



LWVDC Annual Meeting of the Membership 2024 Ballot Materials

Tuesday, May 28, 2024 ♦ 5:30–7:30 p.m.
Capitol Lakes, 333 W. Main St., Madison, WI
Social Time 5:30–6 p.m. ♦ Business Meeting 6–7:30 p.m.

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Approval of the 2024-25 Budget requires approval from a majority of members present at the 2023 Annual Meeting.



Annual Meeting Agenda, May 28, 2024

Today's Meeting Officials

- Presiding Chairperson: Barb Feeney
- Recorder of Minutes: Amber Rottier
- Parliamentarian: Shirley Haidinger

Opening Remarks	Barb Feeney
Land Acknowledgement	Louise Robbins
Award of funds from Madison Community Foundation/Madison Civics Club	Barbara B. Arnold
Introduction of Defender of Democracy Award Awardee	Sue Jennik
Celebration of 50-Year Life Members	Barb Feeney
Business Meeting—Action	
Call to Order	Barb Feeney
Adoption of the Rules*	Barb Feeney
Adoption of the Agenda*	Barb Feeney
Minutes of the Previous Annual Meeting*	Amber Rottier
Treasurer's Report	Julie Allen
Proposed Budget for 2024-25*	Julie Allen
Proposed Bylaw Amendments*	Lili Crane
Program Plan for 2024-2025*	Sue Jennik
Nominating Committee Report	Chris Clements
Election of the 2023-2024 LWVDC Board Of Directors*	
Election of the 2023-24 LWVDC Nominating Committee*	
Closing Remarks	Barb Feeney
Adjournment	Barb Feeney

*requires membership approval

If possible, please register to attend, but you can attend if you do not register ahead. If attending online, you must register ahead online to get the Zoom link. Go to LWVDaneCounty.org to register to attend in person or online.



Proposed Budget

2024-2025 Budget

As of March 24, 2024

	Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Projected				Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget		
	Budget	Projected	\$ Over (Under)	% Over (Under)	Budget	\$ Incr (Decr)	% Incr (Decr)
Member Dues	41,520	34,000	(7,520)	-18%	37,000	3,000	9%
Contributions & Bequests	99,500	92,000	(7,500)	-8%	96,000	4,000	4%
Grant Income	32,500	5,188	(27,312)	-84%	20,000	14,812	286%
Other	6,051	7,012	961	16%	8,314	1,302	19%
Total Revenues	179,571	138,200	(41,371)	-23%	161,314	23,114	17%
General Office	43,798	42,295	(1,503)	-3%	42,263	(32)	0%
Payroll and Support Services	135,785	59,619	(76,166)	-56%	90,781	31,162	52%
Membership Payments	33,363	30,406	(2,957)	-9%	25,665	(4,741)	-16%
Community Engagement	58,664	27,780	(30,884)	-53%	43,805	16,025	58%
Organizational Expenses	1,850	1,100	(750)	-41%	1,200	100	9%
Total Expenses	273,460	161,200	(112,260)	-41%	203,714	42,514	26%
Net Income (Loss) from Operations	(93,889)	(23,000)	70,889		(42,400)	(19,400)	
Investment Fees	(3,013)	(3,100)	(87)		(3,500)	(400)	
Interest & Dividend Income	6,000	22,000	16,000		22,000	-	
Realized Gains (Losses)	-	2,000	2,000		1,500	(500)	
Net Realized Gains	2,987	20,900	17,913	600%	20,000	(900)	-4%
Unrealized Gains (Losses)	-	40,000	40,000		-	(40,000)	
Net Investment Income (Loss)	2,987	60,900	57,913	1939%	20,000	(40,900)	-67%
Net Income (Loss)	(90,902)	37,900	128,802		(22,400)	(60,300)	

Budget Memo-Julie Allen, Treasurer

Fiscal Year Budget 2024-2025

Net income: The budget is for a Net Loss of \$22,000 for 2024-2025 and includes \$42,000 in Net Operating Loss offset by \$20,000 Net Investment Income from the Memorial Trust Fund.

Revenues: Gross Revenues are budgeted at \$161,000 for the year, which is \$23,000 (17%) higher than the 2023-2024 projected results.

- Membership Dues Revenues are budgeted at \$37,000, 9% higher than 2023-2024. With the 2024 Presidential and 2025 Judicial elections, we are anticipating increased interest in membership.

- Contribution Income is budgeted at \$96,000, 4% higher than 2023-2024. As mentioned above, the Fund Development Committee has ramped up its activities and has begun to show improved results.

- Grant Income is budgeted at \$20,000. As in the past, if the grants are not received, expenses will be cut to offset the difference.

Operating Expenses: Total Operating Expenses are budgeted at \$204,000 for the year, \$43,000 (26%) higher than the 2023-2024 projected results.

- Personnel costs include the half-time Operations and Communications Managers (filled in the prior year) and the Bookkeeping position (to be ramped up in the new fiscal

Budget Memo, Continued

year). The anticipated increase in costs for the year is \$31,000.

- Community Engagement costs are budgeted at \$44,000, which is \$16,000 (58%) more than 2023-2024. Of these, \$9,000 is related to increases in Voter Services costs due to the two elections to be held during the year. An additional \$7,000 is budgeted for Fund Development consulting expenses.

Memorial Trust Fund: The budget includes \$20,000 in Net Realized Gains, similar to 2023-2024 results. Unrealized Gains, i.e. changes in market value, are not budgeted due to the unpredictability of forecasting these.

Cash in Bank: The 4.5% draws available to transfer to operating cash are \$25,000 for June 2024 and \$29,000 for June 2025. Taking into account the Net Operating Loss of \$42,000 for the year, it is anticipated that both draws will be required.

Balance Sheet Projection

Balance Sheet Comparison Years Ended June 30, 2023 & 2024

	Actual June 30, 2023	Budget June 30, 2024	Estimate June 30, 2024
Assets:			
Cash, Old National Bank	51,007	46,267	30,273
Cash & Investments, Memorial Trust Fund	632,936	520,384	689,605
Receivables	8,640	-	5,000
Prepaid Expenses	3,978	5,888	1,979
Fixed Assets, Net of Depreciation	-	-	5,472
Total Assets	696,561	572,539	732,329
Liabilities:			
Trade & Misc. Payables	3,276	6,317	2,000
Deferred Revenues	12,856	12,875	12,000
Total Liabilities	16,132	19,192	14,000
Equity:			
Unrestricted, Beginning	686,151	644,249	680,429
Net Income (Loss)	(5,722)	(90,902)	37,900
Total Equity	680,429	553,347	718,329
Total Liabilities & Equity	696,561	572,539	732,329

Proposed Bylaws Changes

The proposed changes to the LWVDC bylaws are intended to align our bylaws with recent practice, provide clarification and address provisions that have proven to be impractical.

Below are the provisions for which changes are requested. The **red** language is new. Each section under a **BLUE** heading will be voted upon separately.

1. Article IV. Sec. 1. Number, Manner of Selection, and Term of Office

- 1 The LWVDC Board of Directors shall be composed of up to ten (10) members. – the Officers and four to six Directors. The LWVDC Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers and four to six elected Directors. **The Board** ~~The elected members may appoint additional Directors, not exceeding three, as they deem necessary may appoint up to three members to fill vacant positions, as they deem necessary to carry on the work of LWVDC.~~ The Board shall be composed of at least ten (10) people but no more than fifteen (15) people at any time.

Explanation: language added to provide flexibility for Board size and to decrease requirements for size of Board.

2. Article IV, Section 3. Vacancies and Article and Article V. Sec. 4. The Vice President(s)

Article IV, Section 3

The Vice President(s) shall perform such other duties as the President or Board may designate. The Vice President(s) shall, in the event of vacancy in the presidency, possess all the powers and perform all the duties of the office of President, **temporarily until the President position is filled.**

- c. A vacancy occurring in the office of President for any reason shall be filled temporarily ~~to the end of the President's current term~~ by the Vice President. **The Board shall appoint someone who has been a LWVDC member for at least one year and who has the skills to perform the duties to fill the position of President until a new President has been elected at the next Annual Meeting.**

Explanation: A current Vice President has assigned duties, and it is not practical to add the President's duties except temporarily until a new President can be appointed.

- d. If there are two Vice Presidents, the Board shall determine which individual shall fill the office of President **temporarily.**
- e. ~~If the offices of President and Vice President become vacant for any reason, they shall be temporarily filled by the Board of Directors from among its elected members until the Nominating Committee has nominated two~~

Proposed Bylaws Changes, Continued

~~people to fill the positions and the selections have been adopted by a vote of the membership.~~ **A vacancy occurring in the office of Vice President for any reason shall be filled by the Board with someone who has been a LWVDC member for at least one year and has the skills to perform the duties until a new Vice President has been elected at the next Annual Meeting.**

Explanation: It has been shown to be impractical to require a current Board member to take over the Vice-President's duties while they have other responsibilities.

Article V. Sec. 4. The Vice President(s)

The Vice President(s) shall perform such other duties as the President or Board may designate. The Vice President(s) shall, in the event of vacancy in the presidency, possess all the powers and perform all the duties of the office of President, **temporarily until the President position is filled.**

Explanation: For consistency with Article IV. Section 3

3. Article IV. Sec. 4. Power, Commitment and Duties

1 The Board shall create, designate, and disband committees as it may deem necessary, and **the President** shall appoint Directors or other members to be committee chairs.

Explanation: added for clarification as to who will appoint committee chairs

4. Article IV. Sec. 5. Meetings of the Board of Directors

1 There shall be at least **six** ~~nine~~ regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The President may call special meetings of the Board and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of at least ~~five~~ **three** members of the Board.

Explanation: Reduce required number of meetings to reduce time requirements for Board members.

5. Article V. Sec. 6. The Treasurer

The Treasurer shall perform the following duties:

- ~~1 Be the custodian of the money.~~
- ~~2 Deposit them in an institution designated by the Board.~~
- ~~3 Disburse the same as needed to maintain the work of LWVDC.~~
- ~~4 Present statements to the Board at its regular meetings.~~

Proposed Bylaws Changes, Continued

- 1 Provide oversight of all financial records and financial transactions.
- 2 Ensure proper safeguarding of all negotiable assets (monies and investments)
- 3 Present financial statements to the Board and Membership as appropriate
- 4 Ensure compliance with all appropriate taxing authorities.

Explanation: Provide language as to current duties of the Treasurer.

6. Article VI. Section 1, 4 and 5

Sec. 1. Standing Committees

The Executive Committee, the Finance Committee and the Nominating Committee shall be the only standing committees of LWVDC. The Executive Committee shall consist of four members, including the President, Vice Presidents, and ~~two~~ ~~directors~~ **additional director(s)** to total four members appointed by the Board from its own membership. The committee may act for the Board between regular meetings, provided that any action taken shall be presented to the Board for ratification at its next meeting. Three members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum to transact business. The Finance Committee shall be established as provided in Article VII and the Nominating Committee shall be established as provided in Article IX.

Explanation: Provide flexibility to name and select other directors to comprise the Executive Committee.

Sec. 4. Finance Committee. Finance Committee and **Investment Committee**

- A. The Finance Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at the first Board Meeting of the fiscal year. The committee shall consist of at least four ~~five~~ members, including the Treasurer and **one** ~~two~~ director. The duties of the committee shall include monitoring the financial condition of LWVDC, preparing an annual budget, ~~monitoring investments~~ and ensuring compliance with all legal filing requirements. The committee will appoint subcommittees as needed to carry out these duties ~~that include but are not limited to a Budget Subcommittee and a Financial Advisory Subcommittee.~~
- B. **The Investment Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at the first Board Meeting of the fiscal year. The committee shall consist of at least three members, including the Treasurer. It is responsible for monitoring the investments in the Memorial Trust Fund. The committee is authorized to work with a qualified investment advisory service to manage the portfolio.**

Proposed Bylaws Changes, Continued

Explanation: change name to reflect new responsibilities and add description of Investment Committee duties.

Sec. 5. Budget.

The Finance Committee **shall** ~~will~~ develop an annual budget for the next fiscal year. Upon review and approval by the Finance Committee and the Board, it shall be sent to the membership at least thirty days before the Board submits it for approval to the membership at the Annual Meeting.

Explanation: Minor language change.

7. Article IX. Sec. 1. Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall provide assistance in filling Board vacancies and appointed positions as the President or Board may request during the year. The Nominating Committee shall consist of at least four ~~five~~ members, **one** ~~two~~ of whom shall be a member of the Board. The Chair and two members, who shall not be members of the Board, shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. The other members shall be appointed by the Board at the first Board meeting of the fiscal year. Suggestions for nominations for Officers and Directors may be sent to this committee by any voting member. Any vacancy on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board. **A member of the Nominating Committee may not run for Board office unless they have resigned from the Nominating Committee.**

Explanation: Require fewer Board members to be part of the Nominating Committee and address any conflict of interest regarding the nomination of new Board members.

Sec. 2. Report of Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor

The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for Officers, Directors, and the members of the succeeding Nominating Committee shall be sent to all members at least 30 days before the date of the Annual Meeting. **The report of the Nominating Committee shall include any members who wish to be on the ballot but were not recommended by the Nominating Committee.** ~~At the Annual Meeting, immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member, provided the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.~~

Explanation: Delete ability to nominate at Annual Meeting because this does not allow time for the Nominating Committee to screen candidates. The Board can appoint directors to unfilled positions between Annual Meetings. Clarify that candidates who formally applied but were not selected by the Nominating committee can be on the ballot.

Proposed Bylaws Changes, Continued

8. Article X. Section 2 and 4 and Article VIII. Section 2

Article VIII. Sec. 2. Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting shall be held prior to the start of each fiscal year, the exact date to be determined by the Board. At the Annual Meeting, the membership shall:

- 1 ~~Adopt a local Program for the ensuing year.~~ **Revise, delete or adopt new LWVDC positions as proposed by the Program and Advocacy Committee.**

Explanation: This change is to provide consistency with revisions proposed to Article X. Section 2 b that differentiates between authority to provide programs and the adoption of official LWVDC positions.

Article X. Sec. 2. Program and Advocacy

- A. The Program of LWVDC shall consist of **1) providing educational and advocacy opportunities for LWVDC members and the community at large and 2) the positions of the LWVDC adopted after** concerted study ~~and action on local government issues.~~
- B. The proposed ~~program~~ **educational and advocacy topics for the** fiscal year shall be ~~adopted~~ approved by majority vote of the Board. **Topics for modifications to LWVDC positions** ~~The Program shall be approved by majority vote of the Board and~~ shall then be submitted to members at least 30 days before the Annual Meeting for adoption at the Annual Meeting.
- C. A Program and Advocacy Committee may be appointed by the Board annually. The duties of the committee are: **1) to recommend program educational and advocacy priorities for Board and membership approval and to plan and present the selected topics and recommended actions to the membership and the community at forums and other informational meetings; and 2) to recommend topics for concerted study to modify or add to the LWVDC positions.**

Explanation: Modified to distinguish between topics for education and advocacy to be subject to Board approval and proposals to modify LWVDC positions which are subject to Board and membership approval.

Sec. 4. Member Action

Members may act in the name of the League of Women Voters only when authorized to do so by the appropriate local, state, or national Board of Directors.

Proposed Bylaws Changes, Continued

Explanation: added title for clarification.

9. ARTICLE XII DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION AND STATE ANNUAL MEETING. TITLE AND SEC 1, 2

ARTICLE XII DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION AND STATE ANNUAL MEETING

Sec. 1. LWVUS Convention

The LWVDC Board shall select delegates to the Convention or Council of LWVUS in the number allowed under the provisions of the national bylaws

For each national convention, the slate of delegates shall be approved by the Board.

~~Sec. 2. LWVWI Annual Meeting~~

~~The LWVDC Board shall select delegates to the LWVWI Annual Meeting in the number allowed under the provisions of the state bylaws.~~

Explanation: Clarification about approval of slate of delegates to LWVUS Convention. There is no limit on the members attending the LWVWI (state) convention. Members are invited directly by LWVWI to attend.

Program and Advocacy Topics, 2024-2025

The proposed changes to the LWVDC bylaws clarifies the difference between adoption of the League’s annual program topics and adoption or revision of LWVDC’s positions on issues. This change to the bylaws will be considered prior to the presentation of program topics for 2024-2025.

The following topics have been approved by the LWVDC for 2024-2025:

Program and Advocacy Topics for 2024-2025:

- November election’s proposed state constitutional amendment saying that only citizens may vote
- National Voter Compact
- Responsible gun laws
- Possible Madison School Referendum and or/city of Madison’s property tax referendum because of budget deficit
- How Does Policy Address Market Failures (such as the housing market)?
- Issues with 2025 Supreme Court Race

2024-2025 Leadership Candidates' Biographies

The 2024-2025 LWVDC leadership slate will be voted on at the Annual Meeting of May 28. Here's more information about the nominees.

President – Sue Jennik (2024-2026)

I have been active with the League since 2019 and currently serve as Program Director. I am also the chair of the LWVWI Legislative Committee. In 2018, I retired from my work as a labor lawyer representing unions and workers in the New York City area. Having grown up in Milwaukee, I am happy to be back in Wisconsin near my family. Volunteering with the League brings me joy by helping to protect our democracy with so many committed activists.

Vice President Governance – Gordon Ridley (2024-2026)

Gordon Ridley joined LWVDC in 2022 and has served on the Finance and Fundraising Committees. Following a career in health care administration, he has served on non-profit boards in Madison and tutors for the MMSD.

Vice President Operations – Patti Schubert (2024-2025)

After 20+ enjoyable years as a Technical Solutions Consultant/ Sales Person, I am excited to return to an early and on-going joy and passion. Thank you for the possible opportunity to focus on civic engagement & education and connections & collaboration for a stronger democracy via LWVDC. I look forward to helping any way I can.

Secretary – Mary Strait (2024-2026)

I'm a retired civil engineer—I worked at the DOT as a highway designer and as an airport program manager. Since 2016, I've chaired

and co-chaired a social justice group at my church, focusing on voter and immigrant justice. In this role, I track legislation and send action item suggestions to an email list of about 90 people, and organize and lead educational/advocacy events. I've participated in LWV voter registration events the past 5 years or so. I'm also a poll worker in Fitchburg.

I'm late to the party on this stuff—I tended to stay away from political action; I hardly even kept up on the news. The events of January 2011 woke me up to the truth that our elected officials don't always work in their constituents' best interest.

I recently went on a civil rights trip to Alabama. This trip highlighted the enormous sacrifices made by civil rights leaders in the 50's and 60's, and how important it is that we honor them by reinstating the voting rights lost since then.

Treasurer – Kathy Annen (2024-2026)

In 2016, I retired from a nonpartisan legislative service agency with over 40 years of employment. During that time, I was responsible for various aspects of the administrative, technical and financial functions of the agency, including as Finance Officer for the last 12 years. I am a member of the Judicial Integrity Working Group. I grew up on a small Wisconsin dairy farm that has been in the family since 1850. I enjoy many pastimes, especially reading, walking and spending time with my children and grandchildren.

Director Programs – Marti Stamper (2024-2026)

As a licensed psychologist in private prac-

2024-2025 Leadership Candidates' Biographies, Continued

tice, I value how the LWV gives me a chance to practice what I encourage my clients to do: speak up, pursue passions and values as well as foster supportive community relationships. In the years since I joined the LWV in 2001, I have enjoyed the camaraderie of the intelligent, knowledgeable, passionate women I have met through the League and have learned from their leadership and guidance. In a suburban League in Illinois (near Chicago), I served as Secretary and Publicity positions and helped organize many LWV programs and studies before serving as that (much smaller) League's President. When I moved to Wisconsin, I started in the advocacy committee here in Dane County, and began helping out with the program committee before accepting this nomination. I am looking forward to a new year of learning and defending democracy.

Director At Large – Amanda Hingst (2024-2026)

I have worked in communication at Epic for the past 16 years with a focus on medical billing, quite a change from my previous career as a historian of medieval Europe. I enjoy learning, and in the past few years I've earned certificates in nonprofit management and AI prompt engineering. I began my involvement in the LWVDC with the Program Committee in the summer of 2022 and I've been the editor of the monthly Bulletin since January 2023.

Director At Large – Gail Krc (2024-2025)

I worked for the State of Wisconsin for 42 years as a program evaluator at the Department of Public Instruction and at the Wisconsin Department of Health until I retired in 2010. After I retired, I was a Special Registration Deputy and worked as poll worker for the City of Middleton, which I con-

tinued to do. These activities let me see how important and rewarding it is to help people exercise their right to vote. I joined the LWVDC in August 2013. Currently I am the LWVDC's senior liaison for Middleton and coordinate the LWVDC's municipal clerk project. I am also the LWVDC's liaison for the WayForward Resources (formerly MOM) food pantry in Middleton where I volunteer each week and was a member of the LWVDC's Voter Service Steering Committee. One of the nicest things about being retired is that you have time to do the things you like to do but couldn't before. For me, that includes volunteer work, reading, traveling, being with our grandchildren, and enjoying walks in the neighborhood and state parks.

Nominating Committee Chair – Barb Feeney

I served as the Director of Voter Service for one year and then was elected President in 2022 for a two year term. In the last three years, I have learned about the depth of the talent and commitment of our members. I have also learned how the League of Women Voters is held in high esteem in the community as a trusted source for information on issues and voting. In a previous life, I was a member of the League of Women Voters of Door County, where I cut my teeth on real-life policy issues, and learned how powerful a group of citizens can be when they persist in the cause of democracy. I would be honored to be elected Chair of the Nominating Committee to help LWVDC carry on its proud legacy of the last 103 years.

Nominating Committee Member – Margaret Fuguitt

I joined the league after my retirement in 2017. (I spent over 30 years teaching elementary students.) I continue to enjoy

2024-2025 Leadership Candidates' Biographies, Continued

working as a substitute teacher. Since joining the League I've served on the Membership Committee. In 2019 I helped with researching materials for celebrating our League's centennial. As a result, I've been privileged to conduct interviews with the 50-year members of our League for the last few years. I'm very interested in the rich history of our organization.

Nominating Committee Member – Lisa Hassenstab

I live in southwest Madison with my spouse

and 10-year-old kiddo, and my day job is working as a Public Policy Manager for Disability Rights Wisconsin. My work background primarily consists of policy and advocacy work with health and human services and early care and education nonprofit organizations. I'm a knitter, reader, runner (sometimes), hockey/baseball/football mom, and I am proud to serve as an election official/chief inspector for the City of Madison.





LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DANE COUNTY ANNUAL MEETING - MAY 28, 2024

OFFICIAL BALLOT

General Instructions

Only LWVDC members who are in attendance at the Annual Meeting in person or virtually may vote.

DO NOT SUBMIT THIS BALLOT PRIOR TO THE MEETING - IT IS A SAMPLE ONLY.

Candidates for 2023-24 LWVDC Leadership Positions

Office	Slate submitted by the Nominating Committee	Other Candidates
President	___ Sue Jennik	None
Vice President-Governance:	___ Gordon Ridley	None
Vice President - Operations	___ Patti Schubert	None
Treasurer	___ Kathy Annen	None
Secretary	___ Mary Strait	None
Director of Program and Advocacy	___ Marti Stamper	None
Director at Large	___ Amanda Hingst	None
Director at Large	___ Gail Krc	None

NOMINATING COMMITTEE	
<p>Chair</p> <p>_____ Barb Feeney</p>	<p>Member</p> <p>_____ Lisa Hassenstab</p>
	<p>Member</p> <p>_____ Margaret Fuguitt</p>

Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Dane County, Wisconsin, Inc.
(Adopted by the LWVDC Membership on June 2, 2021)

**ARTICLE IX
NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

Sec. 3. Elections

The elections shall be by ballot, provided that when there is but one nominee for each office the Secretary may be instructed to cast the ballot for every nominee. A majority vote of those qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.



2023 Annual Meeting Minutes

ANNUAL MEETING
League of Women Voters Dane County
June 4, 2023
Elver Park, Madison WI

1. Call to Order (President Feeney)
 - a. Annual Meeting Report and 2023 Ballot materials were posted on the LW-VDC website. Hard copies were made available to members upon request.
 - b. Our bylaws require a quorum of 30 members to conduct business. There being 34 members present, the meeting is called to order at 1:04 p.m.
 - c. The parliamentarian is Shirley Haidinger. The vote tellers are Lisa Janairo and Julia Olson.
 - d. Sue Jennik presents the Defender of Democracy award to Aileen Nettleton.
 - e. Louise Robbins reads the Land Acknowledgment.
2. Business Meeting
 - a. The Rules for the Annual Meeting were posted on the LWVDC website. **Motion to Adopt the Rules for the Annual Meeting** made by Brook Soltvedt and seconded by Gail Bliss. All are in favor, none are opposed. **Motion carries.**
 - b. The Agenda was provided in the 2023 Ballot Materials posted on the LWVDC website. **Motion to approve the Agenda** made by Jean Jacobson and seconded by Jill Jokela. All are in favor, none opposed. **Motion carries.**
 - c. The Minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting have been provided in the 2023 Ballot Materials at Appendix A. **Motion to approve the minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting** made by Marjorie Schuett and seconded by Chris Clements. All are in favor, none are opposed. **Motion carries.**
 - d. Treasurer's Report (Jean Jacobson)
 - i. The 2023 Annual Report contains the Income Statement Comparison, FY 2022-2023 Estimate and the Balance Sheet Comparison, FY 2022-2023 Estimate.
 - ii. Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair, Jean Jacobson, summarizes both documents for the attendees. She notes that the challenge will be to grow revenue and that the Balance Sheet is strong.
 - e. Proposed Budget for 2023-2024. (Jean Jacobson)
 - i. The Proposed Budget for 2023-2024 is provided in the 2023 Ballot Materials. Jean Jacobson summarizes the Proposed Budget for the attendees.
 - ii. **Motion to approve the Proposed Budget for 2023-2024** made by Chris Clements and seconded by Aileen Nettleton. Approval requires a majority of the members present. In favor 33, none opposed. **Motion carries.**
 - f. Proposed amendment to the Bylaws at Article V, Sec. 6.
 - i. The Board of Directors has approved a proposal to amend the Bylaws. The proposal was submitted to the membership more than 30 days in advance of the Annual Meeting, as required by the Bylaws. The pro-

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- posal is provided in the 2023 Ballot Materials. The proposal strikes the language at Article V, Sec. 6, a-d which delineates the Treasurer's duties and inserts proposed language a-d.
- ii. **Motion to amend the Bylaws at Article V, Section 6, striking a-d and inserting proposed language a-d** made by Janet Van Vleck and seconded by Gail Bliss. Discussion: Rick Orton raises concern that the proposed language at the end of Article V, Section 6, c. ("as appropriate") is too vague and should be changed. Brook Soltvedt states that any language amending the Bylaws must be presented to the membership 30 days in advance of the annual meeting. Gail Bliss calls the question. **Thirty-two votes in favor of calling the question, one opposed.** The underlying Motion to amend the Bylaws requires a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting. **Thirty-three are in favor of amending the Bylaws as proposed, none opposed. Motion carries.**
 - g. Proposed Program Plan for 2023-2024.
 - i. The Program and Advocacy Committees have recommended that their 2023-2024 program plan be based on five public policy issues: Civic Education and Engagement, Public Education Challenges, Court Integrity and Redistricting, Criminal Justice, and Reproductive Rights.
 - ii. Program chair, Sue Jennik, reports that the Legislature will likely put questions on the spring 2024 ballot. She, therefore, seeks to amend the 2023-2024 Program and Advocacy Committees' recommendations to include any proposed state constitutional amendments and ballot questions.
 - iii. **Motion to approve the 2023-2024 Program and Advocacy Committees' recommendations of 5 public policy issues, and to add a 6th issue concerning proposed state constitutional amendments and ballot questions,** made by Sue Jennik and seconded by Marjorie Schuett. The Program Plan for 2023-2024 must be approved by a majority of the members at the Annual Meeting. The voice vote was all in favor, none opposed. **Motion carries.**
 - h. Slate of Board Candidates for 2023-2024.
 - i. Chair of the Nominating Committee, Lisa Janairo, read the Slate to be elected:
 - 1. Candidates for Board Officers:
 - a. Treasurer: Julie Allen (one-year term)
 - b. Secretary: Amber Rottier (one-year term)
 - c. No candidates as yet for Vice President
 - 2. Candidates for Board Directors:
 - a. Voter Services Director: Beth Fultz (two-year term)
 - b. Fund Development Director: Jill Jokela (two-year term)
 - c. No candidates for the director of Member Service or for the director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

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- ii. Nominations from the floor.
 - 1. Jill Jokela nominates Lili Crane as Vice President for a one-year term. **Motion to include the floor nomination of Lili Crane for Vice President (one-year term) to the candidates listed in the nominating committee report** made by Jill Jokela and seconded by Sue Jennik.
 - 2. No further nominations are made for any of the other Board positions.
 - iii. Election of Board Candidates.
 - 1. **Motion to close nominations for the Board** made by Louise Robbins and seconded by Karen Michael. Voice vote. All are in favor, none opposed. **Motion carries.**
 - 2. **Motion to cast the ballot of the Annual Meeting for every nominee** made by Brook Soltvedt and seconded by Karen Michel. Voice vote. All are in favor, none opposed. **Motion carries.**
 - i. Slate of Candidates for 2023-2024 Nominating Committee.
 - i. Chair of the Nominating Committee, Lisa Janairo, reads the Slate to be elected:
 - 1. Chair: Chris Clements (one-year term)
 - 2. Committee member: Lisa Hassenstab (one-year term)
 - 3. Committee Member: Mary Ellen Schmit (one-year term)
 - ii. No further nominations are made. **Motion to close nominations of the Nominating Committee** made by Carol Dutton and seconded by Gordon Ridley. All are in favor, none opposed. **Motion carries.**
 - iii. **Motion to elect the Nominating Committee slate** made by Brook Soltvedt and seconded by Janet Van Vleck. All are in favor, none opposed. **Motion carries.**
3. Reports
- a. Voter Service Report. Voter Service co-chair, Beth Fultz, reported LW-VDC participation in over 50 events, including events at UW-Madison and Madison College. Laura and Peter Gottlieb spearheaded a new effort at Madison East and West DMVs which resulted in over 1000 registered voters. We trained students in 7 high schools who then trained their peers to register voters. We have liaisons to libraries, senior centers and apartment complexes. Members served as interviewers on Know Your Candidates and produced and distributed Candidates Answers. Finally, members answered questions on the Voter Helpline and contacted Madison voters who cast provisional ballots.
 - b. Highway Clean-Up program. Doug Johnson requests additional volunteers for the Highway Clean-Up Program.
 - c. President's Remarks. We completed three major projects this year:
 - i. The Board developed a Strategic Plan
 - ii. Mellon Scholar Kimmy Rooney formalized her Membership and Leadership recommendations, and,

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- iii. McKenzie Zdrale, MA candidate at the UW School of Business developed governance documents.
- 4. Upcoming Meetings. LWVWI Annual Meeting is in La Crosse on June 9th and 10th at the La Crosse Center
- 5. Adjournment. **Motion to Adjourn** made by Chris Clements, seconded by Lisa Jainairo. All are in favor, none opposed. **Motion carries.**

Minutes submitted by Marjorie Schuett.

