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ANOKA, BLAINE, COON RAPIDS AREA

## The Voter – Your LINK to LWV ABC News

### 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Edition

March 2018

Mission: The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

This newsletter includes the agenda and reports for the annual meeting. Print and bring a copy to the Annual Meeting on April 10.

### LWV ABC 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

Monday, April 9, 2018

6:00 PM at the Andover Senior Center

6:00 PM Members of the board will provide dinner. Enjoy social time.

6:30 PM Call to Order and Introductions

7:00 PM Business Meeting

The Annual Meeting is the most important business meeting of the League year. It is the entire membership's opportunity to direct the course of LWV ABC.

The Annual Meeting has four basic goals:

1. To elect a slate of officers representative of the membership.
2. To adopt a local Program on governmental issues which reflects the interests of the membership and to re-adopt or drop present local positions.
3. To adopt a budget that provides for the financial support of the League as a whole.
4. To review and/or amend local League bylaws.

In addition to these basic goals, the Annual Meeting is an opportunity to:

- Recognize special individual and group efforts;
- Renew interest in future League activities;
- Reacquaint with members and welcome new members

## LWV ABC 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Agenda

Welcome and Call to Order: Jeorgette Knoll, president

Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting were approved by the board at the 2017 Annual Retreat

### Reports:

#### Treasurer's Report – Kay McCulley, Treasurer:

LWV ABC Treasurer's Report			Fiscal Year 04/01/17- 03/31/18		
			Total	Budget	Budget
			Year End	Fiscal Year	Over (Under)
			Year End	04/01/17- 03/31/18	Year End
<b>Revenue:</b>					
	Dues and Rebates		3,080.00	3,000.00	80.00
	Contributions/Members		843.86	1,500.00	(656.14)
	Contributions/Food, etc. at meetings		204.00	0.00	204.00
	Fundraiser/Silent Auction		679.00	200.00	479.00
	Fundraiser/Registrations and donations		1,730.00	0.00	1,730.00
	Fundraiser/Tea (FY2018-19)		150.00	0.00	150.00
	Items for Sale: books, stickers (I'm old enough to vote)		85.00	200.00	(115.00)
	Memorials, special donations		600.00	0.00	600.00
	Grants (Voters service grants)		0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>7,371.86</b>	<b>4,900.00</b>	<b>2,471.86</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>					
<b>Admin &amp; Committees:</b>					
		Gen'l suppl,archives,postage	131.50	150.00	(18.50)
		Items for sale (books, mugs, t-shirts)	253.76	0.00	253.76
		Fundraiser	114.71	0.00	114.71
		Pay Pal fees	8.33	0.00	8.33
<b>Member Services:</b>					
		Printing	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
		Annual meeting	0.00	50.00	(50.00)
		Member tools (brochures and pins from national)	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
<b>Community relations:</b>					

	Voters service/community activities	0.00	50.00	(50.00)
	Publications	0.00	200.00	(200.00)
	Pollinator materials	0.00	50.00	(50.00)
	Public relations and publicity	0.00	75.00	(75.00)
	Web URL renewal (bi-annual 10.00)	14.38	0.00	14.38
	Web site-annual fee	200.00	250.00	(50.00)
	<b>Program and action:</b>			
	Contribution to UMMR ILO (watershed)	0.00	200.00	(200.00)
	Contribution to LWVMN	0.00	200.00	(200.00)
	Meetings and events	432.14	300.00	132.14
	Action and local study	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Awards	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
	<b>Total Admin and Committees</b>	<b>1,154.82</b>	<b>1,825.00</b>	<b>(670.18)</b>
	<b>Delegates travel and affiliation:</b>			
	State Convention/Council	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
	National Convention	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Workshops	0.00	250.00	(250.00)
	<b>Dues:</b>			
	CMAL & expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
	PMP-LWVUS	1,664.00	1,600.00	64.00
	PMP-LWVMN	1,223.12	1,250.00	(26.88)
	UMRRILO (Dues)	25.00	25.00	0.00
	<b>Total Delegate, travel and affiliation</b>	<b>2,912.12</b>	<b>3,625.00</b>	<b>(712.88)</b>
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>4,066.94</b>	<b>5,450.00</b>	<b>(1,383.06)</b>
	<b>Net Revenue (loss)</b>	<b>3,304.92</b>	<b>(550.00)</b>	<b>3,854.92</b>
	Begining of Fiscal Year 04/01/2017		from surplus as needed	
	Cash/checkbook balance	<b>5,690.79</b>		
	Ending Cash/checkbook balance 03/31/18	<b>8,995.71</b>		

LWV ABC Budget Detail 2017-2018			LWV ABC/ABC.Treasurer/ABCbudget detail.2017-2018.final		
detail		Revenue	detail		Expenses
<b>04/01/17-5/22/2017</b>					
dues	27x60 (checks)	1,620.00	M J Truchon	award frame	9.42
dues	1x60 (cash)	60.00	J Knoll	Cal LWV/web site	200.00
dues	2x90 (family)	180.00			
contributions	members	605.00			
donations/food	cash	48.00			
book sales	2 pollinator; 1 landscape	55.00			
		<b>2,568.00</b>			<b>209.42</b>
<b>05/23/17-6/26/2017</b>					
dues	2x60	120.00	G Sabel	mugs/rack cards	253.76
dues	1x90	90.00	dues	LWVMN	1,223.12
book sales	three books	30.00			
contributios	food/plants	15.00			
		<b>255.00</b>			<b>1,476.88</b>
<b>06/27/17-7/24/2017</b>					
dues	2x60	120.00			0.00
		<b>120.00</b>			<b>0.00</b>
<b>07/25/17-08/28/17</b>					
dues	2x60	120.00	J Knoll	food/fundraiser	100.00
contributions	members	5.00			
fundraiser	silent auction	679.00			
fundraiser	registrations/dona.	1,710.00			
		<b>2,514.00</b>			<b>100.00</b>
<b>08/29/17-09/25/17</b>					
dues	3x60	180.00	dues	LWVUS	1,664.00
donations/food	cash	15.00			
fundraiser	donation	20.00			
		<b>215.00</b>			<b>1,664.00</b>
<b>09/26/2017-10/23/17</b>					
dues	2x60	120.00	G Sabel	name tags/fundraiser	14.71
dues	1x50	50.00			
donations/food	cash	31.00			
contributions	members	50.00	Pay Pal fees		2.04
		<b>251.00</b>			<b>16.75</b>
<b>10/24/17-11/27/17</b>					
dues	2x60	120.00	S Butler	Food: = Means =	132.14
dues	1x120	120.00	J Knoll	DVD: = Means =	300.00
contributions	members/trial	70.00	Pay Pal fees		0.59
		<b>310.00</b>			<b>432.73</b>
<b>11/28/17-01/22/18</b>					
			Upper Miss ILO	dues	25.00
dues	2x60	120.00	B Pomerantz	repay Pay Pal dep	60.00
dona/food/books	cash	50.00	G Sabel	name tags	14.76
memorials	Sitz & Shanley	300.00	K McCulley	envelopes/stamps	47.32

donation	Bradley	300.00	J Knoll	domain manage	14.38
contrib/members	Sabel/Knoll	60.62	Pay Pal fees		2.36
		<b>830.62</b>			<b>163.82</b>
<b>01/23/18-02/26/18</b>					
dues	1x60	60.00			
donations/food	cash	45.00			
contrib/members	Sabel/Knoll	36.62	Pay Pal fees		2.26
		<b>141.62</b>			<b>2.26</b>
<b>02/27/18-03/31/18</b>					
contrib/members		16.62	Pay Pal fees		1.08
fundraiser	May 2018 tea 6x25	150.00			
		<b>166.62</b>			<b>1.08</b>
<b>Total To Date</b>		<b>7,371.86</b>			<b>4,066.94</b>
=79 fully-accounted-for members (11/08/16-03/31/18)					
includes: 2 life members; 2 students; 1 LWVUS					

**Membership Report – Sandra Connor, Membership Chair (Sandy was appointed by the board to fill a vacancy when Kathie Whelchel resigned as Membership Chair. Kathie will continue as a membership committee member.)**

**LWV ABC Membership Report: April 2017 -2018**

KATHERINE WHELCHER/SANDRA CONNOR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR  
April 2017 - March 2018

Current paid membership total as of March 2018: 78

March 2017 Membership total: 72

Life Members: 2

Renewing Members:

DATE	TOPIC	ATTENDANCE ABC MEMBERS	ATTENDANCE OTHERS
4/10/2017	Katherine Tomsich, LWV MN Democracy Task Force spoke on Legislative Activity	24	2
5/8/2017	Transformative Circle and facilitator, Lori Anderson, shared personal stories	22	16
6/12/2017	Heather Holm, horticulturist, biologist, and writer spoke about her newest book	25	5
7/10/2017	State Senators Jim Abeler, R District 35 and Carolyn Laine D District 41 Health Care	24	6
8/14/2017	Evening with Will Rogers fundraiser		
9/11/2017	Michelle Witte, Executive Director of LWV-MN spoke on the power of LWV	25	2
10/9/2017	Shelly Colvin, Chair LWV-MN Equity and Inclusion Committee spoke on this topic	21	3
11/13/2017	viewed "Equal Means Equal" co-sponsored Anoka-Ramsey Comm. College	19	42
12/11/2017	Pot luck, discussion of what positions members would like discusses, book trade	21	0
1/8/2018	Kathy Tingelstad Rep. and Wes Volkenant Dem. discussed resolutions at Caucuses	25	1

2/12/2018	Nick Harper, LWV-MN Civic Engagement Manager discussed money in politics	26	0
3/12/2018	Annastacia Belladonna-Carrera from Common Cause discussed Redistricting	22	1

During the 2017-2018 fiscal year membership in LWV-ABC increased by 6 members.

Partnering with other groups helped to expose non-members and potential members to LWV-ABC and its programs. In April, partnering with Transformative Circle to provide the perspective of immigrants on coming to the US brought an increase in non-member attendance. In November we partnered with student groups at Anoka-Ramsey Community College. This brought LWV to the attention of many non-members. A significant number of them were young people who learned about the topic and LWV.

The November fundraiser with a Will Rogers impersonator brought LWV-ABC to the attention of many non-members who contributed to the support of the chapter, learned about LWV ABC, and enjoyed a wonderful evening of entertainment.

**Program Committee** – Susan Anderson and Sue Butler, co-chairs

From the membership report you can see that the program committee arranged and presented 11 programs on a variety of issues during the 2017-18 program year. A fundraiser was also held and raised over \$2000.00 in revenue to help with further programming and other activities.

One of the programs, Equal Means Equal was co-sponsored by ARCC and staff. This was a successful partnership and we look forward to working with them in the future on other projects.

Four of the programs were presented by staff and/or board members from LWV Minnesota.

Common Cause, with speakers whose expertise is redistricting presented at the March meeting.

In December, members selected four focus areas for future programming. They are:

- Redistricting/Census (What should we be most concerned about? How will a question about citizenship affect the census?)
- Automatic Voter Registration (Several states have automatic voter registration laws – what do they actually do and will automatic voter registration work in Minnesota?)
- Government Transparency (LWV ABC Observer corps has been watching our county government in action – What is transparency and how is working in our local communities?)
- Civil Discourse (Several Leagues around the country and in Minnesota (Rochester) are beginning projects to strengthen civil discourse in their communities. What is civil discourse? If we only talk to those we agree with, are we there?)

Members are invited to submit ideas for future programs.

**Voters Service Report – Geri Nelson/Arlene Gillett, Voters Service Co-Chairs:**

**LWV ABC Voter Service Voter Service Report 2017-18**

**Voter Registration**

- 153 voters registered 2017. We are registering again this spring.
- 7 schools visits to Andover, Anoka, Blaine, Champlin Park, Regions, Coon Rapids, and Technical High Schools
- 17 Volunteers participated in Voter Registration

**Candidate Forums/Cable programs**

- Candidate Forum programs
- Anoka-Hennepin School Board Forum (43 attended)
- Spring Lake Park School Board Forum with partner, Spring Lake Park Community Education (26 attended)
- Ramsey Special Election Primary Forum January 10, 2018 (30 attended)
- Ramsey Special Election for At Large Council Member March 6, 2018 (19 attended)
- Anoka-Hennepin School District Levy and Bond Issue: Superintendent David Law and Chief Operating Officer Chuck Holden, Interviewed by Geri Nelson

**Communications Report – Kathy Aanerud, Communications Committee Chair:**

**Communications Report – 2017-18**

*Reported by Kathy Aanerud, Chair*

It was another active year of partnerships, outreach and publicity to create community awareness of LWV ABC programs and advocacy and to promote civic engagement.

Activity	Summary/Notes
<p><b>Media Contacts</b></p>	<p><b>Community Newspapers:</b> We submitted press releases and community calendar information to the local papers below. All submissions were published. Subjects included monthly programs, school board candidate forums for Anoka-Hennepin and Spring Lake Park, Ramsey City Council candidate forums, and <i>Equal Means Equal</i> film screening event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Anoka County Union Herald</i></li> <li>● <i>Blaine Spring Lake Park Life</i></li> <li>● <i>Press &amp; News (formerly Champlin Dayton Press)</i></li> <li>● <i>Fridley/Columbia Heights Sun Focus</i></li> </ul> <p>Some submissions were also made to Hannah Covington, reporter at <i>Star Tribune</i>, and to the <i>Star Tribune's</i> events calendar, but weren't published.</p>
<p><b>Social Media</b></p>	<p><b>Facebook:</b> Gretchen Sabel and Jeorgette Knoll keep up our presence with relevant posts.</p>



	<b>Twitter:</b> Jeorgette Knoll has been establishing some expertise here; others invited!
<b>Newsletter (<i>The Voter</i>)</b>	Thank you to Gretchen Sabel and Bruce Pomerantz for preparing this monthly communication that is emailed to members and friends (and by postal mail when requested). And thank you to members for their submission of news items.
<b>Website for LWV ABC</b>	Bruce Pomerantz continued as our webmaster on this communication tool that he established for us in 2016. This year, Bruce added PayPal functionality to the website so that dues can be paid online as well as making donations.
<b>Community Partnerships</b>	In addition to voter registration and candidate forum partners that are described in Voter Service report -- we partnered with city governments, county departments, pollinator awareness groups, Master Gardeners, political parties, Sustainability (Green) Commission in Coon Rapids, water protection and environmental groups, community colleges, Anoka Conservation District and more—on topics of importance to our communities.
<b>Community Television</b>	<b>QCTV</b> taped three of our monthly programs for on-demand viewing on their website. They also taped the candidate forum for Anoka-Hennepin School Board and the candidate forums for City of Ramsey’s Special Primary and Special General Elections. <b>North Metro TV</b> taped the candidate forum in Spring Lake Park for on-demand and on-air viewing.
<b>Photos/Dropbox</b>	Photos of programs and events are stored in our Dropbox folders, with identifying notes, for use in promotional activities
<b>Friend of League</b>	<i>Friend of League</i> is our annual award to an individual or organization in the community who has made a significant impact on LWV ABC through cooperation and support. Member Mary Jo Truchon creates a beautiful watercolor artwork certificate <b>In 2017</b> we honored Leslie Sauer-Smith, a producer at QCTV, for her exceptional production of programs that educate and motivate our communities on voting, elections, environmental protection, public policy and community involvement – and for her cooperative spirit.
<b>Member Handbook</b>	The 2017-18 edition will be posted on our website and will be updated for 2018-19. The handbook, compiled by Jeorgette Knoll, contains useful information about our organization, current leadership, committees, activities and more.

## New Business:

Bylaws – no recommended bylaws changes

Proposed Budget – Presented by Gretchen Sabel, Budget Committee Chair:

<b>LWV ABC Proposed Budget 04/01/18-03/31/19</b>			
<b>Revenue:</b>			
	Dues		3,800.00
	Contributions/Members		1,000.00
	Contributions/Food, etc. at meetings		250.00
	Fundraiser/Miscellaneous		200.00
	Fundraiser:Tea/tickets (FY2018-19) (+grant/\$\$ unknown)		1,000.00
	Items for Sale: books, stickers (I'm old enough to vote)		100.00
	Memorials; special donations		500.00
	Grants (Voters service)		800.00
	<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>7,650.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
	<b>Admin &amp; Committees:</b>		
	Gen'l supplies, archives, postage		150.00
	Fundraiser		50.00
	Pay Pal Fees		50.00
	<b>Member Services:</b>		
	Printing		50.00
	Annual meeting		50.00
	Member tools (brochures and pins from national)		50.00
	<b>Community Relations:</b>		
	Voters service/community activities		800.00
	LWV ABC History Exhibit and Tea		1,600.00
	Publications		100.00
	Public relations and publicity		50.00
	Web URL renewal		14.38
	Web site-annual fee		200.00
	<b>Program and Action:</b>		
	Contribution to UMMR ILO (watershed)		100.00
	Contribution to LWVMN		100.00
	Meetings and events		300.00
	Action and local study		0.00
	Awards		50.00
	<b>Total Admin, Committees, Services</b>		<b>3,714.38</b>

	<b>Delegates Travel and Affiliation:</b>		
	State Convention/Council		500.00
	National Convention		2,000.00
	Workshops		250.00
	<b>Dues:</b>		
	CMAL & Expenses		0.00
	PMP-LWVUS (Sept. 2018)		2,336.00
	PMP-LWVMN (July 2018)		1,850.00
	PMP-LWVMN (March 2019)		1,755.00
	UMRRILO (Dues)		25.00
	<b>Total Delegates Travel and Affiliation, Dues</b>		8,716.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>			<b>12,430.38</b>
<b>(Transfer from checking balance*) Net Revenue (loss)</b>			<b>(4,780.38)</b>
Beginning of FY 04/01/2018 Cash/checkbook balance			8,995.71
<b>(*Some 2017/18 income was dedicated for use in 2018/19.)</b>			
79 members as of April 1, 2018 (70 member estimate for 2019)			

LWV ABC Budget 04/01/18-03/31/19.proposed.xls

**Local Program – Susan Butler and Susan Anderson, Program Co-Chairs:**

***At the Annual meeting members review and elect to keep, update, or drop local positions.***

LWV ABC local positions were reviewed April 10, 2017

Local positions are the result of studies conducted within LWVABC and are used to advocate within the LWVABC service area. They are not included in LWVUS or LWV Minnesota program.

**Appointive Process in Local Government (1978) (reviewed and elected to keep April 10, 2017)**

- LWV ABC supports publicized and orderly application and appointment process which will maximize participation of qualified individuals and assure efficient operation of advisory boards and committees.

**Appointive Process in Anoka Hennepin School District 11 (1979) (reviewed and elected to keep April 17, 2017)**

- LWV ABC supports publicized and orderly application and orientation process, which will maximize representation and efficient operation of advisory committees.

**Metro Watershed Management Organization and the Implementation of the Metro Surface Water Management Act (1992)** (reviewed and elected to keep April 10, 2017)

- LWV ABC supports the establishment and implementation of comprehensive surface and ground water management for the metropolitan area.

**Anoka County Park System (1994)** (Revised 2010) (reviewed and elected to keep April 10, 2017)

- LWV ABC supports the establishment of a well-publicized citizen advisory board to ensure that Anoka County government will be aware of and sensitive to county residents' park concerns.
- LWV ABC supports regular meetings of representatives of city and county park staff to exchange ideas and common concerns and to ensure that city park boards are aware of county park board plans and activities.
- LWV ABC supports a greater base of citizen support for the park system through the employment of a full or part-time coordinator to organize activities of volunteers.

**Licensing of Rental Properties (2004)** (reviewed and elected to keep April 10, 2017)

1. LWV ABC believes that municipalities need a licensing policy for rental properties and have an obligation to regularly inspect rental properties in their jurisdiction. Inspections should include examination of both the exterior and interior of the rental dwelling unit and the common areas of the interior used by all tenants. Cities should enforce code compliance to ensure the health and safety of the property's tenants. City codes/ordinances should include a reasonable time for the correction of code violations. Emergency cases: when a violation constitutes an imminent peril to life, health, safety or property, the city may require immediate compliance and, if necessary, take appropriate action to correct the violation.

**Home health Care (2007)** (revised 2008) (reviewed and elected to keep April 16, 2017)

1. LWV ABC supports the provision and delivery of safe, affordable, flexible home health care services for all, including the elderly and disabled.

At the Annual meeting members review and elect to keep, update, or drop local positions.

Members are encouraged to let the board know when they 'take action' based on one of LWV ABC's local positions.

## **Non-Partisan Policy – Geri Nelson, Voters Service Co-Chair:**

### *LWV ABC Nonpartisan Policy*

## **LWV ABC Nonpartisan Policy**

To ensure the credibility of the League as a nonpartisan organization, each League's board of directors is responsible for drafting and carrying out its own nonpartisan policy and for seeing that both its members and the public understand the League's nonpartisan role.

## **The League Shall Not Support or Oppose Any Political Party or Any Candidate Reviewed and Approved April 10, 2017**

1. The President and Voter Service Chair will refrain from public involvement in political campaigns during their terms of office. Involvement includes such things as having one's name on campaign literature, displaying yard signs and holding coffee parties for a candidate. (Attending a precinct caucus is fine.) Board members who are candidates for political office should resign from the Board or take a leave of absence during their own campaign.
2. No League member who is highly visible in a political party, closely associated in some way with a candidate, or identified with an issue under discussion at a candidate forum should be involved in running that event. The object is to prevent, in the eyes of the public, either an actual or apparent conflict of interest.
3. Explain to incumbent candidates (and to new League members) that while League may have lobbied the office holder on an issue, that function is kept separate from voter service activities for the general public. The League position on an issue is never stated by the League during a public candidate forum.
4. Co-sponsorship can present problems of perceived bias, especially if the other organization is identified with a point of view or endorses candidates before the election. If LWV ABC's name is on a project, be certain that League guidelines for non-partisanship and fairness are agreed upon ahead of time and followed. If the group has endorsed issues or candidates before the forum, League should decline to be involved. Explain that we are concerned about even the possible appearance of endorsement.
5. Moderating for other forum sponsors: League does want to encourage citizen involvement and to provide experienced moderators for the community but does not want to jeopardize its reputation by participating in poorly conceived or executed forums. If you are asked to moderate for another group, you must explain our nonpartisan policies to them and find out the following:
  - a. Motivation of the sponsoring group
  - b. Have all candidates been invited? Are they attending? If not, why not?

- c. What are the issues in this election?
- d. Format and ground rules? Do the candidates know them?
- e. Will timers and ushers for collecting questions be provided? (You may want another League member to sort questions and to help you keep track of speaking rotation if there are several candidates.)

6. All voter service projects, including candidate meetings, should include a disclaimer that League neither endorses nor opposes candidates for political office.

At the annual meeting LWV ABC members review and if necessary update the Nonpartisan Policy.

Current Board:

### ***Current Board 2017-2018***

*Officers and committee chairs are elected at the annual meeting. Other members of the board are appointed at the annual retreat.*

All members are encouraged to serve on the board. Contact a member of the nominating committee if you are interested.

Office		Elected/Appointed	Term
President	Jeorgette Knoll	Elected 2017	2 years
Vice President	Gretchen Sabel	Elected 2017 for 1 year to fill vacancy	1 years
Secretary	Arlene Gillett	Elected 2017	2 years
Treasurer	Kay McCulley	Elected 2016	2 years
Membership Chair	Sandra Connor	Appointed to fill vacancy until election 2018	2 years
Voters Service Chair	Co-Chairs Geri Nelson and Arlene Gillette	Elected 2016	2 years
Communications Chair	Kathy Aanerud	Elected 2016	2 years
Program and Action Chair	Susan Anderson and Sue Butler	Elected 2016	2 years (in 2017 Butler was elected for 1 year to add as co-chair; Anderson was elected 2016 for 2 years)
Board Member at large/Parliamentarian	Zilla Way	Appointed 2017	1 year
CMAL Representative (Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues)	Susan Anderson and Sue Butler	Appointed 2017	1 year
UMRRILO Representative	Lonni McCauley	Appointed 2017	1 year

Membership Committee Member			1 year
Voters Service Committee Member	Jane Arndt	Appointed 2017	1 year
Communications Committee Member	Bruce Pomerantz	Appointed 2017	1 year
Program and Action Committee Member			1 year
Budget /Finance Committee Chair	Gretchen Sabel	Appointed 2017	1 year
Nominating Committee Chair (Off Board)	Carol Bradley	Elected 2017 (Appointed to fill vacancy)	1 year
Nominating Committee member (Off Board)		Elected 2016	1 year
Nominating Committee Member (Board)	Mary Jo Truchon	Appointed 2017	1 year
Bylaws Committee Chair (Off Board)		Appointed 2016	1 year
Bylaws Committee Member (board)		Appointed 2016	1 year
LWV ABC Historian (Membership Committee/off board)	Kathy Tingelstad	Appointed 2017	1 year

Nominating Committee Report:

Vice President	Gretchen Sabel	2 years
Treasurer	Kay McCulley	2 years
Membership Chair	Sandy Connor	1 years
Communications Chair	Kathy Aanerud	2 years
Program and Action Co-Chairs	Susan Anderson and Susan Butler	2 years
Nominating Committee Member (board)		1 year
Nominating Committee Chair (off board)		1 year

## Other Business:

### Recognition

- Zilla Way Award
  - The 'Zilla Way' award was created by the LWV ABC Board in 1996 to honor a local League member who has shown outstanding leadership in guiding our organization. It was named for Zilla to honor her more than 60 year participation in League and her role as LWV ABC mentor and advisor.
- Friend of League Certificate
  - The 'Friend of League' certificate is presented to an individual or organization in the community who has made a significant impact on LWV ABC through cooperation and support. The recipient of the certificate is announced at the Annual Meeting and presented at the fall kickoff meeting. Member Mary Jo Truchon initiated and designed the 'Friend of League' certificate in 1991.
  
- Program Ideas: The program committee wants to know what you are interested in and what program topics you would like to hear more about. If there is a program you would like to help plan or organize, the program committee welcomes your involvement.

- Hostess sign up:

Sign up to help at program meetings. Three members are needed at each meeting to bring a light supper and set up the room. (Members can be reimbursed for food and supplies.) Sign-up sheet will be available at meeting.

## Announcements

- Annual Retreat: Monday, April 23, location to be decided
- LWVMN Council: Saturday, April 28, St. Cloud – register at LWVMN website



## League of Women Voters ABC Hospitality Volunteers 2017-18

<b>Date</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Food Volunteer</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Food Volunteer</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Food Volunteer</b>	<b>Meeting Topic</b>	<b>Meeting Planner</b>	<b>Meeting Location</b>	<b>Key Securer</b>
<b>April 9, 2018</b>	Board provides	Board provides	Board provides	Annual Meeting		Andover Senior Center	Gretchen
<b>May 14, 2018</b>	Bev Toppin	Lois Ballinger	Mary Jo Truchon	<<Open>>		Andover Senior Center	
<b>June 11, 2018</b>	Wes Volkenant	Geri Nelson	Arlene Gillett	<<Open>>		Andover Senior Center	
<b>July 9, 2018</b>		Sara Berg-McConville	Kathy Tinglestad?	<<Open>>		Andover Senior Center	Gretchen
<b>Aug 13, 2018</b>	Potluck	Potluck	Potluck	Annual Picnic		To be determined	
<b>Sept 10, 2018</b>	Glenda Meixell			<<Open>>		Andover Senior Center	
<b>Oct 8, 2018</b>				<<Open>>		Andover Senior Center	
<b>Nov 12, 2018</b>	Sandy Connor	Karen Varian		<<Open>>		Andover Senior Center	

All you need to bring is food! LWV ABC provides plates, cups, napkins, coffee, tea and all that stuff. Thanks!