

## LWVSA — Annual Membership Meeting — 17 May 2022 — Minutes

PRESENT (in order of introductions): Ann Murphy, Susan Irwin, Dawn Bayman, Jean Alliman, Jennifer Calvert, Becky Dickerhoof, Pamela Joyner, April May, Beth Pellicciotti, Dawn Shuster, Allison Wells, Christine Clark, Mary Hughes, Carol Landa-McVicker, Susie Hokonson, Darla Austerman, Jan Wingenroth, Liz Russell, Katie Sutch (Arc of Spokane), Sylvia Oliver, Mike Bell, Carol Gauper, Lunell Haught, Elaine Harger, Elaine Sweet, Marilyn Darilek, Jennifer Montgomery, Lin McGinn, Sally Phillips, Amy Compestine, Linda Milsow, Janet Katz, Ann Bailor

Meeting Called to Order at 5:57 p.m.

Land Acknowledgement

Credentials Report – April May, LWVSA Director Membership — We have 31 people, which constitutes a quorum (10% of members). The meeting can conduct business.

Speaker (video) – Dr. Deborah Turner, LWVUS 20th President of national League — “Democracy is never guaranteed.”

Year in Review – Highlights of 2021-22 — LWVSA goals are to further league impact, nurture members, and strengthen organizational capacity. League programs from last year were on redistricting, DEI, legislation, homelessness and housing, civics education, KSPS civics bowl, and regenerative agriculture. League members wrote letters, op-ed pieces, and gave testimony on various local issues. Members also engaged in statewide lobbying.

- Voter Service report by Becky D. — “Be a Voter” with bookmarks and yard signs; voter registration at farmers markets, schools, community centers; tabling events at Unity in the Community, Earth Day, Family Fun Day; candidate forums; updated TRY (they represent you) flyers.
- Civics Education report by Beth P. — Voter registration at high schools and at new citizen ceremonies; SCC Act 2 class; Civics Bowl with KSPS.

### BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes of 2021 Annual Meeting were approved last year by review committee. Ann has appointed a review committee for minutes of this 2022 Annual Meeting: Carol Landa-McVicker, Jennifer Calvert, and Mary Hughes.

**MOTION #1 to adopt annual meeting agenda. Moved by Sylvia O. seconded by Jean A.  
VOTE: Approved**

**MOTION #2 to adopt annual meeting rules, and follow parliamentary procedures. Moved by Sylvia O. and seconded by Beth P.  
VOTE: Approved**

Introduction of Parliamentarian, professional parliamentarian Ron Dickerhoof, who will ensure that we follow parliamentary procedure.

Bylaw Amendments presented by April M. at 6:15 p.m.

**MOTION #3 moved by April M. and seconded by Sylvia O.**

**Motion #3 – Move to Accept amendments to Article VII Meetings Section 2. Annual Meeting:**

- A. Adopt local program (See Article IX-Program)
- B. Elect officers, directors, and members of the Nominating Committee (See Article VIII-Nominations & Elections)
- C. Adopt an adequate budget (See Article VI-Financial Administration)
- D. Approve Amendments to the Bylaws (See Article XII-Amendments)
- E. Transact such other business as may properly come before it

**Discussion:** Marilyn D. asked for clarification on “adequate budget.” Christine comments that “appropriate” as better term. Only blue highlighted text is under discussion as Motion #3.

MOTION to close debate moved by Becky D. — APPROVED

**MOTION #3 — APPROVED**

**Motion #4 – Move to Accept Amendment to Article V - Officers Section:  
New #2**

**2. Ex officio Role: Immediate Past President may serve on the board in an advisory, nonvoting capacity for one year.**

**Discussion** re Motion #4 Lunell appreciates the motivation behind the motion, but says that a bylaw amendment might not be necessary. During transitions it is common for outgoing officer serve in informal manner and the by-laws already provide for appointments to the board.

Liz suggests amendment to replace “may serve on the board” with “may, at invitation of the board, serve in an advisory, nonvoting capacity for one year.”

**MOTION to AMEND #4: Moved by April M. and seconded by Katie S.**

Discussion — NONE

**MOTION to AMEND: APPROVED**

**Discussion** on MOTION AS AMENDED: Sylvia notes that the amended motion still allows the board to appoint past officers to the board. Marilyn suggests that the timeframe for the invitation can be omitted. Becky notes that, even without this motion, past officers can still be appointed to the board. Beth supports the language with “one year.” Lin offers grammatical changes.

**MOTION to TABLE MOTION #4 to the next Annual Meeting moved by Becky and seconded by Marilyn.**

**VOTE to TABLE — APPROVED**

Finance Report begun at 6:40 p.m.

Mike Bell, Treasurer, reported that LWVSA had projected to have 126 members by this time. We are now at 128.

**Questions:** Katie S. asked why we will not have ballot translations for mid-term election. Becky replied that the cost is high, so League decided against. We had a grant in 2020 to pay for translations. Mike explained that LWVSA is a 501C4, which means donations not tax-deductible, but Ed Fund is a 501C3 where donations are tax-deductible. Ed Fund has supported Civics Bowl, Be a Voter, South Side Senior Center event. Finance reports are published monthly to our website. Dawn S. asks about money to senior center and where it should be reported on the budget.

Budget Assumptions reported by Dawn Shuster, Budget Committee Chair and informed the members that the League might have to raise local dues if national decides to raise percentage of dues that get transferred to it.

**MOTION #5 to approve proposed budget as printed in The Call. Moved by Mike and seconded by Dawn S.  
APPROVED**

BREAK at 7:00

Program of work presented at 7:05 p.m.

Sylvia O, Program Chair, described what local committees we have; explained the League's practice regarding studies and actions, noting that a local can propose a study. League policy is made from these studies.

- Dawn S. reported on Housing/Homelessness committee activities: testimony at City Council; op-ed piece in Spokesman-Review; Feb. membership meeting program. Currently involved with Trent shelter.
- Amy C. reported on Environmental Issues Comm: gave input on Spokane Sustainability Action Plan; April membership meeting on regenerative agriculture, home composting, and CO2 reduction competition.
- Ann M. reported on county government and redistricting for new 5 county commissioners.

## ▶ **#6 Move to Adopt Recommended Program Items as outlined in The Call.**

- ▶ **Recommendation: Continue on-going Standing Program Committees - Affordable Housing/Homelessness, Criminal Justice, Environmental Issues, County Government-Redistricting, Healthcare as outlined in Program of Work chart.**
- ▶ **Recommendation: Continue on-going priorities - Voter Services (registration and GOTV; Voter education), Observer Corps, Civics Education**

DISCUSSION & QUESTIONS: Two areas were removed: criminal justice and Healthcare. Marilyn noted that upcoming elections will focus strongly on criminal justice, and that in previous years the League has surveyed membership with ranked choice voting to determine priorities. Can that be done? Ann M. we did have robust criminal justice committee, but all of a sudden members left and committee disappeared. Sylvia said that if someone wants to take on these issues, they just need to step forward, and reminded everyone that the League is not the only game in town, other groups working on criminal justice.

**MOTION #6 AS CORRECTED Moved by Sylvia O. and seconded by Carol L-M**  
**VOTE: Approved, 27 yes; 0 no**

## ► #7 Move to re-adopt Current Position Statements in the Member Handbook

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DISCUSSION & QUESTIONS: Marilyn asks how these positions jive with the local's strategic plan. Ann M. example, in municipal government section the League has a position that is not reflected in reality. But these positions are things we can act on. If position needs to be updated, a new study will be needed. Carol replied that we need to do a study regarding education, K-College. Ann, state has positions on early ed, not sure about post-secondary. Katie wants to encourage League to include disabled in positions. Ann, need to look also at state and national positions to see about inclusion of disabled. Katie, verbiage is not highlighted in the positions. Christine referenced ADA. Ann, if we don't re-adopt position statements, we can't use them.

**MOTION #7 Moved by Sylvia and seconded by Jean A.**  
**VOTE: APPROVED, 26 yes; 0 no**

BREAKOUT GROUPS at 7:40 p.m.

LEADERSHIP REPORT at 7:50 p.m.

Ann M. gave thanks to 2020-21 officers

Nominating Committee – Jean Alliman introduced 2022-2023 Candidates

### ► Report of Nominating Committee - Jean Alliman(Chair), Amy Connolly Schmidt, Elaine Harger

Leadership Team - April May, Lin McGinn, Sylvia Oliver

Treasurer - Michael Bell

Directors (two-year term)

Dawn Bayman

Jennifer Montgomery

Alison Wells

Directors (one-year term)

Pamela Joyner

Liz Russell

Nominating Committee: Marilyn Darilek(chair), Laura Heister (member)

**Motions #8 and #9** Nominations from the floor — None (MOTIONS #8 and #9 were not needed as there were no nominations from the floor)

- ▶ **#10 Move the election of the 2022-23 Board Officers and Directors as presented (or amended): Leadership Team - April May, Lin McGinn, Sylvia Oliver; Treasurer - Michael Bell  
Directors (two-year term) - Dawn Bayman, Jennifer Montgomery, Alison Wells; and Directors - (one-year term) Pamela Joyner, Liz Russell**

**MOTION #10**

**Moved by Jean A. and seconded by Elaine H.**

**VOTE: APPROVED 22 yes; 0 no**

- ▶ **#11 Move the election of the 2022-23 Nominating Committee:  
Marilyn Darilek (chair) and Laura Heister(member)**

**MOTION #11 Moved by Jean A. and seconded by Sylvia O.**

**VOTE: APPROVED 22 yes, 0 no**

CLOSING at 7:59 p.m.

- Comments from President Ann Murphy
- Sylvia thanks to Ann and presentation of gift; April dittos Sylvia and asks for support from the membership for new leadership team.
- Lin thanks Ann M. and Ann Bailor who is leaving Spokane for Minnesota, wildfire smoke is the problem. Lin also wants to hear from members about any concerns with the League.
- Marilyn and Katie interested in attending the board meeting. How does that happen? Sylvia will send the Zoom link.
- Christine notes that living in Deer Park area expresses appreciation that the League is for Spokane area, not just Spokane. Becky would like help getting LWVSA yard signs in Deer Park, and says donations to ed fund help pay for more signs and activities.
- Contact [sylvia.oliver@gmail.com](mailto:sylvia.oliver@gmail.com) for Zoom link to board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Elaine Harger 5/19/2022

Reviewed by Ann Murphy, Carol Landa-McVicker, Jennifer Calvert, Mary Hughes

Finalized 6/5/2022