

# LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF ROSEVILLE AREA



**69th Annual Meeting**  
**League of Women Voters of Roseville Area**  
*(Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Little Canada, Maplewood, Roseville)*  
May 3, 2022 — 7 p.m.  
*Autumn Grove Park Building, Roseville*



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# LWV of Roseville Area: Organizational Structure



## How Our League Works



Falcon Heights | Lauderdale | Little Canada | Maplewood | Roseville

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# Current Lifetime Members

These seven distinguished members of the LWV of Roseville Area are lifetime members who have served LWV for 50 years.

Joyce Blomquist  
Carolyn Cushing  
Georgeann Hall  
Jackie Hays

Mary Ann Palmer  
Lila Recksiedler  
Judy Stuthman

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## Remembrance: Judy Florine

*By: Mindy Greiling*

I most remember League member Judy Florine, who died August 25 from sepsis, for her cheerful, ready willingness to help with civic and political projects. During any endeavor, her wonderful laugh would permeate the air, even as we discussed weighty topics of the world. She loved being a member of League, where she could attend meetings and fuel her lifelong love of learning. I worked along side her when our League studied and advocated for affordable housing, and she represented her church.



Judy was an exceedingly independent person who didn't let life challenges get in her way. By the time she was eighteen, she had lost both her parents. A diagnosis of multiple sclerosis ended her teaching career early in the North St. Paul, Maplewood and Oakdale Schools, but she continued to live her life with a sense of adventure. She became a worldwide traveler, visiting five continents. When she contracted renal disease, she stoically scheduled dialysis appointments, even in far flung locations she planned around her continued travel, until she received a new kidney. As her MS progressed, Judy drove a van from which she could unload her scooter, maintaining her independence.

She was an avid supporter of the arts, with season tickets to the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, Minnesota Opera, the Minnesota Ballet, and the Guthrie Theater. She was a skier, political activist (including serving as president of her local teachers' union), a reader, and an active leader in her faith community.

Throughout her life, Judy enriched others by forging deep and lasting friendships. I was proud to count her as a good friend. We enjoyed long and deep phone conversations. At her funeral service, I found that all her friends enjoyed those same conversations. She will be greatly missed.

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## Remembrance: Virginia Sykes, 1935—2021

*By: Judy Stuthman*

If you have been in LWV of Roseville Area for more than 40 years, you probably met Ginger when you joined. She was active for many years and served as president. Though she ran for Mayor of Little Canada (she lost) she was not particularly interested in partisan politics. She was interested in studying issues and policies.

Years ago, she moved to Hopewell Junction, New York, to be near her daughter and family. She hoped to find a local League in her area. She had many interests, and continued to do what she enjoyed: handicrafts, gardening, playing bridge, and traveling. She never forgot her friends in Minnesota and stayed in touch with her Minnesota book club by reading the same books they were reading.

Ginger passed away on September 28, following a long illness. Her family requested that in lieu of flowers, contributions should be made to League of Women Voters of Roseville Area.

# Presidents of LWV of Roseville Area, 1954 – 2022

**2020 – Present** Barbara Barany

**2018 – 2020** Sharon Hood

**2016 – 2018** Rita Mills

**2012 – 2016** June Stewart

**2010 – 2012** Ann Cleland and Karen Schaffer

**2009 – 2010** Ann Cleland and Barb Yates

**2008 – 2009** Teri MacNabb and Ann Cleland

**2006 – 2008** Teri MacNabb and Barb Yates

**2005 – 2006** Teri MacNabb and Barb Lehn

**2003 – 2005** Sandi Lutz and Barb Lehn

**2001 – 2003** Ann Berry and Shirley Bradway

**2000 – 2001** Laurie Boche and Judy Stuthman

**1998 – 2000** Mary Ann Palmer and Judy Stuthman

**1997 – 1998** Florence Sprague

**1996 – 1997** Le Matts and Florence Sprague

**1995 – 1996** Le Matts

**1994 – 1995** Jeanne Thompson

**1993 – 1994** Jeanne Thompson and Faith O'Neill

**1991 – 1993** Lila Recksiedler

**1989 – 1991** Kathy Ciernia

**1987 – 1989** Ginny Gibson and Norma Signorelli

**1985 – 1987** Nancy Irsfeld

**1983 – 1985** Mindy Greiling

**1981 – 1983** Sally Simundson

**1979 – 1981** Suzanne Jenkins and Gloria Froelich

**1977 – 1979** Virginia Sykes

**1975 – 1977** Joyce Blomquist

**1972 – 1975** Georgeann Hall

**1969 – 1972** Carolyn Cushing

**1967 – 1969** Lorraine Fredrickson

**1965 – 1967** Alice Scheel

**1963 – 1965** Nancy Rozycki

**1961 – 1963** Marge Johnson

**1958 – 1961** Mrs. Robert Swan

**1956 – 1958** Mrs. Paul Boyer

**1954 – 1956** Mrs. L. Hocraffer

# LWV of Roseville Area Positions

LWV of Roseville Area has adopted positions regarding several issues of local importance. These issues are below, but can also be found on our website at [lwvrosevillearea.org/tags/advocacy/](http://lwvrosevillearea.org/tags/advocacy/). LWVMN positions can be found on their website at [lwvmn.org/our-positions](http://lwvmn.org/our-positions). National LWV positions can be found on the national website at [lww.org/impact-issues](http://lww.org/impact-issues).

## GOVERNMENT

- Support opportunities for resident participation in city government, including early public participation in the decision-making process, and open appointment for advisory committees. (1988, 2021)
- Support City Manager form of government for Maplewood and Roseville (Plan B). (1960s)
- Recommend community police departments improve data collection of police activity to ensure accountability for avoiding racial profiling and track that officers dispatched to domestic violence and mental health crisis situations have appropriate training. (2016)
- Recommend that all cities periodically evaluate police cost-analysis and service delivery. (2016)
- Support the Memphis Model, or a substantial equivalent Crisis Intervention Training (CIT), for police officers dealing with mental health crises. (2016)
- Support the St. Paul Blueprint for Safety, or a substantial equivalent training, for police officers dealing with domestic violence. (2016)
- Support diversity training for all police officers. (2016)

## SOCIAL POLICY

- Support emergency medical services in Roseville with user fees. (1978, 1981, 2003)
- Support volunteer fire fighters with appropriate wages and benefits; oppose fees for fire department services. (2003)
- Support transportation options that serve the needs of the area. (1983)
- Support safe non-motorized pathways with costs assessed area-wide. (1983)
- Support equal opportunity for all students in public schools with use of unbiased educational materials free of gender stereotypes. (1984-88, 2000)
- Support electing School Board members at-large for Districts 621, 622, 623. (1985, updated 1988)

## NATURAL RESOURCES/ENVIRONMENT

- Support organized refuse collection contracted with haulers by the city. (1985, 2010)
- Support action to remove yard waste, newspaper, glass, metal and other recyclables from the waste stream going to land-fills; and government support of yard waste composting by encouraging individual composting and providing and maintaining sites for community composting. (1982)

## LOCAL STUDY ITEM

Two studies have been completed in 2021-2022:

- Cities' Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Equitable Representation in City Commissions and Boards

The Board does not recommend a new study to begin for 2022-2023.

# CMAL Annual Report

The Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues (CMAL) published Volume 58, Issues 1, 2, and 3 of the CMAL Newsletter. CMAL hosted three virtual programs, in the venerable quarterly meeting tradition established in the 1960s.

- (a) October 16, 2021: “Protecting the Metro Water Supply.” Speakers were Lanya Ross (Regional Water Supply Planner & Analyst, Metropolitan Council) and Paul Gardner (Administrator, Clean Water Council). This program was co-sponsored by LWV of Woodbury/Cottage Grove Area.
- (b) January 15, 2021: County Study Chair Mindy Greiling rolled out the CMAL County Government Study Report and proposed consensus questions for consideration by LWV members.
- (c) March 19, 2022: “Livable Communities Grant Program.” Speakers were Tara Beard (Program Manager, Metropolitan Council Livable Communities Act grant program) and Jennifer Faulkner (Community Development Director, Burnsville, Minnesota). Quad Cities Community Television (QCTV) out of Anoka County recorded this program for uploading to the QCTV website.

CMAL also co-sponsored a virtual meeting with the LWVMN Climate Change Task Force on September 10, 2021, “Twin Cities Metro is Bulging with Trash.” Speakers were from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

The CMAL County Government Study Committee, under the leadership of Mindy Greiling, completed its research during the summer and fall of 2021 and issued its final report in December 2021. Proposed consensus questions, based upon the report, were discussed by members on January 15, 2022, and final consensus questions were issued in late January. The report, consensus questions, tally sheet, and individual ballot were posted on the LWVMN website as well as emailed to metro-area LWV presidents and CMAL delegates. LWV units held consensus meetings during February and March. CMAL evaluated the tally sheets and ballots on April 9. The CMAL Board’s recommendation for amending the CMAL position on county government may be found in the 2022-2023 CMAL recommended Program for Action, to be considered at the CMAL Annual Meeting on May 14, 2022. The names of the individual LWV members who worked on the study committee are listed in the Report. In addition to Mindy Greiling, our League was represented on this committee by Lisa Scribner and Karen Schaffer. We owe all of them a debt of gratitude!

Metropolitan Council Member Deb Barber will be the keynote speaker at the CMAL Annual Meeting on May 14. Barber has served on the Metropolitan Council (representing district 4) since 2015, serving on the Metro Mobility Task Force and the Equity Advisory Committee. Currently she is chair of the Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee and liaison to the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB). Barber will speak and take questions on “Current Issues at Metro Transit.” The keynote address is open to all League members and members of the public. The CMAL business meeting will immediately follow the keynote.

**LWV of Roseville Area Representative:** Karen Schaffer

# **Annual Meeting Agenda**

## **69th Annual Business Meeting Agenda**

*League of Women Voters of Roseville Area*

*Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 7 p.m.*

*Autumn Grove Park Building, Roseville*

- 1. Call to Order / Adoption of Order of Business**
- 2. Additions/Changes to Agenda**
- 3. Appointment of Parliamentarian**
- 4. Declaration of Quorum**
- 5. Introduction of the Board**
- 6. Reports**
  - President's Report
  - Secretary's Report
  - Treasurer's Report
  - Committee Reports: Voter Services, Program, Membership, Communications, Action/Advocacy, Equitable Representation, Cities' Compliance with ADA, Student Scholarship
- 7. Action Items**
  - Presentation and approval of the 2022-2023 budget
  - Adoption of the local Program for Action, a continuation and amendments to local positions
  - Consideration of a local study
  - Approval of amendments to the LWV of Roseville Area Bylaws
  - Approval of amendments to the LWV of Roseville Area Policies and Procedures
  - Presentation and approval of Nominating Committee Report
- 8. Rose Awards**
- 9. Directions to the Board**
- 10. Announcements**
- 11. Adjournment**

# President's Report

The past year featured both our increasing comfort with the use of virtual meetings and activities, and the return of occasional in-person events. As elsewhere, the challenge for us has been less about how to meet our commitments, and more about how to balance the needs and desires of participants and the public with different concerns and expectations amidst uncertainty. Our committees led substantial efforts in public programming and local advocacy, voter forums, registrations and outreach, and getting the word out. The Budget and Development team, led by Barb Anderson and Bonnie Koch, with the support of Membership, eliminated roadblocks to getting our funding needs met. Thanks to Rita Mills's leadership, new members added their insights to ongoing programs, and newer members with committee experience took over leadership roles. Please see the individual committee reports for information on each.

Many of this year's new and continuing initiatives have been targeted to inclusion of all residents of our area—for outreach, participation in local government, and within our organization itself:

- The Program Committee, led by Florence Sprague and Carol Marchel, sponsored webinars that facilitated exchange of information among city leaders, and webinars that challenged both our assumptions about historical context and our responsibility for addressing wrongs.
- The Equitable Representation Study on Appointed City Boards and Commissions finished work early in the 2021-2022 year, and with Board approval, members Patricia Hoffman, Barb Luck, Megan Dahlberg, Rita Mills, and Karen Schaffer visited city councils in each of our five cities to share their results. An advocacy position, arrived at with membership consensus, is on the Annual Meeting agenda for approval by membership.
- Participation in government requires the ability to be present, and the Study of Our Five Cities' Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessibility Requirements addresses just that. Team members Jim DeBenedet, Stephanie DeBenedet, Ann Cleland, Rachel Geiser, Bonnie Koch, and Mary Peterson are ready to lead advocacy on this issue, upon membership approval, of four new and amended positions.
- The Voter Services Team, led this year by Teresa Wernecke and Marcia Cheney, prioritized getting voter information and registration materials to new voters, either newly eligible or newly aware. Nancy Simpson's continuing association with the International Institute of Minnesota is being put to use, with LWV of Roseville Area providing voter support.
- The Communications Team, led by Mary Peterson and Barb Anderson, continues to expand access to information, remembering that those with different backgrounds and in different stages of life are comfortable communicating in different ways.
- Upon request of the Board, Karen Lake quickly formed a Student Scholarship Committee. The scholarships will help student role models continue their educational goals, while introducing them and their peers to League.

Our League relies on mentorship, and this year, mentorship for conducting studies and advocacy was assisted by the addition of Policies and Procedures for each, serving as a backbone and reference point for this year and the future. Thank you to Mindy Greiling and Bonnie Koch for this important use of their expertise. Look for membership approval of these new Policies and Procedures at the Annual Meeting.

Serving as President these past nearly two years has been both challenging and rewarding in ways I never could have anticipated. Our wonderful incoming board members, with everyone's help, will keep us growing stronger. Be well!

**President:** Barb Barany

# Secretary's Report: 68th Annual Meeting Minutes

## Minutes of the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the LWV of Roseville Area Tuesday May 4, 2021, Virtual meeting via Zoom

1. Declaration of Quorum/Call to Order – Barb Barany declared that more than ten percent of membership was present. She declared a quorum and called the business portion of the 68th Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Roseville Area to order. Barb Anderson made a few helpful hints for using Zoom.
2. Adoption of Order of Business – Barb Barany asked were there additions or changes to the annual meeting agenda, as listed on page 11 of the 68th Annual Meeting booklet? Hearing none, the agenda was adopted as printed, subject to emergency changes.
3. Appointment of Parliamentarian – Barb Barany appointed Karen Schaffer as Parliamentarian.
4. Reports –
  - a. President's Report – Sherry Hood, Barb Anderson and Barb Barany attended the June 2020 League of Women Voters National Convention. The amendments to bylaws approved at the convention, and that apply to local leagues, are listed on page 13 of the 68th Annual Meeting booklet. Note that all league bylaws now include compliance with our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy.
  - b. Secretary's Report – Barb Barany reported the secretary's report is printed on pages 14 to 16 of the 68th Annual Meeting booklet. It is customary that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting be approved by the Board at the first regularly scheduled Board meeting following this Annual Meeting. Last year's minutes were so approved at the June 17, 2020, Board meeting.

Barb Barany requested a motion to authorize the Board of Directors, at its first regularly scheduled meeting following this annual meeting, to approve the minutes of this annual meeting? Moved by Sherry Hood. Motion was approved.
  - c. Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's Report for 2020-2021 is on page 17 of the 68th Annual Meeting Booklet. Barb asked were there questions about this year's Treasurer's Report? There were none. The Treasurer's Report will be filed for examination by the Budget Committee.
  - d. Studies – At our 67th Annual Meeting, membership approved two studies. Reports of these studies can be found on pages 18 and 19 of the 68th Annual Meeting booklet.

Jim DeBenedet provided highlights of Study progress on Cities' Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. A question was asked about the intent of the report and the level of detail proposed. Barb Luck and Patricia Hoffman took on leadership for the Equitable Representation in City Commissions and Boards study. Barb reported briefly on the committee's work and plans. There will be a general meeting on May 24th to hear the report. A question was asked about intentions to promote minority involvement in these commissions.
  - e. Committee Reports - Reports for the Voter Services, Program, Membership, Communications, Action/Advocacy and Ad Hoc Census committees can be found on pages 20-25 of the Annual Meeting booklet.

*(Minutes continue on next page.)*

## Secretary's Report: 68th Annual Meeting Minutes (*cont.*)

- f. A huge thank you to everyone who worked on each of our committees over the past year. Barb Barany introduced a special group of people, our 2020-2021 LWV Roseville Area Board.

### 5. Action Items

- a. 2021-2022 Budget – Barb Anderson presented the 2021-22 proposed budget, found on page 27 of the Annual Meeting booklet. Barb Barany asked for a motion to approve the 2021-22 proposed budget? Second. The floor is open for questions or discussion. If discussion is complete, please enter your vote on the Zoom polling feature. Motion was made by Cecilia Warner and approved.
- b. Local Program for Action – At the April 28 meeting, the Board approved an amendment to our existing government position on public participation and advisory committee appointments. We now request adoption by membership. The amendment replaces citizen with resident, in recognition that one does not need to be a citizen to participate in non-elected decision-making activities of local government. A motion to adopt the amended position, as presented was made by Mindy Greiling. The floor was open for discussion. Motion passed.

Each year membership is asked to re-adopt our local positions, or program for action. Our current positions, with the exception of the amendment just passed, are listed on page 9 of the annual report. Moved by Sherry Hood to re-approve the LWVRA program for action, as amended by the previous vote. Motion was approved.

- c. Amendments to LWV of Roseville Area Policies and Procedures – Since our last annual meeting, the Board has approved several amendments to our Policies and Procedures, both for the purpose of clarifying existing policies and for adding procedures for future reference. These changes are found on page 28 of the Annual Meeting Report. Megan Dahlberg moved to approve the amendments to Policies and Procedures, as listed on page 28. The motion was approved.
  - d. Local Studies – Florence Sprague presented the board's recommendations for local study. First to approve continuation of the two studies. Moved by Karen Lake. Motion approved. The board has discussed there be no new studies, only preliminary research regarding how facilities are named.
  - e. Nominating Committee Report – Florence presented the slate of candidates for positions on the 2021-2022 Board, and Nominations Committee Chair. Florence asked for additional nominations from the floor. There were none. Karen Schaffer moved a unanimous ballot for the officers, directors and nominations committee chair. Motion was approved.
- 6. Directions to the Board – Donna Peterson recommended the board study how to get young people interested in our activities. Mindy Greiling mentioned the current issue of organized trash collection in Roseville and advocated League members to be advocates.
  - 7. Announcements – Watch for information about the outdoor social portion of our annual meeting, including Rose Awards, on July 27.
  - 8. Adjournment at 8:17; Note: Attendance total was 32 members.

**Respectfully Submitted, Jim DeBenedet, Secretary**

# Treasurer’s Report

This is the Summary of Accounts for LWV of Roseville Area.

LEAGUE OF WOMAN VOTERS - ROSEVILLE AREA  
TREASURER'S REPORT : SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

FISCAL YEAR APRIL 1, 2021 - MARCH 31, 2022

UNRESERVED CASH BALANCE - AP	Thursday, April 1, 2021		\$ 20,392.19
INCOME		\$ 14,703.00	
EXPENSES		\$ (10,876.66)	
OUTSTANDING CHECKS		\$ 8,033.42	
TOTAL UNRESERVED		\$ 11,859.76	\$ 32,251.95
RESERVED CASH BALANCE APRIL 1, 2021			\$ 1,438.00
RESERVED FOR ARCHIVIST GRANT		\$ 1,438.00	
INCOME		\$ -	
EXPENSES			
RESERVED BALANCE		\$ 1,438.00	\$ 1,438.00
TOTAL CASH BALANCE	Thursday, March 31, 2022		\$ 33,689.95

Treasurer: Jessica Holz

# Voter Services Committee Report

The following is a summary of major Voter Services Committee activities.

## Voter Registrations

- Area high schools were contacted/provided voter registration and voting directions to distribute to students for both 2021 and 2022. LWV of Roseville Area served 111 students at Tartan High School in 2021. Volunteers were Florence Sprague, Gladys Jones, Marcia Cheney, and Karen Lake.
- Events featuring voter registrations/information: National Night Out at House of Hope August 3, block party August 14, Wild Rice Festival on September 18, Community of Nations Festival on September 19, Unity Park on September 25, new Fairview community center on October 4, Rice Street Gardens on October 9, Earth Day on April 23. Many of these events were in conjunction with Do Good Roseville.
- Rachel Geiser and Teresa Wernecke spoke about voting to students at Roseville High School the day before the election.
- Ramsey County Library hosted the LWVMN and LWV of Roseville Area Centennial banners for the month of April 2022. It is an opportunity to recruit new members and voter information/registrations. Rita Mills developed a scavenger hunt.
- New citizenship ceremonies led by Judy Stuthman registered about 10,000 new voters.

## Candidate Forums

- Falcon Heights on September 15, Florence Sprague moderator, Jim DeBenedet timekeeper.
- ISD623 Roseville Area October 7, Florence Sprague moderator, Nancy Simpson, and Rita Mills, timekeepers.
- ISD621 Mounds View School District, Linda McLoon moderator, LWV of Roseville Area assisted the new New Brighton League.

## Youth Engagement

- Contact was re-established with Tartan and Roseville High Schools to allow return to the schools for voter registration at cap and gown pick-up.
- Multiple webinars about voter engagement were attended as LWV of Roseville Area's program was being developed. With 'fun' and 'social media' important components of engaging youth voters, plans under development incorporate these. Several hashtags have been identified for students to use when posting on Instagram. A Vote the Quote board is under development. A 'spinning wheel' has been purchased to attract students.
- As longer-range plans are being developed, Marcia has talked with members of League chapters in Northfield/Cannon Falls, Minneapolis, and Edina.
- A visually attractive compact handout sequentially covering the mechanics of voting is under development for use at youth engagement programs.

## Other

- Rita Mills provided her church newsletter/bulletin with brief information about voting once a month. She calls it "Social Justice Rising."
- Nancy Simpson, Marcia Cheney, and Teresa provided ideas to the International Institute of Minnesota on outreach for their Ramsey County grant.
- Youth Engagement presentations were hosted by LWV of White Bear Lake and LWV of St. Paul.
- LWV of Roseville Area gave NineNorth.org, a nonprofit group, a check for \$250 thanking them for their services.
- Monthly, Voter Services Chairs met. Marcia Cheney and Teresa Wernecke attended post-election listening session with Simone Frierson, new Minnesota Outreach Director with the Secretary of State's Office.
- Marcia Cheney is participating in a LWVMN special committee addressing Voter Services issues.

## **2021-2022 Voter Services Committee**

- **Team Leads:** Teresa Wernecke, Marcia Cheney, and beginning in 2022, Nancy Simpson
- **Candidate forum moderators:** Kitty Gogins, Linda McLoon, Florence Sprague
- **New citizenship ceremonies voter registration leader:** Judy Stuthman
- **Committee members:** Elizabeth Hansel, Amy Kenzie, Kathy Macomber, Rita Mills, Sharon Oswald, Suzanne Sancilio, June Stewart

# Program Committee Report

This was another interesting year for programs, both in terms of content and the pandemic.

Two highlights of the year were brought to us by the local study committees. They exemplify the positive contributions that the League can make at the local level. In November the Equitable Representation committee presented, “Growing Diversity in Local Leadership,” featuring a panel of speakers working with diverse communities around the state. In February, the ADA study committee shared the results of their careful work looking at ADA compliance in access to public buildings, polling locations, and parks and recreation facilities. Members discussed and voted on positions to bring to the annual meeting. Thank you to those committees.

After a hiatus due to the pandemic, we were able to hold several in-person events. These included the popular, annual Brews and Book Reviews in July held at High Pines Brewing, the Annual Meeting part 2 picnic in Central Park, the tour of the ExtraOrdinary Women exhibit at the Minnesota History Center in August, and a year-end social dinner at Cedarholm, with a speaker from Northeast Youth and Family Services.

Fall programs included the two-part Real Life Mr. Rogers series. In September realtor and Roseville Councilmember, Wayne Groff; ISD 623 School Board member Curtis Johnson; and Roseville Police Chief Erika Scheider explored what makes a good neighborhood. In October Tamara Gray of Rabata, Miriam Itzkowitz of Hamline University, Marquita Stephens of the Minneapolis Urban League, and Nelsie Yang of the St. Paul City Council discussed how to be welcoming of all neighbors.

January featured the annual Conversations with Constituents. This year, the questions focused on representation in city governance to integrate with the Equitable Representation study. Mayors or council members from our five communities participated.

March brought a wonderful presentation by University of St. Thomas professor, Dr. Yohuru Williams, “Shoot Suffrage to Death: A Short History of Race, Violence, and the Right to Vote,” examining the good and the bad in the women’s suffrage movement as well as threats to suffrage for women and persons of color. March also included a presentation on the CMAL study, “County Government in the Metropolitan Area” with a consensus taken.

April’s program, organized by the Environmental subcommittee, included a panel of three experts, Ted Redmond, Carroll Henderson, and Dr. Paul Bogard, who discussed “Birds, Trees, Dark Skies, and Climate: What’s Happening?” They shared insights into the existential crisis of our time—climate change.

After a two-year pandemic required delay, April also brought the Centennial Exhibit created by LWVMN for the 100th anniversary of LWV, to the Roseville Library.

Once again, the Ramsey County Library Roseville was a wonderful partner and Zoom host. Other organizations, such as Do Good Roseville, co-sponsored many of our programs, and we co-sponsored events led by others, like the LWV St. Paul. Good partnerships! The eBlasts ensured that members could also access other topics of interest, such as Medical Assistance in Dying, either in person or recorded.

After several years without taking any new positions, this year brought several consensus votes. Thanks to Bonnie Koch’s piece in the Voter, we all now have a clearer understanding of this important LWV process.

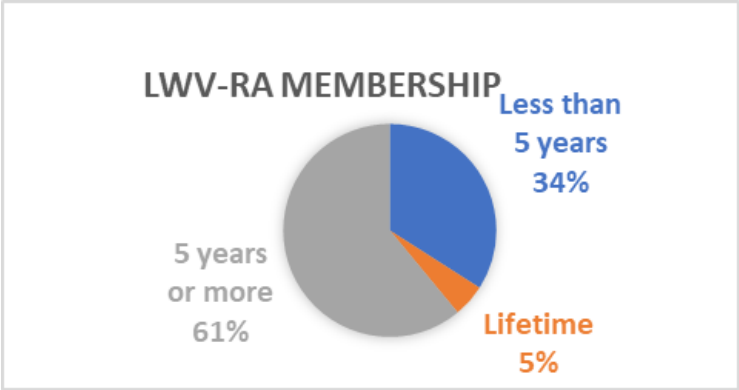
**Chair:** Florence Sprague, **Vice Chair:** Carol Marchel

**Committee Members:** Shirley Bradway, Marcia Cheney, Jim DeBenedet, Rachel Geiser, Mindy Greiling, Patricia Hoffman, Sherry Hood, Gladys Jones, Amy Kenzie, Barbara Leary, Barb Luck, Kathy Macomber, Connie Marty, Sharon McCord, Diana Menanteau, Rita Mills, Rachelle Paleska, Karen Schafer, Lisa Scribner, and June Stewart. Many others stepped up to help where needed. I apologize if I have overlooked anyone. Deep thanks to all.

# Membership Committee Report

As of the March 2022 Board meeting, the active membership is at 141, which includes seven lifetime members. Twenty-four of these members joined during 2021 and early 2022.

- While we have not had the opportunity to meet most of the 38 new members who have joined since the pandemic, we continue to rely heavily on staying connected with individual emails and snail mail packets. Monthly “Spotlight” articles and photos in the Voter help in introducing new members to membership.
- The “How Our League Works” brochure was updated with a new cover logo. This has been crucial for communicating with new members. New members have joined exclusively via the League website.
- The Centennial Exhibit at the Ramsey County Library Roseville was used to reach out to new members to partake in overview and history of LWV.
- The membership directory was updated regularly and emailed to membership in January and June.
- We are in our third year of using the database provided by LWVMN, thedatabank. The joining and renewal process now involves using the website (Mary Peterson and Barb Anderson), treasurer (Jessica Holz), and data manager (Ann Thonet.) Quarterly checks to align thedatabank, LWVUS database, Google mail, and the local directory, are done via Zoom.
- Changes made to the renewal process are listed in the League’s Policies and Procedures.
  - April 1 is the renewal date for members who have joined prior to 2019.
  - Renewal dates for members who have joined 2019 and later are based on the join date (rolling membership). There are now 48 members in this category.
  - A two month grace period is granted for renewing, after which the member is considered inactive. (Reminder...this is a change from the prior six-month grace period.)
- Membership was surveyed in March requesting information regarding readership (Voter and eBlast), general reasons for joining, and interests in future League involvement.



LWVUS dues:
Primary \$32
Additional \$16
Student \$0
Lifetime \$0
LWVMN dues: \$27
Dues date structure: January 1 – December 31 for both state and national. Data to U.S. due January 31. Payment due March 31 to receive a 5% discount.

**Chair:** Rita Mills

**Committee members:** Barb Anderson, Jessica Holz, Mary Peterson, Ann Thonet

# Communications Committee Report

Just like last year, we continue to be challenged with not having in-person meetings. We continue to use social media as a means of communication with members and the general public. We also send out weekly eBlasts to members. Members are encouraged to follow us on social media, especially Facebook. We also share posts from LWVMN, LWVUS, other local Leagues, and other organizations to our page to keep our members informed. We post events on Twitter and Instagram. We have 458 Facebook followers, 392 followers on Instagram, and 231 followers on Twitter.

We continue to send out weekly email blasts with information and reminders about upcoming League events and meetings, and events and information sponsored by other organizations and local Leagues that we think might be of interest to our members.

We continue to send information on our events to our local city offices, and they publish information about our meetings and events that they believe will serve their residents. While that doesn't include every event LWV of Roseville Area holds, it does broaden our ability to get our message out to the general public. We send press releases to the major newspapers, but they have not published the items we have sent.

The League website (<https://www.lwvrosevillearea.org/>) continues to be the place to find articles about sponsored events, voting resources, issues of the Voter, advocacy issues, and League history. There you will also find links to our Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube accounts. Because all of our programs have been hosted virtually by the Ramsey County Library in the past year, we cannot post our recordings on our YouTube channel. Instead, they are published on the Library's website, and we provide links to the recordings both on our website and in our weekly eBlasts. Thanks to Sherry Hood, Action/Advocacy Chair, we continue to publish weekly scheduled meetings of local municipalities and their committees/commissions. This information is updated by Sunday each week, and contains links to the agendas for each. This can be found on the Advocacy tab of the website.

The Voter contains a monthly President's report, and information about programs before the event and recaps after. It also contains articles from League members, a new/existing member spotlight, timely information from LWVUS and LWVMN, volunteer opportunities with some of our committees, and a monthly event calendar.

We facilitated all Board and committee meetings using our Zoom platform in the past year. We found there are benefits to meeting on Zoom, especially during the winter months. We will revisit how we conduct our meetings and programs, sharing information with you as we make decisions. If you have suggestions or ideas about how to do that, or how we can improve in any way, we welcome your input.

**Co-Chairs:** Barb Anderson and Mary Peterson

**Committee Members:** Barb Anderson, Mary Peterson, website and email; Gladys Jones, social media; Rachel Geiser, Voter; Jim DeBenedet with backup, video; Barb Luck, assist with communications; Shirley Bradway, Mindy Greiling, Bonnie Koch, and Dan Salzl, archive; Merrie Zakaras, PR; and Jim DeBenedet, Stephanie DeBenedet, and Jo Waldron, Voter distribution.

# Action/Advocacy Committee Report

The Action/Advocacy Committee has continued to post weekly local government meetings and accompanying highlights on our League's Sunday eblasts and our website. Many thanks to our observers for helping with this: Margo Bock for Roseville, Ann Cleland and Teri Matthews for Maplewood, and Carol Marchel for the school districts. Sherry Hood has joined the state League's Observer Corps to observe committee hearings and bills that are of interest to our League during this 2022 state legislative session. And from these observations, Action Alerts are sent out to our members. These bill observations are sent to all members weekly in the Capitol Newsletter from the state League. Sherry has so far submitted three summaries.

The Environmental Subcommittee planned their annual April program forum for April 19. It was called, "Birds, Trees, Dark Skies, and Climate - What's Happening?" There were three panelists invited to share their particular knowledge about the issues described. Also, on June 21, our subcommittee will put on an EV Fair at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Roseville. There will be information about electric cars and bikes and EV stations. And there will also be electric cars and e-bikes on display in the parking lot.

For the state League's January Jumpstart Program at the end of January, Sherry Hood was asked by LWVMN Executive Director Michelle Witte to talk about what our Roseville Area League's Subcommittee has accomplished regarding climate change and the environment. This was presented to interested League members throughout the state. Sherry is also a current member of the LWVMN Climate Change Task Force that meets monthly.

The Environmental Subcommittee has also contributed articles to the Voter. In early 2022, Alana Howey and Anne Haugan committed to a monthly series about plastics. Barbara Luck, Donna Peterson, and Sherry Hood have also contributed articles pertaining to our environment.

**Chair:** Sherry Hood

## **Committee Members:**

- Action/Advocacy: Mindy Greiling, Wayne Groff, Georgeann Hall, Elizabeth Hansel, Priscilla Morton, Warren Wolfe
- Observer Corps: Margo Bock, Ann Cleland, Carol Marchel, Teri Mathews, Beth Salzl
- Environmental Subcommittee: Anne Haugan, Sherry Hood, Alana Howey, Barb Luck, Tammy McGehee, Priscilla Morton, Donna Peterson

# Equitable Representation on Appointed City Boards and Commissions Study Committee

This team studied the composition, recruitment, orientation, and role of appointed city commissioners in our chapter's five cities. The study goal was:

To identify the status and suggest recommendations for equitable representation best practices for boards and commissions appointed by the city councils of Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Little Canada, Maplewood, and Roseville. We defined diversity broadly, to include race, ethnicity, age, social standing, disabilities, and sexual orientation. The overall finding was that the current city commissions do not broadly reflect resident diversity, but the cities support and encourage more inclusiveness and diversity.

Late last summer and fall, we presented study findings to each of our five city councils plus the Roseville Human Rights, Inclusion, and Engagement Commission.

Presentations emphasized that we did not have answers or solutions but wanted to explore idea sharing together through LWV programming. We emphasized that our chapter's previous environmental panel with our five mayors was a good model for sharing ideas across cities. The city councils were appreciative of the study report and suggestions regarding ongoing collaborating with other city commissions and applying relevant best practices. In follow-up, we put together two panels. The first was with U of M Extension Leadership and Civic Engagement staff in November sharing about their leadership training, facilitation, and other resources. The second was the January 2022 "Conversations with Constituents" involving our five mayors which focused on inclusiveness actions underway and progress to-date. Note that the Board approved "early" advocacy with the understanding that request for approval of the new position would be at this year's Annual Meeting.

The proposed position to be voted on:

LWV of Roseville Area recommends that, over time, our Cities' boards and commissions broadly reflect the diversity of their population, including race, ethnicity, gender, income, age, and other aspects of diversity.

**Co-chairs:** Patty Hoffman and Barb Luck

**Members:** Megan Dahlberg, Rita Mills, Karen Schaffer

**Contributor:** Julie Strahan

# Cities' Compliance with the ADA Study Committee

The Cities' Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) study group concluded a two-year study to assess the compliance level of the section of the ADA that guarantees access to public buildings and sites by the five cities included in the League of Women Voters of Roseville Area (Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Little Canada, Maplewood, and Roseville).

Because the law is so extensive, the study was limited to compliance with the needs of residents with mobility challenges.

The study was organized into five parts: written compliancy requirements, access to civic buildings, access to voting, access to parks and recreation, and individual city analyses. Data was collected using information submitted by the cities and actual visits by study members to locations. The full study is posted on the LWV of Roseville Area website.

A study summary, including consensus questions to be considered, was presented at the February membership meeting where consensus was found on updates to two present LWV of Roseville Area positions and adoption of two new positions. The Board approved the study report and made a change in verbiage to one of the suggested new positions to be voted on.

Pending approval of the study and position adoptions at the Annual Meeting, the committee will present their findings to each city.

**Chair:** Jim DeBenedet and Stephanie DeBenedet

**Study Members:** Ann Cleland, Rachel Geiser, Bonnie Koch, Mary Peterson

# Student Scholarship Committee Report

New this year, a Student Scholarship Committee was formed at the direction of the LWV of Roseville Area Board, with the goal of offering scholarships to increase League visibility with young people, especially those from underrepresented communities. Committee members started by identifying contact people at Roseville Area High School, Tartan High School, and Fairview Alternative High School, all schools that have worked with our League chapter in the past to offer student voter registrations. Initial contact was for input on how the scholarships should be structured and awarded. Based on this input and further discussion of our goals, the committee assembled a proposal for Board approval, including:

- Required criteria: (1) Member of the current academic year's graduating class, (2) Has post-high school education or training plans, and (3) Presents personal qualities that make him/her/them a role model to others.
- Desired criteria: One or more of (1) Has set and achieved a personal goal. (2) Has life experiences that demonstrate self-determination and/or the overcoming of challenges. (3) Assists non-English speaking family, friends and/or community members in participating within their community. (4) Participates in a school, religious, or community group to promote cultural, environmental, educational, and/or political engagement.
- The recipient and presentation mode to be selected by the school.
- The award to consist of a \$500 scholarship and an optional one-year complimentary membership to LWV of Roseville Area.

Following board approval, team members have been in contact with the representatives from each of the three schools. An award has since been presented to Esther Pewu of Tartan High School. The other two awards will be presented later this school year.

**Chair:** Karen Lake

**Committee Members:** Barb Barany, Anne Haugen, Suzanne Sancilio, and June Stewart

# Finance Committee and Budget Report

The Annual Budget for 2022-23 was created based on actual revenues and expenses in the 2021-22 year, plus adjustments for Voter Services and Board priorities.

For the most part, income and expenses were in keeping with the budget as approved by the membership at the May 2021 Annual Meeting. Variations from the 2021-22 budget included:

- Annual Meeting – Last year’s annual meeting was once again held entirely on Zoom, so we recorded neither income nor expenses.
- Special events – Revenue for the summer picnic and holiday dinner exceeded the budget, and were offset by higher expenses.
- PayPal fees – More members are paying via PayPal, which increases the fees. However, it results in less effort to manually process checks, so it is a great trade-off.
- Program – All events in the past year have been held virtually, most of which were hosted by our partner Ramsey County Library. We donated \$500 to the Friends of the Library in recognition of their contribution.
- Voter Services – Because of COVID-19, we did not hold many in-person voter registration events. However, because Nine North hosted candidate forums, we donated \$250 to them.
- Communications – With public buildings closed for part of the year, we did not print extra Voters to be distributed during that time, hence the reduced expenses for printing.
- Board – The Board met virtually all year, so there were no facility expenses.
- Delegate travel – The LWVMN Convention was held virtually, so there were no travel expenses incurred.

In the creation of the 2022-23 budget, the following should be noted:

- Assumption that more events will be held in person.
- Dues projections are based on current and previous years’ membership.
- Voter Services expenses will increase due to this being an election year, and more events will be held in person.
- Increase in Youth Award/Scholarship to match Board directive.

The Finance Committee recommends that the Board establish a reserve cash balance minimum, given that expenses are budgeted to exceed revenues by just over \$3,000. We currently have a balance of almost \$18,000, but that can quickly be depleted by several years of spending in this pattern.

There was no in-person audit or examination of the financial records. However, all individual transactions were reviewed electronically at year-end by the Budget Committee, and financial transactions are reviewed monthly by the Board and are consistent with the budget/Board actions.

**Chair:** Barb Anderson

**Committee Members:** Barb Anderson, Jessica Holz, Bonnie Koch, Mary Ann Palmer, Merrie Zakaras, and Kathy Macomber *(See the 2022-2023 proposed budget on the following page.)*

# Finance Committee and Budget Report (cont.)

LWV Roseville Area 2022-23 Proposed Budget			
	Proposed Budget 2021-22	YTD March 2021-22	Proposed Budget 2022-23
<b>INCOME:</b>			
Dues (120 pd members/\$70 dues)	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 8,150.00	\$ 8,400.00
Contributions (unrestricted)	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,775.00	\$ 4,000.00
Memorials			
Annual Meeting	\$ 1,100.00		\$ 800.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
Special Events	\$ 850.00	\$ 1,148.00	\$ 1,000.00
PayPal Fees	\$ (200.00)	\$ (271.92)	\$ (300.00)
In Kind			
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 14,350.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,801.08</b>	<b>\$ 14,100.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
<b>Program Division</b>			
Program	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 750.00
Special Events	\$ 850.00	\$ 1,525.99	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Voter Services</b>	\$ 350.00	\$ 486.67	\$ 1,725.00
<b>Advocacy/Action</b>	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
<b>Communications</b>			
Public Relations/Advertising	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
Voter Mailing	\$ 100.00	\$ 97.63	\$ 100.00
Archivist	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
Printing	\$ 750.00		\$ 750.00
Website/Facebook/Zoom	\$ 300.00	\$ 219.95	\$ 300.00
Miscellaneous			
<b>Membership</b>	\$ 150.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 150.00
<b>Board Expense</b>			
President/Vice President	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
Secretary			
Development Committee	\$ 150.00	\$ 136.08	\$ 150.00
Treasurer/fees	\$ 75.00		\$ 75.00
Board Expense	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
Sunshine Fund	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
Facility Honorarium	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
<b>Delegate, Travel, Affiliation</b>			
Delegates, Convention, Workshop	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
<b>Miscellaneous</b>			
Memorials			
Other Club Dues (Gavel Club)	\$ 20.00		\$ 20.00
Dues (Regional Water Interleague)	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Annual Meeting	\$ 1,100.00		\$ 800.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
Youth Award/Scholarships	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,500.00
In Kind			
<b>Per Member Payments</b>			
PMP National (\$32.00/120 members)	\$ 3,840.00	\$ 3,840.00	\$ 3,840.00
PMP State (\$27.00/120 members)	\$ 3,240.00	\$ 3,193.42	\$ 3,240.00
CMAL Dues (\$1.00/120 members)			
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 14,350.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,604.74</b>	<b>\$ 17,325.00</b>
<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,196.34</b>	<b>\$ (3,225.00)</b>

# LWV of Roseville Area Bylaws Amendments

The following are proposed amendments to the LWV of Roseville Area Bylaws for approval by membership at the May Annual Meeting. In addition, Articles I, II, and Article III, Sections 1 and 2 have been amended as required to match the wording required by LWVUS and LWVMN, and references to “the Local League” have been changed to “the League” for consistency with Article I. The following were approved by the Board on March 23, 2022.

**Article I, SECTION 3. RIGHTS OF MEMBERS.** Voting Members shall have the right to attend, participate in and vote at all meetings of the Local Members. Voting Members are also eligible to serve on the Board of this Local League, as officers of this Local League and as delegates to the Convention, Council and similar meetings of League of Women Voters Minnesota.

~~Section 3.4 Term of Membership. The term of membership shall be established by the Members at the annual meeting.~~

~~Section 3.5 Membership Dues. The amount of annual membership dues shall be established by the Members at the annual meeting.~~

~~Section 3.6 Non-transferability of Memberships. A Member may not transfer a membership in this local League or a right arising from it.~~

~~Section 3.7 Resignation. A Member may resign at any time. The resignation of a Member does not relieve the Member from any obligations the Member may have to this Local League for membership dues, assessments, etc.~~

~~Section 3.8 Termination of Membership. The Board may terminate the membership of any person who fails to comply with the conditions of membership as established by the Board.~~

~~Section 3.9 Acceptance of Membership. A person shall not be deemed to be a Member of this Local League unless and until the person has been accepted as a Member in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Board.~~

**Article VI, SECTION 3. OTHER MEETINGS.** Other meetings of the Board may be called at any time, for any purpose, by the President or any three members of the Board. Notice of every such meeting of the Board shall be given to each member of the Board at least five (5) days before the day on which the meeting is to be held, via U.S. mail, or by delivery in person, e-mail, or telephone, ~~no later than twenty four (24) hours before the meeting is to be held.~~

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## LWV of Roseville Area Positions for Advocacy Amendments

The following new and amended positions have been recommended by the Board for membership approval at the Annual Meeting.

- New position based on the Equitable Representation in City Commissions and Boards Study:
  - LWV of Roseville Area recommends that, over time, our Cities’ boards and commissions broadly reflect the diversity of their population, including race, ethnicity, gender, income, age, and other aspects of diversity.
- Amended positions based on Cities’ Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act Study:
  - Modify the current policy “Support opportunities for resident participation in city government, including early public participation in the decision-making process, and open appointment for advisory committees.” (1988, 2021) to read “Support ADA compliant opportunities for resident participation in city government, including early public participation in the decision-making process, and open appointment for advisory committees.”
  - Modify the current policy “Support safe non-motorized pathways with costs assessed areawide. (1983)” to read “Support ADA compliant safe non-motorized pathways with costs assessed areawide.”
- New positions based on Cities’ Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act Study:
  - Support city government compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements in administrative policy and access to and use of city owned and leased buildings, voting precincts, and recreational locations and facilities.
  - Support compliance by city governments with ADA requirements for identification of an ADA Coordinator and grievance process and ease of access to these on city websites.

# Amendments To LWV of Roseville Area Policies and Procedures

The following are proposed amendments to LWV of Roseville Area policies and procedures.

## ADVOCACY, *Amended by the Board on June 9, 2021*

Action is our League effort to bring about governmental change based on the positions we derive through member study and consensus.

1. Because we are a multi-level organization with positions at each level, we must:

- Coordinate our action efforts in order to speak with one voice.
- Choose issues for priority attention in order to allocate resources effectively and maximize political impact.

2. Local Action procedures:

- We act only after we identify a local, regional (Council on Metropolitan Area Leagues), state, or national position or are acting under League Principles.
- We may use any of these positions to lobby at the local governmental level without asking for authorization from CMAL, state or national.
- League never lobbies in opposition to a League position.
- Ideally the Board is consulted, but if prompt action is needed, the President and Action chair may decide and inform the board.
- Action can consist of informing the public by any means: letters to the editor, press releases, press conferences, parades or marches, demonstrations and seeking any and all media attention.
- When LWVRA lobbies elected or appointed officials, where possibly, all officials in a body are contacted in the same time frame and mode, e.g., by letter, email or public meeting testimony. For example, the League would not lobby only the mayor or some city council members but not others.
- When sharing results of a new study with elected or appointed officials, it is preferable to do so openly at a public meeting of each city, school district or county. All League members should be invited, but when possible, those presenting should reside in the jurisdiction.
- If LWVRA wishes to initiate local action involving officials shared with other local Leagues, authorization from those Leagues is necessary.
- If LWVRA wishes to take action on the state level, it must be approved by the LWV Minnesota Action Chair or Legislative Coordinator or LWVMN Board President.
- The League President, Action Chair or designee respond to Action Alerts from other levels of League on behalf of our League. Members are urged to take action individually and are encouraged to say they are League members.
- Permission must be obtained to act at the national level on issues not included in Action Alerts.

## STUDIES, *Amended by the Board on August 25, 2021*

LWV advocacy is based on positions adopted by the League at the national, state and local levels. A reason for League's effectiveness in advocating is its reputation for thorough study leading to those positions.

The Study Process:

1. Studies can be initiated at the national, state or local level.
  - If started at the local level, the consideration of a possible study is presented at an Annual Meeting where membership adopts the study and ideally identifies a chair or the board appoints one soon after.
  - The study should be identified as covering an area for which there is not a current position, providing an update to a current position or a briefing paper to answer questions about a current position.
  - Local studies should be aligned with state and national positions and cannot conflict with them.
  - LWVUS positions are generally broad enough to enable a variety of advocacy over a period of time.
2. The chair seeks other members to be a part of the study committee.

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## **Amendments To LWV of Roseville Area Policies and Procedures (cont.)**

3. The committee puts together a tentative timeline for the proposed duration of the study including: Voter articles; unit meeting/s to inform the membership and the public; a time for consensus (new positions) or concurrence (adopting carte blanche another League's consensus positions) question discussion, if those are planned; recommendations to board; publication in the Voter ahead of Annual Meeting and Annual Meeting final position adoption.
4. The committee may develop a list of possible resources and people, ideally both positive and negative if the study is a new topic.
5. A written summary of the process, findings and recommended statements for consensus is disseminated to the membership prior to the unit meeting where they will be discussed.
6. The summary is presented at a membership meeting where members discuss the decision-making process and recommendations and attempt to reach consensus or concurrence (not a majority vote, but overall sense of the group). While a group meeting is preferred so all those voting are a part of the discussion, consensus may include options such as surveys, telephone poll or document "tear-off".
7. The study committee forms a consensus statement or recommends a concurrence based on the decisions from the membership meeting and submits it to the Board. The statement to the Board should summarize the number of people involved in the recommendation, membership comments and possible minority opinions.
8. The Board is responsible for determining if consensus has occurred and forms a recommended position based on member input and the study committee's statement. Positions are generally broad enough to enable a variety of advocacy over time.
9. The Board-recommended position is presented for adoption at the following Annual Meeting.
10. If a position is adopted, action can then be taken on the particular issue addressed by the position. All local positions need to be readopted each year at the Annual Meeting.
11. If a study committee plans to use existing positions adopted by another level of League (CMAL, state or national) to investigate local circumstances and neither consensus nor concurrence is planned, those positions and that plan should be identified at the onset. The committee would then follow a similar process of study and informing the board, membership and public. Since neither consensus nor concurrence takes place, there would be no new positions, by any name.
12. Action steps, approved by the board, are then taken to share results, educate the public and advocate at the appropriate level of government. Action could take many forms, including a written communication or public testimony.

### **Definitions from League Basics (updated 2009), a publication of LWVUS to provide organizational information for local and state Leagues, and the LWVMN 2021-2023 Program Planning Guide:**

- **CONSENSUS:** Collective opinion of a substantial number of League members, representative of the membership as a whole, after objective study of an issue.
- **CONCURRENCE:** Agreement by League members with a completed study and adopted position by another League.
- **POSITION:** A statement of the League's point of view on an issue, arrived at through member study and agreement (consensus or concurrence), approved by the appropriate board and used as a basis for League action.

# Nominations Committee Report

*By Nominating Committee: Sherry Hood, Chair, and committee members Mindy Greiling, Lisa Scribner, and Florence Sprague (with thanks to Rita Mills for emailing new members)*

- **\*President:** Barb Anderson
- **\*Vice President:** Rachel Geiser
- **\*Secretary:** Jen Peterson
- **\*Treasurer:** Kathy Macomber
- **\*Members At-Large:** Lisa Scribner, Wayne Groff (*must take a leave of absence from board meetings after the annual meeting until after the November election*)
- **CMAL:** Karen Schaffer, Lisa Scribner
- **\*Action Team Leader:** Sherry Hood
  - **Team:** Wayne Groff, Mindy Greiling, Priscilla Morton
  - **Environmental Subcommittee:** *Chair:* Donna Peterson; *Team:* Rebecca Bormann, Anne Haugan, Sherry Hood, Alana Howey, Barb Luck, Carol Marchel, Tammy McGehee, Priscilla Morton, Kris Olsen
  - **Observer Corps Subcommittee:** Margo Bock, Ann Cleland, Carol Marchel, Teri Mathews
- **\*Budget and Development Team Co-Leaders:** Bonnie Koch and Mary Ann Palmer
  - Team:** Merrie Zakaras, treasurer Kathy Macomber
- **\*Communication Team Leader:** Mary Peterson
  - Team:** Rachel Geiser, Mindy Greiling, Gladys Jones, Barb Luck, Merrie Zakaras
- **\*Membership Team Leader:** Rita Mills; *Vice Chair:* Mary Kay VonDeLinde
  - Team:** *Treasurer,* Kathy Macomber; *Eblasts,* Mary Peterson; *Data:* Beth Reinhart
- **\*Nominating Committee Chair:** Sherry Hood
  - Team** (*appointed by Board*): Barbara Barany, Florence Sprague, Lisa Scribner
- **\*Program Team Leader:** Florence Sprague; *Vice-Chair:* Carol Marchel
  - Team:** Megan Dahlberg, Rachel Geiser, Mindy Greiling, Patricia Hoffman, Sherry Hood, Gladys Jones, Bonnie Koch, Kathy Macomber, Rita Mills, Lisa Scribner, Karen Schaffer, study committee chairs
- **\*Voter Services Team Co- Leaders:** Marcia Cheney, Nancy Simpson, and Teresa Wernecke;
  - **Team:** Elizabeth Hansel, Deb Heuwinkel, Karen Lake, Rita Mills, Suzanne Sancilio, Teresa Morris, Sharon Oswald, Jessica Peterson, June Stewart
  - **Candidate Forums:** Teresa Wernecke and Suzanne Sancilio
  - **Youth Engagement:** Marcia Cheney and Deb Heuwinkel
  - **Voter Registrations:** Nancy Simpson
  - **Moderators:** Kitty Gogins, Kathy Macomber, Linda McLoon, Florence Sprague
- **Ad Hoc Committees**
  - **Archives:** Shirley Bradway, Mindy Greiling, Bonnie Koch
  - **Annual Meeting:** Diana Menanteau, Rachelle Peleska
  - **Student Scholarship Subcommittee:** *Chair,* Karen Lake; *Team:* Barb Barany, Anne Haugan, Suzanne Sancilio, June Stewart

*\*Elected position*

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