

**National League of American Pen
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Summary Information

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| Repository | James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library |
| Creator | National League of American Pen Women. Minnesota Branch. |
| Title | National League of American Pen Women, Minnesota Branch Collection |
| Date [inclusive] | 1928-2007 |
| Extent | 12.0 boxes |
| Language | English |

History

The National League of American Pen Women was founded in 1897. Marian Longfellow O'Donohue, niece of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, decided to found an organization for women journalists. Assisted by Margaret Sullivan Burke and Anna Sanborne Hamilton, Marian Longfellow O'Donohue made plans for "bringing together women journalists, authors, and illustrators for mutual benefits and the strength that comes of union."

The first meeting was on On June 26, 1897. The three founders brought together seventeen writers, novelists, newspaper women, a teacher, a poet, and an artist for the first meeting. Alice R. Morgan, an illustrator for New York publishers, designed the League insignia, the owl, symbolic of wisdom, placed in a triangle formed by a red pen, a blue pencil, and a white brush, colors of the American flag.

The first National Convention was held in Washington, D. C., in April 1921, and the 300 members in attendance were received by President Warren G. and Mrs. Florence Kling Harding. Mrs. Harding was a distinguished member of the League, she helped Mr. Harding turn the *Marion(OH) Daily Star* into a profitable newspaper. Eleanor Roosevelt was also a member.

The Minnesota branch was organized with twelve charter members in 1927. This organization of women included artists in many creative fields. Besides those who wrote novels, poetry, drama, radio scripts, etc., there were artists in every medium, designers, composers of music, lecturers and research workers in many fields.

Description of Collection

The collection includes an alphabetical list of officers and a list by year, and member's achievement records (1940s-1950s). Correspondence, clippings, annual reports and scrapbooks are also in the collection. Special Collections continues to receive materials in the 2000s, profiles on members and newsletter.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library

Revision Description

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Controlled Access Headings

Subject(s)

- Literature -- Minnesota.
- Trade and professional associations -- Minnesota.
- Women -- Minnesota -- Societies and clubs.

Collection Inventory

| | Box | Folder |
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| Control Folder | 1 | 1 |
| Achievement records 1946-1948 | 1 | 2 |
| Achievement records and correspondence 1948-1954 | 1 | 3 |
| Achievement records and correspondence 1970-1993 | 1 | 4 |
| Applications for membership 1958, 1969-1984 | 1 | 5 |
| Bookplates by Cleora Wheeler | 1 | 6 |
| By-Laws -- NLAPW, MN Branch | 1 | 7 |
| By-Laws and Constitution -- NLAPW FOLDER | 1 | 8 |
| Calendar 1947-1990 | 1 | 9 |
| Calendar 1991-1997 | 1 | 10 |
| Clippings, Misc | 1 | 11 |
| Conventions, NLAPW 1932-1978 | 1 | 12 |

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| Conventions, NLAPW 1982-2000 | 1 | 13 |
| Correspondence 1946-1989 | 1 | 14 |
| Correspondence 1990-1996 | 1 | 15 |
| Handbook – NLAPW 1948-1950 | 1 | 16 |
| History 1927-1946 | 1 | 17 |
| History, activities during WWII | 1 | 18 |
| Members, clippings | 1 | 19 |
| Members, misc. | 1 | 20 |
| Members, obituaries | 1 | 21 |
| Members, photographs | 1 | 22 |
| Members, poetry | 1 | 23 |
| Members, publicity and publications | 1 | 24 |
| Membership lists 1941-1979 | 1 | 25 |
| Membership lists 1980-1990 | 1 | 26 |

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| Membership lists 1190-1997 | 1 | 27 |
| Membership, misc. | 1 | 28 |
| Miscellaneous, NLAPW | 1 | 29 |
| Newsletters, <i>North Star Pointer</i> June 1947 | 1 | 30 |
| Newsletters: <i>Around the Triangle</i> April 1951 -- June 1955 | 1 | 31 |
| Newsletters: <i>Around the Triangle</i> September 1955 – May 1960 | 1 | 32 |
| Newsletters: <i>Around the Triangle</i> October 1961-September 1966 | 1 | 33 |
| Newsletters: Untitled 1961 | 1 | 34 |
| Officers 1994, 1996 | 1 | 35 |
| Periodical, Official Bulletin 1937, 1944 | 1 | 36 |
| Programs 1937-1969 | 1 | 37 |
| Programs 1970-1979 | 1 | 38 |
| Programs 1980-1999, 2003 | 1 | 39 |
| Programs, no date | 1 | 40 |

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| Reports to NLAPW 1942-1946 | 1 | 41 |
| Reports to NLAPW 1946-1950 | 1 | 42 |
| Reports to NLAPW 1950-1956 | 1 | 43 |
| Roll | 1 | 44 |
| Scrapbook honoring the visit of Elaine Waidelich December 4, 1997 | 1 | 45 |
| Treasurer - Annual Reports 1940-1991 | 1 | 46 |
| Treasurer - Misc. | 1 | 47 |
| Treasurer - Reports 1969-1993 | 1 | 48 |
| Workshops and Contests | 1 | 49 |
| Yearbooks 1930-1934 | 1 | 50 |
| | | Box |
| Directories, Membership Roster and By-laws 1944-1988 | | 2 |
| | Box | Folder |
| Selection or transfer of members | 3 | 1 |
| Presidents notebook 1928-1954 | 3 | 2 |

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| Scrapbook 1927 | 3 | 3 |
| Treasurers book 1927-1942 | 3 | 4 |
| Treasurers book #1 1929-1936 | 3 | 5 |
| | Box | Volume |
| Minutes to MN Branch meetings October 29, 1927-February 22, 1936 | 4 | 1 |
| Minutes to MN Branch meetings February 27, 1936-February 24, 1940 | 4 | 2 |
| Minutes to MN Branch meetings March 1, 1940-January 30, 1942 | 4 | 3a |
| Minutes to MN Branch meetings (includes Treasurer's information) March 1, 1940-April 27, 1945 | 4 | 3b |
| Minutes to MN Branch meetings May 25th, 1945-April 17, 1948 | 4 | 4 |
| Minutes to MN Branch meetings April 17, 1948-April 18, 1953 | 4 | 5 |
| Minutes to MN Branch meetings April 18, 1953-June 12, 1954 | 4 | 6 |
| Minutes to MN Branch meetings May 1966-May 1976 | 4 | 7 |
| Minutes to MN Branch meetings October 1975-March 3, 1986 | 4 | 8 |
| | Box | Folder |
| Minutes to MN Branch meetings 1961, 1990 | 4 | 1 |

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| Minutes to MN Branch meetings February 2,1994-April 9,1998 | 4 | 2 |
| | | Box |
| Rolled Photograph, Bicentennial Convention,Washington, D.C. April 20, 1940 | | 5 |
| Alphabetical list of officers and a list by year, and member's achievement records 1940-1959 | | 6 |
| Collection of works and some biographies of members, Roster of members 2007 | | 7 |
| | | Box-folder |
| Scrapbook: File of permanent information blanks for the president | | 1 |
| Scrapbook: Historical Material 1966-1974 | | 2 |
| Scrapbook: Historical Material 1986-1989 | | 3 |
| Scrapbook: Historical Material 1942-1998 | | 4 |
| Scrapbook: Historical Material December 1998 to May 2000 | | 5 |