Lunch with a Leader: Planning and Zoning Commission Chair Terry Priestley

Terry Priestley will be discussing housing in Los Alamos. The focus will be on recent and future developments in Los Alamos. Currently there are numerous plans for both affordable and market rate housing starts in Los Alamos and White Rock.

Karyl Ann Armbruster

Co-President’s Message:
What’s This about Women Getting the Vote?

One hundred years ago, this question would have been exactly the one people were asking. But now women take the right to vote for granted. And so we forget the struggle. My mother, who voted the first time she was allowed, in 1920, never forgot. But unless I’m reminded by books, movies, or speeches, I too forget.

What should the League do to help us all remember? I’ve started a little committee to plan some celebrations for our town and we need to brainstorm some events that would be both fun and educational.

The state League is planning a celebration for February 2020, at the Roundhouse, and another for Women’s Equality Day on August 26. A NM legislative memorial and Governor’s proclamation are in the works. Some historical markers are planned for placement in special locations.

In Los Alamos we’re hoping to research our archives to discover our own League’s history and accomplishments, while a state committee is already doing that for LWVNM. The other local Leagues in Santa Fe, Albuquerque, and Las Cruces are all planning events for their constituents.

Should we
  • publish our history in a pamphlet?
  • dress up like suffragettes in white with banners (Ellen Mills has already volunteered to make banners)—and march in the rodeo parade? where else?
  • ask for a County Council proclamation?
• invite a Chautauqua-type speaker?
• show a film like “Iron-Jawed Angels”?
• have an essay contest highlighting how women got the vote (Leslie Wallstrom has volunteered to help)?
• dress up our Halloween scarecrow as a suffragette?
• have dramatic readings of pieces of women’s history in the US (beginning of course with Abigail Adams’s plea to her husband to “Remember the Ladies”)?

Please let me know what you think we should do and if you have ideas and a little time to work on this upcoming year of celebration!

Rebecca Shankland, rebecca.shankland(AT)gmail(DOT)com

Observer Corps Reports

County Council

We need a new County Council observer! If you watch and/or attend Council meetings, please volunteer for this important contribution to the League. We would like to know the details of Council discussions about issues relating to our positions. You can read our positions at http://www.lwvlosalamos.org/positions.html.

In April, once the County Council was assured that Triad, the new operator of LANL, will continue to pay gross receipts taxes to the County, the Council approved a budget for $199.3 million. The budget includes funding for local economic development programs and land/housing purchases and an annual increase in contributions to Los Alamos Public Schools for its capital improvement projects.

At the May 7 County Council meeting, Michael Redondo was appointed to replace Probate Judge Anne Nobile, who has resigned as of June 1. The term of office continues until December 31, 2022.

Barbara Calef

Board of Public Utilities

The Los Alamos County Council appointed Steve Tobin to fill the Board of Public Utilities seat that will be vacated on July 1 by Paul Frederickson.

Julie Williams-Hill

Welcome, New Members!

We’re happy to publish a few more mini-biographies of some of our new members. Please welcome them at our meetings!

Judy Prono writes: Our family moved to Los Alamos in 1989, having worked previously at the Livermore Lab. I was a technical writer/editor and led the Communications Arts and Services Group at LANL when I retired in 2008. Since retirement, I have devoted much of my time to the American Association of University Women, serving as both a Los Alamos and state officer. I have valued AAUW’s collaboration with the LWVLA on such activities as the Legislative Preview and enjoyed helping out with proofreading the Voter Guide. Wordsmithing is in my blood.

[N.B., League members will remember that Judy has been the moderator for our League/AAUW Legislative Previews—thanks, Judy!]

Tracy McFarland writes: I moved here 27 years ago from Georgia and have been working in the environmental remediation field ever since. My hobbies include walking and hiking with my dog, reading, scrapbooking, and swimming.

My volunteer work includes teaching CPR/first aid for 25 years and two stints on the Red Cross board of directors 1994-1997 and 2001-2003. More recently, I was on the Los Alamos Cooperative Market Board of Directors from 2011-2017, including 2 years as Board president.

[When you see her, thank Tracy for helping to bring us the Co+op!]

Margie Stockton writes: My husband Tom and I have lived in Los Alamos for 21 years, raising our three daughters and both working in the environmental field.
I currently serve as the Chair for the Unitarian Social Justice Committee and I’m eager to connect with LWV members and learn more about current political issues and how we can influence positive change for greater social equality. I enjoy hiking, running, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing in the mountains and trails around Los Alamos.

Nick Mezins has been a League member for many years, but here’s news about him from the Los Alamos Daily Post: Nick was recently honored at an American Legion meeting recognizing 50 years of membership.

Rebecca Shankland, Membership Chair

**NM Convention in Los Alamos**

The 2019 state League convention, which was held here the weekend of May 18 and 19, was a great success; the League members visiting from Santa Fe County, Central New Mexico, and Southern New Mexico praised the planning, the food, and the activities.

After a warm reception at the lovely home of Mike and Kyle Wheeler, the delegates were welcomed to the convention at the Holiday Inn Express by Council Chair Sara Scott. Our liaison from LWVUS, Liz Bander, spoke about the value of anger as motivation (see article on page 4). Then President Judy Williams called the convention to order for the first session, during which the activities of the previous two years were reviewed, position changes were discussed, and the slate of board nominees was introduced. The position of president was open until Becky Shankland nominated Hannah Burling (from Santa Fe) from the floor.

Following adjournment, the delegates broke up into lunch groups to discuss various topics: voting, census/redistricting, environment, health care. Our state representative (and League member) Christine Chandler then spoke about her first session as a legislator.

In the afternoon the delegates were offered a variety of options: attending meetings of the Action and 100th Anniversary Committees, going on the Atomic City Tour, visiting the New Mexico Consortium, or hiking. That night there was a banquet at Pig+Fig and a talk by State Land Commissioner Stephanie Garcia Richard. You can watch the video of the talk at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q9cPuO2CdfE.

On Sunday the delegates voted on a budget for the next biennium, discussed some changes to the state positions before adopting them, voted for a new study on selection of judges, and approved proposed amendments to the bylaws. Finally, they elected a new board for the next two years (see list on next page).

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Update, June 2019
Officers:
- President: Hannah Burling
- 1st Vice-President: Vacant
- 2nd Vice-President: Barbara Calef
- Action Chair: Dick Mason
- Secretary: Kim Sorensen
- Treasurer: Suzanne Ronneau
- Past President: Judy Williams

Board of Directors (Elected, up to eight):
- Program: Chris Furlanetto
- Communications: Janet Blair
- Education/Immigration: Meredith Machen
- Voter Services/Reproductive Rights: Diane Goldfarb
- Webmaster: Akkana Peck
- At-Large: Karen Douglas
- At-Large: Pat Hawkins
- At-Large: Susan Haase

Nominating Committee – 2019-2021 (Elected, three non-board members; Appointed, two board members by the board late in 2020):
- Chair: Gwen Hanson
- Member: Andrea Targhetta
- Member: Rosmarie Frederickson

Speech by Liz Bander, LWVUS Liaison to LWVNM

This is going to be a very different speech than I started with, because of the past week, which has seen abortion restrictions passed by several states. I want us to celebrate our accomplishments, and I promise that I will; but right now I need to vent because politics is personal.

My partner Ambrose reminded me again recently that abortion will always be accessible to me—maybe not easily, but I have a lot going for me in that respect. I live in Washington state, I’m ninety minutes from Canada or international waters, I have a good job and benefits, and have a whole lot of privilege going in my favor. But I’m not mad for myself. I’m angry because there are many more people out there who don’t have the resources that I have and who are systematically being denied bodily autonomy.

And that brings me to the League. We have done incredible things, from our initial journey to getting the vote for women, albeit initially only for white women, to the past year, when we educated five million voters via Vote411, more than in 2016. We’ve also sued and won multiple court cases on redistricting and gerrymandering, and we influenced the development of the For the People Act. We are amazing.

But we still have work to do. We are still seeing mass disenfranchisement attempts, from North Dakota’s laws around voter ID, which disproportionately
impacted Native communities to Florida’s legislature attempting to redefine what it means to serve out a sentence after voters granted felons the right to vote again. Our mission is to empower voters and defend democracy and that means that we empower all voters and defend democracy for everyone—there are no qualifiers, just the “silent all” as I call it.

That means looking at everything we do with a DEI lens and thoughtfully deciding where we lead, where we follow and where we leverage our privilege to open doors. [Note: DEI stands for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion]

It means truly seeing those who don’t have the right to vote or to otherwise be fully represented, whether they are felons or residents of Washington DC and being an ally in those fights.

It means making sure that the Census is done right, so that populations are properly represented.

It means making sure that our leadership is diverse and allows people to lead from where they are, whether that means you meet via phone calls at 8 p.m. after the kids are in bed, designate funds to ensure participation is available regardless of income or look outside your circles for new voices.

It means evaluating our programming, to ensure that we’re able to educate and encourage people to participate in democracy, whether or not they’re eligible to vote.

It means leveraging our superpower of women leading and sharing that power with other communities.

Someone told me on Twitter that it was hard to have hope for systemic change if you’re disenfranchised or systemically oppressed, and that brings me back to where I started, with anger. Hope is not the only motivator. Anger at an unjust and inequitable system is mine; yours will probably be different and as personal as mine is.

That said, I am going to end with something hopeful.

Gather your anger, your hope, your love, whatever it is that drives you, whatever it is that gets you out of bed in the morning; gather it all into a tiny bright ball in the palm of your hand, plant the seed into the earth and let it grow deep roots and break apart the structures that we have built that no longer serve us and create a more perfect democracy, for everyone.

**May Lunch with a Leader: Zero Waste**

The topic of the May Lunch with a Leader program was how to work toward zero waste. Sue Barns, who serves on the Environmental Services Board and leads the Zero Waste Subcommittee, explained that the goals of zero waste are to stop killing animals, save the earth, and save money. The subcommittee seeks to educate the community through videos, Facebook, and their website [https://www.losalamosnm.us/government/departments/public_works/environmental_services_division/zero_waste_los_alamos](https://www.losalamosnm.us/government/departments/public_works/environmental_services_division/zero_waste_los_alamos).

They are assisted in their efforts by Pajarito Environmental Education Center, churches, schools, businesses, and the County’s Environmental Services Department. In addition, they publish a monthly article in the *Los Alamos Daily Post*. The subcommittee decided to focus on food waste this year. Barns told the group that 40% of the food produced in the U.S. is wasted, mostly at the consumer level, and most of the waste goes to a landfill. In Los Alamos 17% of the trash or one ton a day is food waste. As that food deteriorates in the landfill, it produces methane, a potent greenhouse gas.

Environmental Services Manager Angelica Gurule explained how her department is working to reduce the amount of trash collected. The County provides weekly curbside collection of trash, which must be bagged, and is trucked to Rio Rancho where it is deposited in a landfill. That landfill will be full in another six years. She noted that the state requires weekly collection. In 2018 the County disposed of 14,000 tons of trash at a cost of $500,000.

The department also collects mixed recyclables. Contamination is a major problem; the national rate of contamination is 30%; for Los Alamos it’s 17%, but China, the major destination for paper and plastic, now limits contamination to 0.5% for the materials
they will accept. Gurule gave some recycling advice to the group. She said to clean out plastic containers, but replace the lids and don’t worry about removing labels. Put corrugated cardboard in your recycle bin or cardboard bins at Sullivan Field and Overlook Park. The County is better reimbursed for the cardboard than for the mixed recyclables they send to Friedman Recycling in Albuquerque.

We learned that the County is no longer grinding up the glass we deposit in the yellow bins. It must still be rinsed and the lids removed; then it is sent to a Coors plant in Colorado. The yard trimming program is a big success. The material is turned into mulch for residents to collect from the EcoStation. It is okay to put in unadulterated food waste such as corn cobs and broccoli stems.

Tiffany Pegoda, owner of Zia Waste vermicomposting, recommends using worms to compost your kitchen scraps. She said that one pound of worms eat a quarter pound of food scraps a day, producing nutrient-rich compost that can be used as a soil amendment. Read more about vermicomposting at https://www.ziawaste.com/vermicompost.html# or visit with Pegoda at the farmers market.

Elchin Zafarov recommends the Home Biogas Liquid Composter 2.0 to reduce garbage, save space at the landfill, and convert carbon emissions into useful fuel. The composter produces biogas for cooking, connects to a cookstove, and produces nutrient rich fertilizer. You can read about it at https://www.homebiogas.com/Products/HomeBiogas2. There will be a demonstration at the Co-op on June 7 from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Jody Benson, who leads the Zero Waste Restaurant Team, was the final speaker. She wrote an article about what the team has learned so far for the May Update. She emphasized that the restaurants would like to be educated about reducing food waste; they would like recycling to be made more convenient; and they would be willing to donate edible leftovers if someone would collect them. Benson also mentioned that LAPS students in Operation Green Cafeterias are working to make the school cafeterias less wasteful.

### LWVLA Board of Directors 2019-2020

**Officers:**
- Co-presidents: Barbara Calef and Rebecca Shankland
- 1st Vice-President: Ellen Mills
- 2nd Vice-President: Leslie Wallstrom
- Treasurer: Kathleen Taylor
- Secretary: Rebecca Chaiken

**Directors:**
- Reservations: Amy Birnbaum
- Lunch with a Leader: Karyl Ann Armbruster
- Voter Services: Lynn Jones
- Board of Public Utilities Observer: Julie Williams-Hill
- Publicity: Jody Benson
- Director at Large: Akkana Peck
- Fundraising: Rosmarie Frederickson

**Off-board Directors:**
- Arrangements: Wendy Swanson
- Membership: Rebecca Shankland
- Webmaster: Julie Williams-Hill
- County Council Observer: Becky Oertel
- Newsletter Editor: not filled
- Nominating Committee Chair: Ellen Mills
- 2nd Nominating Committee Member: not filled

If you would like to join the League, fill out and submit the membership form on page 13.

### Volunteers Needed!

We need volunteers to fill the open slots on both board and off-board positions. Don’t be shy--volunteer! If you would like to serve either on or off the board, please contact Ellen Mills, the Nominations Chair at efmillsnm(AT)gmail(DOT)com or call 505-660-2345.
Minutes of the League of Women Voters of Los Alamos

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Mesa Public Library, Los Alamos, NM

Call to Order

Barbara Calef called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Introductions

New members, board members, and community members introduced themselves prior to the start of the Lunch with a Leader event with Lt. Governor Howie Morales. This preceded the Annual Meeting.

Minutes

Last year’s meeting was held on April 17, 2018. The minutes were reviewed by the Board and published in the May Update. No further additions or changes were made.

Kyle Wheeler and Lynn Jones were appointed to read the minutes of the 2019 annual meeting.

President’s Report

by Barbara Calef

What did we do in fiscal year 2018-2019?

We produced 10 issues of our newsletter, the Update, with the help of Sandra West. Sandra has continued to work with us even though she has moved to Albuquerque. Sandra will be working with Jean Dewart, our new apprentice for the newsletter.

Under Karyl Ann Armbruster’s supervision, Lunch with a Leader continues to serve as an excellent means of educating ourselves about important issues and attracting new members. This year we met Library Manager Eileen Sullivan, heard from Bill Hargraves about plans for a charter school, and learned about the treatment of immigrants from Jorge Rodriguez and Nia Rucker. Robert Rhatigan, the state demographer, informed us why the 2020 census is so important for New Mexico and about the risk of an undercount. Stephanie Nakhleh talked about the Parks and Recreation Board and Dina Pesenson raised the alarm about the county’s use of herbicides. We also heard from Linda Daly, the retiring CEO of the YMCA and from Ellen Ben-Naim, the First Born Program Manager. And on the topic of health care, Mary Feldblum and Dr. Tyler Taylor spoke in support of the Health Security Act, and Richard Skolnik drew surprising comparisons between health care in the United States and the rest of the world.

2018 was an election year and the League played an important role. We registered voters at various events; we held two forums before the primary election for the candidates facing opposition and two more before the general election for all of the local candidates. For the general election forums, we moved to a larger space in the student union building at UNMLA and still ran out of space! The meetings were videotaped and posted on YouTube. Political awareness is booming!

Lynn Jones produced an excellent voter guide with help from Judy Prono, Leslie Wallstrom, and Rosmarie Frederickson. The guide was printed in the October 3, 2018 issue of the Los Alamos Daily Post and delivered to every household.

In September we held a well-attended forum on early childhood education with the assistance of Searchlight New Mexico. It was cosponsored by the AAUW. The principal speaker was Charles Sallee who is the Deputy Director of the Legislative Finance Committee. The issues discussed were the substance of several important pieces of legislation during the recent session. We now have the potential to build a foundation for early childhood education leading to a better economy and other positive changes.

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Also in September, Becky Shankland hosted a meeting on DC statehood. With the assistance of Becky, Leslie created a League scarecrow to add to the Halloween decorations on Central.

As part of the state League, we participated in a consensus meeting on the state study of the transfer of federal public lands. We also invited Dick Mason, the Action Chair, to discuss League priorities and strategy for the 2019 legislative session. Following his advice, well before the session began, we met separately with each of our state legislators to advocate for those priorities and get their feedback. Christine Chandler did a great job following up.

In January we conducted the annual Legislative Preview, co-sponsored by the AAUW. The speakers were Representative Christine Chandler, Senator Carlos Cisneros, and Robert Rhatigan. Senator Martinez had planned to attend but he withdrew.

Akkana Peck developed a bill tracker to help League members follow bills of interest during the session and a large group participated in the Legislative Reception and League Day at the Legislature.

Becky Oertel and Julie Williams-Hill have been serving as our observer corps, reporting on the actions of the County Council and Board of Public Utilities. Wendy Swanson volunteered to report on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Membership Report
by Rebecca Shankland

With help from Lynn Jones, who communicates with LWVUS for us, and treasurer Kathy Taylor, we have had a remarkable year. From last year’s membership total of 76 we now have 94 members—the highest we have had. We have 1 lifetime member—Ann Beyer—who has been a lifetime member for ten years. We have 41 single memberships; 12 single sustaining memberships; 8 household memberships; and 12 household sustaining memberships. Thanks to our sustaining members, we have been able to keep our membership dues low.

Election years are often when we gain new members, but a few of those typically fail to rejoin, so it is unlikely that we will sustain 94 members. Meanwhile we welcome our new members, some of whom have joined our board, offered to help with tasks, and expressed interest in advocacy on our positions. Our new members include Jean Dewart, Dawn Trujillo Voss, Wendy Swanson, Becky Oertel, Cas Mason, Ellen Mills, Elena Giorgi, Wendy Marcus, Katie Sayre, Joyce Nickols, Rebecca Chaiken, Charlie Sartor, Tracy McFarland, Ann LePage, Judy Prono, Felicia Orth, Shelly Wiemann, and Addie Jacobson.

Sandra West has helped with our newsletter, served on the Board, and participated in League Day at the Legislature, but she has moved to Albuquerque. Sandra will help our new newsletter editor, Jean Dewart, get started.

We have several new faces on the board including Ellen Mills, Leslie Wallstrom, and Rebecca Chaiken. New off-board members include Wendy Swanson, who is doing arrangements for events.

Becky Shankland encouraged members to rejoin today. Julie Williams-Hill is working on adding a membership registration link to our website, but until then we still need checks.

Treasurer’s Report

Kathy Taylor reported that, as of March 31, 2019, we had a checking account ending book balance of $2,587.52, which includes total receipts of $1,355, and disbursements of $309.13. The savings account ending book balance was $20,776.20, which includes $0.88 interest. Kathy also noted that we typically have more expenses during election years.

Adoption of Local Programs

All of our lobbying is based on our adopted League positions. Each year we review our positions to see if any of them need to be updated or if we need to undertake a new study. Regarding housing, a consensus was reached that mixed income housing should be pursued. The County adopted this position but found it difficult to achieve in this market, leading to either high income or affordable housing. Council member Pete Sheehy said they are negotiating
something in the middle as well. Wendy Swanson wondered if our positions need to be updated to reflect our belief that the building code should be updated to encourage environmental sustainability. It was agreed that our positions are written to be abstract so we can lobby without making frequent changes to them.

After some discussion, it was agreed that no changes to our positions were needed.

**Program Planning for 2019-2020**

A review of the program planning for the last year revealed that many of the goals had not been achieved, although there has been some progress. Regarding transportation, for example, our position has been to encourage weekend Atomic City Transit service. According to Kyle Wheeler, the Tourism Implementation Task Force has proposed a weekend bus from the White Rock Visitor’s Center into the Los Alamos town center during the months when the Bandelier shuttle is operational. Pete Sheehey added that it is up for consideration in the budget, and he will support the proposal.

Regarding sustainability, our goal has been to seek improvements in education about recycling. We hope to be a sounding board for recycling literature to make sure it is effective.

The development code still needs to be updated, which Pete Sheehey said is a priority. The Open Space Management Plan needs to be implemented and Los Alamos County staff should include more than one person in charge of trails. Pete Sheehey said that is also up for consideration in the budget, and he will support it. We learned that Pajarito Environmental Education Center has the contract to manage the County’s water and conservation plans. Someone will talk to Elizabeth Watts, who is responsible for this task.

Regarding administration, Julie Williams-Hill is working on updating and reorganizing our website. As previously noted, Wendy Swanson has agreed to serve as our observer for the Planning and Zoning Commission.

We will continue to review the impact of new legislation on early childhood education in Los Alamos.

League members met last year with Speaker Egolf and Senate Majority Leader Wirth about the lack of transparency of “dummy” bills. However, this session the ethics bill improperly became a dummy bill under the auspices of public safety. It was noted that the House has been very transparent in its procedures but the Senate has not done as well.

Rosemary Alme asked if there was any longer a vocational training program at the high school. Most agreed that there were individual courses but not a vocational track. The Board will undertake to learn more about this issue in preparation for any lobbying efforts.

Jody Benson noted that the next LAPS budget discussion will be held at the library in White Rock next Tuesday. All school staff received a six percent raise, but now we can lobby about what to do with the remaining funds.

Lynn Jones moved to adopt the program positions as published in the Update. Kathy Taylor seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Fiscal Year 2019 to 2021 Budget**

On behalf of Rosmarie Frederickson, Julie Williams-Hill presented the proposed budget for fiscal years 2020 and 2021. Kathy Taylor corrected the cash position from what was published in the March 2019 Update. Specifically, total funds beginning May 1, 2019, should read $24,363.95, and total funds beginning May 2, 2020, should read $24,075.95.

Administrative expenses increased largely because of the upgrade of our website and the transfer of data to the new website. Per Member Payments are expected to increase because our membership rolls have increased. It was also noted that expenses in 2021 are higher than the previous year because of spending on the voter guide and the League convention.

League expenses will increase in fiscal year 2021 because of travel and registration expenses for the national convention. We will not see an increase for the state convention held in 2021 because we will be reimbursed by the registration fees. Other expenses
we will see in fiscal year 2021 include voter guides, forums, and advertising, consistent with actual expenses seen in fiscal year 2019.

Although we foresee a negative income/expenses balance, our cash position is very strong.

Kathy Taylor noted that the position support listed as $0 is just a projection. Also, in some instances it is difficult to determine to which category an expense applies. The bottom line is just because an item is listed as $0 does not mean that we cannot spend money, it just means we have not spent anything on it in the past.

Our mandate for the large grant received from the Delle Foundation was that it be used for education, not administration or advocacy.

Last year Kathy Taylor secured 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.

Our voter registration efforts have been reduced in large part because we have an excellent county clerk, Naomi Maestas. She has brought county employees to register voters at events including the farmers’ market and our voter forums, and to events held at the high school.

Kyle Wheeler moved to adopt the fiscal year 2020 and 2021 budgets as corrected. Amy Birnbaum seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Akkana Peck—Director at Large; and Rosmarie Frederickson—Fundraising. Leslie Wallstrom volunteered to help Rosmarie Frederickson with fundraising.

Jody Benson moved to approve the nominations as written with an amendment to include Leslie Wallstrom on fundraising. Judy Buckingham seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Off-board Directors do not require a vote but they include Wendy Swanson—Arrangements; Becky Shankland—Membership; Julie Williams-Hill—Webmaster; Becky Oertel—County Council Observer; Jean Dewart—Newsletter Editor; and Ellen Mills—Nominating Committee Chair. The 2nd nominating committee member position remains unfilled.

### Important Dates

The State League of Women Voters convention will be held in Los Alamos on May 18 and 19 at the Holiday Inn Express. Christine Chandler will address the group at lunch and Stephanie Garcia Richard will be the keynote speaker at the evening banquet. The registration form can be found in the most recent edition of *La Palabra*.

Barbara Calef expressed thanks to the Board and adjourned the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

Rebecca Chaiken

### Election of Officers and Directors

Ellen Mills presented the nominations for 2019-2020. Officers included Co-presidents Barbara Calef and Becky Shankland; 1st Vice-President Ellen Mills; 2nd Vice-President Leslie Wallstrom; Treasurer Kathleen Taylor; and Secretary Rebecca Chaiken.

Directors included Amy Birnbaum—Reservations; Karyl Ann Armbruster—Lunch with a Leader; Lynn Jones—Voter Services; Julie Williams-Hill—Board of Public Utilities Observer; Jody Benson—Publicity;...
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Membership Categories (All checks for memberships and contributions should be payable
to LWV-Los Alamos and all are now tax-deductible.)

___ Single membership: $45
___ Household membership (two+ people at the same address): $65
___ Single Sustaining membership: $75
___ Household Sustaining membership (two+ people at the same address): $95
___ Contribution: $________

Interests and Ways to Help the League (check as many as apply)

Topics of Interest
___ Affordable Housing
___ Local Government
___ Education
___ Elections, Voting Rights
___ Water Issues
___ Land Use
___ Health Care
___ Money in Politics
___ Sustainability
___ Living Wage
___ Public Transportation
___ Environment
___ Other topics (please suggest):

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Ways to Help with League Activities
___ Set up Refreshments at Forums
___ Observer Corps (County Council, DPU, etc.)
___ Nominating Committee
___ Voter Guide Committee
___ Voter Registration
___ Publicity
___ Website, Social Media
___ Newsletter
___ Membership
___ Fund-raising
___ Budget Committee for LWV
___ Lunch with a Leader (assistance)
___ Fund-raising Committee for LWV
___ Participate in board meetings or join the board
The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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