**League of Women Voters of New Mexico**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**April 30, 2023**

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

**2390 North Road**

**Los Alamos, NM**

**Board Members Present**

Kathy Brook, Co-President

Hannah Burling, Co-President

Barbara Calef, Second Vice President

Rebecca Chaiken, Secretary

Kim Sorensen, Treasurer

Akkana Peck, Action Chair and Webmaster

Judy Williams, Program/Past President

Janet Blair, Communications

Meredith Machen, Projects

Edwina Jaramillo, Voter Services

Ann LePage, Women and Gender Issues

Karen Douglas, Spent Nuclear Fuel

Felicia Orth, LWVLA President

**Call to Order and Introductions**

Kathy Brook called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m., directly following the 2023 LWVNM Convention.

A quorum was established.

Kathy welcomed the new members of the board. Each member of the board introduced themselves and indicated to which local League they belong.

**Approval of Agenda and Approval of Minutes**

Barbara added an agenda item regarding the nomination of another Director. Edwina and Janet also added agenda items during the meeting. Meredith then moved that the revised agenda be approved, and Akkana seconded this motion. All voted in favor.

Barbara moved to approve the March 4, 2023, board meeting minutes and Meredith seconded this motion. All who voted, voted in favor.

**Proposed Board Calendar 2023-2024**

The following dates were selected for League board meetings through to Council in 2024. Each meeting will be a hybrid event, subject to available technology. Each event will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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| Date | Location |
| July 15, 2023 | Albuquerque |
| September 16, 2023 | To be determined |
| November 18, 2023 | To be determined |
| January 20, 2024 | To be determined |
| March 2, 2024 | To be determined |

Council is ordinarily held the last Saturday in April during even years. The next Council will therefore be held on April 27, 2024.

**Appointment of Board Member**

Barbara moved to appoint Karen Douglas as a Director of the Board. This motion was seconded by Rebecca, and all voted in favor.

**Board List Draft**

A draft of the new board list was distributed for each board member to review for accuracy. Akkana needs Heather Balas’s email address.

**Review of Board Policies**

*Conflict of Interest Policy*

This policy was distributed as part of the board packet. Each board member agreed to comply with its intent, but it will be revisited at the board meeting in July.

*Harassment Policy*

This policy was distributed as part of the board packet. Hannah said that we have a self-imposed obligation to have training in this area. Hannah will ask Joanna Velasquez, the new Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) chair to arrange for JEDI members to conduct this training. Kathy will contact Joanna.

*Nonpartisan Policy*

This policy was distributed as part of the board packet. Each board member agreed to comply with its intent, but it will be revisited at the board meeting in July.

It was pointed out that the board policies need to be updated on the website. Barbara will follow up.

**Voter Services**

Edwina met with Judy and Maia Pugh about her new duties. It was suggested that Edwina inform the board that she wants the next Voter Guide to include the counties not covered by any of the four local Leagues. This will give her the experience she will need in advance of the Presidential election in 2024. Edwina will propose a budget to the LWVNM board for approval, and the board will then seek funding from the Ed Fund. This can be accomplished via email.

**Communications**

Janet advised the board that she will also be making a request for funding from the Ed Fund. Janet will propose a budget to the LWVNM board for approval. Kathy noted that it will be useful to know how much money is required, and this should be included in a written motion. If the request is approved, the LWVNM board will refer the request to the Ed Fund. This can be accomplished via email.

**Convention Follow-Up**

Ann said that she enjoyed the Convention, and she learned a lot. It was nice to meet in person. Edwina also enjoyed the exchange of ideas, especially in the area of nuclear issues.

Kathy received Directions to the Board from some participants, which she will compile and provide to the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Written by Rebecca Chaiken (May 2, 2023)

Edited by Barbara Calef (May 2, 2023)