

## **Qualities of an Effective Precinct Worker**

An effective precinct worker is a person who can get along with others. Politics is a matter of working together so those concerned must be willing to “give” and “take”.

A precinct worker has a sense of responsibility. The attitude and the action of an individual affects not only herself, but the entire group with which she is associated. A person who is not able or willing to recognize that fact can do tremendous damage to those who belong to the group.

An effective precinct worker is courteous and considerate. Not only does such an individual add to the pleasure of the immediate group of which she is a part, but she creates a favorable impression among others that adds to the group’s prestige.

A precinct worker is loyal.

An effective precinct worker is sincere.

A precinct worker respects the rights of others, including their right to disagree with her.

An effective precinct worker has real character, the ability to say “No” when that is the word to be said.

The Precinct Committeeman sees that every eligible citizen of her political party is registered to vote and follows up to see that she casts her ballot. The Precinct Committeeman may arrange for babysitters, telephone voters to encourage votes for their party’s candidates and helps transport voters to the polls on Election Day. After candidates are elected to office, it is the duty of the Precinct Committeeman to continually confront the elected officials about the concern of the voters and find out how they aim to deal with citizen concerns. There again, the Precinct Committeeman is an active citizen who has her finger on the pulse of the community, especially her own precinct. The more voters she has, the more prestige she has with the politicians.

### **Politicians respond to VOTERS not people**

At ALA Hoosier Girls State, Precinct Committeemen are elected by the voters of their political party in their precinct. They serve as delegates to the County Convention, State Convention, appoint City Election Boards and workers, assist in setting up polling places, and arrange for scheduling of voting along with the help of the Government Counselor. Precinct Committeemen are a very important person both in real life and at ALA Girls State.