

Recommendations to LWVUS Board continued

- dispatch Report from the Hill to state and local Leagues as soon as possible after it is written
- inform members more completely of national Board actions and actions of its members - for example: we would like a full report from Nancy Neuman about her resignation from the NACW (National Advisory Committee on Women?)
- try to respond more quickly to national events - for example the decision on ERA extension was made very late.

Are there additional recommendations?

- Sawyer suggests we add a complaint about the slowness of LWVUS priority mailings. We have ordered several publications on a rush, priority basis (for which we pay 20% more) and have not received them soon enough
- Borg suggests they consider state or local advertisements in National VOTER - rooms, products, publications, etc. *or Catalog*

8. Publication Guidelines approval: motion: to approve the proposed Guidelines for writing LWV publications as attached (yellow)

Background Information

In order to help committees plan their publications, these guidelines were drawn up by Karen Anderson, Rhoda Lewin, Judy Rosenblatt and Judy Medelman. The Development Committee thinks these guidelines would be a valuable tool for a resource committee planning a publication.

9. Library consensus approval: motion: to approve the Library consensus as attached (blue) *and amended*

10. Disbanding of Blaine LWV: motion: to recommend withdrawal of recognition from Blaine LWV and approve requested disposition of their funds.

Background Information

Blaine has been struggling with dropping membership and lack of leadership for a number of years. This year the nominating committee could find no one willing to serve on Board or as an officer. They have explored the possibility of joining the LWV of Anoka-Coon Rapids Area and their active members intend to do this, maintaining their community presence as the Blaine unit. They propose to use their savings to pay PMP to both state and national.

11. Arden Hills-Shoreview merger: motion: to recommend to national that the merger of LWVs of Arden Hills and Shoreview be approved and that the new League be known as the LWV of Arden Hills/Shoreview.

Background Information

They started working cooperatively in Program areas four years ago. The cooperation has continued and expanded to the point that they are operating now much as one League. Arden Hills shares two of its boundaries with Shoreview, and the two communities share almost everything else except local government.

This sharing of League activity is what has kept Arden Hills alive. Shoreview, originally much the stronger partner, has not been faring too well the last couple of years and will now benefit from the merger as much as Arden Hills.

This combined membership will be just over 40. The merger will allow a single, expanded Board able to cover more areas of Program and administration. They will have separate local items.

The settling in as a single League should give their membership efforts a boost. In the past they did well if one of them had a membership chair, and she would concentrate her efforts in whichever community she represented. There's never been an overall coordinated effort.