

LEAGUE _____

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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1. Does your Board understand the purpose of the League of Women Voters?

I think so. Some of them are fairly new to the League, but they grow in understanding.

2. Does your Board share responsibility of overall League planning?

Yes.

Have you developed a method of delegating Board responsibility which helps you in covering all League work? Attach chart or describe briefly.

Not except that each member is very responsible about carrying out her portion of the work

3. In what areas do you think your League has improved this year (e.g. membership participation in program coverage, program selection, consensus reaching, public relations, voters service, resource committees, distribution of publications among members or among community)? How did you accomplish this?

I was lucky in the unusually fine board I had. The membership has grown under a very active membership chairman. The public relations chairman has been able to get much more about the League and its program into the local papers; she has also had a good many programs on the radio, summarizing the work done in workshops.

We have tried, with good success, extra all-member meetings to recommend items to the National Board for the Convention's consideration; to plan our Candidates' meeting; to consider the findings of our local agenda workshops and to plan further work

4. Are there areas in program or organization in which you would like your League to improve? Can the state or national boards help you in these areas? How?

I have never got a really good go-to-see Council, Schoolboard, etc., program going.

5. Did you use the Illinois Voter for voters service? Yes for finance? No
Did you use the Illinois Voter for public relations in any other way? Describe.

Some of the solicitors took theirs along when calling on contributors, and in some instances, found a good deal of interest in the publication. (Men seem surprised at the unusually high caliber of the writing!)

President's Report (Continued)

6. How frequently do you publish your local bulletin? 8 times a year. A summer letter goes out, and a December letter, too.
Did you use your bulletin for program content? In what program category?

Not much
National CA _____ National CRs _____
State CA _____ State CRs sometimes
Local CA and/or CRs _____

Did your bulletin duplicate what was in state or national Voters? How much?

No.

Did you use your bulletin for voter service, finance, or public relations?

No

7. Have you any comment on State Council meetings and how they could be made more useful?

No. I have always found them very helpful.

8. What areas would you like to have discussed at future regional meetings?

I understood there was some thought of dropping the president training meeting. I think that is needed by new presidents.

9. What has been your proudest achievement?

I am continually pleased by the evident interest, especially of the newer members, in the workshops, and in the unit meetings. We have increased our membership a good deal;--however, none of this is due to my leadership, I'm afraid, but rather to the excellent Board who have shouldered their responsibilities in remarkably able fashion.

10. Has your role as League president been a satisfying one?

Yes, although I shall sleep more soundly when someone else is responsible.

11. Date of your 1962 annual meeting

Sometime during the first week of April.