

LWVW BOARD MEETING  
AGENDA

November 12, 2024

Warren Building Room 008

Attendees: Bonny Nothern, Marguerite Chatelier, Rama K. Ramaswamy, Ellie Perkins, Ann-Mara Lanza, Marlene O'Brien, Diane Hemond

Zoom Attendees: Irene Flint


Absent: Laura Brown-Mackinnon, Rekha Sampath, Deb Codispoti

12:00 BYO lunch and informal discussion

12:30 WELCOME - Bonny Nothern, president

SECRETARY - Ellie Perkins, secretary

VOTE: Approval of 10/082024 meeting minutes

- Minutes and agendas accessible on website to members and at
-  LWVW Board Meeting, October 8, 2024

MEMBERSHIP – Bonny Nothern for Rekha Sampath, Director of Membership

- Two new members
- Discussion of 3 hour work meeting on Nov 23rd or 24th to bring current roster up to date, need 2-3 people in addition to Rekha, people who recognize members' names and can give context regarding membership history (e.g. Life Member, Household Member, Deceased, etc.)
- Discussion of breaking out the Directory from Membership responsibilities, delegating Roster Manager responsibility and Google Forms spreadsheet responsibility

TREASURER – Bonny Nothern for Deb Codispoti, treasurer

- Monthly financial report: [Treasurer's Report 11-2-24.pdf](#)

DEI - Marguerite Chatelier, Bonny Nothern

- Indigenous People Day report
- Brief intro to “SIMPLE CIRCLE PROCESS” as a suggestion for inclusion in the Reparations Study process - Marguerite Chatelier

## Marlene O'Brien: Report on Reparations Committee planning meeting 10/31/2024

### Key Documents:

[Study Report Addressing Why, Who, What, How](#)  
[Study Guide with Consensus Questions](#)

Committee Member Tasks/ Study Report Review & Research Assignment  
Options  
[To be determined]

<u>Materials</u> <u>Member</u>	<u>Pages</u>	<u>Committee</u>
Introduction - The Wealth Gap	5-8	All
Why are Reparations Needed-Housing	9-15	Ann-Mara
Why are Reparations Needed-Health Care	16-22	Bonny
Why are Reparations Needed-Education	23-29	Rama
Why are Reparations Needed-Criminal Legal System	30-41	Ellie
Why are Reparations Not Needed	42-55	Irene
Who Should Receive Reparations	56-65	Marguerite
What Reparations Could be Provided	66-77	
How Could Reparations be Provided	78-85	

### Timeline & Meeting Topics

	<u>Date to be determined</u>	<u>Discussion Topics</u>
<b>Meeting I</b>	<b>Tues. Nov 19 1pm – 4pm</b> Education Location: Laura's (TBD) LWVW Coffee on Reparations Study	Housing, Health Care,  Criminal Legal System
<b>Meeting II</b>	<b>Wed, Dec 18 1:30pm – 4:30pm</b> What, How  (TBD) LWVW Coffee Open Study Question Prep	Not Needed, Who,
<b>Meeting III</b>	<b>January - Week of 1/13/25</b> A1/B1-2/C...	Study Questions
<b>Meeting IV</b>	<b>February - Week of 2/3/25</b> D1-6/ E1	Study Questions C/  Wrap Up

## **Submission of Consensus Report - February 16, 2025**

- <https://lwmma.org/lwmma-reparations-study/>

### **PROGRAM –VPs Irene Flint and Ann-Mara Lanza**

- Report on book discussion event co-sponsored with WOW
- Harvard Club event report
- Leaders Lunch in Harvard, MA -Marlene
- General discussion of potential activities, including Social on Sunday December 8, 2024.
- Discuss cooperation with Voter Service to present How to Run for Office, noting Wednesday December 4, 2024 is the first day to obtain nomination papers at Town Hall and Thursday January 9, 2025 is the last day to return papers to Town Hall.

### **VOTER SERVICE – VP Marguerite Chatelier**

- Discuss cooperation with Program to present How to Run for Office, see above.
- Summary of pre-November 5th activities.
- Free rides organized by Erry Johnson report
- Meet the Candidates Night plans
- Per Ann-Mara, make a note for next year to ask for a recording of Town Meeting Prep, ask Barbara McMahon about it and offer to arrange that for her.
- Confirmation of editors for updating the Town Government Handbook and the Town Meeting Members Handbook.

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE - Marlene O'Brien**

- Discussion of filling vacancy in Legislative Envoy or alternatively, delegating the LE responsibilities to three or four board members.
- Discussion of delegating Membership responsibilities by recruiting separate people to be responsible for Roster Manager/Chapter Spot, Google Forms Interest spreadsheet, and the annual Directory.
- Discussion regarding next year's (Co-)Presidents

## LEGISLATION/NEWS FROM LWVMA and LWVUS – Open Discussion

- Reminder about LWVMA convention in Spring 2025
- Reminder that a proposed concurrence on Death with Dignity is included in the Approved Program and Action Plan for 2023-2025. The discussion at the state conference may include Death with Dignity. The link to the state document is:

<https://lwmva.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Approved-Program-and-Action-for-2023-2025.pdf>

## NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE – Editor Laura Brown-Mackinnon

- Board members who need publicity should write blurbs
- Events to promote: Social Dec 8, How to Run Dec ??,
- Save the Dates: Consensus Meetings January and early February
- Reminder about the LWVMA conference in spring 2025
- Activity Opportunities: Reparations for Black Americans Study to conclude February 2025, Voting Age Study start early Spring 2025.
- Help Wanted: volunteers for Social. How to Run for Office, MTCN

## CLOSING COMMENTS – Bonny Nothern, board members