

Minnesota Society for Prevention of Cruelty
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The Minnesota Society for the Prevention of Cruelty which was set up in October of 1859 has continued its service as a state bureau of child and animal protection.

After a period of bitter strife between rival factions, the organization has now settled down on an even keel with new officers and revisions of its Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. This year's work was mainly to straighten out problems according to Minnesota law as set up for us by the Attorney General, to gain new members interested in the prevention of cruelty and the inculcation of human principles, and to elect officers willing and able to carry out this work.

The officers elected at the regular annual meeting of November 9, 1953 were as follows:

President: Dr. William E. Petersen
Vice Presidents: W.L. Adams W.A. Meeker
Eric Stephens Dr. John Lewis
Dr. Carl Schlotthauer
Secretary: Elizabeth Gludt
Treasurer: Robert Herbst, Jr.
Board of Managers: Gerald Carnes John L. Sinykin
Richard Andersen Dr. D.S. Steele
Dr. D.L. Halver Harold Campbell
John Loofbourow Kenneth Burns
Mrs. Astrid Kottke

At the first Executive meeting Dr. D.L. Halver, Wayne Adams, and Harold Campbell were appointed to work on the Constitution and By-Laws. These men worked long, diligently, and successfully to draw up amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and By Laws which were finally accepted at a special meeting of the organization in the St. Paul Y.M.C.A., May 18, 1954, and duly recorded with the Minnesota Secretary of State on June 28, 1954.

After this, the Society was properly and legally in operation, and attention was turned to a membership drive and fund raising activities such as the coin collection containers in business places, booths at the state fair and sportsmen's show, etc. Over 1500 Junior members were signed up at the State Fair to form a nucleus for our junior membership.

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Along with these activities, the president and members of the board were also checking any complaints of cruelty which were received. Their efforts are especially commendable since we were without an Executive Agent in our State Capitol office.

The future of the Society looks infinitely brighter. We have our new By-Laws; congenial, willing and able officers; prospects of increased financial prowess; and acknowledgment by our State Government.

Elizabeth Gludt.

Elizabeth Gludt (Miss)
Secretary

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Mrs. Mike Holm
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