

League of Women Voters of North Carolina Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Call to Order - A board meeting of LWVNC Inc. was held via Zoom Wednesday, November 15, 2023. The meeting convened at 5:05 p.m. President Jennifer Rubin presiding and Sandra Mowell, secretary.

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

Guests: Andrea Cash, Ruth Ann Groh, Pam Leibman and Martha Roblee

Absent: Velvet Scoggin and Mary Thompson

- 1. Rubin welcomed Suzanne Fisher as an appointed director to the board.**
- 2. Minutes for LWVNC Inc. 9/20/2023 board meeting approved as presented by consent.**
- 3. Treasurer's Report.** None received.

Unfinished Business:

3. Tax Policy update committee. Roblee introduced her committee members present (Groh and Leibman) and those not present are Lucille Howard and Elaine Okal. She briefly went over the proposal her committee submitted to update the current tax policy position which was adopted in the 1980s. After discussion, **Klase moved that we approve the proposal and authorize the committee to move forward with this plan for revising the tax policy position. Motion carried.**

4. Public Policy publication update. Mowell submitted a report and let the board know the project is still moving forward. It is in the layout and formatting stage and is on track to have it done in 2024 certainly by Council.

5. Local Leagues survey. Canaday submitted report and indicated she was glad we did this survey as it confirmed our current plans and reinforced our goal of focusing on supporting the Local Leagues.

6. Review of Eastern regional meeting/plans for Central regional meeting. Rubin was pleased with the meeting, we had about 21 participants and asked for comments from those who had attended. As communications was a popular topic discussed, Lewin suggested we need to be focused in 2024 with a simple message. Rubin, Lewin, Aduddell, Baysinger and Cash agreed to meet before the December board meeting to discuss further. Lewin left the meeting at 6:04. The format for the central meeting will follow the format for the eastern meeting with sessions on legislative updates/dues structure changes/nominating committee process/and communications.

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7. Power the South. Rubin reported a meeting for this had been postponed. If we do not have some concrete information on what LWWUS is planning by our December board meeting we will need to move on with our own plans for our regional meeting. Canaday inquired about the possibility of a virtual component to the western regional meeting. We are not able to offer a virtual component for regional meetings. Klase will meet with Canaday to give information on the logistics she has been handling for the regional meetings.

8. MAL policy committee. The committee submitted a report and Mowell said the biggest concern was someone to act as a coordinator for these units once the policy is finalized. Rubin indicated Jo Nicholas was willing to serve in this capacity and should be invited to the MAL committee meetings.

New Business:

1. GEO units. In this same vein, Rubin reported on some information on geographical units that could be a good starting point for forming MAL units without the administrative burdens. Nicholas is working with a group in Cumberland County that might be interested in working with Moore County. Nicholas will attend our December board meeting and we will discuss more in depth.

2. Common Cause project. LWWNC is a partner in Unite NC which wants to get out the vote and help educate and motivate voters. Fisher has participated in one event and found it to be a positive experience. The goal is to have a program in all 100 counties in NC and our challenge is to have representatives at as many events as we can. Rubin noted the latest roster report has us approaching 2000 members statewide.

3. Nominating Committee Survey. Baysinger shared the survey questions and noted this survey will go out to Nominating Committee Chairs if we know who they are and Presidents if we don't. Rubin suggested the timing of the survey should be after the LWWUS survey December 15 if it is going to Presidents. She also suggested a nominating committee member participate in the December Presidents' call to inform about the survey and to ask for Nominating Committee Chair contacts.

4. Comments/Announcements. Aduddell noted the voting collaborative is meeting via Zoom statewide and things are going well. Fisher noted she will be in New Mexico for the December board meeting but will try to join via Zoom. Rubin has received some good comments from our fundraising letter. Rubin reported on a \$40,000 anonymous contribution we had received although she assured us it wasn't because of the letter!

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Motion to Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p..m.

All documents received have been filed within the LWVNC_shared drive.

December 2 , 2023

Sandra Mowell, Secretary

Approval Date