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UNM College of Education Dean S. Hector Ochoa to address LWVCNM in December

UNM College of Education (COE) Dean S. Hector Ochoa will present “Changes in UNM College of Education to Address NM Educational Challenges” to the League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico during the December General Meeting on Thursday, December 10th, 11:45 am, at the MCM Elegante (2020 Menaul Blvd NE).

Dean Ochoa will discuss changes to UNM COE Teacher Education resulting from NM demographics and critical issues. The UNM COE includes five Departments and Programs:

- Educational Specialties
- Health, Exercise, and Sports Science
- Individual, Family, and Community Education
- Language, Literacy, and Sociocultural Studies, and
- Teacher Education, Educational Leadership, and Policy

UNM COE is currently among six Colleges for teachers of public education. NM Governor Susana Martinez had issued “Report Cards” to each of the six colleges 2014. The NM Public Education Department (PED) issued a November 18, 2015 Press Release “US Department of Education Approves NM’s Plan to Provide Every Child Access to Effective Teachers.” The NM PED statement further states that low income and minority students will have access to great teachers and the current equity gap will be eliminated.

The US DOE released the NM Equity Profile in the fall of 2014 and the NM PED indicated the equity gap exists in four areas:

- Recruiting and Retaining Effective Teachers
- Teacher Preparation
- Ensuring Teachers provide Culturally Relevant Instruction, and
- Teacher Mentorship and Professional Development

Dr. S. Hector Ochoa began his tenure as UNM COE Dean July 14, 2014. He previously served as Professor and Dean of the College of Education at the University of Texas Pan American. He earned a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology, a Masters of Education degree in Guidance and Counseling, and a PhD in School Psychology. His research focuses on bilingual psycho-educational assessment and educational programming issues pertaining to Hispanic students. He has conducted workshops on educational factors associated with culturally and linguistically diverse students. In addition, he served on a US DOE Expert Advisory Panel for the study of English language learners with special needs. Included among his publications is Assessing Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students: A Practical Guide.

Please make reservations for the December 10th General Meeting online at [Email LWVCNM](#) or, by calling the LWVCNM office (884-8441) by 10:00 am Monday, December 7th. Please specify if you would like a vegetarian meal.



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Recognition of LWVCNM Voter Editor Chris Burroughs

The LWVCNM Leadership Team would like to recognize Chris Burroughs for her extensive service to LWV. After many years of dedication to being CNM's *Voter* Editor, Chris Burroughs is stepping down from that position and from the LWVCNM Board. Chris has been committed to producing the *Voter* off and on for at least fifteen years. She has developed our newsletter into a professional publication of which we can all be proud.

Chris will continue her membership and has agreed to help out in any way she can. We are sorry she will no longer be on the Board, but are excited for her long overdue, well-deserved vacation. Chris, let it be known that you are admired and we are grateful for your work for the League.

Karen Douglas - Carol Tucker Trelease - Peggy Howell

League of Women Voters[®] of Central New Mexico

Board Meeting - 1st Thursday of each month at the Offices of Sutin, Thayer & Browne, 6565 Americas Parkway NE.

All League members are invited to all unit meetings, committee and board meetings.

November Board Meeting Notes

November 5, 2015

Peggy Howell, Second Vice President, reported we have nine new members. She suggested we hold events, possibly once a quarter, so that members have the opportunity to get to know each other better. Suggestions will be appreciated.

The Money in Politics consensus meeting will be held on November 12. Karen Douglas has done a great job in coordinating it all. Cheryl Haaker posted the documents on the website a couple weeks ago.

On January 6, 2016, Trinity Broadcasting Network (KNAT on cable) will have a fifteen minute segment on the LWV. Andrea Targhetta was interviewed for this program.

Michelle Meaders, Voter Services, reported that local high schools are working with her in order to get students registered to vote. A 17 year old may register if he/she will be 18 by the next election. Margaret Magee will denote the names of registrars in the next membership directory - Sonia Lersten, Secretary

New Mexico State Auditor Tim Keller at the November Meeting



Making Democracy Work

DECEMBER

December 3 5:30 PM Board Meeting
Sutin Thayer & Browne

December 10 11: 45 AM Luncheon Meeting
MCM Elegante
2020 Menaul Blvd NE

December 24 - January 4, 2016 - Office Closed

Note: There will be no Northeast Heights or Evening unit meetings in December.

SAVE THE DATES

Wednesday & Thursday, February 3-4
League Day at the Legislature
& Legislative Reception

Thursday, January 14, 2016, 11:45 a.m.
MCM Elegante Hotel, 2020 Manual Blvd NE

Jan Wilson
Compassion and Choices
"End-of-Life Care"



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