



**LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS**

**2009
Annual Convention
Workbook**

Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues

Serving LWVs in the seven-county Twin City Metropolitan Area

**Forty Seventh
Annual Convention
Saturday, May 9, 2009**

**Peggy Leppik
Metropolitan Council
District 6
Representative**

Attention Delegates!

If you will not be attending the CMAL Annual Convention, please be sure to give this workbook to your Alternate or other interested member will attend in your place.

The workbook is also available on our CMAL web site at www.lwvmn.org/cmal

Please bring this workbook to the meeting!

Date: Saturday, May 9, 2009

Time: 11:00 Registration
11:30 Lunch
noon Speaker
1:00 Business meeting
3:00 Adjourn

Location: Brookview Community Center
200 Brookview Parkway
Golden Valley, MN

Cost: \$12 – Lunch
\$5 – speaker/meeting

Reservations: **Deadline Friday, May 1**

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Peggy Leppik



Peggy Leppik has a long history of public service. She served in the Minnesota House of Representatives from 1991 to 2003. While in the legislature she chaired the Higher Education Finance Committee.

After retiring from the House, Peggy was appointed to the Metropolitan Council by Governor Pawlenty in 2003, and reappointed in 2007. She represents District 6, which includes Crystal, Golden Valley, New Hope, St. Louis Park, and southwest Minneapolis.

On the Met Council, Peggy chairs the Environment Committee, serves on the Transportation Committee, and is the Council's representative on the Transportation Advisory Board.

Peggy has also served as a Planning Commissioner for the city of Golden Valley.

Peggy is also a member of LWV Golden Valley.

She and her husband, Ilo, live in Golden Valley. They have three adult children and four grandchildren. Peggy enjoys hiking, gardening, canoeing, kayaking, and biking. She has a B.A. in sociology from Smith College in Massachusetts.

2008 – 2009 CMAL Quarterly Meetings

October: Carol Becker on Transportation

January: Steven Dornfeld on Financing
Metropolitan Services

March: Lanya Ross and Geoff Nash on
Groundwater

Tentative 2009-2010 Meetings

July – Board Retreat

September – Orientation

October – Quarterly Meeting

January – Quarterly Meeting

March – Quarterly Meeting

May – Annual Convention

Quarterly Meetings are typically on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Please check the Calendar in the Member Resources section of our web site at www.lwvmn.org before planning you local LWV meetings.

Annual Convention Agenda

- 1:00 Call to Order
 Roll Call of the LWVs
 Adoption of Agenda
 Appointment of Readers
 Adoption of Convention Rules
 Credentials Report
 Treasurers' Report
 Adoption of Budget
 Nominating Committee Report
 Election of Officers and Directors
 Bylaws Report (no changes proposed)
 Action Report
 Adoption of Program for 2009-2010 year
 Current Positions
 Consideration of new Focus/Study
 Report from the Chair
 Direction to the Board
 Announcements

Voting Delegates

ABC – Anoka/Blaine/Coon Rapids	1
Brooklyn Park/Osseo/Maple Grove	1
Crystal/New Hope/East Plymouth	1
Eastern Carver County	1
Edina	1
Fridley	1
Golden Valley	1
Minneapolis	2
Minnetonka/Eden Prairie/Hopkins	1
New Brighton	1
Northern Dakota County	1
Richfield	1
Roseville/Maplewood/Falcon Heights	1
St. Croix Valley	1
St. Louis Park	1
St. Paul	1
South Tonka	1
Wayzata/Plymouth	1
White Bear/North Oaks/Mahtomedi Area	1
Woodbury/Cottage Grove	1
Board Members	10
Total	31

Proposed Convention Rules

CMAL Delegates appointed by their local LWVs for the 2008-2009 term, or their Alternate, may be seated anywhere on the Convention Floor. **Each voting Delegate will be supplied with a voting card to hold up during a vote count.** Each Delegate must possess a red card in order to vote.

Motions:

1. Only voting **Delegates** may introduce motions to the Convention floor.
2. All motions of substance must be in writing and submitted to the Secretary.

Discussion:

1. Observers may participate in the discussion, but may not introduce motions or vote.
2. Each person wishing to speak shall first state her/his name and their LWV.
3. No one may speak twice on a particular question until all who wish to speak on the question have had an opportunity to do so.

Resolutions:

1. All proposed resolutions must be submitted to the membership at least 2 weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. The resolution should contain background information as well as any action requested of the board. Deadline: April 25, 2009)
2. Notification may be made by cmal-share or by mailing to each local LWV in the metro area and to the CMAL board.

Proposed 2009-2010 Budget

June 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010

	2008-2009 Budget	2008-2009 YTD	2008-2009 Estimated	2009-2010 Proposed Budget
Income				
Assessments (\$20/LL)	400.00	380.00	400.00	400.00
Dues	757.20	723.00	757.20	684.70
Board Donations	50.00	174.00	174.00	175.00
Member Donations	25.00	34.00	34.00	40.00
Quarterly Meetings	100.00	56.00	56.00	60.00
Annual Meeting	480.00		480.00	500.00
Publications				
Ed Fund	100.00			100.00
Money Market Account	70.00			50.00
Miscellaneous				
Transfer from Money Market Account				
Transfer from Ed Fund	50.00			
Total	\$2,032.20	\$1,367.00	\$1,901.20	\$2,009.70
Expenses				
Quarterly Newsletter	25.00			5.00
Quarterly Meetings	200.00	90.00	90.00	200.00
Annual Meeting	480.00	60.00	480.00	500.00
Convention Workbook	40.00		20.00	20.00
CMAL Corner	50.00			0.00
Orientation Packet	75.00	50.00	50.00	60.00
LWVMN Assessment	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Convention *	450.00		450.00	1,100.00
Board Expense	70.00	124.00	124.00	150.00
Bylaws Committee				
Nominating Committee				
Study Committee	125.00			25.00
Bank Expenses	15.00			15.00
Publications	50.00			25.00
Action Committee				25.00
Lively Issues (in even-odd years)				0.00
League Observers				25.00
Public Relations	75.00			75.00
Miscellaneous				
Total	\$1,955.00	\$624.00	\$1,514.00	\$2,525.00

* Convention – budget for LWVUS in odd-even budget years, for LWVMN in even-odd

There will be a surplus in the 2008-2009 budget year, which will be used to pay for part of the 2009-2010 LWVUS Convention expenses.

Local LWV CMAL Assessments for 2009-2010

Local LWV Assessment:

- \$20 per LWV
- \$1.00 per member (1-50 members)
- \$.50 per member (51-100 members)
- \$.20 per member (101 +)

There is no change proposed to our dues structure for the 2009-2010 year.

League Name	Member Count *	@ 1.00	@ .50	@ .20	PMP	\$20	Total
Anoka/Blaine/Coon Rapids (ABC)	30	30			30.00	20.00	50.00
Brooklyn Park/Osseo/Maple Grove (BP/O/MG)	13	13			13.00	20.00	33.00
Crystal/New Hope/East Plymouth	31	31			31.00	20.00	51.00
Eastern Carver County	32	32			32.00	20.00	52.00
Edina	86	50	36		68.00	20.00	88.00
Fridley	11	11			11.00	20.00	31.00
Golden Valley	28	28			28.00	20.00	48.00
Minneapolis	196	50	50	96	94.20	20.00	114.20
Minnetonka/Eden Prairie/Hopkins (MEPH)	31	31			31.00	20.00	51.00
New Brighton	20	20			20.00	20.00	40.00
Northern Dakota County	7	7			7.00	20.00	27.00
Richfield	30	30			30.00	20.00	50.00
Roseville/Maplewood/Falcon Heights (ROMAFH)	80	50	30		65.00	20.00	85.00
South Tonka	29	29			29.00	20.00	49.00
St. Croix Valley	6	6			6.00	20.00	26.00
St. Louis Park	31	31			31.00	20.00	51.00
St. Paul	71	50	21		60.50	20.00	90.50
Wayzata/Plymouth Area	16	16			16.00	20.00	36.00
White Bear/North Oaks/Mahtomedi Area	62	50	12		56.00	20.00	76.00
Woodbury/Cottage Grove	26	26			26.00	20.00	46.00
					684.70	\$400.00	1094.70

* There is no assessment for 50 year members or National members. Member Counts are based on LWVUS counts as of February 1, 2009.

Nominations Committee Report

Proposed Slate

Officers and Directors – 2 year terms

Chair **Ady Wickstrom**
LWV White Bear/North Oaks
ady@adywickstrom.com

Secretary **Kathy Klein**
LWV Woodbury/Cottage Grove
cklein@.msn.com

Treasurer **Helga Emrich**
(one year) LWV Woodbury/Cottage Grove
emrichs@comcast.net

Directors **open**

open

Nominating Committee – 1 year terms

open, chair

Aggie Leitheiser, member
LWV St. Louis Park
aggie@mninter.net

Continuing Board Members

Vice-Chair **Geneva MacMillan**
LWV MEPH
meandmao2@aol.com

Director **Gerry Sell**
LWV Minneapolis
jdde@umn.edu

2008-2009 Nominating Committee: Aggie Leitheiser (chair), Claire Olson, Kathy Klein

Retiring elected Board Members

Bev Montgomery, Lois Quam, Stephanie McNamara

Thank you for your service to CMAL!

2009-2011 Program

10 local LWV's/150 members participated

Current Positions

	Keep	Drop	Update	Restudy
Metropolitan Council as region's decision making body	118	2	4	1
An appointed Metropolitan Council	122		6	3
Fiscal Disparities (concept not formula)	124		4	
Regional systems and services funded by a mix of funding sources specific to each	123		1	
Metro Council review of local environmental protection ordinances	128		1	
Metropolitan Council as the Metro HRA	117		1	8
Housing/Health Care for the Aging	117		6	7
Regional planning to preserve and enhance the natural environment	113		1	
Metro Council as planning/coordinating agency for regional transportation needs	110		21	1
Metro Council establish system for control of flow of solid waste	128		1	
Metro Council as planning/coordinating agency for water supply	126		1	
Accountability and visibility of County	124		2	
Metropolitan coordination of Health planning	50	76	1	
School Integration/Desegregation	28	76	10	8

Study or Focus for 2009-2011

	Study 1st Choice	Study 2nd Choice	Focus 1st Choice	Focus 2nd Choice
Immigrants in Region		20	5	1
Transportation - focus on (specify below)	27	2	6	32
Diversity of Species			1	2
Metropolitan Airports			2	2
Affordable Housing in the Region	14	10	44	21
Alternative Energy in the Region	2	30	19	1
Urban Growth	9	1	8	3
Needs of the Aging and Disabled	24	3	15	12
Other - specify and include scope below	1	1	1	
No new study	4		1	1

Board Recommendation

The CMAL Board recommends that for the 2009-2010 year we focus on housing issues. These could include affordable housing, impacts of increased foreclosures, and desegregated housing. This could include a mini-study, with participation from local LWVs to gather information on an aspect of the issue in their local area.

At the next Annual Meeting the delegates would decide whether to continue on this issue, focus on something else, or hold meetings on various topics.

Minutes from the May 14, 2008 CMAL Annual Convention Mayflower Church, Minneapolis MN

These minutes are for information only; they have already been approved by the CMAL Board

LWV Minneapolis volunteers served a light supper, charge was \$12.

Program: Emergency Preparedness. Rocco Forte', Minneapolis Director of Emergency Preparedness, showed a film about the 8/1/07 bridge collapse and spoke about the unified rescue command with 170 agencies cooperating, the previous five years of preparation and training. the nine county 800 megahertz communication and dispatch system, and the interagency mutual aid which resulted in lessening the tragedy. All emergency groups were on site within minutes, 24 ambulances responded, and triage, treatment and transportation were given to 121 victims. He cited the critical elements in the successful effort: relationships between the agencies, communication systems, prior planning, equipment and training.

Roll Call: Of 20 CMAL member leagues, nineteen were represented.

Adoption of the Agenda: The agenda was approved.

Readers appointed were Irene Joyce and Kay Schminke to verify the minutes of this meeting.

Proposed Convention Rules were adopted: Only voting **Delegates** may introduce motions to the Convention floor. All motions of substance must be in writing and submitted to the Secretary.

Credentials Report: 22 delegates, including Board Members, were provided cards for voting.

Treasurer's Report: The 2007-2008 budget shows \$1,149.50 balance, but is not the final amount; since the financial year ends in June the final balance will be less. Because the CMAL newsletter is sent to many members by email a marked savings is realized. A \$900. gift was received from the estate of Ann Duff.

Noted: the Educational Fund should be listed.

Nominating Committee Report and Election:

The nominating report was presented as developed by members Grace Norris, Aggie Leitheiser, and Mary Vik. There were no nominations from the floor. Moved by Sue Dodson, seconded by Idell Longman, the slate was unanimously elected.

Officers and Directors (2 year terms)

Vice Chair	Geneva MacMillan
Treasurer	Tricia Gunderson
Director	Kathy Klein
Director	Gerry Sell

Nominating Committee (1 year terms)

Aggie Leitheiser, chair
Clair Olson, member

Bylaws Report: Since many changes were made in 2007, no changes were proposed.

Observer's Report: In some ways the observations at Metropolitan Council are not working, nor are reports being consistently written, perhaps because the views of observing are not clear. The objective is to (1) observe (2) write up what is seen (3) put on website or in newsletter. Discussion revolved around how observing can be more effective or flexible and not to further any position. It was suggested that observations be done at Metropolitan Council or sub-committees or at watershed district meetings, or the airport commission, etc., and if something comes up that appears to require action to notify the Action Committee, reminding everyone that no action can be furthered without Board Action. Perhaps there is a need for Observer Training, which could be combined with Orientation issues. It may be an area for Board review. In the meantime, members are urged to observe any group of interest and to write it up objectively and send it to the Observer chair, Geneva MacMillan.

Action Report: A bill is proposed to have Metropolitan Council members have staggered terms, so everyone is not new at once. The LWV position is for Metropolitan Council members to be appointed by the governor, after recommendation.

Adoption of Study: It was proposed that a 2008-2009 study be focused on Transportation, Comprehensive Plans for Cities or Metropolitan Council, since eight of our positions refer to Metropolitan Council. Perhaps a review of those eight positions would be useful. **An examination of eight CMAL positions relative to Metropolitan Council appears to be chosen by consensus for study.**

Budget 2008-2009: The 2008-2009 Budget for \$1400. non-cash and \$75. cash was reviewed; moved by Sue Dodson, the proposed budget was adopted.

No change was proposed in the dues structure for the 2008-2009 year.

Report of the Chair: President Ady Wickstrom

thanked those who helped with arrangements for this meeting: Ann Pugliese, speaker; Clair Olson, supper; Margaret Severe, arrangements. Ady also thanked the Committee on Emergency for work this year: Lois Quam, Sue Dodson, Aggie Leitheiser. Ady also thanked members who reviewed documents and wording prior to this meeting: Sigrid Johnson, Stephanie McNamara, Tricia Gunderson, Phyllis LeTendre, Geneva MacMillan, Lois Quam, Mary Vik, Bev Montgomery.

A goal will be to look at Board Positions for clarity of duty and responsibility.

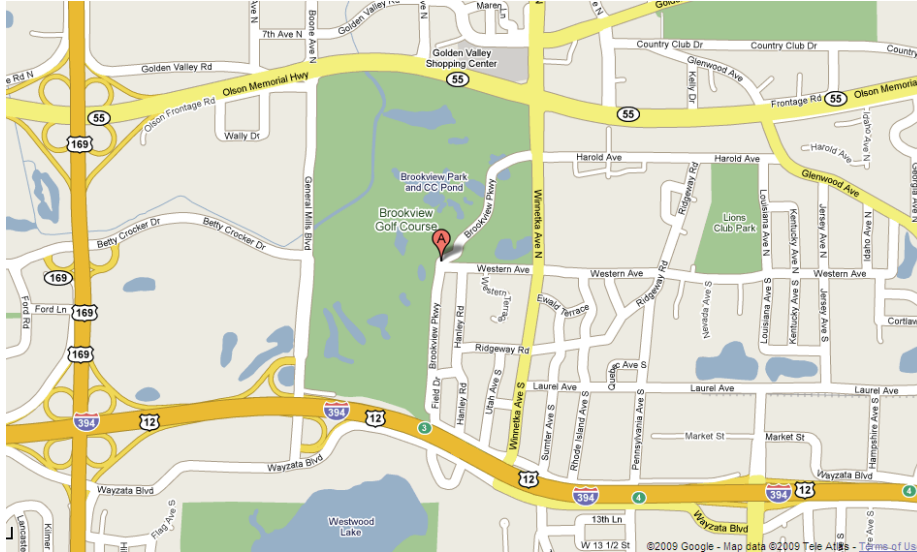
Directions to the Board: Get out publicity. Coordinate CMAL and West Metro Alliance meeting dates. A resolution was passed regarding CMAL's position on Fiscal Disparities pool that opposes funds taken out for private venture.

The convention was adjourned at 8:20.

Beverly Montgomery, Secretary

CMAL Annual Meeting
Saturday, May 9, 2009
11:00 – 3:00

Map to Brookview Community Center
200 Brookview Parkway
Golden Valley, MN



CMAL Annual Meeting Reservation Form

Name: _____

LWV: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Lunch Choice (\$12.00)

- Ham and Cheese on Croissant
- Turkey Bacon/Tomato Basil Wrap
- Vegetable/Tomato Basil Wrap

Includes: pasta salad, fresh fruit salad, bars, beverage

Meeting only \$5.00

Please make check out to **CMAL**

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Reservation Deadline: May 8, 2009



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Board of Directors

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	Lois Quam
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