

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ALAMEDA
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

June 20, 2020, 1:00-2:30 pm

Meeting held via teleconferencing due to COVID-19 restrictions

Guest Speaker: State Senator Nancy Skinner

Call to Order: 1:25 pm, LWVA president Susan Hauser

Credentials Report: Doris Gee reported 39 eligible voting members present (logged in), meeting the quorum requirement of 21 voting members.

Parliamentarian: Sally Faulhaber was introduced as the Parliamentarian.

Adoption – Order of Business and Rules of the Meeting: A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to adopt 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 22, 2019 Annual Meeting. Mark Hamilton, Mari Clark and Ashley Lorden will review the 2020 Annual Meeting minutes.

President's Report: Susan Hauser noted the many social and political activities in which LWVA engaged in the past year, including the celebration of the Centennial of the League of Women Voters (see committee reports in the Annual Meeting kit). Susan thanked Board members, committee chairs and volunteers warmly for their contributions.

Treasurer's Report: Anna Crane presented the report for the first nine months of fiscal year 2019-2020. The balance sheet as of March 31, 2020 shows a general fund of \$32,309; a certificate of deposit of \$10,119; and a money market account of \$5,005. LWVA is extremely grateful to the estate of Patti Heimburger for the legacy grant of \$10,000 for three years, the first of which has been received.

Presentation of Proposed Budget: Anticipated expenses for fiscal year 2020-2021 are \$27,937; income \$23,850, with a projected deficit of \$4,088. Expenditures to date for 2019-2020 are lower than anticipated due to coronavirus closures, and income is higher due to the legacy grant. The Centennial fundraising appeal (\$100 for 100 years) raised \$7,481, exceeding the projected net income of \$5,500 from the Meet Your Public Officials (MYPO) which was not held this year.

Approval of Budget: Following the presentation and discussion of the recommended program for 2020-2021 (see below) and the adoption of a Bylaw change, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the 2020-2021 Budget as presented. It will be placed on file.

Recommended Program: Karen Butter directed members to the recommended program for 2020-2021 in the Annual Meeting kit. Local and county League positions on issues as adopted in June 2018 were not included in the kit. Positions e-mailed to meeting participants included an LWVA statement on the Port of Oakland that had been eliminated in June 2018. Following clarification of this question, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to approve the program as follows:

Local:

- Retain all existing Local positions [as approved at the June 23, 2018 Annual Meeting]
- No new study or update study for 2020-2021
- Adopt as Issues for Emphasis for 2020-2021
 - Schools and Communities First Campaign
 - Campaign Finance Reporting and Reform
 - High School Civics Education and Voter Registration
 - Transparency and Good Government

State: Making Democracy Work in California, Environment/Natural Resources, Health Care, and Tax Reform

National: Campaign for Making Democracy Work with four priority areas: Voting Rights, Improving Elections, Campaign Finance/Money in Politics, and Redistricting.

Recommended Bylaw change:

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to amend the League of Women Voters of Alameda Bylaws, Article IX, Section 2, to insert the words "and physical or virtual location" in the first sentence, which now says: "An Annual Meeting of Local League Members shall be held between May 1 and July 1, the exact date and physical or virtual location to be determined by the Board."

Nominating Committee: Cynthia Silva presented the slate of board members nominated for 2020-2021. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to elect the slate as follows:

Officers elected at the 2020 Annual Meeting

President	Susan Hauser
VP Administration	Anne McKereghan
VP Programs	William Smith
VP Membership	Doris Gee
Secretary	Ashley Lorden
Treasurer	Anna Crane

Additional directors elected at the 2020 Annual Meeting

Action chair	Karen Butter
Bay Area League liaison	Sally Faulhaber
Bay Area League liaison	Kate Quick
Communication chair	Keasha Martindill
Fundraising chair	Sheila Durkin
Voter Service co-chair	Barbara Price
Voter Service co-chair	Ken Werner
Youth Outreach	Laura Kinley

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Non-Board members: Jenn Heflin Wit and Andrea Carlise volunteered from the floor; the third position is to be filled.

Board members: Two to be selected by the incoming Board of Director

Directions to the Board:

- Incorporate language reflecting the option of virtual meetings in all written materials (positions, policies, etc.) (Li Volin and Anna Crane volunteered).
- Diversify LWVA's membership through recruitments and other means (Bill Smith, Jenn Heflin Wit volunteered, to coordinate with Membership Chair Doris Gee).
- Invite older members who are less mobile to meet with new members in "virtual coffees" (Li Volin).
- Emphasize actual voting and not only registration in the upcoming elections (Ken Werner).

Adjourned 2:40 PM

Ruth Dixon-Mueller, Secretary