

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW MEXICO

Board of Directors Meeting

March 21, 2009 – 12:30 – 5:30 p.m.

New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
Skeen Library, Don Trip Conference Room 212

Members present: Diane Albert, Johnnie Aldrich, Bonnie Burn, Katherine Campbell, Diane Goldfarb, Cheryl Haaker, Jody Larson, Lora Lucero, Richard Mason, Linda Moscarella
Absent: Chris Chandler, Cathy Mathews

Off Board Participants: Marnie Leverett, chair, Nominating Committee

Call to Order: President Campbell called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Net Forum Software Announcement - Haaker

Meeting Minutes, January 10, 2009: Minutes are filed as presented.

Treasurer's Report: The League's CD comes due for renewal on April 2.

Motion: Lucero moved that the CD roll-over. Moscarella seconded and motion passed.

Albert discussed issues she want to clear up before leaving office. (1) Wells Fargo fees continue to be a problem, and Albert will get this straightened out before she leaves office. (2) U.S. Postal account can be accessed online so that electronic transfers can be made and she will learn how to do that. (3) Tax certificate that shows LWVNM exempt as a 501(c)3 is needed for file. Board direction to Albert was to produce a year-end report for FY 2009-2010 budget only as the 2008-2009 year-end report was given at Council.

Membership: Aldrich distributed LWVNM membership summary sheet that captured data as of February 1 for the four League's raising total state membership to 670 from 650. This includes a count of national members. LWVUS is notifying local Leagues by email when national members are added to the LWVUS member database. Total list of MALs will be sent to local Presidents post meeting. Aldrich thanked members for the opportunity to serve on the Board and for assistance from members. Kudos to Johnnie from members.

Action: Aldrich will send out list of MALs to local league Presidents.

President's Report:

1. Lobbying Workshop in Santa Fe was successful.
2. Linda Moscarella and Kathy Campbell met with U.S. Senator Bingaman at the request of LWVUS. Jody Larson and Kathy Campbell met with a staff member of U.S. Senator Udall. Board members recommended that League speak with Senator Udall when Congress breaks in the spring. It is important to keep the League and its legislative priorities before our congressional representatives. LWVCNM met with U.S. Representative Heinrich; Jody Larson has not caught up with U.S. Representative Lujan. Climate Change and Health Care are two issues that are being followed by LWVUS.
3. *Voters Key:* 5,000 copies were distributed including to the Libraries. Las Cruces will distribute to libraries in Doña Ana County.
4. League Day was good, but attendance was down.
5. LWVNM is signed up for Cap Wiz. Cheryl Haaker and Kathy Campbell are contacts.

Action: Campbell will pursue meeting with U.S. Senator Udall. Local League members were encouraged to meet with their Congressional legislators to discuss LWVUS priorities.

Convention 2009

Convention Plans: May 15-17. Nativo Lodge on the northern part of the City. Right off of I25 and San Mateo. 10 rooms are blocked off. Reception at Diane's home on Friday evening. Schedule for Saturday

is needed. Banquet on Saturday night. Speaker is Emile Nakhleh, retired CIA and expert on political Islam. Registration is \$50 plus \$35 for banquet. Breakfast available in the hotel but not included in registration.

Workshops: 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Carolie Mullen, LWVUS Liaison, developing leadership within the League. BREAK. 3-5 p.m. Anne Stauffer, Voices for Children, New Mexico State Budget Process. Dinner around 7 p.m., Cash bar earlier.

Delegates: 2 delegates off the top up to 28 members and 1 per every 25 members thereafter.

Information packet:

- Parliamentary – suggest telephoning New Mexican Association of Parliamentarians. \$30 honorarium.
- Treasurer's Report
- Bylaws
- Budget

Committee Reports:

Bylaws: The bylaws revision pages were reviewed in conjunction with the current Bylaws. Most items were "clean-up" suggestions. Adoption of the two-year budget (Articles VII.4, VII.5, VIII.6, and IX.3b) was discussed. New words were added to the revised statement of VI.5. Article VII. Financials, Section 3 Dues revisions were accepted. It was suggested that 45 day notification be changed.

Motion: Burn moved that revisions be accepted. Larson seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Budget: 2009-2010 budget was reviewed. Increases for newsletter printing were identified. Discussion revolved around decreasing state per member payment or retaining revenue sharing for a grant project. Question was raised about sending out a fund raiser solicitation letter?

Motion: Lucero moved that we do not do a solicitation letter. Aldrich seconded, motion approved.

Motion: Lucero moved that we do not reduce the per member payment. Aldrich seconded, motion approved unanimously.

Motion: Moscarella moved that we continue our grant program. Lucero seconded, motion approved unanimously.

Directions to Budget Chair:

1. Two columns for a two year budget.
2. Budget will be shown as a deficit budget.
3. Include projected Silent Auction revenue
4. Clean-up other small details

2010-2011 Budget: Increase newsletter printing and mailing allocations. Propose solicitation letters to members for Education Fund.

Motion: Moscarella moved that a fund drive be conducted during 2010-2011. Larson seconded; motion approved.

A goal of \$4,000 was set as a fund raising goal.

Motion: Mason moved that a Fund Raising Committee be appointed with solicitation of members made at Convention. Haaker seconded; motion

Nominating Committee: First, Leverett thanked her committee Jan Bray, Jody Larson, and Lora Lucero, and then reported results of the search. The Committee paid attention to nominate members from all Leagues. JoAnn Ramponi was suggested as the third elected member of the Nominating Committee. Two more directors may be elected. Director of election is not part of the slate.

Program Recommendations:

No changes in position; Redistricting position will be in La Palabra.

Program suggestions from local Leagues. Larson reported on three state program recommendations that were sent to Campbell:

Change education position: increasing drive license to age 17, and financial literacy as a high school graduation requirement

Financial literacy proposal is covered under the current position. This is so specific to graduation requirements, should it belong in the position? There are no further specific items in the position.

Motion: Mason moved that the board does not recommend this study because financial literacy as a graduation requirement can be supported under our current education position. Moscarella seconded; motion approved unanimously.

Process: Whether or not we will publish these positions in La Palabra and will go to Convention as a non-recommended item.

Raising driver's license to age 17 for a basic permanent license: unable to relate this proposed study to a current state position. Question what kind of priority the State League would give it.

Motion: Haaker moved that the board does not recommend this study because it is not in line with League priorities. Leverett seconded; motion approved unanimously.

Change language in the existing education proposal:

the use of health and social service teams in the schools and higher education institutions to identify and work with at-risk children and adults, with referrals to appropriate community agencies when necessary

Concern was raised (1) that these changes are substantive and (2) did the original study cover these changes and were they rejected.

Also suggested were recommended wording changes to the current education position based on the Broader, Bolder approach. Actual wording was not suggested. A study is not proposed; only a language change.

Motion: Burn moved that this recommendation be returned to proposer for further development. Lucero seconded; motion approved unanimously.

Las Cruces and CNM had no further proposals. Campbell reported on Water Study. Los Alamos has completed their local study and formed a consensus. During the new year, consensus questions and presentations at local Leagues

Motion: Lucero moved that the Board recommend continuing the water study. Mason seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Priorities will be part of the directions to the Board at the end of the Convention.

Other Reports and Spring La Palabra

La Palabra: Budget and Action Committee report are forthcoming. Convention information will be sent to Campbell and Burn.

Other New Business:

Financial Review: Need to identify someone who would review financial review before treasurer's portfolio is changed.

WOO fundraising: LWVUS will send Window of Opportunity list of donors \$500 and above and we in exchange will send them ours. Alberts was asked to compile the list.

Virtual LWVUS Council June 13, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. – anybody can come. Only two voting delegates. LWVNM will be set up in the office or in Haaker's home. Four hours.

MOU with LWVCNM: Goldfarb made suggested changes.

Motion: Mason moved that Kathy Campbell be authorized to sign for the Board and Diane Goldfarb sign for CNM. Larson seconded; and motion approved unanimously.

Action: Burn will redraft and signature will come later.

[Strategic Plan Update/Progress](#)

August Climate Change Workshop: Lucero reported on current action to sponsor a workshop. Grant application was distributed. Video DVD will be available at a cost of \$2,500. Goal is to link NM with League of Women Voters—both go hand-in-hand and League is knowledgeable about this area.

PAVP and Cap Wiz: LWVNM signed up and Kathy Campbell and Cheryl Haaker are contacts. Starting date is May 1, when NM will be added as a new state.

NM Legislative Session Wrap-UP: Mason reported that the League had many successes during the Legislative Session. He distributed a list and discussed individual bills.

Netforum Software: Haaker reviewed this software and recommended that we not pursue it.

[Announcements:](#)

April 13 meeting on Health Care in Albuquerque. Info will go out on Topics listserv

[Next Board Meeting:](#)

Board meeting at convention. Plan to stay for lunch and a meeting until 2:30 or 3 p.m.

[Adjournment:](#) Adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by

Bonnie Burn
Secretary

Attachment: