

League of Women Voters Solano County

From:
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LWV Solano County

To: All members of the League of Women Voters Solano County

May 10, 2020

Annual Membership Meeting

The Bylaws of the League of Women Voters Solano County state that an Annual Membership meeting shall be held between April 1st and June 15th but no provision is made for electronic or virtual meetings and the bylaws state “Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted”. Due to the Corona virus and the guidelines recommended by multiple governmental and League of Women Voter sources, we are not able to hold our Annual Meeting in the manner dictated by the bylaws. As you may have heard this is a problem faced by many institutions and government bodies at present. Your Board of Directors has decided to hold a virtual Annual Membership Meeting using the Zoom web video technology in lieu of the standard meeting format. The decisions made at that Zoom virtual meeting will be adopted provisionally until formal ratification at a standard meeting is possible.

– **The Agenda:**

Part I Business Meeting

- Adoption of the Proposed Local Program for 2020/2021

Election of the board:

- The nominating committee's slate of candidates for the board
- Call for nominations from the floor
- Voting

Approval of the Nominating Committee for 2020/2021

Adoption of the Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/2021

Provisional approval of bylaws modifications

Part II Housing – Problems and Solutions

- Questions and Answers with Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor of Benicia
Moderated by Julie Hartford, Vice President, League of Women Voters Solano County.

Procedures for voting at the Annual Meeting

We are adopting the following procedures to meet the intent of the requirements set by our bylaws. The Annual Membership Meeting shall be held via Zoom webvideo program on June 11 at 7:00pm. This will enable us to conduct the business of our League until such time as we can hold a normal membership meeting to affirm the votes of the virtual meeting. The items requiring a vote of the membership are:

- Adopt a local program for the 2020/2021 year.
- Elect officers, directors and
The positions open for election to the Board are: Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 3 Directors. Nominating Committee has put forth a slate to fill these positions. League members may also be nominated from the floor, provided their consent has been secured. Please contact Julie Hartford if you wish to nominate someone from the floor (juliehartford@gmail.com)
Nominations from the floor may be made by any voting member provided the consent of the nominee has been secured.
- Adopt an adequate budget. (See Attached Budget)
- Elect members of the nominating committee. (see attached Slate)
- Transact such other business as may properly come before the annual meeting.

Items in this category include: implementation of proposed Bylaws changes to:

1. Change our name where stated in the bylaws, to League of Women Voters Solano County and LWVS as appropriate
2. Modify Article VI, Section 2. to conform with Bylaw stipulations in relation to date of the meeting. Since the Annual Meeting can occur “between April 1 and June 15”, the line in the bylaws stating “Dues shall be payable at the May membership meeting.” needs to be modified to correct that and to allow for online payment and renewal. The recommended change is
“Dues may be paid at the Annual Membership Meeting or on the anniversary of the member's joining the League.”

We are postponing to a future in vivo meeting consideration of some other bylaws changes which will likely require more discussion, such as adopting the recommendation by LWV US to lower our definition of a quorum from 30% of the membership, to 20%

Attachments:

- Nominating Committee members 2020/2021
- Slate of Candidates – Board Elections
- Program Planning and Events Committee 2020/2021 Local Program
- Proposed Budget for 2020/2021
- Proposed bylaws changes
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