

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ALAMEDA
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES, June 22, 2024
Virtual Meeting Online via Zoom

Guest Speaker: Alameda City Manager Jennifer Ott: sustainability in Alameda; goal of reducing local carbon emissions 50% below 2005 levels by 2030.

Call to Order: Anna Crane called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM. We signed a card for Alice Huie and gave a round of applause for Sally Faulhaber, founding members of LWVA and dedicated public servants in Alameda who celebrated birthdays.

Credentials Report: Susan Hauser reported that we have exceeded the quorum requirement of 12 voting members.

Order of Business: Neil Rubenstein was introduced as the Parliamentarian. Li Volin moved to amend the Rules of the Meeting to reinsert “those eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting must be dues-paying members as of the notice date specified in Article IX of the By-Laws as amended in 2021”, and it was seconded and approved. With no other objections, we adopted the Order of Business and Rules of the Meeting.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2023 Annual Meeting. Keasha Martindill and Li Volin will form the committee to read and correct today’s minutes.

President’s Message: We’re pleased to report our youth service successes, with a recent event led entirely by our student council, and an intern joining a member as our representatives at the National Conference.

Revised Bylaws: Anna Crane presented bylaw changes to modify our Nominating Committee requirements from 2 directors plus 3 non-directors to 1 director plus 2 non-directors. We adopted the changes as it was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Program: Anna Crane presented our recommended program. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to adopt.

- Retain all existing Local and County positions
- No new study or update study for 2045-25
- Local Issues for Emphasis for 2023-24: “Ranked Choice Voting”, “campaign finance”, “civics education and voter engagement for youth”, “transparency and good government”, “mitigating the effect of climate change”

Treasurer’s Report: Recently, we have come in under plan on both incoming and outgoing spending, but we still have a healthy reserve and are operating sustainably. We moved, seconded, and approved the planned budget for 2024-25.

Nominating Committee Report: Anne McKereghan presented the slate of Board Members nominated for 2024-25, with no nominations from the floor. Note that President Anna Crane, Secretary Ashley Lorden, and At-Large Director Jeff Cambra are continuing the second year of 2-year terms. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to elect, for 2 year terms:

VP	Keasha Martindill
Treasurer	Paul Beusterien
At-Large Directors 1, 3	Linda Lyons-Justus, Susan Hauser

In addition, we count on the support of volunteers for other leadership positions:

Action Chair	Irene Dieter
Bay Area League Liaison	Open
Communications Chair	Keasha Martindill
Fund Development Chair	Open
Voter Service Chair	Open
Youth Outreach Services Chair	Linda Bytof

Please reach out to ask questions or if you are interested in volunteering.

The 2025-26 Nominating Committee requires 2 non-board and 1 board members; we appointed Susan Gonzalez and Anne McKereghan and will appoint the board member at the next board meeting.

Directions to the Board:

Li Volin recommended making the same change in our bylaws as we did for today's meeting rules. Kate Quick mentioned that this rule had prevented an attempted subversion of the group's intent when people joined at the last moment at a meeting in the 1980s to try to change the league's agenda.

Concern was expressed about the low bandwidth in Voter Services in this important election year, and the board will continue to communally cover key activities, such as voter forums and publishing information. We'll have a meeting next month specifically planning for the election.

Irene Dieter shared some highlights of our work over the past year. We successfully advocated to change City Council rules for the public to comment on pulled consent calendar items, advocated for better language in the Sunshine Ordinance, taught people about Ranked Choice Voting (though we fell short getting the measure on the ballot), advocated for Council to authorize planning and development of Alameda Point Library, supported County Council's advocacy for ROV releasing cast vote records, successfully advocated for the City of Alameda to cap candidates' filing fees at \$1000, endorsed the successful parcel tax for schools, and participated in the 4th of July Parade.

Co-sponsoring and partnering with other organizations was recommended to the Board.

Anna Crane adjourned the meeting at 11:44am.

- Ashley Lorden, Secretary