



ANNUAL MEETING WORKBOOK

2020 ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, May 30, 2020

9:30 am, Registration & Testing Open

10:00 am, Call to Order

**THIS WILL BE AN ONLINE MEETING
VIA THE ZOOM PLATFORM**

**All details on how to Register for & to Access our
online Practice Session and the Annual Meeting
via Zoom are on the next page.**

Please have your [MEMBER HANDBOOK](#) with you!

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WORKBOOK you want handy.**

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Topic: LWVMC 2020 Annual Meeting

Time: May 30, 2020 10:00 AM (9:30am – 10am to check your system)

REGISTER ON EVENTBRITE: <http://lwvmc.eventbrite.com>

*** Join us for a **Practice Session** on Thursday, May 21, 2020 10:30 AM ***
(registration not required)

You ACCESS both the Practice Session and the Annual Meeting one of three ways:

a. Click on this link: <https://zoom.us/j/97178432422> , (this opens a temporary meeting-specific app, no account required) enter **Password: 297630** when prompted.

or

b. Open the Zoom app installed on your device and enter **Meeting ID: 971 7843 2422** and **Password: 297630** . If you don't already have the app installed on your device, you can find it here: <https://zoom.us/support/download> .

or

c. Dial by phone on one of the following numbers: (646) 558 8656 or (301) 715 8592 and enter the **Meeting ID: 971 7843 2422**, ignore the Participant ID and enter the **Password: 297630** when prompted.

No Camera on your Computer? You can still join the meeting by computer, we just won't see your smiling face.

No Microphone on your computer? You can still join the meeting by computer to see the meeting participants and use the "Participants" buttons - "Yes", "No" & "Raise Hand", while using your phone to listen and speak. When you join the meeting on your computer, you should be asked what Audio you want to use. Click the "Phone Audio" tab. You will then be given a Participant ID you can enter when dialing in using the instructions under item (c.) above.

Annual Meeting Protocols for Zoom

Dear LWVMC Member:

Please read and absorb the instructions below before the LWVMC Annual Meeting and/or Zoom Practice Session. If you have questions about these instructions or the log-in information, you can call **Steve Daubresse (301-933-1916)** or **Cindy Snow (240-308-1209)** before the meeting.

There will be a **practice session** for those of you who have not participated in Zoom Meetings or have had difficulty joining the meeting. This will take place on Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 10:30 AM. This session will help you learn how to use Zoom features such as Chat, Raise Hand, Voting, Mute, Unmute and Camera. It will also let you know if your computer or phone has the software and hardware to take full advantage of these features.

LWVMC Annual Meeting:

- The meeting will open at 9:30 am for participants to join under their individual name, either via video-conference or by calling in.
- All those who have a webcam and want to be visible will be visible to everyone else. Those who are joining by phone or with computer audio only will simply be heard.
- **Steve Daubresse** and **Cindy Snow** will join as meeting Host (person in charge of setting up the meeting) and Co-Host to manage the technical aspects of the meeting.
- All audio lines will initially be open (unmuted) so that there can be some chit-chat which is helpful to make sure that everyone's audio is satisfactory.
- Before the start of the meeting, all participants will need to open the "Participants" window and locate the "Yes", "No" and "Raise Hand" buttons at the bottom of the window. Participants should use the "Yes" and "No" buttons to vote and the "Raise Hand" button to ask to speak. During the meeting, participants should also keep an eye on the microphone icon next to their name to check on their line muted/unmuted status.
- **At 10:00 am, Kathy McGuire, Co-President will start the meeting. At that time, all lines will be muted except the Presidents', Parliamentarian's, and Hosts' lines. From that point on, the meeting will be recorded.**
- When it is another participant's turn to present some topic, **One of the Co-presidents** will give the floor to that person and that person (or the Host) will unmute her/his line to speak.
- For questions and discussions following the presentation, participants will need to raise their hands and wait for them to be recognized by **the Presenter**. When recognized, that person (or the Host) will unmute her/his line and speak (and mute the line back when done).
- There will be periodic checks with the people who are only on phone lines to see how they want to vote or if they have questions or comments (since they are not visible and cannot use the "Participants" buttons); if needed, they may have to unmute their line and ask to be recognized.
- During the meeting, participants who need to communicate with the Host/Co-Host about a technical issue, e.g. poor audio, etc., should, as much as possible, do so off-line using the "chat" function. If necessary, participants may try to call **Steve** or **Cindy** on their regular phone lines given above.

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD, INC.

RULES FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Luella Mast, Parliamentarian

1. All voting members of the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County present at the Annual Meeting are eligible to vote.
2. Individuals wishing to speak shall electronically raise their hand on the Participants List and will be recognized by the chair. When recognized they shall give their name.
3. During debate, no person may speak more than once on a given question until all who desire to speak have been heard.
4. No person may speak longer than two minutes without permission of the meeting. The president may shorten the time allotted each speaker if the program is behind schedule.
5. All motions shall be written and posted on the Chat and sent to Everyone.
6. Procedure for Program Adoption:
 - a. The current local positions shall be presented and moved for adoption by the Program Coordinator.
 - b. The vote on recommended new studies will occur after local positions have been adopted.
 - c. Non-recommended studies shall be presented following the presentation and vote on the recommended studies. The member moving consideration of a non-recommended study may give a three-minute explanation. Any member may request that the Board of Directors give its reason for not recommending the item. Such explanation may not exceed three minutes. The vote for consideration is then taken. After all motions for consideration of non-recommended items have been voted upon, those items receiving a majority vote for consideration will be further debated and voted upon. Non-recommended items require a two-thirds vote of members present and voting for adoption (Article IX, Section 3, of our Bylaws).

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

To amend, say: I move to amend by:

striking out	or
adding	or
inserting	or
substituting	or
striking out and inserting.	

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA - May 30, 2020
VIA VIRTUAL CONFERENCE ON ZOOM

The Annual Meeting will be recorded

9:30am to 1:00pm

9:30 am	Participants wanting to meet prior to the official start of the meeting are invited to arrive early to sign in, check out equipment audio/visuals or to ask questions from the moderators.	
10:00 am	Welcome and Call to Order Review of conferencing tools – raise hands, voting etc.	McGuire / Hibino Zoom Hosts
10:10 am	Credentials Report Adoption of Agenda (vote required) Adoption of Rules for Annual Meeting (vote required) Approval of 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes (vote req.) Appoint “Minutes Readers” (3)	Snow McGuire Mast Morenoff McGuire
10:25 am	Bylaws - Presentation, Discussion and Action (2/3 vote required to pass)	Siegel
10:35 am	Positions and 2020-21 Program - Presentation, Discussion and Action a. Current LWVMC positions and changes (vote required) b. Recommended studies (vote required) c. Non-recommended studies (2/3 vote to adopt)	Kingman / Kohn
11:00 am	Treasurer’s Report	Daubresse
11:15 am	LWVMC Proposed Budget, 2020-21 – Presentation, Discussion and Action (vote required)	L. Barnes
11:30 am	Report of the Nominating Committee Election of Officers and Directors (vote required)	Wexler
11:40 am	Presidents’ Update - A New World -Where Do We Go from Here?	Hibino / McGuire
11:50 am	New Business & Direction to the Board	Hibino
12:00 pm	Adjourn	

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND, INC.
MINUTES OF THE 99th ANNUAL MEETING
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Rockville
100 Welsh Park Drive, Rockville, MD 20850
Saturday, June 1, 2019

Call to Order: Nancy Bliss called the meeting to order at 10:00 and thanked Mary Lanigan, Cathleen Barnes and Carol Blackburn for the arrangements for our meeting. She thanked outgoing Board members Chris Hager, Ralph Watkins, Gretchen Blankenship, and Bee Ditzler for their service.

Recognition of Winning History Prize Entries: Kathy Krause reported on the projects that she & Cathleen Barnes had selected for our History Day prizes. One was about the Freedom Summer Murders and Their Effect on the Civil Rights Movement; the other one dealt with Alice Paul and the National Women's Party.

Recognition of 50 Year Member: Nancy Bliss presented a certificate from LWVUS and a 50 year pin to Judy Morenoff. She asked the other 50 year members present to stand and be recognized.

Recognition of New Members – Nancy Bliss noted that we currently have 489 members; she welcomed new members and asked them to stand and introduce themselves. New members present were: Karen Bury, Karen DeThomas, Valarie Jackson, Deanna Marcum, Anne McGuirk, Joyce Miller, Elvi Moore, Katherine Seiferlein, and Pamela Wayne.

Recognition of LWNCA & LWVMD Representatives: Nancy Bliss introduced Sarah Mathews from Frederick County (representing LWNCA) and Elaine Apter (LWVMD Co-President & LWVMC member).

Credentials Report: Cindy Snow reported that with a membership of 478 (as of 1/31, the official date to report membership to LWVUS), our Bylaws quorum of 7% would require 34 members. We have 51 here, so we have a quorum.

Adoption of the Agenda: Chris Hager moved that the agenda be adopted with one change, to move Presentation, Discussion and Action on Current Positions and Program before Presentation, Discussion and Action on Bylaws Changes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Adoption of the Rules: Nancy Bliss introduced parliamentarian, Luella Mast. Luella called members' attention to the rules on the first page of the Workbook and asked anyone wishing to speak to give their name. She moved adoption of the rules. The motion was seconded and passed.

Approval of the Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting: Luella Mast moved that the minutes be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

Appointment of "Minutes Readers": Nancy Bliss asked for volunteers to review the minutes before their presentation to the LWVMC Board. Nancy McMahan Farrar, Jackie Coolidge and Karen Bury volunteered and were appointed.

Presentation, Discussion and Action on Current Positions and on Program: Nancy Bliss introduced Program Director, Chris Hager.

Current Local Positions: Chris Hager explained the program adoption process and called members' attention to the summary of current local positions on pages 4 and 5 in the Workbook, noting that the full positions are in the Members Handbook (new edition distributed at the meeting). Luella Mast moved that the addition to the Health Care positions (Drug Treatment, p.5) be added to Current Local Program. The motion was seconded and passed. Chris moved that the addition to the Agricultural Policy positions (Food Security, p.6) be added to Current Local Program. The motion was seconded and passed. Barbara Sanders moved that the Revision to the Election Process positions (Ranked Choice Voting, p.6) be incorporated into the Current Local Program. The motion was seconded and passed. Margaret Chasson asked why the new Economic Development position was not included in the workbook. Cindy Snow responded that although the consensus report on performance measures had been approved by the Board, wording for the new position had not yet been approved. Nancy Bliss noted that the Board could approve it in June.

Chris moved readoption of the current Agricultural Policy positions. The motion was seconded and passed. Chris moved readoption of the current Budget Process positions. The motion was seconded and passed. Chris moved readoption of the current Charter & County Government positions. The motion was seconded and passed. Chris moved readoption of the current Child Care positions. The motion was seconded and passed. Chris moved readoption of the current Children's Services positions. The motion was seconded and passed. Chris moved readoption of the current Corrections positions. The motion was seconded and passed.

Chris moved readoption of the current Economic Development positions. Margaret Chasson read the wording of the new Economic Development position that had been submitted (but not yet approved) "Support for: Identifying performance measures that align with the county's stated development goals and the collection and analysis of data on those performance measures to create a publicly available annual report." Chris moved the addition of that position to the current Economic Development positions. The motion was seconded and passed. The motion to readopt the Economic Development positions was then seconded and passed.

Chris moved readoption of the current Education positions. The motion was seconded and passed. Chris moved readoption of the current Elderly positions. The motion was seconded and passed. Chris moved readoption of the current Election Process positions. The motion was seconded and passed. Chris moved readoption of the current Fire & Rescue positions. The motion was seconded and passed. Chris moved readoption of the current Health Care positions. The motion was seconded and passed. Chris moved readoption of the current Housing & Public Accommodations positions. The motion was seconded and passed. Chris moved readoption of the current Land Use positions. The motion was seconded and passed. Chris moved readoption of the current Library Services positions. The motion was seconded and passed. Chris moved readoption of the current Liquor Control positions. The motion was seconded and passed. Chris moved readoption of the current Local Revenue positions. The motion was seconded and passed. Chris moved readoption of the current Police Services positions. The motion was seconded and passed. Chris moved readoption of the current Transportation positions. Bee Ditzler noted that the addition to position #3 of "and electronic services", which had been approved in 2018, was not included in the Workbook; it was agreed that the omission will be corrected. The motion was seconded and passed.

Recommended Studies: Chris Hager moved the readoption of the study of the Effectiveness of the Montgomery County Public Campaign Financing Law. The motion was seconded and passed.

Chris moved the adoption of the following new studies:

- A study of the agricultural tourism plan and its impact on the Agricultural Reserve, (to be conducted by the Agriculture Committee chaired by Margaret Chasson)
- A study of the advantages and disadvantages of "All Mail-In Voting" as an election method (to be chaired by Linda Kohn & Hannah Baldwin)

The motion was seconded and passed.

Margaret Chasson noted that the Economic Development committee will be continuing to monitor the economic development progress in the county and invited members to join the committee.

Nancy Bliss asked members to join her in a round of applause for Chris.

Presentation, Discussion and Action on Proposed Bylaws Changes: Chris Hager moved approval of the proposed Bylaws changes. Carol Blackburn noted that parliamentarian Luella Mast had distributed a memo expressing her concerns about some of the proposed changes and asked for the meeting's approval that she be permitted to participate in the discussion; there were no objections. Carol Blackburn moved to separate the question, (that we vote on the proposed changes section by section). That motion was seconded and passed.

Chris moved that the changes to Article III, Membership, to match language in the LWVUS Bylaws, be approved. The motion was seconded and passed. Chris moved that the changes to Article V, Board of Directors be approved. The motion was seconded. Chris stated that membership is lower now than when the Board numbers were originally set in the bylaws, so that Board size could be reduced. She also mentioned that committee chairs not on the Board can always attend meetings, and noted that there is limited space in the office for meetings with a large number of people. Luella Mast stressed the importance of retaining a large board to develop a large pool of people who have the experience to move into leadership positions. Marcia Kingman added that as more officer and director positions are shared, we need to consider how that impacts the size of the board before changing the numbers in the Bylaws. Barbara Sanders moved that we table the motion. Her motion was seconded and passed.

Chris moved that the changes to Article VI and all other references to Units and Unit Council be changed to Discussion Groups and Discussion Group Council, to be consistent with current usage. The motion was seconded and passed. Chris moved that the change to Article VII be approved. Marlena Cohn noted that as the percentage of members attending Discussion Group meetings goes down, the importance of general meetings (including Trending Topics) rises, and we should not reduce the number required. The motion was seconded, but it did not pass. Chris moved that the changes to Article VIII be approved; she noted that the changes to Section 1 merely clarify the wording and the changes to Section 2 are consistent with current practice. Carol Blackburn moved that we vote separately on Sections 1 and 2. That motion was seconded and passed. The change to Section 1 was seconded and passed. The change to Section 2 was seconded and did not pass. Chris moved that the changes to Articles IX, X, and XIII be approved. She explained that with electronic communication, and materials available on our website, there was no need to allow ample time for mail delivery. Luella urged that the current 30 day advance notice to all members be retained, so that members would have more time to review materials. The motion was seconded but did not pass.

Committee Activities and Outlook for Work: Noting that we were behind schedule, Nancy Bliss called members' attention to the committees' reports in the Workbook, asked committee chairs to stand as she introduced them, and urged members interested in the work of any committee to contact the chair.

Presentation - Tracking Volunteer Hours: Alice Keck and Joan Siegel explained that data on the number of hours League members devote to voter service and citizen education is important to getting our story to the public (and to potential funders). The committee began by developing a form and using it at voter registration events (on college campuses, at community events and at the detention center, etc.). That information is entered into a volunteer tracking database. Now we've expanded to other outward focused activities – and also have a place on the form to track issue advocacy hours. Adrienne McBride asked if they also track Board volunteer hours; Joan said they do not track internal (program and administrative) hours. Diane Hibino asked if they felt they were getting accurate information; Joan said our information is only as complete as what people are willing to report. Barbara Sanders noted that we are tracking the hours spent to produce the Voters' Guide – and that we used that information in our application for a grant to help with the cost of the Voters' Guide. Kathy McGuire said that the data also enabled us to feed information to LWVUS, which reported that Leagues across the country had registered 10,000,000 voters.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Daubresse reported that:

- Based on the results of operations as of May 31, 2019, we expect to close FY 18-19 with a net income of several thousand dollars. This represents a substantial surplus over the \$19,525 deficit which had been projected in the budget.
- The bulk of the surplus came from a higher than anticipated level of donations both from members and non-members (approximately \$19,000 above total budgeted level) and from somewhat lower than anticipated expenses for Voters' Guide publication. Higher revenues from election services also contributed to the surplus.
- Following a Board of Directors decision at the end of 2018, LWVMC's invested assets were moved from a very conservative income portfolio which had not been performing well to a still conservative growth and income portfolio which should perform better over the long-term.

Presentation and Approval of the LWVMC Budget: Gretchen Blankenship presented the budget for Linna Barnes (Budget Committee chair) who was recovering from hip surgery. She noted that the budget, on pp 12-13 of the Workbook, is different this year since we no longer have a separate Citizen Education Fund budget and all income and expenses are now in the LWVMC budget. She called members' attention to two new items: 1) our application for a Montgomery County grant in support of a Spanish version of our Voters' Guide has been approved and we will seek another \$10,000 grant for it, and 2) we plan to hire someone to do data entry on a part-time basis. She moved that the budget be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Officers & Directors: Carol Gross presented the report of the Nominating Committee and asked if there were nominations from the floor. There were none. She moved that the proposed slate be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

Outgoing President's Message: Nancy Bliss said that she couldn't imagine having a better group to work with: intelligent, hard-working, looking toward new horizons as we approach our 100th anniversary. She encouraged everyone to think of serving on the League Board.

Incoming Co-Presidents' Messages: Diane Hibino noted that in 2007 when she was first elected President, she faced a steep learning curve. Now she knows the county and many more members, and she's looking forward to mentoring newer members and reaching out to the community. Kathy McGuire noted that she and Diane have worked well together in fundraising for LWVMC and in leading LWVNCA. She cited the LWVUS vision statement "Women Creating a More Perfect Democracy" and said that we will change how we do some things, but not our message.

Direction to the Board:

- It was recommended that a committee look at the book Strategic Planning for Public and Non-Profit organizations by Joh M Bryson.
- Ralph Watkins urged the Board to call on the leadership of the League of Women Voters of the United States, in any communication with candidates for President, to refrain from expressing approval or disapproval of a candidate's positions on any issues. It is essential to protect the League's reputation with voters as a nonpartisan and impartial source of information about the views of candidates.
- Ralph Watkins called on the Board to ensure that the voter education role of LWVMC is kept distinct from its issue advocacy work and to assure both candidates and the public that its voter education services are nonpartisan and impartial.

Announcements:

- Please see the sign-up sheet on your table and volunteer to join the 100th Anniversary Planning committee and/or to help in the office with computer entry or other tasks.
- Marcia Bond asked for ideas for summer projects and noted that Deanna Marcum will be restarting our Observer Corps and will be seeking volunteers to observe county government meetings, virtually or in person.
- Our night at the Big Train Baseball game is Friday, July 19. We have 100 tickets available, and we will need members to register voters, someone to throw out the first ball and someone to speak, very briefly, about the League.
- Diane Hibino reminded members that we are hosting the LWVMD convention this weekend and, that members who are not delegates are urged to come for the Happy Hour & Dine Around on Friday evening – and to buy raffle tickets for our basket of League related items.

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed.

Judy Morenoff, Secretary

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE LWVMC BYLAWS

Recommended by the LWVMC Bylaws Committee (Bee Ditzler, Kathy Krause, Luella Mast, and Joan Siegel, Chair) and the Board of Directors

Underlining ____ denotes words to be added. **Brackets []** denote words to be deleted.

1) Proposed addition at end of paragraph for Article IV – Officers: Section 1. Qualifications, Election, and Term:

ARTICLE IV — Officers: Section 1. Qualifications, Election, and Term. The officers of the LWVMC shall be a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Third Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Two people may share an office and its powers. They shall be nominated, elected and replaced in the same manner as provided for an individual serving in that office in these bylaws. These officers shall be voting members and shall be elected by the general membership at annual meetings, and shall serve for a term of two years beginning on July 1 following their election, or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The President, the First Vice President, and the Third Vice President shall be elected at annual meetings held in odd-numbered years. The Second Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary shall be elected at annual meetings held in even-numbered years. **In the event that two members fill a position as president, vice president, etc., such that there are co-presidents, co-vice presidents and so on, each member will continue to have a full vote in any proceeding.**

2) Proposed addition at end of **Article V - Board of Directors: Sections 1 – 6**, which cover Number, Qualifications, Selection, and Term; Power and Duties; Executive Committee, Vacancies; Meetings; and Quorum:

Section 7. Attendance. Board members are expected to attend at least two-thirds of the board meetings per year. If a member is unable to attend a meeting, he/she must notify the president or presiding officer in advance by email or phone or by indicating an expected absence at a board meeting. A member who is unable to attend at least two-thirds of the annual board meetings or who does not notify the president or presiding officer of an expected absence may be asked to step down from the board, subject to the president’s or presiding officer’s discretion.

LOCAL PROGRAM 2020-2021

The LWVMC Bylaws provide that the “adoption of the local program for the ensuing year” be part of the Annual Meeting agenda. This has traditionally been interpreted to mean that LWVMC members attending the Annual Meeting will vote on the following:

- I. **LWVMC Positions for Action:** Position statements have been crafted and used as the basis for action over the years, and generally these positions have been readopted through succeeding years. These positions are published in the Member Handbook as **LWVMC Positions for Action** (lwvmocomd.org – pp. 22-41). A broad statement for each position is included in the next section.

- II. **Current Studies and Proposed New Studies:** Studies begun by Resource Committees in one program year can be carried over into a subsequent year if League members vote to retain the study. New studies are generally proposed at the January Program Planning meetings after which the Board votes whether to move the study proposal forward for consideration at Annual Meeting (recommended). Additionally, at the Annual Meeting, new studies and non-recommended studies may be considered by majority vote and adopted by a two-thirds vote. Proposed studies to be voted on are listed further on.

LWVMC POSITIONS FOR ACTION

In preparation for the Annual Meeting vote on whether to readopt current positions, three preliminary actions have been taken:

- a. Resource Committee chairs and/or members were consulted in the Fall, 2019, and asked to review their current positions. With gratitude to the members who assisted in the review of all the current positions, we can report that all positions were recommended for readoption. Two of the position statements were recommended for readoption with minor edits.
- b. At Program Planning meetings on January 13 and 14, 2020, members in attendance unanimously voted to accept the committee recommendations to readopt all the positions and to accept edits to two of the positions.
- c. At the February 5, 2020 Board meeting, Board members unanimously supported the vote of the Program Planning attendees to readopt current positions.
- d. Based on a December 2019 consensus, a revision and addition to the Election Process (Campaign Finance Practices) position are proposed for adoption. (See page three of this Workbook.)

MOTION: Current LWVMC positions for action, as readopted by the Program Planning meeting attendees and approved by the Board, be readopted for 2020-21.

MOTION: The revision and addition to the Election Process (Campaign Finance Practices) position as indicated in bold print on page three of this Workbook be adopted.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT LOCAL POSITIONS

The Summary Statement for each Local Position is listed below. **Please refer to your Member Handbook for the complete position (see page #'s below).**

AGRICULTURAL POLICY: We support the preservation of agricultural lands through various easement measures and other means. (page 23)

BUDGET PROCESS: We support continued improvement of Montgomery County budget procedures and budget documents with emphasis on increasing citizen understanding and input. (page 24)

CHARTER AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT: We support the continuation of the charter form of government for Montgomery County with improvements to ensure responsive and responsible government. (page 25)

CHILD CARE: In order to ensure a range of high quality child care and early education programs accessible to all children of low and moderate-income families, we support publicly funded incentives for child care providers; adequate county subsidies for families, allowing parents to continue working and afford quality child care; enhancement and accreditation services, including early childhood mental health consultation; emphasizing all day programs and encouraging employers to have family leave policies. (page 26)

CHILDREN'S SERVICES: We support a comprehensive range of child-centered services to ensure all children a chance to grow toward stable productive adulthood. (page 26)

CORRECTIONS: We support a rehabilitative correctional system in Montgomery County for adults and juveniles. (page 27)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: We support the development and implementation of an Economic Development strategy for Montgomery County. (page 28)

EDUCATION: We support quality public education and equal educational opportunity for all. (page 29)

ELDERLY: We support a wide range of services and facilities to meet the needs of the elderly in Montgomery County. (page 31)

ELECTION PROCESS: We support election systems that produce results that reflect community sentiment, increase voter participation and are easy to understand and implement. We support **Ranked Choice/Instant Run-off Voting for filling a vacancy using a single special election** [electing single seat or executive offices,] **and for electing** members of the Board of Education **in the general election only** [or to fill vacancies when special elections are held]. (page 32)

REVISION & ADDITION TO THE ELECTION PROCESS POSITIONS (based on December 2019 Consensus)

Election Equipment

6. (NOTE: In 2008, this includes support of **Ranked Choice/Instant Runoff Voting** and Single Transferable Voting for Takoma Park city elections.)

Campaign Finance Practices (2010)

7. [If Montgomery County establishes a program to use public funds for political campaigns, w] **We** support the use of [these] **public** funds **for political campaigns** to provide services to the voters, such as a Voters' Guide, candidate forums (whether in public schools, broadcast on radio or television or available through the Internet) or other services that are available for free to large numbers of voters. This would permit each candidate for an office an opportunity to appeal for votes that is equal to all other candidates for that office. **(edited 2020)**

8. **We support public funding for candidates for Montgomery County offices in the form of voluntary public financing of campaigns where candidates choose to participate and abide by its limits. (2020)**

FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES: We support fire and rescue services that protect the health and safety of Montgomery County residents. (page 33)

HEALTH CARE: We support the improvement of public health services and facilities and access to care for all Montgomery County residents. (page 34)

HOUSING AND PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS: We support Montgomery County policies and programs to increase the supply of affordable housing, to prevent discrimination in housing and public accommodations and to meet the needs of the homeless. (page 36)

LAND USE PLANNING: We support comprehensive long-range planning for Montgomery County and the Washington Metropolitan Area. (page 38)

LIBRARY SERVICES: We support county libraries as a basic community service that should be publicly funded. (page 39)

LIQUOR CONTROL: We support fully or partially privatizing Montgomery County's direct role in the wholesale and retail sale of beer, wine, and liquor and improving the efficiency of those operations. (page 40)

LOCAL REVENUE: We support policies to strengthen the fiscal structure of Montgomery County. (page 40)

POLICE SERVICES: We support pro-active/preventive community policing in Montgomery County. (page 40)

EDIT TO POLICE SERVICES POSITIONS

We support pro-active/preventive policing in Montgomery County. (1994)

Support for:

2. Increased funding in technical areas to implement pro-active/preventive community policing.
3. Increased funding in personnel to implement pro-active/preventive community policing.

TRANSPORTATION: We support a balanced system of transportation, transportation services, transportation information and solutions to current and future county transportation needs. (page 41)

RECOMMENDED STUDIES

A. One current study is proposed for retention.

The Board recommends the readoption of the following study:

Advantages and Disadvantages of "All Mail-In Voting" (Vote By Mail)

Committee: Making Democracy Work: Linda Kohn, chair; Elaine Apter, Fran & Harvey Berger, Sharon Campbell, Rosemary Hess, Brigitta Mullican, Laura Noell, Anne Riley.

Proposal: A study to examine the potential for "All Mail-In Voting" also known as vote-by-mail, as an election method in Montgomery County, which would enable all registered voters to automatically receive a ballot by mail and return it by mail, rather than going to an in-person voting center or having to request an absentee ballot. This method is currently used in other states and was used in Rockville's 2019 election.

B. Four New Studies Are Recommended by the Board.

The Board recommends the adoption of the following new studies:

1) Preserving Farming in the Ag Reserve: How do Agri-tourism and Solar Fields Affect the Viability of Agriculture in the Reserve.

Committee: Agriculture Committee: Margaret Chasson, chair; Marcia Kingman, Deanna Marcum, Judy Morenoff)

Proposal: When the County adopted a revised zoning code, planners suggested expanding agri-tourism as an accessory activity to farming in the Agricultural Reserve. A study of agri-tourism has been conducted, and next steps by the County Council may challenge current zoning restrictions that protect the farmland. The use of farmland for solar fields has also been proposed and needs to be studied to see what the consequences would be to the Ag Reserve. The study committee will monitor the Council discussion of agri-tourism and use League positions in responding to Council proposals. In regard to solar fields, the committee will review the actions proposed by the County Climate Study Committee through the lens of our current position restricting commercial development in the Ag Reserve.

2) Aging in Montgomery County.

Committee: Joanne Koravos, chair of study; committee to be established.

Proposal: Identify those issues impacting all stages of aging from active and working seniors to the more vulnerable senior populations. In Montgomery County, the number of people over 65 is projected to more than double between 2010 and 2040, creating a need by the County's organizations, employers and the local government to acknowledge the large population of citizens at various stages of older age with very different lifestyles and needs. Current policies may need to be updated and new policies developed. The committee will review the current "elderly" policy positions and identify other areas that especially pertain to women, such as how the aging population in the county is segmented, the level of need for social safety nets for the county's aging population, innovative housing concepts and aging-in-place opportunities, existing and needed local services, and potential legislation to fill gaps.

3) Economic Development

Committee: Economic Development: Margaret Chasson, chair of committee and study; Adrienne Craver, Barbara Hankins, Judy Morenoff, Melissa Urofsky.

Proposal: A variety of agencies, both public and private are working at the behest of the County Council to meet the workforce needs of local employers and to attract new employers to the county. The committee will monitor the economic development actions of the county government, Worksource Development and the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC) relating to workforce development. The committee will also focus on work being done by local colleges to provide training appropriate for local employment and the needs of the underemployed. The committee will also look at ways for bringing more desirable jobs to the county.

4) A Study of Montgomery County's Existing and Potential Revenue Sources, Including Taxes and Fees (Revenue Structure).

Committee: This proposed study is looking for a chair and a committee.

Proposal: The League's most recent position on Montgomery County's revenue structure is dated 1991 and states our opposition to a local sales tax; other positions date back to 1970. Several members at January's Program Planning meeting expressed the need for the League to update its understanding of the county's revenue structure, especially given anticipated pressures for increased education funding.

NON-RECOMMENDED STUDIES

Two studies were proposed at Program Planning in January, but were not recommended by the Board. Membership may choose to reconsider these upon a majority vote and potentially adopt with a two-thirds vote.

Fire & Rescue: a full study of the fire and rescue service in the county.

Alcohol and Liquor Control policies: a study to re-examine the county’s alcohol and liquor control policies.

MOTIONS

- 1) To retain the current study on Mail-In Voting
- 2) To adopt the study on “Preserving Farming in the Agricultural Reserve”
- 3) To adopt the study on “Aging in Montgomery County”
- 4) To adopt the study on “Economic Development”
- 5) To adopt the study on “Montgomery County’s Revenue Structure.”

COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS AND ACTIVITIES: 2020-2021

Resource Committees:

Agriculture - Margaret Chasson, Chair – agriculture@lwvmocomd.org, 301-942-0497

Who We Are

The agriculture study committee monitors actions that affect Montgomery County’s agricultural land and rural open space preserved through the 1980 Master Plan: the 93,000 acre Agricultural Reserve. We meet monthly or as necessary to review meetings and discussions by government agencies that pertain to issues affecting the Reserve. Meeting times are flexible and depend upon the time availability of committee members.

What We Do

During the past 2 years the county planning department has conducted a study of agritourism to identify "ways to enhance the economic opportunities in the county’s award winning Agricultural Reserve." The committee will review the study’s defined goals and the various solutions recommended to accomplish the goals. After discussion to inform our members, the committee will comment where appropriate. Another focus for the Ag Committee is to study the issues regarding farm labor housing that came before the planning board early this summer. The study committee will monitor county action regarding this and other topics that come before the Council (such as commercial solar fields) to ensure that the 1980 Master Plan for the Preservation of Agriculture and Rural Open Space continues to be properly implemented.

What We’re Keeping an Eye On

- Planning Board Agenda
- County Council Agenda
- Food Security Activity
- The County Climate Study

Civic Education Action - Yoke San L. Reynolds, Chair - civic.education@lwvmocomd.org

Who We Are

The Civic Education Action Committee was formed in January 2020 to implement recommendations made by our seven Discussion Groups for actions the LWVMC could take to advance civic education in Montgomery County. These recommendations resulted from structured discussions in 2019-2020 of the report of the LWVMD-sponsored two-year study on Civic Education in Maryland Public Schools. The Committee typically meets on the first Saturday of each month.

What We Do

Our process is to review Discussion Groups’ recommendations to evaluate their feasibility. For those that are deemed achievable and high priority we develop implementation plans and action steps.

Our Current Projects

In the first two meetings of this new committee, we initiated several actions, including developing:

- a strategic framework and business plan for the recommendations we will implement,

- preliminary plans to participate in community parades in order to raise awareness of the 100-year history of the suffragist movement and the League of Women Voters,
- parameters for a prize to reward a teacher for running an effective Student Service Learning (SSL) program for the civic education of Montgomery County students.
- a professional development program for teachers' summer workshops, based on the LWV approaches of studying a topic, developing a Fact Sheet, achieving consensus on policy questions and advocacy based on the resulting policy positions.
- a plan to recruit mentors from among our LWVMC members who are experts in specific areas, to assist teachers in their Civic Education efforts and/or guide student SSL projects for which LWVMC will award credit for SSL hours earned.

Economic Development - Margaret Chasson, Chair - econdev@lwvmodomd.org

Who We Are

The economic development study committee meets monthly at locations and times that meet the availability of committee members.

What We Do

The committee reviews reports (required by new ordinance) of the economic impact of the activity of the county government, the actions by the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation and other organizations who work to achieve the stated goals for economic development of the county to assess progress and/or issues that need attention. The committee has entered into discussions with the county's colleges and agencies involved in workforce development to determine how the needs of the underemployed and of employers are being met.

What We're Keeping an Eye On

Update on the health of Montgomery County's economy
 Reports on thinkmoco.com
 Activity of the county council and PHED committee

Education - Judy Morenoff, Chair - education@lwvmocomd.org

Who We Are

The Education Committee leads LWVMC efforts to support quality public education and equal educational opportunity in Montgomery County. We communicate mostly by email, but schedule committee meetings at the LWVMC office on an ad hoc basis.

What We Do

Based on the public policy positions agreed to by our members, we prepare testimony on the MCPS budget and other issues before the Montgomery County Board of Education and the County Council.

What We're Keeping an Eye On

One major current focus is making quality early childcare and pre-kindergarten accessible and affordable to all Montgomery County families. We also are following other MCPS efforts to narrow the achievement gap, decrease the dropout rate, and assure that all high school graduates are prepared for college or other career options.

Environmental - Linda Silversmith, Chair - environmental@lwvmocomd.org

Who We Are

The Environmental Committee studies topics and advocates on the basis of the state and national Leagues' public policy positions on natural resources/environmental topics.

What We Do

Those positions speak about air, land, and water resources, dealing with such subjects as coal, hazardous waste management, land-use and growth management, solid waste management, transportation, and climate change.

What We're Keeping an Eye On

In 2019-20 the Env'l Committee culminated its two-year focus on the county's solid waste management with preparation of a fact sheet and presentations at the March discussion groups' meetings. Currently we expect to launch an examination of the recent set of 850 recommendations dealing with climate change drafted by the county's community-based workgroups.

Health and Human Services - Chris Hager, Chair - hhs@lwmocomd.org

Who We Are

The Health and Human Services (HHS) committee supports improvements in public health services and access to physical and mental health care for all Montgomery County residents.

What We Do

The committee developed public policy positions on health services, accessibility, prenatal care, health care for the homeless, mental health care and drug use issues. Recently, the committee studied substance use, abuse and treatment in Montgomery County and the opioid crisis. Committee members monitor issues related to health care in MC and MD.

What We're Keeping an Eye On

To be determined as events and opportunities unfold.

Housing - Sally Roman, Chair - housing@lwmocomd.org

Who We Are

The Housing Committee focuses on housing in Montgomery County especially affordable housing, special needs housing, and fair housing and accommodations. We are currently seeking a new chair or co-chair for the committee. The Committee typically meets monthly.

What We Do

Study and support policies and programs to increase the supply of affordable housing, prevent discrimination in housing and public accommodations, and meet the housing needs of those with special needs, especially the homeless. Our current emphasis is on advocacy for legislation that furthers League housing policy positions. We have a longstanding interest in the MPDU program and have recently supported County and State legislation to address tenant issues.

What We're Keeping an Eye On

The housing element of the update to the County's General Plan currently underway and known as Thrive Montgomery 2050

The need to protect and preserve existing affordable housing

Tenant issues and results of the recent comprehensive inspections of rental housing

International Relations - Judy Whiton, Chair - international@lwmocomd.org

Who We Are

The International Relations (IR) committee focuses on critical international issues and how they relate to US foreign policy. We meet monthly on the fourth Thursday at a member's home at 1:30 pm, excluding December and summer months.

What We Do

Every year we study an emerging international issue and examine the role US foreign policy plays in shaping and responding to it. We share our findings through fact sheets, discussion group presentations and expert speakers. From February through March IR hosts Great Decisions, the Foreign Policy Association's forum for examining the eight most critical US foreign policy issues of the year.

What We're Keeping an Eye On

To be determined as events and opportunities unfold.

Land Use and Transportation - Bee Ditzler, Chair - landuse.transpo@lwmocomd.org

Who We Are

The Land Use and Transportation Committee has a rich history of studies and public policy positions that support comprehensive long-range planning for Montgomery County and the Washington Metropolitan area that concern growth management, zoning, historic preservation, green infrastructure, and all forms of transportation.

What We Do

We closely monitor the construction progress of the Purple Line and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) on Route 29 and have strongly advocated for both. With the implementation of the new Subdivision Staging Policy, it's important to stay current with proposals within the plan so we may better advocate for or against changes.

What We're Keeping an Eye On

A large focus this year is on the possible expansion of I-495 and I-270. LWVMC and LWVMD have advocated against this expansion for environmental and traffic management reasons. Other possible transit solutions to congestion should be considered. Unfortunately, pedestrian and bicycle safety have been two other issues that have drawn our increasing attention with the multiple collisions and deaths on our roads. We hope to see the new Pedestrian Master Plan completed this year so that safer pedestrian elements can be incorporated into every new plan of the county.

Making Democracy Work - Mary Lanigan, Chair - mdw@lwmocomd.org

Who We Are

The Making Democracy Work (MDW) committee focuses on voting and elections. We will prepare the 2020 Voters' Guide in English and Spanish for both the rescheduled June Primary and November General Election and will also update the Your Voice Your Vote pamphlet. The Voters' Guide in Spanish is being published as a supplement in El Tiempo Latino and was made possible by a Montgomery County Community Grant and Greater Washington Community Foundation Resilience Fund Grant.

We study reforms of the election process that are designed to make the process fairer and more equitable for all voters, including all mail-in voting. We advocate for redistricting reform in Maryland, ranked choice voting for Montgomery County offices, and open primaries in Maryland.

What We Do

Educate and Engage Voters - Register voters; prepare publications to explain the voting process; produce and distribute the Voters' Guide to inform voters of candidates' positions on issues in their own words; meet with community groups; conduct or assist with candidate forums.

Protect Voting Rights - Learn about the election process; monitor election related activities at local, state and national levels; advocate for improvements to the election process such as redistricting reform.

Keep Ourselves and Others Informed - Election process, redistricting reform, ranked choice voting, open primaries, money in politics, ballot questions, all mail-in voting, etc.

Promote student engagement in political processes, registering to vote, and advocacy.

What We're Keeping an Eye On

Redistricting Reform in Maryland

Ranked Choice Voting for Maryland

All mail-in voting – LWVMC study in progress

Our Legislative Priorities - Maryland League website.

Other Committees:

Action - Linda Silversmith & Kathy Schwab, Co-Chairs - action@lwmocomd.org

Who We Are

There are two co-vice presidents for action and a potential action committee to assist them.

What We Do

The Action Co-Chairs and potential Committee identify county topics that relate to League policies and decide when it is appropriate to present testimony or lobby in other ways on those topics.

What We're Keeping an Eye On

The Action Co-Chairs and potential Committee track Montgomery County Council or Council committee meetings, as well as County Executive actions, by attending in person, via web broadcasts or web archives, or through other County communications -- for the purpose of identifying topics relevant to the League's public policy positions.

Contact us to volunteer or to call attention to topics needing action.

Calendar

The Calendar Committee is responsible for putting out our calendar each year. The Calendar is one of our fundraising events and is crucial to us and to all of our many supporters. Many people depend on this document each year not only as a calendar, but a great information resource. Putting out the

Calendar not only requires creating the Calendar but also distributing it and tracking sales and monies. Each year we strive to put out the best product and get it to the many patrons that use it every year.

Communications/Speakers Bureau - Carol Blackburn, Chair - speakers.bureau@lwvmocomd.org

The Communications Committee continues to coordinate LWVMC's outreach tools such as the website, newsletter and social media in order to inform our membership and the public about our activities.

Our Social Media group has been fantastic, making sure our League activities, nationally and locally are highlighted. The team held a workshop on connecting with Facebook, Twitter and Instagram earlier in the year.

Our website has become a great tool for members to keep abreast of League activities and it's an easy source for League policy positions, testimony, and our Fact Sheets. We are headlining regional and national League activities, letting members know when committees need some help and continue to reach a wide audience with extensive voting information.

A Speakers Bureau training session was held last fall for members interested in talking to groups about League topics ranging from Redistricting and the Census to the Electoral College and the League's 100-year History. We had a long list of requests for speakers this spring and summer but unfortunately because of the coronavirus we won't be able to fill many of them. Some speakers have used video meeting applications to reach groups, however.

Election Services - Gretchen Blankenship, Chair - election-services@lwvmocomd.org

The Election Services committee contracts with homeowners' associations, communities, and condominiums to assist with their elections. We can provide guidance for new to us associations. We are ready to provide services from Election Administrators to simple ballot counters. We are ready to serve associations from large to small. We are strictly nonpartisan so if an association is having a contentious election, we can help smooth the operation. Let us know if you or your association need or want our services. This service is a fundraiser for LWVMC.

Membership - Melissa Urofsky, Co-Chair - membership@lwvmocomd.org

Who We Are

The Membership Committee works together to attract, maintain, engage and account for membership and volunteers in the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County MD.

What We Do

The Membership Committee is continuously working to increase membership through outreach and voter registration events that educate and engage the public about League voter services, issue advocacy and research activities. To help each individual find a meaningful role in League activities, we make an effort to introduce them to the committees or work groups that best suit their interests and skills. Welcome receptions for new and prospective members and volunteers, organized and staffed by our Committee several times a year, provide them an opportunity to meet each other and hear from long-time Leaguers about their own involvement. Our members work with the schools to foster student involvement through internship programs and service learning hours for high school and college students. We help spread the word that free memberships are available to students ages 16 to 30.

What We're Keeping an Eye On

We are constantly looking for innovative ways to engage new members and volunteers. This year we created a new position, Outreach Event Coordinator, initiated an Event Leadership Training Workshop, and, are working to establish a mentoring program to develop and foster (new members and volunteers' involvement and leadership in the League.

LWV MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD, INC.
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 TO 2021

Important Note: The proposed FY 20-21 budget is based in part on past budgets. At this time we do not know exactly how the COVID-19 pandemic and ensuing financial crisis will impact our income sources (donations, membership, grants, paid services, etc). As more information becomes apparent in the Fall/Winter, the budget may need to be re-evaluated by the Board.

		Budget FY 19-20	Budget FY 20-21
1	INCOME	157,700	158,000
2	Members Dues	28,000	27,000
3	Contributions	65,000	67,000
4	Members	32,000	31,000
5	Non-Members	32,000	31,000
6	Voters Guides	1,000	5,000
7	Grants	20,000	20,000
8	Montgomery County	10,000	10,000
9	Others	10,000	10,000
10	Income from Fundraising	15,000	22,000
11	Luncheon		5,000
12	Luncheon Booklet		1,000
13	100th Gala / 100 Gifts Giving Campaign		16,000
14	Income from Operations	26,300	18,500
15	Consulting / Elections	6,500	7,500
16	Poll Support	4,500	
17	Calendars Sales	6,000	6,000
18	Scarves and Other Sales	2,000	1,600
19	S&H - Sales Taxes (collected)	300	300
20	MC Meetings (other than luncheon)	6,000	2,000
21	Special Projects	500	600
22	Miscellaneous (Speakers bureau, ...)	500	500
23	Investment Income	3,400	3,500
24	EXPENSES	161,700	162,500
25	Citizen Education	47,500	46,500
26	Voters Guide - English	25,000	24,000
27	Voters Guide - Spanish	18,000	18,000
28	MDW Publications	2,000	3,000
29	Civic Engagement (VR, DG, TT...)	2,500	1,500
30	Advocacy	200	200
31	Fundraising Events	3,000	7,500
32	Luncheon		4,000
33	Luncheon Booklet		2,000
34	100th Gala event space		1,000
35	100th Gala misc.		500

36	Sales and Consulting Services	4,000	4,700
37	Calendars	3,000	3,500
38	Other Merchandises	500	500
39	Consulting/Elections	-	100
40	Sales Taxes	500	600
41	Dues Transfers	19,725	19,100
42	Nat'l PMP	13,100	12,700
43	State PMP	6,200	6,000
44	NCA PMP	425	400
45	General Operation	18,800	13,100
46	MC Meetings (other than luncheon)	6,000	2,000
47	National/State/ Regional Meetings	3,700	1,500
48	Newsletter Printing	5,000	5,000
49	Postage	3,000	3,000
50	Public Relations & Promotion	500	700
51	Professional Services	-	100
52	Board & Directors Expenses	100	100
53	Committees & Units Expenses (Note 1)	100	300
54	Bank Fees (BOA, Paypal, Square, ...)	400	400
55	Payroll Expenses	41,475	43,100
56	Salaries - Office Manager	35,600	37,100
57	Salaries - Other	2,000	2,000
58	Employer Payroll Taxes & Unempl. Insur.	3,875	4,000
59	Office Expenses	27,000	28,300
60	Rent	17,500	18,500
61	Copier Rental & Maintenance	3,000	3,000
62	Online Services (NB, QB, ...) (Note 2)	1,000	1,000
63	Office & Field Equipment	1,000	1,000
64	General Supplies & Miscellaneous	2,000	2,000
65	Telephone/Internet	1,300	1,600
66	Liability Insurance	700	700
67	Miscellaneous	500	500
68	SPENDING FROM RESERVES	4,000	4,500
Notes			
1	Based on \$100 for DG meetings, \$100 for Membership meetings, and \$100 for other committee meetings		
2	Covers online subscriptions such as NationBuilder, QuickBooks, Zoom, Adobe, MS Office, etc.		

LWVMC Budget Committee for 2019-2020: Linna Barnes (chair), Gretchen Blankenship and Judy Morenoff; Ex Officio: Steve Daubresse, Diane Hibino and Kathy McGuire.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

OFFICERS	PROPOSED FOR ELECTION 2020-2022	ELECTED 2019 AND CONTINUING 2020-2021
Co-Presidents		Diane Hibino Kathy McGuire
Co-1 st Vice Presidents		Marcia Kingman Linda Kohn
Co-2 nd Vice Presidents	Kathy Schwab & Linda Silversmith	
3 rd Vice President		Mary Lanigan
Secretary	Judy Morenoff	
Treasurer	Steve Daubresse	
DIRECTORS	Judy Cochran Bee Ditzler Deanna Marcum Yoke San Reynolds Joan Siegel Melissa Urofsky	Cathleen Barnes Linna Barnes Cynthia Boddie-Willis Karen Bury Kathy Krause

Newly elected Board Members take office on July 1, 2020.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2020-21

Lynn Strosnider, Chair
Yoke San Reynolds
Judy Whiton
Member to be appointed by 2020-21 Board
Member to be appointed by 2020-21 Discussion Group Council

Respectfully submitted by 2019-20 Nominating Committee,

Marge Wexler, Chair
Cathleen Barnes, Nancy Bliss, Ruth Sachs and Nicole Williams

INTRODUCING THE NOMINEES

Judy Cochran (Director) I became active in the League soon after I joined about 7 years ago. The importance of the League's work and the friends I continue to make keep me involved. Currently I am on the Membership, Making Democracy Work and Civic Education committees. My focus is on Student Outreach and Engagement. I coordinate League's sponsorship at the annual Women's Legislative Briefing. Professionally, I am retired from my private practice as a Psychotherapist and from the Counseling Department at Montgomery College where I worked for 11 years. My BS is from Cornell University and I have an MA in Counseling Psychology. Before going back to graduate school I was a Yoga Instructor and gave classes in my studio, for the county and conducted workshops for organizations. Interests include most anything with fiber (weaving, crocheting, coiled baskets) reading, dance concerts, traveling, hiking, kayaking....for starters.



Steve Daubresse (Treasurer) I joined the League in June 2017 and have had the privilege to serve as Treasurer since July 2018. I believe strongly in the League's mission and continue to be impressed by the dedication and knowledge of many of its members. This has stimulated me to try to contribute to the continuing success of the organization. I am currently a member of the MDW committee. I was particularly involved for a while with the State League's campaign in support of redistricting reform in Maryland. I moved to Montgomery County with my family about 30 years ago after spending most of my prior life overseas. In 2013, I retired from an engineering career in the private sector, during which most of my work was related to power generation and infrastructure projects. I tend to be detailed oriented and enjoy data analysis and problem solving among other things.



Barbara/Bee Ditzler (Director) Bee has been active in LWVMC since 2005 after returning to the DC area. She currently chairs the Land Use and Transportation Committees and serves on the LWVMC Board and MDW committee. She writes about transportation bills for LWVMD's *Report From State Circle* as well as advocating for our positions in testimony. Learning about many topics with the Silver Spring Discussion Group currently, she looks forward to working with all of the Discussion Groups.



Deanna Marcum (Director) Although I am a relatively new member of the League of Women Voters, I have thrown myself into it, learning as much as I can and contributing wherever possible. I organized the candidates' forum prior to the Rockville elections, joined Making Democracy Work and Agriculture committees, authored the Fact Sheet on "Eyes on Annapolis," and re-established the League's Observer Corps. I am grateful to the many longer-time members who have helped me gain knowledge about the League, and I am truly impressed with the talent that resides in the group. I grew up in southern Indiana, but my family and I have been residents of Montgomery County since 1977, when we moved here from Nashville, TN. I retired as Associate Librarian of Congress a few years ago, but I continue to work part time with a New York non-profit whose mission is to promote increased access to higher education. In my spare time, I enjoy gardening and reading. I also volunteer in the Graduate School of the University of Maryland to help international students polish their English writing skills. My professional life has been enormously rewarding, and I now want to give back to my community. I believe strongly in the mission and goals of the League and have concluded that working on its behalf is the best way to ensure the vitality of our democracy.



Judy Morenoff (Secretary) I joined the League in Montgomery County in 1970 or 1971. I've served in many positions on the LWVMC and LWVMD Boards (including President), and I'm currently serving as LWVMC Secretary and working on the Education and Economic Development Resource Committees. I enjoy murder mysteries, good conversation (even, and sometimes especially, with people whose views are different from mine) and time spent with my daughter, 3 sons, and 6 granddaughters.



YokeSan Lee Reynolds (Director) I was born and educated in Singapore before coming to the U.S. for graduate school. After graduate school, I obtained American citizenship and joined the League of Women Voters of Schenectady County in the late 70's, editing its newsletter for a number of years. Almost four decades later, I retired to Maryland, and rejoined the league. Before retiring, I was a higher education financial manager, most recently the *VP for Financial Affairs* at Cornell University where I served for ten years, followed by eleven years at the University of Virginia as the *VP for Finance & Chief Financial Officer*.

I have been the LWVMC's newsletter coordinator for the last few years. In 2019, Diane Hibino and I completed our stint co-chairing the two-year LWVMD study on Civic Education in Maryland. Based on discussions of this study group's Fact Sheet, LWVMC's members suggested ways the league could promote civic education in our county. The new Civic Education Action Committee, which I chair, has been working energetically. Our first project is a two-day program for this summer's MC teachers' workshop. This professional development opportunity will spotlight the LWV model (using study and civil discourse to develop advocacy positions for action) for classroom use by middle and high school teachers in all subject areas. Concurrently, our committee is working to advance the LWVMC's use of Student Service Learning projects to recruit and mentor students for civic action.



Kathy Schwab (Co-2nd Vice President) She joined the League of Women Voters in the Fall of 2019 and is honored to be considered for the Board position of co-chair for the Action Committee. Ms. Schwab's professional 37-year career was with the Department of Defense and the Intelligence Community. She retired from her last assignment at the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence in January of 2019. Ms. Schwab's career included technical and management positions as a federal civil servant, defense contractor, and military

officer. Her formal education includes two master's degrees and an undergraduate degree in engineering. Ms. Schwab's current volunteer activities are serving as a Congressional District Leader for the National Active and Retired Federal Employee Association and as a member of the Security Policy Reform Council at the Intelligence and National Security Alliance.

She lives in Rockville, Maryland with her husband, Patrick.



Joan Siegel (Director) I joined the League shortly after the November 2016 election. Currently, I am the Fact Sheet editor and LWVMC's liaison to the LWWNCA. I also belong to the LWVUS Lobby Corp. In addition to League activities, I chair the board of the University of Oregon Foundation. I am co-chair of the local chapter of AFS, an internationally recognized high school exchange organization, and I volunteer with the nonprofits Reading Partners and FoodPrints at Kimball Elementary School in DC. Prior to my career as a

volunteer, I spent 11 years as a Japan analyst at the CIA and the State Department, including a three-year tour at our Embassy in Tokyo. I also worked for six years at Salomon Brothers in London. I have a master's degree from Harvard University in Regional Studies: East Asia and a

BA in Japanese from the University of Oregon. In high school I spent a year as an AFS exchange student in a small town in Japan and I speak fluent Japanese. My husband and I have lived for almost twenty years in Chevy Chase and we have two daughters and a golden doodle named Vinnie.



Linda Silversmith (Co-2nd Vice President) I have been an LWV member since 1970 and active on natural resources/environmental committees ever since. I have already served two two-year term as LWVMC 2nd Vice President (for action) in 2012-2016 and two two-year term as Co-Vice President for Action in 2016-2020. I have a Ph.D. in biology, have taught at college level, and semi-retired in 2007 from 20 years as a science writer, half for government contractors and half at NIH. I have chaired LWV studies, organized conferences, and served on LWV boards, including as a local League president in Rhode Island and Massachusetts and as NR coordinator for LWVMD (1986-89). Currently I am a member of the LWVUS Task Force on Climate Change as well as environmental chair for LWVMC and an environmental reporter for Report from State Circle. I am also active in several environmental organizations and as a list manager for four medically-related e-groups.



Melissa Urofsky (Director) She has been a LWVMC member since September 2018. Starting on the Economic Development committee, she co-authored the Economic Development Fact Sheet and presented as a resource person at discussion sessions in the spring of 2019. In the summer of 2019, she joined the Observer Corps Committee and, in the fall, she implemented two Open Houses for the League, attracting 34 potential new members. Later that year, she accepted the position of running the Polling Place Support Program and in March of 2020 has accepted the offer of chairing Membership. Melissa earned a B.S in Industrial Engineering from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and a degree as Graduate Gemologist from the Gemology Institute of America. She ran an art and antiques jewelry business in Washington, D.C. with her mother from 1988 to 2005. After retiring from business, Melissa has spent her free time volunteering for numerous organizations for a minimum of one-year tenures including Habitat for Humanity, the Washington Area Women’s Foundation, PTA Secretary and co-chair of Science Fair, A Wider Circle and College Tracks.

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THANK YOU to all our valued Volunteers for your time, energy, hard-work, caring and so much more as you - **Empower Voters!**
Defend Democracy!



A special **Thank You** to those members, who have served on the League’s Board and are moving on to other League roles! We appreciate all you have given and accomplished with your service to the League and the community!



Marcia Bond
Carol Blackburn
Alice Keck
Adrienne McBride