LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF VIRGINIA

DEMOCRACY FOR ALL - NOW IS THE TIME

League of Women Voters of Virginia Virtual State Convention
Saturday, May 22, 2021 to Sunday, May 23, 2021
League of Women Voters of Virginia Convention Workbook

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Proposed LWV-VA Operating Fund and Education Fund Budget July 2021 – June 2022
List of Number of Delegates per League
Board Members 2019-2021
Acknowledgement of Convention Committee, Timers and Monitors, Parliamentarian, Zoom Operators

Save-the-Date LWV Virginia 41st Biennial Convention, June 3-4, 2023, Williamsburg, Virginia

LWV-VA Operating Bylaws

LWV-VA Proposed Bylaws

LWV-VA Positions in Full

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Guest Speakers (includes photos bios)

2019-2021 Board Member Reports
*President’s Report*
*First Vice President’s Report*
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Appendix: Minutes of 2019 LWV-VA 39th Convention
League of Women Voters of Virginia Convention Schedule
Saturday, May 22 and Sunday, May 23, 2021

Saturday, May 1, 2021  Virtual Wares Market opens

Tuesday, May 18
7 p.m.  Caucus for Recommended Program

Wednesday, May 19
2 p.m.  Convention Orientation Session
7 p.m.  Convention Orientation Session (repeated)

Thursday, May 20
7 p.m.  Affordable Housing Caucus Meeting  Alice Tousignant (LWV-RMA)

Friday, May 21
7 p.m.  Election Security Caucus Meeting  Lisa Koteen Gerchick (LWV-ARL) Jane Newell (LWV-RMA), Sidney Johnson (LWVFA)

Saturday, May 22

8:30-9 a.m.  Opening Speaker: Carolyn Jefferson Jenkins, former President of the LWVUS and author of The Untold Story of Women of Color in the League of Women Voters. You can find her book on the convention wares page.

9–11:45 a.m.  Plenary

Noon–1 p.m.  Lunch Break with Musical Entertainment
Capital Harmonia, directed by Mary Ann East

1:30-3:00 p.m.  Workshops
Equal Justice, Moderated by Mary Jane Cleary (LWV-FA)
Dawn Butorac, Chief Public Defender, Fairfax County, Bradley Haywood, Chief Public Defender, Arlington County and Falls Church, Founder and CEO of Justice Forward Virginia
Monica Reid, Director of Advocacy for National Association of Criminal Justice Lawyers

The Future of Behavioral Health In Virginia
Moderated by Catherine Read (LWV-FA), Creative Engagement Strategist;

Virginia State Senator Monty Mason, Deeds Commission; Marissa Farina-Morse, Service Director Diversion First Fairfax-Falls Church Community Board; Corey Trench, Activist and President of Hope Family Village

For the People: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion 2021 and Beyond,
Moderated by Doris B. Mallory Bey, EdD (LWV-RMA); Angela Duncan, PhD, MS, M Div., Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, College of Health Professions and School of Nursing. Assistant Professor, Dept. of Patient Counseling, College of Health Professions, Virginia Commonwealth University

3:30–5 p.m.  Workshops
Fair Maps, Chris de Rosa (LWV-ARL) and Fran Larkins (LWV-FRA), LWV-VA Redistricting Issues Group Co-Coordinators

Climate Change in Your Community, Anna Weber (LWV-ARL), LWV-VA Environmental Issue Group member

Organizing and Maintaining Student Members, Alana McBride (LWV-ARL), Julia Van Lare (LWV-ARL), Mattie Nguyen (LWV-ARL), Lilly Watson (LWV-ARL)

Sunday, May 23

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.: Opening Speaker Emily Frye, MITRE Corporation, The Squint Program

9 a.m.-noon:  Plenary

1–2:30 p.m.  Bonus Workshop
Voter Suppression/Disinformation, Moderated by Pam Berg (LWV-ARL); Marc Schneider, Co-Director Election Integrity Initiative
Cybersecurity Principal, Center for Securing the Homeland, MITRE Corporation

Adjournment of Plenary Session
League of Women Voters of Virginia
Proposed Convention Rules and Procedures

A motion to adopt these rules will be made at the opening plenary session. Amendments may be offered at this time and require a majority vote of delegates present to adopt. The rules, as proposed or amended, require a two-thirds vote of the delegates present for adoption.

1. Only accredited delegates representing local Leagues of the state and Members At Large (MALs)* and the Inter-League Organization (ILO) and LWV-VA Board members may vote.
2. Only accredited delegates and those authorized by the chair may address the Convention.
3. In debate, no person shall speak more than once on a motion until all others who wish to speak have done so. No person shall speak more than twice on the same motion. Debate shall be limited to two minutes per speaker unless other procedural limits take precedence.
4. Speakers shall use virtual hand raise and when called on, announce their names and Leagues when addressing the Convention.
5. Only motions and amendments to motions will be written into the chat box on Zoom—with the exception of Points of Order.
6. Copies of the credential reports will be filed with the secretary.
7. Refer to bylaws for quorum (Article VII, Section 6): Thirty percent of the possible number of voting delegates other than the members of the state board shall constitute a quorum provided that a majority of local Leagues are represented.
8. After approval of the Readers’ Committee, the minutes of the Convention shall be received by the LWV-VA board no later than September 1, 2021.
9. Voting procedures during Plenary Sessions will use the raise hand feature. The Elections Committee is responsible for reporting the results to the President.
10. Only announcements that relate to the business of the Convention or the welfare of the participants shall be made. Announcements shall be made only by persons designated to do so.
11. All attendees shall be muted unless recognized to speak during Plenary, workshops and caucuses.
12. Refer to the LWV-VA bylaws for Program Adoption (Article X, Section 3): a. LWV-VA committees and task forces, local League boards, and voting members of the LWV-VA may make recommendations for new issues for study, amendment or elimination of current LWV-VA positions, or concurrence with a new support position. Recommendations must be submitted to the state board at least three months before convention or council. b. Any such League board, LWV-VA study committee, task force or voting member shall send to the board accompanying background information on the issue proposed for study, concurrence, amendment or action, including the timing, need and importance of the issue for study or action, and the rationale for seeking the proposed form of obtaining member agreement. c. The board shall consider all properly submitted recommendations and formulate a proposed program, which shall be sent to the presidents of local Leagues and ILOs and to the chairs of member-at-large units at least four weeks before convention or, if the board recommends, the council. d. The convention or council shall adopt or amend the program proposed by the board by a majority vote of those present and voting. e. A program recommendation properly submitted by the 5 deadline but not proposed by the board may be adopted by the convention only if its consideration is ordered by a majority vote of the convention and the proposal receives approval by a three-fifths vote of the convention delegates present and voting at a subsequent session of the same meeting.
13. To suspend a Rule a two-thirds vote of delegates present is required.
League of Women Voters of Virginia
Parliamentary Procedures

Putting a motion on the Floor
To make a motion or amend a motion, a delegate must use the Zoom hand raise feature, be recognized by the presiding officer, state their name and local League, then state the motion (or amendment to a motion). The motion (or amendment) is seconded from the floor. The presiding officer then places the motion before the assembly for discussion. The delegate may speak to the motion (or amendment) first. Note: Once a motion is placed before the assembly by the presiding officer, it is under the control of the assembly and does not belong to the delegate making the motion. For example, it cannot be withdrawn later without permission of the assembly.

Seconds to Motions
It is not necessary to agree with a motion to second it. To second a motion, a delegate should enter “second” into chat. A second only implies that there is more than one person who wishes to discuss the motion. Therefore, if a motion is coming from the Board or committee, it does not need a second from the floor.

Amendments to Motions
A motion that is on the floor may have two amendments pending at one time. However, the first amendment must relate to the main motion and the second amendment must relate to the first amendment to the motion.

Refer or Postpone
A motion to postpone or refer to a committee can be made while a main motion or an amendment to a main motion is pending.

Close Debate (motion)
A delegate must raise their hand and be recognized by the chair to move to close debate (call the previous question). The motion needs a second. There is no discussion, and it takes a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present and voting to pass. After the motion to close debate is approved, there will be an immediate vote on the pending motion.

Table a Motion
A motion to table (lay on the table) should not be used to kill the motion on the floor and should not be used to postpone consideration of the motion.

Point of Order
If a delegate believes there was a breach of parliamentary procedures, they may indicate in the Zoom chat that they have a point of order and wait to be recognized by the chair. If the point or order refers to an action made by someone other than the presiding office, the delegate should give the presiding officer time to correct the problem before interrupting with that they have a point of order and wait to be recognized by the chair. If a delegate wishes to make a motion and is not sure how to proceed, the delegate should ask the presiding officer via the Zoom chat.

To Limit or Extend Debate
This motion is used when debate needs to be limited as to time or number who wish to be heard, or extended in tie, etc. It is debatable and requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote. For example, I move that debate: be limited to one minute per speaker (or) be limited to five speakers pro and five speakers con (or) be extended to ten more speakers with one minute each, etc.
Miscellaneous Motions
The following motions have no rank and are usually incidental to the business pending or to Convention operations. Some may interrupt other business. There is no debate or vote, and motions are usually ruled upon by the presiding officer.

*Question of Privilege* – this motion relates to the comfort of delegates or operation of the assembly.

*Parliamentary Inquiry* – this motion is used to ask for direction or procedure to accomplish a parliamentary maneuver.

*Point of Information* – this motion is used to seek urgent information necessary before decisions can be made.

*To Reconsider a Vote* – This motion can be made only by a delegate who voted on the prevailing side and on the same or next day as the vote it proposes to reconsider. The motion can be moved within the time limits, although the vote on the motion may be delayed until a more appropriate time if other business is pending. This motion is usually debatable and requires a majority vote. If the motion to reconsider is adopted, the original motion is again before the delegate body as though a decision had not been reached. A vote can only be reconsidered once. Approved bylaws amendments may not be reconsidered.
Raising and Lowering Your Hand on Zoom

**IPAD**

Using an iPad, find the Zoom toolbar at the top right of the screen; select the More option; that will display the option to **raise** and lower your **hand**.

**PHONE**

Dialing in from a phone for an “audio only” connection, press *9 to **raise** your **hand**.

**MOBILE ZOOM APP**

In the mobile Zoom app, you can raise your hand by tapping the "Raise Hand" option in the "More" tab.

**LAPTOP AND DESKTOP**

During a meeting, click on the icon labeled "Participants" at the bottom center of your computer or phone screen. At the bottom of the window, click the button labeled "Raise Hand." Your digital hand is now raised. You may also find the Raise Hand feature under Reactions at the bottom of your screen if you have an up-to-date version of Zoom.

For all devices - **click the hand again to lower**.

More Information

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UzUZeN2DGKE

https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/205566129-Raising-your-hand-in-a-webinar

https://www.businessinsider.com/how-to-raise-hand-in-zoom
League of Women Voters of Virginia
Order of Business
Plenary Session

Saturday, May 22, 2021

9:00 a.m. Call to Order - Deb Wake, President, LWV-VA; Welcome to Convention - Judy Helein (LWV-FA) and Kathy Matusiak (LWV-ARL)

Roll Call of the Leagues - Deb Wake
- Arlington (LWV-ARL) - Joan Porte, President
- Charlottesville Area (LWV-CVA) - Pat Cochran, President
- Fairfax Area (LWV-FA) - Nancy Roodberg and Anu Sahai, Co-Presidents
- Falls Church (LWV-FC) - Allison Brown and Wendy Frieman, Co-Presidents
- Fredericksburg Area (LWV-FRA) - Diane Shea, President
- Loudoun County (LWV-LC) - Anna Kinney, President
- Lynchburg (LWV-LY) - Carla Heath, President
- Montgomery County (LWV-MC) - Beth Obenshain, President
- Prince William and Fauquier Area (LWV-PWFA) - Carol Proven, President
- Richmond Metro Area (LWV-RMA) - Lynn McMartin, President
- Roanoke Valley Area (LWV-RVA) - Jean Holzinger, President
- South Hampton Roads (LWV-SHR) - Judith Brown and Heather Miller Tokarz, Co-Presidents
- Washington County (LWV-WC) - Merry Jennings, President
- Williamsburg Area (LWV-WA) - Sudie Watkins, President

Credentials Report - Kathy Matusiak, Chair, Credentials Committee, LWV-ARL

Convention Standing Rules - Erni Bridges, Director, LWV-VA

Convention Workbook - Kathy Matusiak, Co-Chair, Convention Committee, LWV-ARL

Introduction of Parliamentarian, Coco Siewert - Deb Wake, President, LWV-VA

Introduction of LWV-VA Board Members - Deb Wake, President, LWV-VA
- Joan Porte, First Vice President
- Mary Crutchfield, Second Vice President
- Martha Rollins, Secretary
- Debbie Combest, Treasurer
- Doris Bey, Director
- Janet Boyd, Director
- Erni Bridges, Director
- Janet Gorn, Director
- Andrianne Konstas-Salvette, Director
- Grace Lawler, Director
- Julia Tanner, Director

Announcement of Committees - Deb Wake, President, LWV-VA
- Credentials Kathy Matusiak (LWV-ARL, chair), Lisa Koteen Gerchick (LWV-ARL)
• Convention Standing Rules - Judy Helein (LWV-FA, chair), Kathy Matusiak (LWV-ARL)
• Resolutions - Carolyn Rude (LWV-MC, chair), Sabeena Rajpal (LWVFC), Jean Holzinger (LWV-RVA), Doris Bey (LWV-VA), Mary Crutchfield (LWV-VA)
• Elections - Carol Bursik (LWV-FA), Sharon McGlone (LWV-SHR), Mary Ann Moxon (LWV-VA)
• 2021 Convention Minutes Reader’s Committee - Bethanie Mickels (LWV-LY), Sharon Owlett (LWV-VA), Tina Pruett (LWV-FRA)

Readers Committee for 2019 Convention - Molly McClenon (LWV-LY), Mary Ann Moxon (LWV-VA), Joanne McAlpine (LWV-LC)

Proposed By-law Amendments – Janet Boyd, Director, LWV-VA

Treasurer’s Report - Debbie Combest, Treasurer, LWV-VA

Nominating Committee Report - Sue Lewis, (LWVCVL) Chair, Nominating Committee

Presentation of Affordable Housing Position - Janet Gorn, Director, LWV-VA, Alice Tousignant (LWVRMA)

Presentation of Election Position - Janet Gorn, Director, LWV-VA, Sidney Johnson (LWV-FA)

Retention of Positions

Presentation of Recommended Program for 2021-2023 - Janet Gorn, Director, LWV-VA

Questions for clarification will be answered. No amendments will be in order at this time.

Child Care: Maria Posey (LWVFA)
Education Funding: Beth Obenshain (LWV-MC)
Environmental Justice: Linda Cole (LWV-WA)
Money in Politics: Janet Boyd (LWV-ARL)

Consideration of Not-Recommended Program

Resolutions

Presentation of Proposed LWV-VA Operating Budget for FY2022 - Grace White, (LWVPW) Chair, Budget Committee

Report of Proposed LWV-VA Education Fund Budget for FY2022 - Debbie Combest, Treasurer, LWV-VA (The LWV-VA Education Fund is an educational trust; budget will be approved by FY22 Trustees. Comments will be received via email to treasurer@lwv-va.org)

Announcements - Joan Porte, First Vice President, LWV-VA
League of Women Voters of Virginia
Order of Business

Sunday, May 23, 2021

9:00 a.m. Call to Order - Deb Wake, President, LWV-VA

Credentials Report - Kathy Matusiak, Credentials Chair

Adoption of Affordable Housing Position
Adoption of Election Position

Retention of Positions

Consideration of Recommended Program for 2021-2023
- Child Care
- Education Funding:
- Environmental Justice
- Money in Politics

Adoption of Operating Fund 2021-2022 Budget

Presentation of Resolutions - Carolyn Rude, Chair, Resolutions Committee (LWV-MC)

Announcement of 2020 Advocacy Awards - Julia Tanner, Director, LWV-VA

Report of the Biennium - Deb Wake, President, LWV-VA,

Recognition of Outgoing Board and Issue Group Leaders - Deb Wake, President, LWV-VA

Election of Officers and Directors for 2021-2023

Incoming President’s Remarks - President Elect, LWV-VA

Guidance to the Board from Delegates and Observers

Invitation to 2023 LWV-VA 41st Biennial Convention - Sudie Watkins, President, LWVWA

Announcements - Joan Porte, First Vice President, LWV-VA

Bonus Session: Voter Suppression - Marc Schneider, Election Integrity Director, Mitre Corporation; Pam Berg (LWVARL), moderator

Unfinished Business - Deb Wake, President, LWV-VA

Adjournment - Sine Die
League of Women Voters of Virginia
Nominating Committee Report

LWV-VA Nominating Committee
We are pleased to present the following slate for presentation and election at the Convention.

OFFICERS
President: Deb Wake (Fairfax)
1st Vice President: Joan Porte (Arlington)
2nd Vice President: Erni Bridges (Fairfax)
Secretary: Jes Davis (Montgomery County)
Treasurer: Debbie Combest (Fredericksburg)

DIRECTORS
Doris Bey (Richmond)
Janet Boyd (Arlington)
Carolyn Caywood (South Hampton Roads)
Denise Harrington (Williamsburg)
Andrianne Konstas-Salvette (Fairfax)
Natalie Miller-Moore (Williamsburg)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Mary Crutchfield, Chair (Richmond)
Chris DeRosa (Arlington)
Elizabeth Obenshain (Montgomery Co.)
CANDIDATES BIOGRAPHIES
OFFICERS

President
**Deb Wake** has been a volunteer for most of her life: in schools, with a local food bank, and with the homeless. When she moved with her family to Northern Virginia, she joined the League of Women Voters to learn more about her new community and her elected officials. She quickly learned that Metro needed dedicated funding and soon became involved in advocacy. Deb was a major contributor to a LWV Fairfax study about the need for dedicated funding for Metro. She served as the Transportation Chair for the Fairfax Area League, as the LWVFA liaison to the National Capital Area League (ILO), and as Action Coordinator for LWV-VA. In 2019, she was elected as president of LWV-VA, a position she currently holds. She is also a LWVUS Lobby Corps volunteer.

First Vice President
**Joan Porte** is a graduate from The George Washington University with a B.A in Political Science. She worked for ten years as a legislative aide and lobbyist and then political Action Committee director for two trade associations. She has operated a successful small business in Arlington since then.

Currently, she is in her second term as President of the League of Women Voters of Arlington and serves also as the First Vice President of the LWV of Virginia.
She is an avid cook and author of a cookbook and a fair but aspiring gardener. Joan has lived in Arlington since 1985.

Second Vice President

Erni Bridges is a passionate advocate for young people and voting. After retiring as Vice President at McMurry/TMG, a D.C. Custom Publishing Firm, she found the perfect volunteer opportunity: working with LWV-Fairfax to register high school students to vote. She later served on the LWV Virginia Board where she served as Director, Student Intern Program. Making the experience more rewarding and inspiring was working with the dedicated group of hardworking, committed women.

Her family instilled in her that you “couldn’t live in the world free” … you had to give back. She grew up understanding the value of giving back and how important it was and still is. Erni serves on several other boards in the Northern Virginia area and resides in Alexandria with husband Michael Borden.

Secretary

Jes, with one S, Davis (she/her) is a two-time graduate of Indiana University where she earned her Masters of Public Affairs with a concentration in policy analysis in 2018. She is also a current part-time PhD student in the Higher Education program at Virginia Tech. Jes found her love of leadership and service by serving in Circle K International where she held past leadership positions as a club vice-president, state secretary, and served as the International Vice President. She currently works
to develop a new generation of community leaders through her role as the Assistant Director for Leadership & Civic Engagement within VT Engage: The Center for Leadership & Service Learning at Virginia Tech where she works on democratic engagement programming and helping students to develop their civic identity and ethos. She believes that higher education has an obligation to prepare students to be active in their communities and is committed to practicing what she teaches. Jes currently serves as a planning commissioner for the Town of Christiansburg. She is also active in several university governance positions at Virginia Tech and is a previous member of the LWV in Indianapolis and is a current member of the Montgomery County League. Jes looks forward to continuing to have a positive impact on communities through democratic engagement and civic learning.

Treasurer
Debbie Combest has worked 13 years as the Bookkeeper/HR – using QuickBooks – for a company based in Jacksonville, FL and Atlanta, Ga with 10+ bank accounts and 30+ employees. Debbie was part of the group who helped form the Fredericksburg League in 2016 serving as the Secretary/Treasurer and remained as Treasurer until June 2020. She became the assistant to then LWV-VA Treasurer, Linda Garvelink, in late 2019 converting several years of the financial data from spreadsheets to QuickBooks. February 2020 Linda resigned and Debbie was elected to serve out her remaining term.
DORI MALLORY BEY is a native of Richmond, where she worked as an educator for over 15 years. Doris is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, an international public service organization of college educated women. As a member of the Richmond Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, she diligently served as the chair of the Political Awareness and Involvement Committee for over eight years. She spearheaded the installation of a state historical marker located in South Richmond honoring Richmond native Dr. Dorothy Height, a staunch advocate and leader in the civil rights arena who also served as the 10th National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated and the President of the National Council of Negro Women. Doris enjoys volunteering within the community and works to educate the community on major issues, specifically voting and voter rights. Doris is an active member of the League of Women Voters–Richmond Metro Area where she serves as a member of the Voter Services and Election Modernization Committees. She began working with the state league through her activities with effort to make Virginia the 38th state to ratify the ERA. Doris also represented the state league during the Centennial Celebration held in Richmond where she spoke on the steps of the General Assembly. Doris currently serves as the Coordinator of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) committee, one of the recently formed Virginia Issue Groups.

JANET BOYD is an attorney and lives in Arlington, Virginia, with her husband, Rob, and two young cats, brothers Cisco and Poncho. Her daughter lives in Boston. Janet has served as the Chief for the
Glencarlyn Precinct for over 25 years. She currently serves on the LWV-VA Board, as Director of Voter Services since April 2020 and assisted in preparing the Election Position Report. In 2020, she joined the Legislative Committee and leads the Campaign Finance Reform Issue Group. Janet is a member of the Arlington Local League, serving on the League’s Election Integrity Committee. She is also a member of the LWVUS Lobby Corps. Prior to retiring in 2019, Janet worked as a tax and political compliance attorney, lobbied Congress and the Administration, for Dow in the company’s Washington D.C. office, and as a partner in the law firm of Akin, Gump, also in Washington D.C.

Carolyn Caywood worked as a public librarian for over 40 years, focusing on service to children, teens, elders, persons with disabilities, and marginalized people. She has a passionate belief that in a functioning democracy the essential role of the people only begins with voting. In retirement, that led to her involvement in the League where she has been South Hampton Roads’ Voter editor, Program Chair, and co-Vice-President, and is currently managing Facebook and Zoom. She is also participating on the LWVUS Climate Team. Locally, she serves on the board of PFLAG Hampton Roads, the Legislative Collaborative Table of Hampton Roads, and the Virginia Beach Mayor’s Committee for Persons with Disabilities. She is an active member of the Virginia Library Association.

Denise Harrington is a graduate of Hampton University with a BA in Music Education. She has MS in Diagnostic Reading and is working on her PhD dissertation. While teaching music in the York County School Division for 16 years, she became active in issues concerning children and public
education. As a passionate advocate, she has served on numerous educational and political boards. As a member of Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority, Inc., she became familiar with the League of Women Voters during their partnerships on many activities, inspiring her to join the League and get involved. She feels much work can be done through the League’s pledge to be “Issue Driven and Party Blind.” Denise believes that “In our country’s current climate, there is a need for an organization to continue to make a difference and hold true to the mission of preserving our precious Democracy by ensuring that the Country’s ideals of voting being a right and not a privilege are upheld. I would be honored to serve, ensuring the public’s right to vote is my passion, but advocacy is my calling.”

Andrianne Konstas-Salvette, lifelong resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia, received her BA in International Affairs from James Madison University and an MBA from the University of Maryland’s Robert H. Smith School of Business. In between pursuing her degrees, she severed as an Agroforestry Extension Agent Volunteer for the Peace Corps in Cameroon from 2006-2008, recruitment for the U.S. Agricultural Department’s Farmer-to-Farmer Program – connecting U.S. agricultural specialists with agricultural projects worldwide, and Programs Coordinator for the U.S. Agency for International Development on energy and power infrastructure projects in East Africa’s Drift Valley and sub-Saharan Africa.

Andrianne has served as Membership Director of LWV-VA since July 30, 2018. As a member of LWV-Fairfax Area, she serves as an observing board member on Fairfax County Public School’s Advisory Committee on Disability Services. In addition to her work with LWV, she serves as an Elections Officer for Fairfax County. When she isn’t working on elections or voter issues, she is a small business owner of Bloom Impact, a floral design business. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, she has focused on providing a safe virtual schooling environment for her two sons. Andrianne looks forward to supporting LWV-VA’s membership growth in the coming years.
**Natalie Miller Moore** specializes in health care communications, publicity, social media content and marketing campaigns. She built her reputation as a knowledgeable and savvy marketer, bringing more than 20 years of experience in writing and journalism. Natalie’s ability to find the “treasures” of publicity, awards, grant money and testimonials means her clients have their own personal treasure hunter.

She has a journalism degree from Bowling Green State University in Ohio and continues her education through leadership programs such as the Sorensen Institute for Political Leaders and professional development opportunities such as the Patient Experience Summit and Executive Visitors Program at the Cleveland Clinic.

Natalie currently serves as the Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Williamsburg Regional Library and is a graduate of LEAD Historic Triangle, legendary class of 2013. Natalie works to make Williamsburg a more innovative place through support of Arts District events, mentorship of entrepreneurs at START! Peninsula and the co-creation of Work Nimbly, Williamsburg’s first creative co-working space.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**Mary Crutchfield** served as President of the League of Women Voters of the Richmond Metro Area for two terms, July 2015-July 2019, and has been active in several committees: Voter Services, Election Modernization, and Communications. She also served on the Sierra Club Falls of
the James Group Board and was a member of the Richmond Peace Education Annual Auction Committee. From 2015 to 2020 she was a passionate advocate in the Campaign for ERA ratification in Virginia.

She has served on the LWV-VA Board as an Assistant Lobbyist as well as Second Vice President and Legislative Coordinator and lobbied for ERA ratification, redistricting reform, and for fair election laws and expanded access for voters in Virginia. She also led the committee that planned speakers for the Pre-Session and for Women’s Legislative Roundtables. She is currently a member of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committees of both the LWV-Richmond and LWV Virginia.

Chris DeRosa is a member of the Arlington League. She has served as co-coordinator of the State Redistricting Issues Committee since 2019. Chris is also a member of the Virginia Voter Rights Issues Committee.

Chris was a special education teacher in Fairfax County Public Schools for over 20 years. After retiring in 2006, she began a private tutoring and consulting business and became an active community volunteer. Chris devotes many hours as leader of the Arlington-Falls Church chapter of Spread the Vote, a 501c3 organization that helps community members, many of whom are homeless, obtain their DMV IDs, request the restoration of their civil rights, and register to vote. In addition, she volunteers with Doorways for Women and Families and the Arlington Food Assistance Center. Chris also chairs the scholarship committee for the Japanese American Veterans Association. Chris lives in Arlington with her husband, Dean. Her adult daughters graduated from Arlington public schools and live and work nearby.

Beth Obenshain is a native of Blacksburg and still lives on the family farm on Prices Fork Road. She worked for 30 years in journalism as a reporter at The Richmond Times-Dispatch and editor at The Fayetteville Observer and The Roanoke Times.
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After taking early retirement from the paper, she helped found and was the first executive director of the New River Land Trust, which worked with landowners and community members to save farms, create parks and conserve special places.

She has been president of the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County for two years. She grew up hearing her older brothers constantly arguing politics if not talking about Tech football. She has been involved in political campaigns since the 1970s.
League of Women Voters of Virginia
Board-Recommended Programs

Child Care
The COVID-19 epidemic shined a strong spotlight on the inadequate nature of our state’s child care system with hundreds of private facilities unable to remain open. Women are leaving the workforce in record numbers, and counties are left to figure out on their own how to offer emergency child care to residents who need it.

Education Equity
First, articulate quantitatively and qualitatively a definition of a high-quality education. This definition needs updating in the LWV-VA positions as education has changed rapidly in regard to technology, broadband, special needs, etc. Second, determine the cost of providing that defined high-quality of education to all students in the Commonwealth’s school divisions. Does the state provide local school divisions sufficient funds to ensure that “educational programs of high quality” are available to all students? This will require an in-depth analysis of the capacity of each local school division to determine how costs should be apportioned between the state and the localities to compensate for vast differences in local capacity. The goal is to assure equity for all students. Third, document how Virginia’s capacity and effort to provide high-quality education compare to other states’ funding for K-12 education. This will also include studying how other states fund school construction and modernization. In Virginia, this is the responsibility of each locality, resulting in wide discrepancies in the quality of school buildings and educational technology statewide.

Environmental Justice
The EPA defines “environmental justice” as the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. This study will review how Virginia can best implement environmental justice to promote fairness and halt and prevent future racial and economic inequities.

Money in Politics
The analysis and proposed positions developed by this Campaign Finance Reform Study will cover the full scope of financing from a donation through its expenditure including:

- Public disclosure of the donor,
- Transparency in actual use of funds before and after the election,
- Limits on personal use, and
- The Virginia executive branch structure to conduct effective oversight and enforcement.
Not Board-recommended programs for study:

- Voting: restoration of Rights
- Behavioral Health/Criminal Justice: Need to ensure that a social worker, and/or behavioral health professional be included in any law enforcement response to an adult domestic violence, adult justice or juvenile justice call or that appropriate training on the above topics are required of police officers.
- Education/Broadband: Ensuring that there is equal access to online learning platforms is important to providing all students with equal educational opportunities.
- Environment: Plastic Recycling Policy in Virginia
- Government: Delegation of Power
- Health: Emergency Preparedness
- Redistricting: update
- Women’s Rights: Address paid family leave, equality of wages, and limited legal rights of unmarried life partners. Incorporate updates women rights legislation passed since it was last reviewed.
## League of Women Voters of Virginia
### Proposed LWV-VA Operating Fund Budget July 2021 – June 2022

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### EXPENSES

**Notes**:
- Reimbursements are budgeted to be made at the fiscal year end.
- Actuals are as of March 1, 2021, and are subject to change.
- Budgets are subject to legislative and other developments.
- Revenue and expense categories are determined by the Governing Board and are subject to change.

**Total Revenues**
- $57,668.00

**Total Expenses**
- $53,801.00
### League of Women Voters of Virginia

**Proposed LWV-VA Operating Fund Budget July 2021 – June 2022, Continued**

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Proposed LWV-VA Education Fund Budget July 2021 – June 2022

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LWV Virginia 41st Biennial Convention, June 3-4, 2023, Williamsburg, Virginia

LWV-VA
Convention
June 3 - 4, 2023
Williamsburg, Virginia
The following four proposed amendments to the LWV-VA Bylaws are offered by and have the support of the LWV-VA Board. Amendments require a two-thirds vote of convention delegates.

Note that only specific articles and sections being amended are listed below. A rationale for each amendment is also provided. The entire revised LWV-VA Bylaws, as proposed, follows this description.

The proposed changes are written using the following format:
Brackets [ ] denote words to be deleted.
CAPS denote words to be added.

BYLAWS PROPOSAL #1. Add DEI Policy (mandated by LWVUS policy; for information only)

ARTICLE II. Purposes and [Policy] POLICIES

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SEC. 3. DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION POLICY. THE LEAGUE IS FULLY COMMITTED TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION, IN PRINCIPLE AND IN PRACTICE.

Rationale: LWV-VA is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and in practice. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are central to the organization’s current and future success in engaging all individuals, households, communities, and policy makers in creating a more perfect democracy. It is a fundamental value of the organization and belongs alongside our hallmark of nonpartisanship.

BYLAWS PROPOSAL #2. Add Student Membership Category (matches LWVUS policy)

Article III. Membership.

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Sec. 2. Types of Membership.

1. Voting Members. Persons at least 16 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local Leagues, state Leagues and of the LWVUS; (1) those who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League; (2) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large; (3) those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues[]; AND (4) THOSE WHO ARE STUDENTS ARE DEFINED AS INDIVIDUALS ENROLLED EITHER AS FULL OR PART TIME WITH AN ACCREDITED INSTITUTION.
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**Rationale:** LWV-VA wants to follow LWVUS lead to look for ways to increase and diversify its membership, and this is one tool to help achieve that goal.

**BYLAWS PROPOSAL #3. Add New Term, Leagues-at-Large** (matches new LWVUS term)

Article V. Board of Directors

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Sec. 3. **Powers.**

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1. The board shall accept responsibility delegated to it by the board of directors of the LWVUS for the organization and development of local Leagues; guidance of and cooperation with Inter-League Organizations (hereinafter referred to as ILOs); promotion of League program; financial development; and such other matters as the national board may delegate to it. It may form [member-at-large units] LEAGUES-AT-LARGE where circumstances dictate such organization and shall adopt rules and procedures for the formation and operation of such [units] LEAGUES-AT-LARGE.

Article VI. Local Leagues, ILOs and [Member-at-Large Units] LEAGUES-AT-LARGE

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Sec. 3. [Member-at-Large Units] LEAGUES-AT-LARGE.

1. The state board may authorize the establishment of [member-at-large units] LEAGUES-AT-LARGE in communities where circumstances dictate such organization. [Member-at-large units] LEAGUES-AT-LARGE shall fulfill state League requirements.

2. In the event of recurrent failure of a [member-at-large unit] LEAGUE-AT-LARGE to fulfill these requirements, the state board may withdraw recognition from the [unit] LEAGUE-AT-LARGE. All funds held by a [member-at-large unit] LEAGUE-AT-LARGE from which recognition has been withdrawn shall be paid to the state League after other obligations have been met.

Article VII. Convention

Sec. 1. **Place, Date, and Call.** A convention of the LWV-VA shall be held biennially in the odd-numbered years at a time and place to be determined by the board of directors. A first call to convention shall be sent to the presidents of local Leagues and ILOs and to the chairs of [member-at-large units] LEAGUES-AT-LARGE at least six weeks before the date fixed in said call. Thereafter the board may advance or postpone the opening date of the convention by not more than two weeks. A final call giving the exact time and place of the convention shall be sent to the presidents of local Leagues and ILOs and to the chairs of [member-at-large units] LEAGUES-AT-LARGE at least thirty days before convention.

Sec. 2. **Composition.** The convention shall consist of:

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League of Women Voters of Virginia
Proposed Bylaws, Continued

1. the presidents of local Leagues and chairs of [member-at-large units] LEAGUES-AT-LARGE or an alternate in the event the president or chair is unable to attend;

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Sec. 4. Representation. The members of the LWV-VA who are organized into local Leagues or [member-at-large units] LEAGUES-AT-LARGE, in the Commonwealth of Virginia, shall be entitled to voting representation in the convention as follows: the members in each local League or [member-at-large unit] LEAGUE-AT-LARGE shall be entitled to two delegates; when a local League or [member-at-large unit] LEAGUE-AT-LARGE membership reaches 25 voting members, it shall be entitled to one additional delegate; thereafter one additional delegate shall be authorized for each additional twenty-five voting members or major fraction thereof belonging to said local League or [member-at-large unit] LEAGUE-AT-LARGE.

Article VIII. Council

Sec. 1. Place, Date and Call. A meeting of the council shall be held biennially, approximately twelve months after each convention at a time and place to be determined by the board of directors. A formal call giving the exact time and place of the council shall be sent to the presidents of local Leagues and ILOs and to the chairs of [member-at-large units] LEAGUES-AT-LARGE at least six weeks before a council meeting. In the event of an emergency, the board may call a special council meeting.

Sec. 2. Composition. The council shall consist of the presidents of local Leagues and the chairs of [member-at-large units] LEAGUES-AT-LARGE or an alternate in the event the president or chair is unable to attend; one delegate chosen by each local League and [member-at-large unit] LEAGUE-AT-LARGE; the members of the state board; one delegate chosen by the board of each ILO.

Article IX. Nominations and Elections

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Sec. 2. Suggestions for Nominations. The nominating committee shall request suggestions for nominations through the president of each local League and ILO and chair of each [member-at-large unit] LEAGUE-AT-LARGE by advising them of the offices to be filled and the address to which suggestions are to be sent. Any LWV-VA member may submit suggestions to the nominating committee.

Sec. 3. Report of Nominating Committee. The report of the nominating committee containing its nominations for officers, directors and the chair and two members of the next nominating committee shall be sent to the presidents of local Leagues and ILOs and to the chairs of [Member-at-Large Units] LEAGUES-AT-LARGE at least four weeks before convention. The report of the nominating committee shall be presented to the convention at its first session. Nominations may be made from the floor immediately thereafter, provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained.
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Proposed Bylaws, Continued

Article X. Principles and Program

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Sec 3. Program Adoption...

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1. The board shall consider all properly submitted recommendations and formulate a proposed pro-
gram, which shall be sent to the presidents of local Leagues and ILOs and to the chairs of [members
-at-large units] LEAGUES-AT-LARGE at least four weeks before convention or, if the board recom-
mends, the council.

Article XII. Financial Administration

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Sec. 3. Budget. The board of directors shall submit to the convention and council for adoption a
budget for the next fiscal year, specifying the per member payment rate. A copy of the budget shall
be sent to the presidents of local Leagues and ILOs and to the chairs of [member-at-large units]
LEAGUES-AT-LARGE at least four weeks before the convention or council. A budget shall be
adopted by a majority vote of the convention or council.

Article XIV. Amendments

These bylaws may be amended at any convention or council by a two-thirds vote provided that the
proposed amendment was submitted to the state board at least three months before convention by a
local League board or was proposed by the state board. The state board shall send all such pro-
posed amendments to the presidents of local Leagues and ILOs and to the chairs of [member-at-
large units] LEAGUES-AT-LARGE at least four weeks before the convention or council at which they
will be considered.

Rationale: LWV-VA wants to follow LWVUS lead to use the new term, Leagues-at-Large for the cur-
rent term, member-at-large units.

BYLAWS PROPOSAL #4. Add Convention and Council Voting Representation for Certain
Members at Large (note, changes below also include the proposed Leagues-at-Large term)

Article VII. Convention

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Sec. 2. Composition. The convention shall consist of:

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League of Women Voters of Virginia
Proposed Bylaws, Continued

1. DELEGATES, CHOSEN BY THE BOARD OF THE LWV-VA, TO REPRESENT THE MEMBERS-AT-LARGE NOT ORGANIZED IN A LEAGUE-AT-LARGE, IN THE NUMBER PROVIDED IN SEC. 4 OF THIS ARTICLE.

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Sec. 4. Representation. The members of the LWV-VA who are organized into local Leagues or Leagues-at-Large, AND MEMBERS-AT-LARGE NOT ORGANIZED IN A LEAGUE-AT-LARGE, in the Commonwealth of Virginia, shall be entitled to voting representation in the convention as follows: the members in each local League or League-at-Large shall be entitled to two delegates; when a local League membership reaches 25 voting members, it shall be entitled to one additional delegate; thereafter one additional delegate shall be authorized for each additional twenty-five voting members or major fraction thereof belonging to said local League. THE MEMBERS-AT-LARGE NOT ORGANIZED IN A LEAGUE-AT-LARGE SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ONE DELEGATE; WHEN THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS-AT-LARGE REACHES 25 VOTING MEMBERS, THEY SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ONE ADDITIONAL DELEGATE; THEREAFTER ONE ADDITIONAL DELEGATE SHALL BE AUTHORIZED FOR EACH ADDITIONAL 25 VOTING MEMBERS-AT-LARGE NOT ORGANIZED IN A LEAGUE-AT-LARGE. The official membership count shall be determined by national office records of voting members as reported to the national office in the -membership count of the year in which the convention is held.

Article VIII. Council

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Sec. 2. Composition. The council shall consist of the presidents of local Leagues and the chairs of Leagues-at-Large or an alternate in the event the president or chair is unable to attend; one delegate chosen by each local League and League-at-Large; the members of the state board; one delegate chosen by the board of each ILO; AND ONE DELEGATE CHOSEN BY THE BOARD OF THE LWV-VA TO REPRESENT THE MEMBERS-AT-LARGE NOT ORGANIZED IN A LEAGUE-AT-LARGE.

Rationale: The LWV-VA believes that all Members-at-Large should have voting representation at the Convention and Council, to ensure that all views are represented throughout Virginia as decisions are made during these important events.

League of Women Voters of Virginia
Proposed Positions

Affordable Housing

Election Laws
Convention Committee:
Breakout and Workshop Leaders

Kathy Matusiak—LWV-ARL
Lisa Koteen Gerchick —LWV-ARL
Sharon McGlone —LWV-SHR
Carol Bursik—LWV-FA
Mary Ann Moxon— LWV-WA
Martha Stewart—LWV-SHR
Ann Sharp—LWV-ARL
Mary Valder—LWV-FA
Sabeena Rajpal—LWV-FC
Joan Porte—LWV-ARL
League of Women Voters of Virginia
Guest Speakers

Saturday, May 22, 8:30-9 a.m. Opening Speaker
Carolyn Jefferson Jenkins
Former President of the LWV-US and author of
The Untold Story of Women of Color in the League of Women Voters.
You can find her book on the convention wares page.

Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins, PhD, is an educator, author, national and international speaker, advocate and activist. She served two terms as the fifteenth president of the League of Women Voters of the United States and chair of the League of Women Voters Education Fund (1998–2002). She is the only woman of color to have served as national president in the organization’s first one hundred years. Her career in public school and higher education spanned more than forty years. Post retirement, Dr. Jefferson-Jenkins continues to be an advocate and activist for civil rights, social justice, educational excellence, and stronger citizen participation in the electoral process for underrepresented populations. She actively serves on numerous boards and advises community-based organizations. She has received numerous awards for her contributions. In March, 2020, she received the Freedom Summer ’64 award from Miami University, Ohio for her lifetime of civil rights activism. Dr. Jefferson-Jenkins is currently an adjunct assistant professor in the School of Education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her most recent book is The Untold Story of Women of Color in the League of Women Voters (Praeger, 2020).

Saturday, May 22, 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. Capital Harmonia
http://capitalharmonia.org/
League of Women Voters of Virginia
Guest Speakers

1:30-3:00 p.m.  Workshops

Equal Justice
Moderated by Mary Jane Cleary (LWV-FA)
Dawn Butorac, Chief Public Defender, Fairfax County,
Bradley Haywood, Chief Public Defender, Arlington County and Falls Church,
Founder and CEO of Justice Forward Virginia
Monica Reid, Director of Advocacy for National Association of Criminal Justice Lawyers

Dawn Butorac is the Chief Public Defender in Fairfax County, Virginia and has been a public defender in Fairfax County for 20 years.

Brad Haywood is the Chief Public Defender for Arlington County and the City of Falls Church, VA and founder and Executive Director of Justice Forward Virginia. He earned his B.A. from the University of Michigan and J.D. from Columbia University Law School. Since its inception in 2017, Justice Forward Virginia has become a statewide leader in criminal justice reform, having taken the advocacy lead in successful efforts to repeal mandatory jury sentencing and Virginia's felony petit larceny statute, limit pretextual policing practices, improve access of indigent defendants to expert funding, overhaul probation supervision, and bring needed reforms to laws governing pretrial release. Justice Forward also played a critical role in expungement reform and Virginia's abolition of the death penalty.

Monica L. Reid serves as the Director of Advocacy for NACDL. She manages NACDL’s day-to-day grassroots advocacy operations and coordinates NACDL’s efforts to mobilize its members, individuals and organizations in support of progressive criminal justice reform policies. This includes assisting in the preparation of advocacy materials for NACDL activists and affiliates; preparing and disseminating federal and state action alerts regarding pending legislation; monitoring and tracking state legislation on priority issues; initiating and coordinating lobby meetings between NACDL members and Members of Congress; coordinating other grassroots lobby events; facilitating state-level coalition building with influential community members and organizations; and coordinating state-level legislative reform campaigns.

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League of Women Voters of Virginia
Guest Speakers

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Monica has fourteen years of professional experience in government relations and advocacy. Prior to joining NACDL, she served as a Legislative Assistant/Analyst for Fairfax County Government and Government Affairs Assistant for the Thurgood Marshall College Fund.

Monica is a graduate of George Mason University with a Masters in Public Administration and a B.A. in Government & International Politics and Economics. She is also a 2014 graduate of the Minority Political Leadership Institute, a collaborative initiative of the Grace E. Leadership Institute at Virginia Commonwealth University and the Legislative Black Caucus Foundation.

The Future of Behavioral Health in Virginia
Moderated by Catherine Read (LWV-FA), Creative Engagement Strategist
Virginia State Senator Monty Mason, Deeds Commission,
Marissa Farina-Morse, Service Director, Diversion First Fairfax-Falls Church Community Board,
Corey Trench, Activist and President of Hope Family Village

Catherine Read founded a social media consulting firm in 2007, Creative Read, Inc., to advise businesses, professionals, political candidates, and nonprofits on the effective use of social media platforms. She works with numerous area nonprofits on legislative advocacy strategies and is active in local and state politics. She currently hosts two weekly shows for Fairfax Public Access: Your Need to Know and Making Change Radio on Radio Fairfax. Catherine is an active member and Past President of the Rotary Club of Centreville-Chantilly and also serves on the Board of Directors of Grand Involve and Britepaths, and is a former board member of Equality Virginia and NARAL Pro-Choice Virginia. She received her BA in Government & Politics from George Mason University in 1984, way before it was cool.
League of Women Voters of Virginia
Guest Speakers

T. Montgomery "Monty" Mason—Democrat, District 1

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Commerce and Labor
General Laws and Technology
Privileges and Elections
Rehabilitation and Social Services


Born in Richmond on September 8, 1967; educated at The College of William and Mary (B.A., Government); Senior Director, Visa, Inc.; married Pamela Henney Mason; Methodist; Member of the House: 2014-2016; Member of the Senate: 2016-

District 1 Description

Hampton City (Part), Newport News City (Part), York County (Part), Williamsburg City (All), James City County (Part), Suffolk City (Part),

Studies and Commissions

Alcoholic Beverage Control Subcommittee
Children's Services, State Executive Council for
Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia, Board of Trustees
Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission
Involuntary Commitment / Emergency Services
Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation Board of Trustees
Mental Health Services in the Twenty-First Century, Joint Subcommittee to Study
Subcommittee #1 Agriculture
Water Commission, State

Contact Information—district01@senate.virginia.gov
Marissa Fariña-Morse is the Diversion First Service Director at the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board. In this position, she has helped to enhance service delivery to individuals with Mental Health and Substance Use disorders who are involved in the Criminal Justice system. She has 18 years of experience providing innovative service to individuals with mental health and substance use disorders in community and correctional settings. Marissa played a key role in the development and launch of specialty courts in Fairfax County to include the Drug Court and Mental Health Court. She has practiced in both Northern Virginia and in Central Florida. Marissa is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), a Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CAADC) and a National Board Certified Counselor (NCC). She holds a Bachelor of Psychology (B.S.) from the University of Florida, a Master (M.Ed.) and Master Specialist (Ed.S.) degrees in Mental Health Counseling from the University of Florida, and a Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management from the University of Central Florida and is currently working toward her Juris Master (J.M.) degree at George Mason University Law School.
A former environmental scientist, **W. Corey Trench** is a graduate of William and Mary (W&M) and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI). Before retiring, he consulted to the nation’s electric, gas and water utility industries.

He and his wife, a Williamsburg native, have been married for 43 years and have three adult sons. Their youngest son's psychotic break, at 21, led them to seek support from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) in 2013.

After six months of receiving NAMI’s support and education on serious mental illness, he became a support group facilitator (weekly), instructor for the Family-to-Family Course (12-week), and member of the board of director, where he served as President (now Secretary). Here, he gained the perspectives of both caregivers and the sufferers of various diagnoses.

In 2014, NAMI Williamsburg Board conceived of the idea of Hope Family Village (HFV) on the surplus property of Eastern State Hospital and spent the next two researching options for its realization. NAMI funded two projects with the W&M Business School that resulted in the formation of Hope Family Village Corporation (a 501(c)3, (2017)). A number of potential stakeholders were identified – the most important being CoHoUS (the national association of cohousing communities) and the Coalition for Community Living (CCL) (nationwide supporters of Fairweather Lodge (1963)). Corey is on CCL’s board of directors.

Since 2014, Corey has given presentations about mental illness, from a father's perspective, to CIT Officer Training classes, other NAMI affiliates, local civic and faith-based organizations. After 7 years of living at home, often very isolated, his son has rejoined society, living independently in an apartment.
Angela S. Duncan, Ph.D., currently serves as the Associate Dean for Diversity Equity and Inclusion and Assistant Professor in the College of Health Professions and also the School of Nursing at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Dr. Duncan is an advocate for diversity and inclusive excellence in health care and a champion for health equity in reducing health disparities in marginalized and underserved communities. Her professional interests include examining the influence of cultural beliefs and spirituality in healthcare and end-of-life, coping with chronic illness, and interdisciplinary patient/client-centered care.

Dr. Duncan has served in various roles at VCU and VCU Health, previously as the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and Community Engagement, Interim Chair for the Department of Patient Counseling, Manager of Bereavement Services, and Chaplain for the Pauley Heart Center.

Prior to VCU and VCU Health, her professional experience includes management consulting in healthcare information technology, medical and hospital practice management technology, and product assurance and quality engineering in both the automobile and aerospace industries. She has served on various for-profit and nonprofit boards in the areas of health and human service, finance, education, television, and religion.

She holds a B.S. (Zoology/Chemistry) from Howard University, M.Div. from Union Presbyterian Seminary, and M.S. (Patient Counseling) and Ph.D. (Health Related Sciences) from Virginia Commonwealth University.
League of Women Voters of Virginia
Guest Speakers

1–2:30 p.m. **Bonus Workshop**

**Voter Suppression/Disinformation**
*Moderated by Pam Berg (LWV-ARL)*
*Marc Schneider, Co-Director Election Integrity Initiative, Cybersecurity Principal, Center for Securing the Homeland, MITRE Corporation*

*Marc Schneider* has over 25 years of experience in network engineering and cybersecurity in both the public and private sector. Marc is a co-inventor on several patents in the areas of automated analysis of network and application data, and network packet capture. Marc is currently the Co-Director of The MITRE Corporation’s Election Integrity Initiative. Marc also supports projects on critical infrastructure security including election security for several government agencies. Marc holds a Bachelor of Science from Case Western Reserve University and a Master of Science from Columbia University, both in Electrical Engineering.
President’s Report

Change is hard. It takes time, investment and commitment. We have gone through a tremendous amount of change in Virginia and have much to celebrate. Many years of advocacy culminated in the recent advancements in our commonwealth. We became the 38th state to ratify the ERA! We created a bipartisan, citizen-led Redistricting Commission! We fought for voting laws that moved Virginia from the 49th most difficult state in which to vote to the 12th easiest state in which to vote! We advocated for the Virginia Values Act, the Virginia Reproductive Health Act, and the Virginia Voting Rights Act.

The League’s influence was recognized when Adele Clarke, the Virginia League’s first president, was immortalized in bronze on the Capitol grounds. We celebrated our 100th anniversary in a grand fashion in February and virtually in November 2020.

The LWV-VA board, local League presidents and members from across the state came together to share ideas and to communicate. We worked together to become a more unified League. We endeavored to raise the League’s visibility and to strengthen relationships with lawmakers and with our partner organizations.

We became adept at using virtual platforms during a pandemic. We met with legislators and partner organizations to share legislative priorities and strategies. We testified before legislative committees in support or opposition to bills. Our weekly virtual Women’s Legislative RoundTables drew crowds of attendees.

We also brought several lawsuits when a speedy remedy was needed. Our suit to waive the witness requirement allowed voters to be able to cast their votes safely in a number of elections. When online voter registration was not available on the last day to register before the November election, we sued to get an extension that enabled 24,000 voters to register.

We should be very proud of the number of voters we have been able to help--especially during a pandemic. We have made a difference. What a start to our second 100 years!

Deb Wake
LWV-VA President
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First Vice President’s Report

Our first event was a very informative Fall Workshop featuring breakouts on the 2020 Census, redistricting, affordable housing, advocacy, parliamentary procedure, and fundraising. More than 80 League members were in attendance.

We had such a wonderful 100th anniversary League Day in 2020 with a luncheon at the Richmond Delta Marriott and our speaker A’Lelia Bundles. The next day we visited Maggie L Walker’s home and had a private tour and lunch at the American Civil War Museum-Historic Tredegar. This would be the last in person event we had before COVID 19 struck. Who knew that next year, League Day and so many other events would be virtual? Still, we persevered. Despite the pandemic, we had many other successful events.

Our 2020 Workshop, albeit virtual, set the stage for the 2020 elections and featured speakers on two important 2020 Election-related issues: getting people to the polls and stopping voter suppression. Other speakers addressed position studies and leadership development. We kicked off the event with a special virtual reception which allowed members to interact and get to know one another. It wasn’t the same as being in person, but it was a help to break COVID isolation.

Council 2020 too was virtual, but we had terrific presentations. Our keynote speaker was Allison Robbins – President of Voter Registrars of Virginia and Director of Elections & General Registrar for Wise County, VA. We had time for members to rehear about our two state policy studies. Other topics included: Ranked choice voting, the National Popular Vote Compact, 2020 Election Voter Education Plans and the Constitutional amendment affirming that the right to vote in Virginia that cannot be abridged by law.

In December 2020, we honored the 100th anniversary of the LWV of Virginia with a virtual meeting which included a review from each League president of their past and hopes for the future.

At League Day 2021, our keynote speaker was Adele McClure, Executive Director of the Virginia Legislative Black Caucus. Topics included criminal justice, broadband access, and voter education. Members, growing very adept at Zoom meetings, had no problem organizing and conducting virtual meetings with their members of the General Assembly.

We had hoped to have our 2021 Convention in person but that too did not happen. However, our committee chaired by Judy Heilein of Fairfax and Kathy Matusiak of Arlington, have done an amazing job to turn this into a virtual event. Hopefully, this will be our last virtual convention.
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First Vice President’s Report, Continued

The other area I worked heavily in was the invigoration and organization of the Advocacy Issue Groups. They have three goals: to work with the advocacy team to write and present testimony and formulate legislation the League wants to present to the General Assembly; to review our positions; and to conduct public education programs. Members can sign up for groups at

https://forms.gle/m37roAELGp75xLSG9

- Affordable Housing: third Wednesday of the month at 12 p.m.
- Behavioral Health: third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
- Money in Politics: second Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m.
- Child Care: third Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m.
- Diversity/Equity/Inclusion (DEI): second Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m.
- Domestic Violence: second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.
- Education: second Friday of the month at 1 p.m.
- Election Security: third Friday of the month at 1 p.m.
- Environment: first Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
- Gun Violence Prevention: second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.
- Justice Reform: third Friday of the month at 11 a.m.
- Redistricting: 4th Monday at 7 p.m.
- Transportation: meets quarterly on third Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m.
- Voter Access: second Friday of the month at 3 p.m.

Joan Porte
LWV-VA First Vice President
Second Vice President’s Report

In September of 2020, the LWV-VA Board decided to go forward with having the Pre-Session in a virtual format because of the Pandemic. The planning committee met by Zoom to decide on speakers. These organizations stayed on the list: ACLU-VA, VICPP, VA Poverty Law Center, Voter Registrars Association of VA, VEA, Virginia Transit Association, Sierra Club, NARAL-VA, NAMI-VA, Coalition for Open Government, Equality VA. Organizations added were: Southern Coalition for Social Justice, Justice Forward Virginia, National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Voters Right to Know. Brian Koziol of Virginia Housing Alliance was chosen to be keynote speaker.

The LWV-VA Pre-Session was held on December 2 and we had great attendance! Thanks to First Vice President, Joan Porte for managing the Zoom meeting, Action Chair, Julia Tanner for her presentation on advocacy and LWV-VA Legislative Priorities, Voter Service Chair, Janet Boyd for time-keeping, and President Deb Wake for moderating.

Women’s Legislative Round Tables (WLRT) 2021

Voter Access and Voter Rights legislation was the focus for the first two meetings and guest speakers were Senator Creigh Deeds, Delegate Jay Jones, Delegate Marcus Simon, and Delegate Schuyler Van Valkenburg. Pam Berg, LWV-VA Voter Access Issue Group Leader spoke about the National Popular Vote. Ruth Hoffman, Co-leader for the LWV-VA Gun Violence Prevention Issue Group spoke about Gun Violence Prevention (GVP) legislation.

On League Day, January 27, Julia Tanner presented on advocacy and LWV-VA Legislative Priorities. Guest speakers were Senator Adam Ebbin, speaking about marriage equality and Senator Jennifer Boysko speaking about expanding broadband access. Adele McClure, Executive Director of the Virginia Legislative Black Caucus was keynote speaker.

On February 3, the focus was on Environment. Guest speakers were Delegate Richard Sullivan and Senator Ghazala Hashmi and Queen Shakira Shabazz, Coordinator of the Environmental Justice Collaborative. Feb.10 guest speakers were Delegate Don Scott and Ashna Khanna [ACLU-VA] speaking on criminal justice reforms, Senator Jennifer Kiggans speaking on health and elections, and Galina Varchena [NARAL-VA] speaking on women’s issues.
Guest speakers on Feb. 17 were Megan Rhyne of Virginia Coalition for Open Government and Laura Goren, Research Director of The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis (TCI).

At the last WLRT, Phil Hernandez, Senior Policy Fellow from TCI, spoke about expungement issues. Delegate Delores McQuinn spoke on transportation. We also heard brief reports from all the LWV-VA Issue Group Leaders: Doris Bey - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), Chris DeRosa - Redistricting, Janet Boyd - Money in Politics, Pam Berg - Voter Access, Lisa Koteen Gerchick - Election Security, Alice Tousignant - Affordable Housing, Carolyn Caywood - Environment, and Beth Kariel, member of the Child Care Issue Group.

Mary Crutchfield
LWV-VA Second Vice President
Becoming the Treasurer in February 2020 after the resignation of Linda Garvelink has been an experience. Being new to non-profit bookkeeping and taxes and new (4 years) to the LWV has had my head swirling at times. Thankfully having Linda as my mentor/teacher and a great BOD to work with has made the transition less stressful.

The LWV-VA is made up of two entities: the LWV-VA Operating Fund, a 501c4 organization, and the LWV-VA Education Fund, a 501c3 organization. Separate bank accounts and separate books are maintained for each as their functions differ.

Both the Operating Fund and Education Fund ended this Fiscal Year financially positive. As all meetings, workshops and this Convention have been virtual, expenditures were at a minimum. We strive to break even on all our events but quite often expenses are more than the income. Contributions to Operating or Education Funds can help offset some of the charges so starting with a bit more in FY 21/22 will allow us to provide more to our members and community.

Donations/Contributions from members and non-members to both funds were generous throughout the year as folks donated via checks, PayPal, Eventbrite and Facebook. Robust Ware sales also contributed to the positive outlook for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted by
Debbie Combest
LWV-VA Treasurer
The primary purpose of the LWV-VA is to influence public policy on issues of interest to its members in a wide range of fora. Fundamental and central to that purpose is formulating knowledgeable issue positions for adoption at Convention, conducted by State-level Program Study Committees. This unique scholarly approach sets the League apart making the League an authoritative influential powerful political force. The Program Director oversees the Study Committees. At the 2019 39th Biennial Convention, delegates adopted two State-level issues for study in 2019-2021: 1) Affordable Housing, and 2) Review and Proposed Update of League Election Positions. Local Leagues were well represented on the Study Committees; membership included a high level of expertise, resulting in impressive Study Reports and position recommendations. In preparation for the next Biennium, canvased Local Leagues for State-level Program Study recommendations and prepared a Response Summary Report to the Board of Directors.

I served as Chair of the successful “What’s in Your Toolbox?” 2019 Fall Workshop, including arranging the invitation for the Luncheon speaker on Affordable Housing; a featured speaker on the Consensus Process and Redistricting; and leading a Program Study Breakout Session; focused on the Program Adoption Process and the importance of the LWV-VA Positions for Action.

As Chair of the Program Committee, provided timely Program Study information and resource assistance to Local League Program Chairs and Presidents, including highlighting the LWVUS Study Clearinghouse as an important reference tool. I authored several articles for the Virginia VOTER. Noting Local Leagues carry out valuable issue studies in their geographic areas, established a new “Local League Study Library.” Five Local Leagues responded identifying 11 completed studies.

Janet M. Gorn
LWV-VA Program Director
Members from every Local League responded to the Action Alerts sent out by LWV-VA in the 2019-20 legislative session. This year, 11 Alerts were sent out. Members self-reported 997 advocacy actions, constituting an average of 90 responses to each Action Alert.

Many League members were active before and after the General Assembly sessions as well as during session. Several Leagues met with their legislators before session in order to suggest priorities for legislation, in addition to holding meetings on League Day. In the issue groups, members throughout the state continued to update each other and work together on legislative issue education and, at times, advocacy.

As with last year, handouts were drafted and provided for members to leave behind with their legislators at meetings on League Day. Members of issue groups and other League issue experts assisted in providing information and personal anecdotes for talking points and these “leave behind” handouts. Various members also testified on key legislation of interest. Updates on top priorities were emailed to members periodically during the session. Several trainings on advocacy tips and techniques were held to enhance the depth and breadth of members’ knowledge and comfort with legislative approaches.

Top priorities of the Virginia League this year were as follows. An asterisk indicates passage and a double asterisk indicates passage with concessions.

Supporting absentee voters (HB1888* VanValkenburg / SB1245* Deeds, absentee voting drop off, curing, and postage; SB1097,** Favola, removing witness requirement)

Increasing access to voting (HB1890,* Price, SB1395,* McClellan, Virginia Voting Rights Act / pre-clearance; SJ272,** Locke, automatic restoration of rights constitutional amendment, 1st reference)

Campaign finance reform (HJ526,* Bulova, campaign finance reform study; HB1952, Simon, prohibited personal use)

Increasing access to broadband (SB1413,* Boysko, SB1225* Boysko, SB1334* Edwards, HB1923,* Ayala)

National Popular Vote (SB1101, Ebbin, HB1933, Levine)
Campaign finance reform, 100% right to vote, and national popular vote are among the topics that would benefit from continuing advocacy. The campaign finance reform study produced as a result of Delegate Bulova’s bill will be completed later this year.

League members advocated to their legislators on a multitude of topics important in localities and across the state. Major topics and Local League members’ advocacy to state officials are summarized in the following graphics.

Winners of this year’s Advocacy Challenge will be announced at Convention. We encourage Local Leagues to build on the progress made this year in strengthening relationships with their legislative representatives, empowering voters, and defending democracy.

Julia Tanner
LWV-VA Action Coordinator
Voter Services Report

The two years since our last Convention have proven that Virginia voters can be persistent and necessarily flexible in the face of both the COVID health emergency and the General Assembly’s desire in 2020 to update Virginia’s antiquated election laws to address nationwide best practices. In a matter of days in early 2020, we had to abandon our normal in-person voter tools to educate our voters in a virtual world. Our voters still needed and wanted to register to vote, and many wanted to take advantage of the new, flexible 45-day Early Voting rules just passed by the General Assembly. Even virtually, our Voter Services’ goals remained the same – providing Virginia voters with the necessary tools to vote in the Commonwealth in all our elections.

Additionally, Virginia scheduled many elections over the past two years, due to multiple primaries and special elections, leading up to the Presidential election in November 2020. In 2020 alone, elections were held in Virginia on seven different days. Already in 2021, Virginia has held elections on five separate days, and we are facing elections on at least three additional days (May Municipal Elections, June Primaries, and November General). Local League volunteers worked with voters on all these elections, even while the continuing medical emergency made in-person efforts, such as registration and get out the vote efforts, impossible or at least challenging. Fortunately, our existing virtual tools, including VOTE411 and social media, have bridged the gap, and election turnout has consistently been at record levels. By mid-October, the VOTE411 registration link showed registration of over 3,500 voters in Virginia in 2020.

During the COVID medical emergency, VOTE411 became a critical virtual tool for our Local Leagues. A majority of our Local Leagues participated in 2020, and areas not covered by Local Leagues had their elections covered by volunteers working with LWV-VA. The effort proved quite successful, as data shows considerably stronger utilization of VOTE411 in 2020 compared to 2016.

While our commitment to high school student registration and to the Governor’s Challenge continues, we have been hampered by the closure of high school buildings since March 2020. As the schools slowly reopen for in-person learning, we are taking advantage, to the extent possible, to encourage schools throughout Virginia to register their qualified students, so they can vote in the statewide, Delegate and local races this year. We are helped by passage of a new state law in 2020, requiring all high schools to make voter registration opportunities available for qualified students.

We received grants from Virginia Civic Engagement Table (VCET) and LWVUS, recognizing our unique ability to reach out to traditionally disadvantaged voters. Most of the funds were distributed to Local Leagues.

The Local League Voter Service Leaders meet monthly to compare best practices, learn the status of new laws and rules affecting voters and elections, as well as share documents through creation of a new Voter Services’ Google Share Drive.

Janet Boyd
LWV-VA Director of Voter Services
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2019 LWV-VA membership grew by 22%. Currently, LWV-VA has 2,148 members statewide. While the largest growth in membership occurred during the 2020 election session, in which membership reached 2,252, we experience seasonal fluctuation of membership. On average 273 members leave LWV-VA annually, either temporarily or permanently. This can be attributed to membership moving out of state, seasonal engagement in civics, lapses in membership due to renewals. We are able to recover membership that may have dropped off during the reconciliation of membership payments process (completed in January, annually) by June of the same year. Approximately 73 members, 3% of current membership, permanently leave LWV-VA over the fiscal year. And predominantly, this loss in membership is seen in our larger Local Leagues (LLs) where there is a more transient population. Overall, membership has grown by approximately 473 and we are retaining 86% of that growth in membership from year to year.
Growth in membership can be attributed to increased engagement on social media, instituting “Issue Groups,” virtual programing, and partnerships with organizations like Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. Groups such as the New Membership Task Force and the Mentorship Program help to engage new members as well as seasoned members outside election season. Additionally, there has been an emphasis on educating all stakeholders, empowering members to advocate, engaging new members, embracing new technologies, and providing equitable access to LWV-VA events/programs/activities. To maintain continued growth in membership the above components must be evident.
Finally, LLs have introduced marketing techniques/tools and programs that increased membership during a pandemic. Using yard signs, and sandwich boards throughout their communities – particularly next to “Little Free Libraries” and farmers markets – provided visibility in a socially distance manner. Hosting events like “Author Chats” where the primary event is open to the public, but with a member-only component provided social element to the work of the league while increasing visibility in their community. And finally, providing volunteer opportunities like postcard writing to all increased membership in LLs like LWV of Arlington, LWV of South Hampton Roads, and LWV of Prince William-Fauquier Area.

Andrianne Konstas-Salvette,
LWV-VA Director, Membership
Interns Report

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LWV Interns work (worked) to enhance and support members of our league programs. They were and will continue to be forged in meaningful relationships with our members and community.

- Our interns have been instrumental in supporting the needs of multiple projects working with members in each segment of LWV-Virginia.
- The establishment of this program provided and will continue to provide emerging leaders with meaningful opportunities to gain professional experience, develop special skills, build a professional network, and learn more about working in the nonprofit and social impact sphere.
- Members developed specific assignments for each student which provided opportunities to develop professional aptitude, strengthen personal character, and provided a greater door to future careers.
- By investing in internships, we give students the broadest spectrum of opportunity when seeking and applying for a job after college and high school.
- Students in our program were unique, a leader, and whip smart. Our goal is to provide students with exposure to real work life experience and opportunities.

Step I. Purpose/Goals/Why Interns

- Get more done (within the League)
- Promote League
- Innovation
- Create learning opportunity for students
- Upcoming goal is for each department to have at least one intern to assist

Step 2. Type of Program: Interns were assigned to various projects and worked extremely well with league partners. Interns had weekly meetings with departments and checked in when they needed assistance.

Interns turned in timesheets at the end of the week. Weekly/sometimes daily check-ins. Hired undergraduate and graduate students. Will hire both graduate and undergraduate students and high school students again this year. Due to COVID-19 Our 2020 program was VIRTUAL. The 2021 Program will be virtual.

Volunteer and work experience of our interns include: Congressional Aide, Harvard Model Congress, Girl Scouts, Editor, Editor School Newspaper, Political Campaign Intern, Sr. Opinion Page Editor, National Public Radio/Legal Intern, Legal Research Intern, Campaign Intern, Research Intern and so much more.

To date they have worked over 170 hours, not including the remainder of July or the hours of our Harvard interns.

Erni Bridges
LWV-VA Director, Interns
LWV-VA on Facebook – report for 2020-21
Reporting period: July 1, 2020 – April 15, 2021

LWV-VA Page
On April 15, 2021, the total number of page followers was 2591, up 169 from July 1, 2020. In that period, there have been 564 posts and 45 event pages, averaging roughly 55 posts/month and an event a week. I track reach and engagement as measures of post success. Election & voting information, shareable images, redistricting, and some events were the most effective posts. This year there was definitely more interest in posts with a DEI message.

Groups
Several of our Facebook groups did not function as places for statewide interaction and have been superseded by Issue Groups. Five Facebook groups are now retired, leaving Voting and Elections, Redistricting, Climate Change, Centennial, and Women’s Rights open to the public, and Advocacy, Social, and Communications for League members only.

Job Description
The new description of duties and resources should make it simple for a fresh Facebook administrator to take over.

Carolyn Caywood
LWV-VA Facebook administration
League of Women Voters of Virginia  
Minutes of the 39th Biennial Convention  
Plenary: Saturday - Sunday, June 18 - 19, 2019  
Norfolk Waterside Marriott Hotel, 235 East Main Street, Norfolk VA 23510

President Sue Lewis called to order the 39th Biennial Convention, “Empowering Voters and Defending Democracy,” at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott Hotel, 235 East Main Street, Norfolk VA 23510, on June 18, 2019, at 9:30 A.M. As President of host League South Hampton Roads, Martha Rollins welcomed convention delegates and guests to Norfolk. She introduced Norfolk Council Member Courtney Doyle who issued the official greetings of the City. Council member Doyle herself was welcomed by the delegates as the newest member of the League.

President Lewis welcomed Susan Carty, LWVUS Liaison to LWV-VA who would speak to the Convention later in the morning. President Lewis introduced the members of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Virginia (LWV-VA): First Vice-President and Treasurer Linda Garvelink, Second Vice-President Lynn Johnston, and Secretary Martha Rollins; and Directors Anne Smith (Program), Deb Wake (Advocacy), Maggie Luca (Voter Service), Valerie Fillgrove (Legislative Coordinator), Mary Crutchfield (Assistant Legislative Coordinator), and Andrienne Konitas-Salvette (Membership). Also introduced, Carol Noggle (Voter Protection Coordinator).

President Lewis conducted the Roll Call of the Local Leagues and other representatives:  
Arlington, Joan Porte, President (75th Anniversary Year!): 94 members, 11 delegates, one observer; three members nominated to new Board. So many programs: new radio show, work with disabled, challenges to racism in housing, initiatives for ERA, 2020 Census, redistricting, voter access and election integrity, and over 200 for voter registration training.  
Charlottesville, Pat Cochran, President, 6 delegates; home of the LWV-VA President, strong effort on ERA.  
Fairfax, Beth Tudan, Executive Director, 434 members, 13 delegates, one observer, 4 state board members = 18 members! Reporting highest highlight of 1100 high school students registered to vote in Governor’s Challenge.  
Falls Church, Pass.  
Fredericksburg, Tina Norkus, President (3rd Anniversary Year!), 4 delegates; registrations at high schools, redistricting programming, and position paper published on study of affordable housing for seniors and followed with plan of action.  
Loudoun, Joanne McAlpine, Delegate, 2 delegates, 1 observer.  
Lynchburg, Carla Heath, President, 3 delegates, 1 observer; proud of naturalization participation for 1400, Get Out the Vote video contest—See on web or Facebook.  
Montgomery, 3 delegates, 1 observer.  
Prince William, Carol Proven, President, 3 delegates and 2 Board members; registered more than 2000 new voters through high schools and naturalization ceremonies.  
Richmond Metro, Marianne Feehey, Second Vice President, 7 delegates, 2 observers, 3 state board members, 3 members taking leadership roles in proposed programming—affordable housing study, election law update, position against sexual harassment, also, a workshop to improve communication in addition to launching a new website on July 1 plus modern branding and more media and more advocacy.
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Williamsburg, Mary Schilling, President, 232 members, 11 delegates, 5 observers.
National Capital Area Inter-League Organization, Linda Soffli.

President Lewis announced presidential appointments of convention committees, as follows:
- Credentials – Linda Garvelink
- Rules – Frances Schutz
- Order of Business and Schedule – Anne B. Smith
- Resolutions – Lois Page, Mary Crutchfield, and Mileva Hartman
- Elections – Virginia Cowles and Carol Proven
- Readers of Minutes – Molly McClendon, Mary Ann Moxon, and Joanne McAlpine

President Lewis stated that the Minutes of the 38th Biennial Convention in 2017 were approved by the Readers’ Committee composed of Mileva Hartman, Julia Jones, and Carol Proven. The Minutes are printed in the Convention Workbook, starting on page 7.

Credentials Chair Linda Garvelink, First Vice President and Treasurer, reported that as of 9:30 A.M., the Convention is comprised of 64 delegates representing 12 local Leagues, 15 members of the LWV-VA Board of Directors, and 1 Inter-League representative—a total 80 delegates. She stated that a quorum was present. She also reported that 57 observers and volunteers were registered. The Credentials report was adopted.

Rules Chair Frances Schutz presented the proposed convention rules as printed in the Convention Workbook on pages 2 and 3 and moved their adoption. The motion was seconded. The Convention Rules were adopted by a two-thirds vote by a show of hands.

Convention Chair Anne B. Smith moved the adoption of the Convention Workbook, the order of business and schedule as detailed in the Workbook on pages 14, 15, and 16 for Saturday, May 18, and on pages 17 and 18 for Sunday, May 19. The motion was seconded and adopted by a show of hands. (Attached and incorporated herein.)

First Vice-President and Treasurer Linda Garvelink presented the Treasurer’s Report of the LWV-VA Operating Fund and responded to questions. She noted that the proposed budget would be introduced today, that a caucus would be held this evening, that a workshop session on money would be conducted at 7:30 A.M. tomorrow, and that the vote to adopt will occur at the Plenary session tomorrow. The Treasurer’s Report was filed for audit. (Attached and incorporated herein.)
South Hampton Roads, Melanie Perez-Lopez, First Vice President, 7 delegates, 36 members present including the League’s newest member, Hon. Courtney Doyle, City of Norfolk Council Member, who welcomed the League to the City.

Williamsburg, Mary Schilling, President, 232 members, 11 delegates, 5 observers.

National Capital Area Inter-League Organization, Linda Soffli.


President Lewis announced presidential appointments of convention committees, as follows:

- Credentials – Linda Garvelink
- Rules – Frances Schutz
- Order of Business and Schedule – Anne B. Smith
- Resolutions – Lois Page, Mary Crutchfield, and Mileva Hartman
- Elections – Virginia Cowles and Carol Proven
- Readers of Minutes – Molly McClendon, Mary Ann Moxon, and Joanne McAlpine

President Lewis stated that the Minutes of the 38th Biennial Convention in 2017 were approved by the Readers’ Committee composed of Mileva Hartman, Julia Jones, and Carol Proven. The Minutes are printed in the Convention Workbook, starting on page 7.

Credentials Chair Linda Garvelink, First Vice President and Treasurer, reported that as of 9:30 A.M., the Convention is comprised of 64 delegates representing 12 local Leagues, 15 members of the LWV-VA Board of Directors, and 1 Inter-League representative—a total 80 delegates. She stated that a quorum was present. She also reported that 57 observers and volunteers were registered. The Credentials report was adopted.

Rules Chair Frances Schutz presented the proposed convention rules as printed in the Convention Workbook on pages 2 and 3 and moved their adoption. The motion was seconded. The Convention Rules were adopted by a two-thirds vote by a show of hands.

Convention Chair Anne B. Smith moved the adoption of the Convention Workbook, the order of business and schedule as detailed in the Workbook on pages 14, 15, and 16 for Saturday, May 18, and on pages 17 and 18 for Sunday, May 19. The motion was seconded and adopted by a show of hands. (Attached and incorporated herein.)

First Vice-President and Treasurer Linda Garvelink presented the Treasurer’s Report of the LWV-VA Operating Fund and responded to questions. She noted that the proposed budget would be introduced today, that a caucus would be held this evening, that a workshop session on money would be conducted at 7:30 A.M. tomorrow, and that the vote to adopt will occur at the Plenary session tomorrow. The Treasurer’s Report was filed for audit. (Attached and incorporated herein.)
President Lewis called upon the Chair of the Nominating Committee Kathy Matusiak to present the report of the Nominating Committee. The members of the Committee are Linda Garvelink, Diane Blais, Lynn Johnston, and Anne Sterling. Chair Matusiak reported as follows:

Officers:
- President, Deb Wake
- First Vice President (Arrangements), Joan Porte
- Second Vice President (Legislative), Mary Crutchfield
- Secretary, Martha Rollins
- Treasurer, Linda Garvelink

Directors:
- Betty Cabrera (Voter Service)
- Pat Collins (Newsletter Editor/Public Relations)
- Janet Gorn (Program)
- Andrianna Kontras-Salvetti (Membership)
- Joanne McAlpine (Development/Fund Raising)
- Julius Tanner (Action)

Nominating Committee:
- Sue Lewis (Chair)
- Les Solomon
- Anu Sahai

President Lewis said that the slate is printed in the Convention Workbook on page 18 with photographs and short biographies on pages 19 to 25. President Lewis explained that candidates would each host a table at the luncheon today. She said that the election will be conducted tomorrow and that nominations could be made from the floor.

President Lewis called upon Director Anne B. Smith to present the proposed Program for the biennium. Director Smith gave an overview of the program and the process. She said that there were no proposals to proceed with any non-recommended items. She reported that the Board recommends two studies, Affordable Housing and Elections.

First, Director Smith moved to appoint a Study Committee to focus on affordable housing for people at very low-income levels, mainly rental housing. See Convention Workbook, pages 26 and 27, study proposed by LWV Richmond Metro Area, led by Alice Tousignant.

Second, Director Smith moved to appoint a Study Committee on election laws to address specifically the following: (A) election processes to ensure free and fair results, transparency, security, and accountability, (B) strengthen physical security of voting equipment and ballots; (C) support electronic voting; (D) oppose photo ID at polls; (E) explore ranked-choice voting; and (F) address voter suppression. See Convention Workbook, page 27, proposed by LWV Richmond Metro, LWV Arlington/Alexandria, LWV Falls Church, and LWV Fairfax Area.

Third, Director Smith moved to retain all current position. Questions for clarification were heard.

President Lewis called upon Alison Beale, Chair of the Women’s Rights Committee. Chair Beale moved to accept the report of the Women’s Rights and Sexual Harassment Task Force and to update to the current position in the form of an addition. See Convention Workbook, pages 28-31. Questions for clarification were heard.
President Lewis called a recess in Convention business. She introduced Rear Admiral (Ret.) Ann C. Phillips, Special Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Adaptation and Protection, a new Cabinet position, who will be presenting a bonus session tomorrow on resilience-focused legislation from the 2019 General Assembly. Admiral Phillips, in turn, introduced the First Lady of Virginia, Pamela Northam, who made remarks to the Convention.

President Lewis reconvened the Convention after the recess and asked the Budget Committee Co-Chairs Cathie Braman and Debbie Combest to present the proposed LWV-VA Operating Fund Budget for FY20. See Convention Workbook, pages 34-38. On behalf of the Budget Committee, Co-Chair Braman moved the adoption of the Operating Fund Budget for FY20. Questions and comments may be raised at the budget session scheduled after the Banquet. Voting on adoption of the budget will occur in the Plenary Meeting tomorrow.

First Vice-President and Treasurer Linda Garvelink presented the Treasurer’s Report of the LWV-VA Education Fund for information purposes only and responded to questions. See Convention Workbook, pages 39-40. She explained that the Board of Directors of the Education Fund is responsible for adoption of the budget of the Education Fund. She said that questions and comments would be entertained at the budget session scheduled after the Banquet.

President Lewis introduced LWVUS Board Member Susan Carty, Liaison to LWV-VA, who presented a talk entitled LWV’s Transformation Journey.

After announcements, President Lewis recessed the Plenary Session at 12:30 P.M. until Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 8:30 A.M.

President Sue Lewis reconvened the 39th Biennial Convention, “Empowering Voters and Defending Democracy,” at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott Hotel, 235 East Main Street, Norfolk VA 23510, on Sunday morning, June 19, 2019, at 8:30 A.M.

Program Director and Convention Chair Anne B. Smith introduced Dr. Ron Carlee, DPA, currently Visiting Professor of Public Service and Director of the Center for Regional Excellence at Old Dominion University, who delivered the Keynote Address, Defending Democracy on All Levels.

President Lewis called for the Credentials Report. Credentials Chair Linda Garvelink reported the following numbers as of 9:00 A.M. on May 19, 2019: 70 delegates representing 11 local Leagues, 15 members of the LWV-VA Board of Directors, and 1 Inter-League representative—a total 86 delegates. She stated that a quorum was present. She also reported a total participation number of 141 registered at the Convention, including observers and volunteers. The Credentials report was adopted.

President Lewis called for the Motions introduced by Director Anne B. Smith for the proposed Program for the biennium.
The first Motion addressed the appointment of a Study Committee to focus on affordable housing for people at very low-income levels, mainly rental housing, to be led by Alice Tousignant. The Motion was approved.

The second Motion to appoint a Study Committee on election laws to address specifically the following: (A) election processes to ensure free and fair results, transparency, security, and accountability; (B) strengthen physical security of voting equipment and ballots; (C) support electronic voting; (D) oppose photo ID at polls; (E) explore ranked-choice voting; and (F) address voter suppression, to be coordinated by LWV Richmond Metro, LWV Arlington-Alexandria, LWV Falls Church, and LWV Fairfax Area. The Motion was approved.

The next Motion brought forward was the Motion to accept the report of the Women’s Rights and Sexual Harassment Task Force and to update to the current position in the form of an addition. Megan van Wolkoten moved to postpone consideration of the Women’s Rights and Sexual Harassment Study indefinitely. The Motion was seconded, stated as a Motion to Postpone or Lay on the Table, and debated. A vote on the motion was lost. Carol Noggle moved a substitute Motion to be added to the position to read as follows: “The League of Women Voters of Virginia opposes sexual harassment.” The Motion to substitute was seconded and passed. The substituted Motion was then adopted.

Finally, the Motion to retain all other current positions was adopted.

President Lewis called for the Motion to adopt the Operating Fund Budget for FY20 for debate and action. Budget Committee Co-Chairs Cathie Braman and Debbie Combest came forward to respond to questions. The Motion to adopt the Operating Fund Budget for FY20 was adopted.

Resolutions were adopted on the following topics (Attached and incorporated herein):
- Support Turning Point Suffragist Memorial,
- Commend the work and inspiration of Amy Hjerstedt who is moving to the next family
- Commend Coast Guard assignment,
- Life Membership for President Sue Lewis, and
- Commend the Conference Planning Team and Host League South Hampton Roads.

President Lewis called a recess of 15 minutes at 11:20 A.M. to accommodate hotel check-out.

President Lewis recalled the Convention to order. President Lewis presented remarks on the health of the League and expressed appreciation to Officers and Directors for their work and dedication.

President Lewis then called upon Nominations Chair Kathy Matusiak to present the slate. Nominations were also opened to the floor. The following officers and directors were elected:

Officers:
- President, Deb Wake
- First Vice President (Arrangements), Joan Porte
- Second Vice President (Legislative), Mary Crutchfield
- Secretary, Martha Rollins
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- Pat Collins (Newsletter Editor/Public Relations)
- Janet Gorn (Program)
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Incoming President Deb Wake presented remarks encouraging all members to look for opportunities to promote the League, to learn, and to communicate. She urged persistence and partnership.

President Lewis invited members to give instructions to the Board—at microphones and on paper.

President Lewis invited Judith Helein LWVFA and Joan Porte LWVARL to issue the invitation to the 40th Biennial Convention in 2021.

President Lewis invited everyone to stay for the Special Session: Meet the Rising Tide, sponsored by the host League, South Hampton Roads, to begin 15 minutes after adjournment. Buffet in the adjacent dining room.

The Convention was adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

Martha Rollins
Secretary

Attachments:
39th Biennial Convention Workbook
Treasurer's Report, Operating Fund
Resolutions

Approved:

Molly McClendon       Mary Ann Moxon       Joanne McAlpine

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