

League of Women Voters Asheville-Buncombe County Board Meeting

October 8, 2025; Zoom at 6 pm

Submitted by Patricia Hearron

In Attendance: Nicole Wheeler-Schumacher; Patricia Hearron, Secretary; Kathy Schofield, Treasurer; Board members: Nadine Hamby, Donna Mann, Linda Weldon.

Nicole called the meeting to order at 6:00.

Minutes from September 10, 2025, Meeting were approved by acclamation.

Finance and Budget Update: Kathy reported PMP charges are the biggest expense at present (\$3200 for LWVUS: \$3200 and \$1200 for LWVNC. This will be the last such payment since all dues henceforth will go through Stripe. She called our attention to the VOTE 411 ad in the current issue of *Mountain Xpress*. She proposed re-investing money from a CD into another when it matures and transferring the accrued interest to the LWVAB HomeTrust operating account. A motion in support of this proposal by Patricia, seconded by Cheryl, was approved unanimously.

Membership Committee

- Kathy mentioned that renewals had declined in the past month. Linda said she is still struggling with the google docs and plans to meet with Sharon for clarification.
- Nicole reminded us that coffee chats are scheduled for October 14 (at Round Earth Roasters in Hendersonville with Mary Ann); November 17 (at Bad Manners in West Asheville with Suzanne); and December 2 (at Yellow Mug in Weaverville with Nicole)
- LWV 101 is scheduled for October 23: on Zoom at 1:00 and in-person at East Asheville Library at 6:00 p.m. We will provide beverages and dessert. Board members are asked to arrive at 5:15 to help with set-up.
- In November, the committee will begin planning for a January social event. Board members are asked to check their calendars for dates to be avoided.

LWVNC: Kathy will attend a **Governance Webinar for NC Leagues** focusing on compliance with IRS regulations for non-profit organizations. Meeting will be held via zoom on October 9 from 5 PM to 7:30 PM. <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/LU9NdQIZTEW2Y711YrKafw> Other board members are encouraged to do so as well. Nicole mentioned that one topic to be emphasized is the importance of maintaining 501c3 (non-profit) status.

Voter Outreach: Cheryl reported that the Buncombe County Board of Elections has contracted with an attorney to review the memorandum of agreement with the County. They hope to address risk factors involved with the board's recent move to a new location. The team plans one more registration event at a community fall festival. They are starting the high school registration effort which will continue into January and hope to reach every high school in the area. They are working with Indivisible and other community groups to provide training on safety and legal issues involved with

registration activities. Cheryl asked board members to contact her with suggestions for additional registration efforts.

VOTE411: Patricia asked for volunteers to help reach out to the 27 candidates who have not yet provided contact information (phone or email) or have not responded to the invitation to participate in the voter guide. Cheryl and Nicole volunteered and mentioned that Mary Ann had also offered to help via email. Patricia will send them instructions.

Election of the President by Popular Vote Action Team Update: Nicole reported that the team is continuing to reach out to community groups. They will make a presentation next week to the Mars Hill Social Work Club. Suzanne will make a presentation at the Unitarian Universalist Center in January. The political science student group at UNC Asheville is another possibility.

Communications Update: Nadine has been updating the webpage thanks to contributions from Cheryl. Patricia asked for advice about adding **donate** and **join** “buttons” to the newsletter. Nicole will send her contact information for Chris Chromey.

Schedule of Meetings – all at 6 pm via Zoom

- 2025: November 12, December 10
- 2026: January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 1

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.