

LWVMC Annual Report Meeting Minutes June 24, 2025, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm Arcadia Fire Hall, In Person Only

Present: Lynn N., Dee Ann K.-P., Carolyn M., Lynn B., Teri P., Amy D., Lynda L., Peggy M., Patti B., Robert B., Sue U., Diana F., Dorothy O., Carole W., Mark T., Diane M., Claudette B., Randy L., Cindy V., Karen R., Eileen P. Guest speaker: Michael Bowman

The minutes of the May 20, 2025, General Membership Meeting were approved.

The leadership team presented the Annual Report 2024-2025. It included the list of all the programs at general membership meetings from September 2024 to June 2025, the actions and numbers of community members contacted and materials distributed, an outline of the activities of Communications, Climate Change Committee, Legislative Activities, LWVWA Consensus Studies, Civic Education, Advocacy, Membership, Voter Services, Community Events, and the Fiscal Report from June 24 to May 30, 2025.

Leadership Update on the Convention Items discussed were the Update of the 1980 Indian Treaty Study, the Housing Study, and the Democracy Study. The Education Project on the state of democracy in Washington State includes government organization, voter participation, voter rights, freedom of information, judiciary, and threats to democracy. Diana Wynn, president of the LWVUS, suggested sending letters of thanks to representatives who vote for preserving democracy.

Officers for 2025-2026. The motion to approve the slate of officers submitted by the Elections Committee passed. Leadership Team is Dee Ann Kline-Parkinson, Amy Davis, and Lynn Busacca. The Secretary is Eileen Perfrement. The Treasurer is Patricia Bradley who will join Dee Ann Kline Parkinson and Lynn Busacca as an additional check signer on our account at Our Community Credit Union (OCCU).

Upcoming Events

Shelton Arts Walk, Saturday, June 28, 11 to 3:30, downtown Shelton.

Allyn Days, Saturday, July 19, 10 am to 6 pm. LWVMC Booth 8:30 to 3:30.

North Mason Back to School Picnic, August, 4 to 7 pm.

Voter Services, Monday, June 30, on Zoom

Focus Group concerning the voter signature project and voter rights

LWVMC annual retreat

Hypatia in the Woods, contact Carolyn Maddux

Amy turned the meeting over to the guest speaker Michael Bowman, Rural Civic Engagement Specialist, Washington Secretary of State Office. He brought Civic Engagement Toolboxes for the members to peruse. The kits were developed in partnership with rural libraries to offer unique and effective ways to engage with the community. His steps to civic engagement are connection, action, and engagement. Rural communities do not have the same access as urban communities in meeting spaces and events. He took questions from the members present.

Amy adjourned the meeting at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eileen Perfremment
Secretary