

# **LWW** LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS<sup>®</sup> OF WELLESLEY

## **Annual Meeting Workbook**

April 2019

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### **The League of Women Voters of Wellesley**

Invites you to its  
**81st Annual Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 15th, 2019**

6:00 pm Wine and Hors d'oeuvres  
6:30 pm Potluck Dinner

Home of Helen Stewart  
166 Winding River Road

R.S.V.P by May 13th to Irene Flint at [ireneflint1@gmail.com](mailto:ireneflint1@gmail.com) or 508-545-2374  
Tell her what you will be bringing.

Details on page 2

### **Directions to 166 Winding River Road**

It's about 6 minutes to Helen's home from the center of Wellesley.

From the junction of Rt. 16 and Rt. 135 near the Village Church, get onto Washington Street (Route 16), head past St. Andrew's towards Wellesley College.

Take a left onto Dover Road and go up the hill with the golf course on your right.

The third right will be  
Livingston Road.

Continue on Livingston for  
about 1/2 mile.

The house will be on your  
right.



### **Annual Meeting Agenda 2019**

\*\*\*Please Bring This Workbook With You!\*\*\*

- 6:00 Wine & Hors d'oeuvres
- 6:30 Pot Luck Dinner
- 7:15 Dessert and Meeting Call to Order –  
President – Anne Rippy Turtle  
Secretary – Ellen Hallett  
Committee of three to read 2019 AM Minutes  
– TBA
- 7:30 Treasurer's Report – Jenny Zannetos  
Budget Adoption – Irene Flint
- 7:45 Program Re-adoption – Ann-Mara Lanza
- 8:00 Presentation of New Slate – Althea Glick
- 8:15 Directions to the Board from Members
- 8:40 Remarks from the Co-Presidents
- 9:00 Adjourn

# Letter from the President

Dear Members,

Major accomplishments this year include offering many voter registration events, participating in a state-sponsored Ballot Question Study, and sponsoring LWV-only and public events. Your Board members have worked hard and enthusiastically on these and many other efforts. You will find our year's highlights throughout the Annual Meeting Workbook.

Themes in our work have included:

- \* Election Security: Threats and Solutions - the opening meeting featuring nationally recognized cyber security expert, Babara Simons
- \* Voter Service: voter registration, educating voters on issues, "How to Run for Public Office," Meet the Candidates Night, and Town Meeting Prep Sessions
- \* Recycling challenges: Jeff Azano-Brown, Superintendent of Wellesley's Recycling and Disposal Facility (RDF) sponsored with the Unitarian Universalist Society and Sustainable Wellesley
- \* Women's Suffrage: presentation by Barbara Berenson, author of "Massachusetts in the Woman Suffrage Movement: Revolutionary Reformers," sponsored jointly with the Wellesley Free Library
- \* Legislative Updates: monthly reports from our legislative specialist and lunch with State Representative, Alice Peisch, and State Senators Cynthia Creem and Rebecca Rausch

\* Town Communications: Meet-Up, fostering increased communications between town residents and elected officials

\* Town-wide visibility: increased publicity about our events in newspapers and on social media, and participating in the Annual Veterans' Parade

In January the League of Women Voters of Wellesley was honored by The Wellesley Townsman as a Townsman 10. As reasons for this nomination, the Wellesley Townsman staff cited many of our activities and concluded with "Now, more than ever, the work of both the national and local LWV is vital to maintaining a healthy democracy."

As we look toward the next 12 months, town issues continue to focus on 40B housing, the new housing production plan, and plans for three elementary schools, Hardy, Hunnewell and Upham.

As the new Board takes office, I urge members to become involved as time and interest permits. Remember that we depend partially on word-of-mouth to add new members. I am grateful for the support we receive from our local cable network, Wellesley Public Media, making it possible to record and sometimes live stream our public meetings.

Thank you to the Board for your support during the past year. With many hands and heads we have accomplished a lot.

Best regards,

Anne Rippy Turtle  
President, 2018-2019

## WHAT IS ANNUAL MEETING AND WHY SHOULD I BE THERE?

Most groups need an organizational plan and the League of Women Voters is no different. On the National and State levels there are Conventions every two years. On the local level, there is the Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting is a chance to get together with one another, relax with some good food and wine, look at what we did in the past year and plan for next year. We need to adopt a budget for the coming year, elect a new Board and talk about what you, our members, want to see League involved with in the coming year.

We hope most of our Board members will be there but we also need at least 12 non-Board League members to have the quorum needed to conduct official business. Feel free to invite prospective members as well. Sign up with Irene Flint (see directions elsewhere on this page) and we'll see you on May 15th.

## Join us on Wednesday, May 15th

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6:00 Wine and Hors d'oeuvres  
6:30 Potluck dinner

**Please bring**  
hors d'oeuvres for 4-6 people  
**or**  
a main dish for 4-6 people  
**or**  
a side salad for 4-6 people  
**or**  
a dessert for 4-6 people  
**or**  
a bottle of wine

**RSVP by May 13th to Irene Flint at  
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# REPORTS OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

## A Community Conversation on Transgender Equality

The LWVW co-sponsored “A Community Conversation on Transgender Equality” on Oct. 14th. We partnered with the World of Wellesley, the Unitarian Universalist Society of Wellesley Hills, and Temple Beth Elohim. The event was also co-sponsored by the Wellesley Village Church, Wellesley Hills Congregational Church, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Wellesley Friends Meeting, OUT MetroWest, Keshet and Freedom For All Massachusetts. There was a panel of four main speakers, including two transgender individuals and two cis-gender allies, with time for questions and answers from the audience. The program was taped by Wellesley Media for rebroadcast later. It was held at Temple Beth Elohim and was very well attended.

The main purpose was to provide an educational opportunity for the community to learn about the challenges of living in Massachusetts as a transgender person viewed from several different perspectives. We also explored the threat to transgender rights posed by a November 6th ballot question that wanted to repeal the current state law protecting transgender rights. We pointed out how voters could easily misunderstand the wording of the ballot question that was asking if voters **supported** the existing law. This required a Yes vote on ballot question 3, a position the LWVMA supported. The ballot question passed by a large margin.

## Opening Meeting

On Tuesday, October 16, we gathered at the Wellesley Free Library for our Opening Meeting, “Election Security: Threats and Solutions.” Our speaker was Barbara Bluestein Simons, a voting cyber security expert, who has been on the Board of Advisors of the US Election Assistance Commission since she was appointed by Senator Reid in 2008 and is currently chair of the Verified Voting Foundation, a non-partisan, non-profit organization that advocates for legislation and regulation to promote accuracy, transparency and verifiability of elections. Barbara’s talk attracted a wide range of people from Wellesley and the surrounding communities, who engaged in a lively discussion about how to best safeguard our voting system. Some members of the audience were so engaged in the discussion that we had to request that attendees limit their remarks to allow others a chance to speak!

## Wellesley Meet-Up

Our fall “Meet-Up: Informal Conversations with Elected Officials” was held on Thursday, November 8, at the Wellesley Hills Branch Library. Once again, this event brought together representatives from almost all the elected boards in town, to chat with residents of Wellesley. The School Committee had an unavoidable conflict, so members of the School Building Committee attended in their place. As building of new elementary schools is one of the biggest projects on the town’s docket, this development was well received by attendees. The discussion was lively and many connections were made. A valued benefit of the meet-up continues to be the conversations between members of different boards. The meet-up was wonderfully organized by LWVW government specialists: Ann-Mara Lanza, Paul Criswell, Beth Sullivan Woods, Catherine Johnson, Raina McManus, and Melissa Martin. Due to the business of the town election season (with 5 contested races) we decided not to host a second meet-up this year.

## Berenson Lecture

In honor of Women’s History Month, Barbara Berenson was the featured speaker on the history of the Woman Suffrage Movement in Massachusetts; her talk at the Wellesley Free Library on March 14, 2019 was co-sponsored by the LWVW and the Library. An engaging storyteller, Barbara recapped the highlights of the woman suffrage movement in her new book, *Massachusetts in the Woman Suffrage Movement: Revolutionary Reformers*. The story began in 1837 with the first convention of the Boston Female Anti-Slavery Society in 1837 and led to the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution on August 18, 1920, more than 80 years later. Barbara captivated her audience leaving them more informed and wishing they could have heard even more about this important movement in US history. Thanks to Wellesley Media for taping the program and posting it on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mTXQadl4SNY>.

## Brown Bag Lunches in 2018-2019

A Brown Bag Lunch is a long standing tradition in the Wellesley LWV. It is an opportunity for members to get together to learn about a topic of interest in town. This year we held 2 Lunches and 1 Dessert event.

Our first Lunch was in September at Barbara McMahon’s home with Michael Zehner, the Planning Director, and Catherine Johnson, Chair of the Planning Board. They gave us an update on the status of various proposed 40B developments in town and told us more about the recently completed Housing Production Plan which should help Wellesley move closer to its affordable housing goals.

Our second lunch was at the end of March and we invited all three of Wellesley’s State legislators to meet with us - State Senator Creem; newly elected State Senator Rausch and long-time State Representative Alice Peisch. The three legislators informed the group about bills they have filed and issues they are working on. Each described her journey to becoming a state legislator. A broad range of topics was discussed including: the environment, renewable energy, education, taxes, voting rights, transportation and the census.

Our Dessert with RDF Director Jeff Azano-Brown was sponsored with the Unitarian Universalist Society and Sustainable Wellesley. It was held at the Unitarian church, was recorded by Wellesley Media for rebroadcast and was attended by close to 70 people who were interested in hearing about the current state of world wide recycling.

--Irene Flint, Ann-Mara Lanza & Anne Rippy Turtle

# LWVW Voter Service Report, FY2018-2019

## ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS:

**Voter Registration:** 19 individual LWVW volunteers helped register over 1700 new voters at one or more of 11 events at 7 sites. Naturalization Ceremonies, Lowell (with LWV of Greater Haverhill). An average of 5-6 LWVW volunteers greeted 995 new citizens and registered 450 voters at each of 4 ceremonies: August 22, 2018, January 15, 2019, February 20, 2019. Upcoming: June 5, 2019. September 25, 2018 National Voter Registration Day, 3 sites: Wellesley High School (6 volunteers, 58 registrations/preregistrations), Mass General (with LWVBoston) (2 volunteers, 200+ registrations), WFL Hills Branch (4 volunteers, no registrations). September 26, 2018: Mass Bay Community College (3 volunteers, 10 registrations) October 2, 2018: Waterstone of Wellesley (3 volunteers, 10 registrations) October 14, 2018: at Ballot Question 3 Transgender Rights forum (2 volunteers, 1 registration) February 5, 2019: WHS, 6 volunteers, 64 registrations/preregistrations)

**How to Run for Local Public Office** November 28, 2018 attended by 20 potential candidates, featured presentations by KC Kato, Town Clerk, and Don McCauley, Moderator, on how Wellesley's government works and how to campaign. LWVW provided copies of the Candidates Handbook 2019 (see below) to all potential town-wide office and TMM candidates at this event and provided extra copies to the Town Clerk's office. The evening generated 3 new LWVW members.

**Meet The Candidates Night** February 28, 2019. With the help of more than 25 LWVW members, the evening's program, broadcast live, spotlighted candidates' views to inform voter choice. The 150+ SRO crowd reflected strong interest in five contested town-wide and 5 contested precinct races.

**Election Guide** Five contested races, 20 candidates for town-wide races, and 101 candidates for town meeting were detailed in the 2019 Election Guide for the March 5 town election. 87% of the candidates participated by submitting their background and response to a LWVW question through the online Vote411 system. The trio of Ann-Mara Lanza, Joan Savitt, and Ann Swanson managed from behind the scenes, with editing assistance from Irene Flint, Jenny Zannetos, and Ann Rappaport. The guide was both published in the February 28 Wellesley Townsman and available on-line, through the LWVW website. The online guide was promoted by candidates, supporters, and the Town Clerk. Three town meeting candidates who missed the deadline for the printed guide made the effort to add their responses to the online version. Expenses included membership in Vote411, the hiring of an editor to create the published version, and publication in the Townsman. All expenses were generously covered by a gift from Roche Bros. An interesting fact that we learn through publication of the guide each year is the circulation of the Wellesley Townsman. This year, the circulation increased a bit (reversing a many years long downward trend), requiring the printing of 3702 guides (which includes 150 extra copies for distribution at MTCN and the polling locations).

**Town Meeting Prep Sessions** (9/30/18, 3/21/19, 3/24/19): Organized by Barbara McMahon and Heather Sawitsky, these sessions are structured to allow Town Meeting Members to learn more about the issues coming before the Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meetings in a more relaxed format, and they give Town officials a better sense of citizen questions on pending items. Prep sessions are open to the public.

**Voter Service Outreach:** meeting with Michael Reidy, head of WHS Social Studies Dept, 9/28/2018 to offer LWVW support for civic engagement and education. As a result, 2 LWVW members volunteered to chaperone WHS students on Election Day, November 6 at Boston polling places for their Exit Poll Project as part of the WHS American Electoral Politics course.

**Rides to the Polls:** November 6, 2018 and March 5, 2019: 6 LWV members volunteered to drive voters to the polls.

**Pre-Primary Democratic Candidate Forum events** cosponsored with LWVs of Brookline, Needham, Newton and Wayland: August 10, 2018 - for the House of Representatives, 4th District - Kennedy/Rusinski. August 13, 2018 - for the Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex State Senate District - Aleksov/Katz/ Rausch.

**Ad Hoc Committee on Voter Turnout** 8/23/18. In conjunction with Town Clerk. Data analysis demonstrates that high percentage of Wellesley residents who are eligible to vote are registered. Students comprise 90% of the remaining group of unregistered voters. The Town Clerk will provide LWVW with updated voter turnout data after each election.

**Ad Hoc Committee on Town Government Organization Guide:** January 9, 2019 in conjunction with Town Clerk and Communications Manager. Objective: to develop a LWVW-authored 3-4 page summary of how town government works, to be available online. A WHS student was recruited to assist with technical design.

## LWVW-authored EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AND PUBLICATIONS:

**Town Government Handbook:** a Guide for Elected and Appointed Officials 2019: As part of the LWVW's commitment to encourage informed and active participation in government, the LWVW Voter Service team updates and distributes the TGH to all newly elected and

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appointed town-wide officials and new town meeting members. Includes town organization, how town meeting works; role of advisory; warrant, filing of motions; financial structure of the town; personnel motions; how to become a public official; guidelines for committees and for conduct at town meeting.

### **Annual Town of Wellesley Election Candidates**

**Handbook 2019:** prepared in conjunction with the Town Clerk to encourage participation in town government. Includes candidate checklist, election calendar, offices on the ballot with terms, descriptions of each board's composition, authority and frequency of meetings; campaign finance information.

**Town Government Overview:** one-page summary in the resource section of the Wellesley Phone Book.

### **Voter Service Goals for FY2019-2020:**

- Complete and implement the Town Government Organization Guide
- Establish an editorial review committee to review and update LWWVW-authored educational materials and publications annually.
- Continue robust efforts in voter registration and voter engagement, utilizing LWWMA resources
- The addition of Kim Maire's publicizing skill in 2018 proved invaluable to enhance awareness and attendance at voter service activities. In the year ahead, we hope to improve civic engagement through creative use of all forms of communication including social media.

—Erry Johnson, Vice President, Voter Service

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## **Marketing & Public Relations Report**

The Board created a director of marketing and publicity position for League events and appointed Kim Maire to fill that seat at its December 2018 meeting. Duties for the position include the support and promotion of LWWVW activities through social media, traditional press outlets, flyers, email announcements and other channels. Over the past few months:

- A template for a marketing timeline was established so each event could be promoted in a systematic way.
- A contact list was developed and will be continually updated to include groups that the League would like to include in our events.
- Announcements on the Facebook group What's Up Wellesley have been stepped up to reach their members, which number over 6,000.
- An Instagram account has been established to reach a broader demographic audience.

Board members have expressed the view that attendance at recent events has increased - it was standing room only at this year's Meet the Candidates Night - and to further boost the LWWVW profile, goals include adding a Twitter account, getting more articles for the local press to highlight League work, and planning for the centennial celebrations next year.

—Kim Maire, Director of Marketing & Publicity

## **LWWVW e-Newsletter**

Our iContact newsletter is sent approximately once per month, usually in the week following the monthly Board meeting. Currently, 172 contacts consisting of 106 Wellesley League members, 63 League Friends and 3 media organizations (Swelllesley Report, Townsman and Wellesley Media) are receiving the newsletter. About 55% of the newsletter recipients open it each month, roughly twice the industry average for email newsletters. We also use iContact to publicize specific Wellesley League events, such as Opening Meeting and Meet the Candidates Night.

## **LWWVW website**

The Wellesley League transitioned from the "League Easy Web" (LEW) web platform to MyLO in September 2017 and was the third MyLO site in Massachusetts. The platform continues to grow, with over one hundred leagues currently using it across the country including seven MA leagues. Last year, we implemented a "Members Only" part of the website which contains private materials - member contact information, Board meeting minutes etc. - for the benefit of LWWVW members. The League website had 1,567 pageviews (715 unique) during the month leading up to the midterm election (October 1 to November 7, 2018) with Google, the newsletters, Wellesley Media, and the Swellesley Report pushing the most traffic to our website. The Members Only page of the website was the "stickiest" in that time frame with each visitor spending over three minutes looking at it.

—Ann Rappaport  
Director, e-Newsletter and Website

## **Ballot Question Process Study**

Every two years Massachusetts voters may be called upon to vote whether or not to enact new laws, amend the Constitution, or repeal new laws through ballot questions. Citizen-initiated ballot questions enable residents of the State of Massachusetts to participate directly in their government.

As a part of the statewide LWWV initiative to study the Ballot Question Process, a LWWVW study group was formed last summer. Chaired by Susan Clapham and Irene Flint, the group met regularly throughout the fall of 2018. A consensus meeting was held January 13, 2019 at the Wellesley Free Library; study group members presented nearly 20 questions to those attending. After discussion and evaluation of each question, the results of the meeting were submitted to the LWWVW Board in February for approval. This approved version was submitted in mid-February to LWWMA to become part of the information used to formulate new State positions on the ballot question process. The State Study Committee drew up its final version of these new positions to be presented to the delegates for adoption at State Convention in June 2019. After formal adoption the State League can utilize these positions if they decide to lobby on a particular issue or actively work to effect a change in current law.

Many thanks to all who participated: Marlene O'Brien, consensus meeting facilitator; Ellen Hallett, consensus meeting recorder; and in particular to hardworking committee members Laura Brown Mackinnon, Althea Glick, Anne Rippy Turtle (ex officio) and Ann Rappaport. Ann's time and efforts in preparing the PowerPoint presentation were especially appreciated!

—Susan Clapham & Irene Flint, Co-Chairs

## Legislative Envoy Program Tanya Roy, Legislative Envoy

The Legislative Envoy Program is a new initiative introduced by LWVMA in 2018. This program formalizes the links between LWVMA's Legislative Action Committee and local leagues across MA. The goal is to enable more effective advocacy and action on LWVMA legislative priorities. Beneficial by-products of the Envoy program include the promotion of local Leagues, more engaged members in state issues, closer connections with legislators, and more impactful League efforts. Tanya Roy, our first Legislative Envoy for LWVMA, is serving in this pilot program along with about 20 other Envoys across the Commonwealth and spent time over the past year developing relationships with local legislators and coming up to speed on state League priorities. She attended several Advocacy Days throughout the year to advance League legislative priorities, met multiple times with legislators, both local and others, participated in numerous webinars and workshops to learn about the legislative process and lobbying. She also hosted a regional Envoy meeting where volunteers compared notes on their activities and provide feedback on the program. Envoys look forward to an action-filled year as the current legislative session provides ample opportunity to advance League priorities.

## The LWVMA is turning 100!

The LWVMA is formulating plans to celebrate the passage of the 19th amendment and the founding of the LWVUS and LWVMA. In so doing, LWVMA has established its 100th Anniversary Committee, charged with working with the state Board to develop a set of priorities and activities to guide the celebration. The Committee will make recommendations to the LWVMA Board for a possible signature event in Spring 2020 and a conference in Fall 2019. The Committee will develop a list of suggested activities and resources for local Leagues to use in celebrating and educating their communities and a list of events for which plans are being made by local Leagues and other groups throughout the Commonwealth.

## 2019 LWVMA CONVENTION *100 Years: Looking Back, Moving Forward*

The 2019 LWVMA Convention will be held Friday and Saturday, June 7, and 8, 2019, at the Westford Regency Inn and Conference Center in Westford, MA. Convention brings local League delegates together to hear distinguished speakers, approve program for the next biennium, elect a new board of directors, approve the budget, and network with leaders from across the state. The Wellesley League is entitled to send 5 delegates (these representatives have voting privileges). Other members without voting privileges may attend as observers. Members can come for both days, just one day, or for specific events—many registration options are available! We have allocated some funds in our budget for our LWVMA delegates. For more details about the convention please go to the LWVMA website, <https://lwmma.org/convention-june-7-and-8-2019-in-westford/>.

## *In Memoriam*

Joellen Toussaint, a Wellesley League member for over 50 years, past president, and long-time Board member, died on November 2, 2018. Known in the community as a strong and witty woman, Joellen served as a Town Meeting Member for more than 50 years. After working for 15 years at The Bookstall, a small, independent woman-owned bookstore in Wellesley Hills, she worked for 27 years at the Wellesley Free Library greeting patrons with a smile and often a witty quip. Through both the Library and the Council on Aging Joellen led community book groups. Joellen served as a lector at St. John the Evangelist Church. On Wellesley Media she co-anchored both "Wellesley This Week" and live election night coverage for many years. Joellen was honored as a Townsman 10 in 2011.

Joellen was a staunch supporter of the Tolles-Parsons Senior Center and served on the Board of the Council on Aging. She has been described as a wonderful role model and a joy to have as a friend. Many appreciated her dry and cryptic commentary on life and politics. Joellen's absence is deeply felt throughout the community.

## Proposed Slate for LWV Wellesley 2019-2020

The following slate of nominees for the 2019-2020 LWVMA Board of Directors and Nominating Committee is presented for a vote at the Annual Meeting. Nominations from the floor are also in order.

### Executive Board

Co-President	Susan Clapham
Co-President/Secretary	Ellen Hallett
Vice-President - Program	Ann-Mara Lanza
Vice-President - Voter Service	Erica Johnson
Treasurer	Jenny Zannetos

### Elected Directors

Program/Calendar	Irene Flint
Publicity/Marketing	Kim Maire
Newsletter/Website	Ann Rappaport
Legislative Envoy	Tanya Roy
Membership	Anne Rippy Turtle

### Nominating Committee

Marlene O'Brien	Ellie Perkins
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—Submitted by Althea Glick, Chair, Jean Childs & Ellen Hallett

# Annual Meeting Workbook

## Proposed FY'20 Budget July 2019 through June 2020

	Jul '19 - Jun 20
<b>Income</b>	
Dues	5,900.00
<b>Fundraising</b>	
Finance Drive	700.00
Grants	250.00
Member Donation	2,000.00
Phonathon	300.00
<b>Total Fundraising</b>	3,250.00
<b>Interest</b>	
Bank CDs	382.00
BOA - Checking&Money Market	3.50
<b>Total Interest</b>	385.50
Reserves Appropriation	756.00
Sponsorship/Donations	
Election Guide/MTCN	1,500.00
<b>Total Sponsorship/Donations</b>	1,500.00
<b>Total Income</b>	11,791.50
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>Fundraising Expenses</b>	
Finance Drive/Phonathon	55.00
<b>Total Fundraising Expenses</b>	55.00
<b>Meeting Expenses</b>	
Annual	50.00
Nat'l/State	500.00
Opening	200.00
Town Mtg Prep Sessions	25.00
Various Other	300.00
<b>Total Meeting Expenses</b>	1,075.00
<b>Operating Costs</b>	
Annual Mtg Workbook	450.00
Board	225.00
Communications/Outreach	300.00
Contributions/Honoraria	500.00
Membership/Directory	550.00
PMP - National	3,200.00
PMP - State	2,242.50
<b>Total Operating Costs</b>	7,467.50
<b>Program &amp; Action Advocacy</b>	
Local	50.00
Nat'l/State	100.00
<b>Total Program &amp; Action Advocacy</b>	150.00
<b>Special/Civic Projects</b>	200.00
<b>Voter Service</b>	
Banner	154.00
Election Guide/Vote411	1,050.00
Handbooks	220.00
Meet the Candidates Night	450.00
Naturalization Ceremonies	250.00
Vote Signs	125.00
WHS Book Awards	100.00
<b>Total Voter Service</b>	2,349.00
<b>Website - LWV Wellesley</b>	495.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	11,791.50
<b>Net Income</b>	0.00

## Budget Notes 2019-2020

### Income:

- **Dues** – reflects an increase in membership by five individuals based on the membership total of 95 individuals (out of a total of 113 members) provided to National on January 31, 2019
- **Finance Drive** – solicitation of supporters (not League members) conducted in the spring
- **Grants** – We anticipate applying for a grant from the Daniel Scharfman Citizen Education Grant program administered by the LWVMA Citizen Education Fund. This grant is awarded for citizen education and voter service events and programs.
- **Phonathon** – percentage of funds raised during fall fundraising drive for the State League
- **Bank CDs** – interest accrued from 1) six months of a \$2,500 one-year CD with an APY of 2.4% at Needham Bank to which we plan to add \$2,500 for the last six months of FY'20 and 2) a \$10,000 CD to be invested for 13 months at a projected APY of 2.68%
- **Election Guide/MTCN** – contribution from Roche Bros. which funds the Election Guide and Meet the Candidates Night (MTCN)

### Expenses:

- **Meeting Expenses** – Nat'l/State – to cover registration expense for LWVUS convention and/or LWVMA conference
- **Meeting Expenses** - Various Other – increase to \$300 to cover room rental expenses for our programs
- **Board** – to cover cost of Quickbooks software for treasurer
- **Communications/Outreach** – cost of iContact (for notifications sent to members via email), PR materials and outreach efforts to attract new members
- **Contributions/Honoraria** – for speakers as well as a donation to State League (typically from Phonathon proceeds)
- **PMP (Per Member Payment)** – National/State – based on membership as of January 31, 2019. We have projected National and State PMP rates to remain at \$32 per member and \$23 per member respectively.
- **Special/Civic Projects** – for unseen needs the League would like to address
- **Banner** – cost to change date on Vote banner hung at RDF for March town election
- **Handbooks** – production of Town Government Handbook provided to new Town Meeting Members and town elected officials and handbook produced for “How to Run for Town Office” program
- **Naturalization Ceremonies** – cost to provide flags and pens at one of Lowell's Naturalization Ceremonies where typically 500 - 1,000 new citizens are provided the opportunity to register to vote
- **Vote Signs** – cost of lamination for date signs as well as tape or sign stakes
- **Website** – LWV Wellesley – includes annual cost (\$400) of MyLO, the platform for our League website, as well as annual fee for .org and .com domain names
- Special thanks to the budget committee: Irene Flint, Erry Johnson and Anne Rippey Turtle

–Jenny Zannetos, Treasurer



# Annual Meeting Workbook

## Treasurer's Annual Report–Fiscal Year 2018-2019

### Account balances as of April 1, 2019:

#### Current Assets

Bank of America Checking/Savings	
Economy Checking	\$3,819.59
Business Interest Maximizer	15,709.13
MutualOne Bank 13 month CD	7,605.86 (includes interest earned through 12/31/18)
Needham Bank 1 Year CD	2,531.91 (includes interest earned through 12/31/18)
Total Checking/Savings/CDs:	\$29,666.49

As of April 1, 2019, the League's income year-to-date was \$10,991.72 and expenses totaled \$7,877.38 resulting in a surplus of \$3,114.34. Page 9 shows the actual income and expenses for the current fiscal year as of April 1 as well as this year's budgeted amounts. ***Below are the notes regarding income and expenses for FY'19:***

### Income

- **Finance Drive** – typically conducted in the late spring. This reflects donations from supporters (not League members) that came in during FY'19 and also includes a donation made to cover the cost of flags and pens purchased for February Naturalization Ceremony in Lowell where we offered new citizens the opportunity to register to vote.
- **Grants** – funds received from the LWVMA's Daniel Scharfman Citizen Education Grant Program (awarded for citizen education and voter service events) for the honorarium for Barbara Bluestein Simons, a voting cyber security expert, who spoke at our Opening Meeting in October.
- **Phonathon** – percentage of funds raised during fall/early winter drive for State League
- **Interest** – Bank CD's – interest earned as of December 31, 2018 from one \$7,500 CD invested for 13 months earning 2.0% and one \$2,531.25 CD invested for one year earning 2.4%.
- **Election Guide/MCN** – donation from Roche Bros. to support this publication and event

### Expenses

- **Finance Drive** – likely to be conducted late this spring
- **Phonathon** – mailing expenses associated with Phonathon conducted to raise money for LWVMA
- **Nat'l /State** – for State Convention registration fees – event to be held June 7 and 8
- **Opening Meeting** – Wakelin Room rental fee and refreshments
- **Various Other Meetings** – Room rental fees for 1) Ballot Process Study Consensus meeting and 2) Board planning meeting
- **Annual Meeting Workbook** – printing and mailing expenses are expected to be paid in late April
- **Communications/Outreach** – reflects 1) annual fee for iContact for monthly newsletter and 2) cost of outreach mailing to those who ran for town elected positions and Town Meeting in March
- **Contributions/Honoraria** – honorarium for Barbara Bluestein Simons (Opening Meeting speaker). Board will discuss our annual contribution to the State League at a spring board meeting.
- **Membership/Directory** – costs for dues notice mailed in September. Membership Directory printing and mailing will likely take place and be billed in June.
- **PMP-National** – fourth quarter payment of \$696 will be paid this spring. Actual PMP rate for National was not set until June '18 Convention and was projected to be set at a higher rate (\$33 instead of \$32).
- **Special/Civic Projects** – 1) "I Voted" stickers; 2) Vote Signs – dates signs, tape and stakes; 3) voter registration information; 4) flags and pens for new citizens at Lowell Naturalization Ceremony – funded by donation; 4) four books awards will be purchased for WHS juniors and seniors this spring.
- **Banner** – Vote banner date change for September primary.
- **Election Guide/Vote411** – Vote 411 software, typesetting/layout costs and Townsman printing.
- **Meet the Candidates Night** – Wakelin Room rental, program printing, /Fmoderator/custodians gifts
- **Town Gov't Handbooks** – cost to print for newly-elected Town Meeting Members and elected officials
- **Website** – includes annual cost of MyLo, our website platform (\$400), as well as .com and .org domain name fees

– Jenny Zannetos, Treasurer



# Annual Meeting Workbook

## League of Women Voters of Wellesley Budget vs. Actual July 2018 through March 2019

	Jul '18 □ Mar 19	Budget	\$ Over Budget
<b>Income</b>			
Dues	6,200.00	5,360.00	840.00
Fundraising			
Finance Drive	349.12	500.00	-150.88
Grants	250.00	250.00	0.00
Member Donation	2,265.56	1,500.00	765.56
Phonathon	331.00	300.00	31.00
<b>Total Fundraising</b>	<b>3,195.68</b>	<b>2,550.00</b>	<b>645.68</b>
Interest			
Bank CDs	92.84	125.00	-32.16
BOA - Checking&Money Market	3.20	4.00	-0.80
<b>Total Interest</b>	<b>96.04</b>	<b>129.00</b>	<b>-32.96</b>
Reserves Appropriation	0.00	819.30	-819.30
Sponsorship/Donations			
Election Guide/MCN	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
<b>Total Sponsorship/Donations</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>10,991.72</b>	<b>10,358.30</b>	<b>633.42</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Fundraising Expenses			
Finance Drive	0.00	15.00	-15.00
Phonathon	7.25		
<b>Total Fundraising Expenses</b>	<b>7.25</b>	<b>15.00</b>	<b>-7.75</b>
Meeting Expenses			
Annual	0.00	50.00	-50.00
Nat'l/State	0.00	465.00	-465.00
Opening	228.39	200.00	28.39
Town Mtg Prep Sessions	0.00	25.00	-25.00
Various Other	125.00	200.00	-75.00
<b>Total Meeting Expenses</b>	<b>353.39</b>	<b>940.00</b>	<b>-586.61</b>
Operating Costs			
Annual Mtg Workbook	0.00	375.00	-375.00
Board	0.00	25.00	-25.00
Communications/Outreach	196.37	200.00	-3.63
Contributions/Honoraria	250.00	400.00	-150.00
Membership/Directory	140.30	550.00	-409.70
PMP □ National	2,088.00	2,871.50	-783.50
PMP □ State	1,966.50	1,968.80	-2.30
<b>Total Operating Costs</b>	<b>4,641.17</b>	<b>6,390.30</b>	<b>-1,749.13</b>
Program & Action Advocacy			
Local	0.00	50.00	-50.00
Nat'l/State	0.00	100.00	-100.00
<b>Total Program &amp; Action Advocacy</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>150.00</b>	<b>-150.00</b>
Special/Civic Projects	644.50	225.00	419.50
Voters Service			
Banner	154.00	444.00	-290.00
Election Guide/Vote411	1,033.79	1,100.00	-66.21
Meet the Candidates Night	414.55	400.00	14.55
Town Gov't Handbooks	148.75	200.00	-51.25
<b>Total Voters Service</b>	<b>1,751.09</b>	<b>2,144.00</b>	<b>-392.91</b>
Website - LWV Wellesley	479.98	494.00	-14.02
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>7,877.38</b>	<b>10,358.30</b>	<b>-2,480.92</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>3,114.34</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,114.34</b>

# Annual Meeting Workbook

## League of Women Voters of Wellesley Budget vs. Actual July 2017 through June 2018

	Jul '17 - Jun 18	Budget	\$ Over Budget
<b>Income</b>			
Dues	5,410.00	5,380.00	30.00
<b>Fundraising</b>			
Finance Drive	810.00	700.00	110.00
Grants	200.00	200.00	0.00
Member Donation	1,616.07	1,000.00	616.07
Phonathon	213.50	300.00	-86.50
<b>Total Fundraising</b>	<b>2,839.57</b>	<b>2,200.00</b>	<b>639.57</b>
<b>Interest</b>			
BOA - Checking&Money Market	4.18	5.50	-1.32
MutualOne Bank CD	29.22		
Needham Bank - CD	85.69	93.75	-8.06
<b>Total Interest</b>	<b>119.09</b>	<b>99.25</b>	<b>19.84</b>
Reserves Appropriation	0.00	1,146.30	-1,146.30
<b>Sponsorship/Donations</b>			
Election Guide/MCN	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
<b>Total Sponsorship/Donations</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>9,868.66</b>	<b>10,325.55</b>	<b>-456.89</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>Fundraising Expenses</b>			
Finance Drive	0.00	25.00	-25.00
<b>Total Fundraising Expenses</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>25.00</b>	<b>-25.00</b>
<b>Meeting Expenses</b>			
Annual	0.00	50.00	-50.00
Nat'l/State	0.00	450.00	-450.00
Opening	200.00	200.00	0.00
Town Mtg Prep Sessions	0.00	25.00	-25.00
Various Other	196.58	200.00	-3.42
<b>Total Meeting Expenses</b>	<b>396.58</b>	<b>925.00</b>	<b>-528.42</b>
<b>Operating Costs</b>			
Annual Mtg Workbook	400.00	330.00	70.00
Board	90.94	225.00	-134.06
Communications/Outreach	47.20	250.00	-202.80
Contributions/Honoraria	350.00	400.00	-50.00
Membership/Directory	499.66	500.00	-0.34
PMP - National	2,752.00	2,752.00	0.00
PMP - State	1,928.56	1,928.55	0.01
<b>Total Operating Costs</b>	<b>6,068.36</b>	<b>6,385.55</b>	<b>-317.19</b>
<b>Program &amp; Action Advocacy</b>			
Local	0.00	50.00	-50.00
Nat'l/State	0.00	50.00	-50.00
<b>Total Program &amp; Action Advocacy</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-100.00</b>
<b>Special/Civic Projects</b>	<b>42.84</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>-157.16</b>
<b>Voters Service</b>			
Banner	148.00	600.00	-452.00
Election Guide/Vote411	1,089.57	1,250.00	-160.43
Meet the Candidates Night	486.19	250.00	236.19
Town Gov't Handbooks	178.02	300.00	-121.98
<b>Total Voters Service</b>	<b>1,901.78</b>	<b>2,400.00</b>	<b>-498.22</b>
<b>Website - LWV Wellesley</b>	<b>493.97</b>	<b>290.00</b>	<b>203.97</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>8,903.53</b>	<b>10,325.55</b>	<b>-1,422.02</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>965.13</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>965.13</b>

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of March 31, 2019,  
the LWV of Wellesley  
membership consists of 122  
members:

- 104 Individuals
- 10 Additional Household Members
- 3 Students
- 5 Lifetime Members (LWV members for 50 years or more)

Our newest members include Janet Britcher, Linda Chow, Kathie Clay, Linnea Garcia, Neal Goins, B. Emmy Harrison, Nicki Kessler, Tanya Kovacik, John Lanza, Nathan Lanza, Regina LaRocque, Anna Liss-Roy, Kim Maire, Jeanne Mayell, Deed McCollum, Sue McKay, Joel Montague, Suzanne Pelton, Ellie Perkins, Katherine Ruffin, Cynthia Scott, Donald Simonson, Charlene Smith, Phyllis Theermann, Mary Liz Van Dyck, Sally Warner Watts and Richard Watts, and Betsy Zahniser. We also welcome back Ellen Gibbs and Tim Fulham.

—Jenny Zannetos

# Annual Meeting Workbook

## League of Women Voters of Wellesley Annual Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2018 | 7:45-9:30 p.m.

Home of Helen Stewart | 166 Winding River Road, Wellesley, MA

Members present: Anne Rippy Turtle, President; Virginia Ferko, Irene Flint, Tim Flint, Althea Glick, Ellen Hallett, Ann Hile, Erica Johnson, Ellen Korpi, Ann-Mara Lanza, Bonnie Nothorn, Ann Rappaport, Tanya Roy, Joan Savitt, Marcia Testa Simonson, Helen Stewart, Ann Swanson, Joellen Toussaint, Lynne Uhl, Kathleen Woodward, Jenny Zannetos.

The meeting was called to order by President Anne Rippy Turtle at 7:45 p.m. A quorum was present.

### 1. Appointments

Parliamentarian: Virginia Ferko

Readers for the 2018 Annual Meeting minutes:

1. Virginia Ferko
2. Ann Rappaport
3. Ann Swanson

### 2. Budget Adoption

Treasurer's Report

Jenny Zannetos, Treasurer, presented an update on the current year Budget vs. Actual (July 1, 2017-April 1, 2018). She reported that the combined assets of the League of Women Voters of Wellesley (LWVW) as of April 1, 2018 - checking + savings accounts + two CDs - totaled \$27,837.37. She noted significant income sources (dues, grants, and finance drive, etc.) as well as significant expenses (publications, events, website, state and national League dues, etc.). Expenses for the remainder of the 2017-18 year are projected to be within budget and will not require use of reserve funds. Also, last year's (July 2016-June 2017) final Budget vs. Actual spreadsheet was presented in the workbook, with FY2016-17 ending on budget.

Jenny also reported on membership. Twelve new members joined this year and seven left the League resulting in a net gain of five new members. As of March 28, 2018, total membership was 101 members consisting of: 88 individuals, six households, six lifetime members and one student.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

VOTED: To accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

#### Budget Adoption

Irene Flint, Director, presented the proposed FY2018-19 budget. She reviewed significant income sources as well as major expenses and proposed a balanced budget of \$10,358.30.

After some discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve the FY2018-2019 budget as presented. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

VOTED: To adopt the FY2018-2019 budget as presented.

### 3. Program Re-adoption

Vice-president Ann-Mara Lanza stated that the program for the upcoming FY2018-2019 remains the same since the program adopted last year represented a thorough revision of LWVW positions. The LWVW does not take a position without having studied the issue and no new studies have taken place this year. The final approved program will be posted to the website. A motion was then made and seconded to re-adopt the current program. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

VOTED: To re-adopt the current LWVW program.

### 4. FY2018-2019 Nomination Slate

Althea Glick, Nomination Committee member, presented the FY2018-2019 Nomination Slate as follows:

#### Executive Board

President:	Anne Rippy Turtle
Vice-president	Ery Johnson
Vice-president	Ann-Mara Lanza
Secretary	Ellen Hallett
Treasurer	Jenny Zannetos

#### Elected Directors

Advisor	Joellen Toussaint
Newsletter/Website	Ann Rappaport
Program/Calendar	Irene Flint
Legislative Envoy	Tanya Roy

#### Nominating Committee

Jean Childs  
Althea Glick, Chair

A third member of the Nominating Committee will be appointed by the Board at its next meeting per the LWVW bylaws. A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2018-2019 Nomination Slate as presented. A single vote in favor of the motion was made by the Secretary.

VOTED: To accept the FY 2018-2019 Nomination Slate as recommended by the Nomination Committee.

### 5. Directions to the Board

#### Affordable Housing

The town has hired a consultant to assist in developing a housing production plan, which will outline steps for the town to take toward the 10% affordable housing requirement mandated by the state (MGL Chapter 40B). The town will gain greater ability to manage new housing development proposals if it begins to produce affordable housing pursuant to a state approved housing production plan. Wellesley needs to increase its affordable housing stock by approximately 350-400 units to meet the 10% affordable housing goal. Currently, the LWVW program has articulated broad positions on housing, e.g. under Land Use: "Support low and moderate-income housing, provided preferably by rehabilitation and use of existing buildings in scattered site locations with the buildings in character with others in the area." A Brown Bag Lunch focusing on this topic was suggested for next fall. Members interested in this matter were encouraged to attend the final housing production plan public forum on June 12, 2018.

The members also noted a major development project in town of the Tailby lot. Proposals for its development are currently under review.

#### Observer Corps

Anne invited members interested in a particular town issue to become "observers" at relevant town board or commission meetings. Through the observers' periodic reports, the LWVW membership would be kept up-to-date on the activities and priorities of that board or commission.

#### LWVW Website: "Members Only"

The new website platform has the capacity to create a "members only" section. Board members have been testing the function this year. The question was whether to expand access to all members, and if so, which documents should be posted there? The consensus of the group was to expand access and that useful content would include: the Membership Guide and Directory (provisions will be made for those who do not wish to have their personal information posted), board meeting minutes and materials and annual meeting bulletins. Ann Rappaport, Director of Newsletters and Website, agreed to provide access information to members over the summer.

#### LWVMA Study on Ballot Question Process

The LWVMA has launched a study of the Massachusetts Ballot Question Process headed by Karen Price of the LWV Needham. It has set a timetable of winter 2019 for local Leagues consensus meetings with completion of the study and final adoption in spring 2019. Study materials will be made available in June 2018. Each local League is encouraged to form a study committee. Anne invited interested members to contact her if they would like to participate in a LWVW study committee.

#### Town Meeting Electronic Voting Proposal

A proposal has been made to use an electronic vote counting system for town meetings (TM). The pros and cons of this proposal will be studied by a Moderator-appointed TM committee. The League has requested to be able to appoint a member to serve on the study committee; Marcia Simonson volunteered to serve as the LWVW representative.

#### Banner Replacement

The group discussed replacing the worn banner that is used to inform the community of upcoming primary and election dates. It was suggested that the replacement banner not include a specific date in order to eliminate the cost of changing the date for each event. This matter was referred to the board.

### 6. Remarks from the President

President Anne Rippy Turtle thanked the hostess for her hospitality and the League board and members for their ideas and interest in promoting the work of the LWVW over the past year. She also expressed thanks to Catherine Johnson for her service on the Board and her reports on Town Affairs provided with "insight and good humor." She further noted that 2018 is the LWVW's 80th anniversary, which was acknowledged by the Board of Selectmen with a resolution honoring the LWVW for "enduring service and commitment to the Town."

Anne then recounted the activities sponsored by the League from September 2017 through May 2018. Looking ahead to 2018-2019, she identified the following issues: 1) the LWVMA ballot question process study; 2) the new Legislative Envoy program, which board member Tanya Roy will participate in; 3) the Hunnewell-Hardy-Upham school discussions, which will continue to a major focus in town; and 4) an active Voter Services component working to register voters and to get out the vote for the midterm elections.

Anne was thanked for her dedication and leadership throughout the year and given a gift.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Hallett, Secretary



## LWVW CALENDAR OF EVENTS • MAY - JUNE 2019

- ★ **Tuesday, May 7**      **from 1 pm – 3 pm**  
LWVW BOARD MEETING, Home of Ellen Hallett, 62 Upson Road
- ★ **Wednesday, May 15**      **from 6 pm – 9 pm**  
LWVW ANNUAL MEETING, Home of Helen Stewart, 166 Winding River Road
- ★ **Friday, June 7**      **from 11:30 am - 10 pm &**  
★ **Saturday, June 8**      **from 7:30 am – 3 pm**  
LWVMA STATE CONVENTION – “100 Years: Looking Back, Moving Forward” at Westford Regency Inn & Convention Center, Westford, MA
- ★ **Wednesday, June 19**      **from noon – 2 pm**  
LWVW Board Meeting, Home of Susan Clapham, 3 Atwood Road



### **\*\*SAVE THE DATE FOR OPENING MEETING\*\***

Thursday, October 10, 7 – 9 pm – with Adam Friedman on Ranked Choice Voting

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