

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW MEXICO
Board of Directors Meeting
Staybridge Suites – 2651 Northrise Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88011
May 20, 2007

President Campbell convened an organizational meeting of the new board at 11:50 a.m., in the Staybridge Suites convention meeting room.

Members present: Katherine Campbell, Linda Moscarella, Bonnie Burn, Diane Albert, Richard Mason, Johnnie Aldrich, Jane Gaziano, Cheryl Haaker, Diane Goldfarb, Cathy Mathews, Christine Chandler, Barbara Calef, Dee Watkins. and Marnie Leverett.

Absent: Lora Lucero and Jody Larson

Guests: Michael McKay, Shelly Shepard, William Little

Approval of Agenda – Additions: Agenda approved as distributed.

Proposal MOU with LWVABC – Approval. There was discussion that a portion of office expenses may be reimbursed from Education Funds. This was tabled until the July Board meeting. Johnnie Aldrich moved that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) be approved as written. Christine Chandler seconded and the motion passed. President Campbell signed the document.

Board Organization

Schedule of Board Meetings: The tentative calendar was reviewed. There was discussion about the proposed electronic board meeting. Dee Watkins raised the issue of including a telephone conference call sometime within the week of the electronic board meeting to ensure that business was concluded to the satisfaction of board members. The tentative calendar was approved. Diane Goldfarb, president, ABC, will arrange to have the Club House (2403 San Mateo NE) available on July 14 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Joann Ramponi will again provide lunch, as well as decaf coffee, and hot water. Dick Mason will provide regular coffee.

La Palabra: The newsletter continues to remain without an editor since Pat Freeman's departure. Board members were asked to help in the search for a replacement. The following deadlines for article submission are: July 14, September 15, December 10, and March 15. Mailing and printing services will continue to be available from Albuquerque. Developing the mailing labels was raised as an issue. Currently, local League membership directors update the LWVUS online membership database, and forward any new names to the editor, *La Palabra*. Johnnie Aldrich, LWVNM membership director, has access to the online data base for all New Mexico local Leagues. An option might be develop the labels from that master list.

Appointment of Board Members and Positions: Up to six directors may be appointed. The Board approved Shelly Shepherd as an Appointed Director for Children, Youth, and Family rather than Off-Board Director. A VOTERS' GUIDE editor and archivist are needed but neither had to be on the board.

Tools for Board Members: A number of items were reviewed. Each board member has a calendar method with which she/he is comfortable. Local League calendars of events may be posted on the web site.

Policies and procedures were discussed, and there was consensus that these need to be developed. Linda Moscarella shared a document dated 1997 that is in her files. Bonnie Burn will key this document into her computer and send to Kathy Campbell for review and further dissemination.

Job descriptions for all portfolios are a goal for this Board. Johnnie Aldrich developed one for membership director during 2006-2007 that might be used as an example.

Nonpartisan Policy: From a document, LWVNM Policies adopted September 14, 2002, the Board reviewed the Nonpartisan Policy and Conflict of Interest statement. The words, *VOTERS' Guide* editor," will remain in the document because the State Board does not have a voter service director. There was discussion about financial contributions made by board members to political candidates or parties. Board members were made aware that according to the new campaign finance rules, individual names may be published in local newspapers. A motion was made by Cheryl Haaker to adopt the Nonpartisan Policy and Conflict of Interest, Items A-D, with the addition of "political parties" so that the League "does not support candidates or political parties." The motion was seconded by Linda Moscarella and passed.

Agenda Items for July 15 Board Meeting

- Drug Policy – Dee Watkins
- Education Fund reimbursement of office expenses

in addition to those topics already listed on the adopted calendar.

Adjournment: 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Burn, Secretary