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Profile of Speaker: Lynn Peterson



Our speaker tonight is Lynn Peterson, President of the Portland Region Metro Council. Peterson has been recognized as a problem solver and national expert in land use and transportation over the last 30 years. She works to find innovative ways to build safe, healthy and equitable communities. Peterson took office in January 2019. From 2013-2016, Peterson served as the CEO (Secretary) of the Washington State Department of Transportation. Prior to her position for Governor Inslee, Peterson served for Oregon Governor Kitzhaber as his Senior Transportation and Sustainability Policy Advisor where she oversaw transportation-energy policy, statewide transportation funding discussion and implementation of community priorities. Peterson previously served as the first-elected Chair of the Clackamas County Commission and on the Lake Oswego City Council.

Convention Agenda for 2019

League of Women Voters of Portland

May 13, 2019

5 PM Registration, beverages and social time

5:30 PM PM Buffet dinner

6:45 PM Speaker Lynn Peterson, President of Portland Region Metro Council

7:20 PM Break

7:30 PM Call to order and Welcome

- Remembrance of League members deceased in 2018-19 Page 3
- Introduction of Office Manager
- Recognition of Lifetime Members Page 3
- Welcome New Members Page 4
- Volunteer of the Year
- Introduction of Secretary, Parliamentarian, Timekeeper, and 2019 Minutes committee
- Delegate Count Report
- Introduction of Election Committee
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Presentations, Discussion and Voting

- Presentation of proposed Bylaws (Margaret Noel) Page 19
- 2019-20 Program (Marion McNamara)
 - Motions to retain current positions and to continue study of Portland City Government Page 22
 - Request for motions to consider non-recommended items
- Proposed Budget for 2019-20 (Betsy Pratt) Page 24 and separate chart and spreadsheets
- Nominating Committee Report (Peggy Bengry) Page 27
- Nominations from the Floor
- **Break**
- Discussion of Program proposals
 - Discussion and Votes on retaining positions
 - Vote on motions to consider non-recommended items
 - Discussion and Vote on adoption of recommended and non-recommended items, studies, or updates that have been approved for consideration.
- Discussion and Vote on Proposed Bylaw changes
- Discussion and Vote on the 2019-20 Budget
- Vote on Nominations of Board of Directors and Off-Board Leaders
- Appreciation of board and off-board members, convention helpers and participants
- Presentation of the 2019-20 Board
- Guidance to the new Board
- Photo of the new Board

9:00 Adjournment

Remembrance of League members

The following League members passed away this past year.
We honor their lives and service.

Darlene Allen
Karen Labinger
Darleane Lemley
Linda Roholt
Maxine Selling

Recognition of Lifetime Members

**Congratulations to Betty Cornelison, Susan Gilbert and
Ruth Kratochvil on joining the list of Lifetime Members.**

Dorothy Baker
Jane Cease
Thelma Lester Clark
Elaine Cogan
Betty Cornelison
Mary Fulton
Susan Gilbert
Lucy Hanks
Ann Hyde
Betty Kendall
Ruth Kratochvil
Jewell Lansing
Marguerite Metcalf
Connie Morgan
Corinne Paulson
Wanda Silverman
Jeanne Steed
Mildred Taxer
Carol Wilson
Nancy Zavitz

Welcome New Members

As a League, we are renewed and energized by our new members, and welcome you heartily to Making Democracy Work. Members who joined between February 1, 2018 and January 31, 2019 are included in the member count that determines the number needed for a quorum, but all members are entitled to vote.

Michelle Walsh
Kathleen Terman
Stephanie Feeney
Margot Leonard
Leanne Hogie
Ingrid Gaffney
Nancy Cheverton
Elaine Simer
Carol Landsman
Cheri & Michael Unger
Carisa Bohus
Natalie Stewart
Christopher Dymond & Rebecca Smith
Allison Ellsworth & Matthew Wood
Sally Maguire
Fillard Spring-Rhyne
Jacqueline Bernard
Brook Thompson
Celeste Lewis
Mary Fellows
Christina Gullion
Stephanie Singer
Christine Andersen
Alexandra Soto
Mary Lohnes
Kurt Rosenberg
Sybil Hebb
Ann Waring
Nora Terwilliger & Bob Noble
Jocelyn Furbush
Nathaniel Albers

Valance Brenneis
Kay Moran
Irene Zivi
Audrey Romeo
Mary Ann Willis
Christine Pebley
Susan Koe
Edward Vaughn
Sylvia Lurie
Meri & Thomas Foeller
Suzanne Moore
Rebecca Barkin & R. Sherrin
Catherine Mountain
Rita Swann
Chiquita Rollins

These members joined after January 31, 2019

Elizabeth Davis
Suzanne Sikora
Judith Griswold
Korleen Kraft
Kathleen Frederick
Erica Rubin
Janet Thomas
Helen Ost

Your Rights as a Member

To demand an orderly procedure

To appeal the decision of the Chair

To be informed on the question of procedure

To make, second, debate or amend motions, if debatable or amendable

To vote and be assured of an accurate count

Proposed Rules of Convention

Admission: Admission to Local Convention shall be granted to members in good standing and their guests.

Quorum: Fifteen percent of the January 2019 membership shall constitute a quorum. The League has 274 members; therefore 41 members in attendance shall constitute a quorum for the 2019 Convention. Only members may vote.

Debate: Only League members have the privilege of the floor. When addressing the Chair, a member shall stand and state name. Discussion shall be limited to two (2) minutes per speaker. During debate, a speaker FOR the motion shall alternate with a speaker AGAINST the motion. No member shall speak more than once until all others who wish to speak have the opportunity.

Resolutions: Only courtesy resolutions are in order.

Motions: When a motion or resolution is made, it shall be put in writing, signed by mover, and sent to the secretary and the chair.

Voting: A majority of those present and voting shall be required for adoption of any measure, except when the bylaws, Robert's Rules of Order or Oregon law specify otherwise.

2018-2019 Board

President Doreen Binder

1st Vice President, Development Chair Debbie Kaye

2nd Vice President, Voter Service Chair Stephanie Hertzog

3rd Vice President, Civic Education Chair Marion McNamara

Secretary Anne Davidson

Voter Editor/Communications Chair Margaret Noel

Treasurer Peter Englander

Action Chair Debbie Aiona

At-Large Director/Action Committee Carol Cushman

Publicity Director/Consultant to President Mary McWilliams

Membership Chair Kristin Eberhard

Units Coordinator Judy Froemke

Outreach Chair Kim Mason

Voter Forums Chair Maud Naroll

Off-Board Leaders

Endowment Fund Chair Corinne Paulson

Endowment Fund Treasurer Anne Davidson

Nominating Committee Chair Peggy Bengry

Nominating Committee Member Barbara Ross

Nominating Committee Member Suzanne Fleming

Nominating Committee Alternate Nancy Donovan

Budget Committee Chair Betsy Pratt

Volunteer Coordinator Paulette Meyer

Recognition of Past Presidents, LWVOR and LWVUS Board Members and Elected Officials

Past presidents of the Portland League in attendance:

Debbie Aiona
Carol Cushman
Kris Hudson
Mary McWilliams
Margaret Noel
Corinne Paulson
Betsy Pratt
Janet Wolf

Past LWVUS board members in attendance:

Kris Hudson
Norman Turrill

Current LWVOR board members in attendance:

Alice Bartelt
Becky Gladstone
Norman Turrill

Past members of the LWVOR board in attendance:

Beth Burczak
Kris Hudson
Margaret Noel
Debbie Runciman
Betsy Pratt

Elected Officials in attendance:

Lynn Peterson, President of the Portland Region Metro Council

Minutes of the 2018 Convention

The 2018 convention of the League of Women Voters of Portland was held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, May 9, 2018. Co-President Fran Dyke called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. She called attention to the agenda on pages 3 and 4 of the Convention Workbook for members' use.

She began the meeting by remembering the Portland League members who passed away this year: Anne Willer, Henrienne Slattery, Bob Lustberg and Karen Labinger.

Volunteers: Paulette Meyer, Volunteer Coordinator rose to thank all the members who have volunteered for the League. She noted that Nancy Donovan had organized the Education Interest Group and that Kim Mason was in the process of organizing the Justice League Interest Group. Paulette also said they are looking for a volunteer to head-up an Interest Group focused on homelessness. She emphasized that there is a place for anyone wishing to volunteer and asked for everyone in the room who had volunteered for the League stand up.

Fran acknowledged Art Wilson who was the 2017 Volunteer of the Year but had not been able to attend the 2017 convention. He was recognized at the 2017 Titanium Luncheon but she wanted to ensure that his name and award were included in the convention minutes.

Co-Presidents Doreen Binder and Fran Dyke then announced the **2018 Volunteer of the Year:** Peggy Bengry. Peggy was Voter Service Chair for four years and Voters' Guide and VOTE411.org editor for every election cycle since 2010. She has provided candidate and ballot measure information to tens of thousands of Oregon voters. Fran went on to say that Peggy offers discerning judgment, a collegial approach, an eye for detail and accuracy, and a great spirit. Peggy accepted the award saying that there were many members more deserving than she but that she was honored for the recognition.

Introductions: Fran introduced Alice Bartelt, Second Vice President of the League of Women Voters of Oregon as Parliamentarian, Elections Committee members Marnie Lonsdale and Tom Dyke who will count votes if needed and Aidan Krainock, Office Manager, as Timekeeper. Secretary Anne Davidson was also introduced along with the 2018 Convention Minutes Committee members Carol Cushman and Tom Dyke.

Fran pointed out that there are cards on each table for writing any motions or amendments offered, as well as guidance for the Board. Fran asked that members state their names when making a motion, seconding or making a comment. Guidance includes suggestions for the kind of work members would like the Board to consider next year. All cards are to be turned in to the Secretary at the end of the meeting.

Delegate Count: Aidan Krainock announced that 55 Portland League members were present and that 43 were needed for a quorum. She further determined that 28 votes would constitute a simple majority and a two-thirds majority would be 37 members.

Adoption of Convention Rules: Co-President Doreen Binder asked for a motion to adopt the Convention Rules as found on page 4 of the Convention Workbook. Maud Naroll made the motion which was seconded by Nadyne Rosin. Doreen called for a vote on the motion and the Convention Rules were adopted with no discussion.

Adoption of the Convention Agenda: Doreen noted that there was an addition to the agenda, that Betsy Pratt would be making a progress report on the restudy of the current City of Portland City Government position. With this addition, Doreen asked for a motion to adopt the Convention Agenda. Maud Naroll made the motion which was seconded by Nadyne Rosin. Doreen called for a vote on the motion and the Convention Agenda was adopted as printed on page 3 of the Convention Workbook with the addition of the report on the City Government study.

Doreen and Fran clarified the procedure for moving through the agenda: there would be a presentation of each item, a motion to adopt the Board's recommendation on that item and opportunities for questions. Further discussion and a vote on each item would be held after all the motions are presented.

Recognition and Introductions: Doreen introduced past presidents of the Portland League in attendance: Debbie Aiona, Carol Cushman, Kris Hudson, Mary McWilliams, Margaret Noe and Betsy Pratt.

New members in attendance were also welcomed: Maud Naroll, Stephanie Feeney, Eileen Chase and Joanna Cain.

Also introduced were past LWVUS board members Kris Hudson and Norman Turrill. Current LWVOR board members in attendance were Alice Bartelt and Norman Turrill. Past members of the LWVOR board in attendance were Beth Burczak, Margaret Noel, Kris Hudson and Betsy Pratt. Doreen expressed her appreciation for everyone who serves at the local, state and national levels to make democracy work.

Doreen pointed out that 16 lifetime members were listed on page 28 of the Convention Handbook. She asked Carol Wilson, a lifetime member, to stand and be recognized. Doreen reiterated that the significant contributions of all these members of over 50 years is greatly appreciated.

Doreen then recognized the 2017-2018 Board of Directors and Off-Board leaders as the people who guide the work of the League. They were listed on page 5 of the Convention Workbook. Doreen asked them to stand and asked the Unit leaders to join them in standing. She noted that the reports about what these dedicated leaders have accomplished this year could be found online and encouraged everyone to read them. She asked for a round of applause to thank all leaders of the League.

Acceptance of the Minutes: The minutes of the 2017 Convention were printed on pages 6 through 10 of the Convention Workbook. The minutes were approved by last year's Minutes Review Committee, Carol Cushman and Tom Dyke. Doreen asked for any corrections to the minutes and hearing none, asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. Peggy Bengry made the motion and Debbie Kaye was the second. Doreen called for the vote and the minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: Peter Englander began his report with the recognition that we are on the occupied land of the Chinook people and that the least we can do is to be good stewards of the land.

Peter pointed out a fund organizational chart on page 17 of the Convention Workbook that he put together with the help of several Board members. He hoped the chart would help show how the two organizations within the Portland League and the Endowment Committee work together.

Peter also recognized Mary Hepokoski, the Portland League's bookkeeper who had put in more than 120 volunteer hours working on the books, paying bills and preparing statements and tax returns.

Peter reviewed his report as found on pages 11 and 12 of the Convention Handbook and touched on the financial responsibilities of the Treasurer including financial control, treasury operations, financial analysis and management of invested reserves not otherwise managed by the Endowment Fund Committee. He discussed the 2017-18 activities including moving both Regular Fund and Education Fund checking accounts to OnPoint Community Credit Union. He also arranged for the review of the Portland League's financial policies and procedures which was recently completed by The Bookkeeping Collaborative LLC. Upcoming projects including converting to an electronic bookkeeping system and consideration of a third-party review of the Portland League's books.

His goal is to see the Portland League continue to grow in financial abilities and processes.

Endowment Fund Report: Corinne Paulson, Endowment Fund chair was unable to attend the convention so Anne Davidson, Endowment Fund Treasurer presented the report as found on page 18 of the Convention Workbook. As outlined in the report, Anne explained the history of the fund and reported the current value of both the Endowment Fund and the Sara Frewing Fund. She also identified and thanked the other members of the Endowment Fund Committee: Elizabeth Joseph, Carol Wilson, Phil Thor and Peter Englander, ex-officio member. Anne also reported that Committee plans for next year include preparing a biannual report for the Board on the performance of the funds over the past 10 years to compare growth and recommend changes.

Committee and Board Recommendations: For this portion of the Convention process, Doreen reminded members that after each presentation, the presenter will move adoption of the recommendation. No second is required because the motions are the recommendations of a committee of the Board. There is time for questions and discussion. Anyone wishing to propose an amendment to the motion is asked to use the cards available at each table.

2018-19 Program: Marion McNamara, Civic Education Chair, rose to move that the League of Women Voters of Portland retain all current positions in their portfolio of positions. She explained that this motion reflected the results of the January Unit meetings.

Betsy Pratt rose to provide a progress report on the City Government study that was approved at the 2017 Local Convention. No motion was required to continue the study because it was approved as a two-year study. Betsy thanked her committee and reported that they hoped to begin writing their results soon but that they would welcome anyone interested in volunteering at this point to help with the study.

Doreen then reported that the non-recommended proposals were listed on page 19 of the Convention Handbook and asked if any member wished to make a motion to consider any non-recommended items for study in 2018-2019. These suggestions could also be topics for civic education programs or interest groups. Doreen explained that the motion to consider a proposed item and the vote to adopt the study of a non-recommended item require a majority vote. There were no motions.

Proposed Budget: Doreen introduced Betsy Pratt in her other role as Budget Chair to explain the proposed budget for FY 2018-2019. The proposed budget was detailed on pages 20 through 24 in the Convention Workbook. Betsy explained that the worksheets include information from three budgets for comparison purposes: actual figures from 2016-2017, the budget and available figures from 2017-2018 and the 2018-2019 proposed budget. She further clarified that members can vote on the Regular Fund budget while the Trustees of the Portland Education Fund Committee will adopt the Education Fund budget at their first meeting.

She presented the highlights of the budget which is \$6700 higher than the previous year due primarily to increased Ed Fund activities and directives from the Board. The other major change is that half of the dues income will be attributed to the Education Fund due to the ability pay LWVOR per member payments with Education Fund income.

Betsy thanked her committee and then moved the adoption of the recommended 2018-2019 League of Women Voters budget as presented.

After a lengthy discussion and several questions, Mary Hepokoski rose to propose an amendment to the budget. Her proposed amendment which was seconded by Kris Hudson was “to amend the budget by continuing to consider all membership dues as Regular Fund revenues”. There was further discussion which was to be continued during the voting portion of the meeting.

Nominating Committee Report: Doreen introduced Peggy Pengry, Nominating Committee Chair to present the report of the Nominating Committee which can be found on pages 25-26 of the Convention Workbook. She recognized members of her committee and described the goal of the committee to find nominees for the positions on the Board that were being vacated by retiring board members and to fill the portfolios that were vacant on the 2017-2018 Board.

The Nominating Committee nominated the following to continue in their current positions for additional 2-year terms: Treasurer Peter Englander, Action Chair Debbie Aiona and Units Chair Judy Froemke. The Committee nominated Debbie Kaye to the position of 1st VP and Development Chair. The Committee nominated two current at-large Board members to positions with portfolios for the remainder of their 2017-2019 terms: Kristin Eberhard who has accepted the Membership portfolio and Kim Mason who has accepted the Outreach jportfolio. The Committee nominated the following new board members: Maud Naroll as Forums Chair and Carol Cushman as an elected At-Large Director.

Peggy also presented the Off-Board nominees: Anne Davidson as Endowment Fund Treasurer, Barbara Ross, Nominating Committee and Nancy Donovan as Nominating Committee Alternative.

Peggy also identified the Board and Off-Board members who were elected to 2-year positions in 2017 and are continuing to serve in their current positions until 2019: President Doreen Binder, 2nd Vice President and Voter Service Chair Stephanie Hertzog, Secretary Anne Davidson, Voter Editor and Communications Chair Margaret Noel, 3rd Vice President and Civic Education Chair Marion McNamara, Endowment Fund Chair Corinne Paulson, Peggy Bengry, Nominating Committee Chair and Nominating Committee Member Suzanne Fleming.

The Nominating Committee also strongly recommended that the Board appoint Mary McWilliams to a 1-year position on the Board as Publicity Director and Consultant to the President.

Doreen called for nominations from the floor for each officer and director. There were none.

Fran Dyke made a motion to approve the recommendations of the Nominating Committee.

Discussions and Voting: Doreen announced that now was the time for further discussion and voting upon the motions given.

The first motion was that the League of Women Voters retain all current positions in their portfolio of positions. There were no questions or further discussion. Doreen called for the vote and the motion passed.

Doreen next asked for further discussion on the amendment to the motion to adopt the 2018-2019 LWVPDX budget. Betsy Pratt offered a friendly amendment to Mary Hepokoski's amendment: "and adjust the rest of the budget accordingly". Mary accepted the friendly amendment. The amendment is as follows: "to amend the budget by continuing to consider all membership dues as Regular Fund revenues and adjust the rest of the budget accordingly". There was additional discussion and Do

reen called for the vote with a count by Elections Committee members Marnie Lonsdale and Tom Dyke. The amendment failed with a count of 19 nays and 17 ayes.

Doreen called for questions or further discussion on the motion for adoption of the recommended 2018-2019 budget as made by Betsy Pratt, Budget Chair. There were none and Fran called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Finally, Doreen called for a vote on the slate of nominees as presented and as shown on page 25 of the Convention Workbook. Since there were no nominations from the floor and the nominees were unopposed, Doreen asked to exercise the authority granted in the by-laws to ask members to elect all the unopposed nominees by voice vote. The slate was elected unanimously.

Acknowledgements: Doreen thanked all the Portland League volunteers for their incredible efforts for this event and throughout the year. She thanked the two groups who created baskets for a silent auction and Debbie and Ted Kaye for their enthusiastic leadership for the "Meet the Match" campaign. She continued, thanking Marion McNamara for the Local Convention at this venue, Debbie Kaye for the table decorations and Aidan Krainock for managing reservations and payments.

Debbie and Ted Kaye presented the results of the fundraising program. The "primary election" donations totaled \$6500.00. The "general election" donations contributed an additional \$2,050.00. The silent auction baskets brought in \$350.00 which resulted in an evening total of \$8900.00 Adding in the \$2500.00 from Walsh construction and the two anonymous donations, the result of the Convention fundraising program was \$11,900.00. Doreen applauded the generosity of League members and emphasized the importance of member support. Margaret Noel rose to further reiterate the importance of member support, both financially and in volunteering in applying for grants. As further proof of the importance of member support in grant applications, Margaret announced that the Portland League had just received a \$10,000 grant from the Saling Foundation which will result in increased outreach and education. Doreen thanked Margaret for her outstanding grant-writing skills.

Doreen took the opportunity to express her appreciation to Fran Dyke for sharing the presidential responsibilities of the Portland League. She said it was an honor to watch such an incredible woman do her job. Fran joined Doreen at the podium and said it was a joy working with everyone.

Presentation of the 2018-2019 League of Women Board of Directors: Doreen presented the Board members and asked those present to come forward: President Doreen Binder, 1st Vice President and Development Chair Debbie Kaye, 2nd Vice President and Voter Service Chair Stephanie Hertzog, 3rd Vice President and Civic Education Chair Marion McNamara, Secretary Anne Davidson, Voter Editor and Communication Chair Margaret Noel, Treasurer Peter Englander, Action Chair Debbie Aiona, At-Large Director for the Action Committee Carol Cushman, At-Large Director and Membership Chair Kristin Eberhard, Units Coordinator Judy Froemke and At-Large Director and Outreach Chair Kim Mason.

Guidance to the Board: Doreen announced that the final business on the agenda is guidance to the 2018-2019 Board. The following were submitted: From Linda Mantel, Please think about combining the two organizations

into one 501 (c)3. I do not believe that the “restrictions” are really important and the benefits would be worth it. Just DO IT! From Mary Hepokoski: Appoint a committee to develop by-law changes that merge our two organizations into one 501(c)3 organization. All our dues would be tax deductible, we would greatly reduce the time spent keeping two sets of financial records, and reduce the complexity of our board meetings. From Kris Hudson: When the City seeks members for the Charter Review Comm, please lobby the City to make sure a League member is a member. We have much more background than committee members and that is very important. From Norman Terrill: The discussion about dues would be moot if we would consolidate the (c)4 and (c)3 organizations, and nothing we do would otherwise change. From Peggy Bengry: Please include all committee reports in the printed Convention Workbook.

Hearing no further business, Doreen adjourned the League of Women Voters’ Local Convention at 9 pm.

Treasurer’s Report

Peter Englander

Position Description

In accordance with Board policies, procedures and bylaws, the Treasurer is responsible for the financial activities of both League organizations (see flow-chart) including:

- Financial control of the League’s cash-basis accounting, tax preparation and filing – performing these tasks or working with bookkeepers. League member Mary Hepokoski volunteers to perform bookkeeping, production of monthly financial reports for the board and tax return preparation.
- Treasury operations – coordination of the flow of money, including managing bank accounts, and money flows such as check deposits and PayPal.
- Financial Analysis – Analysis of cash flows and trends on a quarterly basis, monitoring of the loan between the Regular Fund and the Education Fund (see below) and making recommendations to the Board on the use of invested reserve funds.
- Management of invested reserves not otherwise managed by the Endowment Fund Committee, such as the Ethel Noble Reserve Fund.

The Treasurer is also a member of the Executive Committee, Personnel Committee and an ex-officio member of the Endowment Fund Committee.

Treasurer Activities in fiscal year 2018-19

Following is a summary of activities:

1. Financial operations have been significantly affected by the change in donor database systems and three changes in office managers between January 2018 and today. The changes in systems have resulted in delays in financial reporting as accounting for donations in the new database system has also included significant database clean-up.
2. The challenges in tracking revenues for the two organizations in the donor database has also delayed conversion of accounting systems in to Quickbooks. We currently hope to complete this conversion in early FY 2019-2020
3. Last year we reported hiring The Bookkeeping Collaborative LLC to perform a review of the League’s financial policies and procedures. The review was completed and various systems have been improved. For example the implementation of a third-party payroll provider. Improvements have been direct deposit for the office manager and the freeing up of the bookkeeper from performing this monthly task. A status report on changes suggested by the review was provided

to the board in the fall, 2018. Though improvements have been made, more are to be implemented once there is improved accuracy in revenue reporting.

Financial performance

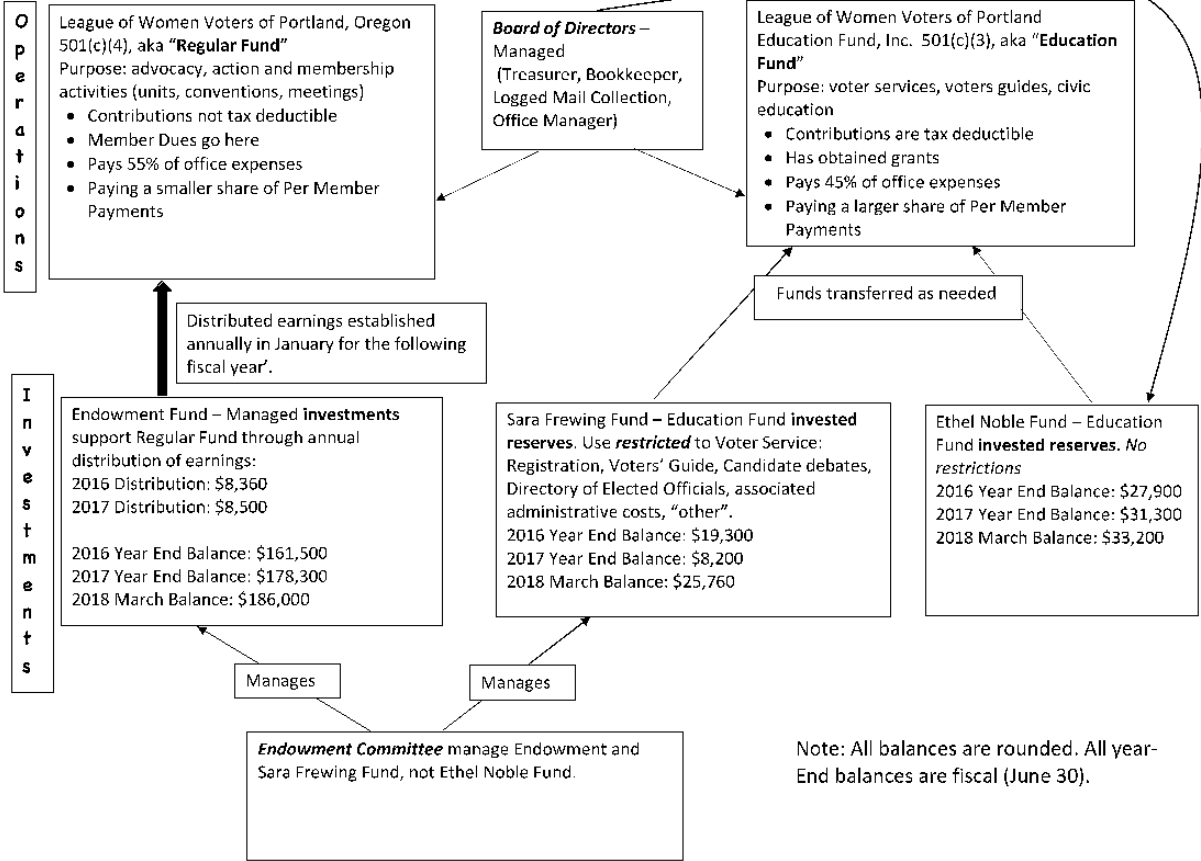
We continue to split general office expenses including rent and office manager between the two funds. The Education Fund is currently responsible for 45% of these expenses and the Regular Fund, 55%. We pay these expenses out of the Regular Fund and then charge the Education Fund for reimbursement. Over the years, the Education Fund had been less able to pay its share and a no-interest loan to the Education Fund from the Regular Fund has accumulated a balance in excess of \$50,000. When cash is available, some loan repayment has occurred. At the end of 2017 the loan balance was \$53,010. At the end of 2018 the balance was \$57,900.

Different from last year, 2018-19 started with drastically different cash balances in the two funds. This was due to two factors; the 2017 Convention had raised money for the Regular Fund which bolstered its beginning balance vs. 2018 when a twice as successful fundraising at Convention for the Education Fund bolstered Education Fund cash. In addition, the League was very successful obtaining grant funds totaling \$28,000 from four foundations: Multnomah Bar, Saling, Rose E. Tucker and Wyss. The decision this fiscal year to also split membership dues between the Regular Fund and Education Fund further eroded cash balances in the Regular Fund. The cash surplus in the Education Fund has enabled us to pay down an outstanding loan balance the Education Fund owes the Regular Fund to the point where we expect the loan balance to be back down to the aforementioned 6/30/2017 balance.

Education Fund: The Education Fund has also been paying a larger portion of the total Per Member Payment (PMP) obligations. The Education Fund has paid a portion PMP since 2015, when LWV-OR consolidated into a singular 501(c)(3) organization, which allowed the Education Fund to pay PMP expenses to the State. Therefore, the Education Fund has been paying a larger share of the total PMP (State and National). For this reason, membership dues this year for the first time were also split between the Education Fund and the Regular Fund.

Regular Fund: As Member Dues were deposited into the Regular Fund to be distributed to both funds, the offset of expenses kept the loan balances between to two funds relatively static. However overall reduced dues collections thus far has resulted in a Regular Fund cash deficit, even with the annual infusion of \$8,600 from the Endowment. Thus far, repayment of previous year's loan balances and prepaying expenses of the Ed Fund paid out of the Regular Fund has resulted in sufficient cash balances. There may be a need for further loan repayment in order to keep the Regular Fund solvent. It is for this reason that at this year's convention fundraising, we have asked the membership to consider support of the non tax-deductible Regular Fund.

League of Women Voters of Portland "Fund" Organization



Note: All balances are rounded. All year-End balances are fiscal (June 30).

Endowment Fund Report

Corinne Paulson

Members: Corinne Paulson, Chair, Anne Davidson Treasurer, Elizabeth Joseph, Phil Thor, Carol Wilson and Peter Englander ex-officio Portland League Treasurer.

Position Description: Report quarterly to the Portland League board. Research funds for investments and meet quarterly to review investments. Review and administer the Sara Frewing fund and make quarterly reports to the board. Contributions to the Endowment fund are not tax-deductible. Contributions to the Sara Frewing fund are tax-deductible. Contributions to the Endowment fund are not tax-deductible. Contributions to the Sara Frewing fund are tax-deductible.

History of the Endowment Fund: The Portland League of Women Voters Endowment Fund was established in 1987 upon receipt of a gift from the estate Mary Damskow in the amount of \$91,035.62. Additional gifts from the following League members:

Jane Rasmussen \$1000 in February 1989
Elizabeth Ducey \$1000 in December 1991
Joanna Vanderwall \$9253.47 in May 1993
Marian Copeland \$2000 in 1994
Darleane Lemley \$1000 in 2010

Portland League by-laws stipulate that the funds total value never falls below the original amount of the bequests which is \$106,289.09. The Endowment Fund guidelines have been amended and ratified at convention in 1994, 1995, 1997 and 2014. The Sara Frewing Fund was established to promote voter service projects in honor of Sara Frewing, Portland League President 1991-1993.

Review of the year's activities: The committee met quarterly and reported to the board quarterly. The committee continued to discuss and explore investing in socially responsible funds. The first step was to place the current funds into a custodial account with Charles Schwab. We voted to sell Harbor Bond fund and purchase the socially responsible TIAA/CREF bond fund. The committee will continue to research socially responsible funds that will continue to support our investments. We voted to contribute \$8760 to the Portland League for 2019-2020 \$2190 per quarter. The value of our portfolio April 30th 2019 was \$182,769.62. The value of the Sara Frewing Fund was \$25,791.04.

Endowment Fund

	Fidelity	Harbor Funds	Dodge & Cox	VG Small Cap	VG 500 Index	
April-June 2018						
Redempt 4/19			(\$2,125.00)			
Dividends	\$146.49	\$279.99		\$108.34	\$181.27	
LTCG						
STCG						
Number of Shares	1690.076	2826.621	721.344	593.438	156.187	
Price/share	\$24.06	\$11.20	\$43.01	\$74.61	\$250.98	
End Value	\$40,663.22	\$31,657.04	\$31,025.01	\$44,276.41	\$39,199.81	\$186,821.49
July-Sept 2018						
Redempt 8/29		(\$2,150.00)				
Dividends		\$228.19		\$183.73	\$189.74	
LTCG						
STCG						
Number of Shares	1695.938	2656.439	721.344	595.807	156.892	
Price/share	\$24.97	\$11.14	\$43.36	\$77.54	\$269.17	
End Value	\$42,347.57	\$29,592.73	\$31,277.48	\$46,389.53	\$42,218.07	\$191,825.38
Oct-Dec 2018						
Redempt 10/19				(\$2,150.00)		
Dividends	\$167.90	\$368.87	\$779.05	\$194.10	\$200.99	
LTCG	\$2,498.12					
STCG						
Number of Shares	1814.798	2689.791	742.445	568.933	157.73	
Price/share	\$22.07	\$11.13	\$36.91	\$63.23	\$231.44	
End Value	\$40,052.59	\$29,937.37	\$27,403.64	\$35,973.63	\$36,505.03	\$169,872.26
Jan-March 2019						
Redempt 1/30	-2,150.00					
Dividends	\$161.52	\$144.52		\$130.23	\$229.67	
LTCG	\$2,096.09					
STCG	\$10.89					
Number of Shares	1822.735	2702.457	742.445	570.736	158.612	
Price/share	\$21.16	\$11.41	\$40.52	\$72.24	\$261.56	
End Value	\$38,569.07	\$30,835.03	\$30,083.87	\$41,795.00	\$41,486.55	\$182,769.52

Sara Frewing Fund

	Federal Money Market Fund	Total Bond Market Index
<i>Apr-Jun 2018</i>		
4/30 Dividend	\$6.08	\$46.89
5/31 Dividend	\$6.70	\$48.71
6/29 Dividend	\$6.99	\$47.79
LTCG		
Number of Shares	4779.07	2009.927
Price/share	\$1.00	\$10.43
End Value	\$4,779.07	\$20,963.54
<i>July-Sept 2018</i>		
7/31 Dividend	\$7.50	\$49.41
8/31 Dividend	\$7.72	\$49.65
9/28 Dividend	\$7.74	\$48.96
LTCG		
Number of Shares	4802.03	2024.155
Price/share	\$1.00	\$10.36
End Value	\$4,802.03	\$20,970.25
<i>Oct-Dec 2018</i>		
10/31 Dividend	\$8.39	\$50.85
11/30 Dividend	\$8.51	\$50.50
12/31 Dividend	\$9.21	\$52.45
LTCG		
Number of Shares	4828.14	2039.038
Price/share	\$1.00	\$10.45
End Value	\$4,828.14	\$21,307.95
<i>Jan-March 2019</i>		
1/31 Dividend	\$9.47	\$53.22
2/28 Dividend	\$8.64	\$49.60
3/29 Dividend	\$9.65	\$53.78
LTCG		
Number of Shares	4855.9	2053.852
Price/share	\$1.00	\$10.68
End Value	\$4,855.90	\$21,935.14

Proposed Bylaws Amendments

Margaret Noel

Proposed changes	Rationale
<p>ARTICLE I Name, Section 1. The name of this corporation organization shall be the League of Women Voters of Portland, Oregon, hereinafter referred to in these bylaws as the Portland League or as the League. This local league is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States, hereinafter referred to in these bylaws as LWVUS, and of the League of Women Voters of Oregon (LWVOR).</p>	<p>Our Bylaws must be consistent with the LWVUS Bylaws in ARTICLE I. There is only one section, so naming it is unnecessary and is consistent with LWVUS Bylaws. The LWVUS Bylaws use the word “organization” and only have the first sentence in ARTICLE I. The second sentence is not about our name and the idea belongs in ARTICLES III and VIII.</p>
<p>ARTICLE II Purposes and Policy Section 1. Purposes. The purposes of the Portland League shall be are to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government, and to act on selected governmental issues. Section 2. Political Policy. The Portland League may take action on local governmental measures and policies in the public interest in conformity with the principles of the LWVUS. The League shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.</p>	<p>Our Bylaws must be consistent with LWVUS Bylaws in ARTICLE II. The LWVUS Bylaws use the word “are” in ARTICLE II, Section 1. Using the present tense more accurately describes our current purposes.</p> <p>This change will mirror ARTICLE II Section 2 of the LWVUS Bylaws. We will move the first sentence to our ARTICLE VIII, which concerns action.</p>
<p>ARTICLE III, Membership, Section 2 A. Voting Members: Persons at least 16 years of age who join the Portland League shall be voting members of the Portland League, the League of Women Voters of Oregon (LWVOR) and of the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS); those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be honorary life members, excused from payment of dues.</p>	<p>Our Bylaws must be consistent with LWVUS Bylaws in ARTICLE III. The proposed new wording mirrors LWVUS Bylaws. LWVUS Bylaws also say, “persons that live within an area served by a local League may join that local League or any other local League” and “those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or may be state members-at-large.” We believe it is not necessary to state this; it is obvious from ARTICLE III Section 1: Any person who subscribes to the purposes and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership.</p>
<p>ARTICLE IV, Board of Directors, Section 4. Powers and Duties, a, third sentence. Except as permitted by Article IV, Sec. 4b and Sec.4c, no one officer or board member or group of board members shall commit the Portland League to an action, a project or a financial obligation without prior approval of a majority of board members at a regular or special meeting of the Board.</p>	<p>Adding a section 4c, describing the relationship between the responsibilities of committees and the responsibilities of the Board, responds to the reality that LWV committees carry out most of the League’s work. (See proposed ARTICLE IV, section c below.) Deleting the word “board” in the clause that states, “no board member or group of board members shall commit...” (etc.), clarifies that no <u>member</u> can make commitments for the League without board approval.</p>

Proposed changes	Rationale
<p>ARTICLE IV, Board of Directors, Section 4, Powers and Duties, b. first sentence. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President(s), the Vice Presidents, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Editor of the monthly bulletin <u>a member of the Communications Team.</u></p>	<p>Although it is important to have one of the Communications volunteers on the Executive Committee, it could be the <i>Voter</i> Editor, the Communications Chair, the web editor, the Publicity Chair, or a social media coordinator. Any communications team representative could report to and from the rest of the team.</p>
<p>ARTICLE IV, Board of Directors, Section 4, Powers and Duties, b. third sentence. The Executive Committee shall exercise such power and authority as may be delegated to it by the LWV Board <u>or by these Bylaws</u> and shall report to the Board of Directors on all actions taken by it between regular meetings of the Board. <u>The Executive Committee may advise the president on whether to give or withhold consent for Action when a decision on Action must be reached before the Board is scheduled to meet.</u></p>	<p>There are current provisions in the <i>Bylaws</i> ARTICLE IX, Section 5, and in the <i>Policies and Procedures</i>, GENERAL POLICIES, IV, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, which allow the Executive Committee to act in an emergency or when a decision is needed before a scheduled board meeting. The Board believes the provision in Policies & Procedures, allowing the Executive Committee to approve Action, should be in the Bylaws. The last sentence is taken from the current wording in the Policies and Procedures of the League of Women Voters of Portland.</p>
<p><u>ARTICLE IV, Board of Directors, Section 4 Powers and Duties, (NEW Section) c. The Board of Directors has a duty to oversee and protect the reputation and financial health of the League. However, the Board may delegate responsibilities for planning and carrying out the details of projects or actions to committees. All committees shall work to accomplish goals set by the membership and/or the Board and shall report on their activities regularly to the Board and annually to the membership. The Board approves 1) changes in committee projects or actions, 2) expenses and charges to attendees for events with catering, and 3) committee expenses that exceed previously approved amounts or the funds available. If the entire Board is not able to approve a committee request in a timely manner, the Executive Committee may approve it with notification to the Board, which may appeal the decision.</u></p>	<p>Currently there is no Section 4c nor any wording that defines responsibilities of most LWVPDX committees and the Board's responsibilities for oversight. Without this new section c, ARTICLE IV Section 4a implies that the Board must approve all the League's commitments. This amendment places into the Bylaws the process that we currently follow. Committees now make the detailed decisions for projects, actions and expenditures. The Board gives guidance to committees. Committee chairs report their committees' activities to the Board, and seek board approval for changes in their plans and for new expenditures and changes to previously approved expenditures. It is practical for committees to make many decisions within parameters set by the Board and with oversight from the Board. In order to respond to circumstances in a timely way, committees need the latitude to make detailed decisions quickly without full board approval.</p>

Proposed changes	Rationale
<p>ARTICLE V, Officers, Section 4. The Secretary. Duties: The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the membership, of the Board of Directors; and of the Executive Committee; shall notify officers and directors of their election <u>or appointment to the Board</u>; shall sign, with the President(s), all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board and shall perform such other functions as directed by the President(s) or the Board.</p>	<p>The semi-colon is not needed after the word “Directors” in the first clause. Since directors and officers may be appointed as well as elected, wording about appointment to the Board should be added.</p>
<p>ARTICLE V, Officers, Section 5. The Treasurer. Duties: The duties of depositing and disbursing of funds shall be separate. All moneys shall be deposited deposited by the members or staff designated by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall disburse the same only upon order of the President(s); be responsible for disbursements as approved by committee chairs or by the President(s); shall keep a record of all receipts and disbursements; shall present statements to the Board at its regular meetings and an annual report to the Local Convention. The Treasurer shall serve as a member, ex officio, of the Endowment Fund Committee.</p>	<p>The Treasurer is responsible for assuring that all disbursements are approved and correct, but (s)he may delegate some of the work of writing and mailing checks, calculating taxes or completing tax forms to another volunteer or a paid employee, as long as that person is not also responsible for deposits.</p>
<p>ARTICLE VIII, Section 2. Program. The Program of the Portland League shall consist of <u>concerted study of chosen local government issues and action to implement the Principles, using LWVUS, LWVOR and LWVPDX positions adopted after study.</u> and those local governmental issues chosen for concerted study and action. <u>The Portland League may take action on local governmental measures and policies in the public interest in conformity with the Principles of the LWVUS.</u></p>	<p>Rearranging the first sentence clarifies that Program consists of both study and action. Adding “using LWVUS, LWVOR and LWVPDX positions adopted after study” clarifies that action is based on our advocacy positions, as well as the Principles. The second sentence was deleted from ARTICLE II and is added here, because it refers to Program and action.</p>

2019-2020 Program Recommendations

Marion McNamara

In December, participants at the Winter Party discussed six topics that might be the subjects for 2019-20 studies, interest groups, civic education programs or action. The January 2019 Units meetings discussed the positions of LWV Portland and LWVOR and determined whether to *Retain*, *Drop*, *Update*, *Restudy*, or take *Action* on the positions. Recommendations for the consideration of members at the Local Convention are based on these discussions.

Members attending the Convention may ask for consideration of Non-Recommended Items. If, by majority vote, the membership agrees to consider a non-recommended item, another vote will be taken on whether or not to adopt that item. The only items that require a vote for adoption are changes to current positions, restudy of a current positions, or studies of a new topic. When voting to adopt an update, study or restudy, members should have confidence that there will be volunteers to carry out the necessary work. Suggestions for Civic Education programs, Interest Groups, or Action may be approved by the Board if they conform with League Principles and there is sufficient member interest in the topics.

Recommended Program:

1. Retain all current LWVPDX positions and continue Portland City Government Study. The 44 members participating in Units reached consensus to *Retain* all the LWV Portland positions. There were comments and suggestions made about the positions that are noted in the points below. It was unclear in some cases whether the reference to needing a language update referred to scrivener's corrections, or to a re-study of the position. However, none of the comments proposed new studies, re-study, nor did they suggest current positions be dropped in this program cycle.
2. Continue and conclude the *Restudy* of the *Portland City Government*. There was consensus among Unit members that the current study should continue. The Portland City Government report and recommendations will be presented in the fall of 2019.

Non-Recommended Items:

1. *Violence Against Women*: One Winter Party table proposed a study of Violence Against Women at the state League and local League levels. No Units recommended this as a study. It could be a topic for an Interest Group, Civic Education Program or Action.
2. *Neighborhood Associations*: Some unit members noted that the Neighborhood Associations are now included in the City of Portland's Office of Community and Civic Life, which has a broader remit than the previous Office of Neighborhood Involvement; they questioned whether this would affect our position on Neighborhood Associations. Some participants suggested that our position on Neighborhood Associations be *Updated* to reflect the changes that this office has undergone in the past year.
3. *Multnomah Education Service District*: Some members questioned whether the position on MESD reflected the current mission and practices of the MESD, although a full re-study was not recommended. It could be a topic for the Education Interest Group or Civic Education Program
4. *Housing and Affordable Housing*: There was some support for *Updating* the positions on Housing and Affordable Housing. One Unit suggested that our positions on Housing and

Affordable Housing be combined into one interest group or one study. On the Affordable Housing position, another Unit thought that the current language was outdated.

5. *Solid Waste*: One Unit noted that the language in our Solid Waste position needs to be updated.

Recommendations for Action:

- *Housing and Affordable Housing*: Many members recommended using these positions to engage in more *Action*.
- *Metropolitan Transportation*: Two Units suggested that the Metropolitan Transportation position should be referred to the Action Committee for a recommendation on an Update or Restudy of the position.
- *Air Quality*: The issue of diesel particulates impact on air quality was most salient. The Transportation table at the Winter Party recommended *Action* to encourage acceleration of the conversion of diesel-powered buses to rechargeable zinc-air batteries.
- *Campaign Finance*: The Winter Party participants suggested *Action* on Campaign Finance Reform.

Recommendations for Interest Groups and/or Civic Education Programs

- Interest Groups on the *rights of vulnerable people*, including the homeless; *violence against women*; *housing and neighborhoods*; *Multnomah Education Services District*
- Civic Education Programs on *Women & Violence*, *Civic YouTube for Youth*; *effects of new development* of affordable housing on neighborhoods

The Board recommends that The League of Women Voters of Portland retain all current positions in our portfolio of positions, and that the re-study of Portland's City Government be presented in the fall of 2019.

Non-Recommended Items and Study/Update Proposals

Members may move consideration of non-recommended items at the 2019 Local Convention.

Proposed Budget for 2019-2020 (See separate graph and budget spreadsheets)

Betsy Pratt

Job Description. The Budget Committee is appointed by the Board and meets typically between January and March to formulate a proposed budget for the next fiscal year.

Budget Committee: Betsy Pratt (Chair), Peter Englander, Anne Davidson, Geoff Gilbert, and Maud Naroll.

Notes and References to the Proposed FY 2019-2020 Budget

The Budget Committee presents to the League of Women Voters of Portland the Proposed Budgets for Fiscal Year 2019-20. There are two budgets because the Portland League is structured as two nonprofit organizations – the “Regular Fund” League of Women Voters of Portland, a 501(c)(4) social welfare organization, and the League of Women Voters of Portland Education Fund, a 501(c)(3) educational organization.) Members may discuss, debate, and amend the budget for the Regular Fund at the annual meeting. The Education Fund budget is provided for review and comment only, because it is related to the Regular Fund budget. The Education Fund budget will be adopted by the trustees at their next meeting following convention.

The worksheets include information on 3 separate budgets for comparison purposes.

- The 2019-20 Proposed Budget for the Regular and Education Funds.
- The 2018-19 budgets as adopted, plus actual expenses and revenues through December 2018.
- Actual expenses and revenues for the 2017-18 budget cycle.

Budget Overview

The LWV of Portland and the LWV of Portland Education Fund share an office and employ one part-time office manager. The LWV of Portland is part of the League of Women Voters of Oregon (LWVOR) and the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS). Major expenses in the budget are for rent, for salary, and for payments to the LWVOR and the LWVUS to support their advocacy and educational programs. Other large expenses are for printing, video recordings, and publicity for the League’s educational services. Most of the work of the League is accomplished by volunteers, which reduces the cost of administration and of providing the League’s services to members and the public.

The overall budget is about \$4,000 higher than the previous year, partly due to increases in rent and staff salary. We have also designated \$3,000 to cover unexpected expenses and the potential costs of finding and relocating to a new League office when the current lease expires in the summer of 2020. Significant resources are provided to support voter service and outreach activities for the 2020 primary election. We have also designated funds for events to celebrate the LWV’s 100th anniversary next year.

Membership Dues

As approved in the 2018-19 Budget, half of the dues income will be attributed to the Education Fund. The change partly reflects our ability to pay LWVOR PMP (per member payments) with Education Fund

income. Some additional expenses have also been assigned to the Education Fund, since we believe a greater portion of our activities are either community or member education.

In 2016 the Portland League voted to increase member dues yearly by \$1, plus any increase in PMP approved by the LWVUS or the LWVOR (none identified at this point). Proposed dues will therefore be \$79 (or \$118.50 for household memberships) for FY 2019-20. We currently send \$32 to LWVUS and \$30.50 to LWVOR for each member to support League activities at the national and state level.

Only \$16.50 of the annual dues remains to support Portland activities.

Revenue

Line 1. Member Dues. Membership dues are based on projected membership levels for the year. The Membership Committee has a goal of attracting at least 15 new members, for a total of 223. As noted above, basic dues will be \$79 (or \$118.50 for household memberships).

Line 2. Development. This block includes revenue goals for member and non-member contributions, as well as donations from corporations and foundations.

Line 4. Events. This item includes pass-through payments from local convention or other events, such as the media lunch, needed to cover any related expenses.

Reserves and Other Funds

Line 1. Endowment Fund Distribution. The Endowment Fund trustees have committed to providing \$8,760 to the Regular Fund.

Line 2. Funds Carried Forward. This item includes any cash projected to remain from the previous year. The Development Committee has requested several substantial grants that may arrive in this fiscal year but will not be expended until the next budget period.

Line 3. Sara Frewing Distribution. This item covers contributions from the Sara Frewing Fund in support of voter education.

Line 4. Education Fund Reserves/Repay Reg. Fund Loan. This item includes projected income from Education Fund Reserves (including the Ethel Nobel Fund) to repay operating expenses incurred by the Regular Fund on behalf of Education Fund activities.

Expenses

General Office Expenditures

Lines 1 through 15. These items cover expenses related to the cost of maintaining an office and part-time staff, plus administrative services such as website support. The expense levels reflect either known or likely cost increases (such as rent), although in few cases, such as postage, expense tracking indicates lower costs. The lease for the current office space expires in the summer of 2020, without an option to renew, so there will be expenses related to relocating the office.

Administration

Line 1. President's Fund. Includes expenses such as gifts to the board or other members, parking fees, travel, or meeting expenses.

Line 2. Board Expense. Includes expenses such as printing and assembling material for new board members, travel or parking fees.

Line 3. LWVOR Communications Fee. Fee formerly charged for use of printed material generated by the LWVOR. This fee has not been used in the past 2 years.

Line 4. Development Committee Expenses. Includes costs related to fund-raising activities, such as direct mail solicitations, merchandise, or special events.

Membership/Units

Line 1. PMP LWVUS. Includes the cost of quarterly per member payments to LWVUS to support national League activities. The PMP estimates are based on actual membership data as of January 31, 2019 (PMP of \$32 for 154 members plus \$16 for 34 household members). Portland also has 18 Lifetime members, 12 Limited Income members, and 5 student members for whom no PMP is required.

Line 2. PMP LWVOR. Includes the cost of quarterly per member payments to LWVOR to support state League activities. The PMP estimates are based on actual membership data as of January 31, 2019 (PMP of \$30.50 for 154 members plus \$15.25 for 34 household members). Again, no PMP is required for our 18 Lifetime members, 12 Limited Income members, and 5 student members.

Line 3. Membership Committee. Includes costs related to the membership handbook and directory, the renewals process, recruitment efforts, or new member events.

Line 4. Voter. Costs to publish the Voter newsletter.

Line 5. Member Education/Units. Materials for unit meetings or to support interest groups.

Line 6. Local Convention, annual luncheon, etc. Costs associated with events such as the Media Lunch, program planning, or Local Convention. (See *Line 4* in Revenue).

Voters Service/Citizen Education

Line 1. Voters Guide Expenses and Promotions. Costs to publish and promote the Voters Guide for the Spring 2020 primary election.

Line 2. Voter Service. Costs of forums, registration fees and materials, Speakers Bureau (usually for the General Election), and the Directory of Elected Officials.

Line 3. Study/Publication. Costs to support or publish League studies, such as the current study of City Government.

Line 4. Educational Events. Costs associated with any special educational events and website posts.

Line 5. Outreach/Publicity. Includes expenses for paid publicity for events, radio PSAs, handouts, fliers etc. As noted above, this item provides more funding for outreach and publicity efforts to increase awareness of our activities, especially to diverse audiences.

Line 6. Civic Ed. Meeting Expenses. Includes costs for program recording/taping or speakers' gifts.

Delegate Travel and Expense

Line 1. National Convention. To partially defray cost of delegates to attend LWVUS conventions (Washington DC in 2020).

Line 2. State Council/Convention. To partially defray cost of delegates to attend LWVOR councils or conventions (Lincoln County in 2020).

Line 3. Workshops (registration & expenses). To partially defray cost of attending LWVOR workshops.

Position Support.

Line 1. Action Committee. Covers committee expenses, Welcome Home Coalition dues (\$100) and ballot measure statements (\$800).

Line 2. Member Agreement Committee. Covers any costs associated with developing or updating Portland LWV positions.

Nominating Committee Report

Peggy Bengry

2018-19 Nominating Committee: Peggy Bengry (Chair), Suzanne Fleming, Debbie Kaye, Mary McWilliams, Barbara Ross and Nancy Donovan (Alternate).

The Nominating Committee is excited to present a slate of candidates for election to board positions that both capitalizes on our current leadership strengths and increases participation of new volunteer leaders. Those who were elected last year to 2018-20 terms are shown in plain type.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE SLATE FOR ELECTED POSITIONS

May 2019-May 2020

In **BOLD**, to be elected. Not in bold, continuing & elected May 2018.

Officers

President	Debbie Kaye	2019-2021
1st VP Administration	Marion McNamara	2019-2020
2nd VP Voter Service	Eileen Chase	2019-2021
3rd VP Civic Education	Nancy Donovan	2019-2020
Secretary	Anne Davidson	2019-2021
Treasurer	Peter Englander	2018-2020

Directors

Action Chair	Debbie Aiona	2018-2020
Communications Chair	Margaret Noel	2019-2021
Units Chair	Judy Froemke	2018-2020
Volunteer Chair	Kim Mason	2019-2021
Voter Service/Forums	Maud Naroll	2018-2020
At-Large/Action	Carol Cushman	2018-2020
At-Large/Communication	Amber Nobe	2019-2021

Endowment

Chair	Phil Thor	2019-2021
Treasurer	Anne Davidson	2019-2020

Nominating

<i>Chair</i>	<i>VACANT</i>	<i>2019-2021</i>
Member	Suzanne Fleming	2019-2021
<i>Member</i>	<i>VACANT</i>	<i>2019-2021</i>
Alt-Member	Mary McWilliams	2019-2021

Budget

Chair	Adrienne Aiona	2019-2021
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The committee is continuing its search for people to lead **Development, Publicity**, and nominees for the **Nominating Committee**. We would value your suggestions or nominations from the floor.

The Nominating Committee strongly recommends that the board appoint **Linda Mantel** as an at-large member of the board.

Off-Board Positions – In addition to the members to be elected, the Nominating Committee was pleased to encounter members willing to take leadership roles in positions that are not elected. **Mary McWilliams** will be appointed as Membership Chair in an off-board position. **Linda Fields** will be the new *Voters' Guide* editor.

The Nominating Committee strongly recommends that the board appoint **Fran Dyke** to the Endowment Committee. **Corinne Paulson**, whose elected term as Endowment Committee Chair is up at the May 13 Local Convention, will become an appointed committee member with **Elizabeth Joseph**.

Many thanks are due to the elected board and committee members who have served their terms and will not be continuing at this time: Peggy Bengry, Doreen Binder, Kristin Eberhard, Stephanie Hertzog, Betsy Pratt, and Barbara Ross. As she retires, we also greatly appreciate Carol Wilson's contributions as an appointed member of the Endowment Fund Committee.

New Leader Profiles

Eileen Chase



Since 2016, Eileen has been an active League member, and beginning in 2017 has managed the League's Voter Guide distribution.

Professionally, Eileen is a motivated, creative problem solver. She has extensive experience improving processes — spanning food manufacturing to health services — and is currently employed as a Process Engineer at Providence Health & Services. In this role, she focuses on systems efficiency and financial stewardship. Other responsibilities include data analysis, change management, and facilitation. She obtained her Bachelor's in Biology and Master's in Public Policy & Administration.

Outside the office, Eileen has a penchant for cycling and cooking as well as a lifelong passion for science, women's rights, and politics. Previously, Eileen has volunteered for Medical Teams International to Guatemala and was a Peace Corps volunteer in the Philippines.

Amber Nobe



A Pacific Northwest native, Amber grew up in western Washington and has called Oregon home since 2003. She graduated from Linfield College with a degree in mass communication and began her career as a news reporter and editor at small, community newspapers around Oregon. For the last eight years she's provided technical editing, marketing, and communications for engineering and architecture firms in the metro area that primarily work on public infrastructure and development projects. Currently Amber is the marketing manager at Hennebery Eddy Architects. She lives in the Montavilla neighborhood with her husband, Jason Little; together they enjoy traveling and cheering for the Timbers and Blazers. Amber is passionate about voter education and looks forward to being

further involved with the Portland League.

Philip W. Thor



After growing up in Southwest Virginia and graduating from Duke University, I began my career as a Mechanical Engineer with the General Electric Company. I worked as a field engineer, responsible for maintaining and re-starting large steam powered electric generating equipment. After tiring of the traveling and as a private pilot, I trained to become a certified flight instructor. Upon receipt of my flying credentials I began teaching new student pilots just outside Washington, D.C. I also worked part-time piloting a radio traffic-sighting plane that flew above the Washington metro highways and commuter routes. While flight instructing, I met my future wife, Betsy Pratt, who obtained her private pilot license. We were married in October 1980.

Realizing that current conditions were not conducive to a career in flying, I applied for and was offered a job at the Patent and Trademark Office as a patent examiner. After successfully grasping the nature of this work and realizing it was not for me, I transferred to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), in the residential energy conservation field. Shortly thereafter with a change in administration and with opportunities at DOE shrinking, I was fortunate to be offered a job at the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) in Portland where I joined its expanding energy conservation program.

I enjoyed a 30-year career with BPA that is best described as involving 3 major areas of its mission. My first 10 years was spent as a technical specialist and first line supervisor in energy conservation, the majority of the time in residential conservation and a short time in commercial building conservation. My next roughly 10 years involved evaluating, assisting and managing the multiple purposes of the Columbia River System. This included the preparation of a massive Environmental Impact System on river operations, in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (BOR). I was intimately involved with the salmon endangered species listings and the resulting activities and issues. My last decade at BPA involved working on capital investment and asset management for the 31 hydroelectric facilities that make up the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS). These facilities were originally constructed by the COE and BOR, and all electricity generated is supplied to BPA, which sells and transmits it to local power companies, cooperatives, public utility districts and other wholesale customers. I worked with representatives from the COE and BOR to provide capital funds to rehabilitate and maintain the operation of the generating assets.

I retired in March 2011 to a life of traveling, volunteer activities and hobbies. With Betsy, we have taken numerous trips, including to Corsica, France, Japan, Great Britain (for several long-distance treks), Italy, Germany, Croatia, Greece, St. Lucia (bare boat sailing with friends), and Iceland. I volunteer at the Northeast Emergency Food Program, walk dogs and work in the Medical Center at the Oregon Humane Society, and joined the LWVPDX Endowment Committee. I enjoy woodworking and walking with friends each week, when in town. Betsy and I built a timber-framed style home located in Sisters, OR that requires regular visits.

Annual Reports from Board

President's Report 2018-19

Doreen Binder

Position Description

The role of the president or co-presidents is to preside at all meeting of the organization and the Board of Directors; in the absence of the treasurer or assistant treasurer, the president(s) signs or endorses checks, drafts and notes and is an ex-officio member of all committees, except for the nominating committee and has the usual powers of supervision and management as agreed by the Board of Directors, assigned in the by-laws or approved by adopted policies and procedures including but not limited to approval of all public statements made by the League, acting as spokesperson(s) for the league at various events and providing oversight for the Office Manager.

Review of the Year's Activities

The League of Women Voters of Portland continued, this past year, to focus on “Making Democracy Work” by working on issues which would better the lives of our community and its citizens. We did so by conducting civic engagement forums and action meetings on topics such as Homelessness, Immigration, Juvenile Justice, Women, Redistricting and the Environment. Our Voter Service committee successfully facilitated Candidate Forums for City, County and Metro candidates. The Units continued to hold open monthly meetings across the city, discussing issues that remain pertinent to our local, state and national environment. In addition, the LWVPDX Government Study group will be presenting its completed year long study on the *(re)configuration* of the City of Portland Government in the fall of this year.

Our Board members continued to bring a wealth of information to the table for in-depth and open discussions at our monthly executive and full board meetings. The discussions focused, for example, on how to increase our membership, how to better involve our volunteers in more hands on work and what issues to present to the membership for upcoming studies. ***Additionally, we continue to discuss the location of our office; focusing on the question of available parking, and most importantly, the concern of safety in the neighborhood. We will be reviewing our lease (which is up July 2020) with a target on finding a safe comfortable new site for our office.***

This past September we welcomed our new office manager, Aelora Roush, to the Portland League. Aelora immediately began working closely with the board in meeting the needs of our members and our community. Please feel free to call and introduce yourself to Aelora.

The Portland League, in order to better accomplish our objectives, continues to examine ways in which we may reach out to the larger social change community. Many of our community partners have cosponsored our forums, assisted with voter registration, and joined us when testifying before government councils, as well as accompanying us to Salem to lobby for the issues which will better our democracy. It is only through our partnerships that we will be able to accomplish our objectives.

I want to express my appreciation and admiration to those with whom I have had the privilege to share this critically important work. I look forward to celebrating our 100th anniversary together. Thank you all for your incredible dedication and hard work.

Civic and Member Education

Marion McNamara

Job Description

- Organize and meet with Civic Education Planning Committee to determine the calendar and content of civic education programs for the year's general meetings and units.
- Request board input and approval on programs and calendar.
- Arrange sites, set-ups and video recording for civic education meetings.
- Choose speakers and format for civic education meetings.
- Invite speakers and follow up with thank you notes.
- Recruit writer to submit Voter articles about civic education programs.
- Work with publicity chair and communications chair to publicize civic education meetings using multiple channels, including traditional and electronic media.
- With the recommendation of LWV Board and officers, recruit chairs of study committees and leaders for other education events.
- Assist interest committees and or study chairs as needed.
- Work with Unit Coordinators to provide unit leaders and members with resources and background materials to share with units to foster discussion.
- Coordinate the annual review of local positions and compile responses from units; coordinate biennial reviews of state and national.

Thanks are due to the hard-working Civic Education Planning Committee who planned and implemented our programs, and to the many volunteers who supported our events and programs. Your work helps the League to Make Democracy Work. Civic Education Volunteers are listed below.

Civic Education Planning Committee Members: Doreen Binder, Carol Cushman, Judy Froemke, Linda Mantel, Mary McWilliams, Christine Moore, Margaret Noel, Nadyne Rosin, and Barbara Ross.

Civic Education Program Volunteers Peggy Bengry, Doreen Binder, Beth Burczak, Kim Cottrell, Carol Cushman, Nancy Donovan, Kristen Eberhart, Suzanne Fleming, Judy Froemke, Lorraine Griffey, Diane Herrmann, Stephanie Hertzog, Karn Hill, Debbie Kaye, Wendy Lawton, Lucy Lawton, Linda Mantel, Kim Mason, Linda Mather, Mary McWilliams, Paulette Meyer, Christine Moore, Frances Moore, Maude Naroll, Margaret Noel, James Ofsink, Corrine Paulson, Anne Pechovnik, Betsy Pratt, Nadyne Rosin, Barbara Ross, Vincenza Scarpaci, Colleen Shoemaker, Ellen Simmons, Diane Winn, Anna Youel, Janet Youel and LWVOR member Alice Bartelt.

Civic Education Forums

The League sponsored the following Civic Education forums in the Multnomah County Commissioners Board room. The programs were recorded for re-broadcast by MetroEast Media and are available at lwvpx.org, along with the 20 minute highlights videos created by Communications Chair Margaret Noel. All programs were free and open to the public.

September 11, 2019: Juvenile Justice: Are we improving outcomes for youth?

Moderator: Doreen Binder

Speakers included: Deanna Horne, Metropolitan Public Defender Services; Kenny McGee, who transitioned back home to Portland in 2018 after nearly 6 years of incarceration in the Youth Correctional Facilities on a Measure 11 charge; Kimberly McCullough, Policy Director at American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon; Babak Zolfaghari-Azar, Family Care Manager for the Community Healing Initiative program of Portland Opportunities Industrial Center at Rosemary Anderson High School.

November 13, 2019: Immigration: Welcomes, Walls, Sanctuaries, and Borders

Moderator: Nim Xuto, Community and Art Organizer

Speakers included: Erin McKee, Oregon Justice Resource Center; Chanpone Sinlapasai, of the law firm of Marandas Sinlapasai, Leland Baxter-Neal, ACLU of Oregon, and Polo Catalani, managing attorney for NW Communities Counsel.

February 12, 2019: Women's Rights: Rights for Working Women-Fairness, Equality, Safety. Moderator: Emily Evans, Executive Director, Women's Foundation of Oregon

Speakers: Lili Hoag, Political Director, Family Forward Oregon, Mari Watanobe, Executive Director, Partnerships in Diversity, Portland Business Alliance, Patricia Weekley, Director of Capital Equity, Inclusion, Sanctuary, Morrison Child & Family Services.

Winter Planning Party

The Winter Party is not only a way to celebrate the end of the year, but also is the first step in defining our program planning for the year ahead. We met at the Taborspace Copeland Commons on December 11, 2019 for a light meal and discussion. Small groups discussed the topics below and made recommendations.

- *Violence against Women*: (1) recommend a one-year LWVOR study that would leverage the current moment in time brought about by the 'Me Too' movement to understand the multiple aspects of a woman's life where violence is being experienced; (2) use education at all levels, employment, legislation and the health sciences to create change.
- *Transportation Issues*: (1) study the kinds of regulations needed to reduce the impact of diesel emissions and improve our air quality; (2) use the Metropolitan Transportation position to advocate for speeding up conversion of Trimet buses to battery-electric buses.
- *Housing & Neighborhoods*: (1) propose a two-year LWVOR Housing and Neighborhoods Study or form an Interest Group to plan this study of houselessness, affordable housing and how to encourage public involvement through neighborhood associations and the Office of Community & Civic Life; (2) Invite neighborhood associations to be on a civic education panel to talk about the issues impacting their neighborhoods.
- *Wealth & Democracy*: (1) advocate for Campaign Finance Reform; (2) create a Civic Education Program Plan called "Civic YouTube", a series of short YouTube videos made by high school and college students explaining civic processes.
- *Rights & Safety*: form an Interest Group to learn about and advocate for ways to protect the rights of the most vulnerable people in our communities. The group would explore issues of policing, homelessness and the Homeless Bill of Rights, mental health and first responders, and the role of Business Improvement Districts.
- *Disaster Readiness*: update and broaden the LWVOR Seismic Risks study to include other natural disaster risks, such as wildfires and landslides, in order to educate members and the public about preparing for future disasters.

Media Luncheon

The Media Luncheon on January 15, 2019 at Multnomah Athletic Club addressed the issue of improving local news coverage.

Moderator: James Ofsink

Speakers included: Bernie Foster, Co-founder and publisher of *The Skanner*; Regina Lawrence, Associate dean, School of Journalism and Communication, University of Oregon; Director, Agora Journalism Center; Amelia Templeton, reporter and producer, Oregon Public Broadcasting.

Units Report

Judy Froemke

Organization of Units There are six Units within the Portland League of Women Voters. These discussion groups meet once a month during September, October, November, January, February, March and April. Members and guests discuss issues reflecting and sometimes expanding upon the topic of each public Civic Education and Election Forum program held the month of the Unit meetings. The Unit groups also gather information on the opinions of their members for program planning and for consensus or concurrence on study findings. This information from the Unit meetings is sent to the LWVPDX board for its consideration.

Responsibilities of Unit Coordinators The Unit Coordinator sent each Unit Leader a list of questions that became the agenda for an August 16, 2018 meeting at the Cadillac Cafe. Three of the six Unit Leaders attended this meeting, and the other three were interviewed by phone prior to the first Civic Education program on September 18th. The questions asked of the Unit Leaders were

1. Is the script sent before each Unit meeting helpful? How? Any suggestions?
2. What are your thoughts about the get acquainted question suggested?
3. Are the discussion questions and resource information provided in the script helpful or would you prefer researching this yourself?
4. In what form would you like to receive the script and other information - email attachment, google doc, hand delivered at Civic Ed program?
5. Do you want information received from our Board and LWVOR summarized or forwarded directly to you? The answers were varied among the Unit Leaders and were taken into account as much as possible.

Unit Leaders were advised that the Coordinator does the following:

- Keeps statistics on who and how many attend Unit meetings. This information is not only interesting but it also gives us an idea of the vibrancy and effectiveness of the Unit functioning. The statistical information is given to the Civic Education Chair for review and placed in a Units folder in the League office.
- Provides Unit Leaders with a script for their meeting agenda. This sometimes includes an introductory question relevant to the topic of the month for each person attending to answer as a way to get better acquainted. The script encourages the Leaders to make announcements of League activities supplementing the information in the VOTER and providing them with additional information from LWVOR. The script provides the Unit Leaders with additional resource information and discussion questions for their potential use.
- Writes an article for the VOTER to provide the general membership specific additional resource material relevant to the current Civic Education topic.
- Provides Unit Leaders with additional resource information and discussion questions for their potential use at Unit meetings.
- Provides the Volunteer Coordinator with LWV Volunteer Activities and Interest Group sign up sheet, if any.
- Provides Units' responses to consensus questions to LWVPDX board and to LWVOR office when appropriate.
- Attends the LWVPDX board meetings and acts as conduit between Units and the LWVPDX board.
- Provides a Units Report for the monthly board meetings and for the annual convention.

In January 2019, the list of new LWVPDX members matching their zip codes with that of at least one Unit member was sent to all Unit Leaders. This effort to contact new members and welcome them to Unit attendance was met with minimal success.

Unit Leaders Each Unit selects a Leader who informs or reminds its members early each month of the Unit meeting date and discussion topic, the Civic Education, Election Forum, Action Committee meeting and other relevant League activity. Unit Leaders arrange for their meeting locations, preside at the Unit meetings, introduce new members and guests if any, oversee that all in attendance have added their names to the Attendance Sheet, make comments on this sheet about the discussion, and send it in self addressed/stamped envelopes provided to them by Unit Coordinator. Unit Leaders have sufficient autonomy to conduct their meetings as they see fit, to use or discard the resource information and discussion questions provided by the Unit Coordinator, and to select a discussion leader from among their members or elsewhere.

Review of Unit participations and activities 2018-2019

For the months from September 2018 through March 2019, between 35 and 52 League members attended the six Unit meetings each month. Between one and six guests attended each month; some guests came more than once.

Unit 1 Leader is **Colleen Shoemaker**. On average, about five members attend each month.

Unit 2 Leader is **Paulette Meyer**. Between five and eight members attend.

Unit 4 Leader is **Anne Pechovnik**. Usually between ten and sixteen members attend.

Unit 5 Leader is **Linda Mather**. Generally about eight members attend.

Unit 6 Leader is **Christine Moore**. Between seven and fourteen members attend.

Unit 7 Leader is **Corinne Paulson**. Between five and ten members attend these meetings.

Discussion leaders this year were **Lynn Baker, Julie Chapman, Linda Fields, Judy Froemke, Jane Gigler, Kris Hudson, Marnie Lonsdale, Mary McWilliams, Barbara Ross, Colleen Shoemaker, Barbara Stalions, Doreen Binder, Debbie Kaye, Marion McNamara, Christine Moore, Margaret Noel**.

I'd like to give special thanks to **Linda Fields** for help when knocking ideas around, to **Marion McNamara** for her leadership of Civic Education, and to **Margaret Noel** and **Amber Nobe** for their expert proofreading and editing of VOTER articles.

Membership Report

Kristin Eberhard, Debbie Kaye, Mary McWilliams

Summary: The Membership Committee is responsible for oversight of recruiting, receiving, welcoming and engaging new members. Other tasks include greeting members and guests at meetings; renewal letters; updating the Member Handbook and Directory annually; a monthly column "Membership Matters" for the Voter; maintaining the Annotated Member List and planning new member events. The chair often serves on the Nominating Committee due to having broad knowledge of the membership, and is in regular contact with other committee chairs including the volunteer coordinator to staff League projects and events.

Many people served as greeters for Civic Education and Voters Services programs. They include: Beth Burczak, Nancy Donovan, Kristin Eberhard, Stephanie Feeney, Suzanne Fleming, Lorraine Griffey,

Diane Herrmann, Debbie Kaye, Christine Moore, Marion McNamara, Mary McWilliams, Colleen Shoemaker.

Current Membership LWV Portland has 274 members. This includes 4 student members, and 17 Lifetime members who have belonged to LWV for 50 years or longer. We honor them for their commitment, and excuse them from paying dues. New Lifetime members this year are Betty Cornelison, Susan Gilbert, and Ruth Kratochvil. If we have missed honoring someone in this manner, please alert the office.

We are happy to have welcomed 55 new members during this past year between June, 2018 and April, 2019. LWVUS and LWVOR forward names of people who have contacted them so we may respond to them directly.

Review of Year's Activities

Monthly: Our office administrator, Aidan Krainock through August and Aelora Roush since September, often serves as the initial contact for prospective and new members. She manages inquiries, and sends a new member welcome packet to those who join. Committee members also provide direct contact with prospective and new members. These contacts are frequently by phone or at events, and include sharing information about LWV, describing various opportunities for direct involvement such as Civic Education and unit meetings, Voter Service, and Action, and answering questions. The committee provides a regular column in the Voter titled "Membership Matters". Committee members act as greeters at Civic Education meetings and election forums. We encourage all members to share the responsibility for active recruitment of new members.

June 2018: We purchased constituent management software, *Little Green Light*, and had our data base converted to it. Chair Kristin Eberhard has helped throughout the year to fix conversion errors and train several League leaders and the office manager to use it effectively. This is ongoing and will lead to improved communication with members and donors.

Kristin worked with Aidan to design and send the annual Membership renewal.

Fall 2018: Follow-up Voter reminders, emails and phone calls to those who did not respond promptly to the renewal communication by Mary McWilliams.

March 2018: Mary McWilliams completed work on the updated *Members & Leaders Directory*, shortening it considerably by separating out the League Basics and Positions sections. The updated directories are being provided to new members. The Board re-affirmed the vote by the membership at last year's annual meeting to raise dues for an individual membership by \$1.00 annually in addition to any PMP (Per Member Payment) raise approved by LWVUS (in even years) and LWVOR (in odd years; none this year). For 2019–20, individual dues for our League are expected to be \$79.00 and household dues will be 1.5 times that value: \$118.50. The limited income rate remains \$45 (LWV's Per Member Payment to LWVUS and LWVOR has only individual and household rates, so the Portland League subsidizes the limited income rate from our Regular Fund Budget, as is our desire). The student rate is \$5.00 (there is no PMP for students) and Life members are exempt from dues.

April 2019: Mary McWilliams contacted newer League members to invite them to a late April new member orientation at her home. Six people attended to learn more about the League and enjoy a lively discussion. They were encouraged to attend the May Local Convention.

The Membership Committee invites your participation. Contact the office or the committee chair to learn more. Thanks to our former and current office managers, Aidan Krainock and now Aelora Roush,

for managing the membership database, serving as the first contact for prospective and new members, supporting recruitment activities, producing renewal and other communications, and many other outreach acts. Thanks are also due to Margaret Noel, Communication chair, for improving the appearance and functioning of the website and making it easier for people to join online.

Action Committee Report

Debbie Aiona, chair

Carol Cushman, Action support

Job Description: The Action Committee supports the policies defined in the League's Position Statements so that the League is not only a League of knowledge but also of action. The Action Committee meetings provide a monthly forum for the most current information related to an issue and allow members the opportunity to explore in depth issues of importance to the League and the community and to develop recommendations to the board. These meetings also provide an opportunity to discuss issues with local experts in an informal setting.

Action Committee Volunteers:

Affordable Housing/

Homelessness:

Mary McWilliams, Debbie Aiona, Kim Mason

Air Quality:

Mary McWilliams

Campaign Finance Reform:

Carol Cushman

Global Warming/Portland Clean

Julie Chapman, Peter Englander, Marion McNamara,

Energy Fund:

Debbie Aiona

Legislative Interviews:

Beth Burczak

Joint Terrorism Task Force:

Debbie Aiona

Juvenile Justice:

Barbara Ross

Multnomah County District

Barbara Ross, Debbie Aiona

Attorney Project:

Parks System Development

Shelley Lorenzen, Debbie Aiona

Charge Code Update:

Police Oversight:

Carol Cushman, Kim Mason, Debbie Aiona, Carol
Landsman

Portland Harbor Superfund Site:

Marion McNamara, Debbie Aiona

Portland Utility Board:

Carol Cushman

Action Committee Oversight
and Support:

Doreen Binder, Margaret Noel

Portland League members serving on the LWVOR Action Committee: Julie Chapman, Maud Naroll, Anne Nesse, Nancy Donovan, Debbie Aiona, Barbara Ross, Debbie Runciman, Fran Dyke, Stephanie Feeney, Phillip Thor, Norman Turrill

Review of Year's Activities

ACTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

September 2018: Topic: Portland City Budget

Guests: Shannon Fairchild, senior financial analyst, Josh Harwood, city economist

October 2018: Topic: Oregon's Air Quality

Guest: Mary Peveto, president and co-founder, Neighbors for Clean Air

November 2018: Topic: Juvenile Justice Reform: Better Outcomes for Youthful Offenders

Guests: Mary Sofia, Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association legislative representative, Mary Geelan, Multnomah County System Change and Community Initiatives manager

January 2019: Topic: Proposals for Tax Reform in Oregon

Guest: John Tapogna, ECONorthwest, president/partner

February 2019: Topic: City of Portland and the Portland Harbor Superfund Site

Cindy Ryals, Bureau of Environmental Services, Portland Harbor Superfund, technical program manager
Jessica Terlikowski, Bureau of Environmental Services, Portland Harbor Superfund, senior community outreach and information representative

March 2019: Topic: Compassionate Change District – Central Eastside Industrial District

Sandra Comstock, Right 2 Survive and Compassionate Change District representative

April 2019: Topic: Permanent Supportive Housing

Guests: Nui Bezaire, senior program specialist (Supportive Housing), Joint Office of Homeless Services

Melissa Arnold, Home Forward, Community Services program supervisor

Nicole Patty, Home Forward, property manager

Action Taken 2018 – 2019

June 2018

- Submit comments to Independent Police Review on proposed changes to its protocols. Urged IPR to extend the comment period in order to enable the Citizen Review Committee to weigh in on IPR policies as required by city code.

August 2018

- Submit written comments to Parks System Development Charge manager on proposed code update.
- Submit Voters Pamphlet endorsement in favor of Portland Clean Energy Fund, Measure 26-201, and Honest Elections, Measure 26-200.
- Submit Voters Pamphlet statement in favor of Metro housing bond, Measure 26-199.
- Attend focus group gathering community feedback on Police Bureau's new strategic plan.

September 2018

- Attend Portland Harbor Superfund community leaders meeting and public forum.
- Meet with Commissioner Fish's staff member, Todd Lofgren, to discuss concerns related to Parks SDC code update.
- Meet with U.S. Department of Justice staff attorney regarding upcoming status conference before Judge Michael Simon.

October 2018

- Testify at status conference on settlement agreement between the Portland Police Bureau/City of Portland and the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division. Comments focused primarily on the section of the agreement related to community engagement.
- Submit letter to Mayor Wheeler and City Commissioners urging consideration of cultural competency when hiring the police psychologist who screens recruits.

- Join the Portland Harbor Community Coalition for the purpose of strengthening our work on the Superfund site clean up.
- Testify in opposition to Parks SDC code revision that eliminates the public's right to appeal SDC credits granted to developers. Council voted to end the public's right to appeal.
- Street Roots publishes article outlining League recommendations on state and local ballot measures.

November 2018

- Submit email to Open and Accountable Elections program administrator to encourage interviews for campaign commission candidates.
- Submit letter to Mayor Wheeler and City Commissioners raising concerns about proposed protest ordinance calling for time, place, and manner restrictions. Urged more study and public involvement.
- Meet with U.S. Dept. of Justice attorney to discuss settlement agreement progress.
- Begin attending Portland Committee on Community Engaged Policing meetings. This committee replaces the Community Oversight Advisory Board mandated by the DOJ settlement agreement.
- Organize and host LWVOR Redistricting Community Forum.

December 2018

- Submit comments to City Budget Office and Portland Utility Board on filling budget analyst job vacancy.
- Submit comments to U.S. EPA regarding Explanation of Significant Differences opposing the proposed changes to Superfund site clean up plan.
- Provide feedback on job description for Portland Utility Board/City Budget Office analyst.

January 2019

- Attend meeting of organizational representatives working with ACLU Oregon on developing performance metrics for Multnomah County District Attorney's office.

February 2019

- Submit written comments to City Council regarding the OIR Group's report on police shootings. The League emphasized concern over the deficiencies within the Police Review Board identified by the consultants.
- Testify in favor of withdrawing from FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force. The League was one of 50 community organizations calling for the action. Council voted 3 – 2 to support the withdrawal.
- Submit comments to the Compliance Office Community Liaison on draft police settlement agreement compliance report.
- Attend Portland Harbor Superfund community leaders meeting. This session included leaders from EPA's Washington D.C. office.
- City Council appoints Portland's Open and Accountable Elections program campaign commission. The program is expected to be up and running for city candidates wishing to run in 2020.

March 2019

- Attend follow up meeting on Multnomah County District Attorney project.

April 2019

- Serve on screening and interview committee for new Police Review Board members.

Development Report

Debbie Kaye, Chair

Job Description. The Development Committee raises funds to support the mission of the League through a variety of opportunities including direct mail solicitations, applications for grants available from foundations and other organizations, corporate requests, and fund raising activities. An important aspect of the Committee's work is nurturing donor and member relations and seeking new sources of revenue.

Development Committee members and volunteers are Doreen Binder, Carol Cushman, Peter Englander (ex-officio), Jane Gigler, Kris Hudson, Ted Kaye, Wendy Lawton, Linda Mantel, Mary McWilliams, Margaret Noel. Thank you to each of them for their dedication to the League.

Fund Raising Activities

Totals are for activities during the period from April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019 and represent results from direct mail campaigns, membership renewal roundup donations, member contributions at the 2018 Local Convention, the Fred Meyer Rewards Program, Paloma Clothing, and grant proceeds from the various foundations listed below and the challenge grant from The Walsh Foundation. We also recognize gratefully donations given in honor and in memory of League members.

Receipts From Individuals, Businesses and a Special Grant:

Regular Fund, \$6,488

Education Fund, \$17,294

Sara Frewing Fund \$1,700

Multnomah Bar Foundation, which has now altered its philanthropic focus, awarded the League an unsolicited, final grant to support the Education Fund \$4,000.

Total: \$29,482.

In addition, though some grant funds were received before April 1, 2018 and so are not reflected above, we were pleased to begin the fiscal year with additional funding from:

The Rose E Tucker Charitable Trust \$6,500

The Carol and Velma Saling Foundation \$10,000

The Multnomah Bar Foundation \$5,000

The Wyss Foundation \$7,000

Total: \$28,500

Funds received through Development efforts April 2018 to April 2019 period:

Total: \$57,982

Gifts in Honor

Julie Chapman and Ann Dudley from Kathleen Fisher

Stephanie Hertzog from Debbie and Ted Kaye

Marion McNamara from Debbie and Ted Kaye

Brenda Smith from Carol Cushman

Viva Libres Book Club from Minda Seibert

Gifts in Memory

Sue Juba from Jane Cease

Irene Marvich from Kim Ball

Darleane Lemley from

Debbie Aiona, Lynn Baker, Henry Clarke, Carol Cushman, Betty and Eben Dobson, Lori Gronich, Diane Hibiño, Kris and Steve Hudson, Elizabeth Joseph, Mary Ann Joyce, Margaret Noel

Communications

Margaret Noel, Communications Chair

The Communications Team facilitates providing information from the Portland League to our members and to the public, through various media, including our newsletter (the *Voter*), press releases, publicity, social media (Facebook and Twitter), our website (lwvpx.org) and YouTube videos. The Communications Chair coordinates the team's work. As the following reports show, this is truly a team effort. The key to our success has been the support of the leaders who oversee each aspect of communications.

- Chair Margaret Noel sends reports to the Board on the work of the team. She also is the editor of the *Voter* newsletter and of the website. She also edits our YouTube videos of civil education panel discussions to create shorter Highlights videos.
- Facebook Editor Amy Beltaine coordinates our outreach via Facebook. Board member Kim Mason has helped with Facebook posts. As needed, Amy has solved technical problems with Facebook and our website. Amy also connected the members of the team via the online application Hootsuite, which we are learning to use to coordinate our messages. She writes a monthly report to the Board about Facebook posts.
- Minda Seibert has done an amazing job regularly posting LWVPDX news on Twitter. She writes a monthly report to the Board about Twitter posts.
- Mary McWilliams' publicity work has expanded our contacts with media outlets and other organizations, while also tailoring press releases to the recipients most likely to have an interest in them. She also writes a monthly report to the Board about publicity.
- Board member Kristin Eberhard helped Margaret learn how to set up a new version of the lwvpx.org website.
- Video Editor Elizabeth Davis has assisted in producing Highlights videos. She is gradually assuming a greater role in helping with LWVPDX video production.
- Our office manager, Aelora Roush, has supported communications through formatting and sending out our *eVoter* and membership emails and maintaining and updating our email contacts. She is interested in helping with Twitter next year.

The volunteers who contributed time to helping produce and send out League information are acknowledged in each of the reports below. These include board members who worked with the communications team on outreach and informing members and the public about League priorities, events and projects. Without their help, we could not have done our work.

Finally, I am want to acknowledge the support of MetroEast Community Media for recording and producing the YouTube videos of our events and for also offering affordable training on using their video equipment. We also were helped by grants from the Saling Foundation and the Multnomah Bar Foundation for improving our communications. These grants helped fund YouTube videos, paid

publicity, and training for outreach to diverse populations. Another grant from the Wyss Foundation helped fund our video recordings of Election forums.

Suggestions for Next Year

Work to further improve coordination among communications volunteers and between communications volunteers and other League leaders. Improve outreach to diverse and underserved populations. Involve more volunteers in communications and outreach activities.

The lwvpx.org Website

Margaret Noel, Website Editor

Position Description

The Website Editor is responsible for gathering, editing and posting content on the League of Women Voters of Portland website. As often as possible, the web editor also alerts social media volunteers about important information that should be posted to social media. (In turn, social media volunteers monitor the website, the *Voter* and other sources for information that should be shared with the public.) In addition, the web editor sets up web advertising via Google Ads for LWVPDX voter service information.

Review of the Year's Activities

In 2018-19, we made a major effort to keep the website up-to-date and attractive. In June, the appearance of the homepage was changed to a new “theme” with more photos and colors. The new LWVUS logo and mission statement were added. Throughout the year, we posted invitations to free public events, including the LWVOR event on redistricting reform, and our own civic education and voter service activities. We updated the website’s Action Committee news page monthly and added all recent testimony, posted revisions of the *Directory of Election Officials* and updated the bios of League Leaders. We created special pages for member information and events, such as League documents, the Winter Party, Program Planning, the Media Luncheon and the Local Convention. We purchased a Search Engine Optimizer program from Yoast to help make our posts more easily searchable on search engines. We posted the full-length videos of civic education and voter service events, along with shorter “Highlights” videos, as soon as they were completed. The Highlights of the panel discussion on working women’s rights will be completed and posted before the May Local Convention. By mid-April, five 2018-19 civic education videos had been viewed on our YouTube channel a total of 283 times. (The civic education Highlights videos are also broadcast about once a week on the Comcast and Frontier public access channels.)

For the 2018 General Election, we provided election information on our website in both English and Spanish. We created Google ads in Spanish leading to our Spanish webpage. For both the May 2018 Primary Election and November General Election, we also created Google, newspaper and radio ads in English to publicize election information on our website and on Vote411.org. The results were impressive. The number of users visiting and clicking on our website increased dramatically just before these elections. (We are reporting the website data for the 2018 Primary Election here, because it was not available for the 2018 LWVPDX Local Convention Handbook.) Below are some results that were tracked by Google Analytics and YouTube.

- Our website had 4,614 active users in the three weeks before the Primary Election and 7,871 active users in the three weeks before the General Election—five to eight times the usual number of users (~90/week); 98% were new users.

- On our website, we shared 81 election videos, 57 of which we produced in partnership with MetroEast Community Media. These included 57 recordings of candidate interviews, and 24 full-length and “highlights” videos of ballot measure forums and candidate debates. There were more than 19,000 views on YouTube of these election videos and each also was shown six times on the public access Comcast and Frontier channels.
- Our ads in four local newspapers, on two radio stations, and on Google reached out to audiences of more than 200,000 readers and listeners, targeting younger and more diverse voters in Multnomah County. We also reached out to more than 2,500 individuals and 25 partner groups through Facebook, Twitter and emails.
- LWVUS data for 2018 show that 26,921 voters in the Portland metro area, including more than 18,000* in Multnomah County actively used *Vote411.org*—which we highlighted in our paid advertising. (**The precise number of Lake Oswego users in Multnomah County was not available.*)

Volunteers

A number of League members provided content for website posts and pages, including information and photos that members submitted for the *Voter* newsletter, in addition to videos and information intended specifically for the website. These volunteers were Debbie Aiona, Peggy Bengry, Doreen Binder, Carol Cushman, Elizabeth Davis, Kristin Eberhard, Suzanne Fleming, Judy Froemke, Stephanie Hertzog, Debbie Kaye, Ted Kaye, Wendy Lawton, Craig Loftin, Linda Loftin, Kim Mason, Marion McNamara, Mary McWilliams, Christine Moore, Maud Naroll, Betsy Pratt, Nadyne Rosin, Emily Toops, and Norman Turrill. Some posts also were based on content from the LWVUS and LWVOR websites.

Suggestions for Next Year

Continue to work on making the website as attractive and easy to use as possible. Get help from students, new members and website professional about how to improve the website and make it attractive for more diverse audiences. Involve and train more members to help with posting information on the website.

The *Voter* Newsletter

Margaret Noel, Editor

Position Description

The *Voter* editor is responsible for planning, gathering and editing the contents—articles, notices, photographs and graphics—for ten editions of the newsletter, which is sent to members each month from September through May and in July. The editor attends the Executive Committee meetings as well as board meetings, to keep aware of information that should be sent to members about upcoming or recent LWV events, needs or projects. The editor then asks board members and committee chairs to write articles about these activities. The editor also recruits other volunteers to help write reports on past events and other topics of interest and to photograph events. Volunteers also help edit articles after they are submitted. All submissions are edited for grammar, spelling, content and length. The editor plans the order of the articles and the layout and sends the edited articles with suggested photos or graphics to the office manager who is responsible for producing the final newsletter. Before the finished *Voter* is sent to members, the editor and other board members, including the president or a vice president, review a test copy to make final corrections. The office manager then emails the electronic editions or arranges for printing copies to be mailed. The editor and office manager work together to organize mailing parties for preparing to send printed editions or printed excerpts to members via bulk mail.

Review of the Year's Activities

In September, a paper copy of the *Voter* was mailed to all members. In October, November, December, January, February, March, April, and May, the “*eVoter*” was sent electronically to most members, with paper copies mailed only to those members without email or who specifically requested and paid for a printed copy. Printed information about the Local Convention was also sent to all members in early April. Some information included in recent *Voter* issues, information about events occurring between the monthly *Voter* issues, and non-League events of interest to members were sent to members via membership emails, as needed or as requested by League leaders.

Volunteers

The following volunteers contributed to creating and editing the content of the *Voter* and mailing printed copies: Debbie Aiona, Peggy Bengry, Doreen Binder, Joanna Cain, Carol Cushman, Jessica Dart, Nancy Donovan, Fran Dyke, Kristin Eberhard, Judy Froemke, Stephanie Hertzog, Pamela Hubbs, Debbie Kaye, Ted Kaye, Kim Mason, Marion McNamara, Mary McWilliams, Christine Moore, Maud Naroll, Amelia Nestler, Amber Nobe, Pat Osborn, Betsy Pratt, Nadyne Rosin, Barbara Ross, Janine Settlemeyer, Colleen Shoemaker, Essie Somma, Emily Toops, Norman Turrill, Janet Youel

Office Manager Aelora Roush also played a key role in preparing and sending the *Voter* newsletter.

Suggestions for Next Year

Consider with the Communications Team and Board whether all ten issues of the *Voter* should be sent to most members electronically, with attachments for the information that is lengthy or considered of such importance that it previously has been sent to all members in printed form. Repeat the request that those members who desire printed copies of the emailed *Voter* should pay a small fee for this service (\$10/year), except for those members without access to a computer for whom this would be a financial hardship. Continue to improve coordinating *Voter* articles with press releases, website posts and social media posts. Recruit more volunteers to write and edit articles and to take photographs of LWV events, meetings and other activities.

Publicity Report

Mary McWilliams

Position Description

The Publicity Chair informs the media, other organizations and key individuals about League events and activities, mainly related to Civic Education and Voter Forums with the help of others on the Communications Team.

Review of the Year's Activities

Publicity was sent to News Media and Organizations via personal email with attachments (press release, pictures, etc.), as well as through news media websites and/or using their online forms.

All have various deadlines. All were done by League volunteers from a home computer, for Civic Education programs or Candidate/Ballot Measure Forums in these months: September, October and November 2018 and January, February, and April 2019.

Media outlets for the greater Portland area included up to 40 print and internet (monthly, weekly, calendars, etc), radio and TV stations, some social media such as Nextdoor.com, and 20 to 25

organizations, (organizations vary by the topic for a particular month). The volunteer workload to post can be extensive in time and commitment.

There is a list for News Media and Organizations (MEDIA-Publicity-Contacts-LWVPDX) and (ORGANIZATIONS-CivicEd-VoterForums) that are updated monthly (and need to be updated regularly as key personnel changes all the time). These lists are both housed on LWVPDX's GOOGLE DRIVE.

Although publicity from LWVPDX takes a broad approach, with personal emails to most print and internet news sources, the likelihood of any of our PR being printed is minimal. News media pick and choose from the multitude of notices they receive. But, if we didn't cast a wide net, then there is no chance of any of our publicity getting picked up. And we do get some positive feedback from news media and organizations, that makes it all worthwhile. An example: In April 2019 we hosted a Portland Public Schools Board Candidate Forum with The Bus Project and Portland Council PTA that was reported in the Oregonian (and they rarely do), several other print newspapers and a TV reporter came to the event.

In addition to all of the above, radio and print ads/underwriting were placed for several weeks to reach a younger and more diverse voter in Oct. 2018 for the Nov. 6th election, focusing on Vote411.org and other LWV election tools. These included: The Gresham Outline, The Portland Observer, The Portland Skanner, Street Roots, KBOO.FM, and XRAY.FM for a total cost of \$3,204. Margaret Noel had secured grant funds from various sources to pay for these ads. Details on each ad/underwriting is in the October 2018 Publicity Board Reports in the 2018-19 Board folder in our Google Drive.

Volunteers

Margaret Noel, Communications Chair was the person I worked collaboratively with each month for press releases and flyers. **Ruth Kratchovil** offered this year to send out publicity to the organizations and that was a great help to me for which I was most grateful. Many thanks to those League members who helped to send out publicity, depending on the topic, and those who posted on Nextdoor.com or other social media for their geographic area, took photos, or helped in other ways: **Debbie Aiona, Peggy Bengry, Julie Chapman, Eileen Chase, Peter Englander, Stephanie Hertzog, Kris Hudson, Kim Mason, Marion McNamara, Maud Naroll, Nadyne Rosin, Minda Seibert, and Emily Toops.**

Suggestions for Next Year

- We should continue to cast a personal wide net in our publicity to news media. Our website and social media are other crucial publicity sources for us.
- Continue the collaboration with chairs of the Civic Education and Voter Service Forums in writing of the initial publicity.
- Continue the collaboration with members who do social media so we are in sync with one another and use the similar language in our messages.
- Any help with making our publicity fresh and exciting using current technology would be appreciated.

Directory of Elected Officials

Mary McWilliams

Position Description

The chair coordinates volunteers in verifying information about the newly and continuing elected officials. Once the Directory of Elected Officials (DOE) is on our website, the chair informs League members through the VOTER, how to obtain a print copy. The chair also sends the Multnomah County Board of Elections a link to the DOE on our website.

2019-2021 LWVPDX Multnomah County Directory of Elected Officials/DOE

The current version is dated January 2019 and is on our website. The **2019-2021 DOE** contains all the updated elected officials since the November 2018 midterm election, their terms of office, and how to contact them. The next update will be posted to the website about a month after the May 21, 2019 Oregon Special Election (such as school boards, and fire and water districts).

Free copies of the **DOE** are available in many forms:

- Through our website <https://lwvpdx.org>, under *ADVOCATE>Contact Elected Officials*
- From our website, the DOE can be downloaded to your computer or printed (3 pages back-to-back)
- Hard copies may be picked up at the League office and at our public programs and membership events.
- For a small charge, the League office will mail the **DOE** to your home.

The Multnomah County Board of Elections provides a LINK to our **DOE**, that they include in their *Information for Voters>Elected Officials*.

Volunteers

Our thanks to the DOE volunteers for the **2019-2021 DOE**: Peggy Bengry, Judy Froemke, Mary McWilliams, Margaret Noel, Marilyn Owen, Anna Youel, Janet Youel, and Office Manager Aelora Roush.

Voter Service

Stephanie Hertzog

Position Description

The Voter Service Chair coordinates, assists and reports to the Board and the membership on activity by volunteer leaders in charge of the *Voters' Guide*, candidate and ballot measure Voter Forums, Video Voters' Guide, Speaker's Bureau, Voter Registration, and the biennial *Directory of Elected Officials*; helps publicize Voter Service activity; applies for grant funding as necessary; and creates a Voter Service budget.

Review of Year's Activities

2018-2019 was an active and fulfilling year for Voter Service leadership. Peggy Bengry continued to lead efforts for the Voters' Guide and provided a great deal of information and support to the chair and other leaders. Maud Naroll continued her excellent work organizing Candidate and Ballot Forums, and

Mary McWilliams continued to lead the Directory of Elected Officials and Publicity for all Voter Service efforts, keeping events and resources visible in the community.

Peggy Bengry put together the *Voters' Guide for the November 2018 general*, which was published in English and Spanish, both in print and online at www.Vote411.org. She also coordinated the question gathering sessions for the Voters' Guide and Forums and put together the May 2019 School Board Election Voters' Guide.

Peggy also took on a lead role in coordinating distribution of the 15560 Voters' Guides while Eileen Chase was unavailable. Eileen stepped back in when she could and took on coordinating distribution of the 2500 Voter's Guides for the School Board Election.

Maud Naroll formed or enhanced partnerships with Portland City Club, The Bus Project, and Portland PTA who brought us great resources to enhance our reach with Live Streaming a Forum on Facebook and collecting questions via social media from those watching live.

In lieu of holding candidate forums for every office covering Multnomah County, Emily Toops organized the Video Voters' Guide for the 2018 General Election, inviting candidates to record eight-minute interviews broadcast on public access television and posted on LWVPDX YouTube Channel and website, Vote411, and the MetroEast Community Media website and YouTube channel. Linda Fields did a stellar job taking on leadership to coordinate the Speaker's Bureau. She stepped in with little time to spare and, along with dedicated volunteers, was able to fulfill 23 requests for education on ballot measures with just 5 speaker volunteers.

Nancy Boudreau took on leadership of Voter Registration efforts and held 3 voter registration events during the 2018 general.

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All totaled, LWVPDX Voter Service work had reached and supported 71,000+ during the 2018 General Election and 2500+ (and counting) during the 2019 Spring School Board Election. Our efforts are part of LWVUS Voter Service work nationally with exciting statistics including 2500 naturalization ceremonies, 25,000 new voters in the 2018 general election, 110 million voters reached via forums and debates, and 5 million visitors to VOTE411.org

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