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CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

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

**ALL MEMBERS
to the 2021 Annual Meeting of the organization**

Saturday, May 1, 2021

TO BE HELD VIA ZOOM

**Login information will be posted on the website and
on LWVCNMTopics**

Registration starts at 9:30 am

10:00 am Business Meeting

11:15 am Speaker

Have this Voter available for the meeting.



**Guest Speaker:
The Honorable Tom Udall
Former U. S. Senator**

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LEAGUE CALENDAR

All of the following are Zoom meetings. Members will receive invitations on the LWVCMTopics listserv. Anyone who does not receive an invitation can email president@lwvcm.org.

April 1—5:30 pm Board meeting

April 8—Monthly meeting.

May 1—Annual meeting

May 6—5:30 pm Board meeting

The deadline for the monthly Voter remains the 15th of each month. Articles and pictures are always welcome.

AND A WORD TO OUR NON-TECHY MEMBERS: Do not be concerned that you do not “do online stuff.” We are working on ways to make these available to you too! This may be through pairing you with a “buddy.” It may be that several members can view the sessions in the conference room at our new office building. Or if you just need a little help using Zoom or whatever meeting software we use, several of our Board members, our Webmaster, or other volunteers may be sent to help you. And summaries of the presentations will appear in the Voter issued after the date of the speaker. I am sure other ways “to make this happen” and keep us all safe will evolve as we proceed. **Contact Karen Wentworth at kwentworth17@comcast.net if you need help.**



Computer Literate Volunteers Needed

The League needs volunteers to help input information into our VOTE 411 software for the primary and general municipal elections. This will involve 10 or so hours for initial input of questions and information in late April/early May and some monitoring of the site during May. For the general election it will involve 10 hours or so of input work in mid-September and some monitoring of the site during October. You will be working with a team. This volunteer opportunity does not require advanced computer skills. If you can manage Microsoft Word, you can manage this. Please contact Karen Wentworth at kwentworth17@comcast.net.

OFFICE HOURS

Closed until further notice due
to Covid concerns.
Phone messages will be checked daily.

JOIN US ON ZOOM FOR THE APRIL LUNCHEON UNIT MEETING....APRIL 8 AT 12 NOON.

TOPIC: Sustainability

Speaker: Kelsey Rader, Sustainability Officer, City of Albuquerque

Kelsey Rader is the City of Albuquerque's first Sustainability Officer, leading City efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for changing climate conditions. Over the last several years, she has had the opportunity to work with many New Mexico-based organizations and agencies on some of the leading topics in energy, water, agriculture and wildlife conservation. Kelsey Rader graduated from University of New Mexico School of Law with a certificate in environmental and natural resources law. Prior to her role at the City, Kelsey was the Natural Resources Policy Director for New Mexico First, a nonpartisan policy nonprofit. Kelsey also currently serves as a commissioner on the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission.



CLIMATE CHANGE: RECAPPING THE FACTS

FACT 1: The science is clear. The 4th National Climate Assessment Report (2018) is considered the definitive examination of climate science studies. It found that climate change over the past century is caused, in large part, by increased greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere, due to human activity.

FACT 2: Climate change is already having disastrous consequences and will only get worse over time. Higher temperatures, droughts, rising sea levels, extreme weather events, lower food production, etc.

FACT 3: The sources of greenhouse gases are well known. Most that we can control are fossil fuels for energy (coal, petroleum, and natural gas).

FACT 4: Every sector will be affected – residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, government, business, non-profits, etc. We cannot escape the consequences.

SO as the current TV commercial says, "we can do it the easy way or the hard way."

NEXT MONTH: The Easy Way vs the Hard Way

Jeanne Logsdon

SEE PAGE 5 FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE LWVCNM 2021-22
PROGRAM RECOMMENDATION REGARDING CLIMATE CHANGE

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL MEETING

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

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.**

2021-2023 SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Donna Rigano has reported on behalf of the Nominating Committee the following slate of candidates for vacant offices on the Board of Directors:

Co-Presidents: Karen Douglas and Donna Sandoval

1st Vice President: Anne Pierce-Jones

4th Vice President: Open

Secretary: Ashley Benning

Director (Office Manager): Starlyn E. Brown (to be nominated to fill the unexpired term of Linda Adcox-Kimmel who has resigned effective April 30. Term ending 2022.

Nominating Committee: Open

Biographical information for each of the candidates follows on page 9. We have also included bio information for Cassandra Spacek who has been appointed by the Board as 2nd VP to fill the remainder of Kathy Economy's term.

Proposal to Create a LWVCNM Position on Climate Change by Consensus

- Submitted by Athena Christodoulou and Jeanne Logsdon
- Recommended by LWVCNM Board, 3/4/2021

Rationale for the proposal:

A. The LWVUS identified climate change as a serious problem in 2006 and has engaged in actions to address climate change since that time and created a Climate Change Position in 2019. The LWVNM created its climate change position in 2019.

B. At its 2020 Convention, LWVUS declared climate change to be an emergency, and members approved the resolution "that calls for an immediate, wide-scale mobilization by the United States that restores, protects, and funds an ecologically sustainable environment and climate, based on an interrelated approach that is environmentally sound, science-based, just and equitable, dedicated to appropriately addressing the speed and scale of the global climate change emergency."



C. In September 2019 Albuquerque's City Council passed a resolution declaring a climate emergency and authorizing an update of the city's 2009 Climate Action Plan, "requesting regional collaboration on a just transition and emergency mobilization effort to restore a safe climate." (R-19-187)

D. Why should LWVCNM adopt a Climate Change Position now? We believe that LWVCNM should be actively participating in designing the City's plan and advocating for its adoption. We also support collaboration to address region-wide climate issues.

Proposed Position

LWVCNM draft Position, based upon the wording in LWV California's Position, which is supported by LWVUS Positions and LWVC history of addressing environmental issues. The California Position has more specific detail about actions that should be supported than the national and state Positions. (See Attachment 1 for documentation.)

Proposed Climate Change Action Position:

The League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico supports actions to mitigate and adapt to climate change in order to protect our region from the negative physical, economic, and public health effects. Our actions are to:

- Promote energy conservation and efficiency in transportation, buildings, and infrastructure, including energy efficiency standards and land use policies that reduce vehicle miles travelled.

- Promote carbon pricing by market mechanisms such as cap and trade systems and carbon taxes.

- Promote a clean, low-carbon energy economy that is sustainable, including all forms of renewable energy and transportation infrastructure.

- Promote policies that mitigate impacts of climate change by adaptation in urban, rural, agricultural, and natural settings.

- Promote basic research and technology development, encouraging the use of a portfolio of technologies.

- Promote solutions that ease consequences of climate-related hardships to low- and moderate-income households.

- Promote public access and involvement in the decision-making process.

ANNUAL REPORTS

The Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs are pleased to provide the following reports of their activities for the 2020-2021 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 primary and general elections in 2020, published the first ever LWVCNM version of VOTE411 with candidates for all races in all four counties served by CNM. Mary G. Wilson

**Third Vice President:
Calendar Planning**

While the educational program schedule was interrupted for several months due to the COVID lockdown, monthly speaker programs resumed in August via Zoom. A group of eighteen members met on Saturday, August 29, 2020 to map out program topics/speakers from October 2020 through September 2021. While Zoom is not always ideal and in-person contact has been missed, the meetings on the second Thursday of each month covered a wide range of topics with attendance ranging from eleven to fifty+ participants. The next Calendar Planning meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 12, 2021, 10 AM-Noon. All CNM members are invited to attend to offer topic/speaker suggestions.

Program Planning

On Saturday, January 23, 2021, a group of eleven CNM members met to discuss annual Program Planning on the local chapter level: the education and advocacy concepts to be considered for adoption to advance the League's mission forward. Mary Wilson opened the session with an explanation of the planning process from proposal, to Board approval, to study/consensus/position finalization—with the end result being an advocacy strategy. A review of the previous year's Program Planning meeting followed this introduction and Alan Ramos, the new Advocacy Chair, was introduced.



Three proposals for potential studies were presented. Of the three proposals, the Climate Action Proposal, spearheaded by Athena Christodoulou and Jeanne Logsdon ad-

vanced to Board consideration. A proposal "to create a LWVCNM position on Climate Change and to activate a Climate Action and Environment Committee to gather information on and advocate for policies that deal effectively with climate change and environmental issues that affect Central New Mexico" was submitted and accepted at the March CNM Board meeting.

The Program Planning meeting concluded with the agreement that our first priority is to reestablish a substantive committee structure (i.e. Natural Resources, Transportation, Education, Website). Until we rebuild this core group, it will be difficult to take on substantive new projects. The meeting concluded with the thought that a focused outreach to new members may be our first step in rebuilding the committee structure—new member outreach being viewed as the top of the committee pyramid. How to best reach out to new members and reinvigorate the committee structure, COVID challenges notwithstanding, will factor into upcoming Board discussions.



Jennifer Black

Treasurer:

A transfer of stewardship of Treasurer began July 2020 and coincided with our move to new office space. The new office lease runs for five years.

Restrictions due to the Covid Pandemic caused us to suspend monthly luncheons and Centennial activities. There was no expense or income activity in those areas.

Required reports were filed with Bernalillo County, NM Attorney General, NM Secretary of State and IRS. Membership payments and donations to LWVCNM were deposited. Donations made through United Way are deposited online into the LWVCNM Account. Bills were paid promptly. Payments were made for the Member Handbook, Voters Guide and the Who's Who Directory. Per Member Payments were made to LWVUS and LWVNM based on 2019-2020 membership data.

Monthly financial reports were presented to the Board of Directors. The Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year 2020-2021 (May through April) will be presented at the Annual Meeting because the fiscal year ends April 30.

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Treasurer's report, continued..... The Budget Committee has proposed the 2021-2022 budget presented at the March Board meeting for approval to be presented in the April Voter for adoption at the 2021 Annual Meeting.

Online banking is used to regularly access the account balances and monthly statements. Denny Blood

Secretary

I been taking the minutes at the last annual meeting and at the monthly board meetings. I have also been posting once a week for the LWVCNM Facebook page and passing on contacts that try to reach us through that page. In 2020 I focused on election prep, women's suffrage centennial, census participation, and in 2021 I've passed on National information/blogs and promoted our monthly Zoom meetings. I worked on data entry and troubleshooting for the VOTE411 state senate races for the last election. I produced the 2021 Who's Who for Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties and put together a mailing to get



these brochures in the hands of members while things were still mostly locked down and the office was not yet open to the public. I've also kept a few boxes at my house to give out to members who can distribute them. I've discussed other

distribution venues with Lani Desaulniers, who has great ideas on this subject, but I am a little behind following through with her. At Karen Wentworth's request, I have started working on Who's Who information for Torrance and Valencia Counties. Ashley Benning

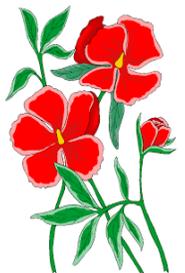
Director for Membership:

Currently, we have 208 members of the LWVCNM. We welcomed 62 new members in 2020 and 5 in Jan-Feb. 2021. Two of our members passed away since our annual meeting last October. We had to suspend our "Coffee with the Board" for new members due to COVID 19. These meetings have been very successful and we plan to resume them as soon as we can. At these coffees, the Board is able to engage directly with new members in a casual setting that promotes the exchange of information and ideas. We try to hold them on a monthly basis at different locations throughout the city. Another responsibility under membership is preparing our data base for each year. The results determine the amounts of fees owed by LWVCNM to both the National and NM State leagues. These fees are paid from new membership dues and renewal dues collected in the fall. To achieve this accounting the data base must be maintained on an ongoing basis. Membership also prepares

and publishes the Membership Handbook and initiates and processes Member Renewals. We are encouraging our members to become more active. We send a list of volunteer opportunities to all new members and welcome their participation and enthusiasm. These activities include volunteering in the League office, or working on a variety of publications, voter services, public relations, membership, fund raising, a variety of committees and many more possibilities. You can volunteer for projects or for just a few hours a month. Just speak with any of our board members and we would be happy to help you. Donna Rigano

Voter Services Director

in the year of the Pandemic and a national Presidential election combined to make a year like no other. Due to COVID-19 and the ensuing Pandemic, previously scheduled in-person voter registration events needed to be either cancelled or held virtually on Zoom. This resulted in extensive, detailed directions being given for requests for absentee balloting, early voting, and Get Out The Vote mail campaigns being conducted across the country. In order to accommodate anticipated increases in mail volume prior to the election, special ballot drop boxes were added to voting locations by the US Postal Service across the country. Online 3rd party voter registration information was also launched on the League of Women Voters VOTE411.org website locations. Print, social, and TV media instructions were repeatedly given to ensure that voters had adequate information for safe and timely voting practices. The LWV issue of the "Voters Guide" was updated stressing extended polling place information as well as adding information for Valencia and Torrance counties to those of Bernalillo and Sandoval. In spite of repeated unsubstantiated allegations from some quarters of the electorate of "voter fraud", the 2020 Presidential election resulted in the largest and safest voter turnout in the nation's history. I continue to join Webinars and Zoom training meetings looking for new and creative ways to make contact with voters and get them registered. At one point, people could be registered to vote when they applied for a driver's license until the Pandemic and limited available personnel curtailed this service. Legislative action across the country is seeking to increase access to voter registration and making it easier to vote. This is also the year of the Census, and efforts are under way to make sure that everyone is counted and that political gerrymandering does not take place. Be vigilant and VOTE! MaryEllen Smith



MEET THE NOMINATED SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

DONNA SANDOVAL, CGFM, CISA, CISM

I am the Controller for the City of Albuquerque, prior I was the Assistant Commissioner of Administrative Services for the New Mexico State Land Office. I have 28 years in state and local government finance. I was a CFO for three state agencies over my years in state government. I am a director of chapters for the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) National Governing Board and I am the Chair for the National Accountability Committee. I served on both the AGA New Mexico and Albuquerque Chapters in several roles including chapter President, Accountability Outreach and Education Chair. I also served as Regional Vice President of the Southwest. Over my volunteer years in AGA I became a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM). I have a BBA in Accounting and an MBA in Management Information Systems (MIS). In 2019 I became a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) and in 2020 I became a Certified Information Security Manager (CISM), the certifications compliment my Accounting and MIS background. In 2020 I decided to volunteer in other organizations that I believe make a positive impact on our community. I am a board member for the El Paso Chapter of Association of Latino Professionals for America (ALPFA) and I joined the League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico (LWVCNM) in 2020. I am also a member of the LWVCNM sub-committee Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI). I am a member of Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA). I was born and raised in Santa Fe and now live in Albuquerque.



KAREN DOUGLAS

Karen Douglas served as LWVCNM 3rd VP/Program and member of the CNM Leadership Team 2015-17 with Andrea Targhetta, Carol Tucker Trelease, and Peggy Howell. She then served as Chair of the LWVNM Spent Nuclear Storage Safety Committee since May 2017 with SNF Storage Safety Advocacy Statement approved by LWVUS December 2019 and recent 2021 Consensus meetings involving members of the four NM local leagues resulting in the SNF Storage Safety Position adopted by the LWVNM Board March 2021. She has been serving as LWVCNM Co-President with Karen Wentworth since May 2019. Karen has been involved with LWVCNM activities including her service as APD Forward representative since 2015, Observer for Valley Community Policing Council since 2016, LWVCNM Office volunteer since 2017, and suffrage planning activities including the LWV 100th Birthday Party February 2020. Karen is a Nuclear Engineer, Nuclear Safety Specialist, and ASME NQA-1 Lead Nuclear Quality Assurance Auditor who retired from full-time work with US DOE/NNSA April 2019 and now consults part-time with Longenecker & Associates. Karen had previously been employed by General Electric Nuclear Energy Division, Raychem Corporation, and Motorola Corporation. Karen earned her undergraduate engineering degree from UNM in 1979 and completed her MS in Materials Science and Engineering at Stanford University in 1983.



STARLYN E. BROWN

Starlyn Brown is a proud third generation native New Mexican. She graduated from the University of New Mexico with a BBA in Business Computing Systems. After graduation she went to work at the UNM computing center as an entry level programmer. She retired 25 years later as an Associate Director of Information Technology. She spent 6 years as a computer technology consultant at the Air Force Research Lab, then re-retired. Starlyn has always been a volunteer. She lost count of how many soccer teams she managed for her daughters. She served on the state Counsel for Technology for K through 12, chairing the long-range planning committee. She also served several years as a board member, and then chair, for RCI Inc. a nonprofit in Albuquerque serving people with disabilities. Starlyn has been a Big Brothers Big Sisters mentor for many years. She mentored a high school student from her freshman year through her senior year and watched with pride when she graduated. She has also been a BBBS lunch buddy for five years. Starlyn is looking forward to volunteering and becoming the LWVCNM Office Manager .



ASHLEY BENNING

Ashley was elected as a Director for the League of Women Voters of Central NM and currently serves as Secretary. She is also 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 hard-copies 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.



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CASSANDRA SPACEK

Cassandra Spacek has lived most of her life in California. After working in advertising (account manager) and fitness (sales coordinator), she spent the next 15 years working for a non-profit social research organization. As the Administrator, she coordinated and managed all administrative functions for Human Resources, Fiscal Management, and Grant Administration. During this period, she also devoted time volunteering in her son's schools (for which she was awarded Volunteer of the Year). This led to a decision to return to college to become a middle school teacher. After earning a Master's in Education with honors, she spent the next 15 years teaching. She was a member of the English Language Learner Master Plan Task Force, the Curriculum Leadership Council and the Instructional Leadership Council. She also initiated and chaired the Annual Culture Fair, and was developer, coordinator and editor of the national award-winning school literary journal, Ellipsis. Cassandra retired in 2019 and moved to Albuquerque to be near her son and his wife. She is active in community groups, and is happy to be living in such a vibrant, beautiful place and giving back as a volunteer in her new community.



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ANNE PIERCE-JONES Bio and picture were unavailable at time of publication. She will be introduced in the May Voter.

MORE ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING:

- THERE ARE NO BYLAWS CHANGES PROPOSED FOR THE MEETING.
- DUES ARE PROPOSED TO REMAIN THE SAME: \$65; household \$33; student \$12
- A TWO YEAR BUDGET WAS APPROVED AT THE 2020 ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE 2020-2022 BIENNIUM. The second year of that budget will be reviewed at the 2021 annual meeting. A FINAL TREASURER'S REPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY OF THE MEETING IF NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF THE PUBLICATION OF THE MAY VOTER.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CENTRAL NEW MEXICO
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2020, VIA ZOOM
ANNUAL MEETING

The 2020 Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico was called to order by Karen Douglas, co-president, at 10:02 a.m. on October 3, 2020, and all members were welcomed. Karen Wentworth, co-president, was introduced as running the Zoom software for the meeting.

Ashley Benning was introduced as secretary for the board and official recorder for this meeting, and she took attendance based on Zoom screen names. Her count for attendees was 50 members entitled to vote. According to Donna Rigano at the board meeting two days earlier, the full membership count is currently 222. Our bylaws state 10 percent of our membership is a quorum; therefore, the meeting did meet that requirement.

Announcements and Introductions

The members of the board of directors were each introduced and asked to raise their hand so the membership could recognize them. Because the annual meeting was postponed from April this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was explained that the board had also taken the unusual step of bringing the slate of officers given in April on to work early as appointed directors and they have been "in training" for taking on their particular ballot positions. Each of these directors was also introduced along with their ballot position. A round of virtual applause expressed appreciation for the work of this board.

Also recognized for their service were Cheryl Haaker, web mistress, and the office volunteers.

Adoption of Agenda, Rules of Meeting

The agenda for this meeting was distributed prior to the meeting via the Topics email list. Also the April issue of The Voter has information on the rules for the meeting, and these were read out by Karen Douglas. Their being no objections to either, the agenda and the rules were adopted for the annual meeting.

Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting

Chris Burroughs took the minutes for the 2019 annual meeting, and Ashley Benning was the reader and has approved the minutes as written. The approved minutes will be filed at the League office for the record if anyone wishes to review them. Sonia Lersten has agreed to be the Minutes Approval Committee of one for the 2020 annual meeting.

Treasurer's Report and Budget

Jan Strand presented the treasurer's report. The annual financial report was reproduced in the April 2020 Voter on p. 7. The League did very well. This report has been audited and was approved by the board. Jan moved to adopt the amended budget (no second required). The report of the treasurer will become part of the minutes of this meeting.

The original budget for 2020–2022 was presented in The Voter on p. 5. However, based on new information, an amended proposed budget for 2021–2022, reviewed by the board, was sent out to members.

The only discussion of the budget took place in the Comments on Zoom, where it was asked why so much had been allotted for the Voter Guide in the budget, when the League spend less last year than budgeted. The response given by Karen Wentworth explained that the VG is larger this year, at 57 pages and more copies will be printed to include distribution to Torrance and Sandoval Counties.

There being no other discussion of the proposed budget amendments, they remain as approved.

Our bylaws require that annual dues be determined at each annual meeting by a 3/5 (60%) vote of those present and voting. The board has determined that dues should be increased. Our present dues are \$60 for one individual in a household and \$30 for each additional household member, as well as \$1 for students 16 years and older. The board recommends an individual member increase of \$5, with an increase of \$3 for household members. Student membership would increase to \$12. As membership renewal forms for 2020 dues have already gone out, this increase will go into effect next year.

Karen Douglas moved for adoption of new dues (no second required). There being no objections, the adoption was approved.

Bylaws Amendments

The current bylaws can be found in the pink Members Handbook. The changes proposed by the Bylaws Committee are reproduced on pp. 12–13 of the April Voter and were read out by Karen Douglas. The wording changes impact Article IV (membership), Section 2; Article V (board of directors), Sections 1 and 7; Article VI (officers), Section 1; and Policies on Membership Dues and Partisan Political Participation. And Article I would be removed.

Peggy Roberts was confused by the wording of the Article VI change. It was confirmed that one sentence was repeated in error and that will be corrected. Jeanne Logsdon also asked for clarification of what is being changed in Article VI, and this was explained.

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ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES 2020, continued....

The change to the policy on Partisan Political Participation to include moderators of candidate forums and the Voter Services chair in addition to the president, advocacy chair and Voter Guide editors brought the most discussion, and this centered on two points: what actions are restricted by this clause and would adding these positions to the list make them harder to fill?

Janet Blair wanted clarification on the wording for the political partisanship clause regarding "officer in a campaign."

Brenda McKenna asked whether adding the forum moderators and Voter Services chair to the political partisan clause was based on some event.

There have been no complaints, but the reasoning behind the change is to ensure forum moderators are not considered to be favoring one candidate over another and, since Voter Services is in charge of registrars, to make it clear that there is no influencing of party choices when registering voters.

Brenda, follow-up: Could these individuals post support for a candidate on social media? That would be inadvisable.

Mary Wilson commented that she opposes moderators being added to this group because there has never been a problem and we may lose moderators if this restriction is put in place.

Jeanne Logsdon asked if such a ban on partisanship would include contributions to a campaign? Karen Douglas noted that contributions are okay. Jeanne felt that it should be clear in the policy that contributions are not precluded.

Andre Targhetta commented that this clause is about publicizing party/candidate preferences as a League advocate but private actions are personal and that includes private donations. She also made the point that when in doubt, individuals can always go to the board for a definitive answer on particular cases.

MaryEllen Smith wondered if partisan speech would include letters to the editor. These would be a problem only if they were in support of a candidate or party. Positions on issues are always acceptable.

Each article was reviewed separately for a vote:

Article I: no objections

Article IV: no objections

Article V, sect. 7: no objections

Article VI: no objections

Policies: on partisanship. There was an objection voiced by Mary Wilson, so this edit went to a vote. It became hard to count up those in favor on the Zoom platform, so instead the count focused on those opposed. That group totaled 5 out of 50, so this edit was adopted by majority vote.

Program

This year items of Program Planning have been hampered by our inability to meet in person. A committee was approved to work on a publication called "Know Your Government," which is something the League has done in the past, but it requires members to meet and talk with government officials about how their departments work. Program activity has been temporarily suspended as we wait for the epidemic to pass and government activity to return to normal. Anyone interested in working on this project was encouraged to contact Karen Wentworth.

The League is also in need of an advocacy chair. This person would take information from the League Observer Corps, currently being reinvigorated by Karen Douglas, and work with the board to determine how the League should advocate on important local issues. Anyone interested is encouraged to talk to Karen Douglas.

Nominating Committee Report

Andrea Targhetta listed the committee as herself, Lindsey Richter, Gail Owens, MaryEllen Smith. Karen Douglas read the nominees for officer positions from the script. A call was made for any additional nominations for officer positions. There being none, nominations were closed. The group was asked for any objections to declaring all nominees elected. There being none, all nominees were approved by acclamation.

The candidates for director positions were read. There were no additional nominees and no objections to this group. So this set of nominees was approved by acclamation.

As for the 2021 Nominating Committee, Andrea has not gotten together a group at this time. So approving this group will happen later through the board.

DIRECTIONS TO THE BOARD

Jeanne Logsdon: Take opportunities to involve more members in actions over the next year and to reach out more actively to involve new members. One suggestion would be to publicize the agenda for the board meetings and encourage observers to attend.

Betsy Carlson (a new member attending her first meeting): Do we publish a calendar of events to depend on throughout the year to invite prospects to?

Karen Douglas described for her the Calendar Planning process and the speaker events throughout the year. Dates of unit meetings are set in advance and publicized through the Voter newsletter.

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ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES 2020, continued.....

Donna Rigano reminds members of the new member coffees, currently suspended because of COVID-19. Andrea Targhetta also notes that the calendar is included in the back of the Members Handbook (a new one of which will be going out in Oct).

Michelle Meaders suggests conducting new member groups over Zoom with breakouts. Jeanne Logsdon offers to participate in such groups. Abigail (no last name given on screen name) as a new member would like this, and Janet Kirkpatrick is also new. Kathy Economy asks if the calendar could be posted on the LWVCNM website, and Linda Adcox-Kimmel agrees.

Jessica Seeley: As a new member she shares that events and activities on the website would be so helpful. She notes that the Santa Fe League's site is great for this and she'd like to see something similar for CNM. In this context Jeanne Logsdon recommends recruiting new members for a website renewal committee.

George Richmond: Promote LWV to educate the public on what the League does, which will attract new members. Speak at groups like Kiwanis, etc. This year's ballot is very long, and explaining some of the amendments at the end to public groups would be an opportunity to inform people. Consider more outgoing promotion. Karen Douglas shares a description of new Observer Corp in this context and outlines what happened at the first training meeting. Suggestions were made to post this training video on the state website, and Karen D. will make that happen.

Diane Goldfarb: Comments that we can post forum information on VOTE411.org. She also wishes to comment that she is disturbed by the nonpartisan discussion from the bylaws. She notes that any contribution to a candidate is public knowledge and not a private matter. We need to be careful to enforce this understanding on the local level.

This reopens the nonpartisan discussion from earlier.

Betsy Carlson asks for clarification that the nonpartisan restrictions are only for the board and notes this may make people reluctant to run for offices. Kathy Economy asks how can we not demonstrate in the streets on universal issues/social justice issues?

It is clarified that the restrictions under consideration are only for specific board members to refrain from public displays of partisanship: president, advocacy chair, Voter Guide editor, Voter Services chair, and moderators of forums. Diane notes this is really candidate-specific things and specific partisan issues like running for election while on the board. Michelle Meaders makes the point that the League can always advocate on issues; there are no constraints on that.

Mary H. Smith repeats her opposition to moderators being included in the specified group. She is a moderator and personally innocuous in her political positions and never had any complaints. And she is concerned that this is being included in the bylaws. She also notes we need to do a training session for forum staff again soon. She notes that we have no requests for forums for the next month. She is looking to the future for getting a larger pool of people to staff later forums.

Michelle Meaders asks if we are notifying candidates that we are available to do forums.

Vivian Skadron suggests that a moderator could decline to oversee a forum if a candidate they back is involved. She would be interested in being a moderator, but she is working for a candidate.

Mary Smith: The board should make a special effort to work with MaryEllen Smith to organize and present a training for new staff for forums. MaryEllen noted she has been asking who does the training for moderators for forums for a long time. Diane Goldfarb, Mary Wilson, and Mary Smith are experienced moderators and happy to train.

Linda Adcox-Kimmel: Perhaps Zoom meeting training sessions would be helpful. We need to assign someone to read the chats. Karen Wentworth asks for volunteers for website committee within the participants of the annual meeting and took down some names.

The business meeting is adjourned at 11:24 a.m., and the speakers from the state JEDI Committee are introduced. Their presentation ends at 12:06.



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BUDGET AS APPROVED AT 2020 ANNUAL MEETING.

LWVCNM Budget Proposals for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022

Fiscal Year is May 1 - April 30	19-20 Adopted	19-20 Actual	20-21 Proposed	21-22 Proposed
Income				
Dues	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,743.82	\$ 10,800.00	\$ 10,800.00
Contributions	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 21,749.33	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Voter Guide				
Who's Who				
Banquet				
Silent Auction and Donations				
Interest/Dividends	\$ 20.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Luncheon	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,176.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
LWVNM Office Rent	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Handbook Ads	\$ 400.00	\$ 775.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,040.64	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
LWVNM Project Admin			\$ 2,000.00	
Total Income	\$ 38,220.00	\$ 44,084.79	\$ 43,600.00	\$ 41,600.00
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	\$ 5,200.00
Advocacy	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Insurance	\$ 505.00	\$ 505.00	\$ 530.00	\$ 530.00
Postage	\$ 350.00	\$ 189.15	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
Bulk Mail Permit	\$ 225.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 225.00
Bulk Mailings	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Office Rent	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 6,373.25	\$ 6,089.00
Telephone	\$ 70.00	\$ 72.80	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
Office Supplies	\$ 400.00	\$ 375.66	\$ 500.00	\$ 400.00
Printing	\$ 350.00	\$ 319.58	\$ 600.00	\$ 300.00
Admin. Coordinator	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 910.72		
Member Handbook	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 919.56	\$ 950.00	\$ 950.00
Luncheon	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,053.92	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Pay Pal/Bank Fees	\$ 150.00	\$ 237.09	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
LWVUS Convention Registr	\$ 1,350.00			\$ 1,350.00
LWVNM Conv. Reg./Council	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Secretary of State Report		\$ 16.50	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 50.00	\$ 2,240.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Total Expenses	\$ 34,665.00	\$ 30,286.47	\$ 40,918.25	\$ 34,784.00
Profit/Loss			\$ 2,681.75	\$ 6,816.00

Budget Committee: Terry Quinn, Gege Polevitzky Ex. Officio: Jan Strand

THE LWVCNM OBSERVER CORPS MEMBERS HAVE JUST COMMENCED THEIR WORK. EACH MONTH YOU WILL FIND REPORTS FROM THE CORPS ABOUT GOVERNMENT MEETINGS THEY HAVE OBSERVED....

Observer programs (or Observer Corps) are a structured way for individuals to exercise their right to know. Organized under the auspices of a grassroots organization (such as the League of Women Voters, which is referenced throughout this publication), they provide a valuable service to the community. They help ensure that citizens are aware of the decisions that impact their lives, and they promote government transparency and accountability. An observer is an individual who attends a governmental meeting, notes what happens at the meeting, and reports back to the League and the community. By attending public meetings of local governmental bodies/agencies, observers learn more about what their government is doing. **CONTACT KAREN DOUGLAS IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE OBSERVER CORPS. THERE ARE MANY AGENCIES AND COMMITTEES TO OBSERVE!**



LWVCNM Observer Report Summary: of

City of Albuquerque Mental Health Response Advisory Committee (MHRAC) Meeting
March 16, 2021 5-7 pm (submitted by Lani Desaulniers)

Issues addressed during this session:

- Public Comment
- o Concerns were raised about ongoing sweeps of homeless encampments by APD and Family and Community Services.
- o Social Dispatch update (Emily Jaramillo, Deputy Commander of Albuquerque Fire and Rescue (AFR) and Commander Josh Brown APD). Pilot Program: officers dispatched, log report into an App, identifying possible need for services, safety intervention. Direct contact may or may not take place, but no names collected. AFR plans to provide some afterhours coverage, identify individuals who might need outreach or services on the following day thereby lessening officers contact with homeless individuals.

Legislation Update - bills under consideration

- o SB285 amends statutory requirements for "pick up order" for mental health transport, permitting ambulance and EMT transport as an alternative to police pick up
- o SB317 Prohibiting cost sharing and copays for Behavioral Health Services
- o SB128 Suicide assessment – requires warm handoff to a provider beyond hospital or ER setting – currently under committee review
- o HB215 – HSD provide coverage for treatment of Substance Abuse and Mental Health

Alb Community Safety Department <https://www.cabq.gov/acs> – Mariela Ruiz- Angel

- o Leadership hiring process underway, now recruiting for BH first responders
- o Mobile crisis team clinicians have been hired.

New Gateway Centers Update – Quinn Donnay, Family and Community Services

Purchase of old Lovelace facility on Gibson is moving forward. Detailed plans for the scope of service center and shelter configuration are being developed.

APD Encampment Policy – Commander Josh Brown APD, Lisa Huval Family and Community Services (FCS), Paul Haidle – Deputy Director of Policy – City of Albuquerque

- o Encampment Protocols and Policies– in draft form, currently there is no written policy to guide officers' responses.
- o Currently encampments are removed if Immediate Hazard is identified. Sebastian Adamcyk, FCS, described current process if need is not urgent: Notice is posted. FCS staff help to facilitate process of residents' departure, collection of belongings and they attend to preservation of special property – such as ID's, medications, etc. In some cases, items are collected and stored at Noon Day or another local homeless resource center.
- o City is seeking balanced approach for homelessness and encampments, considering impact of encampments on public and community safety issues. Aim to coordinate outreach services, increase access to permanent housing, provide low barrier shelters as resources.
- o Plan entails establishing Family and Community Services as primary contact, decrease APD presence and role in determining whether encampments should be removed. FCS to make determination about whether encampment should be removed, Notification should be provided. Goal: Limit Role of Law Enforcement, and focus on decriminalization and diversion (to permanent housing)

Following the formal presentation, many participants raised questions about the details of the proposed policy. Community members raised concerns about current procedures and the failure of the APD and FCS to provide other options for people when encampments are dismantled. Several committee members requested that further discussion of the proposal be deferred to the next MHRAC meeting.

CARE Crisis Campus Unit Presentation Dr. MA Harris

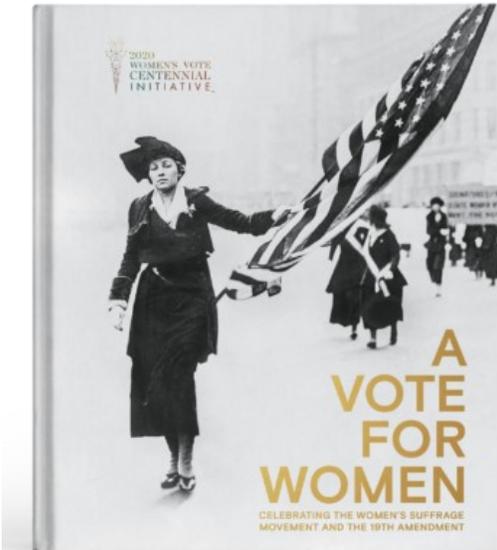
(Bernalillo County Crisis Stabilization Unit)

- o Provides transitional services for clients via provider to provider referral, coming from Psych ER and/or inpatient units
- o Max 14 day stay, staffed by volunteers
- o ~150 clients to date, most have intense case-management needs
- o Some clients have substance abuse withdrawal issues, may initially receive care through co-located Detox Program (MAT)
- o Social program, staff not medically oriented and do not prescribe meds but clients can be assisted with meds and can be receiving substance abuse treatments

Monthly meetings every 3rd Tuesday (open to the public). Next meeting: April 20th 5-7pm.

A Vote for Women: Celebrating the Women's Suffrage Movement and the 19th Amendment book launch

On March 31, a new publication will be launched to celebrate the centennial of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which confirmed women's right to vote.



A Vote for Women: Celebrating the Women's Suffrage Movement and the 19th Amendment, is fully illustrated and beautifully designed hardback book charts the history of the women's suffrage movement in the U.S., the fight for the vote, and some of the advances that have resulted from that victory.

In addition to exploring the history of women's suffrage in the U.S., the book brings together key stories from the fields of equality and women's rights. It also offers an insight into Congress and U.S. government departments, exploring current activities and initiatives, and the contributions they have made in shaping the U.S. of today. A Vote for Women features editorial contributions from academics, government agencies, charities, corporations, and other organizations, alongside archival photography that vividly brings the battle for the ballot to life.

The book is being published by St James's House – an imprint of the SJH Group – in association with the 2020 Women's Vote Centennial Initiative (WVCI), and is being promoted as part of WVCI's ongoing celebration of centennial activities around the country, which have been extended into

2021 due to the impact of Covid-19 and the desire to bring the centennial story to as wide an audience as possible. Historians and activists, Nancy Tate (**former LWVUS Executive Director**) Jill Zahniser, and Robert P.J. Cooney, Jr. worked closely with St. James House in the development of this beautiful, legacy, coffee table book.

Nancy Tate, Co-Chair of WVCI with Krysta Jones, said: "WVCI serves as a central information-sharing entity for activities around the country that commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment and the long struggle that produced it. St James's House has beautifully combined the work of many contributors into a keepsake book that celebrates both the centennial and the contributions made by many women over the last 100 years."

The book will be launched through a digital launch event on March 31, 2021 at 11am PST/ 2pm EST/ 7pm GMT. To attend the virtual book launch, please register at: <https://hopin.com/events/a-vote-for-women-book-launch>. The deadline for registrations is March 26, 2021.

Purchase the book for \$49.99 at <https://stjames.org/product/a-vote-for-women/>

HAPPENINGS.....The LWVNM Education Committee has been meeting via Zoom to discuss the impact of the recent Yazzie vs. Martinez landmark decision and education equity in NM. Judith Binder and Patsy Nelson have served as the CNM representatives to the LWVNM Study Committee. The LWVNM Education Consensus meeting held 2/13/21 featured LWVNM Education Study Co-Chairs Dr. Meredith Machen and Dr. Eileen Van Wie with attendance by Cris Furlanetto, LWVNM Program Chair. LWVNM meeting staff included Linda Adcox-Kimmel/Timekeeper, Karen Douglas/Recorder and Laura Stokes/Facilitator with participation by 13 CNM members. Multiple CNM Education Consensus meeting comments have been recommended for incorporation into the revised 2021 LWVNM Education Position.



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