

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DANE COUNTY
2019-20 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
Originally scheduled for May 13, 2020 at 7pm

****Meeting conducted remotely by U.S. mail due to Coronavirus Stay at Home orders****

Introduction/Background

Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers issued a statewide Safer at Home order on March 24, 2020. The order became effective March 25.

On April 7, 2020, all LWVDC members were sent a letter from LWVDC President Aileen Nettleton, along with the traditional annual meeting materials, via US mail. The letter explained that the meeting would not be held in person as scheduled for May 13 due to the Safer at Home order. The packet also included a paper ballot to be used for mail-in voting.

Bylaws Review and Revisions

Article III, Section 3, of the LWVDC bylaws prohibits a written ballot process for the election of officers or directors. As stated in President Nettleton's letter, the State League (LWVWI) changed their policies to allow written ballots. Local Wisconsin chapter bylaws are subsumed by this change.

Marilyn Stephen created a ballot for the Annual Meeting that meets LWVWI criteria. President Aileen Nettleton approved the ballot and sent it to LWVWI for final review. The LWVWI found that the ballot met all their criteria.

Process for 2020 Annual Meeting Business

1. Members were asked to review the annual meeting packet materials sent by mail.
2. Members were asked to complete a written ballot (Appendix I).
3. Members who voted needed to mail their ballot to the LWVDC office with a postmark on or before May 15 (return postage paid envelope included). At that time the office was closed and all mail was being forwarded to the home of finance chair Jean Jacobson.
4. Per LWVDC bylaws, votes are to be counted by 2 LWVDC members. Due to Safer at Home orders, this required 2 members who live in the same household. Aileen Nettleton and Al Nettleton counted the ballots on May 18 after picking them up at Jean Jacobson's home.

Results

159 ballots were mailed by the deadline. Per LWVDC bylaws, 30 votes are needed for a quorum.

- The slate of candidates for the 2021 Board and the 2020 Nominating committee proposed by the nominating committee were approved 159 - 0.

➤ **The New Board Members Are:**

- President - Christine Clements (2020 – 2022)
- Co-Vice President - Marilyn Stephen (2020 – 2022)
- Co-Vice President - Jean Jacobson (2020 – 2022)
- Treasurer - Jean Jacobson (2020 – 2022)
- Directors:
 - Fundraising - Linda Dietrich (2020 – 2022)
 - Program - Georgiana Hernandez (2020 – 2022)
 - Membership Co-Directors - Mary Ellen Schmit (2020-2021) and Joan Schwartz (2020 – 2022)
 - Publicity Co-Directors - Bonnie Chang and Laura Grueneberg (2020 – 2022)

➤ **Nominating Committee for 2020 - 2021:**

- Jan Van Vleck, Chair
- Elizabeth Kanne
- Gail Krc

- 2020-2021 Budget was approved 158 - 0 with 1 abstention
- 2020-2021 Program was approved 158 - 1. Two focus areas are Climate Crisis and Making Democracy Work.

Several members included congratulatory comments on their ballots such as:

"Thanks. Great report and meeting material. Impressive!"

"Wow" An excellent year end report. The candidates for Board positions are very impressive. Look forward to the year ahead."

Some members also enclosed donation checks to support the League's work.

Process for Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes

Joan Provencher, LWVDC Secretary, and Aileen Nettleton, LWVDC President, discussed and prepared the minutes. In lieu of the normal process of appointing 2 readers at the Annual Meeting for final approval, the minutes were sent to the Executive Committee (Nettleton, Clements, Anglim and Soltvedt) for final approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Provencher
LWVDC Secretary



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DANE COUNTY
2019-20 ANNUAL MEETING BALLOT**

MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MAY 15

NOTE: The Bylaws state that thirty members shall constitute a quorum to conduct business at all membership meetings of the LWVDC, therefore at least thirty ballots must be completed and returned to LWVDC, 720 Hill Street, Suite 200, Madison, WI, 53705, in the enclosed envelope.

ELECTION

You may vote either for the slate or for individual candidates.

	YES	NO
I approve of the complete slate as presented below.	_____	_____

OFFICERS

President	Christine Clements	_____	_____
Co-Vice President	Marilyn Stephen	_____	_____
Co-Vice President	Jean Jacobson	_____	_____
Treasurer	Jean Jacobson	_____	_____

DIRECTORS

Fundraising Chair	Linda Dietrich	_____	_____
Membership Co-Chair	Mary Ellen Schmit	_____	_____
Membership Co-Chair	Joan Schwarz	_____	_____
Program Chair	Georgiana Hernandez	_____	_____
Publicity Co-Chair	Bonnie Chang	_____	_____
Publicity Co-Chair	Laura Grueneberg	_____	_____

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chair	Jan Van Vleck	_____	_____
Member	Elizabeth Kanne	_____	_____
Member	Gail Krc	_____	_____

NOTE: Passage of Program and Budget requires approval by a majority (more than 50%) of the votes cast.

Approval of the 2020-21 PROGRAM YES _____ NO _____
(Making Democracy Work, Climate Crisis)

Approval of the 2020-21 BUDGET YES _____ NO _____

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER

DATE