



The League of Women Voters of Dane County

LWVDC Annual Meeting of the Membership

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

Capitol Lakes, Grand Hall
333 West Main St., Madison

(Parking in ramp across the street. Bring voucher inside for validation.)

Schedule for the evening

- 5:30 p.m. Social gathering
- 6:30 p.m. Speakers: Emayu Edari-Sellassie and Allison Leyer, student leaders of the Madison March for Our Lives
- 7:00 p.m. Presentation of the Carrie Chapman Catt Award
Introduction of new 50-year/life members
- 7:30 p.m. Business meeting

**Please bring this packet of materials
with you to the annual meeting.**



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The League of Women Voters of Dane County, Inc.
 Annual Meeting of the Membership, May 22, 2018
 BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Presiding:	Brook Soltvedt
Parliamentarian:	Cheryl Daniels
Teller(s), Readers for 2018 Minutes:	Marian Matthews Joan Provencher
Call to Order	Brook Soltvedt
Adoption of the Rules and the Agenda*	Brook Soltvedt
Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting	Barbara Mortensen
Reports	
▪ Treasurer	Kimberly Langley
▪ Financial Advisory Committee	Helen Horn
▪ Proposed Budget for 2018-2019*	Helen Horn
▪ Discussion Units	Diane Martin Liebert
▪ Fundraising	Cathy Berndt
▪ Nominating Committee	Karen Gunderson
▪ Election of Board 2018-2019*	
▪ Election of Nominating Committee 2018-2019*	
▪ Adopt a Highway	Doug Johnson
▪ Membership	Mary Anglim
▪ Program	Dorothy Wheeler
▪ Business Systems	Stephen Ploeser
▪ Vice-President	Ingrid Rothe
▪ Voter Service:	
• Voter Registration	Paul Lindquist
• <i>Know Your Candidates</i> TV Interviews	Cheryl Daniels
• Registering Voters at the Westside Farmers' Market	Priscilla Thain
• Moderators for Candidate Forums	Priscilla Thain
• <i>Candidates' Answers</i> Questions	Priscilla Thain
• <i>Candidates' Answers</i> Volunteers	Ingrid Rothe
▪ Publicity	Susan Fulks
▪ <i>Bulletin</i> Newsletter	Mike Casey
▪ Website	Brook Soltvedt
▪ President	Brook Soltvedt
LWVUS Convention, June 29-July 1, Chicago, IL	Brook Soltvedt
LWVWI Annual Meeting, June 8-9, Oshkosh, WI	Brook Soltvedt
Instructions for Delegates	Brook Soltvedt
Announcements / New Business	Brook Soltvedt
Adjournment	Brook Soltvedt

[* requires membership approval]

League of Women Voters of Dane County
 Budget Proposal (Income) for 2018-2019 FY

	Current Budget 2017-2018	Projected Thru 6/30/2018	Proposed Budget 2018-2019	Difference	
Income					
Member Dues					
Member Dues	\$21,000	\$20,000	\$21,000	\$1,000	
Subtotal Member Dues	\$21,000	\$20,000	\$21,000	\$1,000	
Member Contributions					
Member Designated Contributions					
Valentine Day Contributions					
May Challenge Grant Contributions					
50 Yr Donation					
Memorial Contributions					
Member General Donations					
CA Member Contributions					
Amazon Smile, misc					
Subtotal Member Contributions	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$21,000	-\$4,000	
Total Member Dues & Contributions	\$41,000	\$45,000	\$42,000	-\$3,000	
Non-Member Contributions					
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CA Non-Member Contributions					
Ogg Fund Contribution					
Bequests					
Subtotal Non-Member Contributions	\$10,500	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$0	
Special Project/Activity Income					
Voter Outreach Grant					have applied for Evjue grant
Dane County Contract Reimbursement Grant					
Annual Luncheon and Annual Meeting Income					
Miscellaneous Income					
Subtotal Special Project/Activity Income	\$3,000	\$5,800	\$11,000	\$5,200	
Subtotal Non-Member & Special Project/Activity	\$13,500	\$17,800	\$23,000	\$5,200	
Rental Income-sublet	\$4,600	\$4,400	\$3,600	-\$1,200	PSI will move with us; TMI will not.
Income from Investments			\$15,140		recognizes we will take funds from non-current year income
TOTAL INCOME	\$61,100	\$62,800	\$83,740	\$20,940	

**League of Women Voters of Dane County
Budget Proposal (Expenses) for 2018-2019 FY**

		Current Budget 2017-2018	Projected Thru 6/30/18	Proposed 2018-2019	Difference	
Operating Expenses						
Office Expenses						
Office Space (Rent)	\$6,800	\$7,700	\$12,840	\$5,140		new space, higher rent
Office Cleaning	\$600	\$540	\$600	\$60		
Utilities (Gas & Electric)	\$1,200	\$920	\$0	-\$920		Included in new rent
General Supplies	\$2,200	\$2,600	\$2,300	-\$300		
Postage	\$1,800	\$1,200	\$1,400	\$200		
Communications (Phone/Internet/web)	\$1,350	\$1,490	\$2,050	\$560		
Software	\$400	\$450	\$0	-\$450		
Equipment Maintenance	\$2,500	\$1,870	\$2,500	\$630		
Insurance	\$1,500	\$1,450	\$1,500	\$50		
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$300	\$1,200	\$1,000	-\$200		
Office Furniture		\$1,000	\$0	-\$1,000		possibly needed for new space
Subtotal Office Expenses	\$18,650	\$20,420	\$24,190	\$3,770		
Business Expenses						
Bank & Govt Charges	\$100	\$150	\$150	\$0		
Stripe Account Fees	\$400	\$300	\$700	\$400		
Other Business Expenses	\$100	\$400	\$200	-\$200		
Subtotal Business Expenses	\$600	\$850	\$1,050	\$200		
External Membership Expenses						
LWVUS-PMP		\$8,000	\$8,450	\$450		
LWVUS-PMA		\$7,500	\$8,000	\$500		
Dues to Other LWV Orgs.		\$50	\$50	\$0		
Subtotal External Memberships Expenses	\$15,850	\$15,550	\$16,500	\$950		more members
Board/Committee/Meeting Expenses						
Board/Committee Expenses	\$100	\$230	\$100	-\$130		
Convention Fees	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0		
Subtotal Board/Committee/Meeting Expenses	\$1,100	\$1,230	\$1,100	-\$130		
Payroll Expenses						
Payroll Expenses	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$20,000	\$4,000		change from 15 to 20 hours/week
Subtotal Payroll Expenses	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$20,000	\$4,000		
Operating Expenses	52,200	\$54,050	\$62,840	\$8,790		
Special Project/Activity Expenses						
Special Projects	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$8,000	\$5,000		offset by and flexible depending on income from grants and projects
Candidates Answers	\$3,500	\$5,000	\$9,000	\$4,000		two elections, fall and spring
Program Costs General	\$500	\$200	\$400	\$200		
Grants Given by LWVDC	\$100	\$100	\$200	\$100		
Annual Luncheon Expenses	\$2,000	\$1,350	\$2,500	\$1,150		exp offset by lunch fees
Annual Meeting Expenses	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0		
Other Local Meeting Costs	\$700	\$700	\$700	\$0		
Special Project/Activity Expenses	9,900	\$10,450	\$20,900	\$10,450		
TOTAL EXPENSES	62,100	\$64,500	\$83,740	\$19,240		



**LWVDC Nominating Committee
Slate of Candidates for 2018-2019**

Candidates for BOARD OFFICERS:

Aileen Nettleton	President	7/1/2018 – 6/30/2019
Brook Soltvedt	Vice-President	7/1/2018 – 6/30/2020
Kimberly Langley	Treasurer	7/1/2018 – 6/30/2019

Candidates for BOARD DIRECTORS:

Christine Clements	Fundraising	7/1/2018 – 6/30/2020
Iris Levitis	Bulletin Editor	7/1/2018 – 6/30/2019
Sally Gleason	Membership Co-Chair	7/1/2018 – 6/30/2019
Mary Ellen Schmit	Membership Co-Chair	7/1/2018 – 6/30/2019

Candidates for NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Kathleen Fullin [Chair]	7/1/2018 – 6/30/2019
Ingrid Rothe, non-board member	7/1/2018 – 6/30/2019
Andrea Kaminski, non-board member	7/1/2018 – 6/30/2019

[Two Board members will be appointed to the 2018-2019 Nominating Committee by the incoming Board at its first meeting of the fiscal year (LWVDC Bylaws, Article IX, Nominations and Elections).]

Candidate names were submitted by the 2017-2018 LWVDC Nominating Committee:
Karen Gunderson [Chair], Susan Fulks, Kathleen Fullin, Ingrid Rothe and Mary Ellen Schmit.

Candidates for BOARD OFFICER Positions:

Aileen Nettleton, candidate for President (2018-2019)

I have been a member of the Dane County LWV for 12 years. My special interest has been working to assure that all eligible voters are able to register and vote and are educated about the candidates and issues. I have registered voters at farmer markets, food pantries, nursing homes and registration drives. I have been an election poll worker for many years, learning about the voting process in action. I have also volunteered with the City Clerk's office with the League on voter-related projects and early absentee voting. I have assisted in proofing the LWV Candidates' Answers. I have appreciated the Lively Discussions forums as an opportunity gain a broader perspective on issues. Professionally, I was a teacher and staff development specialist with many leadership roles.

The LWV is a critical player, especially today, in promoting and educating citizens about the importance and process of exercising their right to vote as a foundation of democracy. The League also plays a vital role in informing voters about candidates and the current issues facing them. The League is highly respected as a non-partisan voice in the community that advocates for voter rights and issues. I would be honored to serve in this leadership role with the Dane County League.

Brook Soltvedt, candidate for Vice President (2018-2020)

I have been a League member for more than 10 years. I have served on the LWVDC Board as *Bulletin* editor (2008-2012); webmaster (on- and off-Board since 2008); co-president with Kathy Fullin (2015-2017); and president (2017-2018). I have assembled the *Candidates' Answers* manuscript for publication in *Isthmus* since 2013. I have been mentored by amazing women and men in my time on the board and will do my best to do the same for others.

My goals for the coming year are to bring more diversity (racial, ethnic, SES, age, gender) to the League and to find a way for every member to bring whatever interests, skills, talents and resources they wish to bear to help our League make the democracy we value a reality.

Kimberly Langley, candidate for Treasurer (2018-2019)

I have lived in Dane County less than two years and been a member of the League for most of that time. I have been employed professionally as a budget analyst and I am all about the numbers. Running for the position of Treasurer will allow me to apply my skills to assist the League in attaining its goals.

Candidates for BOARD DIRECTOR Positions:

Sally Gleason, candidate for Membership co-chair (2018-2020)

I am relatively new to the League of Women voters, having joined in 2017 after hearing President Obama's farewell address: "Our Constitution is a remarkable, beautiful gift... We the people give it power—with our participation." His compelling words helped energize me to become more engaged in strengthening our democracy. I realized that the LWV-Dane County with its emphasis on voter outreach was the ideal affiliation for me. As co-chair of the Membership Committee, I would welcome the opportunity to recruit and integrate new members into our organization to ensure its continued relevance.

Mary Ellen Schmit, candidate for Membership co-chair (2018-2020)

I am a proud member of the League of Women Voters, and am thankful for the growing engagement of diverse people in voter education issues. I have been involved in the High School Voter Education committee in the LWV Dane County, as well as the Nominating Committee. I would like to work toward greater outreach for membership in this great organization, and am interested in working with Sally Gleason to accomplish the Membership Committee goals.

Mary Anglim, candidate for Program Chair (2018-2020)

I joined the League in 2009, several years after I retired from state employment. I had been interested in public policy for years and like many, I hoped that the League of Women Voters would be a fair and effective voice in favor of equality, democracy, and sensible and efficient government. I thought that belonging to the League would allow me to learn from others and to contribute to our local civic culture. I was right: the League is active, thoughtful, self-critical, friendly, and generous. Its non-partisan ethic allows us to think outside the din of spin that surrounds us. Working in an organization with a long history provides stability and perspective even though day-to-day events feel chaotic.

For the last four years I have been on the board and served as the Membership director. It has been a great learning experience, allowing me to meet many new and old members, to become familiar with our record-keeping, outreach and renewal process, and to participate in board decisions about Dane County League issues. I also worked on voter registration, observed the debates surrounding the remodel of the Dane County Jail and the study of Madison Police Department policies and procedures, and served on the City of Madison Public Safety Review Committee. With Gail Bliss, I am a contact on Homelessness/Affordable Housing.

In 2018-19, I hope to focus on policy issues by serving as the Program director. Thanks to current chair Dorothy Wheeler, we already have an interesting list of topics for future forums, but there is still room for more proposals. In the past I helped prepare forums on housing and on food deserts, so I have some knowledge of what it takes to present our excellent programs.

Christine Clements, candidate for Fundraising Chair (2018-2020)

My name is Christine Clements and I am running for Chair of the Fundraising Committee for 2018-2019. I joined LWVDC last fall and am relatively early to the organization. My strongest engagement has been with the Library Voter Registration Initiative, as well as with the Bulletin and the excellent Issues materials provided on the website. I have attended candidates' forums in the past. I live in Dunkirk township outside of Stoughton, and will be joining the Downtown Unit meetings and participating extensively in future forums. My personal belief in the critical need for informed and widespread participation in the democratic process is the foundation of my engagement with LWVDC. Fundraising has been an important part of my career experience, and I believe strongly in the opportunities it creates for others to engage deeply in their values and commitments I look forward to being able to facilitate support for the important work of this outstanding organization.

Iris Levitis, candidate for *Bulletin* Editor (2018-2019)

I have been a member of the LWVDC for almost 2 years. Before moving to Madison, I was a member of the LWV of Maine. I attend as many of the forums as I can along with the Northeast side Wednesday afternoon Unit meetings. I have also helped in the office with mailings. Last year I became a voter education ambassador and have enjoyed helping with voter registration efforts. I look forward to working more closely with the League.

Candidates for NOMINATING COMMITTEE Positions:

Kathleen Fullin, candidate for Nominating Committee Chair (2018-2019)

I joined the Dane County League in 1976. During the late 1970's, I served on the Board as the Municipal Chair and as Action Vice-President. I was a member of the Midvale unit, and when that disbanded, I joined the Downtown Dinner unit. After my retirement from state service in 2005, I participated in League voter registration activities and served on the Children and Families Committee and the Dane County Government booklet update committee.

From 2013-2017, I served as Co-President of the Dane County League. I have served on the Nominating Committee for the last two years.

Ingrid Rothe, candidate for Nominating Committee (2018-2019)

I have been an intermittent member of League, now totaling an estimated 11 years. My mother, Jean Tyler Rothe, was a long-time member of the Beloit League. I was the Dane County League Co-President for 2 years, and the Vice-President for 3 years. I have served on the Wisconsin LWV Legislative Committee, and am currently the Chair, and am the Dane County League designee to Co-Chair the Dane County Voter ID Coalition.

I am a member of the League of Women Voters because I believe it is critical to the survival of our democracy that all eligible citizens be able to exercise their right to vote and take informed action. For the past 100 years our country has been struggling to fully implement this ideal. We had made great strides with the elimination of Jim Crow and the passage of the Voting Rights Act, but in recent years, we have back pedaled. It is important for the League to join with other like-minded organizations to stand for this important right.

Andrea Kaminski, candidate for Nominating Committee (2018-2019)

I served as executive director of the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin from 2004 to 2017 and continue to serve as the League's registered state lobbyist and Secretary of its state board. I served on the 2015 Redistricting Subcommittee of the Dane County Board of Supervisors. I am a member of Madison Downtown Rotary and will be on its Board of Directors beginning July 2018. I received the Linda Sundberg Civil Rights Defender Award from Community Shares of Wisconsin in September 2017 for my League-related work to defend voting rights.

» Additional Information «

Continuing Board Officers and Directors in 2018–2019:

Gail Bliss, Secretary

Susan Fulks, Publicity

Paul Lindquist, Voter Service

Board Members Willing to Be Reappointed by the Board to One-Year Term:

Helen Horn, Assistant Treasurer [7/1/2018 – 6/30/2019]

Brook Soltvedt, Webmaster [7/1/2018 – 6/30/2019]

Convention 2018
LWVUS 53rd National Convention
Creating a More Perfect Democracy

Begins Thursday, June 28, 12 noon; ends Sunday, July 1, 12 noon
Hilton Chicago Hotel
720 S Michigan Ave
Chicago, IL

Registration and schedule information available online
<http://forum.lwv.org/category/member-resources/council-and-convention/convention-2018>

Our league is entitled to six voting delegates at the national convention. The state League can reallocate unused delegate slots to WI league members from other local leagues.

Instructions for the Delegates

2018 LWV Wisconsin Annual Meeting
Bridging Divides, Building Unity, Strengthening League

Begins Friday, June 8, at 3:00 p.m.; ends Saturday, June 9, by 4:30 p.m.
Best Western Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center
1 N Main St
Oshkosh, WI 54301

Registration information available online
<https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin/event/lwv-wi-annual-meeting-bridging-divides-building-unity-strengthening-league>

Any member of a WI league who attends the state annual meeting will be a voting delegate this year.

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