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## **CALL TO THE LWVCNM ANNUAL MEETING**

***Saturday, May 10, 2025***

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

**Invites**

**ALL MEMBERS**

**To our 2025 Annual Meeting**

**Location: Indian Pueblo Cultural Center**

**The Silver Room, 2401 12th St NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104**

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Registration: 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.**

**Business Meeting: 10 a.m. 11:30 a.m.**

**Brunch Buffet: 11:30 a.m.**

**Native American Storyteller: 12:15 p.m.**

### **RESERVATIONS**

**Early Bird Reservations through April 27: \$40 members / \$45 guests**

**Reservations after April 27: \$45 members / \$50 guests**

**Reservations limited to 60 members. Sign up early to reserve your spot.**

**~SEE PAGE 3 FOR COMPLETE RESERVATION INFORMATION~**

**League of Women Voters® of Central New Mexico**  
**Annual Meeting Agenda**

**Indian Pueblo Cultural Center**

**May 10, 2025 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.      Registration Begins at 9:30 a.m.**

**Business Meeting**

**10 – 11:30 a.m.**

Introduction

Registration Committee Report

Adoption of Agenda

Recognition of Board

Moment of Silence

New Membership System

Presentation of Budget

Election of Board

Bylaw and Policy Revisions

Program

LWVUS Actions

Other Business

Directions to Board

Volunteer Recognition

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*Please note: The venue requires our attendance numbers by April 27. Reservations after April 27 have a surcharge. Advance payment required. Walk-ins not accepted.*

### **TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION**

**Reserve & Pay Online:** [lwvcnm.org/annual-meeting-2025](http://lwvcnm.org/annual-meeting-2025)

**Reserve & Pay by Check:**

**Email:** [lunch@lwvcnm.org](mailto:lunch@lwvcnm.org) with your reservation information

**Call the League Office:** (505) 884-8441 and leave a voicemail with your reservation information

**Send your check:** LWVCNM 6739 Academy Rd. NE, Suite 124  
Albuquerque NM 87109-3352

### **Welcome to the LWVCNM 2025 ANNUAL MEETING**

**Starlyn Brown, President**

Each year we hold an Annual Meeting and encourage LWVCNM members to attend. Why do we have an Annual Meeting? The easy answer - it's in our bylaws. But the real reason is to meet your fellow members and participate in the decision-making process for your League. As you can see from the Agenda, the meeting consists of information about our activities for the past year, election of Board members, modification of bylaws if needed, and approval of any budget amendments for 2025-2026. There are opportunities to ask questions and give direction to the Board for the coming year. And then we eat and listen to a Native American Storyteller! Unfortunately, meeting attendance is not free, with the fee covering the cost of room rental and food.



**INDIAN PUEBLO  
CULTURAL CENTER**  
Gateway to the 19 Pueblos of New Mexico

Make a day of it! After our scheduled events, we encourage you to take advantage of the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center and explore all this unique venue has to offer. LWVCNM members can purchase an optional museum pass, which includes Native American Dancing in the Courtyard at 2 PM (NM residents/\$10 or Senior 62+/\$8).



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## Membership Corner

If you have not renewed your annual dues yet,  
you will be ineligible to vote on issues  
at the upcoming Annual General Meeting on May 10th.

Exception are Lifetime members who do not have to pay dues.

Dues may be paid online at [lwvcnm.org](http://lwvcnm.org) or by check made out to  
LWVUS, 6739 Academy Rd. NE, Suite 124, Albuquerque, NM 87109-3352

If you are unsure about your membership status, please call Liz Shields (559.578.5670)  
or email [elizs44@yahoo.com](mailto:elizs44@yahoo.com)

**Thank you for your continued support!**

### Annual Meeting Rules

1. No person may speak twice to the same motion until all who wish to speak have had the 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 on a motion.

**Please bring this copy of the Annual Meeting *Voter* Newsletter and your gray 2025 Membership Handbook with you to the Annual Meeting to easily follow along with the agenda.**

**Budget Committee Summary:**

The two year budget (2024/2025 and 2025/2026) was approved at the April 20, 2024 annual meeting. The budget committee considered the actual 2024/2025 revenues and expenditures and known changes in revising the 2025/2026 budget. See notes below for significant changes.

<b>LWVCNM TWO YEAR BUDGET</b>			
	<b>May 2024 - April 2025</b>	<b>May 2025 - April 2026</b>	
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Note 1</b>	<b>Note 2</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Dues	\$ 10,344.00	\$ 2,500.00	<b>Note 3</b>
Contributions	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	<b>Note 4</b>
Contributions for Voter Guide	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	<b>Note 5</b>
Annual Meeting	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	
Rent from state \$200/quarter	\$ 640.00	\$ 800.00	
Handbook Ads	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	
Miscellaneous/Grants	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	
Income from CD	\$ 765.00		
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 33,449.00</b>	<b>\$ 25,000.00</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>			
National Dues	\$ 5,275.00	\$ 4,704.00	<b>Note 3</b>
State Dues	\$ 3,827.00	\$ -	<b>Note 6</b>
Public Relations	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
Voter Services/table supplies	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	
Who's Who	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	
Voter's Guide	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	
Insurance	\$ 1,533.00	\$ 2,000.00	
Postage	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,000.00	
Bulk Mail Permit/Postage	\$ 320.00	\$ 350.00	
Office Rent	\$ 9,143.00	\$ 10,000.00	
Telephone	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	
Office Supplies	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	
Computer/Printer/Brother	\$ 120.00	\$ -	
QuickBooks Annual License		\$ 80.00	
Internet/Zoom	\$ 162.00	\$ 230.00	
Zoom Webinar three months	\$ 255.00	\$ 255.00	
Member Handbook	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,200.00	
Annual Meeting / Room &	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	
Printing - Annual Meeting	\$ 475.00	\$ 475.00	
Pay Pal/Bank Fees	\$ 130.00	\$ 150.00	
LWVUS Convention Registr	\$ 1,725.00	\$ -	

<b>LWVCNM TWO YEAR BUDGET</b>			
	<b>May 2024 - April 2025</b>	<b>May 2025 - April 2026</b>	
<b>Expenses (Continued)</b>	<b>Note 1</b>	<b>Note 2</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Development Committee	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	<b>Note 7</b>
Sec of St Annual	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00	
Domain Registration	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	
Database/Website Setup/Tech	\$ 975.00	\$ 1,000.00	
ClubExpress monthly charge	\$ 120.00	\$ -	
UNM Marker Event	\$ 1,250.00	\$ -	
Forum Supplies	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	
Signage	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	
League in Action	\$ 400.00	\$ -	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 70,082.00</b>	<b>\$ 38,066.00</b>	
<b>Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (36,633.00)</b>	<b>\$ (13,066.00)</b>	
<b>Transfer (to)/from savings acc</b>	<b>\$ 36,633.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,066.00</b>	

Note 1 Approved at Annual Meeting May, 2024. Actual data for the fiscal year ending 4/30/2025 is provided in a separate handout at the May 10, 2025 meeting.

Note 2 The May 1, 2025-April 30, 2026 budget was approved by the Board for presentation at the May 10, 2025 annual meeting.

Note 3 The transition to LWVUS ChapterSpot membership system changes the accounting for membership dues, but the net amount retained remains roughly the same. Prior to the change, including the first nine months of the 2024/2025 fiscal year, dues are recorded as revenue for the total amount received, but the amount sent to LWVUS and LWVNM is recorded as an expense. Under the new system, we report only the portion of the total dues which actually come to LWVCNM. Beginning February 2025 all dues are paid to LWVUS directly by members. The dues payable to LWVUS for 2024/2025 listed above reflects the amount attributable to membership as of January, 2024, prior to implementation of the new system.

Note 4 Fundraising efforts are in process. See Development Committee report.

Note 5 Although LWVCNM does not plan to create a print Voter Guide for the upcoming local and municipal elections, we would like to create pdf versions for our website. Due to the significant effort that is required to create the file from VOTE411, we have proposed an increase in the 2025/2026 budget from \$2000.00 to \$8000.00 to cover the cost of graphic design to produce the documents.

Note 6 2024/2025 State dues are paid. There should be no future LWVNM dues.

Note 7 Includes database consultant and website plug-ins.

### **Fiscal Year End 2024-2025 Income and Expenses Report Available at the Annual Meeting**

## Report of the Nominating Committee for the 2025 Board Elections

According to the Bylaws, three officers and three director Board positions are elected at the Annual Meeting in odd-numbered years. Although it has become more difficult to find members able to serve on the Board, the Nominating Committee members made more than 80 phone calls to the membership. Members Jill Crawley, Jane Moore and Lenann McGookey Gardner stepped up to the plate. A special thanks to Peggy Neff, who worked hard on the Nominating Committee. We are working on forming a Standing Committee for Nominations. Having a vibrant and committed Board is the only way we can sustain the work of the League.

### **The following members have been nominated to fill the open Board positions:**

President – Starlyn Brown (1<sup>st</sup> elected term)

1st Co–Vice Presidents – Lani Desaulniers and Karen Wentworth (2nd elected term in this position)

4th Vice President – Betsy Carlson (2nd elected term in this position)

Co-Secretaries – Jane Moore and Lenann McGookey Gardner

Elected Director Jeanne Logsdon (2nd elected term), to be the Climate and Sustainability Director

Elected Director Terry Quinn (2nd elected term), to be the Office Manager Director

Elected Director Jill Crawley (1st term), to be the Voter Services Director

### **Biographical Statements of Nominated Officers and Directors**

**Starlyn Brown** – Starlyn is a third generation native New Mexican. She grew up in Albuquerque and graduated from the University of New Mexico with a BBA in Business Computing. After graduation, Starlyn started her career working at the UNM Computing Center as an entry level programmer. After 25 years, Starlyn retired as an Associate Director of Information Technology. Volunteering has always been important to her. She managed her daughter’s soccer team for around 12 years. She served on the New Mexico Committee for Technology in Education grades K – 12, served as a Board member and president of RCI, Inc. a local non-profit providing services for the disabled, developmentally delayed and challenged community, and early childhood support. Starlyn was a mentor for Big Brothers Big Sisters in the high school Mentor 2.0 program. She mentored a student from her freshman year through graduation. While living in Los Alamos, she was a mentor in the BBBS Lunch Buddies program for 5 years. She has two married daughters and three grandchildren living in other states, who she sees as often as she can.

Starlyn joined LWVCNM in 2019. She was then appointed to the Board as the Office Manager, Zoom host, and Webmaster in 2020. Last year, she assumed the role of LWVCNM President when the past President needed to focus on her professional responsibilities.

**Lani Desaulniers** – 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. She has been a director on the LWVCNM Board for several years, taking charge of distribution of the Voter Guides. She then stepped forward to Co-1st Vice President to work on Voter Guides, Vote 411, and Advocacy. Her special interest areas are health, nutrition, education and voter rights.

**Karen Wentworth** – Karen is retired from the University of New Mexico where she did crisis communication, promotion of faculty research, and media relations. She also worked in the NM Economic Development Department and spent 25 years as a radio/television journalist, primarily at KOAT. She grew up in Clovis, New Mexico and graduated with a Master's Degree from Eastern New Mexico University. She lives in the North Valley with her husband, Steve, a retired general contractor. Karen is fascinated with the structure of government and the art of governing in a democracy. She has served as Co-President and volunteered for the 1st-Vice President position in 2022. She has worked extensively on the Voter Guide for a number of years.

**Betsy Carlson** – Betsy is retired from a career as a commercial insurance broker in Albuquerque. She is the mother of 3 adult daughters and grandmother of 8. Betsy was raised in Albuquerque and attended the University of New Mexico. She has been active in social issues and is past president of many organizations. She has been a very successful 4th Vice President for Development of the League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico. She is also on the Board of the Women's Housing Association.

**Lenann McGookey Gardner** – Lenann is a Harvard MBA who serves as an Executive Coach to leaders in organizations in 54 countries around the world. She assists individuals and employees in organizations of all sizes to achieve unprecedented successful business results. Lenann is an expert in state-of-the-art new business development skills, a strategist who specializes in being sure you know what to SAY and WRITE when you're selling to optimize sales results, and a Job Search Coach who facilitates getting a Job Offer that meets your criteria. She was chosen by the New Mexico Business Weekly as a Top Performing CEO, and by the American Marketing Association as Professional Services "Marketer of the Year" for her state.

She is a Certified Speaking Professional (CSP), a designation awarded by the National Speakers Association to those who are among the highest-paid speakers in the world. Her first book, Got Sales? The Complete Guide to Today's Proven Methods for Selling Services, published in 2007, was nominated for the Axiom Business Book Award; the award recognizes the best business books of the year. Her second book, Win More Clients, is the fastest way to improve your approach to business development in the new economy, whether you're new to sales or an experienced rainmaker. Readers get the DATA about today's most powerful selling skills in an easy-to-read, simple-to-understand book. Adjust what's optimal to say when you're selling, and watch your sales results soar!

Lenann has served on the Board of Directors of [www.CWSGlobal.org](http://www.CWSGlobal.org) and as Board Chair of the Harbour School in Annapolis and Baltimore. She is a Stephen Minister and a long-time mentor to high school students through Big Brothers Big Sisters.

**Jane Moore** – Jane was born and raised in Golden, Colorado. She finished her Bachelor's and Masters in nursing. Jane practiced 15 years in ICU nursing, then 22 years as a nurse practitioner in family/internal medicine/geriatrics.

Jane retired in Albuquerque with her husband after her parents passed away, to be near their oldest son and expected family in 2020. She had limited opportunity to do volunteer work due to her demanding, very long, inflexible hours in her career. She is excited to be part of a different community and contribute.

Fun fact - Jane met my husband in Bangkok, Thailand where he was a Peace Corp Volunteer with her sister. She travelled to see her and then travel home. Her (now) husband stayed to work for UNHCR in the Cambodian refugee camps while Jane flew back to work for Save the Children in the camps. They then returned to the US and married.



**Jeanne Logsdon** – Jeanne began her involvement with LWVCNM after retiring from the University of New Mexico. She contributed to the National League’s study of Money in Politics and has worked on LWVCNM’s Voter Guides. She was an appointed director on the board for several years and then elected. Her major focus is climate change and sustainability. She has participated as a lobbyist on the LWVNM's Action Committee for the 2022-2025 legislative sessions. She has helped to organize our historical materials for submission to UNM’s Center for Southwest Research at Zimmerman Library. Finally, she championed the effort to get the women's suffrage trail marker for Julia Brown Asplund placed on the UNM campus.

**Terry Quinn** – Terry joined the League in 2003, serving as a director for a year before becoming treasurer from 2004 to 2008. She has been on the membership and budget committees for many years. She has volunteered regularly to edit the Voter Guide. Terry has been an office volunteer and the bulk mail go-to person. She likes having a variety of involvements with the League and missed the in-person contact with the vibrant, interesting League members.

**Jill Crawley** - Jill is a proven leader who can bring others together for a common goal. She chaired the board of a not-for-profit serving families experiencing homelessness during the Covid pandemic. This entailed changing the complete business model of the organization to accommodate Covid and volunteer restrictions while maintaining the day-to-day operations. During this extremely challenging period, it was critical to motivate both the staff and the board and to keep donor and volunteer engagement at a high level.

Jill has had many years of management experience in the corporate world including positions with T-Mobile, Citibank, Thomson Reuters, and AT&T. Her background includes Customer Service, People and Project Management, and Accounting. She has coordinated, assisted, and held positions for many volunteer organizations including Family Promise of Albuquerque, Church of the Good Shepherd, Girls Scouts, Boy Scouts, AYSO and Club Soccer, and High School Booster Clubs.

Jill has coordinated events and projects for several not-for-profit organizations. She has also planned work volunteer events with organizations such as Road Runner Food Bank, Albuquerque Public Schools and Ronald McDonald House. She most recently served as her department’s volunteer coordinator/lead at Thomson Reuters over the last few years. She enjoys working with people and enjoys helping others.

## **Proposed Modifications to Bylaws, Policies and Guidelines**

The Bylaws and Policy and Guidelines Committee proposes the following amendments for approval at the Annual Meeting. A large number of the changes are needed because of the new LWVUS membership system. Other proposed changes are to implement a conflict of interest policy for the Board, rearrangement of sections for greater clarity, and modifications to reflect current practices. Items crossed out are being removed. Items in brackets and underlined are being inserted. **Sections of the bylaws with no revisions have not been included.**

Underlined text – new or replacement text

Strikethrough – deleted

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS<sup>o</sup> OF  
CENTRAL NEW MEXICO, INC. BYLAWS

ARTICLE III.        Membership.

**Sec. 1.** Eligibility. Any person who subscribes to the purposes and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership in the LWVCNM. [All members are invited to attend all meetings of LWVCNM.]

**Sec. 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. [All members are primary members.]~~

Voting Members. [Persons at least 16 years of age who join the LWVCNM shall be voting members of the local and state Leagues of their place of joining and of the LWVUS. Those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be honorary life members, excused from the payment of dues. Those who are students are defined as individuals enrolled as full or part time with an accredited institution.]

1. Individuals who live within the area of the LWVCNM may join the LWVCNM or any other local League.
2. Those who reside outside the area of the LWVCNM may join any local League or shall be LWVNM members-at-large.
3. [Individuals enrolled either as full time or part time students at an accredited institution may join as student members.] ~~Those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more, under the terms of the bylaws of the LWVUS shall be life members excused from the payment of dues.~~

ARTICLE IV.        Board of Directors.

**Sec. 1.** Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers as defined in Article V; Officers of the LWVCNM, six (6) elected directors and additional appointed directors. When an Officer position is filled by Co-Presidents or Co-Vice Presidents, each Co-President and each Co-Vice President has one (1) vote. 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 officers and elected directors shall appoint such additional directors, 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 elected directors ~~may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms in a given capacity but~~ may be reelected or appointed in another position.

**Sec. 3.** Vacancies. Any vacancy, ~~other than in the office of President or one of the Co-Presidents,~~ occurring in the Board of Directors by reason of resignation, death or disqualification may be filled, until the expiration of the term, by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors. Disqualification may occur in the event that any member of the Board of Directors becomes unable or unwilling to perform the duties set forth in Article V below, or as otherwise have been properly directed by the Board. Such members may be deemed disqualified to hold office by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors. Three consecutive absences from a Board meeting of any member without a reason acceptable to the Board of Directors shall be deemed a resignation.

**Sec. 7.** An executive committee, as named by the LWVCNM Board of Directors, consisting of the President or Co-Presidents and three other elected officers or elected directors 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~~ reported 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. Financial Administration.

**Sec. 2.** Dues.

- a. ~~[Members shall pay dues in accordance with LWVUS policy.] Annual dues shall be determined at each LWVCNM Annual Meeting by a three-fifths (3/5) vote of active members present and voting. Dues shall be payable on the first day of October of each year. Any member who fails to pay dues within three (3) months after they become payable shall be declared inactive.~~
- b. ~~When two or more reside at the same address in a common household, the annual dues payment determined at the LWVCNM Annual Meeting shall be paid by the first member. Dues equal to one half of the said annual dues payment will be paid by each additional member in that household.~~
- b. Any member who becomes a ~~paid life member~~ or a life member under the terms of the bylaws of the LWVUS shall be excused from the payment of annual dues ~~to LWVCNM.~~
- c. ~~If authorized by the LWVUS Board, student memberships shall be available at a reduced rate for individuals attending high school, vocational school, or college. The LWVCNM Board shall set the dollar payment.~~

**Sec. 4.** Budget Committee. A Budget Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least three months prior to the LWVCNM Annual Meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing fiscal year on even-numbered years. The budget will be reviewed and adjusted at the LWVCNM Annual Meeting on odd-numbered years. The Treasurer shall be [a] an ex-officio member of the Budget [Committee but shall not serve as chair.] The proposed budget shall be sent to all members one month prior to the LWVCNM Annual Meeting.

[Sec. 5. Indemnification of Directors and Officers. The LWVCNM may indemnify each Director and Officer of the LWVCNM, and their heirs, legal representatives and assigns, against expenses, costs and attorney's fees actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the defense of any action, suit or proceeding, civil or criminal, in which the Director or Officer is made a party by reason of having been an Officer or Director. The indemnification may include any amounts paid to satisfy a judgment or compromise or settle a claim. The Director or Officer will not be indemnified if adjudged to have been guilty of willful misconduct or recklessness in the performance of duty to the corporation. Advance indemnification may be allowed of a Director or Officer for expenses to be incurred in connection with the defense of the action, suit or proceeding, unless the Director or Officer was not entitled to indemnification by reason of willful misconduct or recklessness in the performance of duty to the LWVCNM.]

ARTICLE VII. Meetings. [General Membership Meetings]

**Sec. [1].** LWVCNM Annual Meeting. The LWVCNM Annual Meeting shall be held between April 1<sup>st</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup>, the exact date to be determined by the Board of Directors. The LWVCNM Annual Meeting shall (a) adopt a local Program for the ensuing year; (b) elect officers and directors, and members of the Nominating Committee; (c) adopt an adequate budget and (d) transact such other business as may properly come before it.

**Sec. [2. Additional]** General Membership Meetings. [Additional general membership meetings may be called by the Board of Directors or requested by a group of ten members. Advance notice of at least 30 days must be given to all members unless an emergency is declared by the Board.] Time and place shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

**Sec. 3.** Quorum. Ten percent (10%) of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum at all [general] meetings of the LWVCNM.

ARTICLE VIII. Nominations and Election.

**Sec. 1.** Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall ~~consist of five~~ include both off-Board members and ~~(5) members~~, two (2) of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. The chairman ~~and two members~~, who shall not be [a member] of the LWVCNM Board, ~~[and]~~ shall be elected at the LWVCNM Annual Meeting. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. The other members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors immediately following the LWVCNM Annual Meeting. Any vacancy on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors. Suggestions for nominations for officer and directors may be sent to this committee by any voting member.

**Sec. 2.** Report of Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor. The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for officers, directors and the members of the succeeding Nominating Committee shall be sent to all members one month prior to the date of the LWVCNM Annual Meeting. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be presented to the LWVCNM Annual Meeting. Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member, provided the consent of the nominee has been secured. Offices with more than one nominee shall compel a secret ballot including all offices to be filled, the results of which will be announced by the Nominating Committee Chair.

~~**Sec. 4. Moved to Article IV section 5 Financial Administration.** Indemnification of Directors and Officers. The LWVCNM may indemnify each Director and Officer of the LWVCNM, and their heirs, legal representatives and assigns, against expenses, costs and attorney's fees actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the defense of any action, suit or proceeding, civil or criminal, in which the Director or Officer is made a party by reason of having been an Officer or Director. The indemnification may include any amounts paid to satisfy a judgment or compromise or settle a claim. The Director or Officer will not be indemnified if adjudged to have been guilty of willful misconduct or recklessness in the performance of duty to the corporation. Advance indemnification may be allowed of a Director or Officer for expenses to be incurred in connection with the defense of the action, suit or proceeding, unless the Director or Officer was not entitled to indemnification by reason of willful misconduct or recklessness in the performance of duty to the LWVCNM.~~

**ARTICLE XII. Amendments.** These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at the LWVCNM Annual Meeting, provided the amendments were submitted to the membership in writing at least one (1) month in advance of the meeting.

# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF CENTRAL NEW MEXICO, INC.

## POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

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

~~The first membership in a household is \$65.00; each *additional* member in the household is \$33. Student membership is free of charge. Dues are collected during the month of October for the membership year.~~

**RESERVATIONS.** League members are responsible for the cost of any reservations they make and will be billed for the cost of any they have not canceled by the deadline.

**STATEMENTS.** All statements made in the name of LWVCNM require approval of the ~~President/Co-Presidents~~ [Board of Directors].

**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/[Co-Presidents], Advocacy Chair, Moderator for Candidate Forums, Voter Services 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.

**[CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND LOYALTIES. (Adopted May, 2025 ) The purpose of the Conflict of Interest Policy is to protect the integrity of LWVCNM. No Officer, or member of the Board, or Chair of a Committee with powers delegated by the Board, shall participate or be involved with any activity that would provide them with financial benefit as a result of their Board or Committee membership. Conflict of loyalties related to personal, professional, and business interests are addressed by the Board. Every Officer, Board Member, and Committee Chair shall read and sign a disclosure statement annually in accordance with policy.]**

### LOCAL ADVOCACY GUIDELINES

In addition to the national guidelines, LWVCNM has several important bylaws and policies that pertain to local advocacy:

- 1) The LWVCNM may act only in conformity with, or not contrary to, the position by the LWVUS and of the LWVNM. (Bylaws Art. IX, Sec. 4 [5])
- 2) Members may act in the name of the LWVCNM only when authorized to do so by the ~~proper~~ Board of Directors. (Bylaws Art. IX, Sec. 5 [4])
- 3) All statements made in the name of LWVCNM require approval by the [Board of Directors] ~~the President/Co-Presidents.~~
- 4) Upon entering coalitions, LWVCNM shall present in writing its nonpartisan position and request that the LWVCNM name not be used by the coalition without prior approval. (LWVCNM Policies on Coalitions)

It is clear that, while local advocacy is encouraged, it requires careful consideration about the significance of the issue and the likelihood that LWVCNM advocacy will have an impact. If no national, state, or local positions exist for an issue, or existing positions are outdated, a member may propose the issue for in-depth study in the Program Planning process. The Program Planning meeting is held in ~~January~~ [the first two months] of each year, and proposals for studies are approved at the annual membership meeting. Questions about this process to initiate a study should be directed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President.

The Local Advocacy Committee (LAC) supports the advocacy efforts of LWVCNM by assisting members who believe that the League should advocate on a local public issue. It is a resource to help members understand when and how the

League can engage in local advocacy as a nonpartisan and impartial organization. Members may propose an advocacy action by consulting with the LAC for advice or go directly to the ~~Co-Presidents~~ [Board of Directors for approval]. If consulted by members, LAC members will review the submitted information and respond with any requests for clarification or suggestions about how best to advocate on the issue. ~~See the website for further information.~~

## ANNUAL REPORTS

**The Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs are pleased to provide the following reports of their activities for the 2024-2025 year.**

### **ANNUAL REPORT PRESIDENT by Starlyn Brown**

I spent the last year as LWVCNM President learning, researching, listening and connecting. While I already knew LWVCNM members were amazing, I learned in the last year just how amazing you really are. We repeatedly reached out for help, and in many different areas, and every time you came through with your time and your donations. You are the reason LWVCNM is able to defend Democracy and educate both current and future Voters.

By attending the LWVUS National Conference last June, I gained a better understanding of the League. I discovered that there are a vast number of resources available to us and I met members from other Leagues across the country. I realized other Leagues are doing great work on many different issues and we can utilize their efforts and not reinvent the wheel.

The Julia Brown Asplund Marker dedication event at UNM was the successful finale of 3+ years of effort. The marker is installed outside of Hodgkin Hall on the UNM campus. Honoring Julia Brown Asplund was a passion project for Jeanne Logsdon, and I was very proud to be part of the dedication.

LWVCNM covered the Primary Election in June and the General Election in November 2024. The amount of time and energy that over 60 volunteers spent on one of our most important projects was truly astounding. For the first time we included all four counties in the printed *Voter Guide*. We had to find a new printer and graphic designer for the guide. Lani Desaulniers handled the printer challenge expertly and the result was a guide ready for distribution earlier than before. We made registering voters a priority and accepted every invitation to attend an event or set up a table. Several LWVCNM members who became Voter Registration Agents made this possible. Karen Wentworth and I gave TV, radio, and newspaper interviews. Letters and articles were written, the Office Volunteers answered numerous calls, printed *Voter Guides* were delivered to locations in all four counties, and so much more.

We have worked to develop new relationships with other organizations. I have given 2 presentations to the New Mexico Black Leadership Council and regularly attend their monthly Uplift meeting. We connected with Conservation Voters of New Mexico, the New Mexico Immigrant Law center, the American Association of University Women, and the Albuquerque Affordable Housing Coalition.

I continually work to keep our members informed about LWVUS, LWVNM, and LWVCNM initiatives and priorities. I feel that keeping the LWVCNM membership informed is an important part of my responsibilities. Another of my responsibilities is to connect members concerned about an issue and

support them. Two issues that surfaced in the past year are Immigration and Affordable Housing. We have members passionate about both issues.

The new LWVUS Membership System was implemented on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and we were prepared! Our New Membership System committee has been in place for over a year. Committee members are myself, Liz Shields, Jennfer Black, Janet Kirkpatrick, Tom Swiler, and Linda Miller. Together we researched the changes, worked through the issues, scrubbed our data, and communicated with our members. As a result, we have experienced some annoying, but not show stopping, issues. Compared to other Leagues we were exceptionally well prepared and successful.

I must acknowledge the other LWVCNM Board members. Without their commitment and tireless efforts LWVCNM would not have accomplished even half of what we did in the last year. They are truly an amazing group of women.

## **ANNUAL REPORT JULIA BROWN ASPLUND TRAIL MARKER DEDICATION**

**by Jeanne Logsdon**

LWVCNM celebrated Women's Equality Day on August 26, 2024, with a major event on the University of New Mexico campus. First, we dedicated a National Votes for Women Trail Marker to honor Julia Brown Asplund near Hodgkin Hall where Julia had served as UNM's first professionally trained librarian (1903-05) and as the first woman Regent (1921-23). Julia played an important role in leading the fight for the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in New Mexico. She served as president of the New Mexico Federation of Women's Clubs from 1914-16 and helped to form the New Mexico chapter of the Congressional Union for Women Suffrage.

The trail marker dedication was followed by a program about the challenges to achieve equality in the past and in the present. Dr. Cathleen Cahill, Pennsylvania State University, gave a presentation based upon her research about suffrage history in New Mexico. Lisa Curtis, chair of the New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women, spoke about the purposes and activities of the Commission. A reception with lively discussion and light refreshments concluded this special event.

Special thanks to the planning committee: Audra Bellmore (UNM), Jennifer Black, Starlyn Brown, Betsy Carlson, Karen Douglas, Dina Hennessy, Jeanne Logsdon, Meredith Machen (LWVNM), Linda Miller, Liz Shields, Karen Wentworth, and Pam Wilson.

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE 1st CO-VICE PRESIDENTS**

**by Lani Desaulniers & Karen Wentworth**

The LWVCNM Voter Guide Committee prepared an online Voter Guide for the June primary. The LWVUS VOTE411 platform was used to invite candidates to provide responses to questions. Users could access the information about their races on the VOTE411.org website. A pdf *Voter Guide* was also created with information about all the candidates in our region (Bernalillo, Sandoval, Tarrant, and Valencia Counties). It was posted on our website. Flyers and table tent cards with information about these resources were provided to libraries, schools, community partners, and county clerks in the region.

The print and online *Voter Guide* for the November 5th general election was completed at the end of September. The committee provided information about ballot issues. The guide was posted on our website and distributed to sites in our four-county area. Publicity efforts for the online version included

distribution of the tent cards and flyers. Karen Wentworth provided news releases and articles to several media outlets. Starlyn Brown was interviewed by KOAT and KUNM. The remaining print guides will be repurposed by our Civics Education team for outreach to Social Studies teachers in the schools.

By the numbers:

- 74 races were managed by LWVCNM. Our candidate response rate was 81% overall, 78% for print guide [3 candidates entered responses into VOTE411 after the print deadline.]
- 32,000 copies of the print *Voter Guide* were printed and distributed to libraries and community and senior centers, county clerks in Bernalillo, Tarrant, and Valencia Counties for use in polling places, as well as to 14 tribal communities. League volunteers delivered guides to more than 125 other sites in the region.
- Fundraising efforts included member solicitations and use of the crowd-funding site Zeffy.com. Thanks to the great efforts of our development team, enough donations were raised to fully support the cost of printing the guide.
- 60 members contributed to the work of producing and distributing the guide!!!

The 2025 Who's Who A Political Directory guide was updated by Ashley Benning following certification of the election results. A pdf version is posted on our website. A total of 1500 copies were printed for distribution to libraries, schools, and community organizations, and for use in outreach and civic education.

Local and municipal elections will be held in November 2025. The Voter Guide committee will begin work this summer to prepare an online *Voter Guide* for this election, as was done in 2023. The cost of printing guides to cover an estimated 200 races in the consolidated election cycle would be prohibitive. We continue to welcome volunteers to help with the production of this valuable resource.

## **2nd VICE-PRESIDENT - MEMBERSHIP**

**by Liz Shields**

As of St. Patrick's Day, 2025 our membership stands at 211 members. Sixty new members have joined since the Annual General Meeting in 2024. We are also sad to report that we lost three long-time members during the past year: Ida Humphries, Jennica Fishburn and Ken Lersten.

In 2024 a small group consisting of Starlyn, Linda Miller, Jennifer Black, Tom Swiler and myself was formed to monitor the plans by the National League (LWVUS) to convert the dues payment system to an online system managed by LWVUS. This group has been attending monthly meetings, "Office Hours", hosted by LWVUS. Thanks to Tom's data management skills he was able to reconcile our local roster with the database on LWVUS web site. This meant that when the new system was launched on February 3, 2025, we had very few changes to make to the roster.

We are also fortunate to have our major renewal period in October by which time we hope the "bugs" in the new system will have been corrected. Since the launch of the new system, we have welcomed 12 new members who have joined online. In addition, 5 members have renewed using the online portal and one member renewed by check following the directions on our web site.

70% of our members renewed by check last year so we are hoping that many of these members will not be intimidated by the online procedure. However, we will be ready to help members who still wish



to renew by check. Many also include a donation with their renewals. In the future we urge members to separate their donations from their renewal payments and use the “donation” button on our web site instead or send a check directly to LWVCNM.

We are planning on hosting an instructional session either by Zoom or in person to provide information on the new system and to answer questions.

Thank you for your support during 2024-2025 and we look forward to seeing you at the Annual General Meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **3rd VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT – CALENDAR AND PROGRAM PLANNING**

**by Karen Douglas**

#### **Program Planning**

LWVCNM continues to host hybrid monthly educational meetings at the LWVCNM office conference room with increased member participation. Recommended Program presentations adopted from June 2024 Calendar Planning Programs highlighted challenges to democracy for underrepresented populations, Immigration, Native American Governments, Ranked Choice Voting, Artificial Intelligence and the 2024 Election, LWVNM 2025 Legislative Priorities, LWVUS Moonshot Goal: Abolition of the Electoral College, Transparency, and PFAS – Forever Chemicals.

January 2025 Program Planning offered members insight into developing a Position permitting Advocacy. Although no LWVCNM studies were initiated in 2025, participating members identified an existing LWVNM Position permitting recommendations to the Albuquerque City Council for continuation of the Mental Health Response Advisory Committee following pending completion of the US DOJ/CABQ Consent Decree measures imposed in 2014 due to Excessive Use of Force by the Albuquerque Police Department. A separate initiative identified inadequacies in the existing LWVNM Affordable Housing Position with recommended concurrence with existing NM local League Positions and the LWVCA Position during the April 2025 LWVNM Convention.

LWVCNM participation in the 2024-25 LWVUS Federal Judiciary Study included member attendance of the virtual November 2024 LWVUS Kickoff Webinar and the 2-4-25 LWVUS Town Hall. Targeted LWVCNM education was enhanced by the 3-22-25 virtual LWVCNM Federal Judiciary educational meeting and 4-5-25 LWVCNM Consensus meeting.

### **4th VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT – DEVELOPMENT AND OUTREACH**

**by Betsy Carlson**

#### **Development Committee**

The Development Committee had a good year in 2024 with the new venture into online fundraising with Zeffy. Lori Feibelman was chief architect of the initiative and without her hard work the job would not have been accomplished. At the end of the year over \$25,000 in funds were raised for the *Voter Guide* publication; which included \$6,000 from the Albuquerque Community Foundation.

We applied and received two grants from the National League of Women Voters totaling \$1,500. These funds are earmarked for Voter outreach to new citizens and new young voters.

Currently the Development Committee is applying for assorted grants. More to come on that front.

Development Committee members:

Betsy Carlson  
Lenann McGookey Gardner  
Mary Mulvany  
Isabel de Katona  
Lori Feibelman  
Kathy Jones

## **Voter Outreach**

The Voter Outreach Committee had an extremely productive year. In 2024, prior to the election, we held 16 voter registration events and registered over 200 voters.

In 2024-2025, we registered new citizens at Naturalization ceremonies at the Natural History Museum and Bernalillo County sponsored events -- registering approximately 100 new voters. We are slated to register voters at 6-10 events in 2025.

We continue to make connections with various non-profits and governmental entities to offer our voter services to them. APS has invited us to the Job Fair and various other opportunities arise daily. We were invited to present a program to APS teachers on "Identifying Mis/Dis Information on the Internet". Elizabeth Shields, Mindy Young and I produced the curriculum, and taught the program. We expect future teaching opportunities at APS. If you want to join us, please let us know,

Jill Crawley has graciously accepted the Board nomination to be the Director of Voter Services. She was willing to immediately start performing the Voter Services duties and was appointed to the Board in March. I am thrilled to have her expertise and hard work to continue the core values of the League. Please welcome her!

None of this great work could have been done without the untiring support of our Volunteers. We have over 35 Voter Registration Agents in our membership. If you want to join our group, please just let Jill Crawley know. I believe saving our Democracy is the most important thing we should be doing.

## **ADVOCACY AND OBSERVER CORPS**

**by Karen Wentworth**

The Observer/Advocacy Committee monitors local government meetings, reports, discusses and advocates for League positions. The committee meets virtually each month for updates and discussion of issues of concern.

Current membership

Janet Kirkpatrick – Albuquerque City Council  
Janie Mcguigan – Middle Rio Grande Housing Collaborative  
Mary Mulvaney – Albuquerque City Council  
Mary Templeton – Sandoval County Commission  
Karen Wentworth – Bernalillo County Commission  
Alan Ramos

The committee is seeking members to monitor the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority, City of Rio Rancho, Torrance County Commission, Valencia County Commission and other public bodies.

The committee observes the bodies to determine whether they follow the open meetings act, their own rules of procedure, and to keep up with important issues before the bodies.

Currently the committee is focused on public housing and how the various boards work to provide more accessible and affordable housing. We supported a number of bills during the 2025 state legislative session and found a weakness in our League position. League positions do not address the problems between renters and landlords so the committee is working to revise the LWV of New Mexico position on housing. Proposed changes will come before the state convention in April and committee members will be there, working to convince members the changes are needed.

Most eyes are on the federal government these days, but the decisions that most affect people day to day are in the hands of local elected officials. That's where we can make a difference. Public officials appreciate thoughtful, well-researched information provided by League members. If you joined the League to make a difference, the Observer/Advocacy Committee would like to welcome you to the front lines of good government discussion.

## **DIRECTOR – SPECIAL PROJECTS AND HISTORIAN** **by Jennifer Black**

### **Special Projects**

#### **Member Engagement Programs and Events**

As a way to encourage member engagement and assist in strengthening our member community, a series of gatherings were organized throughout the year.

--Happy Hours, a time to relax and get to know League colleagues, were hosted quarterly.

--Two Book and Author programs, followed by potluck dinners, were planned to augment the bimonthly LWVCNM Book Club experience. Two award-winning New Mexican authors, Deborah Taffa Jackson (*Whiskey Tender*) and Brittany Means (*Hell If We Don't Change Our Ways*) shared their memoirs.

--A Film Event at the Guild Cinema, followed by a Happy Hour, showcased a documentary, *Join or Die*, based on one of the LWVCNM Book Club selections, *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community*.

--A Theatrical Afternoon was hosted by the Vortex Theater, *What the Constitution Means to Me*. The performance was followed by a Talkback with the Director/cast & a Happy Hour at the Canteen Brewhouse.

#### **Miscellaneous Projects**

--Served on the new Membership System team, attending monthly meetings and training sessions sponsored by the LWVUS, as well as regular meetings with the LWVCNM implementation team.

--Served on the Women's Equality Day Event Committee (Julia Asplund Brown Historic Marker Dedication), focusing on editing materials and PR.

--Miscellaneous Editing Projects including the monthly *Voter* newsletter and the *Voter Guide*.

## **Chapter Historian**

The Archives Committee completed their heroic job of cataloguing decades of LWVCNM history in 2024. The work of carrying on their prodigious efforts will start in 2025.

## **DIRECTOR – CLIMATE AND SUSTAINABILITY**

**by Jeanne Logsdon**

**The most intensive sustainability activities that I engaged in over the past year involved observing the 2025 legislative session** as a registered lobbyist for the LWVNM Action Committee. This group monitors legislative sessions and testifies on bills for which the League has an official Position. I specialize in environmental bills, and this 60-day session had over 100 bills in this category. My testimony was primarily given to the House Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee and occasionally to the Senate Conservation Committee. Many of the environmental bills we supported were passed. I also have been the liaison to the New Mexico Water Advocates and publicize its monthly meetings to the state League and CNM members.

Few environmental issues have arisen at the local level, but I have been tracking the progress of the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Air Quality Board to designate sections of our area as “overburdened communities” because of excessive exposure to pollution. You may recall that this was the topic of our May 2024 educational meeting in which two local experts explained the environmental justice issues that needed to be addressed by the Air Quality Board. The EPA is continuing to investigate.

## **DIRECTOR – OFFICE MANAGER**

**by Terry Quinn**

The members who volunteer to help in the office are the unsung heroes of our organization. We have seven office volunteers helping with the work of the office. We field hundreds of phone messages and respond to them or refer them to the appropriate Board member. We check the mail and document mail items and checks and ensure that they get to the appropriate people. We assist with mass mailings. We mail the Voter to select individuals. We meet members at the office when they need access to items such as the voter registration boxes. We create thank you letters for the many donations that come into the office. We ensure that supplies are available for meetings or other needs.

## **DIRECTOR – TECHNOLOGY AND VOLUNTEERS**

**By Linda Miller**

### **Tech Support for Monthly Educational Meetings**

One responsibility in tech support for LWVCNM is managing the technology for the monthly meetings in the conference room of the LWVCNM office building. The technology is owned and controlled by the property manager, NAI Sun Vista. It is not very dependable. We have had problems mostly with an unresponsive keyboard for the room computer and the room cameras (Owl Labs ceiling-mounted meeting cameras) periodically not working. We have used our own laptops when we could not get the technology to work.

We have tried Zoom webinars for several meetings. This is a highly controlled environment where remote participants cannot be seen and cannot be heard. We found that in general, webinars are not preferred by most members, as they severely limit remote participation.

### **LWVCNM Website**

Our website has a great amount of information for members, and I have updated it weekly with new reports and events, including a calendar, Zoom recordings, observer corps reports, the book club, special events, current issues, and the Voter. I changed our website in accordance with the new U.S. League membership system.

Our website contained an enormous amount of information for the 2024 primary and general elections, thanks to the work of League members who created this information.

I am now reporting monthly on web access statistics. For example, our home page, that contained much of the information for the general election, had over 32,500 views during the months of September through November. The general election *Voter Guide* pdf on our website had over 24,000 views during those months.

### **Volunteers**

New members stepped up to help in various ways. They participated in voter registration, *Voter Guide* creation and distribution, office help, development/fund raising, special projects and events, outreach to the community, and posting on our social media accounts.

## **PREVIOUS YEAR'S (2024) ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

### **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CENTRAL NEW MEXICO**

**SATURDAY, April, 20 2024**

#### **Marriot Uptown**

#### **Minutes of the Annual Meeting**

The 2024 Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico (LWVCNM) was called to order by Donna Sandoval, Co-President, at 10:00 a.m. on April 20, 2024. All members and guests were welcomed to the meeting.

Elizabeth Shields, Membership Chair, reported that 30 paid members were in attendance providing a quorum for the meeting. Vivian Skadron, Secretary, was introduced as the recorder for the meeting. Ashley Benning will be the official reader of the Annual Meeting Minutes for 2024. Barbara Posler was introduced as parliamentarian for the meeting.

Starlyn Brown recognized the Board and thanked them for their duties this past year. She announced that Mary Mulvany resigned as 4<sup>th</sup> VP of Development and that Terry Quinn will be the new office manager.

Donna Sandoval asked for adoption of the agenda. There being no objections the agenda was adopted as presented in the Voter. Following that she read out the rules for the meeting and asked if there were any objections. There being none, the rules were adopted as read for the meeting.

Starlyn Brown presented the LWVUS Framing the Future Strategic Plan: New Membership System. The new system will be implemented by January 2025. Details are under development. Member renewals will stay the same either online or by check until December 21, 2024.

Donna Sandoval gave the Treasurer's Report, May 2023 – April 2024 Budget to May 23, 2023 – March 2024 Actual, found on a separate handout. She highlighted the purchase of a six-month CD at 4 ½% interest and explained the extra cost of insurance in the 11-month Actual. Ashley Benning asked about the increase in insurance costs and was told this reflects increased coverage for the board and for meetings.

Gina Mahfouz gave the Two-Year Budget Proposal noting the \$36,633 net loss due to printing costs for the Voter Guide. Mary Smith asked the Board to consider an update to the Zoom webinar capabilities at an estimated \$500/year expense. Ashley Benning asked why the line items under Postage and Bulk Mail Permit were so low. Gina will update the amounts to \$1,000. Starlyn Brown requested a vote to approve the two-year budget with amendment of \$1,000 for mailing costs. Alan Ramos made the motion to approve and the budget passed.

Karen Douglas, Program Planning, gave the following highlights:

- Hybrid meetings were successful.
- Several two-part meetings were implemented.
- No new studies were adopted.
- Calendar planning will take place June 22 on Zoom.

Elizabeth Shields gave the Nominating Committee report: Liz Shields – 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Karen Douglas – 3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Gina Mahfouz - Treasurer, Jennifer Black - Director of special programs/historian. Two elected director positions for Voter Services and Event Planning are unfilled. All nominees were elected.

Donna Sandoval asked for nominations from the floor for the Nominating Committee. Peggy Neff agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee and was elected.

Karen Douglas reviewed the Bylaw Revisions found in the Voter. A revision was made to Article VII, Sec. 2 to change the written numbers to numerals. Judith Binder moved to approve the Bylaw Revisions as amended and it passed.

Other Business: Jeanne Logsdon reminded members to Save the Date for the May 9 meeting on Environmental Justice, noon – 1 p.m. On August 26, Women's Equality Day, she urged members to attend the Trail Marker Ceremony on the UNM campus for Julia Brown Asplund.

Lani Desaulniers gave an update on the progress of the Voter Guide for the primaries.

Lori Feibelman, member of the Development Committee, spoke of a move toward crowd-funding the League's Voter Guide through an online site, Zeffy.com.

Gina Mahfouz announced Earth Fest on April 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the June 6 meeting will be in the evening, 7 – 8:30 p.m. and will be hybrid.

Directions to the Board: Janie McGuigan and Peggy Neff asked the Board to reexamine our policy positions regarding the following: affordable housing, inclusionary zoning and caps on speculative zoning.

Directions to the LWVUS: Tom Swiler submitted the following: Advocate for bringing judicial candidates to confirmation votes that cannot be delayed by partisan politics. That is, the senate majority leader cannot prevent presidential appointments from receiving a confirmation vote.

Starlyn Brown recognized various groups of volunteers for outstanding work over the past year. Rounds of applause were given to the volunteers. Photos were taken of the Board.

The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m. by Donna Sandoval

## Volunteer Opportunities

*Because Democracy is not a Spectator Sport...*

We need your skills, your enthusiasm, and your commitment to the myriad of projects always underway. From simple clerical tasks to grass roots advocacy, ongoing or project-by project, we can fit your interests to a volunteer job. Expanding our volunteer base is a top priority of LWVCNM.

### **How to Find Out More About Volunteering?**

**It's easy: Contact us at 505-884-8441** or [lwvcnmoffice@gmail.com](mailto:lwvcnmoffice@gmail.com) Leave a message with your name/phone number and expressing your interest in finding out more about volunteering. We will contact you to match your interests/skills with a volunteer position, explain tasks involved, review time commitment for various positions, and offer training where needed.



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