once a month.

Because of concerns about privacy, Diane suggested that we create a page that is NOT linked to by any of our other pages and only give the URL to League members. In order to find out how many people want their name and address listed and how many would use the information, Ady will send the following message to *lwvmn-share*.

"If you would like to have your name and e-mail address published on a page of Leaguer's e-mail addresses, please send that information along with the name of your local League to *ady.wickstrom@wavefront.com*. This page will not be linked to by any of our other pages to provide some level of privacy, although we can not guarantee that someone with the knowledge will not find it. If we get responses from enough people, we will create a page and send the URL to those on it so they can bookmark it."

3. Add mail to links to LLs on list in city order. Let LLs know that we will add links to their home pages as they create them.

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4. Add the state office phone number to end of each page so people who use public terminals and don't have e-mail have a way to make comments. (Instead of the phone number, I added the following to the updated board list: "Technology Committee, 550 Rice Street, St. Paul, MN 55103.")

TCO, but we need to add "LWVMN" because there are other organizations in the building.

5. Send Action Alerts by e-mail either by using our current lwvmn-share listserve or creating a new one (lwvmn-action?). Indicate the general topic (K-12 Education, Health Care ...) in the subject so recipients can easily tell which messages are most important to them. This will allow more information to be sent in a more timely manner so that we can have input in the process before votes are taken. If we do this we should send a message to the current list to ask whether they would prefer one or two listserves.

Diane will ask Carol Frisch (Action Chair) about sending Action Alerts through the list. There is not enough traffic in lwvmn-share to warrant creating a separate listserve for now. The subject should clearly specify the topic (e.g. "Action Alert: Education") so people can easily delete messages if they are on topics they are not interested in.

6. Offer the option to send the Capitol Letter by e-mail. Those attending are willing to pay the same price as for regular mail, or it could be done as a "Per Local League" option, charging a little more, and set up one contact per LL and allow that person to forward the information to other LL members. This may already be being done with the mailed copies of the Capitol Letter anyway. As the Lobbyists' reports come in to the State office, have them sent out immediately on E-mail for quick action. When the final letter is completed, then do the standard paper copying and mailing.

We will offer it next year, but staff needs to watch how it impacts the number of subscribers so that costs are covered. The information is not ready in pieces, but can be sent out in e-mail.

7. Bill numbers should be included in all action alerts and Capitol Letters because the ability to search for bills on the State Legislature pages using keywords is no longer available.

Bill numbers are included, but may have been missed occasionally. We will add instructions on how to look up bills on our web page and send it out in lwvmn-share.

8. LL's would like to us to come and talk to them about the advantages of using e-mail. A number of other people who did not attend the caucus made similar requests. Are we going to have fall workshops? This would be a good way to get information to many Leagues at the same time.

We will have fall workshops. Going out to individual Leagues takes more time than any of has. Can we get a grant in the future for a paid position?

9. Voter editors would like more information in e-mail because it's easy to copy into their local newsletters.

Diane will talk to Cynthia Krieg who is the new Voter Editor, and is a member of the Technology Committee.

10. Update catalog listings on the Web page.

Diane and Ady will include as part of updates.

11. Set up a procedure for State Board members, staff with responsibility for creating/maintaining information to automatically send the information to the Web Master for timely Web page updates. Don't make the Web Master have to search and follow up for each piece of data.

All board information will be sent to Diane so we can include the appropriate info on our pages.

Eydie Kargas inquired (through Paula) about what would be involved in teleconferencing a St. Paul curriculum conference in August. There are teleconference sites in the Twin City area, although it is likely to be expensive. Teddy Geokezas may be able to provide information, since she was recently involved in a teleconference on water quality. Eydie also inquired about a 1998 training conference being sponsored by the New Mexico League and the University of New Mexico. The U of NM should have teleconference capabilities.

State League priorities:

1. fax/scanner and a phone line
2. 3 stations, with more memory and modems plus phone lines
3. phone line for the 3 computers to share

Diane is meeting with the LWVMN staff and Lucent Technologies about the phone system.

Next technology meeting Monday July 14 at 11:30.

Submitted by Ady Wickstrom.

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From: Adrienne A. Wickstrom [ady.wickstrom@wavefront.com]
Sent: Sunday, May 18, 1997 6:22 PM
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LWVMN State Convention Technology Caucus Notes - April 25, 1997

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(if we missed anyone, please let us know)

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*Action Alerts by topic
w/ detailed info. of
on share list Bill #'s*

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*Webmaster on
subscription list*

We will be discussing this list at our technology meeting Monday May 19 at 11:30.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: 03/31/97
TO: Technology Committee Members
FROM: Diane Gibson, Chair
RE: Technology Committee Meeting Notice & Minutes

MEETING NOTICE

Technology Committee Meeting

Monday, May 19, 1997
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

MWB

8/13/97 at Aug Board mtg
Convention Caucus
positions on Web Page - EF/Mn w/ link
• See how other states have done
demo web site for Board
Short

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LWVMNEF TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MINUTES
March 28, 1997

Present: Gibson, Pursley, Wickstrom, Sprague

1. Minutes of previous meeting were approved by general consent.
2. Volunteer hours forms: Diane reminded everyone to fill out the forms which were submitted.
3. Convention Planning:
 - A. Ribbons: Peggy Thompson will get purple ribbons for all Tech. Cmte. members present.
 - B. Caucus content and facilitation: We will start the conversation by asking attendees how they see the future use of technology and the League; where our committee should focus our efforts (and sign up if they want to join us!!). All present committee members are asked to attend the caucus and participate in the discussion. Ady will create a fly to advertise our caucus and workshops, print on purple paper and pass them out or hang up.
 - C. Staff registration/information table: All available committee members "hang out" by our table at the registration area during these times: Fri. 10-11 am, 5:30-6:15 pm; Sat. 8-8:30 am. We will have 50 copies of our materials available for people to pick up, plus our purple flyers. (These same materials will be available at the workshops.) Ady will bring a laptop computer with our LWVMN web pages loaded for demos at the table, the caucus and the workshop.
 - D. Workshop handout: We decided to keep all material on separate pages, and no longer than one double sided page per topic. This way people can pick up only what appeals to them.

Barb will create a Web Site list and make 100 copies. List to include Secretary of State, Ethical practices, LWVUS, LWVMN, E-Democracy, various search engines, Mpls and St. Paul newspapers, all local TV stations with Web sites. All committee members e-mail Barb with your Web site ideas including a brief one-line description.

Paula will create the information on how to subscribe to LWVMN Share and CyberVoter an send to Barb to be added at the end of the Web Site page.

Diane will try to get 100 copies of the 2/97 "City Business" issue, which has an extensive resource list of internet service providers. She will also bring copies of the Tech Cmte page from the new "How to Make a Difference".

Ady will update the Glossary page and get copied.
 - E. Workshop Coverage: Diane will speak at both workshops. Each committee member will attend one of the sessions: Ady and Paula at the 1st, Florence and maybe Barb at the 2nd, all others attend one of them please.
4. Technology Committee Direction: Diane has explained she no longer has the time necessary to "properly" lead the committee and asked if any other member would take over the chairship. No one volunteered. We discussed the situation and solutions. The Nominating Committee (Sandy Cooper) could try to recruit a new chair; we could make this an informal committee that's more reactive than proactive, and not have it be a Board position, keeping up the Web

pages and requesting a Board member as our sponsor. We decided the last alternative was the best solution for now. Diane will talk with Sandy Cooper and Kay Erickson.

5. LWV Database: Ady met with Celeste to become familiar with the systems and needs and will be submitting a report to Sally Sawyer. The League has duplicate information in different databases making it cumbersome and time-consuming to keep the information current and accurate. Ady recommended adding some additional fields to the master database and eliminating some of the databases and showed Celeste how to use them. They plan to meet again and will gradually get the database in shape.
6. The next meeting is Mon., May 19, 1997, 11:30 am-1:00 pm, at the Women's Building. We will discuss the results of our Convention workshops and caucus, as well as the future of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Pursley

5/19/97 Technology

Ady Wickstrom, Paula Pursley, Florence Sprague,
Dianne Gibson, Sally, Cilente

~~[at Retreat]~~

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Subject: Fw: technology speaker recommendation
Date: Thu, 8 May 1997 15:03:24 -0500
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Diane and Celeste - fyi. Share with anyone who may be interested.

Paula

> From: Beth Nathan <bnathan@atlanta.com>
> To: LWVWEBMASTERS@libertynet.org
> Subject: technology speaker recommendation
> Date: Thursday, May 08, 1997 7:42 AM
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> Webmasters may not be the exactly right group to hear this, but it's the
closest forum I know of.
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> This week I attended a conference called the Georgia Government
Technology Forum sponsored by Government Technology Magazine (out of
Sacramento, CA). There was one speaker yesterday that I would recommend
your hearing if you ever have the chance and that I would like to recommend
as a potential speaker for a national LWVUS convention.
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> His topic was "Information Technology in Government -- Waves of Change".
His name is George Lindamood and he is VP & Research Director for
Government IT Services with the Gartner Group, a consulting organization. I
spoke with him after his talk and broached the idea of his speaking to a
LWV group and he was warm to the idea. He speaks of what citizens expect
from their governments and how governments can use technology to fill those
citizen needs.
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> Gartner Group has a webpage at www.gartner.com. Mr. Lindamood's email is
cybrtigr@olympus.net and he is based on the Olympic peninsula in Washington
state.
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> You may be able to get a sense of his content & style from the quotes he
used liberally on his factual slides. I wrote as fast as I could and I've
asked for a copy of the slides.
> "The best way to predict the future is to invent it." Alan Kay
> "There is the risk you cannot take and there is the risk you cannot
afford not to take." Peter Drucker
> "May you live in interesting times." Chinese curse
> "We shape our tools, and thereafter they shape us." John Culkin
> "Let us remember the fundamental truth: it is not the technology that
matters, but the message." Jan V. White
> "For every complex problem, there's a simple solution -- and it's wrong."
H.L. Mencken
> "If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you
always got." ... Governor of Nebraska (?)
> "Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre
minds." Albert Einstein
> "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Proverbs 29:18
> "The truth will set you free, but first it will piss you off." Joseph
Sensenbrenner
> "When you come to a fork in the road, take it." xxx
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> Beth Nathan
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