



## League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

March 21, 1944  
Hampshire Arms Hotel

Discussion about BROADSIDE on candidates' record to be put out by state. Minneapolis is using much the same material in its pre-election bulletin. Miss Mitchell wondered if it would be more effective to issue BROADSIDE before primaries and then re-issue it again later. A good deal of discussion on how many details should be included in BROADSIDE and it was decided to keep it as simple as possible to make it readable. Motion by Miss Mitchell that broadside submitted at meeting be issued after editing of committee consisting of Mrs. Keyes, Chairman, Mrs. McQuarrie, and Mrs. Beard. Motion seconded and passed. Motion by Miss Mitchell that such BROADSIDE be issued before primaries with the thought that it could be reprinted in the fall. Seconded by Mrs. Grahame and passed. Discussion on number to print and it was suggested that about 30 to 50 per member but to leave the exact order to Mrs. Duff.

STATE CONVENTION

Because of BY-LAWS there will almost have to be set up two possible plans. How shall we instruct nominating committee? It was answered that in case no national BY-LAWS are passed, there will be no slate.

Would it be interesting to have one or two presidents' conferences? If local presidents felt a late as well as early meeting, could it be done at a breakfast or fireside supper?

What kind of a pre-election program do we want at state convention? Suggestions: Giants or Pygmy plan again, outside speaker.

How to interview a congressman. Congress and its relationship to good government. Mrs. Keyes suggested a panel on four subjects sent in by national office: air traffic shipping, currency and cartels. Minneapolis, St. Paul, St. Cloud and Duluth each choose best person to be on panel. Technique of interviewing - people who do not argue, who

are not opinionated, people must get exact words, quotations - have an uninterfering audience such as supporters, opponents, etc. Mrs. Friedrich of St. Cloud to be panel member on currency. Suggested that elections be subject of dinner meeting open to public. Mrs. Keyes hoped speaker could be persuaded to tie his talk on to league pattern. Effective democracy-should there be three or four people, Dr. Anderson, Dr. Strong and Mr. Morgan? Could we tie it in with Giants and Pygmies of other convention. If this plan is agreeable, Mrs. Keyes would talk to Dr. Anderson--Mrs. Howard, Dr. Strong--Mrs. Duff, Gideon Seymour, if he seems more suitable than Mr. Morgan.

#### SUMMARY

Dinner recommended for election subject. Miss Wells for opening luncheon. Second luncheon, small group to talk over problems. State legislative program second morning; election material, second afternoon; business meeting, first afternoon. Mrs. Olson of New Richland League recommended to give response.

If BY-LAWS are passed how will we give help to local presidents? A breakfast for your clean-up problems.

Exhibit chairman; felt there should be one even though there may be fewer than in other years. This should come through Mrs. Duff.

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STATE BOARD MINUTES

April 14, 1944

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held on Friday, April 14th at the Citizen's Aid Building in Minneapolis, beginning at 10: a.m., Mrs. Duff presiding. Present were Mesdames Workman, Richardson, Grahame, Hines, Keyes, Ueland, Cant, Howard, McGarry, Congdon, Hibbard, Misses Ruth Mitchell and Helen Horr.

Minutes of the March Board Meeting were accepted.

Mrs. Cant gave the Treasurer's report as follows:

The Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

FINANCE REPORT

Mrs. Cant discussed several changes the adoption of the new By-Laws would bring about in state finances. She questioned whether or <sup>not</sup> the National ~~member~~ship fee of one dollar would be acceptable to members of local leagues in the state.

The suggestion was made by Mrs. Cant that the State League continue to carry a 'backlog' of at least \$1800. (for one year only) and designate <sup>part of</sup> this fund as an office equipment, or replacement fund.

She also proposed the hiring of an assistant field worker to increase contacts with local leagues.

Mrs. Cant moved that a committee be appointed to draw up plans for the purpose of putting to some specific use the interest from the Jane Gray Swishelm Memorial Fund. Motion carried.

NATIONAL BY\*LAWS

Field Visits by State Office and Board members, speaking on the new By-Laws were reported. The following leagues were visited during the past month: Mankato, Richfield, Kasson, Rochester and St. Cloud.

Mrs. Duff reported receiving some adverse criticism to the By-Laws from



local leagues. She suggested that Minnesota delegates should not go to the Chicago Convention ~~un~~instructed concerning the By-Laws. Mrs. Ueland gave several suggestions on the rewording of the League Purpose. Miss Horr felt that the Purpose and Policy of the League should be stronger, using more direct wording.

The Board expressed approval of Mrs. Duff's suggestion that Minnesota delegates to the convention work for a minimum of 20 members each <sup>in</sup> leagues of towns 2000 population and under, and that delegates express the Minnesota' League's approval of the National By-Laws.

Mrs. Duff asked what the prerogatives of the State Board would be, and what functions would be left for the Board to perform under the new By-Laws.

ANSWER: Organization of local leagues, elections, state legislation and material on purely state issues.

Mrs. Duff then asked whether or not monthly Board Meetings would be necessary. Several suggestions were made and board members expressed themselves as favoring four meetings a year. The discussion closed with the matter being tabled.

Miss Horr suggested trying a President's Council for this legislative year, as an experiment, even if the By-Laws do not pass.

Mrs. Cant put the suggestion in the form of a motion with the added stipulation that the matter be taken up at the President's Conference and presented to the State Convention. Carried.

#### REQUEST FOR ACTION

Mrs. Duff read Miss Welles' letter requesting that league members write, and interest other citizens in writing, to Secretary of State Hull, expressing approval of his foreign policy aims as put forth in his speech of April 9.

Methods of securing publicity through editorials and 'letters to the editor', on the League's action in this matter were discussed. More frequent use of letterbox columns in newspapers, as a medium reaching the public was stressed.

PROPOSED ACTIVE LIST

Mrs. Duff opened the discussion on the proposed active list for the National program and called on several board members who were prepared to talk on the various items.

1) Mrs. Cant spoke ~~on~~ the first item on a war and postwar finance program, with special emphasis ~~on~~ on the number and kind of tax bills the League might effectively support.

2) Curbing inflation through price controls, rationing, and curtailing purchasing power.

3) Adoption of domestic policies, political and economic, which will facilitate the solution of international problems..

4) Participation by the United States in plans and machinery for world-wide relief and reconstruction. for handling common economic, social and political problems; membership of the United States in a general international organization for peaceful settlement of disputes, with power to prevent or stop aggression.

Mrs. Ueland talked on this item, elaborating on the material on Post-war aviation and Cartels contained in the March 10 Memorandum.

Mrs. Graham raised the question as to whether or not an international organization now would be advisable.

5) Policies for economic stability which take into account: demobilization of armed forces; reconversion of industry; full employment; mutual responsibilities of labor and management.

Mrs. Graham discussed the reconversion problem. Mrs. Duff asked how much of the legislation falling under this item the League would be able to

handle. Mrs. Grahame was of the opinion that it would be wise to retain all subjects listed, because of the uncertainty as to how soon it might be necessary to legislate on them.

AFTER LUNCHEON---

6). To be spoken to at convention

7) Developement of the social insurance program discussion.

Mrs. Duff asked which of these items might be eliminated from the active list.

#### STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Miss Mitchell announced that there were no new issues of importance to be taken up on the state legislative program.

Mrs. Duff asked for the reactions of board members to a new proposal Mr. Youngquist (?) had asked the League to consider working for. The proposal was having judgeships taken out of balloting. He is of the opinion that a better integrated court system would result if judges were appointed rather than voted upon at elections.

Mrs. Ueland was of the opinion that this would be an excellent project for the League to work for.

#### PLANS FOR STATE CONVENTION

Discussion of when to hold the pre-convention board meeting.

Other convention plans were discussed and the following order of events was suggested for the two-day program.

Wednesday, May 17

Morning

President's Conference

Annual meeting of the St. Paul League

Wednesday Luncheon- Miss Welles Address

Afternoon

State Legislative Program

Brief talks by four qualified men

- 1) Civil Service- Mr. Stover
- 2) Legislative Council- Mr. Dorweiler
- 3) Larger School Units- Mr. Campton of Two Harbors
- 4) Courts-

Presentation of Budget

Dinner-Delegates to be divided in four groups according to interests, each group to dine ~~at~~ different places.  
The delegates to chose their subjects- finance, radio, publicity, squad leadership.

Thursday, May 18

Morning

Business meeting

Vote Budget

Vote Program

Thursday Luncheon- Elections, Mrs. Keyes

Skit- Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Grahame and Mrs. Keyes

Afternoon

Report on National Convention by delegates

Action on By-laws

#### REQUEST LETTER

Mrs. Duff reported on the last request letter for a Talking Campaign on Inflation. The suggestion was made that local leagues be instructed to make up their own Ques, plan meetings, and train local speakers, since Agenda and Ques would not be sent out by the State League.

Miss Mitchell moved that Mrs. Howard be appointed as a delegate to sit on the National Council. Motion carried.



PRE\*ELECTION ACTIVITIES

Interviews with Congressmen Gale and Judd were reported.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie S. Hibbard

Acting secretary

Minnesota League of Women Voters  
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Minneapolis, Minnesota

Executive Committee Meeting

May 2, 1944

Present: Mesdames Hines, Grahame, Howard, Ueland, Keyes, Slocum, Beard, Duff and Miss Horr. One visitor, Mrs. E. Womack of St. Paul.

MRS. DUFF

"The problem is to make a working program for the League in Minnesota. To stimulate interest in the great indifference of people. Less than one/tenth of 1% belong to the League. Rest of people must be reached. The number one job of the League is to make public opinion." Much discussion followed -

MRS. HOWARD

"We must ask ourselves - if the greatest threat to democracy is indifference and lack of responsibility? To those who feel it is a threat do we feel we must win? Do we want the League to fight this battle against indifference?"

"Is it the right army as it stands? Are we willing to sacrifice to a reality?"

MRS. DUFF

"The question is how can we equip the leagues? What are essential ways of training? How best can we stimulate?"

MRS. SLOCUM

"I would like as a member of the Executive Committee to say: we still feel Minnesota should go all out for action and material and stimulus. If we find out after a few months it doesn't work then we can make a decision."

"I move the Executive Committee recommend to the Board that we delegate to Mrs. Duff to make a statement that the Minnesota League continue in the direction we have taken in the last year - to stimulate the great interest of people in government for action. Unanimous. That we do this for a year with material available.

VOTER

Mrs. Killen wishes to take charge of the Voter. Executive Committee agreed with the final OK of Mrs. Duff.

STATE LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Opinion - a chairman should be someone outside of the Presidents. Put it to Presidents at convention.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Question of 20 minimum and whole question of minimum requirements discussed.

NOMINATIONS FOR STATE BOARD

It was felt we should get the best people we can. We should take geography into consideration but get only the best.

SUMMER MEETINGS

If leagues wish help and stimulus should be given to them.

Helen Horr

MEETING OF QUORUM OF BOARD  
May 24, 1944

Present: Mesdames Duff, Beard, Slocum, Hull, Ueland, Howard, Keyes.

Discussion of an executive committee action to be taken at June Board meeting  
Mesdames Duff, Slocum, Beard, Ueland, Howard, Womack. Keyes only during election period, Richardson, ~~Hull~~. ?

Motion made by Mrs. Beard, seconded by Mrs. Slocum - Mrs. Workman be appointed to fill Mrs. Allen's unexpired term.

ELECTIONS

Mrs. Keyes suggested further helps to interviewers on Congressional interviews.  
Accepted.

Interview of Legislators - Three questions. Mrs. Keyes to draw up letter.

Minneapolis wants material on all state offices. Decided to appoint

Mrs. McQuarrie as representing the state to do this. Questions to be submitted to state before going out under her signature.



Minnesota League of Women Voters  
84 South Tenth Street, Minneapolis

STATE BOARD MINUTES  
November 10, 1944

The meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was called to order at 10:00 A.M. on November 10, 1944, by its President, Mrs. Philip S. Duff. Those present were Mesdames Duff, Slocum, Beard, Howard, Gislason, Cant, Bixby, Grahame, Ueland and Miss Horr.

There was a discussion of two candidates for Helen Horr's position and of the qualifications necessary for her successor. The Board agreed that Mesdames Duff, Beard, Slocum and Miss Horr make the final choice.

Mrs. Duff read a letter from the Minneapolis Board asking for a clarification of the League's policy regarding its members' active participation in party politics. It was voted that Mrs. Keyes present a discussion of this at the next Board meeting.

Advisability of candidates meetings at election time was questioned and briefly discussed.

Mrs. Slocum brought up the question of timing of sending out agendas from the State office in regard to the material sent out from the National office on Foreign Policy. A suggestion was made that the next agenda be sent to every group in the League that is doing face to face and speaking to other groups.

Miss Horr reported that the Good Government Group were thinking of presenting a Legislative Council Bill at the State Legislature. The Public Health Bill is not ready but there will probably be introduced an Enabling Act to provide for County Nurses.

Approval was given to Mrs. Duff to appoint Mrs. Fraser as a voting member of the Board until the end of the term of Legislature.

Reports were made of how the membership quota is being met in the various State Leagues.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Beardsley, Acting Secretary

Minnesota League of Women Voters  
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Minneapolis 2, Minnesota

MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
December 8, 1944

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The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of Minnesota League of Women Voters was called to order at 10:00 A. M. on December 8, 1944, by its President, Mrs. Philip S. Duff. Those present were: Mesdames Duff, Slocum, Beard, Howard, Bixby, Grahame, Ueland, Beardsley, Workman, Killen, Fraser, Keyes, Hargraves, Hedin, Mason and Hibbard; also Miss Ivy Hildebrand, our new field worker.

STATE LEGISLATION

Mrs. Richardson, Chairman of State Legislation, reported on the possibility of the introduction of a Legislative Council Bill.

The Public Health Nursing Bill asking for subsidy for each county was discussed.

Mrs. Fraser presented the Nurses' Practice Act calling for registering of all nurses, Practical and Trained. As there is some opposition from doctors in small towns where there are few trained nurses, the Board decided to wait for further information to be presented at our next Board meeting before our taking any action.

It was agreed that material be sent to local Leagues on the Legislative Council Bill, the Public Health Bill and on Civil Service.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Howard presented the new By-laws from the National League office, - those made up by the committee of two State League Presidents, two National Board members and two local League Presidents; also those revised by a sub-committee appointed by the National Board. These



were read and discussed at some length but no action will be taken now. Methods of raising the National budget and representation at National Conventions and the question of State Board's functions were discussed.

Mrs. Duff suggested an agenda be drawn up to present to each local State League the changes in the National League By-laws.

#### FOREIGN POLICY

The letter from the National Board giving the plan for our support of the Dumbarton Oaks plan was read.

It was voted to continue the agendas on Dumbarton Oaks as well as using the National material.

#### RADIO

Mrs. Duff asked for financial support of incidental expenses for the Radio Committee. It seems impossible to submit a definite budget in this pioneer work.

#### MEMBERSHIP

As to membership of local Leagues, the minimum of fifteen has caused several to disband. In general, however, there has been a great gain in membership due to the regulation. It was voted to give an extension of time to those Leagues which had made a real attempt but had not yet reached their quota and to close out the one or two still dragging.

#### NATIONAL LEGISLATION

Federal Poll Tax - Mrs. Duff read a statement from the National League to the effect that while the League's policy has been for the elimination of the Federal Poll Tax, this item is not now on the active list of National because at this time other items seem to the National Board to take precedence over the Poll Tax. It appears to the National Board that at the present time action at the State



level would be the most effective means of furthering its objective.

Fair Employment Practices Commission - Mrs. Duff presented to the Board the letter from National League of Women Voters stating that while it approves theoretically of the F. E. P. C., it believes it unwise at this time to support the proposed legislation which would establish an independent agency with mandatory powers and enforcement penalties. It is the belief of the National Board that such legislation would be unenforceable on a country-wide basis at this time and might cause repercussions which would damage the cause of racial understanding. The National Board recommends that there be a continuation of the type of work done by the present F. E. P. C., preferably through empowering an established government department rather than through the creation of a new, independent commission.

Oleomargarine Tax - Mrs. Duff reported that the National League is supporting the repeal of discriminatory taxes on oleomargarine.

Two-Thirds Treaty Rule - A letter from National was read concerning the National Board's stand on the Two-Thirds Treaty Rule amendment to the U. S. Constitution and the effectiveness of having State Legislatures petition Congress to call a convention for the purpose of changing such rule if Congress does not amend the constitution in the ordinary way. The National League feels it would be wise to initiate or support such a move in any State where it is likely that such petition would be voted by a fair-sized majority.

MARIA SANFORD MEMORIAL

It was reported that the Maria Sanford Memorial Committee has asked for our cooperation in securing contributions. Though this is against our policy as an organization, the matter was brought to the at-

tention of those individuals who might be interested.

FINANCE It was voted to withdraw from the funds of the State League a sufficient amount with which to purchase an appropriate testimonial for Helen Horr as a token of her many years of faithful service to the League.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at three o'clock P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Beardsley  
Acting Secretary

MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
JANUARY 12, 1945

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The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of Minnesota League of Women Voters was held on January 12, 1945, at 10:00 o'clock A. M. in Room 3, Citizens' Aid Building, in Minneapolis. The President, Mrs. Philip S. Duff, presided.

Those present were: Mesdames Duff, Slocum, Howard, Beardsley, Bixby, Congdon, Hargraves, Hedin, Megarry, Ueland, Workman, Beard, Grahame, Fletcher, Fraser, Killen and Richardson; also Mrs. Marc A. Law, Vice President of the National League of Women Voters, and several Presidents of Local Leagues.

It was voted that the reading of the minutes of the December meeting be omitted and that they be accepted as mailed out.

The Treasurer read the report of Bills Payable for January, totaling \$834.41, and the Treasurer's Report showing a balance on hand on December 31, 1944, of \$2210.27. These reports were accepted as read.

RESIGNATIONS

Finance Chairman The resignation of Mrs. Harold G. Cant, Finance Chairman, presented at a previous meeting, was reluctantly accepted. It was voted to leave her post vacant for the time being.

Secretary The resignation of Mrs. Hadlai Hull, Secretary, was read and accepted. It was voted that the Executive Committee appoint her successor.



## APPOINTMENTS

College League Advisor Mrs. Gordon Grunditz was appointed College League Advisor in the place of Mrs. Clyde A. Russ, who resigned last fall.

## STATE LEGISLATION

Legislative Research Bill Miss Hildebrand reported on her work at the State Legislature on the Legislative Research Bill introduced in both Houses (H.F. 1 and S. F. 19). Mrs. Richardson also stressed the importance of the Legislative Council and told of the proposed Education Bill regarding State Aid.

Public Health Mrs. Fraser reported on the proposed Public Health Bills - Health Units, Hennepin County Bill and Nurses Practice. A letter from Dr. W. C. Workman was read giving the arguments against the Nurses' Practice Act. It was subsequently voted that the State League take no action on that Bill.

Civil Service Mrs. Beard reported on legislation which may be brought up in this session of the legislature unfavorable to Civil Service. The hearing on salaries was discussed. The consensus of opinion seemed to be that some increase was reasonable.

Housing Mrs. Sigurd Ueland's letter was read asking that if Enabling Legislation for Housing is brought up, we work for it.

Social Service Under Social Service, the inadequacy of Mothers' Pensions and the No Township System for Relief were discussed.

Mrs. Duff summed up the Board's recommendation that emphasis in State Legislation be placed first on Legislative Research Bill and on Civil Service; second on Public Health Nursing Bill and Aid to Dependent Children Bills; and third on County System of Relief, Education and Housing.



Mrs. Law, the National Vice President, gave the Board some helpful suggestions from her experience in Legislative programs. She stressed the importance of concentrating on only a few Bills.

#### BY-LAWS

The National By-Laws were brought before the Board by Mrs. C. Edward Howard, who is a member of the Convention By-Laws Committee. A discussion of the proposed changes brought forth the recommendation that the Board go on record as wanting (1) A field worker; (2) Local Conferences; (3) Non-duplication of material.

A vote taken as to whether a State Board be continued or the Local League Presidents form a Council resulted in a ten to two vote in favor of retaining the State Board. It was also decided to make no recommendation as to the financial choice.

As there was to be an afternoon meeting of the Board and the Presidents of Local Leagues with Mrs. Law on the subject of Dumbarton Oaks, the Board Meeting was adjourned at Twelve O'clock Noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Beardsley  
Acting Secretary

MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
JANUARY 24, 1945

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A meeting of the Executive Committee of Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at Ten O'clock A. M. on January 24, 1945, in the State League Office. Those present were: Mesdames Duff, Beard, Slocum, Richardson, Ueland and Howard.

Maintenance of Office

The subject of maintenance of office was discussed. It was decided that Mrs. Simmons be offered One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$120.00) per month for a four (4) day week, Miss Hildebrand to man the office the fifth day.

Legislature

If Miss Hildebrand is to be at the legislature only two (2) days per week, Mrs. Richardson agreed to take the responsibility of seeing that someone was at the Capitol every day. She will use members of Legislative Committees from the St. Paul and Minneapolis Leagues.

State Board

It was suggested by Mrs. Duff that an Executive Committee be substituted for the present State Board, with more Presidents' Conferences. The Finance Committee was asked to draw up a tentative budget implementing this plan.

State Convention

Since the 1945 National League Convention has been cancelled in compliance with the request of Director of War Mobiliza-

tion and Reconversion Byrnes, the question of what to do about the 1945 State League Convention was discussed. After some discussion as to what is the required procedure for making the proposed change in organization legal if a 1945 State Convention is not possible, it was decided to consult an attorney. It was further decided that the proposed change in organization should be offered as a definite proposal at the February Board Meeting. There was some discussion of what kind of program should be offered the 1945 State Convention, if such Convention is held.

#### Radio

Discussion: Can League do monitor work for Radio Council? Decision was that proposition was too vague and too diverting of our energies.

#### Secretary

It was decided to appoint a Secretary pro tem for the remaining meetings of the present fiscal year.

#### Nominating Committee

The following were suggested as members of the Nominating Committee: Mesdames Cant, Megarry, Congdon, Hedin and Grahame.

#### Finance

The question was discussed of whether or not to deduct from our National pledge of Forty-Two Hundred Dollars (\$4200.00) the Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) which Miss Marguerite M. Wells did not this year contribute to the National League and which has always been accredited to Minnesota. A suggestion was made that we divide the loss with National. This was left for Board decision.



The meeting adjourned at 1:05 P. M.

Respectfully submitted.

Marjorie Howard



MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
FEBRUARY 9, 1945

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The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS was held Friday, February 9, 1945, at 10:00 o'clock A. M. at the Citizens' Aid Building in Minneapolis. The President, Mrs. Philip S. Duff, presided. Those present were: Mesdames Duff, Hargraves, Grunditz, Beard, Bixby, Richardson, Howard, Slocum, Ueland, Fraser, Hibbard and Fletcher.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report for January, 1945 and for the nine months ended January 31, 1945, was read. It was moved by Mrs. Beard and seconded by Mrs. Hargraves that the reports be placed on file.

FINANCE

Mrs. Duff read a letter from Miss Bertha Fabst, National Finance Chairman, relating to the 1944-45 pledge.

It was suggested that the loss of the Five Hundred Dollar (\$500.00) gift from Miss Marguerite M. Wells which has heretofore been included in the pledge of the Minnesota League be divided with National - this a long-distance view depending upon the new National By-laws. It was moved by Mrs. Ueland and seconded by Mrs. Slocum that the Minnesota League stand by its pledge to National this year of the sum of Forty-Two Hundred Dollars (\$4200.00) and that National be notified that it would probably be considerably less next year. Motion carried.

COLLEGE LEAGUES

Mrs. Grunditz told of a meeting of College League Presidents to be held at the State Legislature March 2nd. She mentioned

that the President of the College Board has been obliged to resign but hoped to have the Vice President take over the Board meeting.

It was suggested that Miss Hildebrand and Mrs. Grunditz attempt to organize other College Leagues.

After some discussion it was decided to let the College League Presidents take the responsibility for getting a College Advisor.

#### APPOINTMENTS

After some discussion it was decided to appoint a Secretary pro tem.

#### LEGISLATION

Miss Hildebrand reported on various bills pending in the legislature.

##### Legislative Research Bill (S.F. 19)

This Bill was laid over in Civil Administration Committee until Wednesday, February 14th. Miss Hildebrand told of an amendment suggested in committee limiting the Council to five members from each house instead of seven.

##### Civil Service

- (1) Reclassification. Mrs. Beard explained the Reclassification Bill.
- (2) Schmahl Bill (S.F. 200). Mrs. Beard explained this Bill, which, if passed, would remove from Civil Service about twelve money-handling clerks in the Treasurer's office. It was decided to wire ten local Leagues requesting that they convey to their Senators their opposition to this Bill which would provide a dangerous opening-wedge to breaking down the Civil Service system.
- (3) Veteran's Bill (S.F. 111, H.F. 63). Mrs. Beard explained this Bill which provides for a Veteran on the Civil Service Board. It was decided that the State League should write to Representative John A. Hartle, Chairman of the House Civil Administration Committee, stating the League's position on this Bill. It was further decided that a similar letter be sent to Senator Donald O. Wright, Chairman of the Senate Civil Administration Committee, and a copy thereof to each member of that committee. Mrs. Duff appointed Mrs. Beard to assist her in drafting these letters.

Public Health Nursing Mrs. Fraser reported on the Public Health Nursing Bill (H.F. 34 and S.F. 31) It was decided that some of Claude Allen's constituents should talk to him about this Bill.

Aid to Dependent Children (S.F. 18) Miss Hildebrand reported that this Bill had been reported favorably out of the Committee of Whole. She explained that this Bill provides for removing the ceiling on aid to dependent children. Miss Hildebrand suggested that it might be necessary to do some work on this Bill in the House (Welfare Committee).

Housing Mrs. Ueland read the following motion passed at the last Board Meeting of the Minneapolis League:

"That the State Board be requested to send a letter to such groups as may be sponsoring U.S. H. A. types of enabling legislation for housing for people of low incomes, stating that the League of Women Voters is supporting such legislation."

Education Mrs. Hargraves told of Bills to be introduced shortly (supported by M. E. A. and A. A. U. W.) providing Larger Classroom Units of School Administration and raising minimum salaries of teachers. It was decided to let the local Leagues know that the League of Women Voters supports these, letting other organizations do the most active work.

It was decided to send to the local Leagues information relative to both Housing and the Education Bill. Also the Housing Group was to be asked to notify us what other groups are interested in Housing.

#### LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN

It was suggested that a Bulletin on Legislative Matters go out to Local Leagues every two weeks.

#### LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

After some discussion of a committee for watching legislation, Mrs. Beard suggested getting some of the good Minneapolis and St. Paul League members to work out a plan of what to watch for and specific people to watch it. It was decided that for this year we would continue as we are as to visiting the Legislature - with Miss Hildebrand spending most of her time there.



## BOARD

The appointment of a smaller Board of Directors (in effect an Executive Board) was discussed. It was decided that policy questions should be decided by Presidents' Conferences.

It was moved by Mrs. Ueland and seconded by Mrs. Hargraves that the Minnesota League of Women Voters have a small Board and call as many Presidents' Conferences as reasonable during the year - as an experiment for one year. Motion carried.

It was suggested that the President write each local League on this matter asking its approval of this plan as an experimental measure and stating in the letter substantially as follows: "Unless we hear from you to the contrary by such and such a time, we will assume that this is satisfactory".

## VOTER

The question of the value of the Minnesota Woman Voter was discussed. It was decided that decision on this matter and as to change of name of the Voter should be decided by the Presidents' Conference

## STATE CONVENTION (or meeting)

It was decided that in view of the fifty limit this would have to be a Presidents' Conference and after considerable discussion it was decided that it should be held in April, 1945.

It was left with the chair to appoint a Nominating Committee. It was decided that the committee should nominate the following: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and three directors (Organization, Legislative and Pre-election).



## RADIO

Mrs. Fletcher reported on radio activity and that it was limited by lack of script writers. She suggested that we pay for a fellowship for a student to attend the University to learn to write Radio scripts for the League. With less State activity radio might become an entirely local League responsibility.

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Mrs. Duff read Mrs. Law's letter of thanks.

Mrs. Duff reported that Mrs. Glen Waters, of Rochester, Minnesota, is going to speak in several places for the League.

It was suggested that we get up a list of available speakers on Dumbarton Oaks.

Mrs. Duff reported that the Hibbing League will not continue after this year for it does not wish to assume the responsibilities of a League. In the past it has functioned only as a study club.

Mrs. Slocum read a list of possible subjects for Agendas and asked for suggestions. It was decided to write the National League asking what was next coming from it before sending out another Agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Belva Simmons,  
Acting Secretary

MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
APRIL 25, 1945

The pre-conference meeting of the Board of Directors of Minnesota League of Women Voters was held on Wednesday, April 25th, at the home of Mrs. Philip S. Duff at Wayzata, Minnesota. The meeting began at 8:00 P. M., Mrs. Duff presiding. Present were Mesdames Ueland, Bixby, Howard, Megarry, Slocum, Keyes, Mason, Gislason, Hedin, Killen, Hargraves, Fletcher, Grahame, Workman, Beardsley, Grunditz and Hibbard; also attending were Mesdames Rea, Richardson, Simmons and Miss Ivy Hildebrand.

Minutes of the previous Board Meeting were read and accepted.

Mrs. Beardsley read the Treasurer's Report as follows:

Receipts	\$ 2,420.83
Disbursements	1,096.43
Balance as of March 31, 1945	1,167.20
Balance as of April 30, 1945	\$ 2,497.60
Bills Payable for May (estimated)	\$ 855.21

Mrs. Duff suggested that the State Board change its fiscal year to coincide with that of the National Board which begins April 1st. After a discussion of this matter the Board decided to let the situation rest until the new By-laws are acted upon.

Mrs. Richardson presented a request from the Civil Service Council for a contribution of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) from the League to defray expenses of materials and mailing of same to the League. She stated that all organizations receiving this service from the Council had been asked to contribute a like amount. It was moved by Mrs. Hargraves and seconded by Mrs. Slocum that the League pay the Civil Serv-

ice Council Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to defray expenses of material and mailing.  
Motion carried.

#### DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

Mrs. Duff named Mrs. F. W. Grahame of St. Paul and Mrs. David Shearer of Minneapolis as delegates to the National Council Meeting to be held in Washington D. C. May 1-4, 1945.

#### SLATE FOR STATE BOARD 1945-46

Mrs. Howard presented the following slate for the State Board for 1945-46: Mrs. F. W. Grahame, St. Paul, President; Mrs. James Slocum, Minneapolis, Vice President; Mrs. Lyman Beardsley, Minnetonka Beach, Treasurer; Mrs. Philip S. Duff, Wayzata, Secretary; Mrs. A. B. Anderson, St. Paul; Mrs. Malcolm B. McDonald, Interlachen Park; and Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, Rochester, Directors.

#### STRAUSS LETTERS

Mrs. Duff instructed the Secretary to read the letter written by Anna Lord Strauss to all Leagues on the death of President Roosevelt.

Mrs. Duff read the National League's request for action on OPA and expressed the opinion that local Leagues should be urged to act upon the request. Mrs. Killen suggested individual league members be instructed to call their newspapers and ask for publicity in support of continuing OPA; write letters to "public opinion" newspaper columns; write letters to their congressmen.

#### NATIONAL LEGISLATION

Miss Hildebrand reported on the Fair Practices Employment Act (F.E.P.C.). Mrs. Duff explained that the attitude of the National League on F. E. P. C. was to leave it to the individual states and not to bring pressure to bear nationally. Mrs. Hargraves was of the opinion that local situations arising under F. E. P. C. would be varied and Local Leagues could take action with permission from the National League when situations arose.



Mrs. Duff announced that the subject of Compulsory Military training would come up at the National Council Meeting. Thus far the National League has made no recommendations on the subject for local Leagues, but did send out pro and con literature and a list for recommended reading.

The question arose as to whether or not times had changed enough to warrant the League taking a stand on Military Conscription. Mrs. Bixby stated that the St. Paul League felt the subject should wait. Mrs. Grahame was of the opinion that Military Conscription will have to come up soon for consideration on the League's Active List because it will be up for Congressional action.

It was the opinion of the Board that because many other organizations and groups were working on the matter no action was necessary until it comes up at the National Council Meeting.

Mrs. Duff reviewed Miss Strauss' speech to Congress on the Two-Thirds Senate Treaty Rule.

#### ACTIVITY AND MATERIAL IN SUPPORT OF DUMBARTON OAKS AND BRETTON WOODS

Mrs. Duff expressed herself as being very pleased with the thrilling and remarkable reports from local Leagues concerning their activities in support of Dumbarton Oaks and called on Mrs. Gislason to report on the work of the New Ulm League. Mrs. Gislason said the panel work had been very successful and her group considered the National Material sent out on the subject very good.

Mrs. Slocum asked for an opinion on the future policy of the Board concerning work on Dumbarton Oaks, Bretton Woods and World Trade. After a lengthy discussion the opinion of the Board was to push work on Bretton Woods and Trade and to continue work on creating public opinion on these subjects.

#### THE MINNESOTA WOMAN VOTER

The question of whether or not the State League Publication "The Minnesota Woman Voter" should be continued was discussed at length. Mrs. Slocum suggested that it be continued in the form of a State News Letter



instead of the magazine form. Mrs. Hargraves commented on the excellence of the Voter editorials and expressed the opinion that a publication which stimulates action on the part of every member is valuable. Mrs. Gislason commented on the value of reporting the activities of the various Leagues in the Voter.

It was decided to bring the matter up for discussion and action at the Presidents' Conference.

#### COLLEGE LEAGUES

Mrs. Grunditz reported on College League activities and announced a meeting of the combined College Groups to be held April 28th when Mrs. Duff will tell something of the history of the League and Mrs. McQuarrie and Mrs. Killen discuss the Dumbarton Oaks proposals.

#### RADIO - PRESENT AND FUTURE STATUS

Mrs. Fletcher told of the radio activities past and present. Many channels have opened up. It was felt that in the future the Radio Committee should be a Minneapolis Committee - not joint State and City.

#### BUDGET 1945-46

The proposed budget for 1945-46 was presented by Mrs. Beardsley as follows:

##### RECEIPTS:

Pledges from Local Leagues	\$9,150.00
Contributions	430.00
Interest on Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund	35.00
Minnesota Woman Voter	<u>235.00</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$9,850.00
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##### DISBURSEMENTS:

Pledge to National	\$4,200.00
Salaries	3,750.00
Field Work	700.00
Office Maintenance	<u>1,200.00</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$9,850.00
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It was moved to present this budget to the Presidents' Conference with recommendation to pass. It was further moved to recommend to the Conference a State Pledge to National of \$4200.00

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elsie Hibbard,  
Acting Secretary

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Mrs. Simmons —

I hope this is what you  
wanted -

E. S. H.



MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

PROGRAM OF WORK  
1944-45

FOR LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT -

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
EXTENSION OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT POLICY

1. The State Board shall decide when the measures, adopted in principle by the convention, shall be made subjects for active legislative work.
2. The League, by vote of the State Board, may undertake active work in support of the administration, enforcement and improvement of laws, which in their passage were supported by the League; and if such laws or laws embodying standards defined in the National League program, are threatened by new legislation.
3. The League, by a two-thirds majority of the members of the State Board present and voting, previous notice having been given, may undertake active work for measures previously supported by the League and not enacted into law.

### Board Minutes

A meeting of the Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held on Friday, May 25, at 10:00 o'clock in the Minneapolis League office, Mrs. Grahame presiding. Present: Mesdames Grahame, Beardsley, Hargreaves, Anderson, Slocum, and Duff.

There was a discussion of Mrs. Simmons' imminent departure and the matter was left to Mrs. Grahame to try to work out something for the summer and the future with Mrs. Simmons.

It was moved by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Hargreaves, to raise Miss Hildebrand's salary to \$ 175 per month, effective August 1.

Mrs. Grahame proposed Mrs. Killen as Voter editor and member of the Board. So voted. Mrs. Duff appointed Advisor.

Upon motion by Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Grunditz was reappointed College League Advisor and will be notified of Board meetings with the hope that she can occasionally attend.

Miss Hildebrand reported upon the organization of the new Hibbing League. The question of the Zumbrota League's difficulties was raised but no action was taken.

The allocation of jobs to Board members was discussed. Mrs. Anderson, in her capacity as legislative chairman, is collaborating with Miss Hildebrand in sending the voting record of legislators to each League. Mrs. Slocum was asked to take charge of pushing the distribution of literature.

After adjourning to attend the Minneapolis Annual Meeting, the Board reassembled to hear Mrs. Grahame's account of the National Council meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen J. Duff, Secretary

A meeting of the Board of the Minn. DWV was held on Friday, June 15, at 10 o'clock in the State office, Mrs. Grahame presiding. Present: Mesdames Grahame, Beardsley, Anderson ~~and~~ McDonald and Duff.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Grahame gave a resume of the discussion of the Nat'l Board at the former Board meeting for the benefit of those who were absent. She told of the telegram she sent ~~about~~ to Nat'l concerning the Wherry-Shipstead amendment to the OPA bill. A stumbling Block and a request for action has ~~been~~ been sent on the same subject.

The question of the office <sup>work</sup> was discussed. Mrs. Simmons will return October first but can give some time to supervision in August and September. Meanwhile she will help in getting out the Voter. The St. Paul office secretary, <sup>work</sup>, will fill the vacancy from July 15 to Aug. 15 or Sept. 15. The members of the State Board will man the office ~~the~~ each morning of the first two weeks in July.

The Treasurer then gave her report: ~~for~~ for May: Receipts, \$518.22; Disbursements \$1029.46; Balance May 31, \$1986.36. Report accepted and placed on file. ✓ She also reported that all but 3 leagues had paid their 1944-45 pledge. All leagues are to be asked to send a copy of their budget and the amount of their this year's pledge. It was decided not to bond either the treasurer of the office secretary.

Another new league was reported organized - Granite Falls. They expect to have 20 or more members and assume a quota of at least \$15. Miss Hildebrand plans to return to both Hibbing and Granite Falls early in the fall as new leagues must be closely watched.

It was voted to authorize Mrs. Grahame to sign checks in the place of Mrs. Duff. The authorized signatures are now Mrs. Beardsley, Mrs. Slocum, and Mrs. Grahame, two of which must appear on each check.

There was some discussion of whether or not it was the function of the reorganized state Board to push the ~~purchase~~ of National material. The Field Visitor will naturally do so on her trips, but it was decided that national affairs were not the concern of the State Executive Board. The contact between Local and National is now direct.

Mrs. Grahame announced that she had enclosed five of the Mpls Food Broad sides with each order of the "Starving" broad sides to local leagues.

It was decided not to renew the Voter mailing permit until the question of name had been decided. That is to be left for the suggestions of Mrs. Killen, the Editor. The Board went on record, however, as not favoring "The Articulate Voter." The "Active Voter"

*Let's read the file payables*



was suggested.

Mrs. Grahame read a letter of thanks from Miss Mitchell for the League's contribution of \$10 to the Civil Service Council. Mrs Anderson was appointed the League representative to that Board.

The President asked the Board if there were any new suggestions for the By-laws. None offered.

The suggestion was made that Farmington, which has not is the only League not to meet the membership requirements, might possibly be a unit of the Ramsey county League. The matter was left until fall when Miss Wildebrand will visit them.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen J. Driff  
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A meeting of the Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held on Friday, August 10th, at the home of Mrs. Lyman Beardsley at Minnetonka Beach. The president, Mrs. Grahame, presided. Present: Mesdames Grahame, Anderson, Slocum, Hargreaves, Beardsley, and Duff.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

There was no treasurer's report.

The new name of the Voter was explained - The Articulate Voter - and the Board accepted the fait accompli.

It was decided that a letter from the treasurer to each local league should go out before September first asking for a copy of the local budget and a report of the 1945-46 pledge.

The names of the Nominating committee for next year's national president and Board were read by the president. She also asked for the opinion of the Board as to the usefulness of having a place on the back of broadsides for signatures as was done on the "Starving" broadside. No particular comment.

The office secretary was instructed to send a check monthly to National covering 1/12 of our pledge of \$4200.

There was some discussion on Federal Aid to Education. Mrs. Grahame explained that the League's stand was based on the belief in equalization, not appropriation according to population, also opposition to aids to non-public schools. Therefore NLWV had not supported the current bills. Mrs. Grahame, with some other League member, is planning to discuss this matter, if possible, with Sen. Ball and Dr. Judd.

Plans were discussed relative to the coming visit of the National Board member, Mrs. Pollack, to hold regional meetings in 6 or 7 centers in Minnesota on training for leadership. It was decided to communicate with National to find just what such a course involved and whether or not we might combine our planned presidents' conference with these meetings. It was suggested that our meetings should include a discussion of topics for fall discussion, how to increase League membership by organizing new groups and how to provide the leadership.

The meeting was adjourned at 3 P.M. The delicious luncheon and the reports of peace negotiations with Japan made it a memorable day.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mrs. Philip Duff*  
*Secretary*

MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SEPTEMBER 14, 1945

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A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held on Friday, September 14, at 10 o'clock in the Minneapolis League office, Mrs. Grahame presiding. Present: Mesdames Grahame, Killen, Slocum, Anderson, Beardsley, Hargraves, and McDonald.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Mrs. Beardsley reported on a letter from the National Treasurer regarding the Missouri State Treasurer's letter.

The question of having a State Finance Chairman in addition to the Treasurer was raised by Mrs. Grahame. Decision: not to have one at this time because quotas are coming in regularly and finance drives are made by local leagues rather than the State.

Mrs. Grahame reported on the regional conference dates and the arrangements made. No schedule from National as yet so the State's part is still undefined. She also asked if some Board Member would volunteer to attend the Mankato Conference in her place. Mrs. Hargraves agreed to do this.

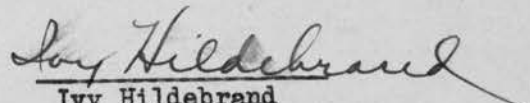
A report was given on the proposed "starvation" luncheon for the Minneapolis Conference. A meal based on the average daily menu of the French will be served.

There was discussion about the President's visiting local Leagues. Decision: she should visit those which need it most and analyze their needs. Expense for trips to be borne by the State League.

The question of organizing the State Board on the four "fields of interest" as suggested by the National Office was discussed at length. Opinion divided; no vote taken.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 12 o'clock noon.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Ivy Hildebrand  
Acting Secretary



MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OCTOBER 28, 1945

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A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held on Friday, October 28, 1945, at 10:30 o'clock A. M. in the State League Office, Mrs. F. W. Grahame presiding. Present: Mesdames Anderson, Grahame, McDonald, Hargraves, Slocum, Beardsley and Duff.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as read.

Mrs. Beardsley gave the Treasurer's Report showing the receipts to date to be \$3199.48 and the disbursements \$3538.37 out of the expected annual total of \$9650. The method of collection of contributions was discussed and it was decided that letters would be written to the prospective donors as usual.

It was voted to pay Mrs. Simmons \$150 per month for a five day week, with one month's vacation on pay.

It was decided to invest \$1000 of our bank balance in certificates of deposit or war bonds, according to the Treasurer's discretion.

Miss Hildebrand then gave a report of her field trips which included the organization of the West Dakota County League made up of former Farmington members plus residents of Lakeville and some rural women. She also visited Wells<sup>and</sup> Wabasha, both of which are in a not too healthy state. The St. Olaf College League has been reorganized and a new one started at Augsburg where the College League Conference is to be held in November. While in Duluth and Winona Miss Hildebrand made contacts with the colleges there with a view to possible organization of leagues in the future. She also told of the very flourishing high school league in Mankato which might be a pattern for "Future Voter" groups elsewhere.

Mrs. Grahame also reported on her visits to Duluth, Red Wing, Wabasha, Winona and Lake City.

There was a report on and considerable discussion of the regional conferences led by Mrs. Pollak of the National Board and Ann Byrd Firor of the National Staff. It was felt that they were very much worthwhile and that every person attending them had derived considerable benefit. Their suggestions for training courses for presidents, new member indoctrination, wider use of national and state material were discussed. Mrs. Grahame's suggestion that we ask National for earlier forecasts of impending issues was heartily adopted.

A letter from a Mrs. Osborne was read asking that Mrs. Grahame serve as an advisory member to the price control conference to be held in St. Paul under Dr. Carol Koch. It was decided that she attend the first meeting without committing the League to further responsibility until she sees what the plans are.

It was reported that the Minneapolis League, under Mrs. McQuarrie, is conferring with Mr. Nolte in the hope that an institute on Reorganization of the Federal Government might be put on at the Continuation School early in December. On motion of Mrs. Slocum it was voted that the State Board cooperate in the undertaking and enlist attendance from the state membership.

There was discussion of the next Presidents' Conference and it was decided tentatively to hold it on Feb. 5, 6, or 7 after the proposed Active List has been received from National. The suggested agenda: National active list; By-laws, suggested improvements for Minnesota from the report of Mrs. Pollack and Miss Firor.

The question of whether to hold the State Convention before or after the National Convention, and in St. Paul or Minneapolis was discussed but the decision left until later.

It was decided to notify the local radio chairmen of the impending Herald Tribune Forum of the air so that they could give it publicity.

Mrs. Grahame read the replies from the Minnesota congressmen to her letter regarding the UNRRA appropriations.

It was decided to submit to the National League the following recommendations for the 1946-47 Active List:

"That the foreword or preamble now appearing upon the Active List (1944-45) be retained, with the omission of the reference to the Platform. The preamble would then read:

The National League of Women Voters proposes to focus its attention upon the Active List during the next year. The National Board is authorized to call for action when needed to give effect to these proposals.

"That the Active List as it now stands is by far too long, too all-inclusive and too wordy.

"That the National Convention vote a much shorter, less definitive program with mandatory emphasis - limited to possibly three active, mandatory support items as follows:

- I. The utilization of international machinery in the handling of common economic, social and political problems toward speedy progression from the United Nations Organization to a status of full world government.

II. Strengthening of governmental procedures to improve the legislative processes and the relationship between Congress and the Executive.

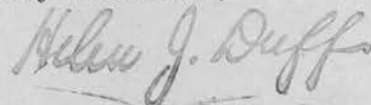
III. Legislation that will guarantee a minimum of economic security against sickness, disability, unemployment and old age.

"That other support items for which there is precedent in the League program might be incorporated in the platform for permissive action at the discretion of the National Board.

"That an eighty per cent majority be required to put any item beyond three on the mandatory list."

The meeting was adjourned at three o'clock P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Helen J. Duff".

Helen J. Duff, Secretary



MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
DECEMBER 10, 1945

A brief meeting of the Board of Directors of Minnesota League of Women Voters was held on Monday, December 10th, at the Continuation Center at the University of Minnesota, after a session of the Institute on the Reorganization of the Federal Government. Present: Mesdames Grahame, Slocum and Duff, as well as Miss Hildebrand and Mrs. Simmons. Mrs. Grahame presided.

A letter from the Minneapolis Board was read requesting the State Board to write the Governor of Minnesota requesting that he call a special session of the Legislature to vote the enabling act for federal aid in housing. Although shortage of material is the immediate block in the housing situation, still it was felt that the enabling act would have its best chance of passage now when public opinion is aroused on the subject. It was voted that the President write the Governor in accordance with the request.

The agenda of the Presidents' Conference as agreed upon in the last meeting was discussed and it was decided to include a discussion of housing with possibly two qualified persons presenting the topic. The date of the conference was set for February 6th, 7th or 8th.

The place of the conference was discussed and it was decided to look into the possibilities of holding it in St. Paul.

Respectfully submitted,

*Helen J. Duff*

Helen J. Duff, Secretary

MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
JANUARY 18, 1946

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A meeting of the Board of Directors of MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS was held in the League office at 10:30 o'clock A. M. on Friday, January 18, 1946. Present: Mesdames Grahame, Hargraves, McDonald, Beardsley, Slocum and Duff - also Miss Hildebrand and Mrs. Simmons. The President, Mrs. Grahame, presided.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Grahame reported that she had written Governor Thye asking for a special session of the Minnesota legislature to vote enabling legislation for federal help in housing.

Mrs. Grahame reported that the Ramsey County League had agreed to act as hostess for the Presidents' Conference to be held in St. Paul, and that the date decided upon for the Conference was February 6th.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved. Several questions as to membership dues, quotas, etc. were raised. It was moved by Mrs. Duff, and seconded by Mrs. McDonald that any change in financial set-up be held in abeyance until after the National Convention. Motion carried.

After considerable discussion it was decided not to set a regular meeting day for Board meetings but that notices of such meetings should indicate, if possible, how long a meeting was anticipated.

Miss Hildebrand explained that she had been asked to chair a committee to draw up a bill for larger units of Health Administration. It was decided that Miss Hildebrand did not have the time for so large an undertaking and that it was not on the league's program to take so large a share in the promotion of this idea.

Mrs. Grahame announced that Mrs. Malcolm McDonald had accepted the appointment as Voter Editor. It was decided not to fill her old position as Organization Chairman for the time being, but to look into the possibility of engaging an assistant part time field visitor as the growth of interest in College Leagues was demanding more and more of Miss Hildebrand's time. Mrs. Grahame mentioned that she had in mind a St. Paul person for this job. It was finally decided to leave the whole matter in abeyance for the time being.

There was considerable discussion of the agenda for the Presidents' Conference to be held in St. Paul on February 6th at the St. Paul Hotel, with registration beginning at 9:30 A. M. It was decided to give over the morning to discussion of the National Active List and much of the afternoon session to the State Active List. Because of the current interest in Housing and because of the Board's recent action in urging the Governor to call a special session of the Legislature to pass the Enabling Act, it was decided to give time on the program to this subject. Also Miss Hildebrand was to be given time to explain the need of cooperation from the local leagues in planning visits. Mrs. Hargraves was assigned the task of leading a discussion during luncheon on and Orientation Course to be prepared by Mrs. Grahame. Another theme of discussion was to be League members' participation in party politics. It was voted to ask no registration fee, and that the Minnesota League should pay incidental expense up to Fifteen Dollars.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen J. Duff, Secretary

MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF EXECUTIVE BOARD  
FEBRUARY 20, 1946

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A meeting of the Executive Board of MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS was held on Wednesday, February 20th, 1946, at 10:30 O'clock A. M. in the League office, Mrs. Grahame presiding. Present: Mesdames Anderson, Har-graves, McDonald, Duff and Grahame; also Miss Hildebrand and Mrs. Simmons.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was omitted.

Mrs. Grahame reported that the Minnesota League is allowed eleven (11) delegates and eleven (11) alternates at the National Convention to be held in Kansas City, Missouri, April 30th to May 3rd, with no visitors. After discussion of the matter of selection of delegates, it was agreed that such Board members as could attend should have the first opportunity to represent the Minnesota League. It was further agreed to ask a selected list of persons, chiefly from the leagues which were not represented at the last convention; about six persons (three delegates and three alternates) from the Minneapolis League and three persons from the St. Paul League. It was decided that in case of vacancies Minneapolis and St. Paul might have more representatives, Minneapolis especially being desirous of as large a delegation as possible.

Miss Hildebrand reported on College Leagues, of which there are now ten including the new league at St. Benedict's and the League in process of organization at the Agricultural College of the University of Minnesota. It was thought very desirable for the College Leagues to receive the National President's letters although it is contrary to the present national policy to send them from the National office. It was decided to ask again at the convention for a reconsideration of this policy. Meanwhile it was moved by Mrs. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. McDonald that the Minnesota League pay for and send to College Leagues copies of these letters until the end of the year.

The question of sending press releases to Minnesota newspapers in towns where there are no leagues was discussed but left until the next meeting for action.

It was decided to leave the appointment of a Nominating Committee to Mrs. Grahame and she was delegated authority to make such appointments.

After considerable discussion it was decided to leave to the State Convention the question of whether the local league Presidents or the Executive Board should be designated the "Board of Directors" of the Minnesota League. The dates for the State Convention were tentatively set for May 14th and 15th.

There was some discussion of the State Active list. It was decided to adhere to the usual procedure of making out the State program. Mrs. Anderson and Miss Hildebrand were asked to work out a tentative proposed Active List and a letter to go to local league presidents on the subject.

It was decided that the Budget Committee will also function as



prescribed in the By-Laws. It was also decided to look into the matter of basing local league quotas on the 1940 instead of the 1920 census. A possible revision of the amount of affiliation fees of college leagues will be considered also.

Mrs. Grahame then raised two questions:

1. Would it not be helpful if the Board members were responsible for clipping items relative to items on the National Active list so that the President might always be prepared to speak on the subjects?
2. What was the reaction to the new League procedure in regard to the Full Employment Bill on which the League took no stand but tried to stimulate public understanding. ~~Both questions were left~~

Both questions were left open for future discussion.

Mrs. Grahame reported that the Minneapolis Board has requested the Minnesota Board to write a letter to Governor Thye recommending persons to fill the present vacancy on the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota. Mrs. Grahame was authorized to write such letter on behalf of the Board.

Mrs. Duff was appointed chairman of a committee of three to take charge of the preparation of the Senators broadside authorized by the Presidents' Conference February 6, 1946.

It was decided to discuss at the State Convention the matter of organizing County Leagues.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Philip J. Duff*  
Mrs. Philip S. Duff

MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1946

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A meeting of the Board of Directors of Minnesota League of Women Voters was held in the League Office on Thursday, March 21, 1946, at 10:30 O'Clock A. M., Mrs. F. W. Grahame, the President, presiding. Present: Mesdames Anderson, Beardsley, McDonald, Hargraves, Slocum and Grahame; also Mrs. Simmons.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Mrs. Grahame reported that she had written to Governor Thye suggesting some people to fill the vacancy on the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota, such vacancy having since been filled.

It was unanimously voted to increase Mrs. Simmons' salary to One Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$175.00) per month. (Per Mrs. Grahame)

Mrs. Grahame reported her appointment of Mrs. Leonard Keyes, of Columbia Heights, as Chairman of the Nominating Committee to prepare the 1946-47 slate of officers and executive board. A discussion of other persons to serve on the nominating committee followed but final appointment was left to Mrs. Grahame.

Party activity of Board members was discussed, after which Mrs. Slocum decided to tender her resignation as of March 22nd, because of her party activity. Her verbal resignation was accepted with deep regret.

Mrs. Howard discussed the proposed By-Laws of the National League of Women Voters. She stated that she did not think the League in other parts of the country is what it is in Minnesota. She thought that putting responsibility on local leagues is a good thing. Mrs. Howard suggested that these proposed By-Laws be accepted until we make up our minds.

It was decided that it is more important to have local leagues prepare material on state legislative, county and local candidates than for the state league to get out the Senatorial broadside previously planned. Mrs. Slocum suggested that the State Board recommend to local leagues that they get out something along this line themselves. It was decided that preparation of a senatorial broadside by the State League be dropped.

Mrs. Grahame read a letter from the National Organization Secretary about field visits of Miss Pabst. It was decided that Mrs. Grahame turn down the suggested visits on May 27th but ask that Miss Pabst visit the Minnesota leagues at a later date.

Mrs. Grahame reported that the State Convention dates had been changed to May 16th and 17th and that the Minneapolis annual meeting would take place

in the morning of May 16th, as would the pre-convention meeting of the State Board. The State Convention will officially open with a luncheon on May 16th.

It was decided to hold a Press Conference and a Round Table Discussion of National Current Agenda items as well as the Presidents' Conference on the morning of May 17th.

Mrs. Slocum suggested that the State Convention be kept on a State level and it was suggested that the President write to Lawrence Hall asking him to be the speaker at the luncheon to be held on May 17th. It was further decided to ask all of the state gubernatorial candidates to speak briefly at the dinner on May 16th.

Mrs. Grahame read a letter from Mrs. Bixby of St. Paul relative to the National Active List.

It was moved by Mrs. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. Hargraves that the Minnesota Board approve the three items on the proposed National Active List. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 O'Clock P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bela Simmons*

Mrs. H. R. Simmons  
Acting Secretary



MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 1946

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS was held at the League Office on Tuesday, April 9, 1946, at 10:30 O'Clock A. M., Mrs. F. W. Grahame, the President, presiding. Present: Mesdames Grahame, Beardsley, Anderson, McNamara, Zavoral and Duff; also Miss Hildebrand and Mrs. Simmons.

Mrs. Grahame told of the Georgia League of Women Voters' letter presenting their suggested changes in the proposed National By-Laws.

A discussion of the proposed National By-Laws and the new relationship imposed thereby between National, Local and State Leagues followed.

Mrs. McNamara stated that the Minneapolis League favored the close tie-up between the National and the Local League.

Mrs. Duff suggested that Mrs. Grahame write Miss Strauss about the Georgia letter and any suggestions that Minnesota might want to send out to other State Leagues. She also suggested that we write the Georgia League as to their proposals, sending a copy of our letter to the National Office.

It was decided that we give the National Board authority for discretionary action in the By-Laws.

Mrs. Grahame stated that she thought the proposed new By-Laws were better than the old By-Laws.

It was decided that the name be left as provided in proposed By-Laws "League of Women Voters of the United States".

Mrs. McNamara stated that the Minneapolis Board wants to suggest another item for the State Active List. The item as telephoned by Mrs. McQuarrie to Mrs. Simmons is: ~~"Responsibility of State Government for an adequate revenue system for cities"~~. "State responsibility for providing local governments with adequate financial resources to carry on their governmental services." The meeting adjourned at 1:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Philip J. Duff*  
Mrs. Philip Duff, Secretary

MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MONDAY, APRIL 22, 1946

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A meeting of the Board of Directors of MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS was held at the League office on Monday, April 22, 1946, at 10:30 O'clock A. M., Mrs. F. W. Grahame, the President, presiding. Present: Mesdames Grahame, McNamara, Anderson, Zavoral, Duff, Beardsley and McDonald; also Miss Hildebrand and Mrs. Simmons.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as mailed out.

The Treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Beardsley and approved as read.

Mrs. Grahame reminded the Board of the Broadcast on Atomic Energy to be presented on April 23, 1946, at 9:30 P. M. our time over WCCO.

Mrs. Grahame mentioned to the Board the fact that since Mrs. Slocum's resignation there has been no State Vice President. It was unanimously decided that we continue without a Vice President for the balance of the year, it being so near its end.

Miss Hildebrand presented the question of basing local league quotas on the 1940 census instead of on the 1920 census as at present - the basis now being \$10 per 1,000 of population based on the 1920 census. The new system would materially increase some quotas while others would remain the same. It was decided to take this matter up at the Presidents' Conference to be held on Friday, May 17, 1946.

Mrs. Grahame discussed the publicity given the Minnetonka League's wire to the National League opposing OPA. Mrs. Beardsley moved, and Mrs. McDonald seconded that Mrs. Grahame write Minnetonka a letter calling their attention to the fact that while this publicity was doubtless inadvertently given out, that such procedure is contrary to League policy.

Mrs. McQuarrie of the Minneapolis League presented her proposed addition to the State Active List "State support of financial programs which provide municipal governments with adequate revenue raising plans to meet the costs of essential local services".

Mrs. McNamara suggested that re-apportionment or redistricting might be added to the Active List.

Mrs. Grahame asked about visitors coming in to the dinner on May 16th without paying a small entrance fee. It was decided that this should be left to the Chairman of Arrangements.

The matter of continuance of the small executive board was discussed and it was decided to put up to the Presidents' Conference on May 17th and to the State Convention the continued suspension of our State By-Laws for one more year until our By-Laws may be properly amended.

Mrs. Grahame read a letter from Mrs. Wilder, President of the Rochester, Minnesota League suggesting that we add to the State Active List "Legislative action on a Bill for Enrichment of White Flour and Bread". Mrs. Wilder stated that she considered this a vital health measure.

No decision was reached on either of the proposed additions to the State Active List.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Philip S. Duff*

Mrs. Philip S. Duff, Secretary

It was decided that subject to Convention approval, Mrs. Grahame should pledge to the National League for 1946-47 \$4500.00.



MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
MINUTES OF PRE-CONVENTION BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1946

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The pre-convention meeting of the Executive Board of MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS was held at the Radisson Hotel, Room 414, on Thursday morning, May 16, 1946, at 9:30 O'Clock A. M., Mrs. F. W. Grahame, the President, presiding. Present: Mesdames Beardsley, Duff, Anderson, Hargraves, McDonald and Grahame; also Miss Hildebrand and Mrs. Simmons.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was omitted.

Mrs. Beardsley presented the Treasurer's report, which was approved.

It was decided to ask the Presidents' Conference to decide the matter of basing quotas on the 1940 census instead of on the 1920 census. Also, the matter of making the Presidents' Conference the Minnesota Board, with the former so-called Board the Executive Board, was to be proposed to the Presidents' Conference.

There was a discussion of the advisability of maintaining our nearly \$2,000 balance as a reserve fund instead of including it in the proposed annual budget. It was decided not to include the balance in the proposed budget.

The chair was authorized to appoint a committee with Mrs. Cant as Chairman to make recommendations concerning the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund.

It was recommended that the President appoint a committee to revise our State By-Laws in conformity with the National By-Laws, and to wait until such time as the new By-Laws of the League of Women Voters of the U. S. reach us.

It was decided to ask Mrs. Fraser to represent the League on the Public Health Committee.

A discussion took place in regard to three items proposed as additions to our proposed State Active List, those items being:

"State responsibility for providing local governments with adequate financial resources to carry on their governmental services"

"Bill for Enrichment of White Flour and Bread"

"F. E. P. C."

All three items were rejected.

The meeting was adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

*Philip S. Duff*  
Mrs. Philip S. Duff  
Secretary

MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
STATE CONVENTION - May 16 and 17, 1946

Minutes of Business Session May 17, 1946

The second business session of the 1946 Minnesota League of Women Voters Convention was held on Friday afternoon, May 17, 1946, with the President, Mrs. Frederick W. Grahame, presiding.

The attendance report was read and accepted as follows:

Present	156
Official delegates	92

There followed discussion of and voting on the State Program of Work. Mrs. Wilder of Rochester, first raised the question of how members throughout the State could help in the legislative work during the session of the legislature.

A summary of the minutes of May 16th was given by the Secretary and accepted by the Convention.

Legislative Council      Upon motion of Mrs. Malcolm B. McDonald this was voted on the Active List.

Housing                      Upon motion of Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie this item was accepted with the new wording as follows:  
"Permissive Legislation to Enable Minnesota to participate in the Federal Public Housing Program".  
The item was also voted on to the Active List.

Extension of Public Health Services      Voted upon motion by Mrs. Wilder of Rochester.

Revised Plan for Distribution of State Aids to Schools      Voted upon motion by Mrs. Hargraves, of Rochester

After considerable discussion of the proposal to include for League support a Bill for the Enrichment of White Flour, the motion to do so was lost.

Upon motion of Mrs. Arthur B. Anderson of St. Paul it was voted to adopt the above as our program of work.

Upon request of Mrs. Wilder an express of opinion was taken as to the desirability of a Bill for the Enrichment of White Flour. Carried unanimously that this is a good measure.

Mrs. H. R. Simmons read the names of leagues not present at yesterday's meeting that they might make their pledges to the budget.

Upon motion of Mrs. Burgess of Minneapolis, seconded by Mrs. Crounse, the following resolution was passed: "The League of Women Voters of Minnesota, assembled in annual convention, respectfully urges the President of the U. S. and the Secretary of Agriculture to take all possible steps to fulfill in the next two months the commitments the United States has made to send food to relieve starvation and famine in other countries and to plan crops and the distribution of the 1947 crop so that food shortages will be minimized or avoided. Further, this convention advocates a return to rationing if necessary to accomplish these purposes."

Mrs. Milton Mason, of Mankato, told of the successful experiences in Mankato in organizing a finance drive and urged all leagues, big or small, to undertake such a campaign that our funds may be increased and that our communities may know more of the activities of the League. She then moved the adoption of the Budget as revised. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Leonard Keyes, of Columbia Heights, presented the report of the Nominating Committee and the Secretary was ordered to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate.

It was moved and carried that the Board be authorized to read, correct if necessary, and approve the minutes of the Convention.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen J. Duff, Secretary



MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
STATE CONVENTION - May 16 and 17, 1946

Minutes of Business Session May 16, 1946

The May 16, 1946, business session of the State Convention was opened at 2:30 P. M., Mrs. Frederick W. Grahame, the President, presiding.

The Secretary read the proposed Rules of the Convention. On motion of Mrs. Congdon of Duluth it was voted to adopt same.

Upon motion of Mrs. Hargraves, of Rochester, Mrs. Mo's appointment as parliamentarian was confirmed.

It was voted to suspend the State By-Laws for one more year in order that the new By-Laws may be written in conformity with the new National By-Laws. A committee is to be appointed to prepare same to present to next year's convention.

Mrs. Grahame spoke briefly about the position of Minnesota relative to the other state leagues.

Mrs. Arthur B. Anderson, of St. Paul, read the list of items for the Active List recommended by the Board. A short explanation of each was given as follows:

Civil Services - Mrs. Beard  
Legislative Council - Mrs. Anderson  
Subsidized Housing for Low Income Groups - Mrs. Shearer  
She proposed that the wording be changed to "Permissive Legislation to Enable Minnesota to Participate in the Federal Public Housing Program"  
Larger Units of School Administration - Mrs. Philip Duff.  
Mrs. Duff proposed that this wording be changed to "Revised plan for distribution of State Aids to Schools"

In addition, Mrs. Wilder, of Rochester, moved that the rejected item "A Bill for the Enrichment of White Flour", be added to the list. By a 2/3 majority vote the Convention voted to consider this subject on the next afternoon's program.

Mrs. Lyman Beardsley gave the Treasurer's Annual Report, also the proposed Budget. The report and budget were accepted as reported and the report is to be audited.

Miss Hildebrand spoke of the purposes of the League and <sup>applied</sup>pled for larger contributions to the Budget. Mrs. Beardsley then read the Roll Call and the leagues present made their pledges.

Mrs. Keyes then gave the report of the Nominating Committee which was accepted as read:

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Directors:

Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie, Minneapolis  
Mrs. H. G. Zavoral, St. Paul  
Mrs. Reuben G. Achterkirch, Knollwood Pk.  
Mrs. David Shearer, Minneapolis  
Mrs. Donald Simmons, Wayzata  
Mrs. Malcolm B. McDonald, Hopkins  
Mrs. Milton Mason, Mankato.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Duff

MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

ANNUAL CONVENTION MAY 16 and 17, 1946

Minutes of Presidents' Conference  
May 17, 1946

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A Conference of the Presidents of Local Leagues in Minnesota was held in Room 118 of the Radisson Hotel, Minneapolis, on Friday, May 17, 1946, at 10:00 O'Clock A. M., Mrs. Frederick W. Grahame, President of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota, presiding. Present: Mesdames Reuben C. Brustuen, Ramsey County; Harris Pett, Excelsior; Arnold Vogel, Red Wing, G. V. Chapin, Kasson; Joseph E. Wettleson, Mankato; Myron E. Lepper, Anoka; Frank Himmelmann, Bemidji; Donald Guthrie, White Bear Lake; John N. Schoen, Jr., Owatonna; Frank Bessler, Park Rapids; P. Theo Olsson, Columbia Heights; E. L. Hibbard, Lake City; A. R. Luckemeyer, St. Cloud; Russell Wilder, Rochester; R. H. Lawson, Tracy; Grace J. Reid, Winona; ~~Mrs.~~ Manuel Brownstone, Sandstone; Charles Hughes, Hibbing; A. T. Laird, Duluth; Fallon Kelly, South St. Paul; C. M. Mickus, New Prague; Miss Winifred Morin, Northfield; Miss Helen Byhre, Cass Lake; also Miss Hildebrand and Mrs. Simmons.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. F. W. Grahame.

Mrs. Grahame explained that at the February Presidents' Conference it was voted that the present small Board be considered the Executive Board and that the local Presidents constitute the policy making Board, it being planned to have two or three Presidents' Conferences during the year. She explained that the local league is the League and that the State and National Leagues exist to give the local leagues the tools to help mould public opinion in a democracy.

It was moved and seconded that the present State By-Laws be suspended for one more year and that the small board function as the Executive Board and the Presidents' Conferences as the policy making Board. Motion carried.

Miss Ivy Hildebrand presented the proposed quota changes - it being proposed that quotas be based on the 1940 census rather than on the 1920 census as heretofore. It was moved by Mrs. Fallon Kelly of South St. Paul and seconded that the new quota system be adopted. Motion carried.

Mrs. Malcolm B. McDonald, Voter Editor, asked for suggestions as to what local leagues want to see in the Voter. Among the suggestions were: Bills - status at present time; list of new members and list of drops; results of questionnaires of Congressional candidates; list of League publications.

A discussion of membership followed. One member stated that her League got around getting out younger women with children by hiring a "sitter" for all of the members' children during the league meeting. Another suggested that leagues let the people know what the League is doing - that publicity is not the only way - it might be done through window displays, propaganda etc. It was also suggested that leagues treat their new members kindly - make them seem welcome. The possibility of interesting possible new voters was also suggested.

Mrs. Gale presented the system followed by the Minneapolis League of having Group Council meetings once a month at which the Chairman or some



representative of each group is present. To this Council is presented the agenda of work for the coming month and any calls for action which may not have required more immediate action. If Calls for Action require immediate attention this League has a committee which telephones each group chairman asking her to get in immediate touch with her group members.

The meeting adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

*Belva Simmons*  
Belva Simmons  
Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
JUNE 3, 1946

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A meeting of the Executive Board of Directors of MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS was held in the League Rooms in the Lumber Exchange Building, on Monday, June 3, 1946, at 10:30 A. M., Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie, presiding. Present: Mesdames Irvine McQuarrie, H. G. Zavoral, Reuben C. Achterkirch, David Shearer and Donald B. Simmons; also Miss Hildebrand.

The minutes of the Pre-Convention Board Meeting were read and approved with the suggestion that the following explanatory note be included:

"Items rejected, for the proposed State Active List, were considered worthy Bills, but not accepted because of an Active List that already included Bills that would require all of the League's time and effort."

The minutes of the State Convention Business Session of May 16, 1946, were read and approved with the suggestion that the word "appeal" be substituted for the word "pled" in regard to Miss Hildebrand's talk of that afternoon.

The minutes of the Presidents' Conference of the Convention held on the morning of May 17, 1946, were read and approved, as were the minutes of the second Business Session of the State Convention on May 17, 1946.

The Treasurer made the following report:

Balance as of April 30, 1946	\$1,967.91
Total Receipts during May, 1946	247.47
Total Expenditures during May, 1946	1,434.83
Balance as of May 31, 1946	780.55

Mrs. Zavoral made the motion that the Treasurer investigate the possibilities of the best disposition of the League's surplus and report to the Board at its next meeting. The motion was unanimously accepted.

In a discussion of pre-election activity, the motion was made by Mrs. Donald B. Simmons that copies of the candidate's questionnaire prepared by the Minneapolis League be mailed to all local leagues in Minnesota. The motion was carried.


A resolution was read which stated that the Northwestern National Bank in Minneapolis be designated as depository for funds of the Minnesota League of Women Voters and that the President, Vice President, and Treasurer of the Minnesota League be authorized to pay and charge to the account any checks of the corporation. On the motion of Mrs. Donald B. Simmons the resolution was adopted.

The Board unanimously approved appointment of the Presidents of the Minneapolis and St. Paul Leagues as members of the Board of Directors of Minnesota League of Women Voters and the President was authorized to notify Mrs. J. R. McNamara, President of the Minneapolis League, and Mrs. Reuben C. Brustuen, President of the St. Paul League, of such appointment.

Mrs. Shearer made the motion that Mrs. Malcolm B. McDonald again serve as Editor of the Articulate Voter. The motion was seconded and carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 O'Clock Noon.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Mrs. Reuben Achterkirch  
Secretary

Minnesota League of Women Voters  
832 Lumber Exchange Building  
Minneapolis 1, Minnesota

Dear League President:

Your Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota extends to you and to your local Board members, an invitation to attend the Board of Directors meetings whenever it is possible for you to do so.

It has been decided by the Board to meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at ten o'clock in the morning, at the office of the Minneapolis League of Women Voters, 407 Essex Building, 84 South 10th Street, Minneapolis.

The Board also thought that the condensed minutes of the Board meetings would be of interest to you and they will be sent to you after each meeting.

The next meeting will be held on the fourth Thursday of July. We do hope that some of you will be able to attend.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. R. F. Hedin*  
Mrs. R. F. Hedin, Secretary



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
JUNE 24, 1946

A meeting of the Board of Directors of MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS was held in the League Rooms in the Lumber Exchange Building, Minneapolis, on June 24, 1946, at 10:30 A. M., Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie presiding. Members present: Mesdames McQuarrie, Shearer, McDonald, Donald B. Simmons, McNamara, and Achterkirch; also Mrs. H. R. Simmons.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as corrected.

A discussion of pre-election work included the resolution to urge each district to publish interviews of state candidates if a majority of candidates responded. It was decided that Mrs. Leonard Keyes of Minneapolis and Mrs. Arthur B. Anderson, of St. Paul, be asked to serve with Miss Hildebrand on a Pre-election Committee and a Legislative Committee and the President was authorized to invite them so to serve.

It was decided to give further consideration to the appointment of a State Research Chairman.

Mrs. H. R. Simmons read a letter from the National office suggesting a fall visit to the Minnesota leagues by a member of the National Board for the purpose of discussing Recognition Standards fully and of planning together for their implementation. It was decided that the fall Presidents' Conference might be devoted to this visit and that we request of National that this meeting be scheduled for some time in October.

A letter from the National office was read proposing a visit from Miss Pabst on finance. A motion was made by Mrs. J. R. McNamara and seconded by Mrs. David Shearer that we accept the offer of a visit from Miss Pabst. Motion carried. It was decided that National be requested to schedule Miss Pabst's visit late in September or some time in October not conflicting with the Presidents' Conference.

Plans for the organization of legislative groups throughout the state were presented to the Board for further consideration. It was suggested that there be a legislative chairman in each local league.

Suggestions were offered for Organization Chairmen in each Congressional District in the State; that said chairman appoint a committee if she so wishes; that a Round Table discussion of methods and procedure be conducted at the Presidents' Conference this fall; and that a letter be sent to local league presidents this summer asking for suggestions as to some member who seems especially qualified for this work in localities where possible leagues may be organized.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Irene J. Achterkirch*  
Mrs. Reuben G. Achterkirch  
Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SEPTEMBER 10, 1946

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A meeting of the Board of Directors of MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS was held in the League Rooms in the Lumber Exchange Building, Minneapolis, on Tuesday, September 10, 1946, at 10:30 O'Clock A. M., Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie presiding. Present: Mesdames McQuarrie, McNamara, Keyes, Donald B. Simmons, Shearer, McDonald and Anderson; also Miss Hildebrand and Mrs. H. R. Simmons.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Shearer presented the Treasurer's report as follows:

Balance as of July 31, 1946	\$ 645.35
Total receipts during August, 1946	572.33
Total expenditures during Aug., 1946	754.68
Balance as of August 31, 1946	463.00

A list of bills payable for October was presented by Mrs. Shearer and she was authorized by the Board to pay such bills.

Mrs. McNamara showed the Board a copy of a Voters' Handbook put out by the League of Women Voters of Illinois, having in mind that at some time in the future the Minnesota League might work out a similar publication.

The appointment of a State Research Chairman was again discussed. It was decided to bring this up again after the Presidents' Conference on October 9th.

Subject-matter for the September-October Articulate Voter was discussed. Among the articles mentioned was a Roll Call, a voting reminder and an article by Mrs. McQuarrie; also an article about the President of the Rochester League which might be the first of a series of articles on local league presidents. Mrs. McQuarrie asked Mrs. McNamara to tell of the experience of the Minneapolis League in running a series of personality sketches in the League- O-Gram. Mrs. McNamara reported that such sketches had not worked out overly satisfactorily - that it was better to keep league publications impersonal and objective. It was suggested that in some future issue of the Voter there be an analysis of the TRENDS subscriptions throughout Minnesota and also a Finance Report showing pledges paid thus far.

Mrs. McQuarrie informed the Board of Mrs. Brustuen's resignation from the Presidency of the Ramsey County League and from the State Board and of Mrs. Zavoral's acceptance of the Ramsey County Presidency and her subsequent resignation as Vice President of the State League. Appointment of a Vice President to fill the vacancy occasioned by Mrs. Zavoral's resignation was discussed and it was decided to leave such appointment until after the Presidents' Conference on October 9th.

The problem of organizing new leagues was discussed. Mrs. McQuarrie suggested that we plan a "new-league week" and that each board member go out to organize leagues. It was decided that some such program might be carried out after the Presidents' Conference. Miss Hildebrand reported on the names received from local league presidents of persons in towns where we now have no leagues.

Miss Hildebrand reported that the St. Cloud League has no President and it was decided that Mrs. McQuarrie would write to St. Cloud league members asking them to attend a meeting at which she and Miss Hildebrand would discuss with them the problem of a leader and any other difficulties besetting them and attempt to arrive at a solution satisfactory to everyone.

Miss Hildebrand reported that the Secretary of the Litchfield League had written her to the effect that while the Litchfield League did not want to dissolve it did not wish to be active this year. It was decided that she should immediately make a trip to Litchfield in an attempt to revive this League.

Mrs. Donald B. Simmons reported on her visits to the Minnetonka and South St. Paul leagues.

Mrs. Donald B. Simmons was unanimously appointed Chairman of Arrangements for the Presidents' Conference October 9th. Mrs. McNamara extended to the Board an invitation to hold its meeting with Mrs. Dyke on October 10th in the rooms of the Minneapolis League. The invitation was unanimously accepted.

It was moved by Mrs. McNamara and seconded by Mrs. McDonald that local league finance chairmen be invited to attend the Presidents' Conference. Motion carried.

The matter of a State Legislative Chairman was discussed. Mrs. Anderson stated that she could not continue in that capacity this year.

State legislative and congressional questionnaires were discussed. It was the consensus of opinion that acquainting the prospective candidate with the items on the league's program was important and that mere "yes and no" answers were inadequate. Mrs. Keyes stated that she believed candidates' meetings a very important phase of pre-election work and that the most effective type of such meetings is the "open forum". It was decided that the pre-election work be left to a Pre-election Committee, of which Mrs. Keyes was unanimously appointed Chairman. It was suggested that Mrs. Livingston, Pre-election Chairman of the Minneapolis League, and Mrs. Freeman, Pre-election Chairman of the Ramsey County League, be invited to attend meetings of this committee.

It was suggested that Mrs. Gordon Grunditz be asked to continue on the State Board as College League Advisor.

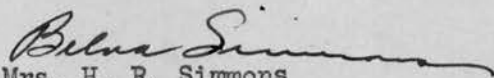
Mrs. McQuarrie asked the Board to keep in mind suggestions for a Nominating Committee to prepare the 1947-1948 slate of officers and directors.

Mrs. McQuarrie stated that in order to have our By-Laws conform with the new National By-Laws it would be necessary to amend our By-Laws at the next State Convention and she asked for suggestions for a By-Laws Committee. She was authorized to ask Mrs. Harold Cant, of Minneapolis, to serve as Chairman of the By-Laws Committee. Among those suggested to serve on this committee were Mrs. C. Edw. Howard, of Excelsior; Miss Laurie Streeter, of Minneapolis; Mrs. Luwe, of Mankato; Mrs. Milton Mason, of Mankato; and Mrs. Gus Bryngelson of Minneapolis. Appointment of the committee was left to the President.



There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 O'clock  
P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Mrs. H. R. Simmons  
Acting Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OCTOBER 11, 1946

A meeting of the Board of Directors of MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS was held in the Minneapolis League Rooms in the Essex Building, Minneapolis, on October 11, 1946, at 10:30 O'clock A. M., Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie presiding. Present: Mesdames McQuarrie, McNamara, Keyes, Donald B. Simmons, Shearer, McDonald, Zavoral, Mason, Achterkirch; also Mrs. Harold Dyke of the National Board, Mrs. Olson and Mrs. Nelson of Fergus Falls, Miss Hildebrand and Mrs. H. R. Simmons.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with the following correction: "It was decided that the pre-election work be left to a Pre-election Committee; that Mrs. Leonard Keyes, Mrs. Arthur B. Anderson and Miss Ivy Hildebrand act as Co-chairman of such committee; and that Mrs. Hiram Livingston of Minneapolis and Mrs. Freeman of St. Paul be invited to attend committee meetings."

Miss Hildebrand reported on a plan to organize new leagues, prepared by Mrs. Donald B. Simmons and Miss Hildebrand. It included a training school of one or two days for organizational workers and a regional organizational chairman in each region of the state.

Mrs. Dyke suggested Regional directors be replaced by a Board of Organizational workers to work throughout the state.

It was also suggested that a Research Chairman to assist on state legislative material be included as a member of the Legislative Committee.

Mrs. Dyke reviewed the obligations and duties of a state board. She suggested that each local league be requested to send in a copy of their By-laws to the State Office and also urged to send in monthly reports after each meeting. Mrs. Dyke suggested that it was advisable to provide in state budgets for expenses of board members in attending Board Meetings and in local budgets for convention expenses.

Miss Hildebrand reported on her visit to the Litchfield Unit. The afternoon unit has disbanded and the evening unit is now the local league continuing with a membership of 20.

Miss Hildebrand also reported on the St. Cloud unit situation. Mrs. G. W. Freidrich has accepted the leadership nominally. It is a question now of meeting their quota for this year. It was recommended that their quota be reduced until such time as they are again a strong league.

The size of our present State Board was discussed. It was explained that the present plan was adopted because at that time the need for a larger state board did not seem great since the National Office mailed all material and formed national policies; also because transportation was difficult for members during the war years.

Mrs. Dyke advised a larger board for effective state work and that the Presidents' Conferences be continued; a matter to be considered at the next state convention.

The problem of organized finance drives was discussed. Miss Hildebrand reported that only 7 or 8 campaign drives had been carried out in the state.

A simultaneous state-wide finance drive was discussed, with the month of April suggested as the best time of year to conduct such a campaign. It was moved by Mrs. Milton D. Mason and seconded by Mrs. Donald Simmons that a state-wide simultaneous Finance Campaign be planned. Motion carried. This plan is to be presented to the local league Presidents at the next Presidents' Conference.

The problem of quotas and how they should be determined was discussed. Mrs. Dyke advised that quotas should be based on the size, strength and potential wealth of each local unit.

Radio scripts and films to interest the public in League work were discussed. Mention was made of a State Department Film on Democracy for foreign countries which had been shown by some leagues with great success.

In conclusion, the State Board was reminded of its responsibility in bringing all local leagues up to standard, discover their weak spots and assist them to become strong active leagues. Mrs. Dyke suggested this be done before next council meeting in the spring.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 O'clock P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Reuben Achterkirch  
Secretary



## Presidents Conference

A conference of the presidents of local leagues in Minnesota was held in Room 402 of the Y.M.C.A., Minneapolis on Wednesday, October 10, 1946 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie, President of the Minnesota League of Women Voters, presiding.  
Present:

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie.

Mrs. McQuarrie announced the resignation of Mrs. H. B. Zavoral as vice-president, as she is now president of the St. Paul League of Women Voters. Suggestions were asked for a new vice-president and announced a nominating committee would be appointed.

An announcement was made of the 3 day institute at the University of Minnesota sponsored by state and local organizations of the League of Women Voters in Minnesota.

to be held Oct. 17, 18, and 19, 1946

Mrs. Mc Quarrie introduced Mrs. Harold D. Dyke, Board member of the National Board, who lead a discussion on bringing local leagues up to the national standard. A review of the purpose, responsibilities, program and action of the league was made before the detailed discussion on the structure of leagues, which its board and responsibilities, the membership and its growth and the local, state, and national program. A great deal of interest was shown in local projects and the procedure for selection.

Mrs. Dyke cautioned leagues not to plan too large a year's program for effective action, and reminded leagues to begin thinking about By-Laws Committee - a part of the year's program not to be forgotten.

A 3 day orientation course

was suggested for new members. It would strengthen the league and also review old members on background and purposes of league work; serving as a check on each local unit to see if it comes up to national standards.

The morning session adjourned for the 12:30 P.M. Luncheon in Room 404 of the Y. M. C. A.

The conference re-convened at 1:30 P.M. with Mrs. Donald B. Simmons presiding. All present introduced themselves in turn, giving the membership total of the league she represented.

The Recognition Discussion was continued by Mrs. Harold D. Dyke.

A study of the financial structure was reviewed and ways of securing financial support from the community were given by various members.



Mrs. Dyke urged that ~~that~~ the budget be planned first, then plans for a financial campaign based on the financial needs of the year.

The booklet "How to Raise Money for the League of Women Voters" put out by the national office for 204 was shown.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted  
Gene D. Ackerbich

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
NOVEMBER 15, 1946

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The Board of Directors of MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS met in the State League office rooms in the Lumber Exchange Building, Minneapolis, at 10:30 A. M. on Friday, November 15, 1946, Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie presiding. Those present were: Mesdames Donald B. Simmons, Achterkirch, McNamara, Shearer and McQuarrie; also Miss Hildebrand and Mrs. H. Simmons.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The question of quotas was discussed. Mrs. McNamara moved that other state leagues be contacted to find out how they worked out their quotas according to the new National By-laws. Motion was seconded and carried.

At the suggestion of Mrs. McQuarrie it was decided that an assistant State Finance Chairman should be appointed to help Mrs. Mason with the proposed State-wide Finance Campaign.

The Secretary read letters from Mrs. Percy T. Watson, of Northfield, and Mrs. J. L. Townley, Jr., of Fergus Falls, accepting the offices of First and Second State Vice Presidents, respectively, and their appointment to the State Board in these capacities was <sup>unanimously</sup> approved.

It was decided to appoint Mrs. *John Williams* Hiram Livingston, of Minneapolis, State Research Chairman.

A list of members suggested for the Nominating and Budget Committees was read by Mrs. McQuarrie. Mrs. McQuarrie stated that letters containing this list would be mailed to all state board members so that each might have the opportunity to reject <sup>any name on the list</sup> or include the name of any other member.

A letter written by Mr. Jewett of the Minnesota Post War Council was read. Mrs. Donald Simmons moved that the state league endorse the Council's program after investigation. Motion carried.

Appointment of Mrs. McQuarrie and Mrs. Philip Duff as league representatives on the Governor's School Committee was approved.

A letter was read asking for organization endorsement of distributing information about the plan of this Committee. A motion was made that the state league endorse distribution of this information. Motion carried.

It was suggested that the state league prepare a broadside on proposed bills on its legislative program.

Mrs. Donald B. Simmons reported on the response from local leagues giving names of prospective league members in communities where there is no league. She also read the letter prepared by her committee to be mailed to prospective league organizers.

Suggestions were requested for the January-February issue of the Articulate Voter. Those offered dealt with out state legislative program,

Finance, new leagues, and views of our congressmen.

The feasibility of mailing league legislative material to our state legislators was discussed. It was moved that Miss Hildebrand and Mrs. Shearer investigate the possibilities. Motion carried.

The secretary read a letter from Judge Florence Allen requesting specific incidents in our state in which women were particularly effective. Mrs. McQuarrie reported on the letter she had written in response.

A letter from "Mademoiselle" was also read in which the magazine's College Editor requested information on our college leagues for a possible article on college leagues to be published in the February issue.

Plans were discussed for the series of meetings arranged for Miss Strauss's visit to Minnesota November 22nd through November 27th.

It was moved that at the Strauss luncheon meeting in Minneapolis on November 22nd we publicly recognize Professor William Anderson for his twenty-five years as advisor to the League of Women Voters in Minnesota by making him a lifetime honorary member of the State League. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. R. G. Achterkirch  
Secretary



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December 30, 1946

## PROPOSED BY-LAWS

(For presentation to 1947 State Convention)

### ARTICLE I.

Section 1. The name of this corporation shall be the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. This state League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

### ARTICLE II.

#### Purpose and Policy

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall be to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.

Sec. 2. Policy. The League may take action on state governmental measures and policies in the public interest in conformity with the platform of the League of Women Voters of the United States. It shall not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

### ARTICLE III.

#### Membership

Section 1. Local Leagues. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall be composed of the local Leagues, which have been recognized by the League of Women Voters of the United States and of members at large.

Sec. 2. Members at large. Members at large shall be women who reside outside the area of a local League. They shall pay annual dues of Two Dollars (\$2.00). This shall cover subscriptions to ACTION and to the Articulate Voter.

### ARTICLE IV.

#### Local Leagues

Section 1. Local Leagues. Local Leagues are those Leagues which have been so recognized by the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Sec. 2. Recognition of Local Leagues. When there is, in any community in the state, a group which meets the recognition standards for local Leagues as adopted at the national Convention, the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall recommend to the national Board that recognition be granted. When such recognition is granted, the local League shall become an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States and the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

Sec. 3. Withdrawal of Recognition. When a local League recurrently fails to live up to the recognition standards, the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall recommend to the National Board that recognition be withdrawn. Final action rests with the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Sec. 4. Provisional Leagues. When a group of women in a community in which no local League exists wish to form a League of Women Voters, they may be organized into a provisional League until such time as they meet the recognition standards for local Leagues.

#### ARTICLE V. Board of Directors

Section 1. Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers of the League, seven elected Directors and not more than seven appointed Directors. The elected Directors shall be elected by the Convention and shall serve until the conclusion of the next regular annual Convention or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The elected members shall appoint such additional Directors, not exceeding seven, as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The term of office of the appointed Directors shall expire concurrently with the term of office of the elected Directors.

Sec. 2. Qualifications. No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an Officer or Director of this corporation unless she is a voting member of a local League of Women Voters in the state of Minnesota. The absence of a member of the Board from three consecutive meetings without notice may be regarded as a resignation from the Board.

Sec. 3. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors may be filled, until the next Convention, by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 4. Powers and Duties. The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the corporation with full power and authority to manage and conduct the same, subject to the instructions of the Convention. The Board shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the program on state governmental matters as adopted by the Convention. It shall accept responsibility delegated to it by the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of the United States for the organization and development of local Leagues, for the carrying out of program and for promotion in the local Leagues of finance programs requisite to further the work of the League as a whole, including transmission of funds adequate to support the national budget. The Board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.

Sec. 5. Regular Meetings. There shall be at least eight meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The President shall notify each member of the Board of Directors of all regular meetings at least one week before any such meeting. No action taken at any regular board meeting attended by three-fourths of the members of the Board shall be invalidated because of the failure of any member or members of the Board to receive any notice properly sent or because of any irregularity in any notice actually received. The President shall call a meeting of the Board of Directors upon the written request of five members of the Board.

Sec. 6. Quorum. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 7. Executive Committee. The Board of Directors shall designate seven of its members to constitute an Executive Committee to transact business in the interim between Board meetings, provided that nothing shall be done contrary to the policy adopted at the Annual Convention or to any action of the Board. The action of the Executive Committee must be presented to the Board of Directors for approval at its next regular meeting.

## ARTICLE VI. Officers

Section 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers. The officers of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall be a President, a first Vice President, a second Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. They shall hold office until the conclusion of the next regular annual Convention or until their successors have been elected and qualified.

Sec. 2. The President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation and of the Board of Directors unless she shall designate someone to preside in her stead. She may, in the absence or disability of the Treasurer, sign or endorse checks, drafts and notes. She shall be, ex officio, a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. She shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of the President and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board.

Sec. 3. The Vice Presidents. The two Vice Presidents, in the order of their rank, shall, in the event of absence, disability, or death of the President, possess all the powers and perform all the duties of that office. In the event that neither Vice President is able to serve in this capacity the Board of Directors shall elect one of their members to fill the vacancy. The Vice Presidents shall perform such other duties as the President and Board may designate.

Sec. 4. The Secretary. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all Conventions of the League, and of all meetings of the Board of Directors. She shall notify all Officers and Directors of their election. She shall sign with the President, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board, and shall perform such other functions as may be incident to her office.

Sec. 5. The Treasurer. The Treasurer, or her duly appointed assistant shall collect and receive all moneys due. She shall be the custodian of these moneys, shall deposit them in a bank designated by the Board of Directors, and shall disburse the same only upon order of the Board of Directors. She shall present periodic statements to the Board at their regular meetings and an annual report to the Convention, including a report of the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited by an Auditing Committee appointed by the Board of Directors.



## ARTICLE VII.

### Finance

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall commence on the first of May of each year.

Sec. 2. Budget. The Board shall submit to the Convention or Council for adoption a budget for the ensuing year. This budget shall provide for the support of the League of Women Voters of the United States as well as for the state League. A copy of the budget shall be sent to each local League president at least two months in advance of the annual Convention.

Sec. 3. Budget Committee The budget shall be prepared by a committee which shall be appointed for that purpose at least four months in advance of the Convention. The Treasurer shall be ex-officio a member of the Budget Committee but shall not be eligible to serve as chairman.

Sec. 4. The Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund. All moneys, securities, and property of whatever nature, which the League of Women Voters of Minnesota may receive by gift, bequest or otherwise, the principal of which is not to be expended (except as may be specified by the terms of such gift) but is to be invested and the income from the same to be used for any of the League's purposes, shall form part of a fund to be known as "The Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund" This fund shall be invested or deposited in a bank as designated by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### Convention

Section 1. Place, Date, Call and Notification. A Convention of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall be held annually some time between the first of April and the thirty-first of May. The exact time and place of the Convention shall be determined by the Board of Directors. The President shall send a first call for the Convention to the presidents of local Leagues not less than three months prior to the date of the Convention. A final call for the Convention shall be sent by the President to the presidents of local Leagues at least thirty days before the fixed Convention date.

Sec. 2. Composition. The Convention shall consist of the delegates chosen by the members of the local Leagues, as provided in Sec. 4 of this Article, the presidents of local Leagues and the members of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

Sec. 3. Qualifications of Delegates and Voting. Each delegate shall be a voting member of a recognized local League in the state of Minnesota. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote only at the Convention even though the delegate may be attending in two or more capacities. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted. The Convention shall be the sole judge of whether a delegate is qualified to vote.

Sec. 4. Representation. The members of the League of Women Voters of the United States who are organized into recognized local Leagues in the State of Minnesota shall be entitled to two delegates for the first fifteen voting members and \_\_\_\_\_ delegate for every \_\_\_\_\_ additional voting

members or major fraction thereof belonging to said local League on January 1st of said year, provided that no local League may have more than \_\_\_\_\_ delegates accredited to the Convention. The record in the state office of paid up voting members shall determine the official membership count for this purpose.

Sec. 5. Authorization for Action. The Convention shall consider and authorize for action a program, elect officers and directors, shall adopt a budget for the ensuing year, and shall transact such other business as may be presented. A majority vote of the convention shall be required for any such action provided that not less than one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the local Leagues in Minnesota are represented.

#### ARTICLE IX. Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members, two of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. The chairman, who shall not be a member of the Board of Directors, shall be elected by the Convention. A nomination for this office shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. Further nominations may be made from the floor of the Convention. The other members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors immediately after the Convention. Vacancies occurring in the nominating committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors. The President of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall send the name and address of the chairman of the Nominating Committee to the president of each recognized local League. It shall be the duty of the chairman of the Nominating Committee to request through the president of each local League suggestions for nominations for the offices to be filled.

Sec. 2. Suggestions by Local Leagues. Suggestions for nominations by local Leagues shall be sent by the president or secretary of such local league to the chairman of the Nominating Committee at least three months before the Convention.

Sec. 3. Report of Nominating Committee and Nominations from Floor. The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for Officers, Directors and the chairman of the succeeding Nominating Committee shall be sent to local Leagues one month before date of the Convention. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be presented to the Convention on the first day of the Convention. Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any member of the Convention.

Sec. 4. Election. The election shall be in charge of an Election Committee appointed by the President on the first day of the Convention. The election shall be by ballot, except when there is but one nominee for each office it shall be in order to move that the Secretary cast the ballot for every candidate. A majority vote of those present and qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election.

#### ARTICLE X. Program

Section 1. Current Agenda. Current Agenda shall be limited to such current state governmental issues as the Convention shall choose for concerted action.

- (a) The Board of Directors shall consider the recommendations which have been sent in by the local Leagues four months prior to the Convention and shall formulate a proposed Current Agenda. Such proposed Current Agenda shall be submitted by the Board to the Local League boards at least two months prior to the Convention.
- (b) Recommendations for changes submitted in writing by local League boards and received by the Board of Directors at least three weeks before the opening of the Convention shall be considered by the Board prior to the Convention at which time the Board may modify the proposed Current Agenda.
- (c) Changes made under "b" may not be voted on by the Convention on the same day on which they are proposed.
- (d) A majority vote of those present and voting shall be required for adoption of subjects in the proposed Current Agenda as presented to the Convention by the Board of Directors.
- (e) Further changes in the proposed Current Agenda submitted for consideration to but not recommended by the Board of Directors may be made by the Convention, provided that (1) the Convention shall order consideration by a two-thirds vote; (2) the vote on the proposed change shall not be taken on the same day as the order for consideration; and (3) the Convention shall adopt the change by a two-thirds vote.

Sec. 2. Member Action. Members may act in the name of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota only when authorized to do so by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 3. Local League Action. Local Leagues may take action on state governmental matters only when authorized by the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

#### ARTICLE XI.

##### National Convention and Council

Section 1. National Convention. The Board of Directors shall elect two delegates to the Convention of the League of Women Voters of the United States at its meeting immediately preceding such Convention.

Sec. 2. National Council The Board of Directors shall elect two delegates to the meeting of the Council of the League of Women Voters of the United States at its meeting immediately preceding such Council Meeting.

#### ARTICLE XII.

##### Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. Parliamentary Authority. The rules contained in Roberts Rules of Order Revised shall govern the corporation in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-laws.



ARTICLE XIII.

Amendments

Section 1. Amendments. These By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting at any annual Convention, previous notice of the subject matter of the amendments having been given to the Board at least thirty (30) days in advance.

MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
JANUARY 17, 1947

The Board of Directors of MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS met in the State League office rooms in the Lumber Exchange Building, Minneapolis, at 10:30 A. M. on Friday, January 17, 1947, Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie presiding. Those present were: Mesdames McNamara, McDonald, Anderson, Thomas, Donald Simmons, Watson, Achterkirch, Grunditz, Shearer and McQuarrie; also Miss Hildebrand and Mrs. H. R. Simmons.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Shearer presented the Treasurer's report as follows:

Balance as of April 30, 1946	\$1,967.91
Total Receipts for Eight Months ended 12/31/46	6,228.65
Total Expenditures for Eight Months ended 12/31/46	7,230.98
Balance as of December 31, 1946	<u>965.58</u>

The report was accepted as read. It was decided that a summary of this report and local league financial obligations should be included in a letter to local leagues to be prepared by Mrs. Shearer after the findings and report of the Budget Committee are completed.

Mrs. McQuarrie announced that Mrs. Frederick W. Grahame of St. Paul had accepted the appointment as chairman of the 1947-1948 Budget Committee. The following list of the members of this committee was read and on motion of Mrs. McNamara, seconded by Mrs. McDonald, was approved: Mrs. Frederick W. Grahame, Chrmn.; Mrs. Eugene Burgess, Minneapolis; Mrs. A. G. Lackore, Winona; Miss Esther Levin, Duluth; Mrs. Geraldine Rasmussen, Austin; Mrs. David Shearer, State Treasurer; and Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie, State President.

It was moved by Mrs. McDonald and seconded by Mrs. Thomas that a letter of appreciation be written to Mrs. Grahame on her acceptance of the appointment and for the work she has done. Motion carried.

Mrs. McQuarrie announced the following 1947-1948 Nominating Committee: Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, Rochester, Chrmn.; Mrs. Arthur B. Anderson, St. Paul; Mrs. W. R. Luwe, Mankato; Mrs. Jasper Toutges, Jackson; and Mrs. Frederick S. Winston, Minneapolis. On motion of Mrs. Shearer, seconded by Mrs. McNamara, appointments to this committee were approved.

Consideration of the School Aid Bill proposed by the Governor's Committee was introduced by the reading of a letter prepared by Mrs. McNamara, president of the Minneapolis League of Women Voters. The letter explained that the bill was not intended to be a school district reorganization bill or a tax assessment reform bill; that while there is an urgent need for both the present bill deals solely with school aids and is the best state aid bill the committee members could draw up.

Mrs. Lincoln Thomas presented a broadside on the proposed School Aid Bill with the suggestion that it be printed and distributed by Minnesota League of Women Voters. Mrs. Anderson moved that the interest from the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund be used for printing this broadside. The motion was seconded and carried. Mrs. Donald Simmons moved that the broadside be available for free distribution by the league but that a nominal fee be charged other organizations wishing to distribute this material. The motion was seconded and carried.

The feasibility of mailing league material to our Congressmen was again discussed. It was decided that since we had already mailed league legislative

material to all of our state legislators any further distribution was unnecessary. Mrs. Donald Simmons moved that we abandon the plan. Motion seconded and carried.

Mrs. McDonald reported on the plans for the January-February Articulate Voter. Her report was unanimously approved.

A letter from Mrs. Milton Mason, of Mankato, resigning as State Finance Chairman, was read, and her resignation regretfully accepted. The appointment of a new Finance Chairman will be announced later.

The meeting adjourned at noon for lunch.

Following luncheon the members of the Board of Directors again met in the State League office rooms, with Mrs. Harold Cant, of Minneapolis, Chairman of the State By-Laws Committee, also present.

Miss Ivy Hildebrand gave a report of her field visits for the months ended December 31, 1946.

Mrs. Cant read the letter prepared by our National League President, Miss Anna Lord Strauss, on the new National By-Laws and their bearing on our State By-Laws. Mrs. Cant then read the proposed State By-Laws as prepared by the State By-Laws Committee. It was suggested that the changes suggested by the Board be incorporated in the suggested By-Laws and submitted to the committee members. These changes were:

1. Add to Article III (Membership) Section 3 on College Leagues - same as in present By-Laws.

Section 1,

2. Article V (Board of Directors), /3rd line, strike out words beginning "the elected Directors" and ending "elected Directors" and substitute the following:

"The elected Directors shall be elected by the Convention and shall serve for a period of two years following election or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The elected members shall appoint such additional directors, not exceeding seven, as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The term of the appointed Directors shall be one year."

3. Article V., Sec. 2, line 3. Strike out words "voting" and "local".
4. Article V., Sec. 5, line 1. Insert word "regular" between "eight" and "meetings".
5. Article V., Sec. 6. Change to read: "Sec. 6. Quorum. Seven (7) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum."
6. Article VI. (officers), Section 1. Change to read as follows: "Section 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers. The officers of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall be a President, a first Vice President, a second Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. They shall hold office for a period of two years following election or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The President, First Vice President and Treasurer shall be elected at the annual convention in the odd years; the Second Vice President and the Secretary shall be elected at the annual convention in the even years."



7. Article VI., Sec. 5, line 2, change word "collect" to "bill".
8. Article VII (Finance), Sec. 2., strike out "or Council".  
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9. Article VIII., Sec. 4 (Representation), last line/beginning  
"voting" and ending "voting" insert "one" before "delegate" and  
"thirty" before "additional".

Mrs. Arthur B. Anderson announced the School on Legislative Procedures to be held in the State Capitol on January 23, 1947.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 o'clock  
P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. R. G. Achterkirch, Secretary

MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1947

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A meeting of the Board of Directors of MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS was held at the Citizens Aid Building, Minneapolis, on Thursday, February 27, 1947, at 10:30 o'clock A. M., Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie presiding. Present: Mesdames McQuarrie, Donald B. Simmons, Keyes, McNamara, Anderson, Grunditz, Townley, Shearer, Watson, Zavoral, Thomas and McDonald; also Mrs. H. R. Simmons.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Shearer presented the Treasurer's report as follows:

Balance as of January 31, 1947	\$1,065.21
February Receipts (thru Feb. 25, 1947)	1,186.94
February Disbursements (thru Feb. 25, 1947)	1,114.63
Balance as of February 25, 1947	1,137.52

The report was approved.

Mrs. McQuarrie announced that Mrs. John L. Townley, Jr. had accepted the responsibilities of State Finance Chairman for the balance of the year.

Mrs. Townley inquired about the duties of Finance Chairman and of Treasurer. After some explanation and discussion it was decided that the responsibilities of Finance Chairman and of Treasurer did not overlap and that there was a definite need for both.

Mrs. H. R. Simmons reported that Mrs. Townley and Mrs. McQuarrie had already sent out a letter to 100 prospective women contributors and that four contributions had been received to date.

A questionnaire from the National Office on types of service needed by the Minnesota League was presented by Mrs. McQuarrie. After a general discussion of each type of service it was agreed that the items on which we need most help are Finance, Organization and Discussion Leaders Training. It was suggested that if possible a National representative assist us on Organization in the spring and on Finance in the early fall. The President was authorized to request of the National Office that a representative assist us with Organization at the State Convention in May.

The National questionnaire of January, 1947, was discussed. It was the consensus of the Board that the determining factor in deciding whether or not action on a state problem is a "governmental measure in the public interest" is "does it have to be dealt with by legislative bodies?". It was suggested that we plan to strengthen and service existing local leagues by sending out from the state office suggested programs for the current month and by more field work. It was further suggested that the Field Secretary spend all of her time in visiting and organizing leagues.

Mrs. McQuarrie reported that the office rent had been increased from \$45.00 per month to \$47.50 per month. The Board authorized signing a year's lease on the present offices at the increased rental rate.

Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Shearer and Mrs. Anderson reported on the progress of legislative items included in our State Program of Work. Mrs. Thomas also reported on the survey she had made of Legislative Research Councils in other states, including states already having such Councils and those not having such a body.

Representation at the National Council Meeting April 28th through May 2nd was discussed. It was decided that if possible the new President should be one delegate and that some other league member who might be going to be in the vicinity of Washington on those dates could be the other. Selection of this delegate was left to the President.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 o'clock for lunch.

Following luncheon, Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie again presided. All board members above mentioned with the exception of Mesdames Shearer, McDonald and Thomas were present.

The 1947 State Convention was discussed. It was decided that a two-day Convention would be held in St. Paul either May 8th and 9th or May 15th and 16th, depending upon what physical arrangements could be made. It was tentatively decided that this Convention would include a Presidents' Conference, at least two business sessions, two luncheon meetings and one dinner meeting.

The 1947-1948 Program of Work was discussed. It was decided that the proposed program should be ~~short and that it should be~~ accompanied by a statement explaining that inasmuch as this would be a non-legislative year we would have this year to become familiar with the program items before legislative action is called for. Mrs. Simmons read a letter from the Minneapolis League submitting the following program suggestions:

"Study of the state revenue structure and the principal sources of income so that we will have a general equation; study of the sales tax; also the potential utilization by the state of revenues released by the reduction in federal income taxes.

"Reapportionment.

"Reorganization of school districts and a state-wide system of county assessments. "

The summary of the National report on the Regional Meeting of the League of Women Voters on Voters Service held in New York City on January 20, 1947, was read and discussed at length. It was suggested that a copy of this report be sent to all local league presidents.

Plans for the March-April Voter were discussed. It was proposed to include an article on State Finance, an Article on Reciprocal Trade Agreements,



Announcement of Convention Dates and possibly the voting records to date of State Legislators on items on our program.

Mrs. McQuarrie announced appointment of the following committee to work on revision of our State Quota system: Mrs. Leonard, Keyes, Chairman, Mrs. Percy Watson, Miss Ivy Hildebrand, Mrs. John L. Townley, Jr., Mrs. David Shearer and Mrs. Frederick W. Grahame. Mrs. Keyes reported that letters had already gone out to a number of other state leagues inquiring about their systems and gave a brief summary of the replies.

Mrs. Donald B. Simmons reported on her visit to Rushmore, Minnesota. She also reported the organization of a new league at Grove City, Minnesota, and that she planned to go to suburban Stillwater on March 4th to organize another new league.

Mrs. McQuarrie reported that both the Pipestone League and the Winona League were in somewhat a shaky condition.

Mrs. H. R. Simmons reported on the School Aid Leaflet, publication of which was authorized at the previous meeting. Twenty thousand copies were printed at a cost of \$89.50. All but 2,000 had been distributed, through local leagues, other organizations, School Superintendents, 42 School Board Presidents and other individuals.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:50 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. R. G. Achterkirch, Secretary

MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 1947

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A meeting of the Board of Directors of MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS was held at the Citizens' aid Building, Minneapolis, on Friday, March 28, 1947, at 10:30 o'clock A. M., Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie presiding. Those present were: Mesdames Malcolm B. McDonald, Percy T. Watson, John L. Townley, Donald B. Simmons, Gordon Grunditz, Leonard Keyes, Arthur B. Anderson and Reuben Achterkirch; also Mrs. R. E. Kehl, Miss Ivy Hildebrand and Mrs. Belva Simmons.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Following a brief report on the state league's financial condition by Belva Simmons, it was moved by Mrs. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. Grunditz that the Treasurer be authorized to pay to the National League the additional \$300 requested, making our total quota for the year \$4500.00. Motion carried.

Mrs. R. E. Kehl, of St. Paul, reported on the progress of the Minnesota Housing Enabling legislation. Mrs. Kehl, Miss Hildebrand and Mrs. Belva Simmons prepared a statement for the press in support of this legislation (S. F. 1050, H. F. 1172) as recommended for passage by the Senate Welfare Committee on Wednesday, March 26th. It was moved by Mrs. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. McDonald that the statement be given to the Press. Motion carried.

Mrs. Anderson reported on the progress of other <sup>state</sup> legislation covering items on our program of work.

Mrs. Donald Simmons reported that a new League had been organized in the St. Croix Valley.

Mrs. McDonald read the proposed contents of the March-April Voter.

Mrs. John L. Townley reported on local league quota payments to date. She made the suggestions that a reminder be included in the March-April Voter to urge payment of pledges before the end of the fiscal year.

Mrs. Keyes presented a proposed plan for revised quotas, displaying a chart of all leagues, their community population and potential wealth as a guide in determining quotas. She suggested that the strength of a league should also be considered.

Mrs. Grunditz reported on the College Leagues visit to the legislature at which all but two of the nine college leagues were represented.

A letter from Miss Strauss on President Truman's message to Congress on Aid to Greece and Turkey was read. It was suggested that consideration of this situation in relation to its effect on the United Nations be included in the State Convention program.

Further plans for the program for the State Convention

to be held May 8th and 9th at the Hotel Lowry, St. Paul, were discussed. The advisability of securing an outside speaker or of having a round table of local speakers was discussed. It was decided that an outside nationally known speaker be considered. It was moved by Mrs. Anderson, and seconded by Mrs. Donald Simmons that interest from the Jane Grey ~~xxx~~ Swisshelm Fund be used for this purpose. Motion carried.

Mrs. McQu rrie appointed a committee consisting of Mrs. Townley, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Keyes, Miss Hildebrand and Belva Simmons to discuss and arrange the Convention Program following the Board Meeting. It was suggested that plans be co pleted in time for printing in the March-April issue of the Articulate Voter.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Reuben chterkirch,

Secretary



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA  
STATE CONVENTION, MAY 8-9, 1947

Minutes of Business Session May 8, 1947

The May 8, 1947, business session of the State Convention of Minnesota League of Women Voters was opened at 2:30 P. M., Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie, the President, presiding.

The Secretary read the proposed Convention Rules. On motion of Mrs. Roy Blakey, Minneapolis, seconded by Mrs. J.R. McNamara, Minneapolis, the rules were unanimously adopted.

Mrs. Helen George Mo was introduced to the delegates as Convention Parliamentarian.

The meeting was turned over to Mrs. Arthur B. Anderson, St. Paul, who led a "Review of the 1947 Legislative Session". As a part of this "Review", Miss Ivy Hildebrand reported on the Legislative Research Bill; Mrs. Elmer Rusten, Minnetonka, on the Public Health Bill which was tabled in the Appropriations Committee and on the County Public Nurse Bill which was passed; Miss Hope Washburn, Duluth, on the School Aids Bill; Mrs. Robert Rice, Minneapolis, on the State Housing Bill; and Mrs. Ann Kehl, St. Paul, on the Housing Commission Bill which was defeated, and on the Rent Control Bill which was similar to the Federal Rent Control Bill. Mrs. Rice reported that the Housing Bill is probably the best public housing bill that could be gotten from the present legislature. Mrs. Kehl introduced Mrs. David Shearer, who accepted the League's thanks for her work done on housing.

Mrs. David Shearer presented the Treasurer's annual financial report and a report of the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund. On motion of Mrs. Roy Blakey, Minneapolis, the report was unanimously accepted.

Mrs. Arthur B. Anderson presented the report of the Nominating Committee and submitted the following slate:

For President	- Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, Rochester
For 1st Vice President	- Mrs. Elmer Rusten, Wayzata
For 2nd Vice President	- Mrs. Leonard Keyes, Columbia Heights
For Secretary	- Mrs. R. F. Hedin, Red Wing
For Treasurer	- Mrs. Donald B. Simmons, Wayzata
For Directors:	
	Mrs. Reuben C. Brustuen, St. Paul
	Mrs. G. V. Chapin, Kasson
	Mrs. Fallon Kelly, South St. Paul
	Mrs. S. M. Strong, Atwater
	Mrs. Lincoln Thomas, Minneapolis
	Mrs. John L. Townley, Jr., Fergus Falls
	Miss Hope Washburn, Duluth

Mrs. McQuarrie thanked the Nominating Committee for its excellent work.

Mrs. McQuarrie introduced Mrs. Roy Blakey, Minneapolis, who took up "Financing of Government in Minnesota", the first item on the proposed State

Current Agenda for 1947-1948. With the aid of instructive charts she made clear the present distribution of State funds.

Mrs. McQuarrie introduced Mrs. H. K. Painter, Minneapolis, who explained "Our State System of Public Education", the second item on the proposed State Current Agenda for 1947-1948. She urged effective reorganization of school districts; also <sup>that</sup> improved methods of assessment be started on the local level; and that emphasis be put on adequate school salaries and changed public attitudes.

Mrs. Roy Blakey, Minneapolis, then discussed the "Reorganization of State Legislature", the third item on the proposed State Current Agenda for 1947-1948. She expressed the hope that the league would back these three proposals: (1) Size of Senate; (2) Reapportionment; and (3) More Salary.

On motion of Mrs. Eugene Burgess, Minneapolis, item 3 of the proposed State Current Agenda for 1947-1948, was unanimously changed to read as follows:

"3. Reorganization of State Legislature, constitutional revision, and reapportionment of legislative districts."

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 P. M.

#### Minutes of Business Session May 9, 1947

The May 9, 1947 business session of the State Convention of Minnesota League of Women Voters was called to order at 9:40 A. M., Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie, the President, presiding.

Mrs. Frederick W. Grahame, St. Paul, presented the proposed 1947-1948 Budget. On motion of Mrs. Harris Pett, Excelsior, seconded by Mrs. J. A. Morrison, Hutchinson, the proposed budget was accepted.

Mrs. C. P. Lericheux, of Anoka, presented the proposed revised State By-Laws.

After Mrs. Le Richeux had moved that the proposed By-Laws be adopted, the motion being seconded by Mrs. Germaine, Golden Valley, the following amendments were proposed:

1. It was moved by Mrs. Frederick W. Grahame, St. Paul, seconded by Mrs. J. O. Hoefer, Worthington, that Section 1 of ARTICLE VI. of the proposed By-Laws be amended by adding to the last sentence the following:

"Except that in the year 1947 the second vice president and the secretary shall be elected for one year only."

Motion carried.

2. It was moved by Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie, seconded by Mrs. S. M. Strong, Atwater, that in the first sentence of Section 7 of ARTICLE V of the proposed By-Laws, the word "seven" be changed to "six".  
Motion carried.

3. It was moved by Mrs. Frederick W. Grahame, St. Paul, seconded by Mrs. Germaine, Golden Valley, that after the second sentence of Section 1, ARTICLE V. of the proposed By-Laws, the following sentence be inserted:

"Four Directors shall be elected in the odd years and three in the even years, except that in the year 1947, four Directors shall be elected for two-year terms and three Directors for one-year terms."

Motion carried.

4. It was moved by Mrs. Powers, St. Paul, seconded by Mrs. S. M. Strong, Atwater, that ARTICLE VI of the proposed By-Laws be made ARTICLE V and ARTICLE V of the proposed By-Laws be made ARTICLE VI.

Motion carried.

5. It was moved by Mrs. B. D. Reese, Tracy, seconded by Mrs. Roy Nelson, Fergus Falls, that Section 1 of ARTICLE VII of the proposed By-Laws be changed to read:

"The fiscal year of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall commence on the first of April each year".

Motion carried unanimously.

6. It was moved by Mrs. Harris Pett, Excelsior, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, that the word "three" in the third sentence of Section 1 of ARTICLE VIII of the proposed By-Laws be changed to "two".  
Motion carried.

7. It was moved by Mrs. Russel Albertus, Jackson, seconded by Mrs. Erickson, Golden Valley, that the words "provided that no local League may have more than \_\_\_\_ delegates accredited to the Convention" in the first sentence of Section 4 of ARTICLE VIII of the proposed By-Laws be stricken.

Motion carried.

8. It was moved by Mrs. Harris Pett, Excelsior, seconded by Mrs. S. M. Strong, Atwater, <sup>that</sup> the word "three" in the third line of Section 2 of ARTICLE IX of the proposed By-Laws be changed to "two".  
Motion carried.

9. It was moved by Mrs. Elmer Rusten, Minnetonka, seconded by Mrs. F. W. Grahame, St. Paul, that the following paragraph "(f)" be added to Section 1 of ARTICLE X of the proposed By-Laws:

"(f) Active work for measures previously supported by the league but not enacted into law shall be resumed."

Motion carried.



10. It was moved by Mrs. Frederick W. Grahame, St. Paul, that after the word "Convention" in the third line of paragraph "(e)" of Section 1 of ARTICLE X of the proposed By-Laws, the following words be inserted:

"and new items submitted,".

Motion carried.

On motion of Mrs. W. H. Kalbfleisch, Cass Lake, seconded by Mrs. J. R. McNamara, Minneapolis, the proposed By-Laws, as amended in the convention, were unanimously adopted as of May 9, 1947, and the procedures under the previous by-laws waived.

On motion of Mrs. C. P. Le Richeux, Anoks, the convention passed the following resolution for amending the Articles of Incorporation to coincide with the newly adopted By-Laws:

"WHEREAS, MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS filed with the Secretary of State of Minnesota on March 8, 1938, and in the office of the Register of Deeds of Hennepin County, Minnesota, on March 9, 1938, in Book 366 of Miscellaneous, Page 224, Articles of Incorporation, and

"WHEREAS, said MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS desires to amend said ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION to correspond with the revised By-laws adopted by it in convention May 9, 1947,

"NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

"That said Articles of Incorporation be and hereby are amended in accordance with the revised By-Laws adopted May 9, 1947, copy of which By-Laws is hereto attached."

It was further moved that this resolution so adopted be embraced in a certificate executed by the President and Secretary approved and filed with the Secretary of State, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Hennepin County. Motion carried

Mrs. Leonard Keyes, Columbia Heights, took local league pledges for the year 1947-1948.

Miss Ivy Hildebrand, State Field Secretary, reported that 70 visits to local and prospective leagues had been made during the fiscal year by various board members and herself. Mrs. Donald B. Simmons, State Organization Chairman, reported that three new leagues had been organized and that letters had gone out to about 100 women in towns where no leagues existed, as an "opening-wedge" for Miss Hildebrand.

On motion of Mrs. J. R. McNamara, Minneapolis, seconded by Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, Rochester, discussion of League policies and problems was postponed until the afternoon business session.

On motion of Mrs. J. O Hoefer, Worthington, seconded by Mrs. C. P. Le Richeux, Anoka, the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate of officers and directors presented by Mrs. Arthur B. Anderson at the previous

business session on May 8, 1947. Motion carried. The Ballot was cast and the new officers and directors, as follows, introduced to the Convention:

For President (2 years)	- Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, Rochester
For 1st Vice Pres. (2 years)	- Mrs. Elmer Rusten, Wayzata
For 2nd Vice Pres. (1 year)	- Mrs. Leonard Keyes, Col. Heights
For Secretary (1 year)	- Mrs. R. F. Hedin, Red Wing
For Treasurer (2 years)	- Mrs. Donald B. Simmons, Wayzata

For Directors:

Mrs. Reuben C. Brustuen, St. Paul (2 years)  
Mrs. G. V. Chapin, Kasson (2 Years)  
Mrs. Fallon Kelly, South St. Paul (2 years)  
Mrs. S. M. Strong, Atwater (2 years)  
Mrs. Lincoln Thomas, Minneapolis (1 year)  
Mrs. John L. Townley, Jr., Fergus Falls (1 year)  
Miss Hope Washburn, Duluth (1 year)

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 P. M.

#### Afternoon Business Session May 9, 1947

The convention reconvened at 2:00 P. M. Friday, May 9, 1947, Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie, the President, presiding.

Mrs. J. R. McNamara, Minneapolis, led a discussion of league policies and problems.

On motion of Mrs. J. R. McNamara, Minneapolis, seconded by Mrs. Ralph Longbotham, Afton, the proposed Program of Work for 1947-1948, as amended in the business session May 8th, was unanimously adopted.

Mrs. Frederick W. Grahame, St. Paul, and Mrs. Leonard Keyes, Columbia Heights, reviewed the local league pledges and the proposed 1947-1948 budget, explaining that the pledges from local leagues in convention fell considerably short of the pledges from local leagues provided in the proposed budget. It was the consensus of opinion that a number of leagues might be able to increase their 1947-1948 pledges.

On motion of Mrs. Arthur B. Anderston, St. Paul, seconded by Mrs. Roy Nelson, Fergus Falls, the proposed 1947-1948 Budget as presented on Fri. morning, May 9th, was unanimously adopted.

Mrs. H. G. Zavoral, St. Paul, suggested that a kit be prepared to aid finance officers and new presidents in raising funds. Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, the newly elected President, concurred.

The credentials committee presented the following report:

Total number of delegates at Convention	233
Total number of leagues represented	35
League outside twin cities with largest number of delegates -	Rochester - 14

Mrs. Arthur B. Anderson, chairman of the 1947-1948 Nominating Committee, nominated Mrs. Frederick Winston, Minneapolis, for Chairman of the 1947-1948 Nominating Committee. Mrs. Winston was duly elected.

The meeting adjourned at four o'clock P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Ronald Powers

Secretary



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

MINUTES OF MEETING OF LOCAL LEAGUE  
PRESIDENTS AND STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD  
THURSDAY, MAY 8, 1947

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A meeting of Local League Presidents and the State Executive Board of Directors was held in the Spanish Room, Hotel Lowry, on Thursday morning, May 8, 1947. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 o'clock A. M. by Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie, President. Present were: Mesdames Irvine McQuarrie, David Shearer, Leonard Keyes, Donald B. Simmons, H. G. Zavoral, Arthur B. Anderson, Malcolm McDonald and Percy T. Watson; also Miss Hildebrand and the following local League representatives:

Mrs. W. H. Kalbfleisch, Pres. Cass Lake League  
Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, Board Rochester League  
Mrs. M. M. Erbes, Pres. Owatonna League  
Mrs. Mary Spurzem, V. Pres. Anoka League  
Mrs. Fallon Kelly, South St. Paul League Pres.  
Mrs. P. Theo Olsson, Pres. Columbia Heights League  
Mrs. E. T. Lattanzio, Secretary Two Harbors League  
Mrs. K. L. Erickson, Pres. Knollwood Park League  
Mrs. A. L. Beardsley, Pres. Minnetonka League  
Mrs. Einer Iversen, Pres. Waseca League  
Mrs. Roy Nelson, Pres. Fergus Falls League  
Mrs. H. A. Goslee, ~~Rox~~ Fergus Falls  
Mrs. M. N. Walsh, Pres. Rochester League  
Mrs. A. A. Rowberg, Pres. Northfield League  
Mrs. D. H. Gruenhagen, V. P. Ramsey Co. League  
Mrs. Russell Albertus, Jackson League (Pres.)  
Mrs. Ed Nordheim, Pres. Bemidji League  
Mrs. H. W. Davis, Duluth League  
Mrs. A. T. Laird, Pres. Duluth League  
*Mrs. S. M. Strong, Alwater.*

*Mrs. Sidney Maurer, Red Wing*  
*Mrs. H. Riedel, Kasson (Pres.)*

In the absence of the Secretary, Mrs. A. T. Laird, Duluth was appointed Secretary Pro Tem.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of March 28, 1947, were read and approved.

The suggestion of the Ramsey County League that State FEPC be added to the 1947-1948 State Program of Work was read. It was moved by Mrs. H. G. Zavoral and seconded by Mrs. Arthur B. Anderson that this item be added to the League's 1947-1948 Program of Work. In discussion, Mrs. J. R. McNamara, Minneapolis, read from the National Platform the item which so includes this matter that specific inclusion thereof in the current State Program of Work is unnecessary; although the State Office might be asked to implement this study as far as possible. Mrs. McNamara explained that there is a memorandum (Minority Groups) and that MUNC is glad to send a very adequate packet of material on this subject. With the consent of the second, the motion was withdrawn.

In considering the functions of the State Board, Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie read a proposed month-by-month suggestions for a nation-wide unification of program and a new presentation of services the State Board could render.

Mrs. Leonard Keyes presented the findings of the committee on Revised Quota System. She reported that the committee had considered various statistics and rankings which might help in determining fair quotas, such as the size of the league, the strength of the league, and the wealth of the community.

Mrs. Spurzem, Anoka, questioned the inclusion of institutional residents in city populations.

Mrs. J. E. Wettleson, Mankato, reported a recent finance campaign which was an overwhelming success because they had substantial achievements to report.

By a show of hands, approval was given to a suggestion that Miss Hildebrand be asked to state a specific amount to be considered by each League. Again by show of hands, approval was given to the use of size of community, wealth of community and strength of League in determining quota.

The proposed revised By-Laws were considered. Questions as to staggering the terms of elected directors and the meaning of associate membership were raised but led to no action to be carried to the meeting of the full convention.

For lack of time, the rest of the agenda could not be covered.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 o'clock noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Laird  
(Mrs. A. T. Laird)

June 2, 1947

# MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met at the office of the Minneapolis League of Women Voters, 407 Essex Building, 84 South 10th Street, Minneapolis at ten o'clock a.m. on Monday, June 2, 1947. Present at the meeting were the following members of the Board of Directors:

Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, President  
Mrs. Elmer Rusten, First Vice-President  
Mrs. Leonard Keyes, Second Vice-President  
Mrs. R. F. Hedin, Secretary  
Mrs. Donald B. Simmons, Treasurer  
Mrs. G. V. Chapin  
Mrs. Fallon Kelly  
Mrs. S. M. Strong  
Mrs. Lincoln Thomas  
Mrs. John L. Townley, Jr.; also  
Miss Ivy Hildebrand and  
Mrs. H. R. Simmons

The minutes of the meeting of the State Executive Board and the Local League Presidents, which was held May 7, 1947, were read and approved.

The suggestion was made that the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors be mimeographed for the Board members. It was also suggested that the minutes of the Board meetings be condensed and sent to the local League Presidents to familiarize them with the work and function of the Board of Directors.

Mrs. Hargraves reviewed several recent "Requests for Action" on National Legislation, sent from the National League, stressing especially the need for action against the House Amendment to the Wool Bill, S 814, which raises the tariff on imported wool. Background material in the bill was read. Mrs. Hargraves presented a file of letters from Minnesota Representatives and Senators which were answers to letters requesting their position in regard to the \$350 million Relief Bill for War-torn countries, the Wool Bill, the International Refugee Organization, the Taft-Ellender-Wagner Housing Bill, Federal Aid to Education.

Mrs. Hargraves told of the help League members are going to give a group of High School Junior students who plan to organize and study political parties and activities, a project sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Mrs. Hargraves undertook the organization of the Board of Directors. The value of special assignments of work to Board members and how this facilitated the functioning of the Board was mentioned. The jobs fall into three large categories: Organization, Finance, and Program.

It was brought out that Miss Hope Washburn, as Chairman of Organization, should have all Board members as her committee. The possibility and the desirability of Board members taking part in visits to local leagues and giving other help when necessary was stressed.

It was moved by Mrs. Lincoln Thomas and seconded by Mrs. G. V. Chapin that Mrs. Gordon Grunditz be asked to serve as College League Chairman.



Mrs. Hargraves mentioned the value both to the local Leagues themselves and to the State, of finance drives. She recalled the requests for help in these drives, made at the State Convention, help in the form of kits showing what other Leagues have done and how to make a drive. It was suggested that Mrs. John Townley, Jr., Finance Chairman, form a committee of members outside the Board, who have had actual experience in finance drives, to help her make up a kit. A committee composed of local league members as well as from Minneapolis and St. Paul, was suggested.

The matter of a State finance drive was discussed, all Leagues undertaking drives at the same time and the time of year was discussed but no action taken. These questions were left to Mrs. Townley's committee for consideration. Mrs. Townley read a letter from Mrs. Harold Dyke, National Finance Chairman, regarding Finance drives.

Mrs. Hargraves outlined the divisions of work and responsibility of a State Board regarding program, the categories being State, National and the implementation of the national program for local leagues. Mrs. Hargraves said that Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie with help from Mrs. Roy Blakey and Mrs. H. K. Painter has offered to organize and prepare material on the State Program this summer. Mrs. S. M. Strong made the motion and Mrs. Donald B. Simmons seconded the motion to appoint Mrs. McQuarrie to the Board of Directors, as chairman of Preparation of State Material. The motion was unanimously adopted.

It was brought out that the two chief items <sup>for emphasis on</sup> of the national level this year will be, 1. Public understanding of Atomic Energy and 2. A Stable International Economy. Discussion followed on how these two jobs should be handled by the Board and what help could be given to local leagues. Since it is one of the State Board's jobs to implement national material for local leagues, it was suggested that two chairmen be found to handle these two fields, to give suggestions on the use of material and to help in such ways as films on these subjects, speaker's bureau, watching and recording voting records. Mrs. Hargraves appointed Mrs. G. V. Chapin chairman of Public Understanding of Atomic Energy. Mrs. Hargraves appointed Mrs. S. M. Strong as Chairman of Stable International Economy. It was suggested that these chairmen form their own committees.

The problem of local league projects and how these projects tie in with finance drives was discussed and the need for a committee on local league projects headed by a Board member was brought out. This committee could assemble a kit, using much existing material, on criteria for local projects, on the benefits of having a local project's chairman, local projects, such as a tax study, that tie in with the state program. Mrs. Hargraves appointed Mrs. Fallon Kelly Chairman of Local Program, and suggested that she form her own committee.

Mrs. Hargraves appointed Mrs. Leonard Keyes, Voters Services and Legislative Chairman. It was brought out how this office could help local leagues with their local election problems, give suggestions for voters services, draw up standards for local officeholders and send voting records.

Mrs. Lincoln Thomas, editor of the Articulate Voter, asked for suggestions for material for or changes in the Voter. It was mentioned that all important material should be in the Voter since it is the only publication that reaches every member, and that League news exchange is important in the Voter. The name "Articulate Voter" was discussed and its possible change but no action was taken.

The advantages of having a Public Relations Director were discussed. Mrs. Hargraves brought out that the work of this office should include newspaper publicity, radio and a speakers bureau. The President was authorized to appoint from a selected list a Public Relations Director who would form her own committee.

Mrs. Hargraves explained the duties of the Resource Chairman on the Structure of Government (National, State, Local) and the Resource Chairman on Equalizing Opportunities (Health, Education, Welfare). These are subject matter and research offices, covering different aspects of the fields involved, implementation of material, bringing it to the local level. Mrs. Hargraves appointed Mrs. Reuben Brustuen, Resource Chairman of Equalizing Opportunities. Mrs. Ray Spurzem of Anoka was suggested as Resource Chairman of the Structure of Government. If Mrs. Spurzem is unable to accept, it was suggested that Mrs. LeRicheux be contacted for the office. These chairmen will form their own committees.

Mrs. Hargraves explained that the National League budget was balanced on the strength of increasing the number of publications sold. She suggested that a Publications chairman could be of inestimable help. The activities of this office could include the making of a survey and analysis of the standing publication orders of the local leagues, increasing subscriptions to Trends, making a file and bibliography in the State office on all Leagues subjects. The President was authorized to appoint a Director of Publications.

The matter of President's Conferences and Regional Conferences was discussed. Decisions were postponed until later.

The fourth Thursday of each month at ten o'clock a.m. was set for the Board of Directors meetings. The next meeting was scheduled for the fourth Thursday of July.

The matter of the signing of checks was discussed. Mrs. Fallon Kelly made the motion and Mrs. G. V. Chapin seconded the motion that the Board adopt the resolution authorizing the signing of checks by any two of the following: Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, Mrs. Elmer Rusten, Mrs. Donald B. Simmons, Mrs. H. R. Simmons and Mrs. Leonard Keyes.

It was suggested that the Board of Directors invite Local League Presidents to Board meetings.

The President was authorized to appoint a nominating committee for next year consisting of Mrs. John L. Townley, Jr.; Mrs. G. V. Chapin; Mrs. Philip Duff; Mrs. Ray Lawson, Tracy. Mrs. Frederick Winston, elected by the Convention, is chairman of the nominating committee.

The Board unanimously

~~Mrs. Hargraves~~ appointed the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, namely: Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves; Mrs. Elmer Rusten, Mrs. Leonard Keyes, Mrs. Donald B. Simmons, Mrs. Reuben Brustuen and Mrs. Lincoln Thomas.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Hedin



SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF  
MEETING OF STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 1947

The first meeting of the Board of Directors concentrated upon organizing its members in relation to the job to be done during the current League year. The President outlined the Board's responsibilities as falling into three large categories: Organization, Finance and Program.

Organization activities include assistance to old leagues and formation of new leagues. The chairman will have a committee of non-Board members and the aid of the Board. Members of local leagues will also be recruited to assist, according to proximity to the League receiving attention.

In regard to Finance much of the League's progress depends upon adequate funds, which cannot be supplied by membership dues alone. The major undertaking of the Finance Committee will be to help local leagues to raise needed funds. The appeal will be based on what the League has done in its community. The committee will be made up of non-Board members from leagues which have conducted successful finance drives. It will assemble material on ways and means of money-raising and present this at regional meetings or a Presidents' conference.

Under Program are three divisions of work: state, national and local. Since the items on the state program are new, a Director was appointed in charge of preparation of material. Resource chairmen in specific fields will then assist in its dissemination. Directors were named to be especially responsible in the two fields which the National Board has announced as requiring emphasis during the coming year: Public Understanding of Atomic Energy and Stable International Economy. The purpose here is for the State to implement where useful without duplicating National effort or material. For example, in the Atomic field, the Board might secure films from the National Atomic Information Committee, map an itinerary through the state for them and furnish speakers to accompany the films. Assignment of a local program chairman stressed the importance of projects in each league community to broaden the base of league membership and general public support. The need for a kit setting forth criteria for selection of program, suggestion for projects and experiences of other leagues was considered.

Advantages and duties of a Public Relation Director were discussed. The work of this office should include newspaper publicity, radio, and a speakers' bureau. The Board considered the valuable contribution that a Publications Chairman could make by analyzing the standing publications orders of local leagues, by increasing the subscriptions to Trends, and by compiling a bibliography and file of League material.

It was emphasized throughout the meeting that every Board member, although carrying a special assignment, is responsible for understanding and assisting the overall League program.

State Board and Assignments

President	Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves	Rochester
First Vice-President (Assistant to the President)	Mrs. Elmer Rusten	Wayzata
Second Vice-President (Legislative Chairman and Voters' Services)	Mrs. Leonard Keyes	Minneapolis
Secretary	Mrs. R. F. Hedin	Red Wing



# State Board and Assignments (Cont.)

Treasurer	Mrs. Donald B. Simmons	Wayzata
Organization Chairman	Miss Hope Washburn	Duluth
College League Advisor	Mrs. Gordon Grunditz	Minneapolis
Finance Chairman	Mrs. John L. Townley, Jr.	Fergus Falls
Resource Chairman (Preparation of State Program Material)	Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie	Minneapolis
Resource Chairman (Equalizing Opportunities Health, Education, Welfare)	Mrs. Reuben Brustuen	St. Paul
Resource Chairman (Structure of Government National, State, Local)	To be appointed	
Resource Chairmen (Items for National Emphasis)		
Public Understanding of Atomic Energy	Mrs. G. V. Chapin	Kasson
Stable International Economy	Mrs. S. M. Strong	Atwater
Local Program Chairman	Mrs. Fallon Kelly	So. St. Paul
Publications	To be appointed	
The Voter Editor	Mrs. Lincoln Thomas	Minneapolis
Public Relations Chairman	Mrs. Starr Killen	Minneapolis

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
JULY 24, 1947

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A meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was held at the Minneapolis League Office, 84 South Tenth Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota, at ten o'clock A. M. on Thursday, July 24, 1947, Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, President, presiding. Present were: Mesdames Hargraves, McQuarrie, Rusten, Thomas, Killen, Chapin, Strong and Donald B. Simmons and Miss Washburn; also Mrs. J. R. McNamara, Miss Irene Sweeney of the National Staff, Miss O'Neill and Mrs. H. R. Simmons.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with the following corrections:

- (1) Page 2 - First sentence of fourth paragraph was corrected to read as follows: "It was brought out that the two items for emphasis on the National level this year will be \* \* \*"
- (2) Page 3 - First sentence of last paragraph was corrected to read as follows: "The Board unanimously appointed the Executive Committee \* \* \*"

Mrs. Hargraves explained that mimeographed copies of minutes would henceforth be mailed to each board member the Monday following the board meeting. She also reported that Mrs. Hedin had consented to prepare a digest of the minutes of each board meeting to be mailed to local league presidents the Monday following the board meeting.

Mrs. Hargraves told the Board of Mrs. Adams' (President Minnetonka League) criticism of the handling of Miss Ferris's memorandum on Congressman George Mackinnon's (3rd Congressional Dist.) attitude toward the Federal Aid to Education Bill. A copy of Miss Ferris's memo had been mailed to local league presidents in the 3rd district asking them to get citizens and league members to urge Mr. MacKinnon to vote for the bill. It was the consensus of the Board that the matter could have been handled in no other manner.

**FINANCE CHAIRMAN** Mrs. Hargraves announced that Mrs. John L. Townley, Jr. had resigned from the Board as Finance Chairman. Mrs. Townley's letter of resignation was read and her resignation regretfully accepted. Mrs. Hargraves reported her progress in the appointment of a Finance Chairman to succeed Mrs. Townley. She stated that Mrs. H. G. Zavoral of St. Paul and Mrs. Frederick Winston of Minneapolis had consented to serve on the Finance Committee under a Chairman to be appointed.

Miss Sweeney announced that the National Office is getting out a Finance booklet entitled "By Consent of the Governed" for distribution to contributors.

**RESEARCH CHAIRMAN** Mrs. Hargraves reported that she had still to appoint a **STRUCTURE OF GOVT.** Research Chairman on "Structure of Government".

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT** Miss Hope Washburn was unanimously appointed to the 1948 State Nominating Committee to fill the vacancy occasioned by Mrs. Townley's resignation from the Board.

## ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Hargraves reported that two leagues (Pipestone and Winona) needed reorganization and that several others (Duluth, Glenwood and Austin) needed revitalizing and a review of national recognition standards. It was decided that if meeting arrangements could be completed in time Miss Sweeney and Miss Washburn would visit Pipestone and Winona Monday and Tuesday, August 4th and 5th.

Miss Washburn presented her analysis of the Duluth situation which was briefly: Membership limited - geographically and socially; weak publicity; inability to find good leaders; many ideas floating but nothing done about them.

Mrs. Hargraves stated that the problem of Austin is also one of limited membership and community division.

Miss Sweeney suggested that the State Board make a study of all local boards; see what the job is to be done; how best to organize to do it. She emphasized that it is one of the State Board's jobs to help existing leagues and to organize new ones. She reported that she had prospects for reorganizing leagues in Arlington and Little Falls.

Mrs. Killen suggested that the next issue of the Articulate Voter carry an article about league membership being open to everyone regardless of race, color or creed.

## EVALUATION OF LOCAL LEAGUES

Mrs. Simmons read a memorandum from Miss Strauss to Mrs. Hargraves requesting that the State Board send to the National office by October 1st its evaluation of each local league in Minnesota, in accordance with National recognition standards. The chart which accompanied this memorandum (based on answers to the recognition questionnaires sent out last spring) indicated that many Minnesota leagues had failed to comply with the request for copies of their by-laws. It also disclosed that many of Minnesota's leagues were weak in membership and budget. It was decided that all local leagues who failed to answer the questionnaire last spring be asked to do so at once and that those leagues who failed to furnish copies of their by-laws be likewise asked to furnish copies at once.

Miss Sweeney suggested that a Recognition Committee be appointed from the Board to go over the local league questionnaires and to consider whether or not each league meets the recognition standards as to membership, action etc., and to submit its findings to the Board at its next meeting. Miss Sweeney further suggested that the Board's evaluation of local leagues in Minnesota be submitted to National in chart form.

## STATE PROGRAM

State Program was discussed. Mrs. McQuarrie suggested that the State Board get out two broadsides - one on the State Constitution and one on Reorganization of the State Legislature and stated that Mrs. Painter was working on material on the State System of Public Education. After considerable discussion Mrs. McQuarrie was requested to have her committee submit to the next Board meeting material for a proposed broadside on the State Constitution, consisting of some factual material and references for study, having in view providing information not only for league members but for others, and developing public opinion supporting legislation. It was the consensus of the Board that we must continue to support reorganization of state school districts.



AREA CONFERENCE  
ON FOREIGN TRADE  
AND ECONOMIC  
POLICY

Mrs. J. R. McNamara told of plans for the Area Conference on Foreign Trade and Economic Policy to be held at the Nicollet Hotel, Minneapolis, October 9th and 10th. State Board members and four representatives from each local league in Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin and possibly Illinois will attend this conference. Four entire group sections will discuss program content; one in smaller units will discuss techniques; one evening meeting open to the public with a local headline speaker on foreign trade. Reservations will be made through the National Office, which will contact each local league. A registration fee of \$1 will be charged.

LOCAL PROJECTS

Mrs. Rusten inquired about a project undertaken by the Minnetonka League in requesting the Legislative Research Council to make a survey of water conditions at Lake Minnetonka in the belief that it was a local project and came under the public health category. Miss Sweeney explained that no league should undertake any project involving action of the state legislature without first obtaining the consent of the State Board any more than a State League should undertake a state project involving Congressional action without first obtaining the consent of the National Board. She further explained that in this particular instance the request for the survey should rightfully have gone to the Research Council from the local governmental agency rather than from the Minnetonka League. Mrs. Rusten explained that the Minnetonka League membership represents a number of townships (Deephaven, Minnetonka, Minnetonka Beach etc).

1948 NATIONAL CON-  
VENTION

Miss Sweeney reported that the 1948 National Convention would be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and that expenses of all delegates would be shared; that is, any delegate whose travelling expenses exceed \$28 would receive back from the pool approximately 75% of her travelling expenses.

BUDGET

Mrs. Hargraves announced that at the next Board meeting the state budget would be considered and discussed at length so that if revision is necessary it can be done at once.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at three o'clock P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Belva Simmons*  
Mrs. H. R. Simmons  
Acting Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
AUGUST 28, 1947

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A meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was held at the Minneapolis League Office, 84 South Tenth Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota, at ten o'clock A. M. on Thursday, August 28, 1947, Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, President, presiding. Present were: Mesdames Hargraves, Donald B. Simmons, Brustuen, Killen, McQuarrie, Lawson, Chapin, Kelly, Grunditz, Hedin and Miss Hope Washburn, Mrs. H. R. Simmons and Miss Hildebrand.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Finance It was moved by Mrs. Donald B. Simmons and seconded by Mrs. G. V. Chapin that Mrs. Ray Lawson of Tracy be appointed Finance Chairman, to succeed Mrs. John L. Townley, Jr. The motion passed unanimously.

Research It was moved by Miss Hope Washburn and seconded by Mrs. G. V. Chapin that Mrs. Harris Pett of Excelsior be appointed Research Chairman  
Chairman on "Structure of Government" (National, State, Local). The motion  
Structure passed unanimously.  
on Govt.

Budget The Treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Donald B. Simmons as follows:

Balance as of April 30, 1947,.....	\$1,308.65
Total Receipts Four Months ending Aug. 31, 1947,.	<u>1,825.47</u>
	\$3,134.12

Total Expenditures Four Months ending 8/31/47,...	<u>2,155.78</u>
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Balance as of August 31, 1947,.....	<u>\$ 978.34</u>
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Local League Pledges paid in full	-	5
Local League Pledges partially paid	-	2
Local League Pledges totally unpaid	-	40

Mrs. Simmons reported the fact that fifteen local leagues have failed to make their pledges for this year and for that reason it might be better to postpone full discussion of the state budget until these pledges have been made. Mrs. Hargraves suggested that Mrs. Lawson write a letter to the fifteen leagues that have not pledged, requesting that they make their pledges.

Mrs. Hargraves explained that in order to make plans and to carry out our responsibilities to the local leagues, in the way of program material, trips to local leagues, etc., that it is necessary to have a balanced budget and to know our financial status. She emphasized the importance to the State League of a stable financial situation. Mrs. Hargraves stated that all leagues should work toward a financial policy which will enable them to do an intelligent job and adequately support the state and national leagues.

It was decided to postpone further discussion of the state budget until the fifteen leagues have made their pledges.

Mrs. Donald Simmons suggested that she send a financial statement to local leagues, explaining in an accompanying letter the financial picture of the state league. The Board concurred in this suggestion.



### Organization

Miss Hope Washburn reported that she and Miss Irene Sweeney had not visited the Pipestone and Winona Leagues since there appeared to be very little interest shown by either league.

### State Program

Mrs. Hargraves brought up the matter of continuing work on the Reorganization of School Districts. It was the feeling of the Board that the job was not yet finished even though permissive legislation had passed the legislature. Mrs. McQuarrie brought out the fact that the League is obligated to do an educational job on this item, which is the next step in this field.

Mrs. McQuarrie presented and explained the proposed broadside on the "Reorganization of School Districts" which she and her committee prepared during the summer. Miss Hildebrand read the broadside and it was discussed paragraph by paragraph by the Board. It was highly praised for its clarity and comprehensiveness.

It was decided that the broadside on the "Reorganization of School Districts" should be distributed for the general public, since its main value is educational. It was also decided to get the broadside out as soon as possible. The importance of getting the broadside distributed before the county meetings on the reorganization of school districts are held, was stressed.

Mrs. McQuarrie presented and read her committee's second broadside on the State Constitution. The Board went over the proposed broadside item by item and was unanimous in its praise of the material. All remarked especially on the great amount of concise information, interesting historical background and thoroughness which this broadside contains.

It was moved by Mrs. McQuarrie and seconded by Mrs. Donald B. Simmons that the initial orders for these two broadsides be 10,000 copies each. The motion passed unanimously. Discussion followed on the different and best methods of distribution of these broadsides and also how much should be charged the local leagues for them. No decision was reached on the latter but the Board expressed the general opinion that program material should be as reasonable as possible to stimulate local league use.

Mrs. McQuarrie stated that she and her committee would finish the broadsides as soon as possible so that they could be printed.

### Public Relations

Mrs. Killen reported that she has organized her Public Relations committee and that work had been started on Public Relations. Mrs. Killen said that her committee's plans would be ready for submission to the Board in November.

### College Leagues

Mrs. Grunditz reported that she hoped to contact the College Leagues early this year. Mrs. Hargraves suggested that perhaps one or two more helping Mrs. Grunditz might relieve her of the full work.

### Evaluation of Local Leagues

Mrs. Hargraves explained the questionnaires sent from the National League to local leagues, from which the National evaluated the local leagues. Mrs. Hargraves reported that many local leagues had not realized the importance of these questionnaires and that now National has given the State Board the opportunity to evaluate our own leagues.



Mrs. Hargraves reported that the Executive Committee had met for many hours on Wednesday, August 20th, and had carefully considered each of our 47 local leagues. She stated that it was the decision of the Executive Committee that all of our local leagues be recommended to National for recognition and that the State Board then help local leagues which are weak in coming up to recognition standards so that all local leagues will have the opportunity to comply fully with national recognition standards.

Discussion followed on the National evaluation of local leagues. From National's evaluation, program planning and league purpose appear to need more work and understanding in some local leagues. The matter of the difference between the State requirement of \$15 minimum quota, and the National requirement of \$25 minimum quota, was discussed and conformity seemed desirable. It was the consensus of the Board that any new leagues formed from now on should pay a minimum quota of \$25 per year.

County Coordinating Council Mrs. Hargraves reported that the Minneapolis League has asked authorization from the Board to form a County Coordinating Council. Mrs. McQuarrie moved and Mrs. Chapin seconded the motion that the Minneapolis League be allowed to form a County Coordinating Council. The motion passed unanimously.

Local Projects The position of the Minnetonka League, which consists of members from several townships and villages, in regard to local projects was discussed fully. It was brought out that it was impossible for a league so constituted to work on local projects.

Mrs. Kelly requested the opinion of the Board on permitting a few West St. Paul women to become members of the South St. Paul League. She stated that the West St. Paul members would not participate in the local projects of South St. Paul but would gain much from their contacts with the South St. Paul League and might eventually interest sufficient members to start a league of their own. It was the consensus of the Board that this was permissible.

It was the opinion of the Board that clarification from the National League on memberships of Leagues in positions such as the Minnetonka League seems necessary.

Mrs. Kelly presented the problem of how a local league, after thorough study and education on a local project, endorses and supports the project. Mrs. Kelly described the work of the South St. Paul League in regard to a new city charter and explained that endorsement of the proposed charter by the League would aid in their work for its adoption. The Board discussed the situation fully and expressed the general opinion that a simple majority vote of the South St. Paul League membership is all that is required for endorsement.

Congressional Interviews Mrs. Hargraves reported that Miss Strauss has asked for league interviews with the Representatives and Senators this fall. It was suggested that Board members interview the two Senators and that local leagues be requested to interview their representatives.

National Program Suggestions Mrs. Hargraves reminded the Board that the State Board must receive from the local leagues National Program recommendations by October since the State Board must submit these

to National by November.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at two o'clock P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Elizabeth Hedin  
Mrs. R. F. Hedin  
Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SEPTEMBER 25, 1947

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A meeting of the Board of Directors of THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA was held at the Minneapolis League Office, 84 South Tenth Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota, at Ten O'clock A. M. on Thursday, September 25, 1947, Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, President, presiding. Present were: Mesdames Hargraves, Donald B. Simmons, Bixby, Keyes, Rusten, Hedin, McQuarrie, Kelly, Lawson, Chapin, Strong, Pett, Brustuen, Thomas and Killen; also Mesdames J. R. McNamara and Mrs. H. R. Simmons.

On motion of Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Lawson, the minutes of the previous meeting, as mailed out to Board members, were unanimously approved.

BOARD AP- It was moved by Mrs. Killen and seconded by Mrs. Rusten that Mrs.  
POINT- Willard W. Bixby of St. Paul be appointed Publications Chairman.  
MENTS The motion passed unanimously.

NOMINAT- The President was authorized to appoint a league member to the  
ING 1948-49 State Nominating Committee to fill the vacancy occasioned  
COMMIT- by Mrs. Ray Lawson becoming a member of the State Board.  
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POLICY ON Mrs. Hargraves stated that to her knowledge the State League had no  
STAFF established policy as to sick-leave for staff members and requested  
SICK that the Board rule on  
LEAVE

- (1) The immediate problem of Ivy Hildebrand's leave, and
- (2) Future and long-range policy on staff sick-leave.

On motion of Mrs. Donald Simmons, seconded by Mrs. Lawson, it was moved that Mrs. Hargraves be authorized to notify Miss Hildebrand that she need not return to her duties until her physician advised her to do so and that payment of her salary would continue in the meantime.

As to future and long-range policy on sick-leave it was decided that some investigation should be made. Mrs. Lawson was designated to bring to the next meeting an analysis of the practices in this respect of other organizations, schools etc.

PUBLIC RE- Mrs. Killen reported that her committee had met and would soon  
LATIONS have some material ready for local leagues. She requested clarification as to what would be expected of the Public Relations Committee.

FINANCE The Board discussed the contents of the Finance Kit which Mrs.  
DRIVES Ray Lawson and her committee are preparing. The advantages of having a state-wide finance drive, with all leagues conducting their drives at the same time, were discussed thoroughly. It was the general opinion of the Board that the Spring was the best time for such drives.

Mrs. Hargraves suggested that an entire issue of The Articulate Voter be devoted to Finance, in this way bringing the problem to every league member. It was decided that the November-December issue of the Articulate Voter would be the Finance issue.



The Regional Conferences on Finance were discussed. The middle of January was suggested as the most advantageous time to hold the conferences.

Mrs. Hargraves explained that this year much of the groundwork in Finance is being done and a possible pattern set for the future. Mrs. Hargraves outlined our Finance program, beginning with the Finance issue of The Articulate Voter and the Finance Kit, then Regional Conferences on Finance and culminating with the state-wide drives. Mrs. Donald B. Simmons brought out the importance of our attitude toward soliciting money for League use, stressing that we need not hesitate to ask for money for such an excellent purpose.

#### PUBLICATIONS

Mrs. Hargraves described the possible ways in which the Publications Chairman can facilitate and stimulate the use of League material. She mentioned the need for a complete file and bibliography of League material and local league publication orders. An interesting problem, it was mentioned, would be the relationship between the amount of material a league orders and the effectiveness of that league. Mrs. Hargraves also stressed the need for local leagues to have a bibliography on state, national and international articles from current magazines. It was hoped that work of the Publications Chairman would increase the subscriptions to

#### ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Hargraves mentioned the responsibility of the Board to aid local leagues in meeting recognition standards and suggested that it might be better this year to concentrate on those leagues which definitely need the most help. It was reported that Mrs. Hargraves and Mrs. H. R. Simmons had made a chart to be sent to the National Office, appraising all Minnesota local leagues according to recognition standards and the evaluation of the Executive Committee. Mrs. Hargraves, in accordance with Board decision, is recommending to National that all local leagues be recognized this year and that those leagues which have difficulty in meeting national standards completely, will be given special attention and help from the Board this year.

Mrs. Hargraves described her visit to the Duluth League. She emphasized the admirable job that Miss Washburn has done in Duluth and reported that the organization of the Duluth League is now well established.

Mrs. Hargraves reported that she visited the Northfield League and that the most obvious need of this League is to obtain younger members. The importance of having a well functioning league in Northfield, a college town, was brought out.

Mrs. Hargraves reported that she had visited the South St. Paul League, and had it to be well organized and exceedingly well functioning due to the fine work of Mrs. Fallon Kelly.

Mrs. Hargraves further reported that three Board members from the Austin League had visited her in Rochester and told her of the many new young members which they now have. Mrs. Hargraves described some of Austin's plans which reveal much new energy and originality.

STATE PROGRAM Mrs. Hargraves stated that local leagues must have material on the State Current Agenda before January in order to be prepared to make decisions and recommendations on it in the spring. Discussion followed on the advisability of limiting the state agenda to fewer items or to one major item, such as "Constitutional Revision".

NATIONAL PROGRAM Mrs. Hargraves described the material that has been sent to local leagues regarding national program planning. Mrs. Hargraves emphasized that program planning, on all levels, should be a year-'round consideration. The Memorandum from Miss Strauss was read which stressed that league members should especially concentrate on international items on the agenda and that suggestions to National are welcome that give specific kinds of legislation that the League might support under the general agenda items.

The Board read and discussed the National Current Agenda, item by item. General discussion followed on the length of the agenda with several Board members stressing the advantages of concentration of effort. Item 3, "Governmental economic policies which prevent inflation and deflation and stimulate maximum production and employment", was generally considered to be an item for close analysis. The questions of whether this item is too broad in scope and what it includes were asked.

Mrs. McQuarrie brought up the point, for clarification, of the difference between items that we still need to study and those we are ready to take action on. This is confusing to many, she pointed out, especially in the field of economic policies. Mrs. McQuarrie reviewed the twenty years of experience and support in the international field of league work and suggested that we are now in need of that type of endeavor in the economic field. Mrs. McQuarrie said that she is of the opinion that item No. 3 on the current agenda is one for study.

After further discussion, Mrs. Hargraves recommended that Board members give careful thought to the National Program during this next month and come to the next meeting prepared for full discussion and for recommendations to National.

NATIONAL REQUEST FOR NAMES OF OUTSTANDING CITIZENS Mrs. Hargraves reported that the National Office has requested the names of individuals who have done outstanding jobs as citizens who might be considered for appointment to committees in various fields. Miss Strauss, she stated, would appreciate the League sending names of such women with a brief summary of the individual's qualifications and experience. Mrs. Hargraves requested that the Board submit names.

INTERVIEWS The National Office has requested all State Leagues to interview their Governors regarding their position on Federal Aid to Education, since the opinion of the Governors is being sought by the House Education and Labor Committee. Mrs. Hargraves asked Mrs. Rusten to interview Governor Youngdahl.

The Board was reminded that it must interview the two Senators on the League program. Mrs. Keyes described several methods of interviewing used in the past. Mrs. Hargraves suggested that Mrs. Keyes make an appointment with Senator Ball. Mrs. Kelly offered to arrange for a meeting date with Senator Thye.

Mrs. Rusten described an interview, on the subject of Federal Aid to Education, which members of the Minnetonka League had had with Congressman George McKinnon.

SUBCOMMITTEE  
OF JOINT COM-  
MITTEE ON  
ECONOMIC  
REPORT HEARINGS

Mrs. Hargraves reported that the National League had requested the Minnesota League to appear before the subcommittee of the Joint Committee on the Economic Report which subcommittee is scheduled to hold hearings in Minneapolis beginning October 7, 1947. She reported her progress in getting a qualified league member to

appear.

AREA CONFERENCE  
ON TRADE

Mrs. J. R. McNamara outlined the program of the Area Conference on Foreign Trade and Economic Policy to be held October 9th and 10th at the Nicollet Hotel in Minneapolis. Mrs. McNamara reported that the program would be excellent, with several outstanding speakers, time reserved for round tables and group discussion and that the conference would be of great value to local league representatives.

PRE-ELECTION

Mrs. Hargraves suggested that Mrs. Keyes (Voter Service and Legislative Chairman) inform local leagues of their responsibilities in the field of pre-election activities emphasizing local election work. Mrs. Keyes suggested kinds of material that might be of help to local leagues in local pre-election activities.

LOCAL PROGRAM

Mrs. Fallon Kelly reported that she had prepared a letter and material on local projects to assist local leagues in choosing a local project. It was decided that this would be thoroughly discussed at the next Board meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 O'Clock P. M.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Elizabeth Hedin*  
Mrs. R. F. Hedin  
Secretary



SUMMARY  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA FOR YOUR INFORMATION  
AUGUST 28, 1947

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BROADSIDES  
ON STATE  
PROGRAM  
ITEMS

A major item under consideration was the study and approval of two new broadsides which Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie, as Resource Chairman of Preparation of State Program Material, and her committee prepared this summer. The first broadside to be printed and distributed will be on Reorganization of School Districts, for which there is still a real need for education. It is planned that this broadside will be ready for wide public distribution before the counties hold their meetings on the reorganization of school districts.

The second broadside gives very complete and factual material on our Minnesota Constitution.

The Board was unanimous in its praise of these two broadsides and the excellent research which went into their preparation.

BUDGET

Mrs. Donald B. Simmons, Treasurer, reported that since fifteen Leagues had not yet made their pledges to the State, it seemed best to postpone full discussion of the budget until such time as all pledges have been received. It was emphasized that in order to plan for and prepare program material and to carry out other Board responsibilities to local leagues it is necessary for the State to have a stable and balanced budget. It was further emphasized that the budget could not be revised until the Finance Committee knew just how much financial support it could expect from local leagues and approximately when it might count on receiving it.

APPOINT-  
MENTS

Mrs. Ray Lawson, Tracy, was appointed Finance Chairman on the Board to succeed Mrs. John L. Townley, Jr., who resigned.

Mrs. Harris Pett, Excelsior, was appointed Research Chairman on "Structure of Government".

EVALUATION OF  
LOCAL LEAGUES

Mrs. Hargraves reported that after careful consideration of all factors, the Executive Committee had recommended that all Minnesota local leagues be recommended to National for recognition. Those leagues which now do not fully comply with National recognition standards will have the opportunity, with State Board help, to improve their position during the coming year. The Board approved the decision of the Executive Committee.

LOCAL  
PROJECTS

With regard to the endorsement of local league projects, it was the consensus of the Board that a local league could endorse and support a local project, after thorough study, by a majority vote of the local league membership.

CONGRESSIONAL  
INTERVIEWS

It was reported that Miss Strauss had asked for interviews by league members with representatives and senators now at home. It was recommended that local leagues be requested to make plans for interviewing <sup>representatives</sup> ~~their~~ this fall. State Board members will arrange to interview our Senators.

NATIONAL  
PROGRAM  
RECOMMENDA-  
TIONS

Mrs. Hargraves reported that the State Board must submit to National by November recommendations for the National Current Agenda and that she hoped to have for discussion at the October Board meeting all local league suggestions.

SUMMARY  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA  
OCTOBER 23, 1947

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BROADSIDE ON  
REORGANIZATION  
OF SCHOOL  
DISTRICTS

The Board discussed the need for wide distribution of the Broadside on the Reorganization of School Districts in Minnesota, especially in the counties where the first meeting has not yet been held. It was emphasized that there was a field for league action, to form public opinion by the distribution of factual information. It was stated that the State Office has sent copies of the Broadside to all County Superintendents in the State, the Farm Bureau Federation and the Minnesota Association of Cooperatives.

HOUSING

Mrs. R. E. Kehl, St. Paul, a member of the Committee on Equalizing Opportunities, presented a statement on Housing in Minnesota. This statement covered the subject so well that it was decided to send mimeographed copies to the National Board, to Local League Presidents and to Mayors, copies for Mayors to be sent through Local League Presidents in municipalities where there is a league.

Mrs. R. E. Kehl was appointed chairman of a committee to represent the Minnesota League at hearings of the Joint Congressional Committee on Housing Investigation scheduled for November 11th in Minneapolis and November 12th in St. Paul.

1948-1950  
NATIONAL  
PROGRAM

The Board discussed National Program Recommendations, going over the present Current Agenda, item by item. The recommendations sent from local leagues were read and Mrs. Hargraves stated that these would be sent as they are to National but that they would also be tabulated in accordance with National's request. The Board, after detailed discussion, also submitted Program recommendations, a copy of which is attached.

FINANCE

Mrs. Ray Lawson, State Finance Chairman, reported on the Finance program for this year: beginning with the January-February, 1948, issue of The Articulate Voter devoted to Finance, then a Finance Kit, which will be very complete and ready for distribution in February, 1948, and culminating in Area Conferences on Finance in March, 1948. It was decided to include in the program for the Area Conferences not only Finance but also Public Relations and Local Projects, since these fields are so closely related.

INTERVIEWS

Mrs. Rusten reported on her interview with Governor Youngdahl on Federal Aid to Education.

ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Hargraves reported that she had made trips to the Red Wing and Waseca Leagues for their membership meetings. It was reported that Miss Washburn had visited the New Ulm and Litchfield Leagues and was that evening visiting the Two Harbors League.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA  
SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1947

A meeting of the Board of Directors of The League of Women Voters of Minnesota was held Thursday, September 25, 1947.

FINANCE The Board outlined the work to be done this year in the field of Finance. Beginning with the November-December issue of The Articulate Voter devoted entirely to Finance and the Finance Kit, prepared for local leagues by Mrs. Ray Lawson and her committee, leagues will be ready for Regional Conferences on Finance about mid-January. It was the opinion of the Board that the best time for a State-wide Finance drive, conducted by all local leagues, would be in the Spring, the culmination of the foregoing preparation. Mrs. Hargraves emphasized that this year much pioneer work in Finance would be done and that by all leagues doing it together it would be much easier.

PUBLICATIONS CHAIRMAN Mrs. Willard W. Bixby, of St. Paul, was unanimously appointed Publications Chairman. To stimulate the fullest use of league material she will prepare a complete file and bibliography of league material and league publications orders. Her committee will prepare, also, a bibliography of current magazine articles on league program items for use by local leagues. Another function of this committee will be stimulation of TRENDS subscriptions.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE The vacancy on the Nominating Committee caused by Mrs. Ray Lawson becoming a member of the State Board was discussed and the President was authorized to appoint another league member to this committee in Mrs. Lawson's place.

ORGANIZATION Mrs. Hargraves and Mrs. H. R. Simmons have prepared a chart to be sent to the National Office, showing the Executive Committee's appraisal of Minnesota's 47 local leagues according to the National Recognition Standards. Mrs. Hargraves, in accordance with Board decision, is recommending to National that all 47 local leagues be recognized this year and that those leagues which have difficulty in meeting National Recognition Standards be given special attention and help from the Board this year rather than be immediately put on probation.

Mrs. Hargraves reported that she had visited the Duluth, Northfield and South St. Paul Leagues and that Board members of the Austin League had visited her in Rochester this month.

STATE AND NATL. PROGRAM Local Leagues will receive material on the State Current Agenda before January so that they may be prepared to decide on State Program Recommendations before next spring.

The National Current Agenda was discussed by the Board as preparation for a detailed analysis at the October Board meeting of the present and proposed National Program and the making of recommendations on the 1948-1950 National Current Agenda. It was again emphasized that local leagues must have their National Program recommendations in the State Office not later than October 23rd.



INTERVIEWS Mrs. Elmer Rusten was asked to interview Governor Youngdahl on Federal Aid to Education in compliance with a request from National that State Leagues interview their Governors on this subject since their opinions are being sought by the House Education and Labor Committee.

Arrangements were completed for Board members to interview Senators Ball and Thye within the next few weeks.

AREA CONFERENCE ON TRADE Mrs. J. R. McNamara, Minneapolis, outlined the program of the Area Conference on Foreign Trade and Economic Policy to be held at the Nicollet Hotel, Minneapolis, October 9th and 10th. Mrs. McNamara reported that the program would be excellent, with several outstanding speakers, round tables and group discussion. This conference will be of great value to league members.

PRE-ELECTION ACTIVITIES Mrs. Leonard Keyes, Voter Service and Legislative Chairman, reported that she is planning material which will help local leagues in their pre-election activities. The importance of local league pre-election work in local elections was emphasized.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OCTOBER 23, 1947

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A meeting of the Board of Directors of The League of Women Voters of Minnesota was held at the office of the Minneapolis League, 84 South Tenth Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota, at ten o'clock A. M. on Thursday, October 23, 1947, Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, President, presiding. Present were: Mesdames Hargraves, Grunditz, Thomas, Killen, Brustuen, Chapin, Rusten, Lawson, Keyes, Bixby, Strong, Pett and Hedin; also Mrs. J. R. McNamara, Mrs. R. E. Kehl and Mrs. H. R. Simmons.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with the following correction:

Page 4 - second sentence of first paragraph was corrected to read as follows, "\*\*\* which a League group had with Congressman George McKinnon."

REORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS BROADSIDE - On motion of Mrs. Rusten, seconded by Mrs. Grunditz, it was moved that the League make allowance from its budget for the broadsides on The Reorganization of School Districts which were sent to the County Superintendents of Schools throughout the State. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Rusten pointed out the need for leagues to get material to the County School Boards before the meetings on reorganization are held. She reported that several counties had voted not to conduct a county school survey and that there was a great need for getting information and facts on reorganization of school districts especially to those counties where the first meeting has not yet been held.

Mrs. H. R. Simmons called attention to the excellent material, in this regard, published by the State of Minnesota Department of Education. It was suggested that Mrs. Brustuen write a letter to all leagues, listing material available on the reorganization of school districts and stressing again league action in this field.

The Board discussed again different methods of distribution of this broadside. Mrs. H. R. Simmons reported that the broadside had been sent from the State Office to the County Superintendents, to the Farm Bureau Federation and the Minnesota Association of Cooperatives.

HOUSING Mrs. Reuben Brustuen, Resource Chairman of Equalizing Opportunities, introduced Mrs. R. E. Kehl, of St. Paul, who spoke to the board on Housing. Mrs. Kehl outlined in detail the reasons why she felt the League should have a more positive and definite program on housing than it now has. She reviewed former league support of various housing bills and presented the need for a more comprehensive housing policy than the mere support of housing bills. Mrs. Kehl observed that the work and action of the League is not so much in the field of the technical aspects of housing programs as in promoting the ways of obtaining housing authorities.

Mrs. Kehl read a statement on the housing situation in Minnesota. The Board commented on the excellence of the material. After considerable discussion it was moved by Mrs. Killen and seconded by Mrs. Lawson that this statement be mimeographed and copies sent to the National Board, local leagues

and Mayors, the copy for Mayors to be sent through local league presidents. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mrs. H. R. Simmons reported that the National League has asked the State League to testify at hearings of the Joint Congressional Committee on Housing Investigation scheduled for November 11th in Minneapolis and November 12th in St. Paul. It was moved by Mrs. Killen and seconded by Mrs. Lawson that Mrs. Kehl be appointed chairman of a committee to represent the Minnesota League at these hearings, with members from the St. Paul and Minneapolis League housing committees serving on Mrs. Kehl's committee. The motion was unanimously passed. This committee, it was decided, would organize and present the testimony requested by the congressional committee. The State Office will request time to appear at the hearings.

Mrs. Hargraves read Mrs. Stone's memorandum of October 20th on housing legislation.

It was decided to include in the program recommendations sent to National, the possibility of a more positive program on housing.

1948-1950  
NATIONAL  
PROGRAM  
RECOM-  
MENTATIONS

Prefacing the discussion on national program recommendations, Mrs. Hargraves reminded the Board of Miss Strauss's suggestions that the current agenda should outline a block of work on the national level to be accomplished within the next two years and, at the same time, it must be regarded as just one part of league work which also includes state and local action. Mrs. Hargraves read the check list, suggested by Miss Strauss, for evaluating specific program proposals. Mrs. Hargraves also read the summary which was drawn up at the Area Conference on Trade. This conference, Mrs. Hargraves said, provided much informal program planning.

The Board considered the present National Current Agenda, item by item. The recommendations sent from local leagues were read as each item was considered and the suggestions for new items also discussed. Mrs. Hargraves stated that these recommendations from local leagues would be sent as they are to National but that they would also be tabulated in accordance with National's request.

ITEM I. INTERNATIONAL CONTROL OF ATOMIC ENERGY THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS. DOMESTIC CONTROL UNDER A CIVILIAN AGENCY TO INSURE FULL DEVELOPMENT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

This item was considered by a majority of leagues to be essential to the agenda. The Board concurred in this opinion, suggesting that the second sentence of the item be amended to read: "Safe-guarding domestic control \* \* \*".

ITEM II. ACCEPTANCE BY THE UNITED STATES OF ITS FULL SHARE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR STRENGTHENING THE UNITED NATIONS.

After lengthy discussion by the Board on this item, most members expressed the opinion that the league must continue to support further strengthening of the United Nations and that in order to become more effective the United Nations needed a very much stronger organization and fuller use by nations. Several methods of strengthening the United Nations were considered: Completion of the peace-making; Curtailment of the veto; Establishment of the International Police Force; the "Little Assembly"; and information to the public which



will reveal and emphasize the functions and importance of the agencies of the United Nations. "Insistence by the United States upon International action through the United Nations and its Agencies." was felt by all to be a necessary addition to item 2.

ITEM III. GOVERNMENTAL ECONOMIC POLICIES WHICH PREVENT INFLATION AND DEFLATION AND STIMULATE MAXIMUM PRODUCTION AND EMPLOYMENT.

The majority of local leagues and also the Board expressed the opinion that item 3 is too broad and that it should be more specific. Several Board members felt that more emphasis should be put upon conservation and taxation. The Board therefore suggested rewording this item along the following lines:

"Taxation and fiscal policies designed to stabilize the national economy and stimulate maximum production and employment, with special emphasis on:

1. A coordinated system of federal, state and local taxation.
2. A positive housing program.
3. Conservation of natural resources."

ITEM IV. STRENGTHENING THE ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURES OF THE CONGRESS.

Most felt that this item should be removed from the agenda. Mrs. Killen suggested that if it is put on the Platform that it should be amended to read "Enforcement of the Reorganization of Congress." All were of the opinion that this item, if removed, should be watched carefully.

Several local leagues and the Board recommended a new item concerning economic aid to democratic nations. Mrs. Thomas suggested the possibility of incorporating into the agenda the need for more information in Europe about the U. S.

It was suggested that the form of the agenda could be changed to give a more unified approach to the larger problem of international relations in all its aspects, with the items as specific problems on which to work under this higher goal. This, it was suggested, would coordinate the items within a larger purpose and not have them dangling as they seem to do now. The Board felt that drawing up the agenda in this form might be of interest to the National Board. All recommendations of the Board on the agenda will be sent to National.

FINANCE Mrs. Ray Lawson, Finance Chairman, reported on the work accomplished by her committee. She divided the program into, 1) the Kit, 2) the Finance issue of The Articulate Voter, 3) the Area Conferences on Finance. Mrs. Lawson outlined what the Kit would contain, including National material on Finance, material on techniques of raising money, sample letters, pamphlet on League services to the community and an extensive bibliography which also includes spot announcements for leagues with radio time, and radio skits. The Board praised the excellence of the work of Mrs. Lawson's committee in the preparation of the Kit. It was thought that leagues would need more than one copy and that a charge should be made for each kit.

Mrs. Lawson outlined the material that would be included in the Finance issue of The Articulate Voter. There would be emphasis on how local leagues support the National League, a letter from Mrs. Hargraves explaining the right of leagues to make Finance Drives, need for local budget, etc.

The Area Conferences on Finance were discussed. Mrs. Hargraves suggested that towns would be selected for these meetings after examining the location of leagues. In discussing the Area Conferences on Finance, Mrs. Lawson mentioned the excellence of the outline put out by the Minneapolis League. She suggested its use as a basis for the discussion at the Area Conferences, with various board members acting as discussion leaders.

Mrs. Hargraves brought out how the work of the Public Relations Committee and Local Program Committee tie in with Finance. Mrs. Killen and Mrs. Kelly will be ready to give their reports in these fields at the next Board meeting. It was decided that since Public Relations and Local Projects are such vital aspects of Finance that part of the Area Conference should be devoted to them.

In discussing money-raising activities Mrs. McNamara described the "League Calendar" project of the Minneapolis League. Mrs. McNamara, also in this regard, mentioned the value to the league of having a large enough budget with which to do its work and that this helps to justify its existence.

It was decided to postpone The Articulate Voter issue on Finance until the January-February, 1948 issue, send out the Kit in February, and to hold the area conferences in March.

#### INTERVIEWS

Mrs. Rusten reported that she had an interview with Governor Youngdahl on Federal Aid to Education. Mrs. Rusten gave him the league material, stating our position in regard to Federal Aid, and Governor Youngdahl said that he would give it his serious consideration.

Mrs. Rusten, in describing an interview with a Congressman on league issues, felt that further clarification from National was needed on Section 304 of the Taft-Hartley Labor Bill relating to political expenditures and on the Senators Aiken and Hatch Bill pertaining to this section. The Board agreed that further clarification on how this section affects the league is necessary.

#### ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Hargraves and Mrs. H. R. Simmons reported on the fine work Miss Washburn has done on Organization and the many trips that she has made, including New Ulm, Litchfield and Two Harbors.

Mrs. Hargraves reported that she had made trips to Red Wing and to Waseca for their membership meetings. Waseca, Mrs. Hargraves said, was very aware of its community needs and has a growing membership.

Mrs. Hargraves reported that the call for visits to leagues are many and that Board members will be called upon to make some of them.

#### AFTON-LAKELAND LEAGUE

The President and the Board of the Afton-Lakeland League have asked if the resignation of the President is in order since she is now employed, as secretary, in the office of one of Minnesota's Senators. Mrs. Hargraves described the league's position in regard to officers of the league connecting themselves, in any way, with political parties and mentioned that a president of a league with this connection is open to criticism. It was decided to send to the Afton-Lakeland League a statement of the National position and explain the criticism and difficulties which might arise.

Combining the November and December Board meetings was discussed and the next meeting tentatively set for Thursday, December 4th.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at Two O'Clock P. M.

Respectfully submitted

*Elizabeth Hedin*  
Mrs. R. F. Hedin, Secretary



SUMMARY  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA  
DECEMBER 4, 1947

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BUDGET Mrs. Donald B. Simmons, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's statement for the six months ended October 31, 1947. It was pointed out that the present state budget will show a deficit of \$1,397.38 even after full payment of all outstanding local league pledges. Recognizing that a State League is able to give adequate service in the way of material, research work and field visits only insofar as it is adequately supported financially by the local leagues, the Board decided to request local leagues to increase their pledges as much as possible to enable the State League (1) To overcome the budget deficit, and (2) To continue to give services which meet the demands.

The value of visits to local leagues by the Field Secretary and by Board members was discussed and the desire to increase such visits was expressed.

PUBLIC RELATIONS Mrs. Starr Killen, Public Relations Chairman, presented material and suggestions for League speakers, Radio Chairmen and Publicity Chairmen. Copies of this material will shortly be sent to all local league presidents.

LOCAL PROJECTS Mrs. Fallon Kelly, Local Program Chairman, presented material on local projects designed to help local leagues in their choice of local projects and in accomplishing their purpose.

PRE-ELECTION Mrs. Leonard Keyes, Voter Service & Legislative Chairman, presented material on aids and suggestions for appraising candidates for local offices. This will be sent to local league presidents to help in local pre-election work.

AREA CONFERENCES It was decided to hold sometime in March eight Area Conferences on Finance, Local Projects and Public Relations. Local Leagues will be grouped on a geographical basis. Two State Board members will lead the discussion at each conference. Details of the conferences will be sent out in January.

REORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS Mrs. H. R. Simmons reported that the demand for the broadside on "Reorganization of School Districts" had been so great that a second printing was made. Several counties, by far in the minority, that voted against the survey, now regretted their action, and it was stressed that leagues in counties such as this have a job to do in the coming year.

STATUS OF WOMEN Mrs. Hargraves reported that upon request of the League Governor Luther W. Youngdahl had approved in writing the establishment of a Presidential Commission on the Status of Women.

ORGANIZATION It was reported that a new League has been organized at Stillwater. Miss Hildebrand reported that she had visited three Leagues: Bemidji, Cass Lake and Park Rapids. Miss Hildebrand described the excellent attendance at the College League Conference held November 15th and reported that the 9 College Leagues were very active.

League of Women Voters of Minnesota  
Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors, Dec.4, 1947

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was held at the Minneapolis League Office, 84 South Tenth Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota, at ten o'clock A.M. on Thursday, December 4, 1947, Mrs. Elmer Rusten, First Vice-President, presiding until the arrival of Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, President. Present were: Mesdames Hargraves, Rusten, McQuarrie, Donald B. Simmons, Killen, Chapin, Thomas, Keyes, Bixby, Pett, Strong, Kelly, Hedin; also Mrs. J.R. McNamara, Mrs. H.R. Simmons and Miss Ivy Hildebrand.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Budget

The Treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Donald B. Simmons as follows:

Balance as of April 30, 1947.....	\$ 1,308.65
Total Receipts Six Months ending October 31, 1947.....	\$ 4,079.11

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\$ 5387. 76

Total Expenditures Six Months ending October 31, 1947.....	... \$ 4434. 99
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Balance as of October 31, 1947.....	\$ 952.77
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Mrs. Simmons also presented the Treasurer's statement for November 1947 as follows:

Balance as of October 31, 1947.....	\$ 952.77
Total Receipts for November.....	\$ 1510.11

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\$ 2462.88

Total Expenditures for November.....	\$ 1295.41
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Balance as of November 30, 1947.....	\$ 1167.47
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Local League Pledges paid in full.....	18
Local League Pledges partially paid.....	12
Local League Pledges totally unpaid.....	16

Mrs. Simmons reported that a total deficit of \$1397.38 remains after all local league pledges have been paid in full. This deficit has been of great concern to all Board members since the Convention and such concern was expressed again.

In discussing the State Budget, Mrs. McNamara reported that the Minneapolis League has strong convictions that the best way to strengthen the State League and increase its services is to get more strong and active local leagues and that the way to get strong local leagues is through continuous and frequent field work. Mrs. McNamara said that Minneapolis is very interested in and has been watching the condition of local leagues and feels that local leagues, isolated in many cases, need the stimulus of field work .



Mrs. Rusten pointed out that not only is field work the responsibility of the Field Secretary but of Board members as well. Mrs. Rusten mentioned several examples of the value of field work in revitalizing an organization and stimulating new growth.

Mrs. Kelly described her visit to the Granite Falls League, in this regard, and emphasized the help which Board members can give to local leagues as well as deriving much experience themselves.

After considerable discussion, Mrs. McQuarrie suggested that this problem be given more study. Mrs. McQuarrie moved and Mrs. Donald B. Simmons seconded the motion that a committee be appointed to review the work being done to strengthen the local leagues in the state; to make a comparative study of the costs and the effectiveness of Board member and Field Secretary visits as demonstrated by our own and similar organizations and to report back to the next meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mrs. Pett moved and Mrs. Chapin seconded the motion that letters be sent to local leagues with an emphatic statement that the State League needs more money and urge them to contribute more than they have already pledged and in this way help the State League to overcome the deficit. The motion was passed unanimously. It was suggested that a listing of State League expenses and field visit costs also be incorporated in this letter.

#### Public Relations

Mrs. Killen, Public Relations Chairman, presented her report, "Practical Public Relations," including material on a Speaker's Bureau, suggestions for Radio Chairmen and publicity for newspapers. The Board commented on the comprehensiveness of the material and it was suggested that a copy be sent to National. Mrs. Strong moved and Mrs. McQuarrie seconded the motion that this material be mimeographed and sent to local league Presidents. The motion was passed unanimously. The use of this material was discussed by the Board.

#### Local Gov.

Mrs. Kelly, Local Government Chairman, presented material on Local Projects, including suggestions for local leagues on how to choose a local project and the procedures to use to accomplish the purpose of the project. This material will be incorporated in the Finance Kit.

#### Area Conferences

Mrs. Hargraves presented suggestions for the location of the Area Conferences on Finance, grouping the local leagues on a geographical basis to make eight conferences. Board members have been chosen as leaders of the conferences on the basis of closeness to the town in which the conference will be held. Plans were made to hold a discussion on how to conduct an Area Conference on Finance at the February Board meeting.

Mrs. Thomas suggested that charts be made showing the costs of maintaining the National and State Leagues, showing the support the State gives to National and the services of the State to Local Leagues, to have at the Area Conference. Mrs. Strong was asked to prepare these charts.

#### Budget Committee

Mrs. Hargraves reminded the Board that a Budget Committee should be appointed to comply with the By-Laws. Mrs. Hargraves explained that Mrs. Lawson, as Finance Chairman, will



act as chairman of this committee and Mrs. Donald B. Simmons, as State Treasurer, will be an ex-officio member in an advisory capacity. Board members made several suggestions as to possible members of this committee.

In returning to a discussion of the Budget, it was suggested that local leagues be reminded to be prepared to make their pledges at the State Convention and that possibly it might be better to have their pledges in writing before the Convention, in this way facilitating the work of the budget committee.

Reorganizat-  
ion of School  
Dist. Broad-  
side

Mrs. H.R. Simmons reported that the demand for the Reorganization of School Districts Broadside was so great that a second printing was made. Many organizations and groups made use of them. It was stated that this was a good example of the value of league work to the community and the most important reason why the league should have a budget adequate enough to meet demands such as this.

The outcome of the county meetings on the reorganization of school districts was discussed and the good report made that a large majority of counties voted for the survey. It was also reported that several counties which rejected the survey now regret their action and that the league can be of great help in these areas during the next year.

Minnetonka  
League

Mrs. Hargraves read a letter from the Minnetonka League requesting permission to work with the Excelsior league on the local problem of Pollution of the waters of Lake Minnetonka. Mrs. Hargraves then read a letter which she had written to National concerning the problem of the Minnetonka League and its membership set-up in relation to local projects and then presented the reply from National. The reply stated that with the permission of the State Board that Minnetonka and Excelsior and their other members not within these towns, could work on this local project on a county basis. Mrs. McNamara suggested that Minnetonka, as a member of the Minneapolis County Coordinating Council, could work through this group with the Pollution problem as a special project.

Minimum  
Quota  
Local League

Raising the minimum quota for local leagues to \$25.00, in compliance with the By-Laws, was discussed. It was decided to present this change in quota to the local leagues at the Area Conferences on Finance, at which time, the discussion will be of help to those leagues which will have to raise their quotas.

Minnesota  
Poll

Mrs. Hargraves requested Board members to submit questions to be used by the Minnesota Poll, of which the League is a member.

Status of  
Women Comm.

Governor Youngdahl approved the establishment of a Presidential Commission on the Status of Women, upon request of the League.

State  
Program

Mrs. Hargraves reminded the Board that in January the Board must review the suggestions from the local leagues on the State Program for 1948-1949.

Organization

Mrs. Hargraves reported that Miss Washburn is drawing up a report on her visits to local leagues and her work on

organization. Miss Washburn and Mrs. Brustuen have organized a new league at Stillwater. Mrs. Kelly described her visit to Granite Falls League.

Field  
Visits

Miss Hildebrand reported that she had visited three leagues, Bemidji, Cass Lake and Park Rapids. Miss Hildebrand stated that Bemidji was progressing well and suggested that an Area Conference on Finance in Bemidji might be of special value since the Bemidji League still does not favor finance drives.

Miss Hildebrand reported that the Park Rapids League was showing much interest, had a local project underway and good attendance at their meetings.

Cass Lake, Miss Hildebrand said, is involved with a Library project, sponsored by the league but that now they need help in relinquishing this project since it no longer comes within the scope of league activities. It was decided to write to Cass Lake and explain that they should find ways of turning the library and its functioning over to the city government.

College  
Leagues

Miss Hildebrand reported that about 30 members from College Leagues attended the College League Conference and that there was good discussion on International Trade. Miss Hildebrand reported that she is very encouraged about the college leagues and that there are plans for organizing a league at Gustavus Adolphus.

Pre-  
Election

Mrs. Keyes presented material which included aids and suggestions for the appraisal of candidates for local offices, with emphasis on determining the fundamental philosophy and attitude of candidates toward city government and its functions.

Mrs. Hargraves suggested that this material on the qualifications for city officials, school board members and pre-election activities be on separate sheets for the files of local leagues.

Taft-Hartley

A letter was read from Muriel Feris, Congressional Secretary clarifying the League's position in regard to section 304 of the Taft-Hartley Labor Bill.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

*Elizabeth Hedin*  
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MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
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	\$ 2,462.88
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AREA CONFER-  
ENCES

Mrs. Hargraves presented suggestions for the location of the Area Conferences on Finance, grouping the local leagues on a geographical basis to make eight conferences. Board members have been chosen as leaders of the conferences on the basis of closeness to the town in which the conference will be held. Plans were made to hold a discussion on how to conduct an Area Conference on Finance at the February Board meeting.

Mrs. Thomas suggested that charts be made showing the costs of maintaining the National and State Leagues, showing the support the State gives to National and the services of the State to Local Leagues, to have at the Area Conferences. Mrs. Strong was asked to prepare these charts.

BUDGET  
COMMITTEE

Mrs. Hargraves reminded the Board that a Budget Committee should be appointed to comply with the By-laws. Mrs. Hargraves explained that Mrs. Lawson, as Finance Chairman, will act as chairman of this committee and Mrs. Donald B. Simmons, as State Treasurer, will be an ex-officio member in an advisory capacity. Board members made several suggestions as to possible members of this committee.

In returning to a discussion of the Budget, it was suggested that local leagues be reminded to be prepared to make their pledges at the

State Convention and that possibly it might be better to have their pledges in writing before the Convention, in this way facilitating the work of the budget committee.

REORGANIZATION  
OF SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BROADSIDE

Mrs. H. R. Simmons reported that the demand for the Reorganization of School Districts Broadside was so great that a second printing was made. Many organizations and groups made use of them. It was stated that this was a good example of the value of league work to the community and the most important reason why the league should have a budget adequate enough to meet demands such as this.

The outcome of the county meetings on the reorganization of school districts was discussed and the good report made that a large majority of counties voted for the survey. It was also reported that several counties which rejected the survey now regret their action and that the league can be of great help in these areas during the next year.

MINNETONKA  
LEAGUE  
REQUEST

Mrs. Hargraves read a letter from the Minnetonka League requesting permission to work with the Excelsior league on the local problem of Pollution of the waters of Lake Minnetonka. Mrs. Hargraves then read a letter which she had written to National concerning the problem of the Minnetonka League and its membership set-up in relation to local projects and then presented the reply from National. The reply stated that with the permission of the State Board that Minnetonka and Excelsior and their other members not within these towns, could work on this local project on a county basis. Mrs. McNamara suggested that Minnetonka, as a member of the Minneapolis County Coordinating Council, could work through this group with the Pollution problem as a special project.

MINIMUM QUOTA  
LOCAL LEAGUES

Raising the minimum quota for local leagues to \$25.00 per year, in compliance with the By-laws, was discussed. It was decided to present this change in quota to the local leagues at the Area Conferences on Finance, at which time, the discussion will be of help to those leagues which will have to raise their quotas.

MINNESOTA POLL

Mrs. Hargraves requested Board members to submit questions to be used by the Minnesota Poll, of which the League is a member.

STATUS OF WOMEN  
COMMISSION

Mrs. Hargraves reported that at the request of the State League Governor Youngdahl had approved in writing the establishment of a Presidential Commission on the Status of Women.

STATE PROGRAM

Mrs. Hargraves reminded the Board that in January the Board must review the suggestions from the local leagues on the State Program for 1948-1949.

ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Hargraves reported that Miss Washburn is drawing up a report of her visits to local leagues and her work on organization. Miss Washburn and Mrs. Brustuen have organized a new league at Stillwater. Mrs. Kelly described her visit to the Granite Falls League.

FIELD VISITS

Miss Hildebrand reported that she had visited three Leagues, Bemidji, Cass Lake and Park Rapids. Miss Hildebrand stated that Bemidji was progressing well and suggested that an



Area Conference on Finance in Bemidji might be of special value since the Bemidji League still does not favor finance drives.

Miss Hildebrand reported that the Park Rapids League was showing much interest, had a local project under way and good attendance at their meetings.

Cass Lake, Miss Hildebrand said, is involved with a Library project, sponsored by the league but that now they need help in relinquishing this project since it no longer comes within the scope of league activities. It was decided to write to Cass Lake and explain that they should find ways of turning the library and its functioning over to the city government.

COLLEGE LEAGUES Miss Hildebrand reported that about 30 members from College Leagues attended the College League Conference on November 15th and that there was good discussion on International Trade. Miss Hildebrand reported that she is very encouraged about the college leagues and that there are plans for organizing a league at Gustavus Adolphus.

PRE-ELECTION Mrs. Keyes presented material which included aids and suggestions for the appraisal of candidates for local offices, with emphasis on determining the fundamental philosophy and attitude of candidates toward city government and its functions.

Mrs. Hargraves suggested that this material on the qualifications for city officials, school board members and pre-election activities be on separate sheets for the files of local leagues.

TAFT-HARTLEY A letter was read from Muriel Ferris, Congressional Secretary, clarifying the League's position in regard to Section 304 of the Taft-Hartley Labor Bill.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P. M.

Respectfully submitted

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