

LWVAB Online Board Meeting Minutes April 15, 2021

Submitted by Julia Coward, Recording Secretary

In attendance: Kelly Fowler, President; Nicole Wheeler-Schumacher, Vice-President; Lynn Lederer, Treasurer; Julia Coward, Secretary; Board Directors: Sue Casey, Suzanne Fisher, Nadine Hamby, Patricia Hearron, Ruth O'Donnell and Vickie Willard. LWVAB member and prospective Board Director Sharon Withrow was present as a guest.

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm.

Approval of minutes from March Board Meeting—Julia

The Minutes were corrected to read "Adjourned at 6:38" instead of "Adjourned at 5:38." Julia called for a motion to approve the minutes. Suzanne moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Ruth seconded. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

Board Update—Nicole and Kelly

Nicole reached out to Charlotte Kaplan to gauge her interest in being on the Board. **She will follow up with her next week to find out her decision. If she declines to visit a Board Meeting, Nicole will move on down the membership list.** Kelly said that Kate Carter is relocating to Reno. Consensus is that a 'remote' Board Member position would not be productive.

Suzanne has agreed to be nominated for President of LWVAB. Nicole will remain Vice-President; Kelly will be nominated as an 'appointed' Board member for a year and will remain as Chair of Voter Services until a replacement can be found. Suzanne will continue as Chair of NPV. Ruth and Kelly offered Suzanne help with Google Docs. Ruth would like to hand over Chair of the Membership Committee. She will stay on the committee.

Finance and Budget Update—Lynn

Girl Scout Proposal: Lynn and Kelly summarized the proposal from Juanita Carrier about the joint LWVAB-Girl Scouts ERA patch project for Sharon Withrow, who was unfamiliar with the project. Board members had received a copy of the proposal to review before this meeting. **Kelly called for a motion to approve this project's inclusion in the budget for next year. Patricia so moved; Julia seconded. Discussion followed: The cost of the project will be fronted by Juanita and Carol Covington and reimbursed out of our budget for the new fiscal year in July. The motion was approved by voice vote; the Girl Scout ERA project will be included in the 2021-2022 budget.**

Lynn is still expecting a bill from the insurance we get through LWVNC. Amazon Smile will deposit our funds from donations quarterly, 6 weeks after the quarter ends. **The 2021-2022 Budget will be presented to members at the Annual Meeting, to be voted on.**

Membership Committee Update—Ruth

- **The Annual Members' Meeting will be held via Zoom Saturday May 22 at 11:00 am. There will be a powerpoint presentation of our activities through the year; each Action Team will make some slides and the President will do some. Ruth**

will do all the paperwork sent to members preparatory to the meeting, and she will use Google Survey to do the survey for voting on the Budget, Nominations and Program as well. Lynn will make the revisions to the Members' Handbook. At the quarterly members' meeting on April 22, Kelly will admit people and welcome members and guests; Ruth will monitor the chat; Nicole will introduce the speakers. Nicole will reach out to Jimmie Pratt and Lori Bunton to find out if they will need to share their screen for their powerpoint presentation. Ruth still needs a volunteer to help her with membership renewal notices.

- League Awards

After discussion, consensus is that Deborah Britt and Karen Ward will each receive the Yvette Wessel Award for 2020-2021. We will not give out an Yvette Wessel Scholarship this year due to the lack of available training/development events. Kelly will ask Aiden to provide a brief blurb on each recipient for the presentation. Sharon Withrow will get pricing information on plaques for award recipients and she and Ruth will be in contact about getting the 2 plaques made.

Voter Services—Kelly

The Voter Services Action Team is meeting around every 2 weeks to develop the core members as "point people." Kelly presented a spreadsheet of ranked priorities for the Action Team: Voter Suppression, Redistricting (which will be the work done by the Fair Districts WNC coalition), Voter Registration, Civics Education, For the People Act, John Lewis Voting Rights Act, National Popular Vote, Ranked Choice Voting. Once point persons have been identified for each priority, education and calls to action will follow. Ruth will work with Linda Kane on Linda's powerpoint on Voting as part of the Civics Education priority.

National Popular Vote—Suzanne

Ron Katz will put a blurb about NPV in his newsletter. Suzanne has been reaching out to different groups, offering to do a presentation on NPV; not much response yet. The NC General Assembly has not introduced a NPV bill yet but Suzanne will propose to the six members of the Action Team that they begin writing Letters to the Editor on the general topic of NPV. Lynn will send Suzanne Chuck Thornton's email address (he is an activist for NPV who lives in Weaverville.)

Communications—Patricia, Julia, Suzanne, Nadine, Kelly

The June newsletter will be a June-July newsletter to be published around June 20th-25th. Nadine added 4 new pages on Districts to our website. Kelly will send out a blurb written by Aiden about National Day of Action for Redistricting to be posted on Social Media.

Julia will try to find out when the Owen Library will be open for meetings again.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.