

# Report of the Nominating Committee

*Submitted by the 2022-2023 Nominating Committee: Amy Schmidt, chair, and Elaine Harger*

In the League of Women Voters, it is customary for a single slate of officers and directors to be presented at the Annual Meeting. One reason for a single slate is that candidates do not run on a platform or program. The League program and policies are determined by the membership. The board is obligated to carry out that program and follow those policies. Competition comes, not in voting for candidates, but in the selection of the program. **Once the slate is presented at the Annual Meeting, additional nominations may be received from the floor** (consent of the individual being nominated is required).

The nominations are presented to ensure sustained leadership with staggered terms and mentoring of new members.

The task of finding a slate of candidates this year was difficult — 11 of 11 board positions were open, half due to terms ending, half to resignations. The LWVSA bylaws require a board of four — two executive officers, a secretary and a treasurer. The Nominating Committee is pleased to put forward a slate of candidates, each of whom has expressed determination to meet the challenges and opportunities posed by the current state of our Local League.

## Slate for 2023-2024

### Executive Officers

Jean Richardson, president, 1-year term  
Pamela Joyner, vice-president, 2-year term

### Secretary

Carol Landa-McVicker, 2-year term

### Treasurer

Elaine Harger, 1-year term

**Director 1** — vacant 2-year term

**Director 2** — vacant 2-year term

**Director 3** — vacant 2-year term

**Director 4** — vacant 1-year term

### Nominating Committee 2023-2024, 1-year term

**Chair** — vacant  
**Member** — vacant  
**Member** — to be appointed by board

**Continuing on the board — none**

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### **Jean Richardson — President, 1-year term**

LWV — Member LWVSA since 2019. Jean led a book discussion group on *The State We're In*; functioned as a member of the Observer Corps; helped collect data for Vote411; has attended membership meetings and study consensus discussions; organized monthly teas; and attended board meetings.

Professional/Volunteer — Jean brings a host of experience and skills to the League including: training groups; leading meetings; organizing events; recruiting members; facilitating discussions; public speaking, event-focused fundraising, policy and procedure writing; governance model development; budgeting, building coalitions; editing newsletters; research; contract negotiations; court-based, interest-based mediation. Jean has extensive public speaking experience nationally and internationally on topics related to technology and liberal studies. She has managed multi-million dollar budgets; has served in various capacities in professional associations; and has worked in the software industry for over 30 years. She writes to elected officials. Jean wishes to focus her LWVSA involvement on social harmony, access to the vote, and civic engagement skills. She does not, by any means, regard herself as a tech guru, and regularly consults others more skilled than herself.

Personal — Jean grew up in central Washington, returning to Spokane from Portland, OR. She writes poetry, has published in several anthologies, and has two standard poodles, Frankie and Sammie.

### **Pamela Joyner — Vice-president, 2-year term**

LWV — Member of LWVSA since 2021. Elected to the Board of Directors for a one-year term in 2022. Pamela has participated in Lobby Week, is on the Environmental Issues Committee, and has registered people to vote.

Professional/Volunteer — Pamela works as an onsite event manager, often involving pop-up problem solving. Prior to moving to Eastern Washington in 2011, she was a docent at the Utah Museum of Natural History and the Utah State Historical Society, where she led student tours, trained new docents and served as a board member of Utah Museum Volunteers. Pam works in corporate travel coordinating and managing onsite events. She's worked in leisure travel as a tour guide/manager and in convention services. For four summers, she taught English teaching skills to Chinese teachers in Jiangsu Province. She enjoys all these activities and wants to use all her skills with LWV.

Personal — After retiring, Pamela relocated (escaped from Utah) to the Spokane area to be near family. She has 2 daughters, 1 son-in-law, 1 grandson, and 1 domestic-partner-in-law.

### **Carol Landa-McVicker — Secretary, 2-year term**

LWV — Member LWVSA since 1974, Carol has served on the Board of Directors and as Local League President. She helped facilitate the Waste to Energy Plant public forums, and was part of the state's Hanford study. She served as a State Coach when the national league had a membership development program; has engaged in voter registration; is a 2000 graduate of Leadership Spokane; and enjoys researching issues, policy discussions, and LWV processes. She responds faithfully to LWV "Calls for Action" at state and national levels.

Professional/Volunteer — After 25 years, Carol retired from Spokane County where she first worked as an assistant to Commissioner Patricia Mummey, a former LWV President, and later as a Senior Human Resource Analyst helping Department Heads and Elected Officials manage their workforce. Her involvement in local organizations includes serving on the boards of the YWCA, Community Colleges of Spokane, Girl Scouts, NewTech Academy, and Career Path Services. She has served as chair of CCS and the State Board of Community and Technical Colleges. Over the years she has advocated for many issues, most recently for higher education including technical training and apprenticeships with state and national elected officials as a member of the SBCTC. She was recognized as the Outstanding Advocate for Equity and Diversity by the State CC Trustees Assn. and in 2012 she was recognized nationally as the Pacific Region Trustee of the Year. Most recently she was elected Secretary of the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council.

Personal — Carol is a lifelong Spokaneite. She graduated from Stanford University (BA) and the University of Washington (MA), is an avid gardener, golfer, Gonzaga women's basketball fan and recently became a Master Composter. She enjoys summers with family at Priest Lake and spending time with her three sons and 6 grandchildren.

### **Elaine Harger — Treasurer, 1-year term**

LWV — Member LWVSA since October 2020. Board secretary since 2021. Member of the Education Committee (taught a civics class at Spokane Community College, does voter registration for high school civics classes, and helped write questions for this year's Civics Bowl). Member of the Environmental Issues Committee, recently attending planning meetings for the upcoming 50th anniversary of Expo74 celebrations.

Professional/Volunteer — Elaine is a retired librarian. Served two terms as an elected member of the American Library Association's governing council; participated on several school leadership teams; edited a journal for 30 years; published a book in 2016, *Which Side Are You On? Seven Social Responsibility Debates in American Librarianship, 1990-2015* (McFarland). She is on the board of River City Youth Opportunities, and is a volunteer at The Community School working with students to revive the school garden which languished through the pandemic.

Personal — Elaine lives in Spokane Valley with her mother, Lois Harger, and her cat, Charly, and has a garden behind her old wooden quonset hut (soon to receive structural attention and a new coat of paint).