

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ALAMEDA**  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES, June 26, 2021  
Virtual Meeting Online via Zoom

**Guest Speaker:** Serena Chen, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Alameda

**Call to Order:** Susan Hauser called the meeting to order at 1:40 PM. Donna Vaughn was introduced as the Parliamentarian.

**Credentials Report:** Doris Gee reported 29 eligible voting members present, meeting the quorum requirement of 21 voting members.

**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 20, 2020 Annual Meeting. Red Lustig, Wendy Shiraki, and Anna Crane volunteered to read and correct these minutes.

**President's Report:** Susan Hauser thanked Board Members, Committee Chairs, and volunteers for their efforts, resulting in increased League membership, increased voter registration in Alameda, and some wonderful events, all while keeping expenditures low.

**Youth Outreach Report:** The VerifyIt! game is a fun way to get voting information and uplevel media literacy. We now have 800+ questions and several partnerships, and are proud to continue to promote it to [potential] voters to improve civics awareness.

**Treasurer's Report:** Anna Crane presented the report for the fiscal year 2020-21 and next year's proposed budget. The balance sheet as of March 31, 2021 shows current assets of \$60,238. Anticipated expenses for fiscal year 2021-2022 are \$31,555; income \$23,400; projected deficit \$8,155. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the 2021-2022 budget as presented.

**Recommended Program:** Karen Butter shared the following recommended program. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to adopt.

- Retain all existing Local positions: City Charter, Disaster Preparedness, Elections, Land Use, Housing and Transportation and the Library as approved at the June 23, 2018, Annual Meeting with one revision, Housing and Transportation, Point V.
- Retain all existing County positions
- No new study or update study for 2021-2022
- Issues for Emphasis for 2021-2022: Campaign Finance Reporting, Electoral Reform and Campaign Finance Reform, Civics Education and Voter Registration in High Schools, Transparency and good Government, Promote Development that Serves All Portions of the Community
- State: Making Democracy Work in California, Environment/Natural Resources,

Health Care and Tax Reform. The LWVA Board has recommended the addition of Redistricting and Housing and Homelessness to LWVC's Issues for Emphasis for 2021-2022.

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

**Ranked Choice Voting Report:** Ranked Choice Voting, also called Instant Runoff, improves representation and incentivizes candidates to better engage constituents, and reduces election costs. In May, LWVA formed a subcommittee to get Ranked Choice on the ballot in Alameda, referencing the national position on Voter Representation/Electoral Systems.

**Recommended Bylaw Changes:** We recommend a change in our bylaws to conform to LWV national policy, clarify the status of student members, reflect automated reinstatement of members who pay dues after the cutoff date for the National roster, conform to current practices for establishing committees, and to change notice requirements. Some recommended changes remove obsolete or repetitive language. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to enact these changes.

**Nominating Committee Report:** Ruth Dixon-Mueller presented the slate of Board Members nominated for 2021-2022. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to elect the slate as follows:

**Officers nominated to be elected at the Annual Meeting**

President	Anne McKereghan
VP Administration	Keasha Martindill
VP Membership	Doris Gee
VP Programs	Jeff Cambra
Secretary	Ashley Lorden
Treasurer	Anna Crane

**Additional directors nominated to be elected at the Annual Meeting**

Action co-chair	Karen Butter, Irene Dieter
Bay Area League liaison	Kate Quick
Communications chair	Keasha Martindill
Fund Development	Sheila Durkin
Voter Service co-chair	Barbara Price, Lenore (Red) Lustig
Youth Outreach co-chair	Laura Kinley
At Large	Susan Hauser

The Nominating Committee requires 3 non-board members; Wendy Shiraki and Bill Smith volunteered, with the third position to be filled. 2 board member positions to be selected.

**Directions to the Board:**

We are planning an initiative around Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. There will be several trainings for the Board and more discussion at the Board Retreat in August.

Members thanked our outgoing president Susan Hauser.

Anne McKereghan adjourned the meeting in honor of member Juelle Ann Boyer at 2:38pm.