League of Women Voters of Mason County Board Meeting October 2, 2026 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at Timberland Library, Shelton

Present: Carole W., Toni D., Lynda L., Anna B., Mary K., Peggy M., Lynn B., Patti B., Amy D., Cheryl W., Dee Ann K.P., Eileen P.

Amy called the meeting to orider at 11:36 am.

Minutes. The minutes had two additions to the Actions. 1) The Governance Committee Report was approved by the Board. 2) Add to action 5: The Governanace Report requires that all Board members watch the video/Webinar. With the corrections, the minutes were approved.

Action: The minutes were approved.

Question of the Day. Amy discussed the meeting on Tuesday, September 29, 2026, with Senator Maria Cantwell's aide Lilliana. She wanted to know what the League would like to ask Senator Cantwell. The attendees shared what questions they would like to ask.

Action: Amy will share the responses from the attendees with Lilliana.

Board Action Required at this Meeting

Appointment of Advocacy Committee Chair. League member Vikki V. has volunteered to be Advocacy Chair. Since Vikki was not able to attend today's meeting, the decision will be tabled to the next Board meeting.

Action: The appointment was tabled to the next Board Meeting.

Decision about including write-in candidates at Speed Dating. Dee Ann read the by-laws. They state that the candidate can be included if they filed and paid the filing fee. The write-in candidate has not done that. Dee Ann still encouraged we include her because of the push-back we may receive. Dee Ann was concerned about protecting the League's integrity. Carole wondered if we could invite her when she files. Other attendees expressed concern about inviting the candidate. Patti moved, Lynda seconded, Dee Ann voted no, the motion carried. Dee Ann asked for assistance drafting the letter to the candidate's campaign informing them of the decision. Cheryl W. volunteered.

Action: Dee Ann will write a letter to the candidate's campaign, with assistance from Cheryl, informing them of the decision not to include them in Speed Dating, but encouraging the candidate to attend.

Officer and Standing Committee Reports

President. Amy reported on young voters who tend to give up easily if their ballot is not accepted. They don't work to get it cured. Amy will follow up with media coverage of returned ballots in Mason County. Amy read a letter from the Seattle League who point out it is ok to reach out to elected

individuals because they represent all constituents.

Action: Amy will follow up with media coverage of curing the ballots when they are not accepted.

Treasurer. Patti highlighted the finalcail statement for September, 2026, that had been emailed to the membership. The checking balance is $7514.88, savings $1.00, CD $1216.94, and Education Fund is $7003.29, for a total of $15,736.11. One way to cut back some costs is to use the Timberland Regional Library offer of $20 of free copying to card holders and the ability to book a meeting room. Patti will submit the TRL Institutional Library Card Application. Lynda brought up the revival of the League book club.

Action: Patti will submit the TRL Institutional Library Card Application.

Voter Services. Dee Ann spoke of the wonderful Constitution Day event at the Library. Lynn spoke of 1) the difficult language in the constitution, 2) citizens should take the citizen test and 3) follow a bill. We have a change to write more letters to the editor, but as individual citizens instead of League members, with the topic of informed voters make smart choices. Mary and Cheryl volunteered to write letters under their names.

The ICE story from Indivisible continues to trouble the League.

The LWVUS commends the election workers. They encourage cards to thank election workers.

Informational fliers on voting procedures is ready for distribution. They will be provided at Speed Dating and through out the county. Dee Ann thanked Toni and team for development. Anna thanked the elections officers for helping with the dates on vote curing. In addion to speed dating, the brochures will be distributed to businesses, in canvassing bags, and candidates to distribute at campaign events. Carole will work on distribution. Fed-Ex can make copies.

Lynda updated Speed Dating. We will have 14 tables. She will show up at the Public Works Building at 5 pm, and encourages those who can assist with the set up to arrive after 5pm. Amy will ask the candidates to stand in front and introduce themselves and the office they are running for. The table back up questions are coming together. Cheryl did the interview on KMAS radio, and Speed Dating will be a Journal letter and in the community events section.

Actions. Mary and Cheryl will write letters to the editor under their own names regarding Informed Voters make Smart Choices. Speed Dating is October 15, Lynda will need help setting up 14 tables at Public Works Building after 5pm, the Voter Information fliers will be distributed, along with TRY brocures, and publicity includes KMAS radio ads, listing in community events and letter in the Journal. Carole will work on distribution of the Voter Information brochures, including businesses and candidates for canvassing and public event distributions. They will also be available at No Kings rally October 17 at Kneeland Park at the League table.

Member Services. Lynn is offereing League 101 on Thursday, October 29, 2026. at Lynn's. Some can't make it, so newer members will be invited to Coffee and Conversation at Marmo's on October 8 at 11 am to discuss next steps and projects.

Action: Two events for new and prospective members are League 101 October 29 and Coffee and Conversation October 8.

Programs. Lynda announced Speed Dating is the October meeting. The future meetings may include getting dark money out of politics, social security, and climate change on clean water Cheryl will address charitable donation changes to income tax at the November meeting. Meetings will be held at Faith Lutheran Church.

Advocacy. The letter from Karen Crowley involves census counting. Amy encouraged members to follow the LWVWA Resistance to Democracy series of emails.

Issue, Ad Hoc, and Special Projects Committee Reports

Climate Change. Mary is getting the lay of the landscape, including the Climate Committment Act from the State, the Department of Ecology data base on polluters, Squaxin Tribe efforts on expanding the size of riparian buffers, the Clean Water Act, and Southside School solar panels, Some League members signed up for the Alliance for a Healthy South Sound presentation October 15.

Governance. Carole asked Eileen to add actions to each topic on the agenda. Peggy and Lynn will lead a review of the current By-Laws by the By-Laws Committee. Decicions should be made in accordance with the By-Laws.

The League would like to offer hybrid Board meetings with the OWL Sue U. and Franceca R. will be contacted for their expertise.

Actions: The minutes will be modified to include an action section in each topic. Hybrid Board meetings will be explored.

Civic Story Telling. Peggy will collaborate with waater quality personnel for the next interviews.

Action: Peggy will continue with interviews.

For the Good of the Order and Announcements

Dee Ann is retiring from the Board of Directors as Voter Services Chair as of November 30, 2026. She will participate, but not vote. She will continue with the communications committee. As she needed to leave early, her letter was read. The acceptance will take place at the November 6, 2026 Board meeting.

The events are listed at the end of the Adgenda.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eileen Perfrement, Secretary