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CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

**The League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico
Invites**

ALL MEMBERS

to the 2020 Annual Meeting of the organization

Saturday, May 2, 2020

**(PLEASE WATCH YOUR EMAIL AND THE MAY VOTER FOR
NOTICE ABOUT WHETHER THE MEETING WILL BE
POSTPONED DUE TO THE COVID 19 EMERGENCY.)**

9:00 Registration

9:30 am—11:30 am Business Meeting

11:30-1:00 pm Lunch

Embassy Suites Hotel

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Mary Ellen Smith

Public Relations:

Vacant

Director:

Ashley Benning



Technology:

Cheryl Haaker

Administrative Coordinator:

Vacant

The VOTER Editor:

Mary G. Wilson

OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday

10 am — noon

LEAGUE CALENDAR

UNIT MEETINGS FOR APRIL ARE CANCELLED DUE TO THE COVID 19 VIRUS

April 2020

Thursday, Apr 2 5:30 pm LWVCNM Board Meeting, Conference Room 4th floor, 6100 Uptown NE (subject to cancellation)

Wednes. Apr 15 DEADLINE FOR MAY VOTER

Monday April 27 10 am DEADLINE for Annual Meeting luncheon reservations

May 2020

Saturday, May 2 9:30 AM ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, May 7 5:30 pm LWVCNM Board Meeting, Conference Room 4th floor, 6100 Uptown NE

Thursday, May 14 NO LUNCHEON MEETING

Friday, May 15 DEADLINE FOR JUNE VOTER

Monday, May 25 NO NORTHEAST HEIGHTS UNIT MEETING

June 2020

Thursday, June 4 5:30 pm LWVCNM Board Meeting, Conference Room 4th floor, 6100 Uptown NE

Monday, June 8 10 am DEADLINE for luncheon reservations

Thursday, June 11 Luncheon unit meeting

Monday, June 15 DEADLINE FOR JULY VOTER

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING MEMEBR HANDBOOK

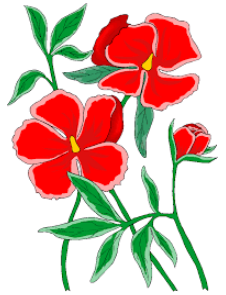
We are in the process of producing our 2020-21 Membership Handbook. In the Handbook, there is a directory that lists each member's name, address, email and phone number.

If you prefer not to have any or all of your information published, please contact Donna Rigano at asap.

If you sent in a physical renewal form and indicated your preference, it is not necessary to contact Donna. If, however, you renewed on-line and wish to omit information from your listing, please contact Donna Rigano at DJRIGANO@SWCP.COM with your preference. The cut off date for this information is April 15,

LWVCNM Co-Presidents' Report

The recent introduction of the CoronaVirus into the US and subsequent spread has pervaded many aspects of the daily lives of most Americans. This has also posed threats to the survival of small businesses, as residents are cautioned to avoid crowded areas and minimize unnecessary contact with others, remaining home whenever possible. Many large businesses are urging telecommuting to minimize employee vulnerability. During this time of a national alert, the services and protection provided by our health care professionals and first responders are prevalent and their self-sacrifice reminds of the security net we often take for granted.



These Coronavirus precautions have interrupted the schedule and progress of meetings and events planned by LWVCNM, in efforts to prevent further spread of the virus. LWVCNM has closed our local office to further protect our member volunteers and will be monitoring calls, email, and postal deliveries on a periodic basis until April 1 with reconsideration at that time. The April LWVCNM Unit meetings have been postponed and LWV committee meetings and presentations in public library conference rooms have been cancelled, to be rescheduled when health precautions warrant. The LWVCNM Bylaws state that the Annual Meeting (currently scheduled May 2, 2020) may be held between April 1st and May 15th of each calendar year - the Annual Meeting is necessary to approve Program, Budget recommendations, Bylaws changes and approve nominations to the LWVCNM Board. The LWVCNM Board will be considering options available during the April 2nd Board meeting – members are always welcome to attend.

Karen Wentworth and Karen Douglas
Co-Presidents

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Introductions
 Report of Registration Committee
 Adoption of Agenda
 Adoption of Rules of the Meeting
 Minutes of 2019 annual meeting
 Presidents' Report
 Treasurer's Report
 Officers and Directors Reports
 Dues 2020-2021
 2020-2021 Budget
 2021-2022 Budget
 2020-2021 Program
 Election of Officers and Directors
 Lunch and Guest Speaker TBA
 Directions to the Board
 Announcements

Thanks to the Budget Committee: Terry Quinn, George Richmond and Gege Polevitzky with Jan Strand, Ex Officio for preparing the Budgets shown at page 5.

ANNUAL MEETING RULES

1. No person may speak twice to the same motion until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity to do so.
2. Each speaker is limited to two minutes.
3. All motions must be made in writing and a copy given to the Secretary.
4. Only members in good standing will be allowed to speak to a motion.
5. Each person must be recognized by the Chair to be recognized to speak and shall state his or her name. when requesting to be recognized to speak.

2020-2022 SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Judy Binder, Chair of the Nominating Committee has provided the following slate of candidates for vacant offices on the Board of Directors:

2nd Vice President: Kathy Economy

3rd Vice President: Vacant (Trish Lopez will continue until filled)

Treasurer: Denise Blood

Director: Ashley Benning

Director: Lani Desaulniers

Director: Linda Adcox- Kimmel

Director: Mary Ellen Smith, Voter Services

Nominating Committee: Andrea Targhetta

Biographical information for each of the candidates follows on pages 8 and 9.

RECOMMENDED DUES FOR 2020-2021: (requires 3/5 vote)

The Board of Directors recommends the following dues for the year: October 2020 thru September 2021

Regular Member \$65.00

Household Member \$33.00

Associate member (non-voting) \$30.00

Student: \$12.00

An increase in \$5.00 per year for regular members is recommended due to increased costs for the local league's voter outreach program and Voter Guide printing, as well as the need for an office that is more accessible to the voting public and paid administrative assistance to staff the office more regularly. National per member payment has increased at least \$1.00 since the local league last raised its dues several years ago. Student dues will be available for any person attending school at least half-time. Currently, PMP for LWVUS is \$32.00 for regular members and \$16.00 for household members and PMP for LWVNM is \$13.00 and \$6.50, leaving very little for LWVCNM.

LWVCNM BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 2020-2021 AND 2021-2022

| Fiscal Year is May1—April 30 | 19-20 Adopted | 19-20 Actual to Now | 20-21 proposed | 21-22 Proposed |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Income | | | | |
| Dues | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 10,416.00 | \$ 10,400.00 | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Contributions | \$ 18,000.00 | \$ 19,823.00 | \$ 14,000.00 | \$ 20,000.00 |
| Voter Guide | | | | |
| Who's Who | | | | |
| Banquet | | | \$ 2,000.00 | |
| Silent Auction and Donations | | | \$ 10,000.00 | |
| Interest/Dividends | \$ 20.00 | \$ 200.00 | \$ 200.00 | \$ 100.00 |
| Luncheon | \$ 9,000.00 | \$ 6,436.00 | \$ 9,000.00 | \$ 9,000.00 |
| LWVNM Office Rent | \$ 600.00 | \$ 450.00 | \$ 600.00 | \$ 600.00 |
| Handbook Ads | \$ 400.00 | \$ 775.00 | \$ 900.00 | \$ 900.00 |
| Miscellaneous | \$ 200.00 | \$ 40.00 | \$ 200.00 | \$ 200.00 |
| LWVNM Project Admin | | | \$ 2,000.00 | |
| Total Income | \$ 38,220.00 | \$ 38,140.00 | \$ 49,300.00 | \$ 40,800.00 |
| Expenses | | | | |
| National Dues | \$ 5,352.50 | \$ 5,200.00 | \$ 5,264.00 | \$ 5,264.00 |
| State Dues | \$ 2,112.50 | \$ 2,112.50 | \$ 2,139.00 | \$ 2,139.00 |
| President | \$ 100.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 |
| Board of Directors | \$ 200.00 | \$ 126.69 | \$ 200.00 | \$ 200.00 |
| Membership | \$ 100.00 | | \$ 200.00 | \$ 200.00 |
| Public Relations | \$ 200.00 | | \$ 200.00 | \$ 200.00 |
| Voter Services | \$ 150.00 | | \$ 150.00 | \$ 150.00 |
| Who's Who | \$ 1,200.00 | \$ 1,001.91 | \$ 1,200.00 | \$ 1,200.00 |
| Voter's Guide | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 2,715.39 | \$ 12,000.00 | \$ 12,000.00 |
| Advocacy | \$ 100.00 | | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 |
| Insurance | \$ 505.00 | \$ 505.00 | \$ 505.00 | \$ 505.00 |
| Postage | \$ 350.00 | \$ 69.70 | \$ 350.00 | \$ 250.00 |
| Bulk Mail Permit | \$ 225.00 | | \$ 225.00 | \$ 225.00 |
| Bulk Mailings | \$ 200.00 | \$ 200.00 | \$ 200.00 | \$ 200.00 |
| Office Rent | \$ 4,800.00 | \$ 3,600.00 | \$ 4,800.00 | \$ 4,800.00 |
| Telephone | \$ 70.00 | \$ 59.94 | \$ 75.00 | \$ 75.00 |
| Office Supplies | \$ 400.00 | \$ 248.95 | \$ 400.00 | \$ 300.00 |
| Printing | \$ 350.00 | | \$ 300.00 | \$ 300.00 |
| Admin. Coordinator | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 910.71 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Member Handbook | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 919.56 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 950.00 |
| Luncheon | \$ 9,000.00 | \$ 5,641.65 | \$ 9,000.00 | \$ 9,000.00 |
| Pay Pal/Bank Fees | \$ 150.00 | \$ 188.79 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 150.00 |
| LWVUS Convention Registration | \$ 1,350.00 | | | \$ 1,350.00 |
| LWVNM Conv. Reg./Council | \$ 200.00 | | \$ 200.00 | \$ 200.00 |
| Secretary of State Report | | \$ 16.50 | \$ 10.00 | \$ 10.00 |
| Miscellaneous | \$ 50.00 | \$ 240.00 | \$ 200.00 | \$ 200.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 34,665.00 | \$ 23,807.29 | \$ 40,068.00 | \$ 41,068.00 |
| Profit/Loss | | | \$ 9,232.00 | \$ (268.00) |

ANNUAL REPORTS

The Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs are pleased to provide the following reports of their activities for the 2019-2020 year.

First Vice President:

Responsible for Publications. During this year we produced 12 issues of *The Voter* each comprised of at least 12 pages which were sent to all members. For the November 2019 Local Elections in Bernalillo County, we produced over 7,000 printed copies of a Voter Guide which were distributed throughout the county and published on the LWVCNM website. Currently working to produce an online Voter Guide for the June 2020 primary election by using the LWVUS VOTE411 platform. All races on the June ballot in the local league's four-county area will be covered in this Voter Guide. Also led the national part of the program planning meeting in January 2020 and served as mistress of ceremony for the February 15 League birthday luncheon. Mary G. Wilson



Second Vice President:

This year we celebrated the League's 100th birthday on February 14th. We will continue to remind the public this year that women's right to vote, the 19th Amendment, was hard-won by suffragists. Their stories have been noted in U.S. history. We, as sisters who have benefitted from their persistence, must tell our stories as well. It is important to tell our LWV story and share our journey on how we became a LWV member. Each of us has a reason why we joined the League and how valuable this membership is to us. Share your narrative with friends, new acquaintances, and other organizations. ASK PEOPLE TO JOIN.



LWV OFFICE--Our office volunteers are the first point of League contact for many people who call or come into our office. People know they can find answers pertaining to elections, political forums, government offices, and requests for voter registration. Many don't even know how the League works, but they know they can rely on us to give them unbiased information.

We have a staff of 12 members who usually work twice a month who help keep our organization running smoothly. The office is a place to find out what we are doing, when events will be held, and where one can find assistance. This year the office took part in selling tickets to the movie "Equal Means Equal" as a fund raiser for

the ERA movement. CNM partnered with Indivisible Nob Hill and NMNOW to show this documentary at the Guild Cinema. Come join our group of dedicated members and get involved.

WHO'S WHO--We are very thankful to Ashley Benning for stepping in to produce the *Who's Who: A Political Directory*, supplying the public with this very important information. There were 5000 printed with a possibility of a second printing if we run short this election year. All public libraries have copies. Come to the office to get a bundle to distribute. Please consider volunteering to aid Ashley, after the election, in updating the next version.

VOTER GUIDE DISTRIBUTION--CNM members personally distributed over 7,000 Voter Guides to our distribution list of local locations and to friends. Bernalillo County's warehouse was delivered several thousand Voter Guides which were placed in polling places around Albuquerque and Bernalillo County. Overall, Automated Elections printed 20,000 Guides for us.



WE NEED YOUR HELP--This year we started utilizing Twitter and Facebook more often. We tweeted and posted about the 100th celebration, Rio Rancho elections, ERA, 2020 Census, Women's History month, diversity and much more. Please Like our Tweets and Facebook posts. If you need help, please see me. We are asking you to click onto our Twitter and Facebook accounts. Comment on what was posted and help us spread our message to the public. It doesn't work unless we have members who will participate in assisting our League to succeed. Join in the conversation! Andrea Targhetta

Third Vice President:

Responsible for Program. Held Calendar Planning in June 2019 and organized speakers for two meetings per month during the year. Meetings were also held quarterly in Rio Rancho at the Neighborhood. Held Program Planning in January 2020 for local and national program. A full report was included in the February 2020 Voter and program recommendations for the local league are included at page 13 of this Voter.



Fourth Vice President:

After assuming office just a few months ago Gege Plevitzky has been working actively on fundraising for the Centennial banquet to be held in August. She has created a kit for volunteers to use in soliciting contributions and will direct volunteers in soliciting contributions.

Treasurer:

Required reports were filed with Bernalillo County, NM Attorney General, NM Secretary of State and IRS. Membership payments, luncheon payments, and donations to were deposited. Donations made through United Way are deposited online into the LWVCNM Account. Bills were paid promptly. Payments were made for the Voters Guide and the Who's Who Directory. Per Member Payments were made to LWVUS and LWVNM based on 2018-2019 membership data. Monthly financial reports were presented to the Board of Directors. A committee of LWVCNM members conducted an annual internal financial review; the report was adopted by the board of directors at the June 6, 2019 board meeting. The Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year 2019-2020 (May through April) will be presented at the Annual Meeting because the fiscal year ends April 30.



The Budget Committee has proposed 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 budgets presented at the March Board meeting for approval to be presented in the April Voter for adoption at the 2020 Annual Meeting.

Online banking is used to regularly access the account balances and monthly statements. The two-year office lease expires June 30, 2020. Jan Strand

Director for Membership:

Currently, there are a total of 194 names on the LWVCNM roster. We welcomed 48 new members to the League this year. Unfortunately, 30 members did not renew their membership. We are also saddened to announce that four of our members passed away this past year.

We introduced "Coffee with the Board" for new members. At these coffees the Board is able to answer questions and discuss the activities and upcoming plans of the League. We've held several of these over the past year and have found them to be very successful.



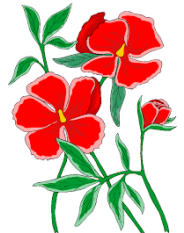
Another responsibility under membership is preparing our data base for a membership accounting by the National League in January of each year. To achieve this the data base must be maintained on an ongoing basis. Membership also prepares and publishes the Membership Handbook. Membership also initiates and processes Member Renewals in the Fall.

In this busy election year, we are encouraging our members to become more active. We developed a list of volunteer opportunities which has been sent to all new members. These include volunteering in the League office, or working on a variety of publications, voter services, public relations, membership, fund raising and many more possibilities. You can volunteer for projects or for just a few hours a month whatever your schedule permits. If you think you'd be interested just speak with any of our board members and we would be happy to help you.

Donna Rigano

Director:

After helping out the irreplaceable Margaret Krahenbuhl with getting out the 2019 Who's Who, I worked solo on producing the brochure for 2020 and planning how to stay current with interim website updates. I'm also learning more about the distribution of the brochure. I look forward to building a committee so that more than one person understands the whole process.



I've gone to all social media training events and am helping out with increasing the LWVCNM presence on Facebook. I also joined Twitter to be able to bump up the likes for the LWVCNM feed there. I've watched the Vote 411 webinar and have offered volunteer time to the effort to get our Voter Guide candidates posted on this LWVUS site as well as to a trial export of the information for the printed guide. At the time of writing this, we are still in the setup phase for that project.

I've also participated in the longer-term League activities of staffing the office, timekeeping for candidate forums, note-taking for the Program Planning meeting, and voter registration.

Ashley Benning

Centennial Committee:

The 2020 Centennial Celebrations Committee was formed in May 2019 to plan events and activities to recognize the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19 Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and the formation of the League of Women Voters.

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Centennial Committee Report, continued...

The committee has met monthly to work on the following events:

- Screening of the documentary film, "Equal Means Equal," on Jan. 19 and 26, 2020 at the Guild Cinema. We co-sponsored the event with the Albuquerque chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) and Indivisible Nob Hill as a fundraiser for final passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. Our League members designed the flyer and tickets, publicized the event extensively, sold most of the tickets, and coordinated the day-of-screening activities. The fundraiser made \$3,000 in ticket sales and other contributions. These funds were donated to the Heroica Foundation (\$1,500) and to the Fund for Women's Equality (\$1,500).
- Participation in League Day at the Legislature, which was organized by the state League. We had a table in the Rotunda and appeared in each Chamber as the Proclamations to honor the LWV were passed.
- Birthday celebration for the LWV at the February 15 luncheon. Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver spoke about 2020 election security. Our 10 lifetime members were honored. Cake and champagne were served. Special thanks to Karen Douglas for leading this event.
- August 29 banquet planning is underway. Twenty League members have volunteered so far to help with the venue (Sheraton Albuquerque Uptown) and the keynote speaker (Roberta Cooper Ramos). Subcommittees are working on fundraising including a silent auction, publicity, invitations, budget, program, and decorations. More volunteers will be needed.
- Participation in the August 22 parade sponsored by the City of Albuquerque. Details to follow..
- Other activities, such as working on the website page for Centennial activities, writing a history of LWVCNM, visiting local high schools, and informing League members about other suffrage events.

MEET THE NOMINATED SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Kathy Economy grew up with League activities hosted by her mother since she can remember. She joined the league for a brief time in the early 2000s but work activities hindered any participation. She rejoined the League in 2019 after she retired and moved back to Albuquerque from Washington DC. Kathy has a Bachelor's degree in Anthropology from University of California Riverside. After a divorce (in the mid 90s) she decided to retrain herself and earned a Master's degree in Hydrology from New Mexico Mining and Technology. Her professional career has been focused on hazardous waste issues. The majority of that time was spent concentrating on disposal of nuclear waste. She has been a member of performance assessments teams working on both the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, here in New Mexico, and the proposed Yucca Mountain repository located in Nevada. She retired in March 2018 from the EPA's radiation protection division in Washington D.C. As a young adult she, and her then husband, hand-built a passive solar home over a four year period. She also helped start a cooperative nursery school. Kathy has two grown children now living in New York City and Denver.



Denise Caroline Blood: I am known as "Denny" by most of those who know me here in Albuquerque. I was born in Manhattan, New York and lived there most of my adult life. I began my working career in the mid 70's in Advertising Accounting Management. In the early 80s I moved on to Wall Street where I worked as Business Manager for a high Net Worth individual. then sold Residential Real Estate in NYC for over 15 years. My mother set the example for me to be active in public service. She was the 26th woman inducted into the US Army (Women's Army Corp) and was in the first class of Women's Officer Candidate school. I have been active in both partisan political volunteer leaderships as well as volunteer church activities for over 50 years. In 2011 I moved to Albuquerque to marry for the first time to a very good friend that I have known since childhood!



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Slate, continued.....

Ashley Benning currently serves as a Director for the League of Women Voters of Central NM and the LWVCNM Who's Who Editor. The Who's Who is a LWV publication offering LWV members and the public names and contact information for elected and appointed officials responsible for making decisions regularly impacting our lives. The Who's Who requires update following every election and is a much sought -after service LWVCNM offers to our community. Ashley volunteered to assume this valuable role and is conscientious about revising the publication whenever changes warrant updates. The Who's Who is available from the LWVCNM website lwvcnm.org and hardcopies are also distributed to libraries, community centers, and other sites frequented by the NM public. Ashley assumed this responsibility for Who's Who preparation & publication from Margaret Krahenbuhl 2019 (long and valued LWV contributor, recently deceased) but had worked closely with Margaret following the 2018 midterm elections and collected results from 2019 elections. Margaret provided Ashley with guidance and Ashley contacted those sources providing elected official's information for update of Legislative information. Ashley coordinated Who's Who information for towns and villages, then, following proofreading, Ashley assumed remaining Who's Who responsibilities, complementing her career experience as copyeditor and proofreader. Other LWVCNM initiatives Ashley has contributed to include serving as Timekeeper for Candidate Forums moderated by LWV and assisting



with LWV Social Media including holding Administrator status for LWVCNM Facebook page. Ashley also frequently volunteers in the LWVCNM office, providing election and government information to members of the public seeking direction from LWV, a nonpartisan authority.

Lani Desaulniers is a family physician who began work with the Indian Health Service in Zuni, New Mexico in 1985 to fulfill a 2-year National Health Service Scholarship obligation. She continued to work with the Indian Health Service in Albuquerque for 29 years – with a special focus on diabetes care and education. She received her AB degree from Harvard University and her MD from the University of California at San Francisco. She currently works part-time as a consultant to the Indian Health Service Diabetes Program, and as a locum tenens provider in regional tribal clinics. With more flexibility in her schedule, she is looking forward to participating in more League projects and activities in the coming years. Her special interest areas are health, nutrition, education and voter rights.



Linda Adcox-Kimmel: I worked for twenty-five years in the Department of Defense in contract management with CACI, Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corporation, Lockheed Martin and Raytheon. As a Contract Manager I was involved in the pre-award, post-award, execution and close-out phases of the contract life cycle which also included extensive subcontract administration and management to include monitoring performance & schedule requirements and delivery schedules. I was a member of the National Contract Management Association from 1989 through 2011. As a member of the Dayton, Ohio chapter I was on the Board of Directors from 2001 through 2005. serving in several positions. Even though I have only recently joined the League of Women Voters Central New Mexico, I have been a lifelong voter and advocate for voting. I served as a Systems Clerk for three elections in Valencia County including the 2016 election. In November 2018, I served as an Exceptions Judge in Bernalillo County. I recently became a certified Voter Registration Agent through Bernalillo County. In addition, I have been volunteering in the LWVCNM office a couple of times a month. I have also been signing in attendees (and taking their money) at the monthly luncheons since November, 2019. I was a member, briefly, of the Action Committee, and I worked the "Will Call" table for "Equal Means Equal." I was an Assistant Cub Scout Leader for two years. Most recently I have been involved with the Immigration Ministry, counting the offerings, and volunteering in the office at my church. I have also been an active participant with the Albuquerque Senior Center Hiking Group



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CENTRAL NEW MEXICO
ALBUQUERQUE Marriott Hotel
SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019

2019 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
FOR APPROVAL AT THE 2020 ANNUAL MEETING



The 2019 Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico was called to order by Karen Wentworth, Co-President, at 9:30 a.m. on May 4, 2019. All members were invited to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

All members were welcomed. According to Donna Rigano, Membership Chair, there were 32 LWVCNM members registered at the May 4 meeting who were entitled to vote. Our bylaws state 10 percent of our membership is a quorum. Our membership currently stands at 189 and 10 percent of that number is 19. Therefore, a quorum was acknowledged.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Board members seated at the head table were introduced as well as Tanya Johnson, a registered parliamentarian, who assisted at the meeting. A moment of silence was held to honor and remember League member Marilyn Morgan who passed away since the last annual meeting. The agenda for the meeting is listed on page 8 of the April 2019 Voter. There being no objections, this agenda was adopted for the Annual Meeting.

The remaining members of the LWVCNM board were introduced and all were thanked for their guidance, leadership and dedication to our mission. Also recognized was Margaret Magee, League Administrator Coordinator and outgoing newsletter editor. Recognized for their services were Web Mistress Cheryl Haaker and office volunteers. The rules for the meeting found on page 8 of the April 2019 Voter were adopted. The recorder for Annual Meeting was Chris Burroughs. The 2019 minutes will be reviewed by Ashley Benning, who also read the minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting and has approved them as written. The minutes will be filed for the record in the League office if anyone wishes to review them.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Jan Strand presented the treasurer's report, indicating that this was first year a single budget made up the report. The treasurer's report was approved. The report of the treasurer will become part of the minutes of this meeting and be filed to be examined by the Financial Review Committee.

Bylaws require that annual dues be determined at each Annual Meeting by a 3/5 (60 percent) vote of those present and voting. Our present dues are \$60.00 for one individual in a household and \$30.00 for each additional member and students. George Richmond proposed that dues for students be lowered to \$1.00. The motion passed with 19 voting yes, 11 voting no and three abstaining. The non-student dues remained at \$60 for the first household member and \$30 for additional members.

BUDGET:

Our bylaws state: "Article VI. Section 3. A budget for the ensuing two fiscal years shall be submitted by the Board of Directors at the LWVCNM Annual Meeting for adoption on even-numbered years. The budget will be reviewed and adjusted at the Annual Meeting on odd-numbered years. The budget shall include support for the work of the LWVCNM as a whole."

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico reviewed the budget approved during the last Annual Meeting for fiscal year 2018-19 and recommended a few revisions. There were no amendments proposed to the budget, and it remains as it was approved.

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2019 Annual meeting minutes, continued....

PROGRAM:

This year at the program meeting League members looked at our state and local positions. They are printed in the League handbook. Because there are so many new members this year, the League did something different. At the program meeting we discussed the interests of the people who attended and established two committees doing research on the issues of civics/education and public transportation.

Judith Binder discussed the works of the Civic/Education Committee. She encouraged registrars to go into the schools to get students to register to vote. She wants to train more people to become registrars so they can also register students.

Sharon Moynahan, chair of the Public Transportation Committee, said that she talked to people from ABQ Ride and learned that the city had added two new routes on Albuquerque's Westside. The city also plans to add more lines.

Trish Lopez reported on the League's opposition to the sale of public lands to private owners, except for small tracts surrounded by non-federal lands.

Mary Wilson said she would be a delegate at the state League conference later in May where she would propose that the League develop a position on federal lands, reforms to firearms laws for public safety and a selection method of vacant judge seats of higher courts that involves the appointment by the governor followed by a nonpartisan election.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Members of the Nominating Committee were Andrea Targhetta, chair; Lindsey Ritscher; MaryEllen Smith; and Gail Owens. Nominations included Karen Wentworth, Co-president; Karen Douglas, Co-president; Mary Wilson, First Vice President; Anne Pierce-Jones, Voter Services; Trish Lopez, Third Vice President; George Richmond, Fourth Vice President; Carol Tucker Trelease, Secretary; Chris Burroughs, PR/Media Director; and Donna Rigano, Membership Chair.

Elected Directors:

Donna Rigano, Membership Chair; Mary Wilson; Susan Blasco.

There being no new nominations, the chair declared everyone nominated elected. It was noted that Anne Pierce-Jones had withdrawn from her proposed position in Voter Services, and the chair asked for nominations from the floor, but there were none.

The 2020 Nominating Committee includes Leah Ingraham, Judith Binder and Carol Tucker Trelease.

DIRECTIONS TO THE BOARD

Members were asked to give the board suggestions for improvement and new ideas.

There is no obligation for the person suggesting a direction and no obligation for the board to act on the direction.

Mary Wilson: After the governor appoints higher court judges for a vacant position, they should be elected in a non-partisan election.

George Richmond: There should be an emphasis on getting more medical providers in the state. We can't have health care for all if there are not enough providers.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Victor Reyes, the director of Legislative Affairs for New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, was the speaker during lunch.

Chris Burroughs, Meeting Minutes Recorder

Ashley Benning, Minutes Reader



PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES

The Board of Directors recommends the following changes to the Bylaws as proposed by the Bylaws Committee composed of Andrea Targhetta, Jan Strand, Karen Douglas, and Sonia Lersten (Page references are to the pages in the Member Handbook) (UNDERLINING CONNOTES PROPOSED NEW MATERIAL AND STRIKETHROUGH IS SUGGESTED TO BE TAKEN OUT.)

~~Article I. Amendment and Restatement. These Amended and Restated Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico, Inc. (the "Bylaws") amend and restate in their entirety the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico Education Fund (now known as the League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico, Inc.) page 28~~

Re-number remaining Articles

Article IV. Membership page 28

Section 2. Types of membership. The membership of the LWVCNM shall be composed of voting members including Student Members attending high school, vocational school or college at least half time; and associate members.

Article V. Board of Directors page 29

Section 1. Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the LWVCNM, six (6) elected directors and not more than six (6) appointed directors. Three (3) directors shall be elected by the general membership at each LWVCNM Annual Meeting and shall serve for a term of two years, or until their successors have been elected. The elected members shall appoint such additional directors, not exceeding six (6), as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the LWVCNM. The terms of office of the appointed directors shall be one year and shall expire at the conclusion of the next LWVCNM Annual Meeting. Elected officers and directors may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms in a given capacity, but may be reelected in another position.

Section 7. An executive committee, as named by the LWVCNM Board of Directors, consisting of the President and three other members of the Board of Directors appointed by the Board of Directors, shall act for the Board of Directors between regular meetings, provided that any action taken shall be presented to the Board of Directors for ratification at its next meeting. Three members of the executive committee shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

Article VI. Officers page 30

Section 1 Enumeration and Election of Officers. The officers of the LWVCNM shall be a President or Co-Presidents, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Third Vice-President, a Fourth Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer who shall be elected for terms of two years by the general membership at the LWVCNM Annual Meeting and take office immediately. The President or Co-Presidents, the First Vice-President, the Fourth Vice-President and the Secretary shall be elected in odd-numbered years. The Second Vice-President, the Third Vice-President and the Treasurer shall be elected in odd-numbered years. The Second Vice-President, the Third Vice-President and the Treasurer shall be elected in even-numbered years

[See next page for proposed changes to LWVCNM Policies.]

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MEMBERSHIP DUES. The membership year is October 1 through September 30.

The first membership in a household is ~~\$60.00~~ **\$65.00**; each *additional* member in the household is **\$33**. Associate membership is \$30. Student membership is \$1.00 **\$12.00**

Dues are collected during the month of October for the membership year.

PARTISAN POLITICAL PARTICIPATION. The Board is committed to preserving the policy and reputation of the League of Women Voters® as a nonpartisan, impartial organization. Accordingly, no member of the LWVCNM Board of Directors shall serve in any capacity as an officer in a political party and shall not run for or serve as an elected official at any level of government. The President, Advocacy Chair and *Voter Guide* Editors shall also refrain from any activity that supports or gives the appearance of supporting a political party or candidate for public office. (recommended addition: Moderator for Candidate Forums, Voter Services Chair)

PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS

There are no Board recommended studies or revisions to existing positions for the 2020-2021 year.

Program Planning attendees had consensus on working on the Making Democracy Work program elements for which we already have positions and on publishing a Know Your Local Government booklet.

A further program item discussed was the fact that LWVCNM does not have a position on and has never studied “ranked choice voting” which is now being used in some cities in New Mexico and which may be brought up before the Albuquerque City Council again this year. It was agreed that LWVCNM should obtain the study materials used by Santa Fe and Las Cruces when they came to consensus on supporting this method of elections for their local governmental bodies. More information will appear in upcoming issues of the Voter on this subject so that our members are informed. If enough members want to serve on a study committee for this subject and a chair volunteers at the annual meeting, a committee could be formed on proper motion and approval by the members since this subject was proposed by a member two months prior to annual meeting. A motion for consideration of this study must be made and approved by a majority of those in attendance and then a motion to conduct the study must be made and approved by a majority present. This is the **ONLY** topic that such motions would be in order for since no other topics were proposed two months prior to annual meeting. Bylaws, Article X. Sec. 3

A very detailed report of the Program Planning meeting appeared in the February 2020 Voter.

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Suffrage Centennial Celebration & Dinner
Saturday August 29, 2020 5:30 – 9:00 pm
Sheraton Uptown Hotel in Albuquerque

Need additional volunteers:

Publicity; Budget/Finance; Honored Guests (Sponsored) – complete listing, invitations with RSVP; Invited Guests (not Sponsored) – comprehensive unbiased listing, invitations with RSVP, Sponsored Tables, Appropriate Recognition (Program?); Donations: Silent Auction/Wine/Silent Auction hors d’oeuvres – contact businesses; Printing – invitations, programs

