

## Draft Minutes

### League of Women Voters Bay Area Biennial Convention

June 6, 2020

By Zoom

1. Call to Order: The Convention was called to order by President Madeline Kronenberg at 10 a.m.
2. Credentials Report: See attached; 47 members present from LWV Alameda, BAE, Diablo Valley, Fremont, Marin, Napa, Oakland, Piedmont, San Jose, Solano, South San Mateo, Southwest Santa Clara, West Contra Costa. Not Present, Cupertino-Sunnyvale, Eden Area, Los Altos Mountain View, North and Central San Mateo, Palo Alto, San Francisco and Sonoma. Board Members also present. A quorum was established.
3. A message from LWVUS was read.
4. Appointment of Committee to Read the Minutes: Cheryl Collier, LWV West Contra Costa; Veda Florez, LWV Napa; Jody Munoz, LWV Oakland.
5. Committee to Review Elections: Not necessary since the meeting is being recorded on Zoom.
6. Adoption of the Convention Rules: No Motion to Adopt made or seconded. The proposed Convention Rules were presented on a screen and participants responded to a poll, and voting members unanimously accepted the proposal.
7. Adoption of Order of Business: No Motion to adopt was made or seconded. The proposed Order of Business was presented on a screen, and voting members unanimously accepted the proposal.
8. Appointment of Parliamentarian: Genoveva Calloway, LWV west Contra Costa County has agreed to serve as Parliamentarian.
9. Treasurer's Report: Leslie Stewart reported.
  - a. In the last Biennium, we have completed the merger of the LWVBA and the Ed Fund.
  - b. That all accounts have been transferred from Wells Fargo to Citibank, at the directions to the Board at the last Convention.
  - c. LWVBA moved to a less expensive office.
  - d. The LWVBA and The Monitor Project both lost money in the last two years. Money to make up for the shortfalls was transferred from reserves. There will be no need to transfer money from reserves this year due to the actions taken to reduce expenses.
  - e. Any proceeds above costs from Bay Area League Day will be transferred to the Monitor Project.
  - f. Monitor funding has been decreasing. The contract from MTC has been revisited by them in mid-term to reduce the amount going to the Monitor. Fortunately, the Air District increased their Monitor contribution.

Vote to Accept the Treasurer's Report: Vote by poll, no Motion, no Second. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

The Budget Committee was introduced. Lianne Campodonico, Sherry Smith and Ann Draper were the three members of the Budget Committee. The Budget Committee and the Treasurer were working with the uncertainties caused by the pandemic, falling revenues from funding agencies, and the uncertainties created by sheltering in place. The new Budget includes a Zoom subscription to facilitate meetings in a time when we are limited in our interactions, and will also make it easier to meet remotely in the future.

Vote to Accept the Budget: Vote by poll, no Motion, no Second. Budget accepted as proposed.

10. Bay Area Monitor Update: Alec MacDonald reported that we are celebrating 45 years of the Monitor. Due to the cuts in funding from MTC and other agencies, 2021 may be the last year of printed editions of the Monitor. Our weekly on-line updates with Cecily O'Connor will continue, it is possible that Alec could step down as Monitor editor.

Discussion was held, opinions on seeking funding and other subjects were expressed.

11. Vote on Proposed By-Law Amendment on Emergency use of Conference, Telephone or Electronic Meeting for Convention: Vote by poll, no Motion, no Second. The amendment to the By-Laws accepted as proposed.

12. Program: The Recommended Program the Board is encouraging delegates to adopt is on Housing and Homelessness. In addition, The Board is proposing four areas of Program and is envisioning having a coordinating committee to oversee the execution of the Program goals.

- i. Regional Planning/Regional Government/Land Use
- ii. Housing and Homelessness (focusing on tracking Housing Bills)
- iii. Climate Change and Natural Resources
- iv. Transportation (including a Reid-Hillview working group). Point of Information, Reid-Hillview is a small general aviation airport located in the San Jose area which is regional in nature and has civil defense ramifications.

Vote on adoption of the Recommended Program by poll, no Motion, no Second, passed.

13. Nominating Committee Report: The Nominating Committee, consisting of Bonnie Hamlin, LWV Oakland; Kate Quick, LWV Alameda; and Ann Draper, LWV South San Jose presented their report.

LWVBA Board:

President: Sherry Smith, LWV Berkeley/Albany/Emeryville

Administrative Vice President: Madeline Kronenberg, LWV West Contra County

Secretary: Mary Ann Benson, LWV Piedmont

Treasurer: Leslie Stewart, LWV Diablo Valley

Director at Large: Margaret (Margo) McGlone, LWV Solano County

Director, Climate Change: Eric Arens, LWV Berkeley/Albany/Emeryville

Director, Communications: Veda Florez, LWV Napa County

Director, Housing: Roma Dawson, LWV San Jose

Director, Regional Government: Kathleen Cha, LWV Oakland

Director, Transportation: Alex Starr, LWV Fremont/Newark/ Union City

Nominating Committee:

Ann Draper, LWV South San Mateo County, Chair,

Ken Werner, LWV Alameda

Melissa Breach, LWV West Contra Costa County

In addition, Ken Bukowski nominated himself to be co-Director of the Communications Committee along with Veda Flores, but withdrew his nomination. The incoming Board can appoint Ken Bukowski, LWV BAE, to the Board to share the Communications position, specifically Communications with Local Leagues, if it so chooses.

Vote on Adoption of the Report of the Nominating Committee, by polling, no Motion, no Second, passed.

14. President's Remarks: Madeline Kronenberg introduced incoming President Sherry Smith. Sherry said her thanks to Madeline and the outgoing Board, and thanked the continuing members of the incoming Board for their commitment to LWVBA, and welcomed new Board members. She

quoted an old Chinese curse, "May you live in interesting times"" and held up a button which said "November is Coming".

15. Adjournment: Madeline Kronenberg adjourned the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Levenson, Secretary