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Following their self-imposed tradition, the 18th District elected a male and a female delegate to the Republican national convention during the district caucus Friday.

The difference was that after a vote the caucus decided to break past procedures and elect the woman first and then the man. The results were that Betty Pfister and Robert Webster, both of Birmingham, were elected convention delegates, and Doty McIntosh of Ferris and Robert Beach of Royal Oak as alternates.

Brock Joins Packaging

James E. Brock, formerly with Inland Container Co., and a 26-year veteran of the packaging industry, has joined the container division sales staff of Packaging Corp. of America. He will be headquartered in the company's Plymouth plant.

The ELECTIONS were confirmed during Saturday's state convention in Cobo Hall. In all, 48 national convention delegates were elected, 38 from the 19 congressional districts and 10 at-large.

Though the 18th has always made a practice of electing two women and two men, other districts haven't, and this year an all-time record of 20 women were elected to the national convention.

The national convention will be held in Miami, Beach, Fla. to nominate the presidential candidate, President Nixon, and decide the party platform. Time was taken during the district caucus for nominating and seconding speeches and brief talks by each candidate. The votes were taken by paper ballot. The caucus never found time to discuss the proposed convention resolutions.

19th Keeps Masculine Look

By TIM RICHARD
There was no room for "Women's Lib" among 19th District Republicans, but the women didn't seem to mind. The 19th elected two men as delegates to the Republican National Convention and two women as alternates. There was some attempt to balance the slate by age and residence, but the idea of electing a female delegate just for the sake of it was firmly rejected by all.

It was, as usual, a totally amicable meeting. Because of congressional redistricting, Farmington and Redford will leave the 19th and join Southfield and northwest Detroit in a new 17th District that will probably remain Democratic; Livonia will become part of the marginally Republican 2nd District, along with Ann Arbor and Monroe.

IN FOUR RACES, 19th District delegates to last weekend's GOP state convention elected:

- Sheldon B. Smith, Oakland County GOP chairman, delegate unanimously.
- David Leathley, 19th - Wayne chairman, a delegate by a 67-45 vote over State Board of Education member James F. O'Neil.
- Anne Hobart of Waterford Township an alternate over 18-year-old Mary Egbert of Northville in a 77-51 vote.
- Sylvia Skrel, Livonia GOP women's chairman, an alternate in a 74-19 contest with Lynn Switter, also of Livonia.

Presiding for the last time was John Cartwright, 19th District chairman. A delegate in 1968, Cartwright took himself out of the running for 1972.

AT 33, SMITH is the youngest member of the 19th's delegation. A bachelor, he owns a Pontiac real estate firm and lives in a Keego Harbor apartment. Coming from a Republican family, Smith joined the Young Republicans seven years ago for social reasons, at the beginning, but demonstrated a capacity for organization work. He has never held public office.

Smith was elected 19th District chairman in 1969 and reelected in 1971. Last October he was elected Oakland County chairman when Robert Webster resigned.

LEATHLEY WON the tightest race, turning back O'Neil, who was defeated for delegate four years ago by then - Chairman Delores Kory. Leathley was nominated by House Minority Leader Clifford Smart of Walled Lake and seconded by Marvin Pridgeon, newly - elected Livonia school board member. O'Neil was backed by Martin Seltz, conservative Livonia board member.

O'Neil in a U.S. Senate campaign in the early 1960s. Leathley has never held public office and, besides politics, is involved in the community drug abuse program.

MRS. SKREL is a homemaker who got started in politics 16 years ago at the humble job of licking stamps. The mother of a college student and a high school student, Mrs. Skrel, 43, of 35997 Leon, Livonia, began getting heavily involved in women's club affairs four years ago and is a board member of several regular GOP organizations. She has also been a PTA board member, library mother, cub scout den mother, and March of Dimes worker.

Michigan State University, Miss Egbert, though barely old enough to vote, has a history of political activity going back six years.

"Can't buck the establishment?" Pursell mumbled philosophically as his nominee was defeated. Nevertheless, the young woman's candidacy seemed to have generated no ill-will, and party chieftains resolved to try to get her a page's job at the national convention.

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REP. RAY BAKER

Baker Seeking 7th House Term

State Rep. Raymond L. Baker (D-Farmington) will seek his seventh consecutive term in the Michigan House of Representatives.

Baker's 6th District was altered under the new apportionment plans, losing Lathrup Village and West Bloomfield Township but retaining Farmington City and Township and western Southfield.

An environmentalist and outdoorsman, Baker serves as Republican vice - chairman of the House Conservation and Recreation Committee which he chaired for two years. He was named "legislative conservationist of the year" in 1968 by the Michigan United Conservation Clubs.

BAKER ALSO serves on the House committees on economic development, insurance, special committee on house mailing and the Legislative Council.

A registered pharmacist by profession, Baker retired from his own business in 1959 to become a full time legislator. He is a member of the board of governors of the National Society of State Legislators and was appointed last year to Gov. Milliken's 17-member task force to prepare a state environmental education plan.

Formerly a member of the Berkeley City Council, Baker is a member of the county Republican committee.

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