

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW MEXICO
Board of Directors Meeting
Courtyards at Cutler Club House, 2403 San Mateo NE., Albuquerque, NM
July 14, 2007

President Campbell convened the Board meeting at 10:10 a.m, on July 14, at Courtyards at Cutler Club House, Albuquerque.

Members present: Bonnie Burn, Katherine Campbell, Christine Chandler, Jane Gaziano, Cheryl Haaker, Jody Larson, Lora Lucero, Richard Mason, Linda Moscarella, Jo Porter, substituting for Diane Goldfarb, Dee Watkins.

Absent: Diane Albert, Johnnie Aldrich, Barbara Calef, Diane Goldfarb; Cathy Mathews

Guests: Judy Binder, and Laurel Kasaock, Rio Rancho, (505) 796-4905

Approval of Agenda – Additions: Women’s Suffrage Day

President’s Report – Kathy Campbell reported on the LWVUS Council, June 9-11, Washington, D.C.: Membership was a major focus and Leagues were encouraged to build their membership, take every opportunity to make Leagues visible in their communities. Proper rules for Resolutions were among the many other topic presentation. LWVNM delegate Cheryl Haaker observed that time was used efficiently and the workshops (e.g., election issues and administration) were good.

Approval of May 20, 2007 Meeting Minutes: Approved as written.

Treasurer’s Report: Motion to approve purchase of Quickbooks software for financial record keeping was moved by Dee Watkins, seconded and approved.

Discussion Points: Kathy Campbell will be meeting with Diane Albert to establish accounting system for 2007-2008. It was suggested that a balance sheet be available for next Board Meeting, September 10-15)

Motion to authorize moving bank accounts from Los Alamos to a bank in Albuquerque was moved by Linda Moscarella, seconded and approved.

Discussion Points: Fee-free account, interest rate, and bank branches should be considered in making a decision about new bank.

Attorney General- Charitable Solicitation Act: Local Leagues were reminded that a Charitable Solicitation Act form must be filed with the State Attorney Generals office when local Leagues undertake fund raising. The form is available on the web site. Although the regulation posted on the web site says only 501(C)3 organizations have to file, that regulation is not correct, and non-profit 501©4s also have to file.

Budget Review: Kathy Campbell presented the 2007-2008 approved budget that revised some of the groups of revenue and expense that would reflect accounts to be set up in Quickbooks. She also reviewed budget categories that need to be changed to reflect expenses incurred during this fiscal year (e.g., meeting space was increased to \$100 to reflect cost of meeting room in Socorro). There was

discussion about reimbursement for expenses incurred for 2007 State Convention (May 20, 2007 – Las Cruces).

- The report of the 2006 budget committee suggested mileage reimbursement of \$0.14 a mile. A hypothetical example of driving one car from each local League city, subtracting 100 miles from the trip, and multiplying remaining mileage at \$0.14 would equal \$90 for a meeting in Albuquerque and \$140 for a meeting in Socorro, assuming one car from each League plus one from Taos.
- A 1999 LWVNM finance policy indicates that state convention costs for State Board members not representing their local Leagues would be reimbursed. In 2006-2007 registration fees totally (\$210) were paid for State Board members who attended the convention.

Motion to adjust the state convention allocation so that eight state board members and one LWVUS visitor be reimbursed for attendance at the 2007 State Convention in an amount not to exceed \$50 per night was moved by Jan Gaziano, seconded, and approved.

A discussion about the President's Fund was undertaken. The recommendation was to reduce the \$400 allocation to \$100 and increase Other allocation (\$300) and Copying allocation (\$100). There was general agreement that the President should document expenses to show the true expenses of the office but that the funds should continue to be budgeted as the President's Fund.

A further suggestion was made to budget for LWVUS liaison visits and communications.

In summary, There was general agreement that the suggested budget revisions be adopted: category realignment, increasing meetings spaces (\$100), adding \$1,000 for State Convention expenses, and President fund reallocation. Anyone from state board who wishes to claim mileage for attending the state convention can do so at the \$0.14 per mile rate. The president shall document expenses.

Procedure Review

Board responsibilities: Members discussed Item C. – Portfolio Responsibility. A suggested definition was to provide necessary information and support for the job he/she does. Examples included job description, calendar, etc. so that individual could walk into the portfolio and take on the job.

Motion to adopt the Item C – Portfolio Responsibilities as written was made by Dick Mason, seconded and approved. Yes (5) No (3) Abstention (1)

Motion to change Item D – Succession Responsibility to include a statement that reads: Six months before State Convention Board members should review their portfolios moved by Linda Moscarella, seconded and approved. Yes (5) No (4)

Action: Obtain a copy of the Kalamzoo portfolio format.

Electronic meetings: Kathy Campbell reviewed the draft procedure attached to the meets. The remain a draft until we try it a few times. For September meeting Kathy Campbell will be chair and moderator. Individuals will have to check e-mail at least every other day. If meeting becomes too complicated, we will schedule a conference call. An agenda will be available for the conference call. The call would be on a Saturday because Board meets on a Saturday.

Coalitions: Coalition Guidelines (adopted May 8, 2004) is the most current adopted position. The second document, Coalition Documents (2002) was one found in the file.

Motion to eliminate last sentence under Mission, *“So long as any advocacy or coalition partnerships are consistent with League principles, positions, and policies, the LWVNM shall consider its full participation in coalition-related activities according to the following guidelines:”* replace with A. of Coalition Document (2002, *Coalition Membership and League Nonpartisanship – The issue(s) addressed by the coalition should be a state issue. While there need not be a League position on every issue with which the coalition is concerned, its aims must not conflict with the League positions and principles nor should the League’s nonpartisanship be jeopardized.*” Was moved by Dick Mason, seconded and failed to pass.

Discussion: LWVNM should join only coalitions on which LWVNM has a position. Without a position LWVNM risks having no framework on which to go forward with the work of the coalition. Again, the emphasis of the New Mexico Coalition for Better Pain Management is education and not advocacy. Currently, because there is no LWVNM position, Board members were uncomfortable with voting in favor of joining the coalition.

Motion to adopt Coalition Guidelines adopted on May 8, 2004 that supersedes the Coalition Document (2002) was moved by Dick Mason, seconded and approved.

Discussion: Mission statement needs to be updated. Because document has to be updated, the procedure will be brought back to the Board to the September electronic meeting for final adoption.

Committee reports:

Drug policy: Dee Watkins reported on the work of the committee and distributed two handouts, see attachments. Drug Study Group is available to make presentations at local League meetings. A poster is available to take to your local League, along with a survey and literatures. Next step for the study group is to have people understand the legislation.

Dee proposed joining the New Mexico Coalition for Better Pain Management. Their purpose is to better educate the community. The group is not an advocacy group. The League would contribute a consumer perspective. She reported that because the coalition is educational, a LWVNM position is not necessary. There is no state or national position on which to lobby. If the intention for the coalition is to do lobbying, the Board would have to reconsider participation in the coalition.

Discussion: Understanding that LWVNM does not have a position and the role of the organization is educational. LWVNM representative would be Dee Watkins. A question about “consistent with League principles, positions, and policies” arose

Motion that LWVNM join the New Mexico Coalition for Better Pain Management was made by Dick Mason and seconded.

A secondary amendment to table the motion while the Coalition Policy was considered was made by Chery Haaker, seconded, and approved.

Motion to Take from the Table was made by Dick Mason, seconded, and approved.

Motion that LWVNM join the New Mexico Coalition for Better Pain Management was made by Dick Mason, and by hand vote of Yes (2) No (6) the motion failed.

Discussion: Dee Watkins asked if joining the New Mexico Coalition for Better Pain Management could be revisited after Albuquerque League adopts a position on pain management? Watkins is concerned about missing a great educational opportunity and pursuing the State’s focus on educating the public..

Study committee: Cheryl Haaker, Barbara Calef – No report was given.

Health care committee: Dick Mason directed the board to his article in the next issue of *La Palabra*. The Health Care for All Campaign in cooperation with statewide and local groups will be presenting a series of forums entitled, “Achieving Health Care for All.” All League members are encouraged to attend a workshop in their county. Petitions related to health care systemic changes are being circulated and 10,000 signatures are being sought. Two handouts related to insurance were distributed. Mason requested approval to use the two handouts for lobbying purposes. It was suggested that the handout be printed back to back and distributed to members of the local League.

Motion to approve distribution under the League name of two documents giving background information about health insurance was moved by Dick Mason, seconded, and passed.

Local League plans for immigration study: Linda Moscarella requested the names of individuals in local Leagues who are responsible for immigration:

- Las Cruces: Marnie Leverett and Bonnie Burn
- ABC: Two sets of units—people are not identified yet. Dick Mason volunteered to coordinate.
- Santa Fe: Becky Frankel
- Los Alamos: to be identified

Other reports:

Jan Gaziano prepared a written report on the various committees on which she serves.

LWVNM Web Site: Anything related to advocacy must come to Board for approval before being posted to the web site. Educational links are welcomed.

Strategic Planning for 2007-2008:

Linda Moscarella lead the discussion. Members were asked to:

Step 1: List five (5) Things you want to have happen in the State League this year?

Step 2: Prioritize Items

#1 Priority (votes)

- Increase visibility (6)
- Strong financial and general management (1)
- Extend visibility (1)
- Emphasized advocacy (1)
- Grow membership (4)
- League should be a strong voice on water, land, & energy issues (0)
- More voter education on more issues (2)
- Key leader on election reform (7)
- Key leader on campaign finance (3)
- Lead on redistricting, representation, and voting systems (3)

#2/3 Priority

- Implement a fund raising plan for the State League (2)
- Repeat lobbying workshop (0)

- Grow leadership (2)
- Support state studies
- Educate local members on state positions (0)
- Educate the public on state League positions (1)
- Encourage interaction communication among levels of League (3)
- Develop a quick, catchy statement of a clear purpose (1)
- Establish revenue sharing program (3)
- Establish a planning process for program (1)

Developing a Strategic Plan

Goal: To increase visibility

Objectives	Strategies	Person(s) Responsible
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grow membership 2. Grow leadership 3. Legislators 4. Media 5. General public 6. With our own members 7. Other elected officials 8. National allies 9. Potential members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form communication committee • Web site effectively • LWVNM recruitment brochure • Voter education with local Leagues • Repeat workshops open to public (e.g., lobbying, women in public office) • Internal workshops (e.g., public relations, leadership) • Develop a clear, catchy League brand • Use national resources • Publicize men’s role in League • Letters-to-the-Editor • Meeting with editorial boards • Strong advocacy voices • Revenue sharing • Identify opportunities for hot issues 	

Goal: To be key leader on election process

Objectives	Strategies	Person(s) Responsible
Meeting time expired before we could get to this goal.		

Strategic Overall Goal: improve internal workings of State League may be a suggested overall goal for the League. Meeting time expired before this could be discussed.

Announcements:

Board Member Training: Diane Goldfarb, president Albuquerque League, has arranged a training session for ABC board members. Local League presidents and all state board members who are interested are invited to attend. Carolie Mullan will be present a the first half of the training, and Kathy Campbell is an invited speaker.. Four vice-presidents from Albuquerque will talk about their individual portfolios.

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New Mexico First – Dick Mason requested approval to represent League on the Implementation Team for Health Care Reform in New Mexico. Approved.

Women's Equality Day: Dick Mason reported that LWV Las Vegas, NV, will conduct voter registration drive on Women's Equality Day on July 19th, and suggested that New Mexico Leagues may want to celebrate the day in the same way. (Note: Women's Equality Day is August 26th, the day the 19th Amendment was ratified.)

State Fair and League Booth. Johnnie Aldrich asked if the League plans a presence at the NM State Fair. Jo Porter reported that the Albuquerque League has nothing organized right now. Johnnie will be calling Diane Goldfarb, president, about organizing something. It was suggested that a State League brochure be available for State Fair booth and for League Day at the Legislature.

La Palabra Articles: May be sent to Kathy Campbell. Deadline was July 14. New editor is Elaine Jacobs, email: Jacobs_elaine@yahoo.com, 3007 Villas St., Los Alamos, 87544, 662-6404

Committee and local League reports: Members were asked to forward their reports to Kathy Campbell for inclusion in *La Palabra* and Bonnie Burn for inclusion in the meeting minutes

Reporting Expenses: Reimbursement forms are on the web site. Please report in-kind and reimbursable expenses.

Date of March 2008 Meeting: As currently scheduled on March 15, the board meeting conflicts with Santa Fe unit meeting on the third Saturday. The meeting date was moved to **March 8**.

Adjournment: 3:05 p.m.

Bonnie Burn, Secretary

Attached to the minutes:

- Drug Study Committee Report
- Education Committee Report
- President's Reports: Albuquerque, Las Cruces, Los Alamos, Santa Fe

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DRUG POLICY STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT – Dee Watkins

1. One goal of the Drug Policy Study Committee is to expand their educational efforts. The group has three presentations available for local league education. Each meeting encourages audience participation and discussion. The titles are:

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT PAIN includes

Truth and myths about narcotics, addiction, and the popular pain medicines.
How to measure and describe pain. How pain treatment can be affected by the War on Drugs.

LEGAL WAYS TO STOP HURTING includes...

What are your rights and how to get them.
Ways to talk with your healthcare professionals.
Stages and treatment of chronic disease.
How to get good quality of life care all of your life.

ALLEVIATING PAIN AND REDUCING SUBSTANCE ABUSE includes...

Why accessing pain treatment is a problem, especially in New Mexico.
Words, misunderstandings and policy that interfere with good pain management.
Options and priorities to solve this problem.

ONE MORE THING: A poster is available to educate about pain management. It is self explanatory and could be set up at any or repeated League meetings.

2. LWVUS head lobbyist, Betsy Lawson, has indicated the LWVUS healthcare position cannot be used to support pain management legislation.
3. LWVABC will consider developing a position on pain management during this year.

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Education Committee Report – July 2007 – Jane Gaziano

Considering the intent of the Education Committee to review the current LWVNM education and public funding positions, following the interim committees this year will be an important part of its work.

At its June 28th meeting, the Legislative Education Study Committee reviewed passed and defeated legislation from the 2007 session. During the 2007 Interim Session the Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC) will be meeting throughout the state with a work plan

different than in the past and not focused on hearing presentations meant to influence future legislation. Only staff will be heard and in regard to answering the questions: What results are being derived from current appropriations? Regarding newly initiated programs they want to know what are they intended to produce and how will they fit into established programs.

The Funding Formula Task Force met on June 26th to hear a progress report from the American Institutes for Research (AIR) commissioned to conduct a comprehensive study on the current New Mexico public school funding formula. Thus far public input has been gathered through a series of town hall meetings to develop a goal statement with the purpose of New Mexico Public Schools, in partnership with families, to prepare all students to be responsible citizens and family members, for educational success, and to obtain and maintain gainful employment. Phase 2 underway is a cost analysis, costing-out educational instruction programs and resources needed to meet goals. Yet to be completed is the development of a funding formula and revenue analysis. Extensive information regarding the goals and phases of this study can be viewed at the AIR website – www.nmschoolfunding.org.

The Public School Capital Outlay Oversight Task Force met on June 5, 2007. Created by law, the PSCOOTF serves as the permanent entity overseeing the implementation of the work of the public school outlay council and public school facilities authority as they implement the state's standards-based public school outlay funding mechanism. In the 2006 funding cycle, the PSCOC provided \$259.2 million in assistance to 139 construction and facilities projects throughout New Mexico, including school buildings, new classrooms, improvement and modifications to life/safety systems, emergency repairs to school buildings, advances for high priority projects, and financial assistance to charters and other schools for leasing adequate facilities. For 2007, the work plan of the Task Force will include monitoring the progress of programs administered by the PSCO Act and the Public School Capital Improvement Act, monitoring the existing permanent revenue streams, and monitoring the overall progress of continuing to bring all facilities up to the statewide adequacy standards.

League of Women Voters Albuquerque/Bernalillo County
Report to LWVNM Board – Diane Goldfarb, President
July 14, 2007

We had a good turnout for our Annual Meeting in May, and we added two individuals to the LWV/ABC Roll of Honor. The Roll of Honor recognizes members for their contributions to the Albuquerque League. Those honored this year were Marilyn Cooper and Christina Little, now of Las Cruces. Our speaker at that event was James Scarantino, lead attorney in the Albuquerque photo ID case. His speech, "Voter ID: The Inside Story" gave background into how the case developed.

LWV/ABC does not shut down for the summer, but we do cut back from four unit meetings to only one general meeting each month. Our June speaker was retired New Mexico Chief Justice Gene E. Franchini. Judge Franchini delivered an impassioned address on “The Status of Civil Liberties in New Mexico and the United States.” In July Dr. Pauline Rindone, Director of the Legislative Education Study Committee, spoke on “Emerging Issues in New Mexico’s K-12 Public Education System”.

June was once again time for Calendar Planning, when the 2007-2008 calendar was set. Members have an opportunity to contribute suggestions for the year to come and to participate in deciding where and when programs will take place.

I attended the LWVUS Council meeting in Washington in June, as did Cheryl Haaker, who was a delegate from LWVNM. Both of us returned with ideas from other Leagues around the country.

We skipped the July Board meeting but work on the Voters’ Guide for the upcoming municipal election is in progress.

League of Women Voters of Greater Las Cruces
Report to LWVNM Board – Cathy Mathews, President
July 14, 2007

The May LWVNM Convention, held in Las Cruces, was enormously successful. Christina Little, with invaluable assistance from William Little and many others, pulled together an enjoyable and smooth running convention. All attendees seemed to benefit, not just from the business conducted but also from the camaraderie enjoyed among all who were present.

Brian Denmark, Facilities Department Director for the City of Las Cruces, spoke at our July breakfast meeting. Mr. Denmark clarified the City processes for selecting contractors for design and construction of capital improvement projects. Projects he specifically addressed included the new City Hall building, the Aquatic and Recreation Center and the neighborhood pools already under construction. Our June breakfast meeting was addressed by Jack Soules, Ph.D., who spoke about the topic of energy. Dr. Soules stressed the importance of taking every opportunity to reduce carbon-based energy by promoting alternative energy. He suggested that with appropriate effort and funding the US could be carbon-free within 25 years. At the LWV-GLC Annual meeting in April, Karen Perez, chair, Doña Ana County Board of Commissioner, and League member addressed the members emphasizing growth, solid waste, and infrastructure issues facing the county.

GLC is preparing to develop consensus on the issue of a Metro Court system for Doña Ana County, and we’re gearing up for at least one forum this fall for candidates in the local elections.

League of Women Voters of Los Alamos
Report to LWVNM Board – Christine Chandler, President

July 14, 2007

The Los Alamos League's study on water supply and demand is going strong. The study participants, led by Barbara Calef and Kelly Gallagher, are presently collecting information on the many facets of Los Alamos County water system. The group has hosted talks by several local and state water experts.

A well-known Los Alamos National Laboratory hydrologist briefed the group on the aquifer that provides the sole source of the community's water. Also, the group heard from an official from the Office of the State Engineer on topics such as the State's water policies, programs, and laws. County experts have briefed the group on the Los Alamos County Water Plan, a County policy that describes the infrastructure of the water supply system, identifies concerns such as the risk of contamination, models future needs based on planned population growth, and makes recommendations for actions to meet those needs. The recommendations include implementation of a conservation program as well as the diversion of the County's share of water from the San Juan-Chama Project.

The Los Alamos League is also planning a forum, working with the Los Alamos Community Health Care Round Table and Health Care for All. Although the meeting format has not yet been finalized, the forum will describe local health care challenges and present the results of the New Mexico Health Care Reform Study. This study was prepared at the behest of the Health Coverage for New Mexicans Committee, a group jointly created by the Legislature and Governor. The study analyzes three universal health care models. The date of the forum is the evening of September 20 at Fuller Lodge.

League of Women Voters of Santa Fe
Report to LWVNM Board – Jody Larsen , President
July 14, 2007

At our Annual Meeting April 28, we received an update on the Santa Fe Railyard project, an interesting public-private partnership to develop this property. The CEO of the Railyard Corporation described the project itself, as well as the various authorities and responsibilities involved in this complex relationship between government and the not-for-profit sector.

Our Board orientation in May began with identification of hopes and fears for the year, and review of League's structure, functions, and processes. We then broke into small groups for discussion of related portfolios with facilitation and input from mentors (past LWV-SFC presidents and other senior members); we identified our products and services, directions, resources, gaps, and other issues, then reported out to the large group for further discussion and identification of broader issues. A summary of the afternoon's work was provided to all Board members and serves as part of our guidelines for our work.

At our calendar planning meeting in June we identified topics for units and general meetings and other events based on feedback from members and directions to the Board from Annual Meeting. Attendance was good and the discussion was spirited.

Committee activities are a bit slow this time of year, but Voter Services is gearing up for the Santa Fe Community College bond election in September by planning a voter registration drive. The Education Committee, together with members who participated in a study of the SFCC in 1999-2000, is analyzing the bond issue proposal in light of our position, and will conduct interviews with key SFCC officials and board members to determine whether the League should support, oppose, or remain neutral on this issue.

Our Membership Committee is very busy this summer, planning a membership potluck picnic as well as a member recruitment reception at the Governor's mansion. New membership brochures are being printed. In addition, a small group of members has been working on an update of our Who's Who, which should be ready to be published by next month. Our study committees are planning activities for the coming year, including consensus questions on alternative energy and presentations on Santa Fe County services, local immigration issues, and access to information from local governments.

We have provided an LWV-SFC representative to a PNM Citizens' Advisory Board, and are preparing to provide a representative to the DOE-chartered Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board, the only one to which DOE is required to respond. This Board was also informed about LWVNM and LWV-LAC, and should be contacting Kathy Campbell and/or Barbara Calef presently about possible representation, as well.

We currently lack an Action Chair and committee; a task force of Board and senior members will meet this month to determine how to approach our advocacy responsibilities during the coming year. We face a budget shortfall, and are stepping up our fundraising efforts.