

Annual Meeting

League of Women Voters
of Evanston

May 10

2018

Three Crowns Park,
2323 McDaniel, Evanston, IL

PROGRAM SPEAKER:
Evanston Mayor Steve Hagerty

Dinner: 5:30 PM
Business Meeting: 6:00 PM
Program: 7:00 PM



LEAGUE OF
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AGENDA for the ANNUAL MEETING
May 10, 2018

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Rules of the Annual Meeting
3. Approval of the Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Finance Committee Presents 2018-19 Budget
6. Local Program Report
 - a. Report of 2017-18 program
 - b. Proposed program for consideration
7. Nominating and Elections:
 - a. Presentation of the Proposed Nominations
 - b. Nominations from the Floor
 - c. Election of Officers and Directors for 2018-19
 - d. Introduction of New Board Members
8. Announcements
9. Co-Presidents' Message
10. Other Business
11. Adjournment

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Call to order. Co-president Elizabeth Kinney called the business meeting to order at 6:30 at Three Crowns Park. She explained the rules of the meeting would follow Robert's Rule and LWVE by-laws. The motion carried.

Minutes. Last year's meeting minutes were recorded by Joan Lakebrink and approved by Theresa Cameron and Karen Telser.

Treasurer's report. Betty Brugger reported that the state of the League was financially strong. She explained that the Otwell fund has been used for election information events. Income accrues through membership, contributions and fundraising. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Proposed budget for 2017-2018. Judy Elsass reported for the Finance Committee the proposed budget for the upcoming League year. Projected expenses and revenues are adjusted relative to the current year; it is balanced. The budget was approved.

Program report. Cate Whitcomb reviewed the program goals of 2016-2017. She commented that ways of measurement should be found to determine completion of goals. She took note of efforts for redistricting and graduated income tax, neither of which was successful. Other notable goals included livability, including affordability and fair housing. Local government observation focused on the decision making process.

Betty Hayford introduced the Proposed Program for 2017-2018.

- Elizabeth Kinney presented the first goal: support the Evanston Livability Plan, particularly reduction of Evanston carbon emissions, ban on coal tar sealants, and restoring and protecting the Great Lakes. Program goal was approved.
- Jennifer O'Neil presented the goal of expanding affordable Housing and enforcement of fair housing laws. This entails working with like-minded organizations and generating greater visibility and public understanding of these issues. The Program goal was approved.
- Betty Hayford explained the goal of monitoring the work of the City of Evanston Equity and Empowerment Coordinator. Efforts will be made to understand the goals of the position, monitor progress and strategies for involving all city departments and community. The Program goal was approved.
- Betty Hayford proposed a study of the City Clerk's office, including a comparison of how this role is handled in other communities, and an investigation of the advantages of continuing the office with an independent elected official or integrating it into the city government. The Program goal was approved.

- Sue Calder proposed to support statewide efforts of the LWVIL to improve political and fiscal accountability in Illinois government, focusing on redistricting, budget priorities, failure to adopt a budget and/or tax policy. The Program goal was approved.

Nominating and Election. Judy Elsass presented an officer slate for 2017-2018; she also asked for nominations from the floor. As there were none, the nominations presented were approved.

Proposed language change for position statement. Jessie Feldman presented revised language for the League's position on mental health. The language change was approved.

Recognition of 50 year members. The co-presidents announced that certificates would be awarded to the members of the League who have served fifty years or more: Ruth Belzer, Barbara Handler, Lail Herman and Joan Taylor. The recipients were unable to attend. Betty Hayford then recognized several other members for their service.

Directions from the floor. Karen Telser recommended that the League engage in a study that could engage longer-serving and new members.

Announcement. The LWVIL convention will be held June 9-11; members are urged to attend and become delegates.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M Lakebrink

League of Women Voters of Evanston – Proposed Budget 2018-19

REVENUE	Evanston Operating Fund			Evanston Education Fund		
	Year-to-date 3/31/18	FY 2018 Adopted	FY 2019 Proposed	Year-to-date 3/31/18	FY 2018 Adopted	FY 2019 Proposed
A. Dues						
Members	\$7,616	\$11,475	\$13,085	\$0	\$0	\$0
B. Contributions						
Members	\$1,130	\$2,000	\$2,300	\$340	\$800	\$350
Restricted Scholarship Fund - Ed.Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,300	\$0	\$1,000
C. Publications						
Ads - Intercom	\$0	\$250	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
This is Evanston (Ed Fund)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$155	\$200	
D. Fundraising						
Progressive Dinner - 2018/2019	\$0	\$2,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Phonathon	\$208	\$400	\$0	\$368	\$0	\$0
Major Fundraiser - Ed Fund - 2019	-	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,000
Holiday gift wrapping	\$135	\$150	\$150	\$0	\$0	\$0
E. Programs & Meetings						
Monthly Programs	\$2,587	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Meeting	\$0	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0	\$0	\$0
Legislative luncheon	\$1,580	\$1,200	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
F. Interest	\$9	\$10	\$10	\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0			
G. Reimbursement from Ed Fund	-	\$2,180	\$2,425	\$0	\$0	\$0
(Office expense/publications)						
H. Transfer from Reserves	\$0	\$0	\$2,805	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub-total in Ed. Fund:				\$4,163	\$1,000	\$21,350
I. Carryover in Ed Fund FY 19					\$22,445	\$24,130
TOTAL INCOME	\$13,265	\$24,365	\$25,975	\$4,163	\$23,445	\$45,480

League of Women Voters of Evanston – Proposed Budget 2018-19 (continued)

EXPENSES	Evanston Operating Fund			Evanston Education Fund		
	Year-to-date 3/31/18	FY 2018 Adopted	FY 2019 Proposed	Year-to-date 3/31/18	FY 2018 Adopted	FY 2019 Proposed
A. Operating Costs						
Supplies	\$337	\$200	\$400	\$0	\$0	\$0
Postage	\$35	\$140	\$50			
Telephone	\$0	\$0	\$0			
Insurance	\$115	\$115	\$120			
Rent	\$2,142	\$2,855	\$2,880			
Copying	\$67	\$400	\$200			
Website Maintenance	\$0	\$225	\$250			
Equipment/software	\$0	\$100	\$300			
Sub-total	\$2,696	\$4,035	\$4,200	\$0	\$1,005	\$1,050
B. President & Board	\$124	\$100	\$150	\$0	\$0	\$0
C. <u>State</u> or National Conventions	\$0	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
D. Financial Support						
National PMP (\$32)	\$2,576	\$2,575	\$2,935	\$2,576	\$2,575	\$2,935
State PMP (\$30-'18; \$32-'19))	\$2,416	\$3,620	\$4,405	\$1,208	\$1,210	\$1,470
Cook County PMP (\$4)	\$672	\$645	\$735	\$0	\$0	\$0
ILO Dues- Lake Mich. & Miss.Watershed	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub-total	\$5,714	\$6,890	\$8,125	\$3,784	\$3,785	\$4,405
E. Publications						
Intercom Production	\$2,326	\$2,200	\$2,800		\$0	\$0
Intercom Postage/Printing	\$1,726	\$2,000	\$2,000		\$0	\$0
Directory	\$624	\$500	\$700		\$0	\$0
Sub-total	\$4,676	\$4,700	\$5,500	\$0	\$1,175	\$1,375
F. <i>This is Evanston</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
G. Programs and Meetings						
Monthly Programs	\$2,258	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Drinks & Dialogues (2)	-	\$0	\$700			
Annual Meeting	\$0	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0	\$0	\$0
Legislative Luncheon	\$1,008	\$1,200	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Studies	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$400	\$0
Co-sponsoring events	\$0	\$340	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$0
Membership Program	\$942	\$500	\$800	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub-total	\$4,208	\$6,340	\$7,000	\$0	\$600	\$0
H. Fundraising						
Major Fundraiser - Ed Fund Benefit/2019	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000
Progressive Dinner - not 2019	\$0	\$300	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub-total	\$0	\$300	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000

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League of Women Voters of Evanston – Proposed Budget 2018-19 (continued)						
EXPENSES	Evanston Operating Fund			Evanston Education Fund		
	Year-to-date 3/31/18	FY 2018 Adopted	FY 2019 Proposed	Year-to-date 3/31/18	FY 2018 Adopted	FY 2019 Proposed
I. Voters Service (Ed Fund)						
Forums		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$400	\$1,000
Election Materials		\$0	\$0	\$98	\$500	\$500
Sub-total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$98	\$900	\$1,500
J. Scholarship Fund (Ed. Fund)				\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
Sub-total in Ed.Fund:				\$3,882	\$7,465	\$19,330
K. Carryover to FY 2020 - Ed. Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,980	\$26,150
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$17,418	\$24,365	\$25,975	\$4,882	\$23,445	\$45,480

LWV EVANSTON BUDGET NOTES - FY 2019

Revenues

- A. Dues: Estimate based on a membership of 130 individuals @ \$70/member, 21 households @ \$105/household, & 50 @ \$65/senior rate. We have 9 life members who pay no dues. Total: 201 paying members; total: 210.
- B. Contributions: Members are encouraged to make contributions in addition to their dues payments at the time of membership renewal. Some members have established a restricted Scholarship Fund to honor an ETHS student annually.
- C. Publications: No ad income expected in 2019. In the Ed Fund we have *This is Evanston* available to sell; projecting sales of 30 @ \$5.00.
- D. Fundraising: Ed.Fund Benefit in 2019. Fundraising for operating fund: Holiday Gift Wrapping @ \$150. No Phonathon income & no Progressive Dinner in 2019.
- E. Programs & Meetings: Estimated revenues realized from various monthly programs, the Annual Meeting, & the Legislative Luncheon; offset by Expenses G.
- F. Interest: Annual interest based on current interest rates; very low.
- G. Reimbursement from Ed. Fund: Reimbursement of 25% of Operating Costs and Publications expenses from Ed. Fund. (See Ed. Fund expenses A & E).
- H. Carryover in Ed. Fund: Ed. Fund balance at end of FY18 to start FY 19.
- I. Transfer from Reserves: Project a transfer of \$2,805. from our Operating Fund reserves to balance the Budget.

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Expenses

- A. Operating Costs: Based on current usage in most line items. Rent based on increase to \$240/month. Phone expenses are eliminated due to switch to City System. All Operating & Publication expenses are shown as gross expenses. The Ed. Fund reimburses Operating Fund for 25% of these expenses; income is shown on Revenue G in the Operating Fund.
- B. President & Board: For out-of-pocket expenses of co-presidents & Board members.
- C. State or National Conventions: Budgeted amount allows for delegates to attend the 2019 State Convention; location unknown.
- D. Financial Support to other levels of the League: Total Per-Member-Payments: National - \$5,872.(\$32); State - \$5,872. (\$32); Cook County - \$734 (\$4). Ed. Fund absorbs 25% of State and 50% of National Per-Member-Payments, & those shares are divided in the budget. Based on a billable membership count of 194.
- E. Publications: For Intercom, combined production and postage costs for six bimonthly editions. Ed. Fund reimburses for 25% of these expenses (part of Revenue G).
- F. This is Evanston: No expense planned in 2019.
- G. Programs & Meetings: Monthly Programs, Annual Meeting, & Legislative Luncheon offset by Revenue E. Expenses for an annual Membership Program, Drinks and Dialogue events, and possible local, state and/or national studies in both funds.
- H. Fundraising: Expenses for Ed. Fund Benefit; estimated profit of \$10,000.
- I. Voters Service: Forums & election materials – National. All activity in Ed. Fund.
- J. Scholarship Fund: new fund established in the Ed.Fund for ETHS student.
- K. Carryover to FY 2020: Ed. Fund balance anticipated at end of FY 19.

LWV Evanston Balance Sheet

Balance on 7/1/17:	\$	35,096
Receipts to date:		25,954
Expenses to date:		26,263
Balance on 3/31/18:	\$	34,787

LWV Evanston Ed.Fund Balance Sheet

Balance on 7/1/17:	\$	26,753
Receipts to date:		4,163
Expenses to date:		4,783
Balance on 3/31/18:	\$	26,132

Report of LWVE Program for 2017-2018

At the March 20, 2017 Program Planning Meeting, members in attendance reached consensus on the following Local Program for the 2017-2018 League year. A summary of the results of LWVE's efforts in each area follows:

Take appropriate action or participate or partner with and support like-minded organizations and coalitions in Evanston and other northern suburban communities to advocate for issues consistent with League positions, including but not limited to, environmental, fair and affordable housing, welcoming communities, safety, civics education and equity in local government. Focus areas include:

- 1. Support the Evanston Livability Plan goal of continued reduction of Evanston carbon emissions. Work to ban the use of coal tar sealants in Evanston and at the state level and support the efforts of LWV-LMR to restore and protect the Great Lakes. Suggested steps include: holding public meeting on a climate-related topic and publishing at least one educational article in the *Intercom*.**
 - With LWVE's strong support, City Council passed an ordinance banning the use of coal tar sealants in Evanston on July 10, 2017. Citizens Greener Evanston, the Chicago Chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility, and the League of Women Voters for the Lake Michigan Region supported our efforts to pass the ordinance. (Coal tar sealants are used to extend the life of pavement, but over time they release a chemical compound that is harmful to fish and, with prolonged exposure, pose a risk of cancer in humans.)
 - An article on our advocacy effort was published in the *Intercom*.
 - LWVE spoke to the Mayor and City Council in support of Citizens Greener Evanston's successful effort to continue Evanston's use of 100% green power in the City's electricity aggregation contract. More than half of Evanston's recent reductions in carbon emissions has come from electricity aggregation.
 - LWVE supported Natural Habitat Evanston's efforts to protect Isabella Woods, a small area of woods owned by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD). A developer in Wilmette sought an easement to build a road, which would result in the destruction of 48 trees that intercept over 110,000 gallons of storm water annually. To date, MWRD has rejected the developer's request for an easement.
- 2. Promote expansion of affordable housing and enforcement of fair housing laws in Evanston by working with like-minded organizations seeking to influence the City to increase its impact; develop strategies to generate greater visibility and public understanding of these issues.**
 - LWVE became a member of Joining Forces for Affordable Housing (JFAH), a new coalition of more than 20 organizations with a mission to advocate for more affordable housing in Evanston and surrounding communities and support the city in its efforts to achieve this.
 - LWVE on JFAH steering committee and LWVE members on working committees
 - JFAH successfully advocated for increase in affordable housing units in proposed development
 - Through JFAH, we advocated for the city to develop a comprehensive plan to increase affordable housing, including a letter to Mayor and City Council
 - LWVE educated members on affordable housing issues through several articles in the *Intercom* and a luncheon on "The Challenges of Developing Affordable Housing Today" with speakers representing developers and city government staff. A second luncheon, featuring LWVE member and former alderperson Jane Grover of Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, included discussion of housing-related research and challenges.

3. Monitor the work of the new City of Evanston Equity and Empowerment Coordinator; gain an understanding of the goals of the position; monitor progress, strategies for involving all city departments, and community input.

- LWVE featured Pat Efiom, the Equity and Empowerment Coordinator, as the keynote speaker at the 2017 annual meeting.
- Members of the Local Government committee met with the Equity and Empowerment Coordinator to gain a better understanding of her goals and strategies.
- The Observer Corps observed community meetings convened by the Equity and Empowerment Coordinator and meetings of the Human Services Committee and City Council where the Coordinator's plans were discussed. With the formation of a new Equity and Empowerment Commission, the Observer Corps began observing its meetings.
- LWVE informed members about the position through an article in the *Intercom*.

4. Conduct a study of the City Clerk's office, including a comparison of how this role is handled by other municipalities; consider whether the Clerk's role should continue to be an independent elected official or integrated into city government.

- A committee of ten League members met approximately monthly to conduct a study of the City Clerk Office, with a focus on gathering information about the statutory responsibilities of the Clerk's Office. The committee:
 - Consulted state statutes and Evanston City Ordinance
 - Interviewed the Evanston Clerk and ten Clerks in other Cook County communities on their responsibilities; and gathered information from four previous Evanston Clerks on their experience prior to becoming Clerk, their training, and their efforts to train their successor.
 - Interviewed the nine current Aldermen and three former members of City Council to determine their views of the responsibilities of the Clerk, autonomy of the Clerk to define or redefine duties, accountability of Clerks to voters and/or Council, and ways to improve transitions between Clerks.
- As the study is not complete, the committee recommends an item on the 2018-19 local program to complete this effort.

5. Support statewide efforts of the LWVIL to improve political and fiscal accountability in Illinois government, focusing on redistricting, budget priorities, failure to adopt a budget and/or tax policy. Design strategies for mobilizing LWVE members to effect change through statewide initiatives.

- LWVE has not pursued specific activities in this area as LWVIL has not mounted specific advocacy efforts at the local league level. LWVIL continues to be a valuable resource for LWVE as a source of information on Illinois issues, through the winter Issues Briefing and regular Calls To Action.

LWVE 2018-19 Proposed Local Program

The League of Women Voters of Evanston will take appropriate action, or collaborate with like-minded local organizations, to advocate for issues consistent with League positions. 2018-19 issues of focus include, but are not limited to, environmental protection, fair and affordable housing, welcoming communities, safety, civics education, and education and equity in local government.

1. Support the Evanston Livability Plan goal to continue reducing Evanston carbon emissions. Identify areas related to the protection and restoration of Lake Michigan where the LWVE can make a significant impact through education and advocacy.
2. Work with City Council and staff to promote more effective operation and use of Boards, Committees, and Commissions, drawing in part on the recommendations in the 2009 LWVE/City of Evanston Report on this topic. Update our understanding of how the City's decision-making processes work, when and how citizen input is incorporated, and how city staff, Council, and Boards, Committees, and Commissions relate to one another. Use this information to inform the public so that they can effectively be involved in decision-making processes.
3. Follow the evolution/progress of the role of the Equity and Empowerment Coordinator and the new Equity and Empowerment Commission; advocate in support of their initiatives throughout City of Evanston government, as appropriate.
4. Complete research and analysis of the role of the Evanston City Clerk, including how it compares with that of elected and appointed City Clerks in other communities; educate voters regarding the Clerk's responsibilities to enable them to make well-informed voting decisions regarding the office.
5. Support efforts of the LWVIL in their focus on legislative redistricting, gun policy reform, and budget and/or tax policy. Design strategies for mobilizing LWVE members to effect change through statewide initiatives.

League of Women Voters of Evanston

2017-2018 Nominating Committee Proposed Slate
of Officers and Directors for 2018-2019

Officers	
Co-Presidents	Casey Christensen, Julianne Dieterich
Vice President, Voter Service	Jennifer Lee O'Neil
Treasurer	Betty Brugger
Secretary	Cheryl Wollin
Elected Directors	
Observer Corps Facilitator	Jessica Feldman
Intercom Liaison	Betty Hayford
Development Committee Chair	Karen Hunt
Monthly Events Committee Chair	Joan Lakebrink
Communications Committee Chair	Cate Whitcomb
Member-at-Large	Ruth Belzer
Member-at-Large	Gloria Callaci
Member-at-Large	Candice Dalrymple
Member-at-Large	Michelle Smith
2018-2019 Nominating Committee	
Chair	Helen Gagel Mary Keefe Kelly

Note: The membership committee will report at regular Board meetings, but it will not have a member serving as an Elected Director for 2018-19.

Board Member Biographies 2018-2019

Ruth Belzer. I joined the League more than 60 years ago, and it has been an important part of my life. I have served on the boards of the League in Glencoe and Evanston. I have lived in Evanston for 10 years, and previously participated in the Observer Corps.

Betty Brugger. I joined the League in the '80's and have served in various capacities including deputy registrar, City Council watcher/reporter, polling place vote count reporter, and judge for the Constitution Contest. Shortly after my retirement in 2013 as Director of Management Systems from Northwestern University after 35 years in Information Technology, I began as an office volunteer in the League office. During my time at NU, I was a member of, and served in a leadership capacity, on many technical/professional organizations and software vendor advisory boards, as well as numerous University-wide committees. I am one of the founders of Association Northwestern University Women (ANUW) and was a staff mentor for several years for minority freshmen. Past local civic engagement include: member of the Evanston Community Foundation Board where I chaired the grants committee, graduate of Leadership Evanston, president of Dewey school PTA, treasurer of Nichols school PTA, St Francis Center for Women's Health Advisory Board. I am member of Evanston North Shore Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority here I have held several positions including chair of the Social Action Committee. I attend St. Mary church where I am a member of the Parish Council, lector and soup kitchen volunteer. I have lived in Evanston with my husband Harry for many years. We have two adult children, both graduates of Dewey, Nichols and ETHS, who live in Columbus, Ohio and Los Angeles and 2 grandchildren in LA. I have served as treasurer of the Evanston League for the past three years.

Gloria Callaci. I have been an at-large member of the LWVE board for 10 years. I was one of the authors of the latest edition of *This Is Evanston* and currently serve on the committees for Monthly Events and the Education Fund Benefit. Before starting a career as a producer and writer for public, commercial and corporate television, I traveled extensively, spending a summer participating in an exchange program in the Soviet Union and a year of work and study in Paris. I am married to Cook County Commissioner Larry Suffredin. Our son, Tom Suffredin, was elected in April as alderman of Evanston's 6th Ward. Our daughter, Elizabeth, lives and works in Chicago. We have four grandchildren in Evanston, age 5 and under.

Casey Christensen. My time in Evanston is divided into two distinct parts. I grew up here and went to Evanston schools and then I went to college out of state and work out of state finally returning seven years ago after a thirty-five year absence. Once here I was introduced to the League, became a member, and have been active ever since. In addition to the League I have tutored adult ESL students, participated in Habitat for Humanity, and served on the LWVE board in the past and present. I have also honed my skills as an artist and now have a studio in Evanston.

Candice Dalrymple. Originally from New England, I spent my post graduate years in the Mid-Atlantic region and moved from Baltimore, Maryland, to Evanston with my husband in 2016 to be closer to family. LWVE extended a warm welcome and allowed me to sample communication and local government committee activities before making a longer-term commitment. I served as Board Secretary, 2017-18. I'm also active in the Osher Institute for Lifelong Learning at Northwestern University, serving as Chair of the Academic Enrichment Committee for the Evanston campus. Before our move to Evanston last June, I worked at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, where I headed the Center for Educational Resources, an instructional and pedagogical research center for faculty, graduate students, and postdoctoral fellows with teaching responsibilities. My education background includes a BA in history from Bryn Mawr College, a Master of Arts in Teaching from the University of Florida, and a doctorate in American constitutional history from the University of Florida.

Julianne Dieterich. I have served on the LWVE board for three years: as Voter Services Chair for Candidate Forums from 2015-2017 and as Co-President for 2017-18. Since joining the League in 2011, I have been involved in voter registration, the Local Government Committee/Observer Corps, the current study of the Evanston City Clerk, and the LWV Cook County's study of the County's performance management system. I have lived in Evanston for the last 15 years, plus 4 years as an undergraduate in the 1990s. My other community activities have included Leadership

Evanston, Evanston Lighthouse Rotary Club, and Lincolnwood PTA. I currently work as an analyst and consultant, providing marketing research to nonprofits with CB White. I previously worked for 11 years at the US Government Accountability Office, where I led performance audits and analyzed policy options for federal housing programs and insurance and financial regulatory issues. I hold a BA in American Studies from Northwestern, an MA in Philanthropic Studies from Indiana University (Indianapolis), and a Master of Public Policy from the University of Chicago.

Jessica Feldman. In the early '60's, soon after we moved to Evanston. I joined the local League for intellectual and civic engagement beyond the limits of our growing family. Among the topics I worked on: ***This is Evanston:*** researching the need for improving property standards which provided the data for identifying the availability and need for fair standards and affordable housing in Evanston; informally observing City Council; and the first School Consolidation study of Districts 65 and 202. Taking a hiatus from all Evanston activities 1988-2002, I got my MPA from Harvard JFK School of Government and then worked for 13 years for the City of Chicago – 11 in the Dept. of Environment. Returning to full-time Evanston residency mid-2002, I reactivated my LWV involvement by joining the Local Government group and became the League co-chair for the joint 2-year City/League Review of City Boards, Commissions and Committees; currently I coordinate the LWVE City Council/Committees Observer Corps. and support Voters Service activities.

Betty Hayford. I joined the League in 2006 after retiring as President of the Associated Colleges of the Midwest for 25 years. It was a wonderful job with lots of engagement in a wide range of higher education issues - curriculum development, faculty development, higher education policy, and especially study abroad, with consortial programs in Europe, Asia and Africa. During my first year as a league member, I was invited to serve on the Board in 2007, where I have done stints as Secretary, V.P. for Local Program when we worked on City of Evanston budget process, TIFs in Evanston, Homeless Children in District 65 schools, and other interesting issues, Treasurer, and Co-President. I have also worked on the planning committee for Monthly Programs, the Voting Rights Forum, the Observer Corps, and the 100 Years of Voting activities. I serve on the Board of the Cook County LWV which has become engaged and visible in the past decade and which welcomes all LWVE members. For several years I taught in the Master's Program in Higher Education at Northwestern. My husband and I have lived in Asia for several years and have two children, currently living in Ohio.

Karen Hunt. I serve on the LWVE Board as the chair of the Development and Finance Committees. Previously I have been president and vice president for membership along with working on many other League programs. I am a Managing Director at First Bank & Trust in Evanston and have worked in commercial lending for over 30 years. I am active in the Evanston community and have served on various boards and committees. Currently I serve on the boards of the Evanston Art Center and League of Women Voters. At the State University of New York, I earned a B.A. in English and have an MBA in finance and marketing from Indiana University. Originally from upstate New York, I have lived in Evanston with my husband for many years.

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.

Jennifer Lee O'Neil. I joined the LWV in the 1980's in Massachusetts, working on membership and voter services and eventually serving as president of the local League. When my family moved to Evanston in 1995, I immediately joined the LWVE and participated in voter registration efforts, an up-date of the affordable housing position several years ago, the holiday wrapping project and other activities. I have enjoyed working on voter services issues the past few years. I retired in 2014 after more than 40 years in the fair and affordable housing industry including property development and management and the administration of subsidy program. I am originally from Ohio and received a BA degree from Indiana University. I have a son and daughter in the Chicago area.

Cate Whitcomb. I have been a member of LWVE for about 15 years now. I have served as the president of the LWVE for 2 years, as a board member at large, webmaster and VP for Membership. I am currently serving as one of the data base managers and Communication Chair on the Board. I have a Bachelor's and Master's degree in English literature and a Ph.D. in the Administration of Higher Education from the University of Iowa. I have worked at an institution of higher education or an agency that serves higher education, for all of my adult life, including at Northwestern in Student Affairs for 7 years. For over 20 years of my life I have lived in India. My parents, and both sets of grandparents, were missionaries in India. From 1997-2000 my husband and I worked at my school in India as staff members and from 2008-2011 I was director of a study abroad program for IES in Delhi. I travel frequently to India and am currently interested in researching the history of the WCTU in India. I work a few hours each week for the WCTU National Headquarters in Evanston. In my retirement my husband, Jack Hinz, and I enjoy traveling and the cultural events in Evanston and Chicago.

Cheryl Wollin. 2018 marks my 50th year in Evanston, a community I love! My career in teaching has been at Haven Middle School (7 years) and Oakton Community College (32 years). I joined the Evanston league in 1981 and have been active ever since, serving in various capacities on the board, chairing studies, working on state conventions, and serving two years on the state board. My public service includes two terms as alderman, once for the seventh ward and once for the first ward. I represented Evanston at the National League of Cities, and brought new ideas from there back to our town. I happily hope to rejoin the Evanston LWV board as secretary.



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Ways to Get Involved

Check below to sign up or just learn more

(return form at annual meeting,
or email your interests to president@lwve.org)

Committees

_____	Communications (help with overall strategy and tasks including event publicity, social media, and internal and external communications)
_____	Membership (help with member recruitment and retention including League 101s, outreach to new and prospective members, and renewal process)
_____	Voter Services (voter registration, get out the vote, candidate forums)
_____	Development (help plan spring fundraiser)
_____	Events (help plan Drinks and Dialogue gatherings, evening educational programs, and/or monthly luncheons)
_____	Observer Corps (attend and write brief reports on meetings of City Council or its committees)
_____	ETHS Scholarship (selection committee for annual scholarship)

Program Areas for 2018-19 (proposed)

_____	Environment (Reduced carbon emissions, protection of Lake Michigan)
_____	Evanston Boards, Committees, and Commissions
_____	Equity and Empowerment
_____	City Clerk study
_____	State-wide efforts (redistricting, fair tax, gun policy reform, budget/tax policy)

Partnerships

_____	Voter Participation Action Coalition
_____	Joining Forces for Affordable Housing
_____	Citizens Greener Evanston
_____	Evanston Cradle to Career

Other ways to help

_____	One-time event assistance (e.g., help at a luncheon registration table, holiday reception, 4 th of July parade, Farmers Market outreach, etc.)
_____	Office volunteer (On a rotating basis (one week/month or less), spend about an hour a week checking voicemail, email, and office mail.)
_____	I am interested in:

Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____