



League of Women Voters Of Alameda

2015 Annual Meeting Kit

CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

All members of the League of Women Voters of Alameda are invited to the Annual Meeting to approve a budget, issues of emphasis for action, and to elect a new Board.

Saturday, June 13, 2015– 11:30 a.m.

Cardinal Point, Mariner Square, Alameda

*LUNCH RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY JUNE 4TH (See reservation form on back page.)
You may attend the meeting, which begins at 12:45 pm, without attending the lunch.*

AGENDA

12:00 p.m. Speaker – Interim City Manager Liz Warmerdam
‘Perspectives on the City of Alameda’

12:45 p.m. Call to Order

Credentials Report – Ruth Dixon Mueller

Introduction of Parliamentarian - TBA

Adoption - Order of Business and Rules of the Meeting

Approval- Minutes of Annual Meeting of May 31, 2014

Appoint Committee to Review 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes

Introductions of Guests & Former LWVA Presidents

State of the League - Felice Zensius and Kate Quick, Co-Presidents

Treasurer’s Report – Marian Breitbart

Presentation of 2015-2016 – Budget - Ted Frey

Board Recommended By-Laws changes

Board Recommended Program (Position) changes

Re-Adoption of Continuing Positions

Debate and Adoption of Program

Debate and Adoption of Budget

Nominating Committee Report - Marilyn Ng

Election of 2015-2016 Board and Officers / Request for Committee Participants

Directions to the New Board and Committees

Announcements

2:30 pm Adjourn

Please Bring this Kit with You to the Annual Meeting!



RULES OF THE 2015 ANNUAL MEETING

1. QUORUM

The meeting shall not begin until a quorum is present. In accordance with Article IX, Section 4 of the By-Laws, fifteen members shall constitute a quorum.

2. ELIGIBILITY

In accordance with Article IX, Section 6 of the By-Laws, the Board has set the record date for establishment of notice and voting rights to the 2015 Annual Meeting as May 14, 2015. Members who are current in payment of dues as of that date are eligible to receive notice and vote at the Annual Meeting. Article IX, Section 3 prohibits absentee and proxy voting.

3. WRITTEN MOTIONS

Main motions and substantive amendments shall be given to the secretary in writing, with the name of the maker of the motion included. Forms will be provided.

4. DEBATE TIME

There shall be two minutes per member for debate. Members and guests who are not eligible to vote on motions may not speak to them during debate. No one may speak for a second time on a given item until others wishing to speak have had their turns. Each speaker shall address all remarks to the Chair and shall limit such remarks to the item being considered. There shall be no interruption of the speaker while the presentation is being given. The moderator of the Meeting shall have the authority to announce the total time dedicated to debate on a given matter when there are many wishing to speak. Time will be allowed at the end of the meeting, as is our custom, for "Directions to the Board", following which guests may add brief comments.

5. PROGRAM ADOPTION (Referring to New and Ongoing Studies, Position Updates or Position Review for Adoption of Concurrence with another League's Position)

- a. Each recommended program item shall be moved and seconded, but there will be no vote on any item until all items (recommended and non-recommended) have been discussed. A majority vote is needed to adopt a recommended item.
- b. Any non-recommended program item may be moved for consideration by a majority vote of members present and voting. A two-thirds vote in favor is needed to adopt a non-recommended item. Non-recommended studies require a prepared scope, budget, and name of proposed chair.
- c. The vote will be taken on recommended items (with possible amendments) in the order moved, followed by the vote on non-recommended items. Amendments may be deletions from, but not additions to, program positions.

6. NOMINATIONS

Additional nominations for Officers, Directors, and the Nominating Committee may be made from the floor, provided that the consent of the nominee shall have been secured in writing in advance of the meeting.

7. ITEMS FOR ACTION

Must be related to existing positions, either local, state or national, and are not considered to be the same as Program. An action item may be adopted by a simple majority of those voting. Debate of Board recommended action items is limited to ten minutes and will be moderated by the Presider.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of ALAMEDA
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
MAY 31, 2014

Guest speaker: Loni Hancock, California Senator, 9th district, spoke on “Campaign Finance Reform”

Call to order: LWVA co-president Felice Zensius called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

Introductions: Felice introduced elected officials Marie Gilmore (Mayor of Alameda), Lena Tam (Councilmember), and Robert Rayburn (BART Board of Directors), as well as Tamra Hege of Piedmont, LWVA’s Management Training Advisor.

Credentials Report: 37 voting members present as reported by Ruth Dixon-Mueller.

Parliamentarian: Board member Donna Vaughan, was introduced.

Adoption: M-Helen Sause, S- Dorie Behrstock carried to adopt Order of Business and Rules of Meeting

Minutes of June 22, 2013 Annual Meeting:

M-Helen Sause, S-Mark Hamilton carried to approve minutes.

Dorie Behrstock, Luann DeWitt and Li Volin were appointed to review 2014 minutes.

Former LWVA Presidents Alice Huie, Joan Narahara, Donna Vaughn (first president) and Lena Tam were introduced. **Guest** Nathan Rapp, Senator Hancock’s Field Representative, was introduced.

State of the League 2013-2014: co-presidents Kate Quick and Felice Zensius distributed a handout at the meeting. The “state of…” report announced that LWVA is “healthy, vibrant and strong,” reviewed the many achievements of the past year, and thanked League members who made them happen.

2014-2015 Budget: The report of the 2013-2014 Budget Committee was presented by Li Volin. A correction was made to the LWVA Treasurer’s Report, Gain/loss from Operations, \$1,746.45 should be \$1,476.45. Proposed budget for 2014-15 fiscal year projects a net loss of \$3,836.00. This is based on conservative estimates of income. LWVA is in a good position to support a small deficit but will carefully monitor revenue and expenditures during the year to maintain a solid financial base.

Recommended Programs: Kate Quick asked if anyone wished to recommend a new program for LWVA. No new local programs were recommended. **Clarification:** “Programs” in this context refers to the “Positions” that LWVA has taken on local issues, as stated in the 2014 Annual Meeting Kit, and not to programs such as the public forums and other activities organized by the “Program Committee.”

Re-Adoption of Continuing Positions: The committee appointed to review LWVA’s previously adopted positions was unable to complete its work. These positions need to be updated and presented to full membership for review at 2015 Annual Meeting or before. A committee will be selected at the Board Retreat in August.

M-Li Volin S-Jon Spangler carried to adopt program.

Budget Committee: M by the Budget Committee carried to adopt 2014-2015 Budget.

Nominating Committee: Kate Quick presented the Committee’s report. Kate asked for nominations for each office from the floor. No additional candidates were nominated.

Officers elected at the Annual Meeting:

Co-Presidents: Felice Zensius and Kate Quick

Administrative VP: none

Vice President for Programs: Gayle Thomas

Secretary: Jan Harrington

Treasurer: Marian Breitbart

Board Members elected at the Annual Meeting:

Membership: Ruth Dixon-Mueller



Voter Services: Dorothy Fullerton
Action Co-Chairs: Karen Butter and Robbie Kiley
Communication Coordinator: Jeff Cambra
Health Care Liaison: Shubha Fanse
Technical Support: Mike Williams

At Large Nominees to the Board elected at the Annual Meeting:
Earleen Hamlin, David Needle

Persons agreeing to be appointed by the Board in September:
Electronic Communications: Donna Vaughn
Smart Voter: Juelle Ann Boyer
Budget Chair: Ted Frey

Nomination Committee non-Board members 2014-15
Marilyn Ng, Marilyn Ashcraft, Audrey Lord-Hausman

2013-2014 Nominating Committee: Anne Spanier, Chair, Marian Breitbart, Gayle Thomas
M-Marilyn Ng carried to adopt the slate of candidates.

Request for Committee Participants: Dave Needle and Dorothy Fullerton volunteered for Budget Committee. Lynn Groh, Dave Needle, Sally Faulhaber, Anne DeBardeleben, LuAnn DeWitt and Joan Searls volunteered for Voter Services.

Directions to the new Board and Committees:

1. Dave Needle requested that the League participate with the City of Alameda and the Citizens Oversight and Reporting Committee (CORC) of the Port of Oakland to convince FAA to withdraw its plans to alter flight paths to Oakland airport.
2. Robert Raburn suggested that the League participate with other interested groups in lobbying at the state level for allocating a portion of income from Cap and Trade funds to redevelopment as a replacement for lost local income from this source.
3. William Smith suggested that the League present a forum on the rising costs of homes in Alameda, housing supply and demand, and related issues such as rent increases and affordable housing in general.
4. Tamra Hege suggested that the League consider raising its dues, given that almost all of the current dues payments go to CA and US, with only \$565 going into LWVA's budget. Most of LWVA's income comes from donations and the fundraiser.

Announcements: Final LWVA forum of 2013-14 season, "Money & Politics in Alameda: Time for Change?" will be held at Harbor Bay Community Center June 26, 7-9 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 1:55 p.m.
Ruth Dixon-Mueller, acting Secretary

LWVA Treasurer's Report, First Nine Months 2014-2015

CHECKING ACCOUNT- BANK OF ALAMEDA

Balance Sheet Calculation	
Beginning Cash 7/1/2014	\$ 14,900.74
Receipts 7/1/2014-3/31-2015	\$ 10,409.97
Expenditures 7/1/2014-3/31/2015	\$ 8,416.20
Cash on Hand 3/31/2015	\$ 16,894.51

Operating Statement	
Receipts	\$ 10,409.97
Expenditures*	\$ 8,416.20
Gain/(loss) from Operations	\$ 1,993.77
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT	\$10,070.24

Respectfully, Marian Breitbart, Treasurer



**Fiscal Year 2015-2016
Budget Proposal**

	FY 13-14	FY 14-15	FY 14-15	FY 14/15 Est.	FY 15-16	
_Income	Actual	Bud.	Est.	Over/ Under	Pro posed	Comment
1. Dues	6,909	6,900	6,468	-432	6,490	As of 3- 14 @ 64 singles 21 families. Budget assumes 65 singles And 20 families.
2 Contributions	1,847	2,000	2,138	138	1,000	
3. MYPO In Kind Donations	-	6	0	-6	0	
4. MYPO	4,062	3,500	3,500	0	3,500	
5. Other Fundraising	165	0	175	175	0	
6. Projects (Affadavits, recycling, Escript)	858	8	428	420	125	
7. Other operating income	-	0	0	0	0	
Subtotal Operating Income	13,841	12,414	12,709	295	11,115	
8. Refunds	391	0	0	0		
TOTAL INCOME	14,232	12,414	12,709	295	11,115	
_Expenses						
A. OPERATING COSTS						
1.PO Box Rental/permit	296	100	100	0	100	
2. State Fees (AG/SOS)	40	50	20	-30	50	
3. Insurance	278	300	279	-21	300	
4. Voice Mail	458	450	263	-187	0	
5. Easy Web Maintenance	160	160	160	0	160	
6, Dues Rebate	-	0	0	0	0	
SUBTOTAL	1,232	1,060	822	-238	610	
*Dues Assistance has been removed as a budgeted item but remains available						
As per standing rule						



B. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION						
1. Officer Expenses	36	150	0	-150	50	Position Review Meeting
2. Board Tools	-	100	0	-100	50	
3. Membership brochures, renewal kit, new member kit)					125	
4. Membership renewal Postage					90	
5. Administration/Comm/Membership	83	150	186	36	150	Hosted Member Orientation eliminated 2015/2016
6. Retreat	86	100	37	-63	100	
SUBTOTAL	205	500	223	-277	565	
C. CONVENTION/ANNUAL MEETING						
1. National/State/Conv/Council	2,975	2,600	2,600	0	3,000	Assumes attendance 2 members. In DC.
2. Annual Meeting (net)	16	0	0	0	0	
SUBTOTAL	2,991	2,600	2,600	0	3,000	
D. PER MEMBER PAYMENTS						
1. County Council	-	20	20	0	20	
2. LWV Bay Area @\$1.50/member/family	99	117	92	-25	119	Based on 79 @ \$1.50 ea
3. LWVC @\$24/\$12 per member/family member	2,266	2,709	2,128	-581	2,160	79 L1V/L2v , 22L3V
4. LWVUS @\$32/\$16 per member/family member-15/16	2,918	3,489	2,868	-621	2,880	79 L1V/L2v , 22L3V
SUBTOTAL	5,283	6,335	5,108	-1,227	5,179	
E. PRINTING & SUPPLIES						
1. Voter Printing	231	200	10	-190	159	\$15.81 for 10 mailed VOTERS. 10 Voters/yr
2. Voter Postage	-	120	20	-100	91	10 mailings of 10 at \$.91 each
3. Other Printing (Annual Kit, Directory)	444	300	389	89	450	\$150 directory, \$250 annual kit
4. Other Postage	95	200	356	156	200	Min. \$60/Treas.
SUBTOTAL	770	820	775	-45	900	
F. EDUCATION						



1. Publications/Postion support	-	250	50	-200	100	
2. League State/National Program Study	-	100	0	-100	100	
3.Voter ServicesRental-		900	1,433	533	270	2 at \$135/each
4. Voter Service Publicity	2,108	1,200	1,296	96	300	2 at \$150
5. Voter Service Printing					100	
6. Program (6)Forums-Rental					675	5 @ \$135/ea. 1 free venue
7. Program Forums-Misc/food/handouts					230	\$30/forum Handouts & flyers +\$50 food/water
8. Program Publicity					909	6 at \$151.50 each
9. Smart Voter Contribution	1,352	600	500	-100	500	14/15 budget footnotes say \$600
10. Know Your Rep Printing and Smart Voter					88	\$48 Rep brochure/ \$40 Smart Voter
11. Easy Voter Guide	-	0	0	0	575	
12.Hot topics rental/handouts-FOR DISCUSSION-6 mtgs					250	5 at \$50 ea (room plus materials)
13.Room Rental	788	900	405	-495		
SUBTOTAL	4,248	3,950	3,684	(266)	4,097	
G. SPECIAL FUNCTIONS						
1. MYPO expenses	906	500	500	0	500	
2. Chamber Dues	125	125	125	0	125	
3. One Time Expenses	665	400	40	-360	400	
SUBTOTAL	1,696	1,025	665	-360	1,025	
			0	0		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	16,425	16,290	13,877	-2,413	15,376	
			0	0		
OPERATING INCOME/(LOSS)	-2,193	-3,876	-1,168	2,708	-4,261	
1.Interest Income		40	30	-10	40	
			0	0		
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	-2,193	3,836	1,138	2,698	4,221	

National PMP for 2015-16 @\$32 Primary (L1V and L2V codes) and \$16 for L3V code members.



CA PMP assumed at \$24 primary member and \$12 for L3V

Assumes 6 program forums. No program forum in May (voter forums on propositions). June, July, August, December or January 2016

Total 2015-16 rental \$1,195

Rentals 2014-15 thru January \$933.

Narrative

A. 2015/16 Proposed Budget operating loss is approximately \$400 higher than the 2014/15 budget although the budgeted 2015/16 loss is approximately \$4,250 vs. an estimated \$1,100 actual loss for 2014/15. Actual results in 2014/15 are estimated to be approximately \$2,700 better than budget largely due to PMP being approximately \$1,230 lower than budgeted.

B. 2015/16 Budget vs. 2014/15 Budget: Increases in the 2015/16 budget vs. 2014/15 budget reflect an assumed decline in membership and contributions of \$1,300 which are almost all offset by a decline in PMP payments, a \$400 increase in national convention costs (D.C.) vs. State convention and other miscellaneous small changes.

C. 2014/15 Budget vs Est. Actual: Other revenue (contributions, "project" revenue etc) in 2014/15 was significant enough to offset a reduction in member dues of more than \$430 and result in revenues being almost \$300 higher than budget.

D. 2014/15 Budget vs. Est. Actual: 2014/15 savings in room rental, smart voter contributions, program study and publications represented an additional \$900 in savings vs. budget.

E. 2014/15 Est. Actual vs. 2015/16 Budget: Of the approx. \$3,000 increase in deficit vs. estimated actual for current year, over half is due to a budgeted decline in contributions and other revenue which have been budgeted conservatively.

--The LWVA Budget Committee

BOARD RECOMMENDED BYLAWS CHANGES

The following are recommended by-laws changes by the Board, which formed a sub-committee to study and report to the Board. These were considered at the February and March Board meetings and are presented to the Membership for ratification. The actual text with strikeouts and additions follows the recommendations:

1. The first Article recommended for amendment is Article IV Board of Directors, Section 8 Special Meetings and Section 15 Executive Committee.

Section 8 of Article IV paragraph 2, following "by telephone" delete "telegraph, telex" and insert "electronic." Last paragraph, last sentence, following "telephone or", delete "wireless" and insert "electronic."

This change is recommended to reflect current modes of communication

2. At present, the Executive Committee is to be composed of the President, the First Vice President; one member of the Board who shall have been nominated for appointment by the President and elected by the Board; and two members of the Board elected by the Board.

The recommendation is to change this to reflect the new recommended configuration of Officers, as set forth in Article V, Officers, Section 1. The recommended Section 1. Would allow the officers to conform to one of two options, as chosen by a vote of the Board. Please see Item 5, below for the new proposed configurations.

3. Thus, in Article IV, Section 15, the Executive Committee would be comprised of either:
 - A. Two Co-Presidents, the Secretary, the Treasurer, one member of the Board who shall have been nominated for appointment by the Co-Presidents and elected by the Board; and two members of the Board elected by the Board.



- B. The President, the Administrative Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer; one member of the Board who shall have been nominated for appointment by the President and elected by the Board; and two members of the Board elected by the Board.

This will allow the Executive Committee to reflect the options for configuration of the Board as either President and Vice President, or two Co-Presidents and include the Secretary and the Treasurer in the Executive Committee.

- 4. Recommended change to Article IV Board of Directors, Section 16. Budget Committee (a.) Composition. It now reads: The Budget Committee shall be composed of the Treasurer and two members. . .who have been nominated by the President. . .

The recommendation is to change this to insert “at least” between “the Treasurer” and “two members who shall

Thus, the Budget Committee may have additional members but always have the Treasurer and two other members.

- 5. Recommended change to Article V Officers, Section 1. The current bylaws specify “The officers of the League shall be a President, a First Vice President, a second Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. . .” The new recommended configuration of Officers would allow the officers to conform to one of two options, as chosen by a vote of the Board. The two choices would be:
 - A. Two Co-Presidents, a Program Vice President, a Membership Vice President, a Secretary and Treasurer, or
 - B. A President, an Administrative Vice President, co-equal Vice Presidents in charge of Program and Membership, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

This will allow the Board to, each year, choose from more than one configuration of Officers. It will give the Nominating Committee the option to recommend to the Board either configuration, based on their assessment of the members available to run for office.

- 6. Recommended change to Article V, Section 2. Which now reads “The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation and of the Board of Directors unless the President designates someone else to preside instead. In the absence or disability of the Treasurer, the President may sign or endorse checks, drafts and notes. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee and shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of President . . .”

It is recommended that “or Co-Presidents” be inserted where it now says President, and in all other occasions where appropriate.

- 7. Recommended change is to clean up the language in Section 4. Secretary. It now reads: “The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept, at the principal office or such other place as the Board may order, a book of minutes of all meetings. . .”

It is recommended that “at the principal office or such other place” be struck, as well as “a book of”, since we do not have a principal office and keep our minutes in electronic format.

- 8. Recommended change is to alter the language of Article VIII, Section 2. To change the number of days from the current 60 to 90.

To reflect current practice in determining when dues are overdue.



- 9. Recommended change to Article IX Meetings and Voting Rights, Section 4. Quorum. It is recommended that the Annual Meeting Quorum be raised from fifteen to twenty one.

Since the quorum is very low, and the Board may have as many as 20 members, twenty one will assure that a quorum will be larger than the maximum number of board members.

- 10. Recommended change to Amend Article X Nominations and Elections, Section 4. Election. It is recommended that the current wording “The election shall be in charge of an Election Committee appointed by the President at the Annual Meeting” be changed to “The Election Committee, appointed by the President(s) at the Annual Meeting shall be in charge of the Election if there are contested offices.”

There is no need for a committee if there are no contested offices.

Article VI, Section 1. Spelling correction of the word “informed.”

Article II, Section 3. d. Spelling correction of the word “member.”

The Board recommends that the name “President” be followed by “or Co-Presidents” throughout the document.

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PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES IN CONTEXT
(new language in bold; deleted language struck through)

ARTICLE IV
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 8. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board for any purpose or purposes may be called at any time by the President or any four directors.

Special meetings of the Board shall be held upon four (4) days’ notice by first-class mail or forty-eight (48) hours’ notice given personally or by telephone, ~~telegraph, telex~~ electronic, or other similar means of communication.

Section 15. Executive Committee

- (a) Composition. ~~The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, the First Vice President; one member of the Board who shall have been nominated for appointment by the President and elected by the Board; and two members of the Board elected by the Board. Three members shall constitute a quorum.~~ **composed of either:**

- 1. **Two Co-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, one member of the Board who shall have been nominated for appointment by the Co-Presidents and elected by the Board; and two members of the Board elected by the Board, or**

- 2. **The President, the Administrative Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer; one member of the Board who shall have been nominated for appointment by the President and elected by the Board; and two members of the Board elected by the Board.**

Four members will constitute a quorum of either of these chosen configurations.

- (b) Duties. The Executive Committee shall transact emergency business between meetings of the Board of Directors. The proceedings of the Executive Committee shall be reported to



the Board at its next meeting for ratification.

Section 16. Budget Committee.

(a) Composition. The Budget Committee shall be composed of the Treasurer and **at least two** members who shall have been nominated for appointment by the President and elected by the Board. The Treasurer shall not be eligible to serve as chairperson of the Budget Committee.

(b) Duties. The Budget Committee shall prepare an annual budget for the League and submit it to the Board at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE V
OFFICERS

Section 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers. The officers of the League shall be ~~a President, a First Vice President, a second Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer~~ **either:**

- a. **A President, an Administrative Vice-President, a Membership Vice President, a Program Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall be elected by the general membership at an annual meeting and take office immediately, except the Treasurer, who shall take office at the beginning of the next fiscal year. They shall hold office for one year or until their successors have been elected and qualified, or**
- b. **Two Co-Presidents, a Program Vice President, a Membership Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall be elected by the general membership at an annual meeting and take office immediately, except the Treasurer, who shall take office at the beginning of the next fiscal year. They shall hold office for one year or until their successors have been elected and qualified.**

Section 2. The President **or Co-Presidents**. The President **or Co-Presidents** shall preside at all meetings of the corporation and of the Board of Directors unless the President **or Co-President** designate(s) someone else to preside instead. In the absence or disability of the Treasurer, the President **or Co-Presidents** may sign or endorse checks, drafts, and notes. The President **or Co-Presidents** shall be an ex-officio member(s) of all committees except the Nominating Committee and shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of President **or Co-Presidents** and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board.

Section 3. The Vice-Presidents. The ~~First~~ **Administrative Vice-President, or the Membership or Program Vice President** in the event of the absence, disability, or death of the President shall possess all the powers and perform all the duties of that office until the Board of Directors shall fill the vacancy. The ~~two~~ Vice-Presidents shall perform such duties as the President and the Board may designate.

Section 4. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept, ~~at the principal office or such other place as the Board may order, a book of~~ minutes of all meetings of the Board and its committees, with the time and place of holding, whether regular or special, and if special, how authorized, the notice thereof given, the names of those present at Board and committee meetings, and the proceedings thereof. The Secretary shall also keep minutes of the Annual Meeting and shall sign with the President **or Co-Presidents** all contracts and such instruments when so authorized by the Board. The Secretary shall keep, or cause to be kept, at the principal office in the State of California the original or a copy of the corporation's Articles and Bylaws, as amended to date.

The Secretary shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the Board and any committees thereof required by these Bylaws or by law to be given, shall keep the seal of the corporation in safe custody, and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board.

Section 5. Treasurer. The Treasurer is the chief financial officer of the corporation and shall keep and maintain, or cause to be kept and maintained, adequate and correct accounts of the properties and business transactions of the corporation. The books of account shall at all times be open to inspection by any director.



The Treasurer shall deposit all money and other valuables in the name and to the credit of the corporation with such depositories as may be designated by the Board. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the Corporation as may be ordered by the Board, shall render to the President **or Co-Presidents** and the directors, whenever they request it, an account of all transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the corporation, and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board.

ARTICLE VI OTHER PROVISIONS

Section 1. Contracts. The League may be contractually bound by (a) the President **or Co-Presidents** and one other Officer of the Board or (b) any member specifically so authorized by the Board. These people shall keep the Board informed of all contracts. Whenever possible, the Board shall be given the opportunity to approve the agreement in advance. The agreement should be in writing, dated, and signed by everyone to be bound or their representative.

Section 2. Representation of Shares of Other Corporations. If the League owns any interest in a corporation or other entity, the president **or Co-Presidents**, or any officer authorized by the Board, may vote the stock by any means permitted by law.

ARTICLE IX MEETINGS AND VOTING RIGHTS

Section 8. Inspection of Articles and Bylaws. The League shall keep in its principal office in the State of California, or in the office of the President, **Co-Presidents** or Secretary, the original or a copy of its Articles and of these Bylaws as amended to date, which shall be open to inspection by Local League Members, at all reasonable times during office hours.

ARTICLE X NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. The Nominating Committee.

- (c) The President **or Co-Presidents** of the League shall send the name and address of the Nominating Committee Chair to the Members. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee Chair to solicit from Members suggestions for nominations for the offices to be filled.

Section 4. Election. ~~The election shall be in charge of an Election Committee appointed by the President or Co-Presidents at the Annual Meeting.~~ **The Election Committee, appointed by the President(s) at the Annual Meeting shall be in charge of the Election if there are contested offices.** The election shall be by ballot, except that if there is but one nominee for each office it shall be by voice vote, in which a majority of those Local League Members present and qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election.



Membership Chair's Report July 2014 - April 2015

LWVA continues with a strong membership base, of which we are very proud! In December 2014 we had 120 active members. The total dropped to 103 by the end of January 2015 due to the deaths and non-renewals of some members but has grown to 114 in mid-April—about the same as last year. We hope to recruit more members at the end of April at “Meet Your Public Officials” (MYPO2015).

The Membership Committee defines its mission to encompass 1) community outreach to attract potential new members; 2) signing up and orientation of new members; 3) involvement of new members in LWVA's activities; and 4) support, participation and retention of the League's current membership. Let's ensure that LWVA is a vital and growing organization that engages us all in making a difference in our community!

Here are some of the things your Membership Committee has been doing this year:

1. Meeting with the previous Membership Chair to ensure continuity, exchange ideas, and build on successful recruitment and retention experiences from last year;
2. Holding (almost) monthly committee meetings to plan strategies and outreach;
3. Creating an information packet for new and potential members to review in orientation sessions over coffee (five or six of these group sessions have been held);
4. Encouraging new and ongoing members to “Share your skills and interests with the League” by filling out an activities interest checklist that identifies more than 12 ways to engage in the work of the League;
5. Matching members' interests with those of Committee Chairs looking for volunteers;
6. Implementing the end-of-year renewal drive with mailed renewal packets that included letters, renewal forms, activity interest checklists, a questionnaire about information sources and attendance at forums, and a self-addressed stamped envelope for mailing checks to LWVA (followed by email and phone call reminders!);
7. Maintaining newly formatted membership lists on Excel that incorporate privacy requests relating to contact information and are adaptable to purposes such as producing address labels, distributing email lists, and printing the Membership Directory;
8. Distributing membership brochures, “Know Your Representatives,” and other information at League forums and at the events of other organizations;
9. Following up with emails or direct mail with people who sign up for information at League-sponsored or co-sponsored events, or who express an interest in joining;
10. Sending information to public officials about LWVA and encouraging them to join;
11. Collaborating with and/or participating directly in other LWVA committees such as Programs, Nominations, and MYPO2015; and
12. Initiating new outreach activities: in January 2015 the Membership Committee launched a monthly “Hot Topics” small-group policy discussion forum in the Library, open to members and non-members alike, with calendar notices in the Alameda Sun.

Building on last year's efforts, the Membership Committee tries to increase LWVA's visibility via our website www.LWVAAlameda.org, our newsletter *The Voter*, and our Facebook page to connect with friends and the community. **But we need YOUR help. Encourage your friends to join LWVA! Join the Membership Committee next year!**

Ruth Dixon-Mueller, 2014-2015 Membership Chair



Program Chair's Report 2015: the 2014-2015 Season and Beyond

Our Program year was filled with quite the range of subjects. We provided our much anticipated (and attended) election forums and yearly updates on City government and related organizations. We also delved into some new subjects, such as Immigration Reform and Gender Bias ("Miss Representation") while ending our season with education on new building developments in our City. All our presentations/forums were open to the public. Thank you very much for the wonderful promotional work performed by our Communications Committee and others involved in related outreach. We had a fabulous year and I am sure next year will be just as successful!

Sept. 11th: "State of the City" with City Manager John Russo, Cardinal Point Retirement Community. 70+ people in attendance.

Oct. 2: State, Local Ballot Measure Pros & Cons.

Oct. 8: City of Alameda Health Care District Board, Assembly District 18 Candidates.

Oct. 9: City Council and Mayoral Candidates.

Oct. 16: AUSD Board of Trustees, Alameda County Superintendent of Schools.

Nov. 13: "Is Alameda Ready for the Big One?", Alameda Main Library, with Captain Sharon Oliver, Alameda Fire Department; Paul Hess, Alameda County; & John McCahan, Alameda Red Cross. 70+ people in attendance.

Feb. 26: "Why We Need Comprehensive Immigration Reform: Alameda County Perspectives", Alameda Main Library, featuring Wilma Chan, Alameda County Supervisor and panel. Ruth Dixon Mueller, organizer.

March 11th: "State of Health Care in Alameda", Alameda Hospital, featuring Bonnie Panlasigui, CAO of Alameda Hospital, Michael McCormick, Alameda Healthcare District Board President and panel. 50 people in attendance. Shubha Fanse, organizer.

March 18th and 24th: "Miss Representation", College of Alameda, co-sponsored by LWVA. Approximately 60 people in attendance.

April 16th: "What Developments Are Coming To Alameda?", Alameda Elks Lodge, featuring Andrew Thomas, Alameda City Planner and panel, co-sponsored by LWVA. Approximately 150 people in attendance.

May 28th: "State of the AUSD", Encinal High School, featuring Dr. Sean McPhetridge, Superintendent, Barbara Kahn, AUSD Board of Education President.

LWVA Action Committee Report 2014-2015

The Action Committee sponsored a number of activities throughout the year. A second LWVA forum on Money and Politics was held on June 26, 2014 following the first very successful meeting held on October 24th, 2013. The forums are intended to provide members with a broad understanding of the influence of money in politics at the federal and state levels as well as what might be feasibly done at the local level to make the election process more transparent. They also provide information for the LWVA's Action Committee in developing recommendations for the City of Alameda. The June forum had three presenters: Harry Berezin, attorney with Remcho, Johansen and Purcell specializing in political, election, ethics, constitutional, and public policy law; Jay Costa, Maplight, an organization that tracks campaign spending, and Alameda Assistant City Clerk Irma Glidden. The speakers discussed the impact of the McCutcheon decision on financing and



disclosure for federal, state and local elections; California and Federal regulations and how they affect state and local races; what local municipalities can do (and have done) to promote greater transparency in disclosure; how to track campaign financing for federal, state and county/municipal races; what can be done to improve disclosure in smaller cities such as Alameda; and current regulations and practices relating to the collection and reporting of contributions and expenditures in the City of Alameda.

The Action Committee advocated for state legislation and initiatives following guidance from LWV California. Locally the league supported Alameda County Measure BB, a transportation sales tax, by providing handouts and Voter articles for the November 2014 election. The League analyzed the Alameda Unified School District Measure I that proposed to upgrade and renovate school facilities. For Measure I we organized presentations to the LWVA Board, reviewed league positions and developed material in support of the Measure. Both Measure BB and Measure I were approved by the voters.

In January LWVA Co President Felice Zensius and Action Chair Karen Butter met with then Interim Superintendent Sean McPhetridge and AUSD Board President Barbara Kahn to review the previous actions by the Board and District to increase transparency and provide more information to the public about issues and actions that come before the Board. This was as a result league recommendations in 2013. While there is still work to do the League felt the district was making good progress. We urged the district to continue its communications efforts by streaming board meetings whenever possible, redesigning the AUSD/District website, and using social media. We invited the Superintendent to a Fall meeting to present a "State of the District" and to submit an article to the Voter about his views on school funding.

With leadership from co-president's Kate Quick and Felice Zensius the League spoke at the January 6th Alameda City Council meeting about Council actions to repeal Ordinance 3116 and 3115. The two Ordinances adopted the Master plan for the development of the Del Monte property which had been approved by the former city council in December 2014. There have been community hearings about development of the property and the Planning Board signed off on the development plan in November referring it to the City Council. The newly elected Mayor placed the item on the Council agenda in January to provide comment by the new Council. The League was concerned that the procedures for the repeal did not meet the standards established in the Sunshine ordinance and several city charter sections. For example, there was no staff report to provide background information to the public. The League took no position on the development of the property. The City Council voted 5-0 to uphold the ordinances.

In the Spring the Action Committee met to identify opportunities to engage the City's Open Government Commission in promoting greater transparency to the public about city government, to highlight ways for the public to participate in city government and to discuss strategies to reduce the length of City Council meetings. This may result in letters to the editor, a fall meeting on the topic and making recommendations to the Commission and City Council.

--Karen Butter, Action Committee Chair



League Program: Positions and Action (Definition)

A League position is the stand of the League on a public issue. It serves as the basis for advocacy or action. Action includes lobbying, legislative testimony, public statements, media campaigns, and joining coalitions. A League position is established after members have studied an issue and achieved consensus on policies and practices that best serve the public interest. Local League positions are used in conjunction with positions adopted by the national and state levels of League and may not be in conflict with them, if they are on the same subject.

LOCAL POSITIONS of the League of Women Voters of Alameda

**The Board Recommends re-adoption of the Local Positions
Except as noted below at the end of each Position, in Bold text..**

CITY CHARTER (1978)

Support measures providing simplicity in the City Charter through clarification of meaning and elimination of obsolete or inapplicable provisions. Objectives:

- I. Remove from the Charter provisions which inhibit flexibility of governmental action to meet changing conditions including:
 - A. Inflexible monetary limits.
 - B. Definition of the operating procedures of Boards with references in the Charter made only as to purpose, power, and limitations.
- II. Encourage and support a wide and balanced representation of all segments of the community on the City Council.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS (1997)

The LWV Alameda supports measures that designate the City as the lead agency during an emergency or disaster. The City is charged with the responsibility to formulate a plan that addresses the four phases of disaster preparedness: mitigation, training, response, and recovery.

- I. Alameda's Emergency Management Operations Plan (MOP) should be current and comply with all Federal and state regulations. The plan should:
 - A. Clearly define the roles and responsibilities of public officials and employees
 - B. Integrate public and private agencies, organizations, utilities, and other entities related to public health and safety and social services into the overall plan
 - C. Establish Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with neighboring communities and agencies to coordinate and share services during emergencies and disasters.
- II. The City should train its public officials and employees in disaster preparedness and develop a community-wide disaster training program. The City should:
 - A. Hold periodic emergency and disaster drills.
 - B. Encourage citizens to maintain and restock emergency supplies and know emergency procedure.
- III. The City should establish and maintain a command center equipped with reliable communication systems. The City should identify all available groups or individuals with the capability to assist in dissemination of information during an emergency or disaster.
- IV. There should be sufficient funding to support appropriate levels of response and recovery.
- V. Zoning laws and building codes should take into consideration the different underlying seismic and geologic soil conditions throughout Alameda. Buildings regularly open to the public should be retrofitted to meet or exceed current building codes.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS AN UPDATE OF THIS POSITION IN 2015-2016



ELECTIONS

FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES (1985): Support the adoption of a Fair Campaign Practices Code/Agreement by the City Council for the local election of Public Officials.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS (1992): Alameda elections should coincide with the date of the June primary or general elections as set by the State of California. (Note: has been instituted.)

The League will continue to monitor voting patterns in Alameda to determine whether ethnic populations are fairly represented. (The Alameda League of Women Voters does not currently support district elections.)

VOTING BY MAIL (1998): Local special elections should be held by mail ballot with return postage provided. Adequate time should be allowed for voters to become informed about the election and to return the mail ballot. Procedures should be instituted to ensure widespread publicity and effective distribution of the ballots.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (1981)

Support measures that would establish by ordinance administrative duties and responsibilities for City Boards and Commissions, and would prohibit City Council members from serving as ex-officio members on City Boards and Commissions.

LAND USE (1974)

Support land use policies in Alameda which are designed to improve the quality of life. Support the revision of the Alameda General Plan with this purpose in mind. Support existing open space and conservation elements. Support public input in determining community and neighborhood qualities with the following objectives:

- I. General welfare of the citizens of Alameda in such areas as housing, public and social services, noise and odor control, beautification, and commercial and industrial development
- II. Immediate attention should be given to improving existing traffic patterns, including public transportation and access to BART. Alternatives to increased auto usage, such as bike paths and walkways, should be considered.
- III. Light industrial and commercial development should be actively pursued. Existing commercial areas should be upgraded and rehabilitated.
- IV. The existing conservation and open space elements should be supported and effectively implemented. The City has the responsibility to see that the existing shoreline is developed and maintained for public use.
- V. The concept of planned growth development should be supported.
- VI. The general plan and related elements should be subject to mandatory review, with revisions made at intervals of five years or less. Adequate public input should be an integral part of the process. There should be public hearings and input at the pre-draft, draft and adoption stages of all future plans and revisions.
- VII. Included in the General Plan should be a plan for acquisition and use of federal lands when they become available.
- VIII. Land use related policies and civic positions should satisfy the following criteria:
 - A. Are the elements clearly expressed?
 - B. Are there concrete objectives?
 - C. Are the objectives defined so as to meet the goals?
 - D. Has there been citizen input?
 - E. Does the policy fairly reflect this input?
 - F. Is the Plan too specific?
 - G. Does the policy fit in with existing policies?
 - H. Have cost factors been fairly considered?
 - I. Does it protect environmental goals?

BOARD RECOMMENDS MINOR CHANGES IN LANGUAGE BE UNDERTAKEN IN 2015-16.

TRANSPORTATION (Updated 1989)

Support revision and regular review of the General Plan that would include policy which would:

- A. Maintain livability of residential streets.



- B. Decrease increasing volumes of traffic on residential streets.
- C. Encourage the consideration of alternate forms of public transportation.
- D. Encourage measures to safely control entrances/exits to business and shopping areas.

Parties responsible for the increased traffic density should assume financial responsibility to ameliorate impacted intersections.
 The City should establish a policy requiring traffic impact studies. This policy should be subject to periodic review.

REDEVELOPMENT (1993)

Support citizen participation in the ongoing process of Redevelopment under the California Community Redevelopment Law of 1951 in the City of Alameda.

To achieve this goal:

- I. There should be an Environmental Impact Report for each individual project within the Project Area and the overall plan.
- II. The Community Improvement Commission (Redevelopment Agency) should form a citizen group representative of the diversity of the community to develop civic priorities to be addressed in all Disposition and Development Agreements (DDAs) and Owner Participation Agreements.
- III. Citizen participation should be encouraged at all phases of the planning and implementation of redevelopment in Alameda.
- IV. The Community Improvement Commission (Redevelopment Agency) should provide information about the Project Area in a timely manner, in a form easily understood and readily available to its citizens.
- V. Quarterly financial statements of the Community Improvement Commission (Redevelopment Agency) should be made public.
- VI. Disposition and Development Agreements and Owner Participation Agreements should specify the benefits to the City and these should be made public by the Community Improvement Commission.

Due to the cessation of the Ca. Community Development Law - BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT WE DROP THIS POSITION

LIBRARY (1991)

The library should continue working toward meeting the diverse needs of all Alamedans (all cultural groups, age groups, students, handicapped and military). Open hours, evening and days, should be increased. Space of **(FOR)** primary functions of the Library should be increased. The current emphasis on popular materials, reference, and children's sections should be continued. Funding should be increased in order that the Alameda Free Library meet and surpass the minimum standards for library funding set by the state. Funding from the general funds should be raised, and if the library tax is raised the general fund should not be reduced. Written rules of procedure for communication and library mission and goal statements should be adopted by both the City Council and the Library Board to ensure Council commitment to a viable library for Alameda. **BOARD RECOMMENDS MINOR LANGUAGE UPDATE**

THE PORT OF OAKLAND (1992)

The Alameda League of Women Voters recommends and supports the revision of the Oakland City Charter to include representatives from cities affected by Port activities on the Port of Oakland commission.

The League supports the establishment of policies at local and state levels to implement the following measures that would protect the quality of life of the community.

- I. The City of Alameda staff should attend all Port of Oakland meetings and report on actions and proposed plans to be undertaken by the Port which would affect Alameda.
- II. There should be ecologically and environmentally sound disposal of dredge spoils from the Port of Oakland's dredging of the Inner and Outer Harbor Channels.
- III. The League supports regionalization of California ports and airports.



IV. When adverse effects generated by the Port of Oakland impact on the health and welfare of Alameda residents, the City of Alameda should take appropriate action.

HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION (2005)

The League of Women Voters of Alameda supports new housing developments that fulfill Alameda’s needs for housing at all economic levels. New developments should have a variety of densities and amenities that will support continuation of the quality of life now enjoyed in Alameda.

We support housing development design that provides maximum feasible open space, defined as sufficient communal green space, walking paths, playgrounds, tot-lots, and other naturally landscaped areas to encourage and enhance livability and strong community identity.

We support housing development designs that maximize the use of public and alternative modes of transportation. An appropriate number of off-street parking spaces should be provided for each type of housing in the mix.

We support designs that meet or exceed current standards for energy efficiency. All designs should show consideration for minimum negative impact on air, water, and surrounding natural environment.

POSITIONS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY LEAGUES

These positions were adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Leagues of Alameda County. Changing or dropping one of these positions must be approved by a majority (5) of the 7 Leagues of Alameda County. Action on any of these positions must be approved by a majority of the Leagues.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS RE-ADOPTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS

ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, ALAMEDA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION (Adopted 2007)

I. **Position in Brief:** Support an efficient, effective and equitable balance of responsibility and authority among the levels of governance with accountability to the public and that results in providing services that best meet needs of students and the local school districts.

A. **Efficiency:** Provide those services (education, training, fiscal, oversight) to county school programs and district school programs that do not duplicate those provided by districts or other agencies.

B. **Effectiveness:** Provide those services that best meet the needs and interests of local districts. Constantly monitor services to determine their effectiveness and remove or improve those that are not meeting district goals.

C. Equitable Balance of Responsibility and Authority for Governance

1. Establish policies that delineate the powers and functions of each entity where not covered explicitly in the Education Code to ensure an equitable balance of responsibility and authority for governance and to enhance accountability.
2. Provide for consolidation of functions between and among county offices of education to deal with area-wide problems. Consider consolidation of functions to achieve cost savings and improve the quality of service and equity.

D. Accountability to the Public

1. Ensure that both the Board and the Superintendent abide by the tenets of the Brown Act, and the Freedom of Information Act and the California Public Records Act.



2. Maintain public visibility by utilizing technology to keep constituents informed about actions taken by the Board and the County Superintendent.
3. Advertise upcoming elections for Board members' and the County Superintendent's seat to encourage contested elections. This will allow the public to learn about the candidates' credentials and the issues so they can make informed choices.
4. Develop a collaborative Annual Work Plan to set up measurable goals to be used in the annual evaluation of both Board Members' and Superintendent's performance. These evaluations will then be helpful in the Superintendent salary-setting process and for measuring progress toward established goals.

II. Monitoring

The League's role should be to:

- Continue observing County Board of Education meetings to ensure compliance with the Brown Act and Education Code.
- Monitor the County Office website to ensure that constituents have access to current and complete information concerning actions taken by the County Office/Superintendent and the Board.
- Review Grand Jury comments and recommendations pertaining to the County Board and County Superintendent and support those that support the improvement of efficient, effective, and appropriate governance and fiscal management of those entities.
- Monitor the governance model to determine if there is any interest by the public in changing the method of selecting a County Superintendent.

JUVENILE JUSTICE

Support policies which promote services to meet the needs of Alameda County youth and minimize delinquency.

- A. The County Council supports effective and responsible decision-making for youth at the county level. Specifically, the Council supports:
 1. Continuing evaluation of the Alameda County Probation Department Juvenile Division to ensure that its goals and functions are clear and effective.
 2. Continued citizen input into all countywide juvenile justice programs.
 3. Coordination of all community programs for Alameda County youth to ensure that the needs of the communities are met and that duplication of services is avoided.
 4. Citizen involvement in setting priorities for diversion and prevention services.
 5. Continued evaluation and accountability to the public of programs funded by public moneys.
 6. County decision-making bodies:
 - a. Appointment to commissions that reflect the diversified population of the County
 - b. Guidelines for commission members which are clear statements of their responsibilities and authority
 - c. Assessment of limited number of terms
 - d. Reimbursement to commissioners for personal expenses, i.e., transportation and babysitting.



- B. The County Council supports a coordinated multidimensional concept of service which could include:
 - 1. Vocational training
 - 2. Programs that provide jobs and job training for youth
 - 3. Recreational opportunities
 - 4. Counseling for youth and their families, both long-term and for crises
 - 5. Mental health services which meet the needs of youth, supported by adequate funding, i.e., residential treatment centers for juveniles
 - 6. Youth diversion programs
 - a. Staff volunteers having close ties to the community of the juveniles being served
 - b. Involvement of youth in program planning, implementation and evaluation
 - c. Integration into projects available with other than just delinquent youth
 - d. Adequate program facilities
- C. The County Council encourages school districts to deal effectively with pupil welfare and pupil attendance, i.e., truancy, child neglect, child abuse, and severe behavior problems.
- D. The County Council supports greater community awareness of the problems and needs of youth and programs that are currently available.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

- A. Increase the priority given Children's Mental Health Services in the County Mental Health program and budget
- B. Retain present services and ensure equal access to Day Treatment Service throughout the County.
- C. Focus on prevention and early intervention by:
 - 1. Increased education of parents and public
 - 2. Utilization of school resources where feasible.
- D. Finance these services by:
 - 1. Active pursuit of all available sources of funds.
 - 2. Coordination of County, State, and Federal budget deadlines
 - 3. Sufficient funds for a service from the level of government that mandates that service
- E. Make most efficient use of funds by:
 - 1. Retention and expansion of contracts with private providers
 - 2. Support for Case Management system of services
 - 3. Increased coordination and communication among all public and private service providers and continuation of the Interagency Council.

(End of Alameda County League Positions)



Nominating Committee Report for 2015

The Nominating Committee has completed its mission: updating all Board portfolios, and presenting a slate of officers and Board Directors for the coming year. Five Officers and nine Board members will be elected at the Annual Meeting in June and the remaining members will be voted in by the newly-elected Directors at their first Board official meeting this September.

The Alameda League will again have a co-presidency model. A new position, Communication Chair, to oversee the Website, Voter Editor and Publicity, will be appointed by the new Board. The remaining offices and portfolios have been filled with new and returning members securing a successful year for the mission of our League.

Officers Nominated to be Elected at the Annual Meeting

Co-Presidents: Alice Wilson-Friend and Anne Spanier
Vice-President of Programs : Gayle Thomas
Secretary: Anne McKereghan
Treasurer : Marian Breitbart

Nominated to the Board *to be voted* at the Annual Meeting

Action Chair: Robertamarie Kiley
Fundraising Chair: Deborah Wright
Publicity Manager: Jon Spangler
Membership: Ruth Dixon-Mueller
Voter Editor: Mari Clark
Voter Service: Dorothy Fullerton
Website Manager: Lisa Yap

To Be Appointed by the Board in September 2015

E-mail Communications: Donna Vaughn
Budget Chair: Ted Frey
Smart Voter: JuelleAnn Boyer

At-Large

2 or 3 positions TBA by the Board for 2015-16

Elected Nominating Committee for 2015-16

Non-Board Members:

Dorie Guess Behrstock
Helen Sause
Karen Scanlon

Submitted by:

Audrey Lord-Hausman & Marilyn Ng, Co-Chairs of 2014-15 Nominating Committee
Marilyn Ezzly-Ashcraft, Ruth Dixon-Mueller, Ted Frey.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ALAMEDA STATEMENTS AND POLICIES

League of Women Voters of the United States Mission Statement

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

--from LWVUS web site

League of Women Voters of Alameda Mission Statement

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy, through education and advocacy.

LWV does not support or oppose any political party or any candidate. It does, however, take action on selected government issues in the public interest.

League of Women Voters of Alameda Diversity Policy

The League of Women Voters of Alameda, in both its values and practices, affirms its commitment to diversity and pluralism, which means there shall be no barriers to participation in any activity of the LWV on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.

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League of Women Voters of Alameda Nonpartisan Policy

Definition: The League of Women Voters as an organization neither supports nor opposes political candidates.

Policy Statement: Responsibility for the maintenance of the League’s reputation as a non-partisan group rests with the League Board. The League Board must be consulted if questions arise. In making decisions, the Board will rely to a large extent upon the whole situation.

- I. League Board members may serve on appointed Boards, Commissions, or Committees.
- II. League Board members who run for or hold an elected or party office may not retain their position on the Board.
- III. The President, Action Chair, and Voter Service Chair may not take a public or active role in elections or recalls of candidates.



League of Women Voters of Alameda

2015 Annual Meeting Reservation Form - *DUE BY JUNE 4TH*

Saturday, June 13, 2015 – 11:30 AM
Cardinal Point, Marina Village Square, Alameda

(Free parking is available)

\$30.00 for *Lunch Price includes tax and tip. No host bar.*)

NAME _____ PHONE _____

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY JUNE 4TH

Send this reservation with a check for \$30.00 per lunch, payable to LWV Alameda to:

Marian Breitbart
LWVA
P.O. Box 1645
Alameda, CA 94501

SATURDAY, June 13, 2015 ANNUAL MEETING KIT

******* Please Bring This with You to the Annual Meeting**

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE JUNE 4TH