

NSWA – National Woman’s Suffrage Association – national organization founded by Susan B. Anthony and Carrie Chapman Catt.

CU – Congressional Union (for Woman Suffrage) – began as an offshoot of the National Woman Suffrage Association (NWSA), focusing on working with Congress to pass a constitutional amendment granting suffrage to women. Internal politics in the NWSA led to a break between the two groups. It was the Congressional Union that founded the National Woman’s Party, which favored direct action like picketing and other in-your-face activities instead of the patient lobbying favored by the NWSA.

WP – National Woman’s Party – organization that grew out of the National Woman Suffrage Association, splitting with them over tactics. The National Woman’s Party favored direct action, and led the picketing at the White House during World War I. It was the National Woman’s Party members who were jailed and sometimes force fed after their hunger strike to protest their imprisonment.

MWSA – Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association - founded in 1882 to work on securing the right to vote for women. When the 19th amendment was ratified in 1920, this organization became the League of Women Voters.

SWSA – Scandinavian Woman Suffrage Association - founded in 1907 appealing to first and second generation Scandinavian women in the State of Minnesota.

WCTU – Women’s Christian Temperance Union - primarily known for work to outlaw alcoholic beverages, but in its earliest years, it worked on a number of issues of interest to women including suffrage.

WAMM – Women Against Military Madness - organization devoted to eliminating the most egregious expressions of military might, including nuclear weapons and torture, as well as promoting peace.

iMatter – a new organization, directed primarily at young people, to help them find their purpose and pursue it. In Minnesota, this organization has been primarily working on environmental concerns.

ERA Minnesota – an organization working to secure passage of the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.