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disabled persons (i.e., MS, epilepsy, PVA, et cetera), may feel perfectly comfortable joining the LDV without concern for matters of conflict of interest.

**Q: What audience(s) will the League address?**

A: Reports will be distributed to all other members, be they spouses, relatives, parents, friends, colleagues or agency representatives. Also, reports will be circulated to the press, elected officials, certain appointed officials; and, professionals in legal and health services, para-legal and allied health professionals, corporate and labor officials, and any other interested parties.

**Q: How will the League be funded?**

A: The LDV will seek supporting funds from its membership, foundations, and funds raised from other sources. The League will not seek funds from the Federal treasury, or any other government agency at any level.

In no way will the League allow its membership to be subverted, co-opted, or misrepresented through the use of public funds. Should such funds be offered, for any purpose whatsoever, the offer will be politely refused.

Funds acquired, and used, by the LDV will be accounted for through an annual report, and by a report prepared by independent auditors. League financial records will be available to anyone at anytime.

**Q: What is the status of the League in a legal, and fiduciary, sense?**

A: The League is organized as a not-for-profit corporation.

It has an Internal Revenue Service tax filing number; and, status as a 501(c)(3) corporation (not-for-profit).

**Q: How will the League function?**

A: Through the establishment of a Washington, D.C. office, the LDV will employ a professional staff of persons with expertise in political, legislative and regulatory activities. For the time being, the League will address itself to Federal activities. As the League grows, these activities will be extended to the States through LDV chambers and field offices.

The professional staff will collect, analyze and distribute information about elected officials, candidates, existing or proposed legislation, and Federal regulations that affect the lives of disabled persons. In the case of elected officials, the LDV will report voting records, or administration positions, on legislation affecting disabled persons.

# League of Disabled Voters

# Questions and Answers about the
# League of Disabled Voters

**Q: What is the need for a League of Disabled Voters?**

A: Till now, the vast majority of physically, mentally and sensorily disabled persons in the United States have been politically disenfranchised. There are a number of reasons for this situation. They include discrimination in schools, inaccessible polling places, indifference to the need to develop a voting system that would enable blind or deaf persons to become active participants, exclusion of mentally retarded persons entirely on questionable Constitutional grounds, and so forth.

Moreover, in the past disabled persons have been splintered, disorganized, and uninformed regarding the most important franchise conferred with citizenship...the right to vote.

There never has been a unifying organization for disabled persons, directed by disabled men and women, for their political benefit in an educational sense, with an open membership based on individual participation. The League of Disabled Voters will fill this void.

**Q: Is the League a coalition of organizations that lobby on behalf of disabled persons?**

A: No. The League is an affiliation of individuals. It is not a coalition, and never will be.

It is a new, independent organization, unencumbered by policy differences with other organizations of disabled persons. Nor is the League interested in competing with other such organizations for public or private funds. Further, the LDV will not seek program service funding, nor compete for public service airtime or space with other organizations working on behalf of disabled persons.

**Q: What is the purpose of the LDV?**

A: The purpose of the LDV is to form a national network of informed disabled voters across the United States. The League will establish a national office in Washington, D.C. and will support staff of professionals in the field of legislation. The staff will gather, analyze and distribute information regarding elected officials and legislative measures of interest to disabled persons to its members. During election campaigns the League will provide information about party platform planks that speak to subjects of interest to disabled individuals, and on the candidates themselves. Also, the League will comment about Federal regulations affecting our disabled population.

Further, the LDV will challenge all impediments, of whatever form, that currently prevent disabled individuals from exercising their right to vote.

The League will sponsor disabled voter registration drives, conduct educational seminars on all aspects of voting and our political process, and attempt to organize transportation networks for the purpose of getting disabled persons to the polls on election days. We will become totally involved in the political process of America through active participation.

**Q: Is the League a lobbying organization?**

A: Yes. The League will prepare position papers on specific legislation and/or regulations affecting disabled persons. But...it will not endorse, or support, any candidate or incumbent, at any level of government. Nor will the LDV endorse any political party.

The purpose of the LDV is to report periodically to its members on the status and substance of legislation and regulations. It will be the responsibility of the individual members to review LDV recommendations, and take appropriate action according to his or her preference based on a more thorough understanding of the issues.

As stated previously, the League will not endorse candidates for public office. However, it will report the voting records of candidates (who have previously held office), and incumbents.

In addition, the LDV will report on positions taken by incumbent administrations with regard to legislation and regulations affecting disabled persons.

Again, it will then be the responsibility of the individual to assess the data provided, and within their own minds, reach conclusions regarding whether or not he or she can support a given candidate or incumbent.

The manner in which the member chooses to use the information provided is a decision that rests strictly with the individual, without the over-riding influence of vested-interests pulling the individual into an endless series of compromises.

The League is on record in support of the freedom of choice on the part of the individual.

**Q: Who can be a member of the LDV?**

A: Membership will primarily consist of physically, mentally and sensorily disabled persons. However, anyone interested in the problems of disabled individuals may join the League of Disabled Voters.

The League will accept membership applications only from individuals. The LDV will not entertain applications for membership from organizations.

The LDV will not interfere with the policy determination process of any other organization of disabled persons. In this way, members of any organization devoted to the special interests of a specific category of

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NATURE OF YOUR DISABILITY ______________________

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If you wish further information, detach and mail this card. If you wish to join LDV, place your check for $20 and this form in an envelope and mail to League of Disabled Voters, P.O. Box 23283 L'Enfant Plaza Station, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20024.

LEAGUE OF
DISABLED VOTERS

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March 14, 1980

Dear Colleague:

The League of Disabled Voters wishes to invite you to a press conference announcing the official formation of the League, to be held on Friday, March 28, in room 345 (Caucus Room) of the Cannon House Office Building at 10 am. During the press conference, the League will officially present presidential candidates, or their appointed representative, with a questionnaire citing the most critical issues faced by disabled persons in 1980, and a few general questions of importance to all Americans.

The LDV is a not-for profit corporation which seeks to organize physically and mentally disabled Americans into an active voter constituency. The League is nonpartisan, and will not endorse candidates for public office.

The League intends to generate voter registration and reform election laws to permit disabled voters to have access to polling places. Also, it intends to provide information and technical assistance that would enhance participation in political activity at the National, State and local levels on the part of disabled persons. Most importantly, the LDV is committed to the education of the disabled electorate with regard to legislation and regulations which bear vitally on their lives. In addition, the League intends to monitor, and report, the voting records of elected officials on critical bills as they pass through the legislative process.

The League will call for the national political parties to exercise affirmative action in 1980, with regard to including disabled persons as delegates to the national party conventions. The LDV expects to receive a positive response to its request for disabled persons, parents and relatives of disabled persons, and their advocates within each State delegation.

As Disabled Americans represent a 36 million population sub group, it would seem especially important for you, or your representative, to attend this event. Should you desire further information, please contact Mr. James Doherty at 202/254-5440. We look forward to sharing this important event with you.

Sincerely,

Eunice Fiorito

Mrs. Eunice K. Fiorito
President

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# BY-LAWS of the LEAGUE OF DISABLED VOTERS

## ARTICLE I NAME and OFFICE

### Sec. 1. NAME

The name of this corporation shall be the LEAGUE of DISABLED VOTERS.

### Sec. 2. PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office of the League of Disabled Voters shall be in the city of Washington, D. C., or at any other such place as the Board of Directors shall determine.

## ARTICLE II PURPOSE and POLICY

### Sec. 1. PURPOSES

The purposes of the League of Disabled Voters are:

a. To assure the full exercise of Constitutional, Statutory and Human Rights of persons with disabilities through informed and active participation of citizens in government.

b. To educate, inform and motivate disabled persons, and other interested persons, to register, vote and participate fully in the political process at every level of government.

c. To unite individuals at the local, county, state, regional and national levels with similar purposes, and to facilitate communication among such persons.

### Sec. 2. POLITICAL POLICY

The League shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate. It shall at all times be non-partisan.

## ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

### Sec. 1. ELIGIBILITY

Any person who subscribes to the purpose and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership.

### Sec. 2. TYPES of MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the League shall be composed of voting members who shall be citizens of the United States, at least eighteen (18) years of age, and who are enrolled in the League of Disabled Voters.

ARTICLE IV STATE LEAGUES

Sec. 1. STATE, TERRITORIAL and COMMONWEALTH LEAGUES

Wherever the term State League appears in these By-Laws, the provision applies equally to Territorial and Commonwealth Leagues.

Sec. 2. PURPOSE

National members shall be organized into State Leagues for the State in which they reside for the purpose of promoting the League, and to take action on State governmental matters.

Sec. 3. RECOGNITION

State Leagues shall be organized in conformity with recognition standards formulated by the national Board of Directors, and adopted by the LDV Convention. The Board of Directors is authorized to extend recognition to State Leagues meeting such standards.

Sec. 4. RESPONSIBILITY

A State League shall accept the responsibility delegated to it by the national Board of Directors for the following purposes:

a. The development and organization of local Leagues, as provided in Article V, Sec. 1.

b. Promotion in local and provisional Leagues of financial programs of development necessary to further the work of the League as a whole.

ARTICLE V LOCAL LEAGUES and INTER-LEAGUE ORGANIZATIONS

Sec. 1. LOCAL LEAGUES

For the purpose of developing a nationwide League, the following activities are recognized to be essential, and encouraged:

a. National members shall be organized into local Leagues to promote the purpose of the League, and to take action on local government matters. A period of time shall be established for a local League to operate as a provisional League; during which time the local League, to become fully recognized, shall fulfill such requirements as are established by the national, and state, Boards of Directors.

b. Provisional Leagues may be organized by the State League in areas where no local League exists. The State Board of Directors is authorized to endorse the organization of a provisional League, and to grant final recognition as a local League in conformance with standards formulated by the national Board of Directors, and adopted by the LDV Convention. As defined by the national Board of Directors, only one local League in each community shall be recognized.

Sec. 2. INTER-LEAGUE COUNCILS

For the purpose of organization and coordination, the following policy is eastablished by the national Board of Directors:

a. National members enrolled in State and local Leagues may create Inter-League Councils for the purpose of promoting the League, and to take action on municipal, county and regional government matters of common concern.

b. Inter-League Councils shall be organized in conformance with standards formulated by the national Board of Directors, and adopted by the LDV Convention. The national Board of Directors is authorized to recognized Inter-League Councils meeting such standards

## ARTICLE VI WITHDRAWAL of RECOGNITION

Sec. 1. PROCEDURE

The board of directors may withdraw recognition from any state, local or provisional League or any inter-League organization for recurrent failure to conform to the recognition standards applicable. Recognition shall be withdrawn only after investigation of the situation by the board, and such action shall require a three-fourths vote of the board. Withdrawal of recognition shall become effective immediately upon the decision by the board. The League or inter-League organization from which recognition has been withdrawn shall have an opportunity to be heard by a committee of the board of directors.

Sec. 2. DISPOSITION OF FUNDS

All funds held by State, local, and provisional Leagues, and Inter-League Councils, from which recognition has been withdrawn, shall be returned to the treasury of the National League of Disabled Voters.

Sec. 3. APPEAL

A State or local League, or Inter-League Council, from which recognition has been withdrawn, by a vote of the national Board of Directors, may appeal the Board's decision to the next LDV Convention by filing a written reqest signed by a majority of the members of the State or local League, or the Inter-League Council. The Convention may decide to hear the appeal, by a majority vote of those attending Should it vote to hear the appeal, the Convention shall establish its own procedure for the conduct of such a hearing. A Convention decision on said appeal shall be by majority vote.

## ARTICLE VII OFFICERS

Sec. 1. ENUMERATION and ELECTION of OFFICERS

The officers of the League shall be:

a. President, (who shall, and must, always be a disabled individual.)

b. First vice-president

c. Second vice-president

d. Secretary

e. Treasurer

These officers shall be elected for two year terms by the LDV Convention, and shall hold office until the close of the next regular annual Convention (in the second year of their terms), or until their successors have been elected and inaugurated.

Sec. 2. PRESIDENT

The president shall preside at all meetings of the League, and the national Board of Directors. The president sahll be, ex officio, a member of all committees, except the nominating committee. The president shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of president, and perform other such duties as may be designated by the Board.

Sec. 3. FIRST and SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

The first and second vice-presidents, in order of their rank, shall in the event of absence, inability to perform assigned duties, resignation or death of the president, possess and accede to, all the powers and responsibilities of the presidency. In the event that neither the first or second vice-president is able to serve in this capacity, the national Board of Directors shall elect one of its disabled members to fill the vacancy. The vice-presidents shall perform such other duties as the president and the national Board may assign.

Sec. 4. SECRETARY

The secretary, or duly appointed assistant, shall record and keep the minutes LDV Conventions, meetings of the national Board, and notify all officers and directors of their election, and meetings of the national Board of Directors.

Sec. 5. TREASURER

The treasurer, and/or persons duly appointed by the Board, shall sign or endorse checks, drafts and notes; collect and receive all monies; be custodian of these monies; deposit them in a bank, or other fiscal institutions designated by the Board; disburse funds upon order of the Board; present periodic financial statements to the Board at its regular meetings; and, prepare an annual financial report for presentation at the annual LDV Convention. Financial records shall be audited annually by a certified public accountant. The treasurer shall sign, with the president, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the national Board.

Sec. 6. TRANSFERS of PROPERTY

Any two of the following officers, the president, the vice-presidents, and the treasurer shall have the authority to assign, endorse, transfer, and deliver, in name and in behalf of the League, any certificate of stock, bond, note, or other security or property belonging to the League. The secretary shall have the authority to affix and attest the seal of the League to any agreement, assignment or other document executed by any officer of the League pursuant to authority granted by these By-Laws, or by action of the national Board of Directors.

Sec. 7. BONDING

All officers, directors and other persons authorized to act for the League of Disabled Voters under this article of the By-Laws of the LDV must be bonded.

ARTICLE VIII BOARD of DIRECTORS

Sec. 1. NUMBER, SELECTION and TERM of OFFICE

The national Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League of Disabled Voters and ten other directors, a majority of whom must be disabled, elected by the LDV Convention, and shall serve until the close of the annual LDV Convention in the second year of their terms, or until their successors have been elected and inaugurated. The first Board shall consist of the officers, and ten other directors; of whom five shall be elected for a two year term, and five for a one year term, with election of five new directors for two year terms every subsequent year. Officers, and members of the national Board of Directors may only serve for two consecutive years in the same position and/or office.

Sec. 2. VACANCIES

Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors, other than the presidency, may be filled until the next regular LDV Convention by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board.

Sec. 3. POWERS

The national Board of Directors shall have full authority to manage the property and business of the corporation. The Board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary. Upon recognition of a State League, the Board shall delegate to such State League the power to promote the objectives and activities of the League of Disabled Voters in that State. The Board shall adopt an annual budget for the purpose of presenting the budget to the annual LDV Convention, and thereafter provide the financial means necessary to achieve the Leagues goals and objectives.

Sec. 4. REGULAR MEETINGS

There shall be at least three regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually, which may be held at any time at the call of the president. The secretary shall notify each member of the Board of all regular meetings by certified mail to each members's last known post office address, at least one month before any such meeting, and giving the time, date and place of the meeting. No action taken at any regular Board meeting attended by three-fourths of the members of the Board shall be invalidated due to failure of any member(s) of the Board to receive proper notice, or because of any irregularity in any notice received. This section shall also apply to conference call meetings of the Board

Sec. 5. SPECIAL MEETINGS

The president may call special meetings of the Board, and shall be required to call a special meeting upon the request of six (6) members of the Board. Members of the Board shall be notified of the time, date and place of special meetings; or time and date of conference call; by telegram at least seven (7) days prior to such meeting (or conference call). However, during an annual LDV Convention, the president may, or upon the request of six (6) members of the Board shall, call a special meeting of the Board by hand-delivering to its members a written notice of the time, date and place of said meeting.

Sec. 6. QUORUM

A majority of the members of the national Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IX CONVENTION

Sec. 1. PLACE, DATE, TIME and CALL

A convention of the League shall be held annually at a place, date and time determined by the Board. The president shall send a first call for the convention to all national members, the presidents of State and local Leagues, Inter-League Councils and other appropriate persons at least three months prior to the opening date of the convention fixed in said call.

Sec. 2. COMPOSITION

The convention shall consist of the following: (1) National members, (2) Delegates chosen by State and local Leagues in the number as provided by Section 4 of this Article.

Sec. 3. QUALIFICATIONS OF DELEGATES: VOTING PROCEDURES

Each national member attending a national convention shall be entitled to one (1) vote. In addition, official delegates from State or local Leagues shall cast the number of votes to which their delegation is entitled as provided by Section 4 of this Article. Each delegate shall be a member of the League. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted. The Board of Directors shall be the sole judge of whether or not a delegate is qualified to vote.

Sec. 4. REPRESENTATION

The members of the League who are organized into State or local Leagues shall be entitled to voting representation at the convention in the following manner: (1) The members of each State and local League shall be entitled to one delegate, who shall be chosen by their respective Leagues; also, members of each State or local League having more than twenty-five (25) members shall be entitled to one additional delegate for each unit of twenty-five (25) members , or major (thirteen or more) thereof. Delegates of State and local leagues shall be officially certified through the filing of appropriate documents with the national office of the League.

Sec. 5. POWERS

The convention shall consider and authorize for action a program, shall elect officers and directors, and shall transact such other business as may be properly presented.

Sec. 6. QUORUM

A majority of certified voting delegates, and voting antional members, attending a national convention shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE X NOMINATIONS and ELECTIONS

Sec. 1. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee shall consist of seven members, three of whom shall be members of the national Board of Directors. The chairperson, and three members, all of whom shall not be members of the Board, shall be elected annually by the convention. Nominations for this committee shall be made by members of the current nominating committee. The other members of the committee shall be appointed by the Board immediately after the convention. Any vacancy on the nominating committee shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 2. SUGGESTIONS for NOMINATIONS

National members may send suggestions for membership on the nominating committee to the chairperson of that committee. The chairperson of the nominating committee shall request through the president of each State and local League, suggestions for nominations for offices to be filled.

Sec. 3. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT and CONVENTION FLOOR NOMINATIONS

The report of the nominating committee of nominations for offices, directors, and the chairperson and three members of the succeeding nominating committee shall be sent to national members, State and local Leagues thirty (30) days prior to the first day of the convention. Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor of the convention, providing that consent of the nominee has been secured.

Sec. 4. ELECTION

The election shall be in the charge of the election committee, whose membership shall be appointed by the president on the first day of the convention. The election shall be by ballot, except that election may be by voice vote in the event of there being only one nominee for any single office. A majority vote of those present, qualified to vote, and voting, shall constitue an election.

## ARTICLE XI PROGRAM

### Sec. 1. PROGRAM

The program of the League shall consist of action to implement those issues, and such policies, as shall be determined by the League, and chosen for concerted study and promotion.

### Sec. 2. PROGRAM SELECTION

The convention shall select issues for concerted action and study suing the following procedures:

a. State and local League Boards of Directors may forward recommendations to the national Board at least three months prior to the convention.

b. The national Board shall consider the recommendations, and formulate a proposed program which shall be submitted to State and local League Boards at least six weeks prior to the convention.

c. Any recommendation for the program submitted to the national Board at least three months prior to the convention, but not endorsed by the Board, may be adopted by the convention, provided that consideration is ordered by a majority vote of the convention, and the vote for adoption follows one day later. Adoption of any program subject requires a majority vote of the convention.

### Sec. 3. MEMBER ACTION

Members may act in the name of the League of Disabled Voters only when authorized to do so by an appropriate Board.

### Sec. 4. STATE and LOCAL LEAGUE, and INTER-LEAGUE COUNCIL ACTION

State and local Leagues, and Inter-League Councils, may act only in conformity with (not contrary to) positions approved by the League of Disabled Voters.

## ARTICLE XII FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

### Sec. 1. FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the League shall commence on the first day of January each year.

### Sec. 2. FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Responsibility for the financial support for the League, and its activities, shall be assumed annually by the national League of Disabled Voters (through the national Board of Directors.)

a. Enrolled members shall have payed annual dues to the national League of Disabled Voters. The amount of said dues to be payed shall be determined by the convention by a three-fifths (3/5) vote of those members present and voting.

b. Support for State and local Leagues shall be determined at the national convention.

Sec. 3. BUDGET

At the convention, the national Board shall adopt a budget for the ensuing year.

Sec. 4. DISTRIBUTION of FUNDS on DISSOLUTION

In the event of a dissolution, for any cause, of the League of Disabled Voters, all monies, securities and property of whatsoever nature, whether real, personal, or mixed, which the League has received or acquired by gift, bequest, devise, or otherwise, as well as all unexpended income from said monies or property, and any other funds, monies, securities and property of whatsoever nature, whether real, personal or mixed, which may at the time be owned by, or under the absolute control of the League of Disabled Voters, shall be disposed of by any officer or employee of the corporation having possession of same, to such person, organization, or corporation, for such public, charitable, or educational uses and purposes as may be designated by the national Board of the League of Disabled Voters; the designation of person, organization, or corporation, and of use and purpose to be in the absolute discretion of said Board.

ARTICLE XIII PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Sec. 1. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised Edition). shall govern the corporation in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with these by-laws.

ARTICLE XIV AMENDMENTS

Sec. 1. AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended at any convention by a two-thirds (2/3) vote using the following procedures:

a. Proposals for change shall be submitted by Sate and local League Boards to the national Board at least two months prior to convention.

b. All such proposed amendments, together with the recommendations of the national Board, shall be sent to the presidents of State and local Leagues at least six weeks prior to the convention.

c. The presidents of State and local Leagues shall notify the members of their respective Leagues of the proposed amendments. The failure of a League president to provide such notice, or the failure of any member to receive such notice, shall not invalidate the amendments to the by-laws.

Minutes

League of Disabled Voters

May 1979

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 am in the Caucaus Room at the Washington Hilton. Present were:

George Carington
Tom Ritter
Julius Shaw
Louis T. Rigdon II
Larry L. Allison
Peter Rosenstein
Eunice Fiorito
Donald McBride
Rita R. Hull
B. Dale Wiley
George Conn
Joseph Greve
Robert W. Young
John D. Kemp
Durwood K. Mc Daniel (late arrival)

Eunice Fiorito, the chair for the meeting and John Kemp opened the meeting with a discussion on the general needs of the disabled community at the present time. Among the issues discussed were:

.A need for a reporting mechanism and a means of measuring responses of incumbent members of Congress on issues concerning disabled people

.Bringing disabled people into the political mainstream by educating them as to political realities

.Creation of a unified and large political pressure group which will vote in their interests

.Creating accountability in elected and high appointed officials re disabled issues

.Enhancing the political sophistication of the disabled community

.Education of disabled persons as to their voting rights. A newsletter concept was discussed which would inform potential disabled voters of how their elected officials were responding to proposed legislation effecting them.

It was agreed by the individuals present that an organization should be formed to address some of these needs. A discussion of the IRS status of such an organization followed which centered on whether the organization should be a 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) type

~~tively.~~ Discussion also took place on whether the proposed organization would be comprised of organizations or groups of disabled people or individual members.

A discussion was held concerning the attitudinal problems which are prevalent in local communities. For example: small groups of handicapped people show up at meetings to discuss "political representation problems".

It was brought up that the organization should select various bills effecting the handicapped and rate Congressmem. It was felt that the League must tailor the information system to people who "do not want to go out".

Chairperson, Eunice Fiorito mentioned that ACCD was not invited for the purpose of allowing individuals to first decide on the structure of the potential League of Disabled Voters. The chairperson mentioned that she thought that ACCD remain as a "devise of training and an impact organization.

Dale Wiley mentioned that there are many "one-man" shows in communities. He felt that it was difficult getting handicapped people to attend a forum in Tennessee. He felt there was a need for visibility in front of committees in state legislature. Wiley felt that there may not be a strong commitment for an organization such as is proposed in Tennessee.

It was mentioned that the members of the organization committee should not confuse the types of organizations possible. It was pointed out that ACCD is a political action organization.

Larry Allison pointed out that Section 504 will be made/broke on the issue of transportation. He pointed out that handicapped people must have a united front. Congress wants to see "splintering effect" on special issues by advocacy groups representing various diasbilities.

George Conn noted that it would be impossible to have a united front.- our goal should be to get information out to sufficient numbers of handicapped people.

At this point it was pointed out that ACCD sold individual memberships very cheaply and thus became large very fast.

Mr Conn felt that personalities, voting records and issues will be the product given to members (and will not interfere with the activities of ACCD). He felt that it is imperative that the organization offer a well-defined product.

The point was raised that parents are more motivated to get into the process than other individuals.

Lou Rigdon presented a motion to start the legal steps to establish a committee to start an organization to be known as the League of Disabled Voters. The proposed purpose should be as follows:

> The purpose of the League of Disabled Voters is to educate, inform and motivate disabled persons to vote and become voters and to participate in the political process at every level.

Motion seconded, voted upon and passed.

There was further discussion about the organization being either (c)(3) or (c)(4). It was pointed out that organizations of handicapped people are typically C3 with dues being tax deductible. It was mentioned that C4 organizations do not allow for tax deductible dues. It is important for an organization of this kind to be self-sustaining. One advantage is that it gives greater latitude in the lobbying process. However, the organization can rate candidates and incumbent congresspersons.

It was moved that the organization be called the United Disabled Voters. The motion was seconed and the motion did not pass.

It was moved that the organization be known as the League of Disabled Voters. The motion was seconed and carried.

John Kemp mentioned that the trend is to reduce the size of 501(c)(3) organizations in terms of their board of directors. The trend is to establish spin-off committees.

Lou Rigdon moved that the attendance list showing those as the initial board of directors be adopted as the Board of Directors of the League of Disabled Voters. There was discussion that the organization should contact deaf and hearing-impaired communities for involvement in LDV and suggested that John Gavin be contacted as well as other appropriate individuals.

It was moved, seconded & carried that the body formally elect Eunice Fiorito as chairperson.

Committees established were as follows:

(1) <u>Organization</u> - Lou Rigdon, Derwood McDaniel and Bob Young;
(2) <u>Program Committee</u> - George Conn, Rita Hull, Joe Greve and Larry Allison;
(3) <u>Funding</u> - John Kemp, George Covington, Pete Rosenstein, Julie Shaw.

The Board of Directors elected Larry Allison as secretary and Robert Young as treasurer.

It was suggested that annual dues be approximately &10 per year with early emphasis by the program committee on obtaining mailing lists and sending out letters stating the purpose of the organization.

There was discussion concerning the number of handicapped persons on the Board of Directors and it was moved that the majority of the Board of Directors and other governing bodies of the League of Disabled Voters be disabled persons. The motion carried.

It was decided that a press release would be devised and disseminated at the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped with plans to develop the organization, programs and funding structure with a view toward a Board of Directors meeting in the latter part of July or early August.

The meeting was adjourned.

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LDV Board Meeting

August 2, 1979

Board Meeting opened 3 P.M. by Eunice Fiorito.

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Suggest meeting date - November 17, 1979 - Washington, D.C.

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Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting
League of Disabled Voters
November 17, 1979

The third provisional Board of Directors meeting of the League of Disabled Voters was called to order at 11:27 a.m. in suite 506 of 1211 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D.C., in the offices of the American Council of the Blind.

Present were:
- Eunice Fiorito, Chair/President
- Derwood McDaniel
- George Conn, Chairman Program Committee
- Peter Rosenstein
- George Covington, Chairman Public Relations Committee
- Louis Rigdon, Chairman By Laws Committee
- Larry Allison, Secretary

Absent were:
- John Kemp, Vice Chair
- Robert Young, Treasurer
- Joseph Greve
- Dale Wiley
- Rita Hull
- Tom Ritter

The minutes of the 8/2/79 Board of Directors meeting in Houston, Texas were accepted unanimously.

The chair delivered a treasurers report by notifying the members present that after repeated attempts to contact the treasurer, she received a telephone call from him that morning at 8:40 a.m., during which he notified her that the treasury contained $300 in an account at the Boatman's Bank and Trust Company of Kansas City in Kansas City, Missouri. He reported that a $100 debt for printing at the Huston expo of August 1979 would be absorbed by Kemp and Young. He further reported that Dennis Quirk of PVA had notified him that LDV owed PVA $150 for a booth at expo. The treasurer reported to the chair that he was under the impression that LDV did not have to pay this cost due to prior arrangements.

The chair stated at the end of this presentation that she did not see this verbal report to her as an official report suitable for presentation to the Board and was gravely concerned, voicing fear over injury to LDV's credibility if we continue to operate like this. She opened up discussion on the need for having more control over the LDV treasury so that legitimate LDV business could be conducted efficiently and expeditiously. The subsequent discussion of the matter revolved aroung the following issues:

- whether LDV should transfer our bank account from Kansas City to Washington.

mended and ithdrawn

A motion was made by Mr. Covington to transfer the LDV account from Kansas City to Washington, D.C. and allow the chair to determine whose signatures should be required to activate the account. Mr. Conn seconded the motion. Mr. Conn then offered a friendly amendment to the motion. He moved that the motion be amended by deleting the latter portion of the motion and substitute that the present Treasurer be asked to resign and Mr. Rosenstein be asked to accept the Treasurers post.

mendment ithdrawn

Mr. Covington accepted this amendment.

Discussion on this amended motion then revolved around the wisdom of taking such an action. Factors to consider included the image it might give LDV and the desire of the present treasurer to continue.

Mr. Conn then withdrew his amendment. Mr. Covington then withdrew his original motion.

Mr. Rosenstein then moved that the LDV bank account be moved to Washington, D.C. because of the proximity to LDV National Headquarters and that the President and the Treasurer determines whose name or names be on that account for purpose of facilitation.

Mr. Covington seconded this motion.

During the discussion on this motion, the Chair expressed her firm belief that continuation of the present situation was not in the best interests of LDV and personally arduous for her. Mr. Mc Daniel suggested that a position of assistant treasurer be created to help facilitate our difficulties.

passed 4 to 1

The motion on the foor was called and passed unanimously. Mr McDaniel then moved that a position of assistant treasurr be created. Mr. Covington seconded the motion.

ubstitute efeated 3 to 1

Mr. Conn then offered a substitute motion to the motion on the floor that the position of Comptroller be created to function as the manager of the LDV account. Mr. Allison seconded the amendment.

During the discussion of the substitute motion it was questioned whether this kind of action would effectively deal with the problem at hand. It was also mentioned that the position of assistant treasurer would be subordinate to the treasurer while a comptroller would be co-equal to the treasurer. The substitute motion was called and a roll call was requested. Voting for the substitute motion were:

Mr. Allison
Mr. Conn

Voting against the substitute motion were:

Mr. Covington
Mr. Rosenstein

Abstaining was:

Mr. McDaniel
Absent for the vote was:
Mr. Rigdon

Mr. Conn then changed his vote in favor of the motion, to against, and the substitute motion was defeated.

The Board then cecessed for 5 minutes (12:40 p.m.). Upon resumption of the meeting, discussion of the original motion on the floor resumed. The motion was called and passed 4 to 1.

Mr. Allison then moved that Mr. Rosenstein be asked to assume the post of assistant treasurer. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. The motion was called and passed 4 to 1. Mr. Rosenstein accepted the post of assistant treasurer.

The Chair then asked the Board for their sense of what should be done to rectify the present situation with regard to the treasurer. A discussion followed as to whether the present treasurer should be asked to resign his post so that LDV business could be conducted more expeditiously. The discussion moved to the concern that all Board members present shared with regard to ability and willingness to actively participate and assume responsibility for the success of the organization. Various opinions were offered with regard to the difficulty of travel for many members, the need for conciliation efforts to activate members, and the need to be exceedingly correct with regard to financial records connected with the organization. It was stressed during this discussion that the need for an Executive Director was perhaps more critical than the issues under discussion. This was agreed to but the need for active, committed Board members was cited as equal to that need.

The discussion then moved to the need for a local mailing address and telephone number. The Chair described her efforts to obtain an accessible P.O. Box and reported that the only immediately available box was in the L'Enfort Plaza P.O. station which was not accessible to individuals in wheelchairs. The cost of such a box would be $20 a year. Another option for LDV would be to temporarily use the ACB offices for both mail and phone communications since Mr. Covington was there every evening and could deal expeditiously with all types of inquiries and communications. Mr. Covington then recommended that the Board move on to finish the committee reports on the agenda.

The Chair then informed the members that the Development and Public Relations Committee was separated into two distinct committees. The Public Relations Committee will be chaired by Mr. Covington and the Development Committee will be chaired by Mr. Rosenstein.

Mr. Rigdon then reported on the by laws and incorporation process. He reported that the by laws have been completed and accepted by the Board as of 8/2/79 meeting. LDV is incorporated as of July 13, 1979 in the District of Columbia as a non-profit corporation subject only to completion of Section 501(c)(4) IRS forms. He reported that he has not been able to obtain these forms to date and has placed an order for them. He stated it was his preference that LDV wait to complete 501(c)(4) paperwork until the Section 501(c)(3) LDV Education Fund could be finalized allowing this separate arm of the organization to accept tax-deductable contributions. He reported that the League of Women Voters established their Education Fund through an irrevocable Trust under the laws of 1957 of the District of Columbia. He recommended that the same mechanism be employed to create an LDV Education Trust Fund. He reported that the LDV Board of Directors would elect trustees for the Fund, and that he has researched the required language necessary for any termination of the Trust.

passed Mr. McDaniel moved that the report be accepted. Mr. Conn seconded the motion.

Mr. Rosenstein asked for a point of information. He queried Mr. Rigdon as to whether or not a 501(c)(4) corportation could receive Foundation contributions. Mr. Rigdon replied that a 501(c)(4) entity is not a tax deductable organization and cannot solicit funds as such.

Mr. Conn asked for a point of information. He queried Mr. Rigdon if we could receive contributions if LDV finalized both corporation and Trust fund simultaneously. Mr. Rigdon replied that once we file for 501(c)(3) status, we can receive contributions.

The Chair interjected that she believed the original motion establishing LDV included the instructions to bring about both entities at the same time. Mr. Rigdon replied that if we desire to parallel the LWV, the 501(c)(4) corporation would come first but that creating both simultaneously was certainly possible. He would recommend completing the 501(c)(4) papers first. Mr. Covington then recommended that Mr. Rigdon should proceed with simultaneously creating both the 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) entities and that Mr. Rigdon create an LDV Education Fund as quickly as possible.

The motion to accept Mr. Rigdon's report was called and passed unanimously.

The Chair asked that the minutes reflect a request to Mr. Rigdon to complete the work on LDV incorporation and the creation of an LDV Education Fund as expeditiously as possible, and since there is great virtue in following LWV precedent, Mr. Rigdon be allowed to utilize the trust mechanism to this end.

At this point the discussion shifted to recessing for lunch since the Chair had to leave for another appointment.

passed Mr. McDaniel moved that Mr. Conn assume the post of temporary chair. Mr. Rigdon seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.

Mr. Rosenstein informed the Board that he would not be able to return after the recess and that he was assigning Mr. Allison his proxy for the remainder of the meeting.

The acting Chair then reported on a letter received by the President from Board member, Dale Wiley with regard to a possible County music concert produced by a Nashville group. The profits from the concert would be split 60% for the production group, 20% for National Wheelchair Sports, and 20% for LDV. The treasurer, Mr. Young has conferred with Mr. Wiley who reported to him that LDV must raise $5000 as front money for this venture. Mr Young pledged that Kemp and Young would raise $2500 if LDV would raise the remaining $2500. The acting chair voiced his approval of this proposal and stated that he would approach PVA to assist LDV in raising the money. Mr. Rosenstein reported he has talked to Mr. Wiley on this proposal and that he was in favor of going ahead if the Nashville group was reputable. Mr. Rosenstein again stressed the critical need to hire an executive director. Mr. Conn assured the Board that Mr. Wiley vouched for the Nashville group.

passed

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Development Report. It was passed unanimously. The meeting then recessed at 1:10 p.m.

Upon return from the luncheon recess, Mr. Conn reported on his efforts to solicit funds for LDV with the Kellogg Foundation. He reported that he has conferred with Mr. Alan Topple, the Executive Director of CARE for suggestions as to how to approach the foundation. He reported that a letter should be sent to Leonard White, the Executive Vice-President for Administration. Mr. Topple has volunteered to help draft such a letter. It was also recommended to contact Mr. David Davie, the Director of Goodwill Industries of Grand Rapids, Michigan, with regard to this effort. Mr Davie is an advisor to the foundation and well respected by them. Mr. Conn reported that the drafting of the letter and the contact will be done separately. He stated that KDV will request $125,000 annually for three years. LDV will need prior to this effort its 501(c)(3) Educational Fund status, a budget proposal, a staffing document, a proposed product projection , a growth prediction statement, and a list of other prospective funding sources. Mr. Conn reported that he has reviewed the W.K. Kellogg Foundation for the president and has prepared a draft letter for her review. The Chair directed Mr. Conn to concentrate on fund-raising with Mr. Rosenstein, the chairman of the Developmental Committee.

Mr. Covington then reported on the work of the Public Relations Committee which he recommended be changed to the Public Affairs Committee. This recommendation was accepted.

Mr. Covington reviewed samples of Press Release Stationery, Newsletter format, and correspondence stationery. The first 500 sheets of stationery will follow Mr. Covington's design. Mr. Conn and Mr. Covington were assigned to work with Jim Wise of CTI, Inc. to develop a final logo for LDV.

Mr. Covington then described the Cheshire labelling system available to LDV through ACB.

Mr. Covington then showed the Board sample copies of the proposed brochure. After a discussion where it was agreed that staff and budget comments were to be deleted from the final version, it was accepted by the Board.

The Chair asked Mr. Covington to have the final version of the brochure completed by January 7, 1980, the prospective target date for our press conference announcing the existence of LDV.

Mr. Covington then discussed the LDV News Bureau concept. He recommended that the National LDV News Bureau must control press release copy at all levels of effort i.e. national, state, and local chapters.

passed

Mr. Rigdon moved that this practice be adopted. Mr. McDaniel seconded this motion. It was passed unanimously.

Mr. Covington then described the action steps he proposed taking with regard to the initial steps for announcing LDV to the Press, media, and political establishment.

1. Monday, January 7, 1980 is "dead" news time, therefore:

   a. LDV should be announced at a Press conference on Capitol Hill.

   b. The presidential candidates should be invited and a statement of purpose should be announced.

   c. A press release should be prepared and released

   d. announcements should be sent

   e. a follow-up press release concerning the results of the Press conference should be prepared.

2. Questionnaires must be developed for Presidential candidates.

   a. This would be announced after January 7, 1980 via Press release

   b. a Press release should be prepared following the receipt of the questionnaire

   c. a monograph will be prepared indicating commitments and positions of each candidate

3. Questionnaires should be prepared and sent to Presidential candidates who were former members of Congress as to their position on legislation affecting disabled persons.

   a. a Press release would follow this.

4. In February meetings of candidates should be scheduled with selected members of the LDV Board of Directors.

   a. Press releases would be prepared before and after these meetings.

5. In April a national press conference coupled with appropriate press release will be set in Washington, D.C.

   a. The candidate's positions, statements, comments, etc., re. disabled people will be released in compiled form.

6. On the fourth of July as part of the activities

   a. LDV will release press releases expressing the intent of disabled persons through LDV.

7. On election eve LDV will hold a Press conference targeting in on disabled people exercising their franchise.

8. Initially all Press releases will go to National media representatives. Later state and local chapters will handle the task.

9. Critical LDV materials will be sent to the disability media.

   a. Special appeals will be made to them in January and July.

10. Minority media will also be utilized.

passed

Mr. Rigdon moved that the report be accepted. Mr. McDaniel seconded the motion. It was carried unanimously.

The Chair then announced that she was withdrawing her personal address as the LDV address.

passed 5 to 1

Mr. Covington moved that a Post office Box at L'Enfant Plaza be acquired. Mr. Dunn seconded this motion.

After a discussion relating to the lack of accessibility of this particular station, the vote went as follows:

Mr. Allison ------- NAY
Mr. Conn ---------- AYE
Mr. Covington ----- AYE
Mr. McDaniel ------ AYE
Mr. Rigdon -------- AYE
Mr. Rosenstein ---- AYE (by proxy)
The measure was carried 5 to 1

passed Mr. Conn moved that the temporary stationery designed by Mr. Covington be accepted pending the design of permanent stationery.

Mr. Rigdon seconded this motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

passed Mr. Conn moved that he and Mr. Covington meet to prepare a budget and action items for the Public Affairs Committee, a report of this which shall include its results and time table will be given to the President by December 7, 1979.

Mr. Covington seconded this motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Chair requested Mr. Conn to prepare letters thanking members for their checks for membership and certifying their memberships.

Mr. Conn then read the first draft of the letter to the Kellogg Foundation and a discussion followed.

During this discussion the issue of when the Education Trust Fund a 501 (c) (3) entity could be finalized since a 501 (c) (4) entity i.e. the LDV could not be tax deductible with regard to donations.

Mr. Rigdon reported that the 501 (c) (3) trust agreement would be rewritten by November 30, 1979.

A discussion then ensued as to what amount of contribution was necessary for the establishment of the trust fund. Mr. Rigdon reported that any sum was sufficient from the trustees.

Mr. Conn then contributed a check for $100. to the LDV Education Trust Fund.

Mr. Conn announced that as soon as the trust fund arrangements were completed, the letter to the Kellogg Foundation would be sent.

Mr. Conn then passed around a brochure describing the lobbyist book for Congressional Zip Codes priced at $165.

passed Mr. Conn moved that LDV purchase a copy of this reference work. Mr. Allison seconded this motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Conn then discussed two letters from LDV to the respective chairpersons of the National Democratic and Republican Committees. The basic letter drafted by Mr. Allison and forwarded to Mr. Conn and the President in relation to a possible violation of voter rights which occurred in the Democratic caucus voting in Florida in October. The incident affected 150 disabled voters in Palm Beach County, Florida and was reported in the New York Times.

Mr. Conn reported that the original letter drafted by Mr. Allison was made more general in order that it be used for RNC in addition.

passed It was moved and seconded that the letters be incorporated as part of the minutes. This motion was carried unanimously.

passed Mr. Covington moved that Mr. Conn's report be accepted. Mr. Rigdon seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Chair then reported on the activities of the Membership Committee. She informed the Board that she requested Mr. Tom Ritter to head the Membership Committee. She asked the Board for any guidance they wished to give this Committee in the execution of their duties. She also requested Board members for names of people to serve on committees from outside the Board. She also stated that she desired that the chairperson of the Public Affairs Committee serve on this committee.

Mr. Conn recommended that Fran Lauder be removed from the Search Committee and transferred to the Membership Committee to work with Mr. Ritter.

The Chair agreed to this transfer.

A discussion followed concerning available mailing lists which LDV could obtain or utilize. The Chair requested that such lists be sent to the Membership Committee.

passed Mr. McDaniel moved that the President of LDV be empowered to establish telephone service for LDV at the earliest possible time.

Mr. Covington seconded this motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Allison then reported the activities of the Search Committee. He stated that since he had only very recently been asked by the President to serve in this capacity, he had very little to report. He stated it was his intention to design a draft position description and submit it to the other committee members for comments and amendments until a finalized description was agreed upon. At that time the committee would determine what specific steps to take to circulate the position, accept applications, conduct interviews, and make preliminary selections for approval by the Board. He requested that any Board member who wished to could send in criteria they wished to see included in the selection process.

It was moved and seconded that the Search Committee's report be accepted. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Chair reported that there is a good deal of movement from around the Country with regard to establishing state and local LDV chapters. She asked Mr. Allison to write to these groups and individuals inviting them to form chapters and to send observers to the next LDV Board meeting.

withdrawn

Under old business, Mr. Covington moved that LDV reduce membership dues to $5. a year.

Mr. McDaniel seconded this motion.

Upon discussion of this motion, Mr. Conn pointed out that under the adopted by-laws, state and local chapters were dependent upon a division of national dues for support. In the LWV, funds float upward to the National Office thus engendering a great deal of fiscal uncertainty from year to year. LWV urged LDV to avoid this problem based on their negative experience. Secondly the proposed LDV budget ranges from $100,000 to $150,000 and that in all probability there will be a lag from the time we begin up to the time we grow. As LDV gets a better handle on its budget requirements, it may very well reduce this fee as an incentive, but to begin it must have sufficient funding.

Mr. Covington then withdrew his motion.

Under New Business, the Chair opened up discussion of the questionnaire to Presidential candidates.

Mr. Allison stated that there are 10 Republican candidates who have currently declared. These are: Reagan, Connolly, Baker, Bush, Dole, Crane, Anderson, Fernandez, Pressler, and Stassen. There will be three Democratic contenders after December 4th when the President plans to announce. These are Carter, Kennedy, and Brown. There are 35 primaries scheduled and 13 delegate caucuses between January 1980 and August 1980. Therefore the questionnaire must be completed quickly and should serve several purposes at once. These would be:

1. To serve notice to the Candidates that we are in business and serious.

2. To serve notice to the political establishment that we know our issues.

3. To serve notice that we intend to stimulate a significant vote.

Therefore the questions should be specific and include requests for dollar amounts, schedules of implementations, and reasons for non-support where each is appropriate. Secondly, we should not hesitate in these questions from asking some general questions to illustrate to all concerned that we are cognizant of and interested in the major issues affecting the nation and that we as citizens in the mainstream are therefor concerned.

The Chair requested that Mr. Allison head up a Task Force to prepare this questionnaire.

passed

Ms. Fiorito moved that we accept Mr. Allison's concepts as a basis for the questionnaire. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Chair appointed Mr. McDaniel, Mr. Conn, Mr. Jack Duncan, and Mr. Al Pimentel to comprise the task force.

The Chair requested Mr. Covington to assemble the names and approriate mailing addresses for each of the declared candidates.

The Chair then introduced the issue of State chapters. She repeated that Mr. Ritter, Ms. Lauder, Mr. John Gavin and Ms. Lois Myers would comprise the Committee. She asked that names be submitted to her or to her secretary, Donna, via telephone during the upcoming week.

passed

Mr. Covington moved that a letter be sent to all Board members asking them if they wish to continue serving, to please respond to the President in writing within a certain period of time, since we need to have a stable committed Board once we begin soliciting members and support.

Mr. McDaniels seconded this motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

seconded — Mr. Allison moved that a letter be sent to the president condeming the actions of Iran and supporting his actions to date in attempting to secure the release of the hostages held in the American Embassy in Teheran.

passed — The motion died for lack of a second. Mr. Conn moved that a mailgram be sent to the President supporting the Government's actions to secure the safe release of the American hostages in Teheran.

Mr. Rigdon seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

The Chair requested that Mr. Conn and Mr. Allison draft such a statement, clear it with her, and after approval send it.

Mr. Allison moved that the next LDV Board meeting be convened on January 19, 1980 at the ACB offices at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Rigdon seconded the motion.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry L. Allison
Secretary
League of Disabled Voters