



ANNUAL MEETING

MAY 10, 2023

5:30 – 8:30 p.m.



1557 Sherman Avenue
Evanston, Illinois

LWVE Business Meeting Agenda
May 10, 2023

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Rules of the Annual Meeting
3. Approval of the Minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting
4. Bylaw Revisions
5. Finances
 - a. Treasurer's Report
 - b. Proposed 2022-2023 Budget
6. Local Program and Positions
 - a. Report of 2022-2023 Local Program
 - b. Proposed 2023-2024 Program
 - a. Proposed edits to Local Positions
 - b. Report of Local Government Observer Corps
7. Nominating and Elections
 - a. Presentation of Proposed Nominations
 - b. Nominations from the Floor
 - c. Election of Officers and Directors for 2023-2024
8. Announcements
9. Other Business
10. Adjournment

**League of Women Voters of Evanston
Annual Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2022**

Present: Georgia Vlahos, Helen Gagel, Margaret Bjornson, Joan Linsenmeier, Jennifer O’Neil, Eleanor Revelle, Kathy Hayes, Lois Taft, Casey Christiansen, Roxanne Fox, Cheryl Wollin, Betty Ann Badger, Tucker Wilde, Willie Shaw, Cate Whitcomb, Jack Hinz, Sue Brenner, Birch Burghardt, Kathy Tate-Bradish, Betty Hayford, Chuck Hayford, Sue Calder, Lori Osborne, Joan Taylor, Mary Gavin, Larry Gavin, Judy Elsass, Sonia Evenstad, Linda LaBuda, Steven Murphy, Betty Jo Henson, Kate Todd, Lonnie Dunlap, Mary Keefe Kelley, Judy Hoffman, Mary Lewis, Kathleen O’Neil, Valerie Krejcie, Kate Todd, Mark Tendam, Stephanie Mendoza, Alicia Kaplan, Carol Mullins, Mary Jane Chainski, Geraldine Sizemore, Kristine Lofquist, Kathy Hayes
Eva Lettiere-Roberts (Guest – Scholarship winner)

Call to Order: Jennifer O’Neil called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Attendance was 47. Jennifer declared a quorum was present and noted the meeting would proceed according to Roberts’ Rules of Order and LWVE bylaws. The minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting were approved unanimously. The official recorder/secretary for this meeting is Lois Taft. The appointment of Linda LaBuda and Joan Linsenmeier to read and correct the minutes of this Annual Meeting was approved unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report:

Judy Elsass presented the Treasurer’s report. The application to the IRS for the LWVE to be designated as a 501(c)(3) organization was approved on January 4, 2022 with a retroactive date of May 12, 2021. All membership dues and donations to the LWVE are now tax-exempt. The application to register our 501(c)(3) with the office of the Illinois Attorney General was approved on March 9, 2022. An outside financial review of the Treasurer’s accounts was conducted, and accounts were found to be in good order. As of March 31, 2022, we have over \$50,000 in the bank. There were no fundraisers for a second year in a row due to Covid, but contributions were about \$1200 higher than were budgeted. Our cash assets are more than sufficient to support the activities of the League. The report was accepted and placed on file.

Proposed 2022-2023 Budget:

Judy Elsass presented the 2022-2023. Three substantial special expense items are included. These are: (1) web redesign: \$7,500; (2) Anniversary events and activities: \$5,000; and republication of “This is Evanston”: \$6,000. In order to maintain a balanced budget, \$15,720 will be transferred from our reserves. A major fundraising event is planned for the fall. Judy Elsass moved to accept the proposed 2022-2023 budget as presented and the motion was seconded by Kathy Hayes The motion passed unanimously.

Local Program 2021-2022

Program priorities for this year:

1. **Climate action:** LWVE actively advocated for State and National League of Women Voters climate action priorities and supported the City of Evanston’s implementation of its Climate

Action and Resilience Plan (CARP). The League collaborated with the Citizens Climate Lobby and other organizations and was represented at a variety of climate programs and activities including Environment Board meetings and the League of Women Voters Lake Michigan Region annual meeting.

2. **Zoning and Housing:** LWVE formed a working group to review and update current positions on zoning and housing. The group conducted interviews with City staff in community development, housing, zoning, and inspections departments. Developers, fair housing advocates, service providers, small property landlords, Northwestern, and ZoneCo (a consultant reviewing Evanston's zoning code) were also interviewed. The group compiled results of the interviews and a literature review and made this report available to members and other interested parties. An LWVE information meeting and consensus meetings were held to discuss consensus questions on policy issues. Proposed language for updated positions on housing and zoning was approved by the Board at its regular April meeting.
3. **Health Equity in Evanston:** LWVE formed a working group to examine health equity in Evanston, to identify resources providing health services, and to understand the work of organizations serving underserved communities. They completed twenty interviews representing thirteen community organizations and government representatives. Responses to the questions about key health concerns and gaps in services were summarized. A Health Equity Report was prepared to summarize the findings and guide future advocacy. The report has been shared with League members and with governmental and community organizations.
4. **Council/Manager form of Government:** A review of the LWVE position supporting the Council/Manager form of government was planned. However, the Board of Directors voted to put the review on hold in order to retain the ability to advocate using the current position in light of heightened interest in the topic in the community and the possibility of a discussion among city staff and /or elected officials during the current year.

Revised Local Positions on Zoning and Housing

After reviewing local positions on housing and zoning, the Board of Directors approved and recommended adoption of revisions to the current positions. These include revisions to our position on Housing under Social Policy and to our position on Zoning in the Land Use section under Natural Resources. The revised position language is included in the Annual Meeting packet. A motion to adopt the revised positions as recommended by the Board was made by Mary Kelly and seconded by Lonnie Dunlap. The revised positions passed unanimously.

Local Program 2022-2023

Helen Gagel led the local program planning meeting on March 13, 2022 where members reached consensus on the goals for the 2022-2023. Helen moved approval of all three goals.

1. **Civil Discourse:** LWVE will form a working group to promote civil discourse at public meetings. The group will identify effective strategies to anticipate potential problems; explore techniques for defusing tension while protecting public debate and safety and ensuring every voice is heard; and develop effective tactics to anticipate and minimize

disruptions. We will share our findings with local governmental and community organizations.

Moved, seconded by Kathy Tate-Bradish

2. **Redistricting in Evanston:** A working group will gather information and learn about the process of redistricting in Evanston to ensure that the League will be prepared to participate and take action as needed on a new city ward map.

Moved, seconded by Betty Hayford

3. **Ranked Choice Voting:** A working group will gather information on Ranked Choice Voting and why cities and states are adopting this electoral method. The group will work in collaboration with state and local leagues to understand how Ranked Choice Voting could be applied to state and local elections in Illinois.

Moved, seconded by Lois Taft

The chair called for a vote on the recommended program. The program planning goals were unanimously approved, and the 2022-2023 Program Plan was adopted.

Nominating and Elections:

Jennifer thanked the Nominating Committee for its work. Committee members included Birch Burghardt (chair), Karen Telser, and Lonnie Dunlap. Despite diligent and persuasive work, the committee could not put forward a name for President. The leadership will fall upon the Executive Committee of the Board (four officers: two Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer).

Jennifer called for nominations from the floor. Upon hearing none, the nominations were closed. Helen Gagel moved to vote on the ballot as a slate and Cheryl Wollin seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The following slate of officers, directors, and nominating committee was unanimously elected.

Executive Committee

Mary Keefe Kelly, Vice President

Betty Hayford, Vice President

Lois Taft, Secretary

Kathy Hayes, Treasurer

Elected Directors

Kristine Lofquist

Lonnie Dunlap

Joan Lakebrink

Joan Linsenmeier

Mark Tendam

Jennifer O'Neil

Alisa Kaplan

Willie Shaw

Georgia Vlahos

Nominating Committee

Carol Mullins, Chair

Gloria Callaci

3rd member appointed by the Board

Off Board Appointments:

Office Coordinator Judy Elsass

Web Master Mary Lewis

Intercom Editor Mark Tendam

Announcements:

1. Elizabeth Kinney announced the two scholarship winners from ETHS: Eva Lettiere-Roberts and Lauren Dain.
2. Jennifer O'Neil introduced Allyson Haut, President of the LWVIL, as a special guest at our Annual Meeting and thanked her for her work on behalf of the forty-one local leagues in Illinois.
3. Mary Kelly reminded members that the end of the fiscal year is June 30th, and the membership form is available on the LWVE website. She added that contributions (in addition to memberships) would be greatly appreciated.

Other Business and Direction from the Floor: None reported

Thank you and Acknowledgements to the following members:

1. Cheryl Wollin for her work in planning and organizing the Annual Meeting.
2. Elizabeth Kinney and the Scholarship Committee for their time and effort.
3. Outgoing Board Members (Al Telser, Judy Hoffman, and Elizabeth Kinney) for their service.
4. Jennifer O'Neil for her outstanding contributions as President and Co-President during the past two years
5. The office staff and July Elsass as Coordinator.
6. Betty Hayford and Mark Tendam for their work on the Intercom.
7. Mary Lewis for her great work as Web Master.
8. The Anniversary Committee including Lori Osborne, Cate Whitcomb, Joan Linsenmeier, Betty Hayford, Jennifer O'Neil, Kathy Hayes, and Mark Tendam
9. All the members who have contributed hundreds of hours of effort to keep the work of the League going during the past year despite the pandemic.

Adjournment:

Jennifer adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Taft, Secretary

Proposed Revisions to Bylaws

Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Evanston

ARTICLE I — NAME

Sec. 1. Name. The Name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters of Evanston, hereinafter referred to in these bylaws as the LWVE. This local League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States, hereinafter referred to as LWVUS; the League of Women Voters of Illinois, hereinafter referred to as LWVIL; the League of Women Voters Cook County, hereinafter referred to as LWVCC; the League of Women Voters of Lake Michigan Region, hereinafter referred to as LWVLMR; and the League of Women Voters of Upper Mississippi River Region, hereinafter referred to as LWVUMRR.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSES AND POLICIES

Sec. 1. Purposes. The purposes of the LWVE are to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government and to act on selected governmental issues. Sec. 2. Policies. The policies of the LWVE are:

- a. Political Policy. The LWVE shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.
- b. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy. The LWVE is fully committed to ensure compliance – in principle and in practice – with the LWVUS’ Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy.

Sec. 3. Nondiscrimination. The LWVE shall not discriminate against any person or group of persons on the basis of race, ethnicity, culture, language, national origin, age, disability, gender, sexual orientation, gender expression, education, religion, faith, socioeconomic status or lived experience.

Sec. 4. Tax Exempt Status. The LWVE is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the LWVE shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under such provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. ~~No substantial part of the activities of the LWVE shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.~~ **No substantial part of the activities of the LWVE shall be direct lobbying to legislators or government officials or grassroots lobbying to the public that reflects a league endorsed view on specific legislation.**

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1. Eligibility. Any person who subscribes to the purpose and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership (hereinafter referred to as a “member”).

Sec. 2. Types of Membership.

a. Voting Members. Persons at least 16 years of age who join the LWVE shall be voting members of the LWVE, the LWVIL, the LWVUS and the membership ILO's:

(1) Those who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other League;

(2) Those who have been members of the LWVUS for 50 years or more shall be life members, and shall be excused from the payment of dues; and

(3) Those who are students are defined as individuals enrolled either as full or part time with an accredited institution.

b. Associate Members. All others who join the League shall be associate members.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Sec. 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers. The officers of the LWVE shall be a President or Co-Presidents, between one and three Vice President(s), a Secretary, and a Treasurer. ~~Officers shall be elected for terms of one year by the voting membership at the Annual Meeting and shall take office at the commencement of the fiscal year.~~ **Officers shall be elected for terms of two years with staggered terms, effective in 2024-2025. Officers will be approved by the voting membership at the Annual Meeting and shall take office at the commencement of the fiscal year. The President and Secretary will be elected in even years, and the VicePresident(s) and Treasurer will be elected in odd number years.**

Sec. 2. President.

a. The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and the Board of Directors. The President may, in the absence or disability of the Treasurer, sign or endorse checks, drafts, and notes. The President shall be an ex officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. The President shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of President.

b. The President shall appoint League members as Directors of the Board, in addition to the elected members, as may be necessary to carry on the work of the League, so long as the total number of appointed directors does not exceed one third of the total membership of the Board of Directors. Such appointments are subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 3. Vice President. The Vice Presidents(s) shall perform such duties as the President and the Board of Directors may designate. In the event of the absence of the President, a Vice President designated by the President shall serve as Acting President; or if the President fails to act or is incapacitated, the Board of Directors shall designate a Vice President to serve as Acting President.

Sec. 4. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all business meetings of the League and of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall perform such other functions as the President and the Board may designate.

Sec. 5. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall receive all money due and shall be custodian of all monies. The Treasurer shall deposit them in financial institutions designated by the Board of Directors

and shall disburse the funds of the LWVE in accordance with budgeted expense items. The Treasurer shall present monthly statements of revenue and expenses and bank balances to the Board of Directors at

its regular meetings and a financial report to the Annual Meeting that includes year to date revenue and expenses compared with the budget and a proposed budget for the coming year. The Treasurer shall perform such other functions as the President and the Board of Directors may designate.

ARTICLE V – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sec. 1. Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers of the League, the elected Directors and the appointed Directors.

a. Elected Directors. There shall be no more than ~~ten~~ **twelve** elected Directors. Directors shall be elected by the general membership at the Annual Meeting from among the voting members and shall take office on July 1 concurrent with the fiscal year. ~~They shall serve a term of one year or until their successors have been selected.~~ **They will serve a term of two years or until their successors have been elected. Half of the elected Directors will be elected in even years and half will be elected in odd years.**

b. Appointed Directors. The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint such additional Directors as the President deems necessary to carry on the work of the League. Appointed Directors shall serve for a term of one year and may continue to serve until a successor has been appointed. The number of appointed Directors shall not exceed one third of the total Board of Directors membership.

Sec. 2. Qualifications. Only voting members of the LWVE shall be elected or appointed or shall continue as an Officer or Director of this organization.

Sec. 3. Vacancies.

a. Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors by reason of resignation, death or disqualification of an elected member, except that of President, shall be referred to the Nominating Committee for recommendation. After considering such recommendation, the President shall fill the vacancy, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, for the remainder of the term. Two consecutive absences from Board meetings without a valid reason shall be deemed a resignation.

b. In the event of a total vacancy in the office of President, the Nominating Committee shall present its recommendation to the Board of Directors, which shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term by a vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors. If there are Co-Presidents and one resigns, the Board may appoint the remaining Co-President as President, or based upon a recommendation of the Nominating Committee, may appoint another Co-President to serve for the remainder of the term.

Sec. 4. Powers and Duties. The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the organization, with full power and authority to manage and conduct same, subject to the instructions of the general membership. It shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the program as adopted by the Annual Meeting, the LWVUS Convention, the LWVIL Convention, and the LWVCC Convention. The Board of Directors shall create or designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.

Sec. 5. Meetings. There shall be at least six regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The President may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five members of the Board of Directors. Board meetings are open to all League members, except that the President may also call a portion of the meeting into executive session, at which time only elected and appointed members of the Board of Directors are present.

Sec. 6. Quorum. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at meetings of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI – FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the LWVE shall be from July 1 to June 30 of each year.

Sec. 2. Annual Dues. Annual dues shall be set by the Board of Directors, subject to the approval of a majority of the members present and voting at a general membership meeting or at the Annual Meeting.

a. Any proposed dues change must be submitted (either electronically or by U.S. Postal Service) by the Board of Directors to the membership in writing at least ten days preceding the meeting at which action is to be taken.

b. When two members reside at the same address in a common household, the dues shall be equal to one and one-half times the dues of a single member.

Sec. 3. ~~Budget~~. Budget Committee.

a. A Budget Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting to prepare a budget for the LWVE in the ensuing year. The proposed budget shall be approved by the Board and then sent (either electronically or by U.S. Postal Service) to all members at least ten days before the Annual Meeting.

b. The Treasurer shall not be eligible to serve as chairperson of the Budget Committee.

Sec. 4. Review of Treasurer's Accounts. An annual financial review may be made of the Treasurer's accounts at the discretion of the Board of Directors following the close of the books. This review shall be consistent with established League guidelines, and approved by the Board of Directors. A special financial review may be required at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 5. Transactions with Interested Persons. Within 120 days after the end of the LWVE's fiscal year, the Board of Directors shall send to the members a report, of any transaction in which the LWVE was a party and in which any officer or director of the League had a direct or indirect material financial interest.

Sec. 6. Endorsement of Documents and Contracts. Unless so authorized by the Board of Directors, no officer, agent, or employee shall have any power or authority to bind the League by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or to render it liable for any purpose or amount.

Sec. 7. Distribution of Funds on Dissolution. In the event of the merger or dissolution of the LWVE for any reason, all money and securities or other property of whatsoever nature which at the time are owned or under the absolute control of the League shall be distributed at the discretion of the Board of Directors, or such other persons as shall be charged by law with the liquidation or winding up of the LWVE and its affairs, to any member organization of the League of Women Voters national organization which is exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code; or if none of the organizations are then in existence or exempt under those tax provisions, then, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, to another organization which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under such designated tax provisions.

ARTICLE VII – Conflicts or Duality of Interest

Sec. 1. Purpose. The purpose of a conflict of interest policy is to protect the LWVE's interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer, director, or committee member of the League. The Board of Directors of the LWVE shall adopt a conflict of interest policy or make revisions ~~therein from time to time~~ **as needed**. The conflict of interest policy shall require that each director, officer and any committee chairpersons with powers delegated by the Board of Directors shall annually sign a conflict of interest statement consistent with the terms of the conflict of interest policy then in effect.

ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS

Sec. 1. Membership Meetings. There shall be at least one meeting of the general membership each year, the time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors. The general membership meeting may be the Annual Meeting. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, this meeting, as well as any other LWVE business meetings including Board of Directors meetings, may be conducted through the use of available Internet meeting services.

Sec. 2 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the membership may be called by the Board of Directors or by **a written** petition of ten **voting** members, the object of the meeting to be stated in the ~~call~~ **petition**.

Sec. 3. Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting shall be held in April or May, the exact date to be determined by the Board of Directors. In exceptional cases, the Board of Directors has the discretion to select a different month for the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting shall: a) adopt a local program; b) elect officers, Directors and members of the nominating committee; c) adopt bylaws; d) adopt a budget; and e) transact such other business as may properly come before it.

Sec. 4. Quorum. A quorum for the Annual Meeting and any general membership meeting where LWVE business is transacted shall consist of ten percent (10%) of the voting members.

ARTICLE IX – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Sec. 1 Nominating Committee. A Nominating Committee shall recommend nominations for all elected positions on the Board of Directors and the Chairperson of the successor Nominating Committee. Suggestions for nominations for Officers and Directors may be sent to this committee by any voting member.

Sec. 2. Nominating Committee, Composition and Manner of Selection. The Nominating Committee shall be composed of a chairperson and two members **with terms of two years**. The Chairperson and one member, who shall not be members of the Board of Directors, shall be elected at the Annual Meeting **in even numbered years**. At the first meeting of the Board of Directors after the Annual Meeting, the President shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, one member of the Board of Directors to serve on the Nominating Committee. To this committee shall be entrusted all business relating to nominations and election. The Board of Directors shall fill any vacancy on the Nominating Committee.

Sec. 3. Report of the Nominating Committee. The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for Officers, Directors, and members of the succeeding Nominating Committee shall be sent (either electronically or by U.S. Postal Service) to all members at least ten days before the date of the Annual Meeting. Immediately following the presentation of this report at the Annual Meeting, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member, provided the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.

Sec. 4. Elections. Elections at the Annual Meeting shall be by voice vote or, if requested, by ballot. When there is but one nominee for each office, elections may be by voice. A majority vote of members present, qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election, a quorum being present.

ARTICLE X – PRINCIPLES AND PROGRAM

Sec. 1. Principles. The principles are concepts of government adopted by the LWVUS Convention and supported by the League as a whole. They are the basis for the adoption of the national, state and local program.

Sec. 2. Program. The program consists of the governmental measures and policies on which the LWVE may take action.

a. National Program, State Program and County Program shall be those items chosen for study and action by the National, State and County Conventions of the Leagues of Women Voters.

b. Local Program shall consist of local governmental items chosen for study and action at the Annual Meeting by the LWVE.

Sec. 3. Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting shall act upon the program using the following procedures:

a. The Board of Directors shall request recommendations for local program from voting members at least 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting and shall schedule member discussions, as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors, for suggested areas of study and action.

b. The Board of Directors shall formulate a proposed program from the recommendations of the members, which shall be sent (either electronically or by U.S. Postal Service) to all members at least ten days before the Annual Meeting.

c. A majority vote of voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting, a quorum being present, shall be required for adoption of items in the proposed program as presented at the Annual Meeting by the Board of Directors.

d. Recommendations for Program submitted by voting members to the Board of Directors, but not included in the proposed program recommended by the Board of Directors, may be adopted by the Annual Meeting provided that:

1) The Annual Meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote of the voting members present; and

2) The Annual Meeting shall adopt these items by a majority vote of the voting members present.

Sec. 4. Changes to Program. Changes in the program, in case of altered or new conditions, may be made at a general membership meeting at which a quorum is present, using the following procedures:

a. Information concerning the proposed changes shall be sent (either electronically or by U.S. Postal Service) to all members at least ten days prior to the general membership meeting at which the changes are to be discussed.

b. A majority vote of voting members present and voting at the general membership meeting shall be required for adoption of the proposed changes to the program.

Sec. 5. Local Positions The local LWVE positions shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors once every two years to see that all positions are relevant, up-to-date, and appropriately worded for action.

Sec. 6. Member Action. Members may act, speak, or write in the name of the League of Women Voters only when authorized by the Board of Directors and in conformity with all levels of League.

ARTICLE XI – NATIONAL CONVENTION, STATE CONVENTION AND COUNCIL

Sec. 1. National Convention. The Board of Directors, at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the national office, shall select delegates to that Convention in the number allotted the LWVE under the provisions of the Bylaws of the LWVUS.

Sec. 2. State Convention. The Board of Directors, at a meeting before the date on which names of delegates must be sent to the state office, shall select delegates to that convention in the number allotted the LWVE under the provisions of the bylaws of the LWVIL.

Sec. 3. County Convention or Council. The Board of Directors, at a meeting before the date on which names of delegates must be sent to the county office, shall select delegates to that convention or council in the number allotted the LWVE under the provisions of the bylaws of the LWVCC.

Sec. 4. Interleague Organization (ILO) Convention or Council. The Board of Directors, at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to an ILO, shall select delegates to that convention or council in the number allotted the LWVE under the provisions of the bylaws of that ILO.

ARTICLE XII – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern this organization, as applicable and as consistent with these bylaws.

ARTICLE XIII – ARTICLE AMENDMENTS

Sec. 1. Bylaws Committee. **The bylaws shall be reviewed as needed with a frequency of at least every three years.** A Bylaws Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors, prior to the Annual Meeting, to study the bylaws, suggest amendments if necessary, and consider proposals suggested by any League member for changing the bylaws.

Sec. 2. Procedures. These bylaws may be amended at the Annual Meeting or at a general membership meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all voting members present and voting, a quorum being present, providing that the proposed amendments were presented to and approved by the Board of Directors and submitted to the voting membership (either electronically or by U.S. Postal Service) for approval ~~within thirty days of the meeting of changes to the Bylaws.~~ **at least 10 days preceding the meeting at which action is to be taken.**

Sec. 3. When required by or amendment of the LWVUS or the LWVIL bylaws, these bylaws may be amended by the Board of Directors and do not require approval of the voting members.

Amended and Adopted May 12, 2021

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF EVANSTON - Proposed Budget 2023-2024			
4/19/2023			
REVENUE	Year-to-Date	FY 2024	FY 2023
	3/31/2023	Proposed	Adopted Budget
	9 months	Budget	Combined Oper.& Ed. Fund
A. Dues			
Members	\$9,025	\$10,600	\$10,320
B. Contributions			
Members	3,630	4,000	3,000
Non-members	1,000	1,000	-
Restricted Scholarship Fund	2,100	2,000	2,000
C. Publications			
This is Evanston	493	1,500	200
D. Fundraising			
Progressive Dinner	0	2,000	0
Major Fundraiser	26,192	0	20,000
Holiday Gift Wrapping	65	100	150
E. Programs & Meetings			
Monthly Programs/Events	435	1,000	1,500
Annual Meeting	0	1,500	1,000
Legislative Luncheon	540	1,000	1,000
F. Interest	60	80	15
H. Transfer from Reserves	0	3,995	15,720
			To
			balance
			budget
TOTAL REVENUE	\$43,540	\$28,775	\$54,905
EXPENSES	Year-to-Date	FY 2024	FY 2023
	3/31/2023	Proposed	Adopted Budget
	9 months	Budget	Combined Oper. & Ed.Fund
A. Organizational Expenses			
Office Supplies	\$114	\$300	\$300
Postage	143	200	200
Insurance/bank fees	26	200	0
Rent	2,040	3,120	3,060
Copying/Printing	277	350	300
Electronic Support	260	1,200	1,200
Equipment/Software	0	300	300
Website Redesign	2,480	0	7,500
501©(3) Filing Fee	15	15	0
sub-total:	5,355	5,685	12,860
B. President & Board	0	100	100
C. State or National Convention	0	1,500	1,000

D. Financial Support			
National PMP (\$32.)	4,896	5,000	4,930
State PMP (\$32.)	4,925	5,000	4,930
Cook County PMP (\$2.)	154	360	310
ILO - Lake Michigan & Mississippi Watershed	75	75	75
sub-total:	10,050	10,435	10,245
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E. Publications			
Intercom Production	1,636	2,060	2,060
Intercom Postage/Printing	249	540	540
Directory	0	600	250
This is Evanston postage	7,925	80	6,000
sub-total:	9,810	3,280	8,850
F. Programs & Meetings			
Monthly Programs/Events/Stipends	950	1,000	1,500
Drinks & Dialogues	0	1,000	500
Annual Meeting	0	1,500	1,000
Legislative Luncheon	608	1,000	1,000
Studies	0	100	100
Co-sponsoring Events	0	200	200
Membership Program	0	150	300
Holiday Party/4th of July Parade	660	650	400
100th Anniversary Activities	0	0	5,000
Sub-total:	2,218	5,600	10,000
G. Fundraising			
Major Fundraiser	16,711	0	10,000
Progressive Dinner	0	300	0
Sub-total:	16,711	300	10,000
			0
H. Voters Service			
Forums	143	200	200
Election Materials	148	175	150
sub-total:	291	375	350
I. Scholarship Fund			
	1,500	1,500	1,500
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$45,935	28,775	\$54,905
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN INCOME & EXPENSES:	-\$2,395	\$0.00	\$0.00
BALANCE SHEET AS OF 3/31/2023			
Checkbook Balance	\$13,005		
Money Market	27,165		
Total Funds	\$40,170		

LWV EVANSTON BUDGET NOTES – FY 2024

Revenues

- A. Dues: Estimate based on a projected membership of 72 individuals @ \$70/member, 71 individuals @ \$65/senior rate, 25 households @ \$35/household, 2 emerging leaders @ \$20/member. We have 11 life members who pay no dues. Total: 159 pro-rated members; total membership: 181
- B. Contributions: Members are encouraged to make contributions in addition to their dues payments at the time of membership renewal. Members can also donate to the Scholarship Fund at the time of membership renewal. Dues & Contributions are tax-deductible.
- C. Publications: *This is Evanston*, projecting sales of 150 @ \$10.00.
- D. Fundraising: Holiday Gift Wrapping and Progressive Dinner.
- E. Programs, Events & Meetings: Estimated revenues realized from various monthly programs & events, the Annual Meeting, & the Legislative Luncheon; offset by Expenses F. Assuming a hybrid of in-person & Zoom meetings.
- F. Interest: Annual interest based on current interest rates.
- G. Transfer from Reserves: Proposing transfer of \$ 3,995. to balance budget.

Expenses

- A. Organizational Expenses: Based on current usage in most line items. Rent will be \$260/month for 1 year; Postage, Copying, & Printing include funds for membership renewal & tax donation mailings; Insurance – LWVIL covers the cost of our general liability & D&O insurance, however, we bear cost of dram shop coverage; Electronic Support includes website & domain renewals plus Zoom contract; Equipment/Software includes possible purchase of new office printer; Filing Fee for 501©(3) status.
- B. President & Board: For out-of-pocket expenses of Executive Committee & Board members.
- C. State or National Conventions: Budgeted amount allows for delegates to attend the June 2024 National Convention; location unknown.
- D. Financial Support to other levels of the League: Per-Member-Payments: National - \$5,000.(\$32); State - \$5,000.(\$32); Cook County – \$360 (\$2), based on a billable membership count of 156 as reported in January 2023. Payments of \$75. to ILO's.
- E. Publications: For Intercom, combined production and postage costs for five editions; Directory expenses include funds for a limited printing of the Directory; postage expenses for *This is Evanston*.
- F. Programs & Meetings: Monthly Programs/Events/Stipends, Drinks & Dialogues, Membership Program, Annual Meeting, Legislative Luncheon, Holiday Party & 4th of July Parade, Co-sponsoring Events, and possible local, state & national studies.
- G. Fundraising: Expenses for Progressive Dinner in spring 2023.
- H. Voter Services: Forums & election materials.
- I. Scholarship Fund: Fund established to honor an ETHS student for outstanding civic engagement.

2022-23 Program Report

- **Ranked Choice Voting** – LWVE supported a referendum to adopt Ranked Choice Voting in local Evanston elections beginning in the spring of 2025. The working group was led by Lois Taft and joined forces with *Fair Vote Illinois* and *Reform for Illinois* to educate the public about the referendum. The LWVE held a zoom program that was well attended by the League and members of the community. Additional advocacy strategies included phone banks, canvassing, yard signs, and distribution of flyers. The referendum was passed with more than 82% of ballots cast in favor of the new voting system for local consolidated elections.
- **Redistricting in Evanston** – Betty Hayford led a working group to learn about the process of redistricting in Evanston. The group has attended meetings of the Redistricting Committee that is charged with developing a new city ward map that is in compliance with the 2020 census data. The group is observing the process and will review the new maps that are proposed. Drafts of new ward maps are scheduled for discussion by the committee at a March 28th meeting. The maps that have been submitted achieved the committee’s goal of having at least three wards with a majority of residents being from minority groups. After community discussions, the maps will be presented to the City Council.
- **Civil Discourse** – Karen Telser has led a working group to explore strategies to minimize disruptions and defuse tensions in public debate. In November, the group held a workshop, in partnership with the Lake Street Church, to examine strategies to become better listeners. The group also developed a social media-viewing project under the guidance of a history teacher at ETHS that is consistent with the high school’s “Fake News” unit. The group met with Mayor Biss to discuss ways to reduce incivility at Council and other City meetings.

Proposed Local Program for 2023-24

The League of Women Voters of Evanston will take appropriate action or collaborate with and support like-minded organizations and coalitions in Evanston and other northern suburban communities, to advocate for issues consistent with League positions.

Fair Housing Enforcement – Consistent with the LWVE’s local position to support strong and effective enforcement of Federal, State, County, and City fair housing laws, and the City’s Tenant/Landlord Ordinance and Condominium Regulations, form a working group to review and evaluate Evanston’s fair housing enforcement practices and outcomes. The working group will advocate for changes as appropriate and educate members.

Civics Education – Examine the content and teaching strategies for civics education in high school and middle schools in Evanston. The Illinois State Legislature has passed laws requiring civics education in both high school and middle schools in Illinois, and the purpose of this program is to learn how this mandate has been implemented in local schools. The working group will review the literature and talk to faculty and students about content and teaching approaches including what is taught about local government. The group will educate the membership and share ideas with the schools about how to incorporate learning experiences relevant to local government and issues in Evanston.

Climate Change – Support climate change priorities in Evanston. A working group will support the City of Evanston in implementing the 2023 and 2024 goals of the Climate Action and Resilience Plan (CARP). LWVE’s actions will focus on advocacy with the Evanston City Council and its committees and commissions, and education of our members and the community at large.

Economic Development in Evanston Downtown and Neighborhood Areas – Review and update the LWVE position on economic development in the downtown and neighborhood areas to bring the position in line with current needs which have changed as a result of pandemic closures and a changed economic environment. Like commercial and business districts across the nation, Evanston has lost commuters and other consumers, leading to drops in sales, retail closures, and vacant office spaces.

LWVE Positions

Proposed Edits

2023

The League of Women Voters of Evanston (LWVE) takes educational and advocacy action at the local level, based on positions that have been developed over time by the League of Women Voters of the United States, the League of Women Voters of Illinois, the League of Women Voters of Cook County, and the LWVE, itself.

The LWVE's current positions fall into the categories of *Representative Government*, *Natural Resources*, and *Social Policy*. Whatever the issue, the League believes that efficient and economical government requires competent personnel, clear assignment of responsibilities, adequate financing, coordination among levels of government, effective enforcement, and well-defined channels for citizen input and review.

Representative Government

A. CITY OF EVANSTON

1. Government

Support for:

- The Council-Manager form of government
- The election of **aldermen** council members from wards
- The election of **aldermen** council members to allow for the diversity of the community to be represented
- Effective use of committees, boards, and commissions
- The development and implementation of a long-range plan
- The involvement of citizens
- Increased cooperation and communication between the City and institutions of higher learning
- Recreation programs that are diversified, well-publicized, and responsive to community needs
- A strong, well-funded library system

2. Budget

Support for:

- Sound fiscal policy, including long-range planning for capital improvements and effective budget controls
- The City's efforts to broaden its tax base

B. SCHOOLS (DISTRICT 65 AND DISTRICT 202)

1. Citizen Participation and Communication

Support for:

- Effective citizen participation in all planning and policy development
- Effective communication by District 65 and District 202 with all Evanston residents and effective means for residents to communicate with the Districts.

2. Policies, Plans and Goals

Support for:

- A district-wide plan for the use of community resources, including a well-organized, comprehensive volunteer program
- Racially integrated schools as a necessary condition for equal access to education
- Services for children with disabilities
- Efforts to reduce the achievement gap among children of different races

Natural Resources

A. ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

1. Resource Protection

Support for:

- Natural resources being conserved and protected to assure their future availability
- Controlling pollution of these resources in order to preserve the physical, chemical and biological integrity of ecosystems and to protect public health
- Natural resources being managed as interrelated parts of life-supporting ecosystems, including Reclamation and reuse of natural resources
- Minimizing the consumption of nonrenewable resources
- Government policies which promote stewardship of natural resources such as water and soil

2. Recycling and Elimination of Harmful Chemicals

Support for:

- Reuse and recycling of solid and hazardous waste
- Reduced exposure to pesticides and toxic chemicals
- Encouraging use of non-toxic alternatives
- Informing the public about the use of pesticides

3. Local Initiatives

Support for:

- The City's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through its Climate Action Plan
- The continued prioritization of sewer maintenance
- Exploring alternative solutions to flooding and pollution

B. LAND USE

1. Downtown Development – *The Board of Directors agreed that this position would be reviewed and updated at part of the 2023-2024 Local Program.*

Support for:

- Mixed-use approach to downtown development which promotes a balance between retail, cultural, recreational, residential, and office facilities
- A coordinated, comprehensive planning for downtown development
- Balanced development of public transportation and parking in the downtown

2. Neighborhood Business Areas

Support for:

- The formation, strengthening and coordination of area merchants' associations and neighborhood groups
- Greater concern for pedestrians in neighborhood business areas and a greater emphasis on the use of public transportation

3. Zoning

Support for:

- Zoning policies that prioritize equity, lower housing costs, and the reduction of segregation, and that focus on resident wellbeing and housing stability
- Reducing zoning restrictions and streamlining approval processes to encourage the use of land and buildings in creative and impactful ways and to create more affordability
- Regulations that guard against overcrowding or unsafe conditions, but opposes mandating familial structures as a way to regulate these things
- A strong and effective rental property inspection and enforcement program that requires compliance with City ordinances and holds responsible parties accountable
- A proactive education program and increased public understanding of the need for and benefits of affordable

housing and why and how zoning and other policies and practices must support and accommodate such housing

- A regional approach to affordable housing and zoning, and collaboration with area municipalities

4. Preservation

Support for:

- Effective implementation of Evanston's preservation goals
- Improvement and revitalization of neighborhood business areas with an emphasis on preservation

Social Policy

A. HOUSING

Support for:

- Housing policies that prioritize equity, lower housing costs, and the reduction of segregation, and that focus on resident wellbeing and housing stability
- Strong and effective enforcement of Federal, State, County and City Fair Housing Laws, and the City's Tenant/Landlord Ordinance and Condominium Regulations
- An affordable housing plan to achieve an adequate supply of affordable housing throughout the City; a plan that includes priorities, specific actions, quantifiable goals and timeframes and is updated regularly
- A strong and effective rental property inspection and enforcement program that requires compliance with City ordinances and holds responsible parties accountable
- A proactive education program and increased public understanding of the need for and benefits of affordable housing and why and how zoning and other policies and practices must support and accommodate such housing
- Training opportunities to address specific housing-related concerns of target populations
- A regional approach to affordable housing and zoning, and collaboration with area municipalities
- A variety of options to incentivize the financing and development of affordable housing, including using the Affordable Housing Fund to provide gap funding and utilizing non-cash resources

B. HUMAN RESOURCES

~~1. Human Relations~~

~~Support for:~~

- ~~• An effective, independent, adequately funded and well-staffed Human Relations Commission~~
- ~~• Comprehensive human relations policies~~

1. Police

Support of measures to foster increased communication and cooperation between police and all segments of the community.

C. COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS

1. Individuals with Mental Illness

Support for:

- Comprehensive and coordinated services for children, youth, and adults with a diagnosed mental illness in both state facilities and community-based programs.
- Needs of individuals with a diagnosed mental illness, including high-quality community-integrated housing.
- Coordination of services for formerly hospitalized individuals with a diagnosed mental illness.

2. Services for Older Adults

Support for:

- Small-group housing for older adults in Evanston.

- Effective enforcement of Evanston's Long-Term Care ordinance.
- Adult day-care facilities, as needed, in Evanston.
- Community involvement with Evanston's housing for older adults and residential councils within such homes.
- Other services and housing alternatives to nursing homes.

D. SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Support for:

- Income assistance and supportive services for all low income individuals and families
- An effective, adequately funded emergency assistance services program
- Sound welfare practices
- Coordination of the human services network in Evanston

Local Government Committee Report 2022-2023

Twelve committee members are the LWVE Observer Corp, the primary focus of the Local Government Committee. The League's Observer Corps functions as the eyes and ears of the League, observing public meetings and reporting back to the League.

The committee is co-chaired by Sue Brenner, Suzanne Calder, and Betty Hayford. Committee members include Mary Gavin, Holly Heap, Mary Keefe Kelly, Kristine Lofquist, Carol Mullins, Jennifer O'Neil, Lisa Seegers, Georgia Vlahos, Cheryl Wollin

Key 2022-2023 activities of this committee include:

- Observed 65 government meetings—monitoring that meetings are conducted appropriately (i.e., roll call votes, voice votes, quorums, virtual meeting participants management) consistent with the Illinois Open Meetings Act and the Rules and Organization of the City Council. This year, the Observer Corp observed regularly
 - Council, Administration & Public Works, Planning and Development, Rules, Human Services, Referrals, Reparations, Economic Development.
 - All of the observer reports are posted on the LWVE website for these monthly and some bi-monthly meetings.
- Issues observed during meetings. When appropriate, the Local Government Committee has taken actions including letters to and discussions with the mayor, city manager, and city clerk. These actions are grounded in committee research about various topics including virtual and in-person attendance, type of votes, and other process issues.
- Participatory Budget Process LWVE representation – committee members attended approximately eight sessions that generated over 500 ideas. The committee will continue to follow the process as a small subset will be developed and voted on later this summer.
- Developed a solid, continuously-building understanding of key Evanston topics such as the bag tax, the NU stadium, revision of the ordinance on “lodging establishments”, the Margarita Inn and the dog beach. Providing updates on these issues is often the basis for advocacy consistent with our local positions.
- Arranged for City Manager Luke Stowe to be the keynote speaker for the 2023 Annual Meeting.

The Local Government Committee will hold a June networking event for League members to learn more about the committee’s work and the current policy and procedural issues in Evanston.

Proposed Slate of Officers and Directors for 2023-2024

Officers

President	Michelle Jordan
Vice President	Betty Hayford (Local Government)
Vice President	Lonnie Dunlap
Secretary	Lois Taft
Treasurer	Mary Keefe Kelly (Voter Services)

Elected Directors

Membership	Kristine Lofquist
Local Program	Birch Burghardt
Events	Joan Lakebrink
Communications	Mark Tendam
Communications	Lisa Seegers
Local Program	Paula Scholl
Member-at-Large	Alisa Kaplan
Member-at-Large	Joan Linsenmeier
Member-at-Large	Georgia Vlahos
Member-at-Large	Willie Shaw

Nominating Committee

Mary Gavin, Chair

Ginny Darakjian

(As stipulated in our by-laws, a third member will be appointed from the Board of Directors)

Off Board Appointments

Office Coordinator	Judy Elsass
Web Master	Mary Lewis
Intercom Editor	Mark Tendam

Biographies of Proposed Board Members 2023-2024

Birch Burghardt. I joined the League of Women Voters in Evanston in 2013 and have volunteered most recently on the Nominating Committee and the Membership Committee. In the Evanston area, over the past decade I have served the board of Interfaith Action of Evanston as President, on the board of Housing Options for the Mentally Ill, now named Impact for Behavioral Health, and on the Steering Committee of Joining Forces for Affordable Housing when it was first formed. Previously, I earned a PhD at Northwestern in Math Education, taught both as an adjunct at universities and then in Chicago Public Schools, wrote, researched, and evaluated curricula, and directed a volunteer tutoring program in Chicago. I spend summers on an island in Washington and have two children and three grandchildren who live in Evanston or Chicago.

Lonnie Dunlap. In 2002 I moved to Evanston to begin my position as Executive Director, Career Services at NU. Previously at Washington State University I completed my Ph.D. and my primary professional roles were Director of WSU Career Services, and Affiliate Faculty, teaching in Women's Studies for ten years. I also served as president of NOW and the YWCA, as precinct chair, and actively supported campaigns. At NU I served on the advisory committee for the Women's Center and participated in events promoting social justice. After retirement, I became interested in the work of LWVE, attended programs and became a member. I have been so impressed by the League's activities. I look forward to helping to advance the League's mission and important work in our community.

Betty Hayford. I joined the League in 2006 after retiring as President of the Associated Colleges of the Midwest. I worked in that consortium of liberal arts colleges for over 25 years, engaging in a wide range of higher education issues – faculty development, curriculum, international education and higher ed policy. I joined the LWVE Board in 2007 and have done stints in many positions – Secretary, Treasurer, V.P for Local Program, and Co-President. In recent years I have focused on Local Government and the Observer Corps and have spent many hours observing City Council and other meetings. Over the past year I have enjoyed working on the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of LWVE and the revision of This Is Evanston, now available and being sold to members and others in the community. I have also been on the Board of the League of Cook County, studying Cook County government and the criminal justice system there. My husband Chuck and I lived in Asia for several years before moving to Evanston in 1981. We have two children, currently living in Ohio.

Michelle Jordan. I joined the League in 1991 around the time I finished graduate school. I started off as an observer of the Evanston Human Services Committee. Later, I was LWVE president, as part of a team and then later, on my own. I served on the Illinois State Board of the League and was on the Issues Board for many years focusing

on judicial independence and gun violence prevention. I was acting Executive Director of the Illinois League for an extended spell while we searched for a new ED. My proudest accomplishment in that role was creating the Wait Wait Don't Tell Me fundraiser and scoring Attorney General Madigan as speaker for State of the State. I have one dog, two boys and one husband. The boys have launched and have left us, thankfully the dog and the husband stayed. Dan has co-hosted countless League events alongside me like a couple Capitol Steps fundraisers as well as lots of Progressive Dinners. I recently retired after nearly ten years working for one of the very best public servants in the biz, Larry Suffredin.

Alisa Kaplan. Alisa has been a proud Evanstonian for 14 years. She is the Executive Director of Reform for Illinois, a nonpartisan organization that works for a more democratic, more equitable, and less corrupt Illinois government. She has been fortunate to work with League members on issues from voting rights to campaign finance reform. Born and raised in New York City, Alisa moved to Chicagoland to attend Northwestern, where she earned a JD and a PhD in Political Science. She received her undergraduate degree from Yale. She has taught Constitutional Law, Civil Rights, Presidential Power, and other classes at Northwestern. Alisa has been the Board Co-President of the Evanston-based housing justice organization Open Communities and the Co-President of the Evanston Animal Shelter Association, which she cofounded. She lives with her husband and three rescue mutts in Evanston.

Mary Keefe Kelly. I joined the League in 2016 and have had the wonderful opportunity to work with a number of League members, especially in the Voter Services and Membership arenas. Additionally, I have served on the Board of Directors in various capacities for the past 4 years. My professional background includes 30+ years of holding Executive Director positions in several professional service firms (including both national law and accounting firms) as well as spending several years working full time with the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless. My husband John and I were both teachers in our early professional lives – and are of the belief that one never stops “teaching” (or “learning” for that matter).

Joan Lakebrink. I became engaged in LWV work when I lived in Wisconsin. My bachelor's degree was earned in social sciences and English, my master's degree in history and my PhD in educational leadership and policy analysis at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. I served on the faculty of DePaul University, and have also served as teacher and/or principal of K-12 schools. I enjoy traveling and cultural events in the Chicago area. I have served as Secretary for LWVE and currently chair the Events Committee. Last year I worked with the committee to help the State League form its position on the Illinois Criminal Justice System.

Joan Linsenmeier. I moved to Evanston in 1973 to attend Northwestern, earned a PhD in psychology, moved away, and moved back in 1983. When my children were young, I volunteered with the PTA, Cub Scouts, and Girl Scouts. I also co-chaired the PTA Council's HIV Education Task Force and served on the Advisory Board of the ETHS

School-Based Health Center. From the late 1980s through 2021, I was a faculty member at Northwestern and held administrative positions focused on undergraduate education. A colleague invited me to join the LWVE in 1990. In recent years I have served on the LWVE Health Equity and 100th Anniversary committees, including conducting research on LWVE history and writing Intercom articles. I worked on the last three editions of This Is Evanston, including coordinating the committee that produced the 2022 edition.

Kristine Lofquist. I have been an Evanston resident in the Sixth Ward for the past twenty years, but only recently joined the League. My son is a student at Evanston Township High School. My interests include consumer rights, educational equity, homelessness, and international development. I have interned for Citizen Action Illinois (formerly IPAC), volunteered with Connections for the Homeless and have recently been very active as a volunteer leader for The One Campaign to end extreme global poverty. The majority of my career has been in the employee benefits field as a consultant to corporate, multiemployer and government benefit plans, with an emphasis on legal compliance issues. I have a B.A. in Political Science and Religion from St. Olaf College in Minnesota.

Paula Scholl. I joined the League in early 2022 and have reported on climate change issues and represented the LWVE at regional meetings related to the environment. In 2019 I retired after 37 years at Sargent & Lundy, an engineering firm focused on energy and power generation, transmission, and distribution, where I served as mechanical engineer, project director, director of engineering, and director of operations. I have lived in Evanston since 2015, and currently volunteer with Climate Action Evanston's Energy Group, the Midwest Climate Collaborative, Evanston's Participatory Budgeting Leadership Team, Interfaith Action Climate Change and Justice Subcommittee, and Valparaiso University's Engineering National Council. My husband and I have two daughters in college, one at George Washington and one at DePaul.

Lisa Seegers. Lisa is an excited new League of Women Voters Evanston member and is actively involved in the Local Government Committee. She currently coaches an Evanston Township High School junior on her college journey, through Evanston Scholars. A strategic and results-driven senior transformational change executive, Lisa has a successful record of accomplishment in process transformation, organization changes, and business enablement. With capabilities in M&A integration, strategic finance initiatives, governance establishment, and road-map creation and execution, Lisa utilizes transformational leadership skills to build and develop teams, as well as liaise with key stakeholders. An analytical top performer, Lisa completes complex projects and redefines organizational expectations.

Willie Shaw. Originally from Mississippi, Willie attended National Louis University where she obtained a double Masters in General Education and Special Education. She served as chair of the local school improvement team, authored and presented a variety of workshops & created programs that continue to be implemented today. Willie

completed a 35-year tenure with Evanston School District 65 in June of 2012. She is a life member of the Evanston Northshore Branch NAACP and currently chairs the Political Action/Civic Engagement and Social committees, and is a member of the Health Committee. Among her numerous community activities, Willie is a coordinator of study groups for Northwestern's Osher program as well as past chair of the Diversity & Inclusion Committee. She is the proud mother of one daughter & three grandchildren.

Lois Taft. I joined the League in 2015 after retiring as Professor of Nursing at the University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire and moving to Evanston. I have served on the LWVE Board since 2019 in positions of Secretary and Treasurer. As Treasurer, I prepared the application for our change in status to a 501(c)(3) organization, which was approved. I have been engaged in Local Program issues including a voter turnout initiative with a focus on the youth vote, a revision of the LWVIL position on criminal justice, an investigation of health equity in Evanston, and advocacy for ranked choice voting. My husband and I have a farm in Wisconsin and enjoy life in both the city and the country.

Mark Tendam. I served on the Evanston City Council (two terms) and the boards of Better Existence with HIV (BEHIV), McGaw YMCA, Connections for the Homeless and Northlight Theatre. I am an alumnus of Leadership Evanston and Citizens Police Academy. My council work included leadership in transitioning the city's library to a at-sanctioned fund model with an independent board; amending the affordable housing ordinance to include rental buildings and more incentives for builders; focusing city and private efforts for a downtown performing arts center; and, reorganizing the Evanston Animal Shelter. I am a graduate of the University of Cincinnati with a B.S. Degree in Design and practiced graphic design for over 35 years. My husband, Neal Moglin, and I have been together for 33 years —27 years residing in Evanston. For the past five years, I've been enrolled in oil painting classes at Evanston Art Center.

Georgia Vlahos. Georgia is a retired federal administrative law judge, where she adjudicated federal employment disputes. Her federal civil service also includes 20 years as in-house counsel at Naval Service Training Command in North Chicago, Illinois, which houses the Navy's only boot camp. She is a graduate of Ohio Northern University and Northwestern School of Law. She is also a long-time resident of Evanston and has been a League member since 1994. Her interests include voter services, housing and environmental issues.