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Minneapolis, Minn., Oct 16, 1914
 Dr. Mary McCoy of Duluth, second
 vice president, called the
 33rd annual convention of the
 Minnesota Woman Suffrage
 Association to order at 10 a.m.
 in the Unitarian Church. In
 the absence of the president,
 Mrs. A. H. Bright, Dr. McCoy
 invited Mrs. Stockwell to preside.

Rev. Wm. Backus led the
 convention in prayer after
 which Mrs. V. B. Blythe of
 Minneapolis made the address
 of welcome in the name of the
 six Minneapolis suffrage clubs,
 which was responded to by Dr.
 Mary McCoy of Duluth.

The chairman appointed the
 following committees:

Mrs. V. C. Sherman, Dr. Hock
 and Mrs. E. B. Farmer on
 Resolutions.

Credentials Dr. Mary McCoy
 of Duluth, Mrs. F. L. Washburn,
 Miss Youmans (Winona)

Badges & Buttons - Mrs. Bohri

Dr. Ethel Hurd moved that the
 first work of the resolutions
 committee be done at once. That
 they frame a special resolution
 of sympathy to Mrs. Bright and
 send it immediately by special
 messenger. Carried.

The reports of officers were
 then called for.

The corresponding secretary

reported the work that had been done in her office.

This was followed by a letter from the president in which she urged that the convention provide for the expenses of the State Board in its work.

The treasurer, Mrs. F. L. Washburn reported a balance of \$22.13.

* As the auditor was not present, the treasurer's report could not be acted upon until later.

In Dr. Anna Hurd's report for the Lecture Bureau she pointed out the need of money to place a free lecture before non-suffrage assemblies. Report adopted.

Mrs. A. H. Potter, chairman of the Woman's Journal committee reported 109 new yearly subscriptions and made a plea that all good suffragists subscribe for the Woman's Journal. Report adopted.

In the report of the Chairman of the Church Committee, Mrs. H. A. Pomlison said that altho there was not much local work done the outlook in the church at large was encouraging. R. Adopted.

Dr. Anten Pine, Chairman of the literature committee reported that much literature had been sent out and the expense incurred had been met by the chairman.

Report adopted.

Dr. Hurd gave a report of the Publicity work which was accepted.

Before the chairmen of committees were called upon to report the resolutions committee presented the following to be endorsed by the Convention:

Whereas, our beloved president has been overtaken by a profound and overwhelming sorrow, therefore, be it resolved:

That we, the members of the M. W. S. A. in convention assembled do extend to her our deepest sympathy in the hour of her great bereavement.

Mrs. V. C. Sherman, Chairman of the Constitution committee presented the following amendments:

Minnesota
Woman Suffrage Association
Call of the 33rd
Annual Convention



To Members and Others Interested:

The 33rd Annual Convention of this Association will be held at Minneapolis, in the First Unitarian Church October 16th and 17th, 1914. All members are expected to attend if possible and a cordial invitation is extended to all others who believe in the political freedom of women and also to those not yet in sympathy with the movement, but are open minded and willing to fairly consider the wisdom and expediency of a broader democracy.

This movement has passed the experimental stage. More than four million women in ten states are now enfranchised and no evil predicted has resulted. On the contrary these voting women have become a great power for good. Why should not the women of Minnesota be also given the chance to prove their worth? Are they not as capable and trustworthy as the women already enfranchised? We appeal to those who are guided by reason, not prejudice, who are not afraid of human aspiration toward a larger life and fuller liberty, who really believe in Democracy and are not at heart believers in some sort of aristocracy.

EMILY H. BRIGHT, President.
EVA W. MORSE, Secretary.

September 17th, 1914.

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Whereas, our beloved president, has been overtaken by a profound and overwhelming sorrow, therefore, be it resolved:

That we, the members of the M. W. S. A. in convention assembled do extend to her our deepest sympathy in the hour of her great bereavement.

Mrs. V. C. Sherman, Chairman of the Constitution committee presented the following amendments:

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS OF THE MINNESOTA WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

(a) Amend by changing the number of Section 2 of By-Laws to Section 8.

(b) Insert as Section 2.

Standing committees shall be as follows:—Press, Legislative, Literature, Publicity, Constitution, Woman's Journal, Lecture Bureau, Church Education, Ways and Means. Other committees may be added at the discretion of the Official Board. The President may select chairman of standing committees, subject to the approval of the Executive Board, and shall be ex-officio a member of all committees.

(c) Amendment to Section 4.

Strike out Robert's Rules of Order and insert Emma Laird Longan's Parliamentary Rules.

The Constitution Committee recommends:

1st: That the existing clubs be urged to extend their membership throughout their respective legislative districts. In all cases when club membership is composed of individuals scattered through two or more legislative districts, such membership shall become the nucleus and basis for a separate organization in each legislative district represented.

2nd: That a state committee be appointed to initiate such work in those districts where no club exists according to the Political District Plan as outlined in the Hand-book for working suffragists.

Mrs. V. C. Sherman, Chairman.

Mrs. T. I. Thomsen.

Mrs. Virginia B. Blythe.

Mrs. Lewis moved that the amendments be considered separately. Mrs. Sherman, re read the first amendment, which was Sec 2. Mrs. J. F. Martin moved to adopt this amendment.

Mrs. Lewis moved to amend the amendment by changing may to shall. Carried.

On motion the amendment as amended was carried.

Dr. Hurd moved Sec. 4 be adopted. Carried.

Dr. Hurd moved that the next amendment be left to be considered after the work conference as it was chiefly valuable in the event certain plans were made. Carried.

The press chairman, Mrs. E. B. Farmer reported that she had sent out 6000 pieces of printed matter, 6000 leaflets and had written 335 letters on suffrage work. Adopted.

Mrs. P. L. De Voist of Duluth reported for the Educational Committee which was adopted.

The member of the National Executive Council, Mrs. George M. Kenyon urged that every suffragist attend a National Convention as it was impossible to be a full fledged suffragist without that experience. Adopted.

This finished the morning program but as there was still some time remaining Dr. Hurd

moved that the reports of clubs be heard at that time. Carried

Dr. Mary McCoy of Duluth reported that her club held 10 regular meetings during the year and that educational and propaganda work was continually carried on.

Adopted.

Mrs. McRae read the report of the Redwood Falls Club which had been very active during the past year. Among its other activities it had a successful automobile parade which was later shown at the moving picture shows and won great applause.

Approved.

Dr. Hartman reported for the St Paul Political Equality Club. Among other things this club had helped in the May 2 demonstrations and had secured permanent hdqts. It has brought prominent speakers to St. Paul and has arranged for local speeches and debates.

Approved.

The Political Equality club of Minneapolis was reported by Mrs. Jaeger. The club has carried on the Legislative Luncheons and took an active part in the May 2 parade. It sent out many resolutions and letters of protest many of which were heeded.

Mrs. Finsterbach reported for the Socialist Suffrage Club. She said in part that they were

working with the lid on because they were anxious not to injure the suffrage cause and that all socialists were suffragists and were always glad to assist in spreading suffrage literature. Approved.

Dr. Hurd asked the chairman to assign places to the different clubs so the delegates of each club could sit together.

Mrs. Lewis announced that at the request of the president Mrs. A. H. Bright she had brought copies of Anna Laird Longan's parliamentary law which could be obtained from her.

On motion the meeting adj.
Eva W Morse Sec.

Oct 16, 1914

The afternoon meeting of the Convention was called to order by Mrs. Andrus Heland at 1:30

Dr. Hurd asked to have Mrs. Atwood, president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, come to the platform.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Mrs. Heland opened the afternoon program with a presentation of the need of immediate work in Minnesota and different ways of carrying on this work.

Mrs. A. H. Potter presented the political district plan which is in successful operation in New York. If this were put in operation in Minn. there would be 67 districts. This requires a leader per each district and as each district would be divided into precincts a chairman of each precinct.

These leaders would keep in touch with each other through some state organizations and it would be possible to easily reach every suffrage leader in the state.

Mrs. Kingsley suggested ways of advertising suffrage.

Mrs. Heland made an appeal for money for the State Work and the following pledges were made:

Mrs. A. H. Potter	50 ⁰⁰
Mrs. G. H. Partidge	50 ⁰⁰
Mrs. E. A. Stockwell	25 ⁰⁰
Mrs. Nellie H. Nelson	25 ⁰⁰
Mrs. David Simpson	25 ⁰⁰
Dr. Ethel Hurd (monthly)	12 ⁰⁰
Mrs. A. A. Taylor	20 ⁰⁰
Mrs. J. B. Nelson (monthly)	12 ⁰⁰
Mrs. H. Wilson "	12 ⁰⁰
Rev. Mary Andrews	10 ⁰⁰
Dr. McCoy	10 ⁰⁰
Mrs. A. B. Jackson	10 ⁰⁰
Mrs. S. J. Gaus	10 ⁰⁰
Mrs. F. H. Washburn	10 ⁰⁰
Mrs. Finsterbach	5 ⁰⁰
Mrs. F. A. Camp	5 ⁰⁰
Mrs. Peter Schwarz (Dodge)	5 ⁰⁰
Mrs. Frank Crary	1.00 pd.
Mrs. Cora Clark	1 ⁰⁰
Mrs. O. B. Gould	1 ⁰⁰
Political Equality Mpls.	100 ⁰⁰
Equal Suffrage Assn. Mpls.	100 ⁰⁰
Scandinavian Club	25 ⁰⁰
St. Paul Pol. Eq. Club.	25 ⁰⁰
	549 ⁰⁰

After the pledges were taken, Mrs. Daugherty took charge of the meeting.

Mrs. Sherman was asked to finish the report on the amendments. Dr. Hurd moved that this report be postponed.

Mrs. Lewis moved to amend - until after the final report of the credential committee.

The amendment carried and on motion the amendment as

amended carried

As it seemed to be the wish of the convention Dr. Hurd moved that the Credential committee make a partial report. Carried

Dr. McCoy read the names of the accredited delegates that were then in the possession of the credential committee.

Miss Mary McFadden spoke on legislative needs. She said successful work demanded tact, silence and a knowledge of the game.

Fraternal greetings were expressed for the State Federation of Women's Clubs by Mrs. Atwood Educational Association by

Miss Agnes Daugherty. Progressive Party by Sen. Reike W.C.T.U. by Pres. Mary Andrews Prohibition Party by Mr. George F. Wells

On motion the meeting adj.

Eva W. Morse Rec Sec.

Minneapolis, Minn., Oct 17, 1914.
The Convention was called to order
by the 1st vice president, Miss Doherty.
The minutes of the previous meeting
were read and approved.

Dr. Hurd gave formal notice
that she would propose an
amendment to the constitution
changing the method of electing
the officers.

As some clubs did not make their
reports yesterday they were in-
vited to make them to-day.

Excelsior club reported by Mrs. Charles
Womens Workers " Mrs. Monahan.
Winona " Mrs. Ross.

Mr. Childs was invited to bring
greetings from the Saturday
lunch club which he characterized
as a message from political
meddlers to political meddlers.

At the conclusion of Mr. Childs
remarks Dr. McCoy asked if
those delegates ^{president} from clubs who
were also members of the
State Board were entitled to
two votes.

In answer the presiding officer
asked for an official parliamentary
Mrs. Stockwell moved that Mrs.
Lewis be invited to act.
Carried.

Mrs. Lewis ruled that no person
was entitled to more than one vote.

Dr. McCoy gave formal
notice that at the next convention

she would introduce an amendment to the constitution forbidding proxies to be used in the next convention.

Miss Errie Williams moved that the credential committees ask the delegates from the different clubs whether the clubs had authorized the delegates present to vote for the absent delegates. Carried.

As Mr. Albert of Washington was in the room the presiding officer invited him to address the convention. He said his residence in a suffrage state had converted him.

Mrs. Stockwell moved that the next order of business be made the election of officers. Carried. ^{The credential committee was asked to prepare to make its final report} the absence of the auditors the chair appointed Mrs. H. A. Tomlinson and Miss Ross of Winona.

Mrs. Stockwell moved that we refuse to ratify the action of the delegates at the Washington Convention in pledging \$100 instead of \$50 as they were instructed by the Board. Carried. Ayes 54 Nays 26.

Mrs. Ueland announced that a member of the Equal Suffrage Association of Minneapolis will pay the \$50 so Miss can meet the pledge to the National

The Credential Committee
reported as follows

Directors	8
Officers	12
Chm. standing com.	10
Mpls. pol. Eq. League	61 prov.
St Paul Woman's Welfare League	35 ind.
Women's Workers Mpls.	8 prov.
Excelsior	2 ind.
Winona	9 prov.
Redwood Falls	6 prov.
St. Paul Pol Eq.	13 prov.
Duluth	1 ind.
Woman's Socialist Club	5-
Total	170

Mrs. Stockwell moved report
of credential committee be
adopted. Carried.

The chairman appointed as
tellers

Mrs. Bond	Mpls.
Miss Ross	Winona
Mrs. Deloit	Duluth
Dr. Hadman	St. Paul

The presiding officer asked
for instructions and Mrs.
Jaeger moved that the candidate
for each office be voted upon
separately. Carried.

In each case nominations
for the office were called for, the
informal ballot was taken
and as only one name appeared
in each case a motion was
carried authorizing the secretary
to cast the formal ballot.

Pres. nominated

Mrs. Heland nominated by Mrs. Harrison 119 votes.

1st Vice Mrs. Kenyon

The following were elected:

President	Mrs. Andrus Heland.
1st Vice	Mrs. George Kenyon.
2nd Vice	Dr. Mary McCoy
3rd Vice	Mrs. Alwood

While the tellers were counting the ballots for President the presiding officer asked Mrs. Sherman to make her final report on the constitution.

Mrs. Sherman read the proposed amendment to Sec 8.

Miss Barber moved the adoption of this amendment.

Mrs. Potter moved the word suffrage be inserted in Sec. 8.

The amendment was carried and the motion as amended was also carried.

Mrs. Sherman moved the adoption of the report of the constitutional committee as a whole. Carried.

Mrs. Lewis ^{in behalf of Mrs. Longan} presented the Association with one of those books on Parliamentary Club laws.

Miss Katherine Smith moved a vote of thanks be extended to Mrs. Longan. Carried.

On motion the meeting adj.
Eva W. Morse

Oct. 17

The afternoon session of the M.W.S.A. ^{convention} was called to order by the vice president, Miss Agnes Doherty.

Mrs. P. L. De Voigt of Duluth moved that the incoming Board be instructed to appoint a committee on the revision of the Constitution and By-laws, Carried.

The minutes were dispensed with by common consent.

Mrs. H. A. Tomlinson chairman of auditing committee reported that the treasurer's books were correct.

Mrs. Jaeger moved the adoption of this report. Carried.

As much time was wasted in discussion after the convention proceeded to the election of officers that

Dr. Hurd moved that all discussion as to the form of election be omitted. Carried.

The presiding officer read the following telegrams

Cheyenne Wyo.

Minnesota Woman Suffrage Convention
Greetings to Conventionist. With you in spirit. Success to Minnesota.

Gertrude S. Hunter.

The following	Officers were elected.
President	Mrs. Andreas Heland
1st Vice Pres.	Mrs. George Kenyon.
2nd Vice Pres.	Dr. McCoy.
3rd " "	Mrs. Atwood.
4 " "	Miss Youmans

5th. Vice president Margaret Evans
 Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Stockwell.
 Recording Secretary Eva W Morse.
 Treasurer Mrs. Victor Troendel
 1st Auditor Mrs. Tomlinson
 2nd Auditor Mrs. Russel Bennett
 Directors: Mrs. Peterson
 " Jaeger
 Mrs. Carey
 Mrs. Schwartz
 Dr. Ethel Hurd
 Dr. Hartman
 Mrs. Jackson
 Mrs. Coburn

Mrs. A. H. Bright was elected member of the Nat. Ex. Bd., by acclamation.

Mrs. Stockwell moved that program of the afternoon be taken up.
Carried.

Miss Doherty invited Mrs. Heland to take chair. Mrs. Heland spoke briefly of the responsibilities of the work and then continued the program.

Dr. Hurd was called upon to present the special resolutions by the Social Hygiene Committee of the M. F. W. C.

The first was a resolution on Marriage and Divorce.

Dr. Hurd moved that this resolution be adopted.
Carried.

The second resolution was on the sterilization of defectives & imbeciles.

Dr. Hurd moved that this resolution be carried.
Carried

Miss Monahan moved that the
M. W. S. A. endorse the initiative
and referendum, the first amendment
Carried.

Mrs. Lewis asked that the
convention stand to show
its appreciation of the former
president of this body.

Dr. Anna Hurd made an
able presentation of the
Shafroth and Mondell Amendments.
Miss Josephine Behar gave
greetings from North Dakota.
Mrs. Heland asked for
subscriptions.

Dr. Margaret Koch	25 ⁰⁰
Mrs. Bostrom	10 ⁰⁰
Mrs. Dorsett	10 ⁰⁰
Mrs. E. Dana Durant	5 ⁰⁰
Collection.	3.25-

Mrs. Sherman, chairman of
the Resolutions ^{committee} presented the
following:

Whereas; Recognizing that the
arbitration treaties negotiated by
our State Department are of
particular importance in this crisis
of the world's affairs and point
to a solution of international
disputes and Whereas: all in line
with this policy as even more important
the endeavors on the part of
President Wilson to use the principle
of arbitration

in domestic industrial warfare and
Whiskas, realizing the absolute
need of moderation in speech and
action in all matters bearing upon the
war in Europe, therefore be it

Resolved that we the members of the
M. W. S. A. in convention assembled,
do use our best endeavors to allay
the excitement engendered by this
war and that we express hearty
appreciation of the successful
efforts of our Federal government
to maintain neutrality on this
continent, and further

Resolved that we pledge ourselves
individually and collectively
to further the interests of peace
and good will among men in
all human relations and in
every country.

4. Resolved that the M. W. S. A.
express thanks to Miss Whitted
for her valuable assistance in
decorating and to Mrs. Maud C
Stockwell for the garden flowers
used in the convention hall.

The minutes for Oct 17 were
read and approved.

Eva W. Morse
Sec.

The 34th Annual Convention of the M. W. S. A. was opened October 7, 1915 in the St. Paul Hotel, St. Paul with Mrs. Andreas Heland in the chair.

The convention was opened by invocation led by Rev. Leonard of St. Paul, followed by the address of welcome by Mrs. C. P. Hayes which was happily responded to by Mrs. Harold Crasweller of Duluth, in the absence of Mrs. Lawrence.

Mrs. George Kenyon moved that the printed program be adopted as the official order of procedure for the convention. Carried.

The president called for reports of officers as follows.

Recording Secretary - Eva W. Morse

Corresponding Secretary - Mrs. S. A. Stockwell
Mrs. Stockwell also gave the report for the State Headquarters as made out by Miss Minnie Trimble.

The treasurer, Mrs. Victor Troendle reported receipts for the year \$4131.36 expenditures \$4086.39 leaving a balance of 44.97

Mrs. H. A. Tomlinson, auditor, reported that the treasurer's books were correct. Mrs. S. A. Stockwell moved that the report of treasurer as audited be accepted. Carried.

The president announced the following committees;

Credential Committee.

Mrs. S. A. Stockwell
Mrs. Alice Taylor
Mrs. Harold Crasweller.

Resolutions Committee

Mrs. L. C. Bacon.
Miss Hope McDonald
Miss Nellie Merrill
Mrs. Bryan White.

Hospitality Committee

Mrs. C. P. Hojes.
Dr. Ethel Hurd.
Mrs. John Schwartz.
Mrs. Victor Trundle.
Dr. Mary Hartman.
Mrs. P. G. Schwarz.

Parliamentarian.

Mrs. J. C. Holman

The clubs of the state were reported as follows:

St. Paul Political Equality Club.

by Dr. Hartman

St. Paul Woman's Welfare League

by Mrs. C. P. Hojes.

St. Minneapolis Political Equality Club.

by Miss M. E. Usher.

Scandinavian Woman Suffrage Association of Minnesota

by Mrs. Luth Jaeger.

Minneapolis Equal Suffrage Association

by Mrs. Walter Thorpe.

Minneapolis Socialist Suffrage Club.
by Mrs. Finsterbach
Minneapolis Home Study Suffrage
Club
by Mrs. F.A. Kingsley.

Mrs. Kinyon announced the
program for this evening and the
banquet for ~~Thursday~~ Friday night.

The session adjourned to meet
at 1:30 P.M.

Eva W. Morse
Rec. Sec.

Approved.

October 7, 1915. 1:30 P.M.

The session was called to order by the President, Mrs. Andreas Ueland.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Mrs. A. R. Hall, chairman of the Constitution presented the new constitution, but as the credential committee was unable to make a report because some of the credentials were late in coming in, ^{for final} action was deferred until such report could be given.

Dr. Mellentine of Los Angeles was asked to speak and then a short recess was taken.

The meeting was again called to order and Mrs. Stockwell gave the credential committee report as follows:

The officers and accredited delegates present and entitled to vote numbered 184.

Dr. Ethel Hurd moved the report of the credential committee be adopted. Carried.

Mrs. Hall was asked to present the constitution by sections to be acted upon. In each case Mrs. Hall moved the adoption of the section as read.

CONSTITUTION.
ARTICLE I.
NAME.

The name of this organization shall be the "Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association."

Carried

Dr. Hurd moved that the preamble as given in the old constitution be retained.
Carried.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, the undersigned, all residents of the State of Minnesota, have hereby associated ourselves together to become incorporated, and do hereby form a corporation under Sections 3102 to 3109 inclusive of the Revised Laws of 1905 of the State of Minnesota, and the acts amendatory thereof, and to that end have adopted and do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

OBJECT.

The object of this organization shall be to secure the right of suffrage to the women of Minnesota and of the United States in order that they may obtain industrial and legal as well as political equality.

Adopted.

Article I.
Sec 2

Art ~~IX~~ I
Sec 3.

Inserted:
The location of this ^{corporation} organization shall be in the city of St. Paul, Minn.

Article II.

Sec 1.

MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. There shall be three (3) classes of members in this organization:—

Legislative District organizations, Suffrage Societies, and Life Members.

Section 2. Any suffrage society in this state numbering ten (10) members may become auxiliary to this organization.

Section 3. Any person who shall make a payment of fifty dollars (\$50.00) into the treasury of the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association shall become a life member of the organization.

Adopted.

Adopted.

Adopted.

Section 4. Each auxiliary society or club of the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association shall send to the Treasurer of the state organization ten cents (\$.10) per member on or before August 30th of each year.

Section 5. Each Legislative District of the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association shall send to the Treasurer of the state organization five dollars (\$5.00) on or before August 30th of each year.

Article 7 of the by-laws was moved to Art II. of the constitution

and adopted as sections 4 and 5 of that article.

Article IV

MEETINGS.

Section 1. The annual meeting of this corporation shall be held on the second Friday and following Saturday of October of each year at ten A. M., at the City of St. Paul, Minnesota, but said corporation may hold any of its meetings or transact any of its business at such other time, place, or places, within the State of Minnesota as the majority of its members may determine by vote direct or through its executive board. Other meetings may be called by the president with the consent, or at the request of three members of the executive board.

Adopted.

Article III.

Sec 1.

OFFICERS.

Section 1. The officers of this organization shall be—

a President,
five Vice Presidents,
one Recording Secretary,
one Corresponding Secretary,
one Treasurer,
one Auditor,

all to be elected from its membership.

Section 2. The vice-presidents shall be elected one from each of the cities of first class, Saint Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth, and two from the state outside of these cities.

Mrs. Goff moved that the clause "and the state members from the legislative groups" be added to the third section in article III. This amendment carried and the amendment as amended was adopted.

Section 3. The control and management of this organization shall be vested in an executive Board which shall be composed of its officers and eight (8) directors, all to be elected from the membership of the organization at the annual meeting; and the chairmen of its standing committees,

and the state members from the legislative groups.

Article I section 1 of the by-laws was moved to section 4 of Article III. Dr. Hurd moved that the word second be changed to last and as this amendment carried the section is as follows:

Section 1. The General Officers of this organization shall be elected on the ~~second~~ day of the annual meeting.
last

*Mrs. Hall moved that the constitution as a whole be adopted at to-morrow's session. Carried.
(See article IV on page 44)
By-Laws,
Article 1.*

Sec 1.

Section 1. Election shall be by formal ballot.

Miss Ossie Williams moved that sections

2 and 3 as presented be omitted and
Section 2 read:

Sec. 2. All elections shall be by the Australian
ballot system. Carried.

Sec. 3.

Section 3. A majority of all votes
cast shall be necessary for an election.

Article II.

Sec. 1. Dr. Hurd moved that in the place
of the five sections as given
the following be substituted:

The duties of all officers shall be
such as are outlined in Emma
Laird Longan's Parliamentary Rules
Made Easy. Carried.

Article III.

Sec 1

ARTICLE III. TERM OF OFFICE.

Section 1. Newly elected officers
shall assume office directly after the
last session of the annual meeting at
which they have been elected.

Approved.

ARTICLE IV. ORGANIZATION.

Section 1. Each Legislative District
in Minnesota shall be entitled to one
District Suffrage organization, auxiliary
to this organization.

Section 2. The Legislative District
organization shall be presided over by
a Leader who shall be a member of
that District organization, elected for
one year at the annual meeting of that
District organization.

Section 3. The Legislative Districts
of the state shall be combined into not
less than eight groups.

Section 4. The Leaders of each
group of Legislative Districts shall, be-
fore October eighth (8th) of each year
select one of their number to be the
state member for that group on the
Executive Board.

ARTICLE V. VACANCIES.

Section 1. The Executive Board
shall have power to fill all vacancies
which may occur in its membership
during the year.

Adopted

Adopted.

ARTICLE VI. REPRESENTATION.

Section 1. All members of the Executive Board are entitled to vote at any meeting of this organization.

Section 2. The President and three (3) accredited delegates from each auxiliary club of ten members shall each have a vote.

Section 3. For each ten members, after the first ten, each auxiliary club may send one accredited delegate.

Section 4. Each Legislative District ~~group~~ shall be entitled to ten (10) delegates who shall be chosen as the District organization shall decide.

Mrs. Potter moved
that in Article
VI. Section 4, the
word group be
stricken out, otherwise the ~~section~~
article was carried as presented.

Article 7.

Sec. 1

Section 1. Three quarterly conferences, beginning in January, shall be held during the year outside of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

approved.

Sec. 2.

Dr. Hurd made the following substitute motion for Sec 2 -

"The Executive Board shall hold regular monthly meetings.

Carried.

Section 3. Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President, or at the request of five members of the Executive Board.

Section 4. Written notice of each meeting shall be sent to every member of the Executive Board.

Section 5. The Legislative District organizations of the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association shall hold their annual meetings not later than September 30th of each year.

Carried

Article 8.

ARTICLE IX. 8 QUORUM.

Section 1. Seven (7) members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 2. Thirty (30) members of the state organization shall constitute a quorum for the annual meeting.

Carried.

ARTICLE X. COMMITTEES.

Section 1. The Standing Committees shall be:

1. Finance.
2. Press and Publicity.
3. Suffrage Periodicals.
4. Congressional.
5. Legislative.
6. Public Demonstrations.
7. Member of National Executive Council.

Section 2. Special Committees shall be appointed from time to time by the Executive Board as it shall deem them desirable.

Carried.

ARTICLE ~~XI~~ 10
PUBLIC AUDITOR.

Section 1. All accounts of the Treasurer shall be audited by a public auditor who shall report upon his findings at the annual meeting.

Section 2. This auditor, to be paid from the treasury of the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association.

Carried.

ARTICLE ~~XII~~ 11
PROCEDURE.

Section 1. At all meetings of this organization the procedure shall be according to "Robert's Rules of Order," unless covered by this Constitution and By-Laws.

Carried.

* Emma Laird Seng's
Parliamentary rules
made easy.

After the adoption of Article 11 Dr. Hurd asked for the floor and moved that Article 6 of the old By Laws be made a part of the new.

6. This association shall be auxiliary to the National American Woman Suffrage Association.

A lively discussion followed and when the question was raised as to who should decide whether the M.W.S.A. might withdraw from the National or not, the president ruled that this power of decision must rest with the convention.

Mrs. Stockwell offered the following substitute motion for Dr. Hurd's.

Article
12.

All affiliations of this association shall be decided by the association at its annual meetings or at a special meeting of the body.
Carried.

Proposed Constitution and By-Laws of the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

The name of this organization shall be the "Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association."

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.

The object of this organization shall be to secure the right of suffrage to the women of Minnesota and of the United States in order that they may obtain industrial and legal as well as political equality.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. There shall be three (3) classes of members in this organization:

Legislative District organizations, Suffrage Societies, and Life Members.

Section 2. Any suffrage society in this state numbering ten (10) members may become auxiliary to this organization.

Section 3. Any person who shall make a payment of fifty dollars (\$50.00) into the treasury of the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association shall become a life member of the organization.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

Section 1. The officers of this organization shall be—

a President,
five Vice Presidents,
one Recording Secretary,
one Corresponding Secretary,
one Treasurer,
one Auditor,

all to be elected from its membership.

Section 2. The vice-presidents shall be elected one from each of the cities of first class, Saint Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth, and two from the state outside of these cities.

Section 3. The control and management of this organization shall be vested in an executive Board which shall be composed of its officers and eight (8) directors, all to be elected from the membership of the organization at the annual meeting; and the chairmen of its standing committees.

ARTICLE V.

AMENDMENTS.

Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by any member of the organization, provided that notice of such proposed amendment shall be filed with the Recording Secretary of the organization not less than thirty (30) days before the annual meeting at which such amendment is to be considered.

Section 2. A two thirds (2/3) vote of those present, entitled to vote, shall be necessary to amend this Constitution.

Section 3. Thirty (30) shall constitute a quorum for amending this Constitution.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

ELECTIONS.

Section 1. The General Officers of this organization shall be elected on the second day of the annual meeting.

Section 2. Election shall be by formal ballot.

Section 3. Nominations for General Officers shall be made in writing on sheets prepared and posted in the assembly hall on the first day of the annual meeting by the chairman of the Elections Committee.

Section 4. The three candidates for each office receiving the largest number of votes on the informal ballot shall be the nominees for the formal ballot.

Section 5. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for an election.

ARTICLE II.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Section 1. The duties of all officers shall be such as pertain to their offices.

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She shall render reports at all Executive Board meetings and at the annual Convention.

She shall furnish credential blanks to all auxiliary societies.

She shall pay bills only upon order of the Executive Board.

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Section 4. The Auditor shall examine the books and reports of the Treasurer quarterly and report concerning them to the Executive Board.

Section 5. The Executive Board shall at all times carry out the will of the organization as expressed at any legal meeting.

ARTICLE III.

TERM OF OFFICE.

Section 1. Newly elected officers shall assume office directly after the last session of the annual meeting at which they have been elected.

ARTICLE IV.

ORGANIZATION.

Section 1. Each Legislative District in Minnesota shall be entitled to one District Suffrage organization, auxiliary to this organization.

Section 2. The Legislative District organization shall be presided over by a Leader who shall be a member of that District organization, elected for one year at the annual meeting of that District organization.

Section 3. The Legislative Districts of the state shall be combined into not less than eight groups.

Section 4. The Leaders of each group of Legislative Districts shall, before October eighth (8th) of each year select one of their number to be the state member for that group on the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V.

VACANCIES.

Section 1. The Executive Board shall have power to fill all vacancies which may occur in its membership during the year.

ARTICLE VI.

REPRESENTATION.

Section 1. All members of the Executive Board are entitled to vote at any meeting of this organization.

Section 2. The President and three (3) accredited delegates from each auxiliary club of ten members shall each have a vote.

Section 3. For each ten members, after the first ten, each auxiliary club may send one accredited delegate.

Section 4. Each Legislative District group shall be entitled to ten (10) delegates who shall be chosen as the District organization shall decide.

ARTICLE VII.

DUES.

Section 1. Each auxiliary society or club of the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association shall send to the Treasurer of the state organization ten cents (\$.10) per member on or before August 30th of each year.

Section 2. Each Legislative District of the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association shall send to the Treasurer of the state organization five dollars (\$5.00) on or before August 30th of each year.

ARTICLE VIII.

MEETINGS.

Section 1. The annual meeting of this corporation shall be held on the second Friday and following Saturday of October of each year at ten A. M., at the City of St. Paul, Minnesota, but said corporation may hold any of its meetings or transact any of its business at such other time, place, or places, within the State of Minnesota as the majority of its members may determine by vote direct or through its executive board. Other meetings may be called by the president with the consent, or at the request of three members of the executive board.

Section 2. Three quarterly conferences, beginning in January, shall be held during the year outside of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall meet the first Saturday of each month alternating between Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

Section 4. Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President, or at the request of five members of the Executive Board.

Section 5. Written notice of each meeting shall be sent to every member of the Executive Board.

Section 6. The Legislative District organizations of the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association shall hold their annual meetings not later than September 30th of each year.

ARTICLE IX.

QUORUM.

Section 1. Seven (7) members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 2. Thirty (30) members of the state organization shall constitute a quorum for the annual meeting.

ARTICLE X.

COMMITTEES.

Section 1. The Standing Committees shall be:

1. Finance.
2. Press and Publicity.
3. Suffrage Periodicals.
4. Congressional.
5. Legislative.
6. Public Demonstrations.
7. Member of National Executive Council.

Section 2. Special Committees shall be appointed from time to time by the Executive Board as it shall deem them desirable.

ARTICLE XI.

PUBLIC AUDITOR.

Section 1. All accounts of the Treasurer shall be audited by a public auditor who shall report upon his findings at the annual meeting.

Section 2. This auditor, to be paid from the treasury of the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association.

ARTICLE XII.

PROCEDURE.

Section 1. At all meetings of this organization the procedure shall be according to "Robert's Rules of Order," unless covered by this Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE XIII.

AMENDMENTS.

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended by filing notice of amendment with the Recording Secretary of the state organization, not less than thirty (30) days before the meeting at which the amendment is to be considered and appending notice of amendment to the call for the meeting.

Section 2. A vote of a majority of the members present shall be necessary to amend the By-Laws.

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Carried.

*On motion the meeting adjourned.
Eva W. Morse
Secretary.*

Oct. 8, 1915. The second days session was called to order in the Palm Room of the St. Paul Hotel by the president, Mrs. Andreas Ueland.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. A. R. Hall moved moved that the articles of incorporation be adopted.

Mrs. Lewis asked that the articles of incorporation be read as there were many present who did not hear them yesterday, this motion was not passed upon favorably and the president put Mrs. Hall's motion which was carried.

Mrs. Lewis asked that Section 2 Article XIII be amended that the word ~~majority~~ be stricken out and two thirds be inserted.
Carried.

Mrs. Hall moved that the by-laws as amended be adopted.
Carried.

Mrs. Tomlinson moved that a vote of thanks be given Mrs. A. R. Hall for her very efficient work on the constitution.
Carried.

Mrs. Lewis moved the complete annulment of the old constitution.
Carried.

The president then took up the regular order of business calling first for the

press report which was adopted on motion of Dr. Hurd.

Shortly after Mrs. Farmer's report she was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

This was followed by the report of the State Organizer Mrs. McMahon, read by the secretary.

Woman Workers Suffrage Club by Mrs. Abigail Mabey

State Fair work by Mrs. J. C. Holman

County Fair work by Mrs. A. B. Jackson which was read by Mrs. Stockwell.

Mrs. C. P. Hayes spoke informally of the work at the Ramsey County Fair.

Mrs. Moler of Pine Wood spoke of conditions in the northern part of the state.

Minneapolis Learners Equal Suffrage Club was reported by Rev. Mary Andrews.

Mrs. Morehead of Mankato spoke of the work at the county fair where about 1000 signatures were obtained. Mrs. P. G. Schwarz also told of county fair work.

Mrs. A. H. Potter gave the report of the woman's Journal Committee 170 new subscriptions had passed thru the committee's hands.

The Congressional Committee of the
M. W. S. A. was given by Mrs. A. H. Potter

Mrs. S. A. Stockwell moved that
a telegram of appreciation be sent
to President Wilson because of his
recent declaration for Woman Suffrage.
Carried.

Mrs. George Kenyon moved that
a resolution of thanks be sent
to the electrical workers convention
for their favorable action on
woman suffrage.
Carried.

Mrs. A. H. Bright gave a very full
interesting report on the Chicago
Conference.

Mrs. Lewis moved that all reports
of committees and speakers
be placed on file. Carried.

Mrs. A. R. Hall reported that
the new constitution has been
vised by the secretary of
State and been accepted and
properly recorded.

On motion the meeting adj.

Eva W. Morse

Sec.

The Friday afternoon meeting of the M. W. S. A. was called to order by Mrs. Ueland.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The afternoon session was given over largely to Fraternal greetings. Greetings from the W. C. T. U. by Mrs. Della R. Mandigo who called attention to the number of brilliant suffragists who had worked in their ranks.

In the absence of Dr. Cyrus Northrup Miss Ella Patterson spoke in behalf of the Peace Society in which she urged that peace forever be emphasized instead of the army & navy forever.

Mrs. Farmer read greetings from the National Mail Carrier's Association in which they placed themselves on record as favoring suffrage.

In the absence of Mrs. Jessie K. Fager, Dr. Fosnes brought greetings from the Ladies of the Maccabees.

Dr. Fosnes also extended greetings from the Minnesota Federation of Fraternal Women.

The Minnesota Equal Franchise League sent greetings thru Miss Bauer.

The president's address followed in which she spoke of the organization's work in Minnesota; of the National meeting at Nashville.

of the Mississippi Valley conference which decided to come to Minnesota next May in response to the invitation she extended, of the different meetings she had addressed, of the legislative work, work in Duluth during Federation week, assistance rendered the campaign states, relation of the M.W.S.A. and Congressional Union, the future of suffrage in Minnesota, the political district work,

Mrs. H. G. Harrison took charge of the meeting to take subscriptions and make a collection.

The president appointed Mrs. A. S. Searle and Mrs. Devereaux as tellers.

After a stirring appeal the following subscriptions were given:

Mrs. R. M. Bennett	200 ⁰⁰
Mrs. George Partridge	200 ⁰⁰
A Friend thru Mrs. G. Bridgman	200 ⁰⁰
Mrs. C. P. Noyes	200 ⁰⁰
Mrs. Searle	200 ⁰⁰
Political Eq. Club of Mpls.	100 ⁰⁰
Mrs. Severance	100 ⁰⁰
Equal Suffrage Association Mpls.	100 ⁰⁰
Mrs. Mc Millan	100
Mrs. Passmore	100
Mrs. Ireland pledged for the 33rd District.	100
Mrs. A. H. Potter	50
Scandinavian Club	50
Mrs. Passmore	100
	1700

Mrs. L. Christian	100 ⁰⁰
Mrs. A. B. Jackson	50 ⁰⁰
Mrs. Mouhart of Mankato	50 ⁰⁰
Mrs. H. Cresweller Duluth	50 ⁰⁰
Mrs. Eugenia Goff	50 ⁰⁰
Mrs. Stockwell	25 ⁰⁰
Mrs. G. H. Bridgman	25 ⁰⁰
St Paul Pol. Eq. Club.	25 ⁰⁰
Mrs. L. H. Palmer Mpls	25 ⁰⁰
Mrs W. H. Quinslaw	25 ⁰⁰
Mrs Walter Thorp	25 ⁰⁰
Mrs. A. H. Bright	25 ⁰⁰
Mrs. Moller - Pine Wood	25 ⁰⁰
A friend (Rev. Mary Andrews)	25 ⁰⁰
Miss Nellie Merrill	25 ⁰⁰
Mrs. J. A. Johnson Mpls.	10 ⁰⁰
Mrs P. G. Schwarz	15 ⁰⁰
Mrs. Alice Taylor	10 ⁰⁰
E. Louise Tuxbury	10 ⁰⁰
Mrs. F Finsterbach	5 ⁰⁰
Mrs. W. E. Rogers, St. Paul	5 ⁰⁰
Miss Ella Saw	5 ⁰⁰
Mrs Myron Cole	5 ⁰⁰
Dr. Fosnes	5 ⁰⁰
Mrs. C. E. Brewster Mpls.	5 ⁰⁰
Mrs. Henry Carling.	5 ⁰⁰
Mrs Tomlinson	5 ⁰⁰
Dr. Mary Hartman	5 ⁰⁰
Mrs. C. F. Lutz (Akeley)	5 ⁰⁰
Mrs. Anna Kennison	5 ⁰⁰
Miss Jane O'Brien (St Paul)	5 ⁰⁰
Mrs. Henry Brown (Mpls)	5 ⁰⁰
Mrs. H. Weiller (St. Paul)	5 ⁰⁰
! Mrs. Colvin	10 ⁰⁰
Dr. Koch	5 ⁰⁰

Verify

2280

3736.06
 4336.06

Mrs. E. G. Mc Connell	22 80
Mrs. G. Hunter	5 ⁰⁰
Mrs. B. B. McDonald	5 ⁰⁰
Mrs. H. H. Thygesen St Paul.	10 ⁰⁰
Collection	36.06

Total collected & pledged at the convention	2436.06
Dr. Fosnes	5.00
	2441.06

Pledges given to Mrs
 Sumner T McKnight

Mrs. George Buckwith	50 ⁰⁰
Mrs. Chas. Bovey	10 0
Mr. Chas. Bovey	10 0
Mrs. Frank Bovey	25
Mrs. John Bovey	25
Mrs. E. De Laitre	50
Mr. & Mrs. Deuman Johnson	10 0
Mrs. Angus Morrison	10 0
Mrs. Sumner T McKnight	10 0
Mr. " " " "	20 0
Mrs. Chas. Pillsbury	10 0
Mr. Chas. " "	10 0
Mr. Earl Partridge	50
Mr. George Partridge	10 0
Mrs. F. B. Snyder	10 0
	1300
	2441.06
	3741.06

Sixty people rose pledging 50 each.

Mrs. Jessie Hardy MacKeye made
 a stirring speech on the Federal
 Amendment.

Mrs. Sherman made a report on

the informal ballot, as there were
forty-seven nominations for directors
(On motion the meeting adj.).
and it was not practical to put
any such number on the ticket,
she asked for instructions.

Ms. Stockwell moved that the (first)
sixteen names having the
highest number of votes be
placed on the ballot. Carried.

On motion the meeting adj.

Eva W Morse

Sec.

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The morning session of the M. W. B. A. was called to order by the president, Mrs. A. Ueland.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The credential committee gave its final report which was accepted on motion of Mrs. Hall.

Mrs. Lewis moved the reconsideration of Art. II. of the by-laws.

Carried.

Mrs. Hall moved the substitution of Article II. in the by-laws as it was given in the original amendment.

Carried. (See opposite page)

Mrs. Staples who was in the suffrage booth during the entire time of Fair Week spoke of the work done there and made recommendations for the future.

Rev. Backus spoke briefly.

Mrs. Lutz moved letters of greeting be sent to Mrs. Lizzie Catherwood and Mrs. Julia Lowry both of Austin.

Mrs. Rankin presented the following resolution
Resolved: That the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Convention hereby publicly goes upon record as endorsing the original Susan B. Anthony proposed Federal Amendment; and furthermore

that regret is hereby expressed over the confusion in thought that has inevitably resulted from a second proposed amendment; and that such second amendment is hereby condemned deprecated.

Dr. Hurd moved that this resolution be considered at the afternoon session.

On motion the meeting adj.

The last session of the 34th Annual Convention of the M.W.S.A. was called to order by the president Mrs. Andreas Heland.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

Mr. George H. Wells, chairman of the state prohibition committee was invited to speak.

The president called for the reading of the resolutions presented in the morning session.

Dr. Hurd favored cutting out all words that were unnecessary to the endorsement of the Susan B. Anthony amendment. She moved to have the resolution read:

The M.W.S.A. endorses the Susan B. Anthony amendment.

Mrs. Potter proposed to amend Dr. Hunter's amendment by adding "that amendment only"

^{Carried}
When put to the vote the amendment was carried and then the amendment as amended was carried.

The president called for the report of Chairmen of the Legislative District as follows

28th District - - -	Mrs. Finsterback.
29th "	Mrs. A. H. Potter.
30th "	Mrs. W. C. Pyke
31st "	Mrs. Nelson
32nd "	Mrs. Stockwell

Formal Ballot

Minnesota Woman's Suffrage Ass'n

PRESIDENT.

Mrs. Andreas Ueland.....X.

ST. PAUL VICE PRESIDENT.

Mrs. J. C. Holman.....X.

Mrs. G. H. Kenyon.....X.

Mrs. A. M. Burt.....X.

MINNEAPOLIS VICE PRESIDENT.

Mrs. David Simpson.....X.

Mrs. A. H. Bright.....X.

Mrs. A. H. Potter.....X.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Mrs. Stockwell.....X.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

Mrs. Eva Morse.....X.

TREASURER.

Mrs. Victor Troendle.....X.

Miss Fisher.....X.

Mrs. Luth Jaeger.....X.

AUDITOR.

Mrs. Tomlinson.....X.

Mrs. Bennett.....X.

DULUTH VICE PRESIDENT.

Mrs. Crassweiller.....X.

Mrs. Lawrence.....X.

Dr. Mary McCoy.....X.

TWO VICE PRESIDENTS

State at Large.

Mrs. C. L. Atwood.....X.

Mrs. E. H. Loyhed.....X.

Mrs. Hayden.....X.

Miss Youmans.....X.

Mrs. Schwarg.....X.

DIRECTORS.

2 Dr. Hurd.....X.

1 Mrs. A. H. Bright.....X.

6 Mrs. Burt.....X.

7 Mrs. Jackson.....X.

4 Mrs. Jaeger.....X.

Mrs. J. A. Peterson.....X.

5 Mrs. H. G. Harrison.....X.

Mrs. A. H. Boostrom.....X.

3 Mrs. P. J. Schwarg.....X.

Mrs. Graves.....X.

Mrs. Holman.....X.

8 Mrs. Severance.....X.

Mrs. F. D. Williams.....X.

Dr. Hartman.....X.

Miss Anna Carey.....X.

Mrs. Moehler.....X.

33rd District - - Mrs Ueland
spoke in Mrs Braedins absence.

34th

35th

36th

Ramsey County - - Mrs. Sors.
Mrs Morris.
Mrs. J. C. Holman.

Mrs. V. C. Sherman chairman
of the tellers gave the report of
the election. The following officers
were elected:

President	Mrs. Andreas Ueland.
Vice-presidents	Mrs. G. H. Kenyon.
"	" David Simpson
Cor. Sec.	Mrs. Stockwell
Rec. Sec.	Mrs. Morse
Treasurer	Mrs. Troendle
Auditor	Mrs. Tomlinson
Vice-pres.	Mrs. H. Crassweiller
"	Mrs. C. L. Atwood
"	Mrs. E. H. Loyhed
Directors	Mrs. A. H. Bright.
	Dr. Hurd
	Mrs. P. J. Schwarg
	Mrs. Luth Jaeger
	Mrs. H. G. Harrison
	Mrs. A. M. Burt.
	Mrs. Jackson
	Mrs. Severance.

The president declared the officers
elected.

Miss Busky brought word from
Congressman George Smith that
he would be very glad to do any
thing he could for suffrage.

The resolutions committee was reported as follows by the chairman Mrs. S. C. Bacon: The resolutions were considered separately and then adopted as a whole on motion of Dr. Hurd. (See opposite page)

Then the convention listened to an address of appreciation of Mrs. Julia B. Nelson by Dr. Hurd.

The following pledges were taken:

Mrs. J. H. McDonald	25 ⁰⁰
" H S Johnson	10 ⁰⁰
Miss Eleanor H. Busby	5 ⁰⁰
Mrs. Victor Troendle	25 ⁰⁰
Collection	5.07
Dr. Anten Pine	pd. 5.00

THIRTY-FIFTH
ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
MINNESOTA
WOMAN SUFFRAGE
ASSOCIATION



December 4th and 5th, 1916
Radisson Hotel, Minneapolis

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mrs. David F. Simpson Mrs. Maud C. Stockwell
Miss Cornelia Lusk

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

Mrs. F. S. Martin
Mrs. Victor H. Troendle
Mrs. James G. Fullerton
Mrs. William Fulton
Mrs. Milton D. Purdy
Mrs. Blossom Thompson
Mrs. J. A. Ridgway
Mrs. A. W. Abbott
Miss Ethel Farnsworth

OFFICERS.

President
Mrs. Andreas Ueland,
Minneapolis.
First Vice-President
Mrs. George M. Kenyon,
St. Paul.
Second Vice-President
Mrs. David F. Simpson,
Minneapolis.
Third Vice-President
Mrs. Harold Crasswell,
Duluth.
Fourth Vice-President
Mrs. C. L. Alwood,
St. Cloud.
Fifth Vice-President
Mrs. E. H. Loyhed,
Faribault.
Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Maud C. Stockwell,
Minneapolis.
Recording Secretary
Mrs. Eva W. Morse,
Excelsior.
Treasurer
Mrs. Victor H. Troendle,
Minneapolis.
Auditor
Mrs. H. A. Tomlinson,
St. Paul.

CHAIRMEN STANDING

COMMITTEES.

Press
Mrs. Walter Thorp
Honorary Press Chairman
Mrs. Eugenia B. Farmer
Congressional
Mrs. Charles B. Moller
Finance
Mrs. Sumner T. McKnight
Periodicals
Miss Florence Monahan
Public Demonstration
Mrs. L. C. Bacon
State Fairs
Mrs. C. E. Boostrom

Dec 4, 1916, Minneapolis, Minn.

The delegates to the 35th Annual Convention of the M.W.S.A. gathered for a breakfast in the Radisson Hotel where Mrs. C. C. Booy spoke words of welcome to the visiting delegates which was most happily responded to by Mrs. J. W. Andrews of Mankato. At 10 o'clock the delegates adjourned to the Gold Room where the Convention was formally opened by Mrs. Andreas Ueland the State President.

Rev. H. P. Dewey gave the invocation which was followed by the presentations of the program by Mrs. David Simpson. Dr. Hurd moved that the program as presented be made the order of business. Carried.

The following committee appointments were made by the president.
Resolutions -

Margaret Wells,
Mrs. D. P. Jones.
" L. C. Bacon.

Elections

Mrs. S. J. Nicholson.
" J. F. Baxter.
" Miss Cornelia Lusk.

Credentials

Mrs. Luth Jaeger.
" J. H. Short.
" H. A. Tomlinson.
" J. E. Sundeen

PROGRAM

MONDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 4.

9 o'clock—Convention Breakfast—Radisson Hotel
 Address of Welcome - - - Mrs. C. C. Bovey
 Response - - - Mrs. J. W. Andrews, Mankato
 10 o'clock—Adjournment to Gold Room
 Invocation - - - Rev. H. P. Dewey
 Presentation of Program - Mrs. David F. Simpson
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 Public Demonstrations - - Mrs. L. C. Bacon
 State and County Fairs - - Mrs. Chas. Boostrom
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 Suffrage Periodicals - - Miss Florence Monahan

11 o'clock—Proposed Financial Plans of State and National Association - Mrs. Victor H. Troendle
 Financial Methods and Helps - Mrs. A. E. Zonne
 Discussion
 Announcements
 At Noon Hour—Informal Ballot for Officers

MONDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 o'clock

Minutes
 Business
 Reports of Clubs and Legislative Districts
 "Suffrage First" - - - Mrs. Albert McMahon
 President's Address - - - Mrs. Andreas Ueland
 Discussion of 1917 Policy led by Dr. Ethel E. Hurd
 Why Should Women Vote? - - John H. Dietrich
 Announcements

MONDAY EVENING

First Baptist Church

8 o'clock

Singing—America
 Address—Why Men Should Work for Suffrage - - - Hon. W. I. Norton
 Address—In Times Like These - - - Mrs. Nellie McClung, Edmonton, Canada
 Singing—Battle Hymn of the Republic
 Reception in Church Parlors for Mrs. McClung
 Organist - - - Miss Edwina Wainman

TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 5

9 o'clock

Minutes
 Business
 Reports of Clubs and Legislative Districts, continued
 The Proposed Presidential Suffrage Bill for Minnesota
 Discussion
 By Steamer to St. Louis - Miss Catherine C. Smith
 1 o'clock—Adjournment to Roof Garden
 Luncheon—Mrs. David Simpson—Presiding
 Guest of Honor - - - Mrs. Nellie McClung
 An Appeal - - - Mrs. H. G. Harrison
 Resolutions
 Report of Elections Committee
 Presentation of New Board
 Reading of Minutes
 Adjournment
 6 o'clock—Conference of District Leaders and out of Town Delegates with State Board at the New England Tea Rooms

Tickets for Luncheon \$1.00
 Secure tickets of Mrs. Victor H. Troendle, Mrs. J. G. Fullerton, Mrs. William Fulton

Out-of-town delegates who wish to be entertained will please send their names to Mrs. J. A. Ridgeway, 4255 East Lake Harriet Blvd., Chairman of the Entertainment Committee.

Assembly Room—Courtesy of Radisson Management

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 Suffrage Periodicals - - Miss Florence Monahan

11 o'clock—Proposed Financial Plans of State and National Association - Mrs. Victor H. Troendle
 Financial Methods and Helps - Mrs. A. E. Zonne
 Discussion
 Announcements
 At Noon Hour—Informal Ballot for Officers

MONDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 o'clock

Minutes
 Business
 Reports of Clubs and Legislative Districts
 "Suffrage First" - - - Mrs. Albert McMahon
 President's Address - - - Mrs. Andreas Ueland
 Discussion of 1917 Policy led by Dr. Ethel E. Hurd
 Why Should Women Vote? - - John H. Dietrich
 Announcements

MONDAY EVENING

First Baptist Church

8 o'clock

Singing—America
 Address—Why Men Should Work for Suffrage - - - Hon. W. I. Norton
 Address—In Times Like These - - - Mrs. Nellie McClung, Edmonton, Canada
 Singing—Battle Hymn of the Republic
 Reception in Church Parlors for Mrs. McClung
 Organist - - - Miss Edwina Wainman

TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 5

9 o'clock

Minutes
 Business
 Reports of Clubs and Legislative Districts, continued
 The Proposed Presidential Suffrage Bill for Minnesota
 Discussion
 By Steamer to St. Louis - Miss Catherine C. Smith
 1 o'clock—Adjournment to Roof Garden
 Luncheon—Mrs. David Simpson—Presiding
 Guest of Honor - - - Mrs. Nellie McClung
 An Appeal - - - Mrs. H. G. Harrison
 Resolutions
 Report of Elections Committee
 Presentation of New Board
 Reading of Minutes
 Adjournment
 6 o'clock—Conference of District Leaders and out of Town Delegates with State Board at the New England Tea Rooms

Tickets for Luncheon \$1.00
 Secure tickets of Mrs. Victor H. Troendle, Mrs. J. G. Fullerton, Mrs. William Fulton

Out-of-town delegates who wish to be entertained will please send their names to Mrs. J. A. Ridgeway, 4255 East Lake Harriet Blvd., Chairman of the Entertainment Committee.

Assembly Room—Courtesy of Radisson Management

1916, Minneapolis, Minn.
 delegates to the 35th Annual
 tion of the M.W.B.A. gathered
 breakfast in the Radisson
 where Mrs. C. C. Bovey spoke
 of welcome to the visiting
 at which was most
 ily responded to by Mrs.
 Andrews of Mankato.
 o'clock the delegates
 moved to the Gold Room
 the Convention was
 ally opened by Mrs.
 eas Ueland the State
 dent.

H. P. Dewey gave the
 eations which was followed
 e presentation of the
 program by Mrs. David Simpson
 Hurd moved that the program
 esented be made the order
 siness. Carried.
 following committee appointments
 made by the president:
 tions -

Marguerite Wells,
 Mrs. D. P. Jones.
 " L. C. Bacon

ons
 Mrs. S. J. Nicholson.
 " J. F. Baxter,
 " Miss Cornelia Lusk.

ntials
 Mrs. Luth Jaeger.
 " J. H. Short.
 " H. A. Tomlinson.
 " J. L. Sundeen

Ushers & Pages.

Andrew Walton.

Georgia Fullerton.

Literature

Mrs. Lester Elwood.

" Bruner.

" ~~Lois~~

Florence Pond.

Mrs. Jennie Congdon.

Mrs. J. D. Donahue.

Hospitality

Mrs. W. F. Co.

" C. M. Ferguson.

" Milton Purdy

" Peter Schwarzg.

" A. M. Burt.

Dr. Ethel Hurd

The reports of officers was then given.

Mrs. George Kenyon - 1st Vice President

Eva W. Morse

Recording Secretary

Maud C. Stockwell

Corresponding Secy

Mrs. V. H. Trundle

Treasurer.

Mrs. H. A. Tomlinson

Auditor.

At 11 o'clock Mrs. V. C. Trundle presented the proposed financial plans of State and National Association. The National aims to raise 1,000,000 and Minnesota's share of this is \$30,000.

Mrs. A. E. Zonne followed with a talk on financial methods and helps.

She suggested the following

ways of raising money.

- 1st. The big contributors.
- 2nd Regular monthly contributions.
- 3rd. Entertainments & Sales.
- 4th. Those canvassers of small contributors.

Mrs. Simpson moved that this tentative financial plan be approved by the convention.

After a spirited, clarifying discussion this motion was carried.

Mrs. H. A. Tomlinson read the report of an official auditor and her own report which testified to the correctness of the treasurer's report.

Mrs. S. A. Stockwell moved that the treasurer's report as audited be accepted. Carried.

Mrs. Eugenia B. Farmer was called to the platform and presented a bouquet of yellow flowers in the name of the Convention.

Mrs. Jaeger gave the preliminary report of the credentials committee.

Mrs. S. A. Stockwell moved the preliminary report be adopted.

Mrs. M. B. Lewis moved to amend the motion to read "as far as given" the amendment and the motion as amended were adopted.

On motion the meeting adj.

Eva W. Moore

Approved

Dec 4, 1916

The afternoon session of the 35th Annual Convention of the W. U. S. A. was called to order by the president Mrs. Andreas Heland in the Radisson Hotel at 1:30 P.M.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved. Mrs. David Simpson gave the report as Member of the National Executive Board, of the Convention and Conferences at Atlantic City.

Mrs. A. H. Potter chairman of the Congressional committee, gave her report in which she told of the deputations that had visited the different legislators and how these men stood on the subject of suffrage.

Mrs. Walter Thorpe chairman of the Press committee told of the work that had been done during the past year and what she hoped to do in the future.

Mrs. L. C. Bacon spoke on Public Demonstrations, confining her remarks principally to the work done in St. Paul.

Work done at the State Fair was reported by the chairman Mrs. Chas. Boostrom.

The secretary read Miss Florence Monahan's report on periodicals and Mrs. E. B. Fanner's report as honorary press chairman.

Mrs. Harold Crassweller reported for the Duluth Suffrage Club and the 8th District.

Dr. Ethel Hurd told of the work of the Minneapolis Political Equality Club.

The reports of clubs was suspended owing to the lateness of the hour. Mrs. Mc Mahon, the State Organizer spoke on Suffrage First in which she told of the Iowa and S.D. Campaigns.

The President's address ^{which was now given} was a happy review of the past year's work and a clear, concise, optimistic outline of what can be done in the future.

Dr. Ethel Hurd led the discussion of the 1917 work as proposed by the president.

Dr. Hurd moved the adoption of this plan taking it up in sections and putting a motion for each section.

Mrs. Simpson moved no one speak more than once or for more than two minutes each. Carried.

1. Organization
2. Monthly Demonstration
3. Circularization.
4. Non-partisanship

Each of Dr. Hurd's motions was carried.

Mrs. Nicholson gave the report of the informal Ballot.

Mrs. Rankin moved to accept the report as given, which was carried unanimously.

Rev. John H. Dietrich spoke on "Why should women vote?"

The Secretary read the following resolutions from the National, which were adopted on motion of Dr. Hartman of St. Paul.

171 Madison Avenue, New York City.
November 8, 1916.

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RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE BOARD OF THE
NATIONAL AMERICAN WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION
ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH, 1916.

WHEREAS, It has been brought to our attention that in filling positions in the civil service, officials of the Federal Government discriminate against women applicants because of their sex; and

WHEREAS, Public records show that since September 8, 1916, among 120 appointments and 33 transfers to clerical positions in the War Department at Washington only one woman was included, although it does not appear that the positions were such that sex would have been a factor in efficiency or suitability; and

WHEREAS, The civil service registers of eligibles from which said appointments were made reveal no lack or corresponding disproportion of qualified women as compared with qualified men, there being 937 women and 1,208 men on those registers on October 23, 1916; and

WHEREAS, The discriminatory attitude of officials of the Government is further reflected in the fact that women are not admitted to the special civil service examinations for stenographer and typewriter now being held monthly in 400 cities of the United States, and are similarly excluded from many other examinations which they are competent to take; and

WHEREAS, This discrimination appears further in the fact, as set forth in the Civil Service Manual, that the usual entrance salary for men stenographers and typewriters is \$900 per year, while for women stenographers and typewriters it is \$720, and we are informed that men are also given preference in promotions, upon grounds of sex alone; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the National Board of the National American Woman Suffrage Association express to the President of the United States and to the head of each of the executive departments of the federal government their emphatic protest against this discrimination on the part of appointing officials, and demand, in behalf of the women of the country, who are taxed equally with men, to support the government establishment, that women be admitted to the civil service and promoted therein upon the same terms as men; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, That a copy of this protest be sent to the women's organizations in each of the various states, to the various suffrage journals and women's periodicals, and to the newspapers throughout the country, that the public in general and women especially may be informed in this matter.

The collection taken amounted
to \$16.16

On motion the meeting adjourned.
Eva W. Moore

See

Approved

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 5, 1916.
 The morning session of the 35th
 Annual Convention of the M. W. S. A.
 was called to order at 9:30 A. M.
 by the President Mrs. Andrus Heland.
 The minutes of the previous meeting
 were read and approved.

Mrs. J. W. Andrews read the report
 from the Mankato district.

Mrs. D. F. Simpson gave the report
 from the Henn. Co. Association
 which is organized on the plan
 of the National

The following reports were made
 and placed in file.

Mrs. Frank Finsterback 28th.

Miss Clifford 29th.

Mrs. Bachman 33th.

Mrs. Fisher 34th.

Mrs. Lons - chairman - Reported by Mrs. Finsterback 35th.

Miss Hilda Humphreys 36th.

Mrs. C. J. Holman Ramsey County.

Mrs. Holman presented as part
 of her report a chart she
 had made that represents
 the laws of special interest
 and special benefit to women
 and children to be found on the
 statutes in the different states.

Mrs. H. A. Tomlinson Welfare League
 of St. Paul

The reading of reports was interrupted
 to give Mrs. Nicholson a chance to
 make a complete report of the
 elections committee which was
 adopted on motion of Mrs. Jiggie.

Mrs. Jaeger - Scandinavian Suffrage Club
 Mrs. Young reported for ^{4th Dist} Wells
 Mrs. Hunkley ^{5th Dist} Fairmont
 Mrs. Mc Rak Redwood Falls
 Mrs. Francis Everywoman's Club
 Mrs. Jaeger chairman of the Credentials
 committee gave a final report.
 193 credentials were presented.

Mrs. M.B. Lewis moved to adopt
 the credentials report as a whole.
 Carried.

Proposed Presidential Suffrage Bill
 for Minnesota was presented
 by Mrs. James Paige.

Rev. Mary Andrews moved that
 the action of the state Board in
 deciding to present a Presidential
 Suffrage Bill to the legislature
 and drop work on the Amendment
 for the time, be ratified.

Passed with one dissenting
 vote.

Miss Katherine Louise Smith told
 about the trip by steamer to
 St Louis in June.

Mrs. Boostrom moved that a
 word of greeting be sent to pioneers
 of suffrage who can not be present.
 Carried.

Mrs. Stockwell presented the
 following Resolution.

I move that the M. W. S. A.
 express to Mrs. J. C. Holman
 of St. Paul our gratitude for and
 deep appreciation of her splendid

service to suffrage in working
 out the practical suggestions
 chart, and that a copy of the
 chart be sent to the National
 Association and the Woman's
 Journal.

Carried.

Minneapolis Minn. Dec 5, 1916.

The last session of the 35th annual convention of the M. W. S. A. was held in the roof garden of the Radisson - Mrs. David Simpson presided at the interesting program that followed the luncheon.

Mrs Charles Ames of Boston spoke dominiscently of things dear to the suffragists

Mrs Nellie Melhung of Edmonton spoke

Mrs. H. G. Harrison made an eloquent plea for pledges.

Mrs H. G. Harrison	Infpls -	5.00.
Mrs R. M. Bennett	Infpls -	5.00.
Mr & Mrs McKnight	"	5.00
Scandinavian Suff Soc	larger Infpls -	5.00
Mrs George Kenyon	STIP -	4.00
Mr & Mrs A. E. Blair	Infpls -	3.00.
Mr & Mrs G. H. Partridge	"	2.00
Mrs Sister Brooks	"	2.00
Mrs Frank Heffelfinger	"	1.50.
Pol. Eq. Club of Mpls.	"	1.50
Mr & Mrs F. B. Snyder	"	1.00
Mrs J. G. Fullerton	"	1.00
Mrs Simpson	"	1.00
Mr. Fred Wells	"	1.00
Mrs. Andreas Iceland	"	1.00
Mrs Lindley	"	1.00.
Mrs M. D. Parry	"	1.00
Mr & Mrs Lonne	"	1.00
Mr. W. O. Winston	"	1.00
Mr. E. P. Wells	"	1.00
Mr. T. B. Janney	"	1.00
Mr. J. D. McMillan	"	1.00
Mr. C. C. Bovey	"	1.00
Mr. F. G. Winston	"	1.00

Angimons

Mrs. Horace Irvine	St. P.	100 v
Mrs. R. M. Bennett	Imps -	100 v
Mrs. E. B. Newell	"	100 v
Mrs. D. P. Jones	"	50 v
Mrs. Whitney	"	50 v
Mrs. E. P. Wells	"	100 v
Mrs. R. H. Parnore	"	50 v
Mrs. Victor Troendle	"	50 v
Mrs. P. S. DeVoist	Duluth	100 v
Duluth Suffrage Club	"	75 v
Mr. George Porter	Imps -	100 v
(Mrs. Elute	"	100)
Mrs. & Miss. Merrill	"	50 v
Mrs. W. S. Harris	"	60 v
Mrs. John Bovey	"	60 v
Mrs. C. E. Fisher	"	60 v
Mrs. Walter Thorp	"	60 v
Mrs. Bogart	"	60 v
Albert Ld Club	Albert Lea	50 v
Mrs. W. A. Jordan	Imps -	50 v
Mrs. B. G. Hall	Redwood Falls	50 v
Friend by Mrs. Thorp	Imps -	40 v
Mrs. Mary Andrews	"	25.00 v
Portia Club	"	25.00 v
Mrs. McIntosh	"	50.00 v
Mrs. C. S. Johnson	St. P.	25.00 v
Mrs. E. A. Hendricks	Imps	25.00 v
Women's Workers	"	25.00 v
Mrs. J. T. Wymann	"	50.00 v
Mrs. F. B. Wells	"	50.00 v
Mrs. P. B. Winston Jr.	"	25.00 v
Mrs. J. Thurston	"	25.00 v
Mrs. Heland	"	25.00 v
Mrs. E. J. Senier	"	25.00 v
" L. C. Bacon	St. P.	25.00 v
" A. M. Burt	St. P.	25.00 v
" H. M. Thygesen	St. P.	25.00 v
Mrs. S. S. Cargill	Imps -	50.00

One of 25

Mrs Edwin Palmer	Inf. - 25 ⁰⁰	✓
Every Woman's Club	St. P. 25 ⁰⁰	✓
Mr. Walter Eggleston	Inf. 25 ⁰⁰	✓
Dr. Angus Morrison	" 25 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs C. R. Hayes	St. P. 25 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs John Ordway	St. P. 25 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs Richard Barrett	Inf. 25 ⁰⁰	✓
Redwood Falls Eq. Club	Red. Falls 25 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs. A. W. Strong	Inf. 25 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs B. A. Stockwell	" 25 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs Eugene Day	" 25 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs W. C. M. Pyke	" 25 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs F. E. Moody	" 25 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs J. A. Peterson	" 25 ⁰⁰	✓
Mid. Mrs. W. E. Croke	Harvard H. D. 25 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs Ridgway	Inf. 12 ⁵⁰	✓
Mrs F. L. Washburn	" 12 ⁵⁰	✓
Mrs & Miss Walton	" 10 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs M. Kler	Pingwood 36	✓
Georgia Fullerton	Inf. 12 ⁵⁰	✓
Katherine Elwood	" 12 ⁵⁰	✓
Miss Mae Snow	" 10 ⁰⁰	✓
Miss Marion Lynde	" 10 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs George Bridgman	" 10 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs. F. W. Miller	" 10 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs. Ella Buckman	" 10 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs. H. F. Mercer	" 10 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs. G. Quines	" 10 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs. Edwin White	St. P. 10 ⁰⁰	✓
Miss ^w Armitage	Inf. 10 ⁰⁰	✓
Miss Blossom Thompson	" 10 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs. A. F. L. Lieb	Inf. 10 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs J. W. Andrews	Manly 12 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs. H. S. Johnson	Inf. 12 ⁰⁰	✓
Mr. Stiles Burr	St. P. 25 ⁰⁰	✓
Dr. M. Ulrich	Inf. 25 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs Albert Hall	" 12 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs. A. W. Abbott	" 10	

Miss Bernice Riving Inpls - 10 ⁰⁰ ✓
 Mrs. Wm Fulson " 10 ⁰⁰ ✓
 Mrs S.G. Tuttle " 25 ⁰⁰ ✓
 Mrs D.D. Webster " 25 ⁰⁰ ✓
 Mrs Fred Olson " 12 ⁰⁰ ✓
 Minnehaha Club of Sioux Falls S.D. 10 ⁰⁰ ✓
 Mrs C.W. Cartwright Inpls - 15 ⁰⁰ ✓
 Mrs C.H. Hubbell Robbinsdale 5 ⁰⁰ ✓
 Mrs. Sleeper Duluth 5 ⁰⁰ ✓
 Mrs P.G. Schwarz Dodge C. 5 ⁰⁰ ✓
 Mrs. C.W. Gardner Inpls - 5 ⁰⁰ ✓
 Mrs Frank Finsterbach " 5 ⁰⁰ ✓
 Mrs Mc Mahon " 5 ⁰⁰ ✓
 Mrs. Fred Spafford " 5 ⁰⁰ ✓
 Mrs. Loughton St. P. 5 ⁰⁰ ✓
 Mrs. C.S. Langlie Inpls - 5 ⁰⁰ ✓
 Mrs. Ida M Seale St. P. - 2.50 ✓
 Mrs C.K. Kendall St. P. - 2.50 ✓
 Mrs. Della C Geggie Inpls - 10 ⁰⁰ ✓
 Mrs. F. Traff Inpls - 5 ⁰⁰ ✓
 " W.W. Fry St. P. - 5 ⁰⁰ ✓
 Mrs. G.P. Zachritz Inpls - 5 ⁰⁰ ✓
 Mrs Harold Crasweller Duluth 5 ⁰⁰ ✓
 one of the Ueland Inpls - 10 ⁰⁰ ✓
 Mrs H.G. Harrison " 10 ⁰⁰ ✓
 Mrs Wells " 20 ⁰⁰ ✓
 Mrs D. F. Simpson " 10 ⁰⁰ ✓
 Friend thru Mrs Crasweller Inpls - 10 ⁰⁰ ✓
 Mrs Harry Downs Inpls - 10 ⁰⁰ ✓
 Mrs B.G. Hall Redwood Falls 5 ⁰⁰ ✓
 Mrs. Thwing Inpls - 10 ⁰⁰ ✓
 Mrs S.G. Tuttle " 10 ⁰⁰ ✓
 Mr S.R. Child " 10 ⁰⁰ ✓
 Mrs R.M. Bennett " 10 ⁰⁰ ✓
 Friend thru Mrs. Ridgway " 10 ⁰⁰ ✓
 Friend thru Mrs H.G. Harrison " 10 ⁰⁰ ✓
 Miss Mc Cartery for sundries " 10 ⁰⁰ ✓

Mr. W. J. Lieb	Inflo-	10 ⁰⁰	✓
Mr. Thorpe	"	25 ⁰⁰	✓
Mr. Walter Carroll	"	1 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs I. R. Campbell	"	5 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs Joseph Jorgens	"	5 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs Orrin Safford	"	5 ⁰⁰	✓
Mr. Cassweller Duluth	5		✓
Mrs. George Grimes	1		✓
Mrs G. Grimes Grimes	Inflo	2 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs Searle	"	1 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs F. W. Little	"	5 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs Simpson	"	2 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs J. L. Sundeen	"	5 ⁰⁰	✓
Dr. Hurd	"	5 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs. A. E. Merrill	"	1 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs B. F. Iders	"	5 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs Nellie Nelson	"	1 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs. W. R. Calloway	"	5 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs Agnes Petersen	St. P.	5 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs G. W. Savage	Inflo	10 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs S. Bernepe	St. P.	5 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs H. A. Tomlinson	St. P.	5 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs J. W. Andrews	Manly	3 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs Walter Thorpe	Inflo	2 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs Heland	"	7 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs H. G. Harris	"	10 ⁰⁰	✓
" " " "	"	95 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs. McMahon	"	3 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs Sundeen	"	3 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs Nellie Nelson	"	10 ⁰⁰	✓
Mrs G. W. Savage	"	5 ⁰⁰	✓
allert ^{be} Mrs Dame for A. W. Swenson	1		✓
Eva W. Morse	Excelsior	2 ⁰⁰	

*The Resolutions committee
reported as follows*

Resolutions offered at the 35th Annual Convention of the Minnesota
Woman Suffrage Association, December 1916

Whereas, Before the recent National election all political
parties endorsed the principle of woman suffrage, and

Whereas, since our last annual convention, four Canadian
provinces, Alberta, Manitoba, British Columbia and Saskatchewan have
given full suffrage to their women,

Resolved, that we of the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Ass-
ociation in convention assembled give expression to our rejoicing
at these and at many other indications of the progress of woman
suffrage in our own part of the world.

Whereas, it is generally recognized by suffragists and
others that the opportunity is ripe to carry our movement on to
complete victory in the near future, and that the passage of a
Amendment
Federal has become an undoubted possibility, but

~~Whereas, it has been amply demonstrated that national
no more
suffrage can ~~never~~ be won without the specific help of the individual
states than state suffrage~~

Whereas, it has been amply demonstrated that suffrage
through Federal action can no more be won without the specific help
of the individual states than suffrage through state action can be
won without activity in the counties,

Formal Ballot

Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association

PRESIDENT.	
Mrs. Andreas Ueland	U
ST. PAUL VICE PRESIDENT.	
Mrs. Geo. M. Kenyon	U
Mrs. C. P. Noyes	
MINNEAPOLIS VICE PRES.	
Mrs. David F. Simpson	48
Mrs. H. G. Harrison	65 ✓
DULUTH VICE PRESIDENT.	
Mrs. Harold Crassweller	U
VICE PRES. STATE AT LARGE.	
Mrs. C. L. Atwood	U
VICE PRES. STATE AT LARGE.	
Mrs. E. H. Loyhed	U
CORRESPONDING SECY.	
Mrs. Maud C. Stockwell	U
RECORDING SECRETARY.	
Mrs. Eva W. Morse	U
TREASURER.	
Mrs. Victor Troendle	U
AUDITOR.	
Mrs. H. A. Tomlinson	U
STATE MEMBER FOR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT.	
Mrs. B. J. Burton	U
DIRECTORS.	
Vote for 8.	
Mrs. H. G. Harrison	X 74
Mrs. A. H. Bright	X 97
Mrs. C. A. Severance	X 80
Mrs. Luth Jaeger	X 87
Dr. Ethel Hurd	X 92
Mrs. A. M. Burt	X 56
Mrs. J. M. Schwartz	X 28
Mrs. A. B. Jackson	32
Mrs. Frank Finsterbach	43 X
Mrs. Frank Williams	39
Mrs. C. P. Noyes	41
Mrs. J. C. Holman	X 54
Mrs. C. A. Bucknam	12
Mrs. T. G. Winter	30
Miss Mary Judd	29
Mrs. Peter Oleson	21

Mrs. Peter Schwung

Be it Resolved, by this Association that we affirm our belief in the necessity for immediate, unremitting, organized work and publicity in our state and in all its counties.

Finally

We Resolve that the Association express its gratitude to the Press of the state for the generous space it has accorded us at this time and throughout the year, and to our own chairman of the Press and Publicity Committee for the splendid results she has accomplished in obtaining publicity for suffrage through the state, and to the Radisson Hotel management for its unfailing courtesy and great generosity.

These resolutions were adopted on motion of Mrs. Stockwell.

The elections committee reported the following officers elected.

President	Mrs. Andreas Ueland.
St Paul Vice P	Mrs. George Kenyon.
Minneapolis Vice P	" H. G. Harrison.
Duluth " "	Mrs. Harold Crassweller.
Vice Pres. at large	Mrs. C. L. Atwood.
" " " "	Mrs. E. H. Loyhed.
Corresponding Secretary	Maud C. Stockwell.
Recording Secretary	Eva W. Morse.
Treasurer	Mrs. Victor Troendle.
Auditor	Mrs. H. A. Tomlinson.
State Member for Legislative District	Mrs. B. J. Burton.

Directors

Mrs. A. G. Harrison
 Mrs. A. H. Bright
 Mrs. C. A. Severance
 Mrs. Luth Jaeger
 Dr. Ethel Hurd.
 Mrs. A. M. Burt
 Mrs. P. J. Schwarz
 Mrs. J. C. Holman

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Eva W. Morse
 Secretary.



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[Oct. 8, 1915]

Report of the N.-A. W.-S.-A. Midyear Conference
held in Chicago June 7th - 8th 1915.

Given before the Minn. W.-S.-A. Convention Oct. 8th

MADAME PRESIDENT,
MEMBERS OF THE CONVENTION
AND FRIENDS:-

Those of you who read the newspapers at the time of the Chicago Conference last June, learned that the meeting was no love feast; that there were differences of opinion which were thrashed out in open meeting, so that the representatives of the Press could report it as they saw fit.

Later the Headquarters News Letter, with the report of the proceedings from the standpoint of the National Association, was sent broadcast, helping to create a different impression of the feeling, atmosphere and results of the Conference, from that which was carried away by your delegates.

We are all apt to consider that any differences of opinion as to methods and tactics in a work like ours, are sure to lead to disaster, when the truth is, that they are only evidences of a livelier interest and a greater growth.

Now I feel that the members of this Convention are entitled to more than a brief outline of what happened at the Chicago Conference.

They should be made intelligent as to preceeding conditions which have led up to the present situation.

Those of my audience who do not already know, may be interested to learn that in the early days the workers did not agree upon methods and policies any better than do the modern workers, and as a consequence there were at one time two National organisations formed in the same year, one being called

the National Women Suffrage Association and the other the American Woman Suffrage Association, of which Henry Ward Beecher was the first President.

This state of things continued for twenty years, at the end of which time the two associations merged into one, under the name of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, the organization which has been doing such admirable work ever since along educational lines, that now we have eleven states and one territory where women are fully enfranchised; and one other (Illinois) where the women have Presidential and Municipal Suffrage.

This gives us about 4,000,000 women voters; which means a wonderful leverage in Congress, since one-fourth of the Senate, one-sixth of the House of Representatives and one-fifth of the electoral vote comes from the Suffrage states, which is an unprecedented, and by many people, an under-rated political situation.

Under this condition of affairs it is but natural that there should arise among the newer and younger workers, an organization of strong, influential and devoted women, who think that there is now another and easier way of gaining the ballots, than by the slow, laborious, expensive and tedious process of appealing to every voter in every state, whether he be educated or ignorant, high principled or vicious, native or foreign born, white, black, red or yellow.

This grand-child of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, being a vigorous and headstrong youngster of decided opinions about the best way for it to do its work, continued to carry out its own policy, using new, novel and

effective methods successfully, in spite of the protests of the older organization, until in exasperation Grandma finally picked it up and metaphorically spanked and disinherited it.

~~The~~ difference, in a nut shell, is that the National Association believes in still working in the old way, gaining the ballot state by state, while the Congressional Union thinks that that method has been used long enough, ~~a~~ and that we now have enough latent political power in our Equal Suffrage States to force Congress to give us a Federal Amendment, provided we can educate those twelve states to see their political power, and to realize the necessity of their using it, in order to help to free the women of the East, so that they may become the political equals of their Western sisters.

I do not wish to carry the impression that the National Association does not believe in Federal work, for they do, as will readily be realized when I tell you that they have put the seal of their approval upon three amendments.

First, the Susan B. Anthony Amendment, the one which when passed by Congress, and ratified by a majority vote of three quarters of the legislatures of the states, gives the vote to all women, subject to the same qualifications as pertain to male electors.

Second, the Shafroth Amendment, which is designed to be a National Initiative and Referendum on the one question only, that of Women Suffrage.

Third, an Amendment which would enfranchise the women and men of the District of Columbia.

Besides these three Amendments, they favor working for the Federal Elections Bill, a bill which if passed by Congress and approved by the courts, would give to women the right

to vote for United States Senators and Representatives.

The Congressional Union, on the other hand, works for the Susan B. Anthony Amendment only, and believing that the party in power could put the measure through Congress if it would; it advocates holding the controlling party responsible for the measure.

This is considered good politics by such an authority as Charles A. Beard, Professor of Political Science of Columbia University.

In a public speech made in Connecticut last June, he said; "Women who can vote can demand of the party in power favorable action on Women Suffrage, and judge those who seek re-election at their hands, as representatives of that party, by its record on Women Suffrage."

Up to a year ago the work of the Congressional Union was done almost entirely by the District of Columbia. But in order to carry out their ideas, they found that they must have the help of their sympathizers throughout the country, and since they were working for the benefit of the whole country, why should not the whole country help?

This accounts for the Congressional Union going into the different states to form its own associations, which is one of the things for which it has been criticized.

It has seemed to me necessary to give this condensed historical outline, in order that you may understand as well as hear my report of the Chicago Conference. Also I wish to make it plain to you that, although there were radically different

views taken there, and freely expressed, it does not necessarily mean that the consequent disagreements are going to, in the least, affect the work of the suffragists of the country, nor cause any serious ruction, any more than did the disagreements of the earlier workers of the seventies and eighties; unless our National Association, itself continues to do in the future, what it has done in the past; viz, call public attention to, and exaggerate the differences and the disagreements between the two factions, which mode of procedure seems very reprehensible to most people.

The Chicago Conference was supposed to be called for the purpose of discussing Congressional work.

That the greater part of the time was devoted to discussing and denouncing the work and the policy of the Congressional Union was perhaps to be expected, altho in the opinion of many, it was a most unwise thing to do, as well as being unfair to the delegates, as it took up almost the entire time of the Conference, crowding out such important topics as, "The Inter-relation of State and Congressional District Work," by Harriet Taylor Upton, and the discussions of "Methods of Campaign in Congressional Districts", as well as "Getting Suffrage Planks in the National Platforms of the two great political parties;"

— subjects which, had they been fully and intelligently discussed, would have been of great value to sincere workers, who are trying to do solid constructive work.

Early in the Conference Mrs. Youmans, President of the Wisconsin Association, endeavored to head off the public discussion of the differences between the National Association and the Congressional Union, by moving that an Arbitration Board,

made up of representatives from the National Association and from the Union, be chosen to sift the differences, between the two organizations, and report on a compromise and "get together" platform.

This was tabled, with the result that the Conference was practically turned into a trial court, with the Congressional Union as defendant, without Counsel.

An inquiry as to whether the Congressional Union had been asked to send a representative to explain their policies, and tell of their work, was ruled out of order, and the following day the question was ordered stricken from the minutes.

Fully one half hour was given to telling of the improvements made in the moving picture play "Your Girl and Mine", but, with representatives from twenty-five states in attendance, no effort whatever was made to help the four campaign states, nor to create any special interest in their work.

Much time was taken up explaining and re-explaining the alleged merits of the Shafroth Amendment, which was vigorously opposed by a number of the states.

Your own delegates went instructed by their Board to work against that measure, and after repeated attempts by Mrs. A. H. Potter, to get a motion before the meeting, she finally succeeded in moving that the National Board be instructed to drop work on the Shafroth Amendment. The motion was defeated fifty-seven to twenty-one.

A resolution in favor of the Susan B. Anthony Amendment was passed unanimously.

Another resolution, which was given to the Press, as having been passed, before it was presented to the Conference even, was to the effect that Suffragists, who worked with the Congressional Union should be barred from being members of the

National Executive Council.

Miss Blackwell immediately moved that this Resolution be tabled, stating that it was unconstitutional.

The most interesting and able address of the Conference was that given by Miss Laura Clay of Kentucky on Monday evening. She explained fully and clearly and with much real eloquence, the Federal Elections bill, referred to earlier in my report, as aiming to give women the vote for Senators and Representatives.

She advocated that the National Association should work persistently for that bill, as, could it be passed, it would make the women of the country the constituents of the Congressmen, and so would aid in getting the Susan B. Anthony Amendment through Congress.

The social aspects of the Conference were not neglected. Mrs. Medill McCormick was our hostess at a luncheon given Tuesday on the roof garden of the hotel, the LaSalle, and that same evening the Chicago Equal Suffrage Association gave us a beautiful and elaborate dinner at the same place, which was attended by several hundred guests.

And finally, in closing my report, I wish to pay my tribute of respect and admiration to Alice Stone Blackwell and her very beautiful little sermon or exhortation to all Suffrage workers, to always try to be kind and considerate to each other, in word, deed and thought, and to lay emphasis on the points of agreement, rather than on the differences of methods and ideas.

Emily W. Bright

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WHEREAS, the governments of two Canadian provinces, Alberta and Manitoba, are taking steps to enfranchise their women, and,

WHEREAS, Queen Wilhelmina has announced that the government of Holland will introduce a bill removing the political disability ^{of the women} of that country, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we of the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association in convention assembled give expression to our rejoicing with the women of these countries, and further, to our great rejoicing that President Wilson has announced his belief that the time has come to extend the privilege and responsibility of suffrage to women.

2
WHEREAS, the world is aroused to a sense of calamity due to the ravages of war in Europe, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we take our stand on the side of organized constructive effort for permanent world peace.

3
WHEREAS, the abolition of the saloon is now an active issue in the state of Minnesota, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that we are unalterably opposed to the saloon as a menace to the home and strongly commend all effort to rid the community of this intolerable burden.

4
WHEREAS, Suffrage amendments are pending in the states of New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that we send messages of greeting to the women of these states expressing our earnest hope that they may be enfranchised at the coming election.

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Federation of Labor assembled in Convention at Winona, in July, 1915, rescinded many former declarations in favor of Woman Suffrage, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that we deplore this repudiation of the principle of democracy by the organized labor of our state.

WHEREAS, publicity is one of the greatest assets of the Equal Suffrage movement, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that we express our appreciation to the press of St. Paul and Minneapolis for the generous space accorded us throughout the convention and during the past year.

FINALLY

WE RESOLVE that this Association express its grateful appreciation to our hostesses, the Political Equality Club and the Woman's Welfare League of St. Paul, and to all others who have by service and by gift contributed to the success of this convention.

*to the firms
of Holm & Olson
+
A. W. Lemke
for window
exhibits +
flowers*

Mrs. Bright sends greetings to
the 33rd convention of the
Minnesota Woman Suffrage
Association - and she wishes to
express her deep appreciation
of the Resolution of sympathy
passed by the Convention -

Oct. 17th - 1914

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

Whereas, by the provisions of the Constitution of the United States legislation on Marriage and Divorce is left exclusively to the several states, and

Whereas, legislation thereon by the several states has been far from uniform, some few attempting to limit the marriage of the unfit, and some allowing no divorce at all, as South Carolina, and some allowing divorce for so many and such trivial causes as amounts practically to divorce by mutual consent; some attempting to prohibit remarriage by the wrong doer, and some prohibiting remarriage by divorced persons for a limited time without reference to which was the wrong doer, and

Whereas, under the "full faith and credit" clause of the federal constitution it is possible with little trouble or expense to go to another state for marriage or divorce and thus nullify the laws of the state of the domicile, and

Whereas, it is believed to be practically impossible to induce the several states to enact uniform marriage and divorce laws, and

Whereas it is impossible for the general government to do anything to stem the evils arising from the marriage of the unfit, the rapid increase of defectives, criminals and degenerates arising from such marriages, or even to enforce the prohibition of polygamy which the congress compelled to be inserted in the Utah constitution.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association
that we

recommend that the Congress propose to the several states an amendment of the Constitution of the United States giving the Congress full power to enact legislation controlling marriage and divorce in the several states and suspending all state laws thereon as soon as appropriate federal laws have been enacted.

Resolution.

Whereas: mental and criminal defects and tendencies are known to be to a large extent hereditary, and

Whereas: defectives and habitual criminals, as shown by the United States Department of Census, and the vital and criminal statistics of the several states and cities, are increasing out of proportion to the increase of population, and

Whereas: crimes of violence against women and children are alarmingly and increasingly prevalent, therefore be it

Resolved by the ~~Minnesota Women~~ Suffrage Association

..... in convention assembled, that we recommend to the legislature of the several states that they enact laws authorizing, with proper safeguards, the sterilization of the above mentioned defectives and habitual criminals, in the discretion of the court or competent board of examiners.

Received from Treas.	54.26
By Pledge	531.60
	153.50
Dues from Clubs	
By Mrs. Sturtevant collection for	100.00
Woman's Journal	11.68
Sale leaflets, banners etc	1.60
Refund on Tea	
Total receipts	<u>852.64</u>

Payment on Woman's Journal Stock	100.00
Dues to National Assoc'n	152.30
Pledge to Nat. Assoc'n	50.00
to Mrs. Farmer for presswork expenses	284.50
Printing, Stationery & Stamps	46.39
Telephone	45.70
Furniture	22.00
President's expenses (travel)	57.84
Payment of money borrowed from	43.75
Mrs. Kegan	
Incidentals {moving type writer exp. tea etc	<u>28.03</u>
Total Expended.	830.51

Receipts	852.64
	830.51
	<u>22.13</u>
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