

Annual Meeting

Thursday, May 21, 2020

PROPOSED AGENDA

- 9:45 a.m. Meeting participant check-in
- 10 a.m. CALL TO ORDER
Welcome
Introduction of Parliamentarian
Determination of Quorum
Adoption of Agenda
Adoption of Annual Meeting Rules
- 10:15 a.m. Program Adoption
Re-adoption of Current Positions
Discussion and Adoption of Program for 2020-21
- 10:45 a.m. Financial Reports
Presentation of the 2019-2020 Year-to-Date Treasurer's Report
Presentation of the 2020-2021 Proposed Budget
Debate and Adoption of Budget
- 11 a.m. Report of the Nominating Committee
Nominations from the Floor
Approval of new Board
- 11:15 a.m. Recognition
New members since last Annual Meeting
Life Members
Members who died during the past year
Guidance to the Board
- 11:30 a.m. ADJOURN

Program Planning and Adoption

LEAGUE PROGRAM TERMS

Study Item: A program item that involves new areas of study.

Action Item: A program item under which action will or may not be taken in accordance with its position statement.

Statement of Position: A statement detailing areas of specific member agreement as related to a particular program item.

Outlook for Work: A description of the work expected to be undertaken for either a study or action item.

Non-Recommended Program: Those issues submitted by members but not recommended by the Board for program work.

PROGRAM ADOPTION PROCEDURES

From the Bylaws:

Article IX Program. Sec. 3d and 3e:

“Recommendations for Program submitted by voting members ... but not recommended ... by the Board of Directors may be adopted by the Annual Meeting provided that i) the Annual Meeting orders consideration by a majority vote and ii) the Annual Meeting adopts the item by a two-thirds vote.

“In the event an item in the Proposed Program or a not-recommended program item voted consideration, is limited to a local governmental jurisdiction other than Kitsap

County, the following procedure shall govern its adoption: i) the members residing within the local governmental jurisdiction shall adopt the item by a two-thirds vote of those members present and voting; and ii) the members residing outside the local government shall concur in the adoption by a majority of those present and voting.”

OTHER PROCEDURES IN ADOPTING PROGRAM

Members may move to amend an item or statement of position (by ‘striking and inserting,’ substitution,’ ‘deleting,’ or by ‘amending to read’). Members may amend a proposed study item only in ways that do not enlarge the scope or alter the intent of the study. If program is being considered by paragraph, an individual program item may be dropped by moving to ‘amend proposed program by deleting ...’ and an affirmative vote on that motion. Outlook for Work is not formally adopted, but after the program is adopted, members may give direction to the Board on scope of inquiry, timing, emphasis and ways to manage the study and/or action phases.

BYLAWS

Any amendments to the first three articles that are made at a national convention must also be made to local League Bylaws. Approval is not required, but the change should be announced.

Any Recommended Bylaws changes have been distributed to members.

PROGRAM

League program is the education and advocacy platform that we adopt to move our mission forward. Committees formed to carry out studies or action items are asked to report to the board regularly and to prepare a report for the annual meeting 2021.

Local Positions: The Board passed a resolution that LWV Kitsap re-adopt all current local positions.

Board Recommended Action Items/Projects:

1. Form a Voter Services sub-committee to research best practices and plan Get out the Vote (GOTV) activities to engage all local members in a voter turnout effort.
2. Form a committee to look at the “pocket park” concept for growth management planning.
3. Request that the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee (DEI) create a sub-committee to work with the League of Women Voters of Washington (LWVWA) program “Speak Up School” to organize a local training for testimony at public redistricting hearings in 2021.

Non-recommended program items:

- Suicide Prevention
- Fake News/Media/Digital Literacy

ANNUAL MEETING RULES

Only members of the League of Women Voters of Kitsap have the privilege of participating. Visitors are welcome but may not vote.

Fifteen percent of the members shall constitute a quorum of all meetings of the League of Women Voters of Kitsap.

Only members have the privilege of the floor. When addressing the chair, members shall first clearly state their name.

After a motion is made, the mover is requested to put it in writing for the convenience of the secretary and the chair.

A majority vote of those present and voting shall be required for adoption of any measure, except where the Bylaws specify otherwise.

There shall be no resolutions, except those of a courtesy nature, presented to or adopted by the Annual Meeting.

LWV/Kitsap Positions — 2018-2019

— NATURAL RESOURCES —

LAND USE

Position in Brief: Support the orderly development of Kitsap County in a manner that provides a variety of urban and non-urban environments while preserving the integrity of the environment and the county's natural resources as well as minimizing the public cost of providing services.

Statement of Position: We support management of land as a finite resource, not as a commodity, since we believe that land ownership, whether public or private, carries responsibility for stewardship. In resolving conflicts between public and private property rights, we believe the criteria to be considered are uniqueness or scarcity, importance to the community as a whole, promotion of health, safety and welfare, and the irreversibility of decision.

Support the goal of maintaining, so far as possible, the rural character of Kitsap County. Foster appropriate population densities in rural areas, including the elimination of bonus densities in Planned Unit Developments. Support preservation of open space, agricultural land, forest and woodland, and the requirement and protection of green belts between different land uses.

Encourage long-range planning that result in urban concentration (particularly in areas considered transportation hubs), reinforces existing community identities, and allows opportunities for industrial development and the provision of housing for people of all income levels.

All known factors should be considered in a consistent, logical manner in making land use decisions, with emphasis on the availability and protection of water resources and the protection of Critical Areas, wetlands, recharge areas, fish and wildlife habitat, flood and geologically hazardous areas.

OPEN SPACE, PARKS AND RECREATION

Position in Brief: Support acquisition of open space, park and recreation lands, and provision of funds to develop, maintain, preserve and operate such areas.

WATER RESOURCES

Position in Brief: Support measures to ensure adequate and safe water supplies for county residents.

Statement of Position: Promote coordinated planning and management of surface and groundwater resources to meet the needs of current and projected population. Support implementation of the wellhead protection program and measuring of water use. Support waste management practices that protect regional water quality. All land use decisions must consider the protection of wetlands and critical recharge areas. Support purchase or other protection of open space lands that may serve a recharge function.

Support educational programs related to water use and encourage individual and government conservation efforts.

LWV/Kitsap Positions — 2018-2019

— GOVERNMENT —

COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE

Position in Brief: The League of Women Voters of Kitsap supports measures that improve county government responsiveness to the people, provide for a greater separation of powers, promote administrative efficiency, increase the size of the legislative body to reflect population growth, and promote intergovernmental coordination.

Statement of Position: The League of Women Voters of Kitsap supports measures that:

- Encourage an informed and active citizenry. Comprehensive information as to the operation of county government should be readily available from trained, courteous personnel, from websites and print publications. Opportunities for citizen comment on and review of legislative and administrative decisions should be provided wherever appropriate. We do not, however, support institution of a people's initiative and/or referendum procedure at the county level of government.
- Strengthen the separation between legislative and administrative functions of county government, providing clear lines of authority and assignment of responsibilities.
- Increase the size of the legislative body to reflect population growth. In choosing members of this body, we support the process of nomination by district in a primary election with election to office by a vote of all county voters in the general election.
- Promote intergovernmental cooperation and coordination.

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, POULSBO, BREMERTON AND PORT ORCHARD MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Position in Brief: Support procedural changes in local government that will improve efficiency, provide checks and balances, promote intergovernmental cooperation, and increase citizen confidence.

SUSTAINABILITY

Position in Brief: A sustainable community respects its own diversity, values the complexity of the natural world, and accepts responsibility for the social, economic, and ecological wellbeing of present and future generations through individual and collective actions. It advocates an economy that equitably provides satisfying livelihoods in a safe, healthy environment that protects its natural resource base and the viability of natural systems on which all life depends. It balances regenerative and degenerative resources by applying the following principles:

- 1) rates of use of renewable resources do not exceed their rates of regeneration;
- 2) rates of nonrenewable resources do not exceed the rate at which sustainable renewable substitutes are developed; and
- 3) rates of pollution emission do not exceed the assimilative capacity of the environment.

Statement of Position:

Specifically Sustainable Communities:

- 1) have levels of pollution, consumption and population size that are in keeping with regional carrying capacity;
- 2) share an ethic of responsibility to each other and to future generations;
- 3) reflect the social and environmental costs of the provision of goods and service in the prices charged for them;
- 4) encourage informed democratic participation and deliberation in their system of governance, education and civic leadership;
- 5) enhance neighborhood livability and access to green space in their design markets, land use and architecture;
- 6) make sure that housing is affordable and interrelated with employment, recreation and shopping areas;
- 7) integrate principles of sustainability into the community's Comprehensive Plan and other planning policies and procedures;
- 8) foster business development policies and procedures that support a sustainable community;
- 9) encourage inter-jurisdictional planning that supports a sustainable community; and
- 10) encourage innovative and creative approaches to sustainability.

LWV Kitsap Past Presidents

1962 to 1965: Mrs. James (Jo) Huey
1965 to 1967: Mrs. Mark (Martha) Fassbinder
1967 to 1969: Mrs. Carlo (Irene) Hallia
1969 to 1971: Mrs. Gene (Grace) Jones
1971 to 1972: Mrs. Charles (Willi) Allen
1972 to 1975: Mary Ellen Madison
1975 to 1976: Mary Whitford
1976 to 1978: Janis Gass
1978 to 1979: Marge Thorne
1979 to 1981: Beth McConaughy
1981 to 1984: Lois Curtis
1984 to 1987: Blossom Tibbits
1987 to 1989: Eleanor Wheeler and Myra Howrey
1989 to 1991: Nancy Quitslund
1991 to 1993: Shirley Haight
1993 to 1995: Mary Ellen Madison
1995 to 1997: Shirley Haight
1997 to 1998: Executive Committee, Eloise Andrus, Chair
1998 to 2000: Eloise Andrus
2000 to 2004: Kim Abel
2004 to 2005: Jane Reese
2005 to 2007: Dorothy Spadoni
2007 to 2009: Ellen Fisher
2009 to 2012: Catherine Ahl
2012 to 2013: Ann Smith and Connie Waddington
2013 to 2015: Ann Smith
2015 to 2019: Myra Howrey
2019 to 2020: Ann Strosnider and Leni Skarin

LWV Kitsap Life Members

Patsy Campbell
Lois Curtis
Judy Matchett
Ardis Morrow
Marge Thorne

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present to the following nominees for election to leadership positions in LWV Kitsap for the years 2020-2021:

Second Vice President (2-year): Carol Larsen

Secretary (1-year): Barbara Paul

Treasurer (1-year): Karen Faye

Elected Directors:

Position 1 (1-year) Rhonda Fairgrieve

Position 2 (2-year) Martha Burke

Position 4 (2-year): Barbara Willock

Position 5 (1-year): Diana Urbaite-Sosonkina

Position 6 (2-year): Maurie Louis

2019-2020 Nominating Committee:

Susan Daniel, chair

Betsy Cooper

Ann Pyles

Respectfully Submitted by the 2019-2020 Nominating Committee:

Ann Smith (chair)

Madelyn Fox

Lydia Olsen

Carol Larsen

Gail Sackman

The Co-Presidents (Ann Strosnider/Leni Skarin), First Vice President (Maureen Cervinsky), and Board Position 3 (Gail Sackman) were elected at the 2019 Annual Meeting and continue in their positions for another year.

Note: The LWV Kitsap Bylaws provide that 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.

