

League of Women Voters of North Carolina Advocacy

Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, December 13, 2024

Call to Order - A board meeting of LWVNC Advocacy was held via Zoom on Friday, December 13, 2024. The meeting convened at 12:03 p.m. President Jennifer Rubin presiding and Sandra Mowell, secretary

Present: Jennifer Rubin, Sandra Mowell, Regan Aduddell, Sara Baysinger, Tiffany Canaday, Suzanne Fisher and Rebecca Klase.

Absent: Marian Lewin, Mary Thompson.

Guest: Andrea Cash.

1. Additions to/Approval of Agenda. Rubin added Advocacy Director position to unfinished business.

2. Minutes for LWVNC Advocacy, 08/17/2024 board meeting. Minutes approved as submitted by consent.

3. Treasurer's Report. None received.

Unfinished Business

4. NAACP Convention. Due to Thompson's injury she was not able to attend and made no request for reimbursement. Piedmont Triad was not able to man a booth. LWVNC was listed as a sponsor on materials.

5. License Plate Project. Mowell reminded the board of email discussion concerning the project in June. No one has stepped up to lead and Carolyn Lyons of Charlotte-Mecklenburg is not able to continue. With no plan in place to get to the 500 applications needed and considering the NCGA would not approve anyway, the consensus of the board is to end the effort. Cash has a google form with the applicant information. A communication should be sent asking if applicants would like a refund or turn the money for the application into a donation for LWVNC Advocacy or LWVNC Inc.

6. Potential Donor. LWVNC received an email from Gloria Totten concerning a potential donor. Rubin and Lewin met with her and donor is interested in supporting women's issues and voter rights. Rubin will meet again in January to discuss possible funding for advocacy position.

7. Advocacy Director Position. Rubin shared a draft job description. Several questions were raised concerning the funding of a position through one or both Advocacy/Inc. budgets. More research needs to be done on compliance with the laws regarding 501(c) 3 and 4 nonprofit organizations. Rubin offered \$30,000 or \$50 an hour as a starting point for consideration of salary. The position would be most active during

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legislative sessions but could also be involved in general issue education. Possibilities of sharing with another organization should be explored. Rubin requested board members review the draft job description and share feedback especially concerning which items in the job description have the highest priority. This is an area she would like to make progress on soon.

New Business

8. Voter purge lawsuit. Rubin noted the state board of elections has decided they will not purge the list, but there is an expectation that decision will be appealed. Working with Protect Democracy, LWVNC is ready to litigate if we need to. A question was raised about LWVNC making a general statement concerning the thoroughness of the canvass conducted statewide after the last election, incorporating SB382 comments, etc. Cash will draft.

9. LWVUS study on federal judiciary. Klase is working with Ernest Mowell to put together communication pieces on the study for distribution statewide. She will organize a Zoom meeting in March for any League members in the state who may not have had an opportunity to participate in a local League study on the topic. Klase also suggested we offer help to any local Leagues who may need it in facilitating their own study discussion meetings.

10. Program planning process for State positions. Mowell has met with her convention committee and the consensus was that we should make the LWVNC publication "Positions for Impact" more widely available. She requested we print another 100 or 150 copies and have them available at regional meetings as well as at convention for members who would like a paper copy. Cash will check into the cost for another print run. Mowell will make arrangements with Cash to print additional copies.

11. Motion to Adjourn. Meeting adjourned by consent at 12:57 pm.

All documents received will be filed within the LWVNC_shared drive.

January 14, 2025

Sandra Mowell, Secretary

Approval Date