



**League of Women Voters of Santa Cruz County
Board Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2025**

Call to order: Barbara Lewis called the online meeting to order at 10:02 am.

Board members present: Barbara Lewis, Jane Cohen, Laura Grossman, Pam Newbury, Marilyn Radisch

Others present: Ann Havlik (LWV Coach from San Luis Obispo)

Absent with notification: Pamela Peterson, Mindy Ryan

Absent: Denise Gurer

Minutes of the Board Meeting held October 8, 2025 were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: as submitted by Pamela Peterson

- Total funds available as of 10/31/25 is \$12,378.92.
- According to West Coast Community Bank, our minimum checking balance to avoid transaction fees is \$2500; although our interest checking account is no longer offered, our account terms were grandfathered.
- Membership income received during October was from one new (online) and four renewing (USPS) members.
- Three contributions to LWVSCC general fund were received from members. These contributions were received by check, thus no Stripe processing fees were applied.
- Our biennial Statement of Information for California Corporations (form SI-100) was filed and accepted.

October's push for renewals resulted in four checks mailed to our local LWVSCC PO Box. These checks (made out to LWVUS) are then mailed to National for processing. National deposits the checks and electronically distributes the funds to State and Local Leagues. No Stripe processing fees are assessed. This process takes about 14 days. We enter members' information into the roster and a payment form in ChapterSpot when the checks are received by us, and members are listed but considered as "Payment Pending" until National receives the checks.

President's Report: Barbara Lewis

No report this month. Barbara stated that she has been performing her routine presidential duties as required.

Membership Report: Laura Grossman

59 Total members includes : 1 Life Member and 2 New Members including 1 Transfer
We were not notified of the transfer member until I noticed her name and Colorado address on the Roster. LWV replied that we needed to reach out and request updated addresses as she did request a transfer to our League. Marilyn did so and also sent out the VOTER along with our website information.

Apparently the one time QR code that National sent out to all expired members did not result in any new membership locally. We did receive 4 renewals when Marilyn sent out offline renewal membership forms again. She will attempt another email and call to the late renewals.

Discussion of the Membership Report:

Laura will check on the reported transfers of Donna Baldani and Rose Cottrell. She mentioned not seeing Donna Baldani on the LWV portal. Approximately 20 previously included members have been dropped from our Portal roster due to non-timely renewal (over 90 days) since of membership fees. Also, there have been inconsistencies in the local roster listings and difficulties transferring members from the Portal to the Mailchimp app. Pam Newbury agreed to help Marilyn Radisch investigate these issues as they affect both the membership roster as well as the distribution of the VOTER.

In response to a query about distributing a local membership roster, Barbara Lewis reported that LWVUS advises against this since some members may use the list to make contacts that further political goals.

Barbara Lewis reported that some members have indicated that they do not want to utilize digital access to LWV publications or online payment of dues. Laura indicated that she would continue to accommodate those members by mailing forms, accepting checks and making phone calls as needed.

Program Report: Pam Newbury

The October 12th Information Meeting about California's Proposition 50 vote was successful although attendance was low.

Pam recommended that Marilyn Radisch send a reminder to local members on November 17 encouraging:

- Attendance to the joint AAUW-LWV Equity and Education program featuring speaker Dr. Faris Sabbah on Saturday, November 22, 2025 from 10:15 a.m.-noon at the Aptos Library. Marilyn agreed to take notes at this event.
- Attendance and RSVP for the Pure Water Soquel Tour on January 24th. RSVP is mainly for estimating the number of attendees.

VOTER Report: Marilyn Radisch

Marilyn sent the November VOTER to LWVSCC members via her personal email due to problems with Mailchimp. She will work on resolving these issues with Pam Newbury and Laura Grossman.

Publicity Report: Mindy Ryan

No report due to Mindy's absence today.

Webmaster Report: Denise Gurer

Minutes and Newsletter

- Uploaded September minutes to [LWVSCC website](#) and LWVSCC google drive
- Uploaded November VOTER to [LWVSCC website](#) and LWVSCC google drive

Front Page

- Added article on front page about Unite and Rise 8.5

Events

- None added this month

Unfinished Business:

There is no unfinished business.

New Business:

Pamela Peterson submitted a request that we discuss the need to maintain our PayPal account in the future. The conclusion of this discussion was that due to the difficulties of using PayPal and the low incidence of our need to collect money from members, we should consider dropping our PayPal account. Board members are encouraged to investigate alternative options and report findings to the board.

Announcements:

There were no announcements.

The board members confirmed their preference that the next LWVSCC Board meeting be held online on December 10, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. They also indicated a desire to plan an in person Spring Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

Jane Cohen, LWVSCC Secretary