

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ALAMEDA
BOARD MEETING MINUTES, March 21, 2024
Alameda Hospital

Board members present: Anna Crane, presiding; Ashley Lorden, Susan Hauser, Anne McKereghan, Keasha Martindill, Jeff Cambra. **Other members present:** Neil Rubenstein.

Call to Order: Anna Crane called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. Susan moved, Anne seconded, and we approved to accept the consent agenda and previous meeting minutes.

Annual Meeting: We need to begin planning for our Annual Meeting. The board will take this on, since we don't have other volunteers. We'll seek to host it at the Alameda Hospital Meeting Room A, which is a large space we can bring food to, and aim for 6/22 (the National Convention is 6/27-30). Anna will distribute the electronic version of our meeting packet to all members, and Susan will distribute paper copies to those who have requested them. We'll ask our City Manager Jennifer Ott if she can speak on what the City of Alameda is doing about climate change.

We have one voting delegate at the National Convention, and Anna will see if any of our Committee Chairs are interested. Anne may be interested in going if we don't have other volunteers.

Bylaw Changes: The California League is planning to share language they recommend we adopt in our bylaws, but depending on when we receive it this may be included in our upcoming Annual Meeting, or may not be available in time. Additionally, the new membership system ChapterSpot being released by the National League will necessitate a change in our bylaws because under the new system, National will manage who is a member, timing of renewals, etc. We will watch for language around that being shared. Finally, the Nominating Committee has some proposed changes about the definition of their committee to streamline it, to 3 members, to be filled by 11/30 each year. Susan moved, Keasha seconded, and we approved bringing the Nominating Committee language change to the State League for review in preparation for presenting it at our Annual Meeting.

FY25 Budget: We under-spent and under-collected compared to our FY24 planned budget. Susan will ask committee chairs to share their plans to begin making our FY25 budget.

DEI Statement: We approved adopting the new LWVUS DEI statement, which is more concise and all-encompassing than our previous one.

GOTV 2024 Election: We previously supported Leagues in swing states with voter suppression concerns, and may do so again this year. We are fortunate to have high voter turnout locally, though there are always under-represented populations we can reach out to, for example through APC, Alameda Food Bank, Building Futures, and those organizations

can also help facilitate further outreach. We will make sure the Voter Services committee is developing a plan for local reachout, and Anna will review potential donation recipients.

We have had technical difficulties accessing Vote411, the replacement for Voters Edge, which we'll need to use in preparation for the general election. Ashley will be the tech support for Voter Services if needed for this.

Nominating: We have identified candidates for all our board positions, and most committees, though we are always excited to hear from other interested members.

Membership: We currently have 58 members. We will table at the Spring Shindig coming up, and look for other events to recruit new potential members (and register to vote!).

Anna adjourned the meeting at 8:28pm.