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# ANNUAL MEETING GUIDELINES

Meeting Guidelines set meeting procedures which are not covered in the bylaws, or in some cases the guidelines are summaries of provisions in the bylaws. They are adopted at the beginning of the meeting but may be amended, rescinded, or suspended by a 2/3 vote. The latest edition of Roberts' Rules of Order, Newly Revised, will control the general conduct of the meeting except where superseded by the bylaws or these meeting rules.

The Voting Body at this meeting consists of the members of the League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley present and voting. The bylaws require that a voting body of 15% of the membership be present to constitute a quorum at the annual meeting.

Motions: All members may introduce motions. Main motions or amendments of substantial length will be introduced in writing. After written motions have been introduced, please hand them at once to the secretary.

Debate: Upon recognition by the chair, please state your name and make your statement in favor or in opposition to the motion. A member who desires to speak more than once to a question will please wait until others have had opportunity. Debate shall be limited to three minutes for each speaker.

Procedure for Program Adoption: Following presentation of proposed program, brief questions for clarification will be entertained, but no debate will take place at this time. Motions for consideration of non-recommended items may be made at the time allowed in the agenda. Presentation and debate of such motions shall be limited to 5 minutes. A member may request that the board give its reasons for not recommending items. This statement shall be limited to 3 minutes. A majority vote will place a non-recommended item before the meeting. Adoption will require 2/3 vote. Recommended items may be amended by majority vote; however, an amendment which changes the scope or changes the intent shall be treated as a non-recommended item. Recommended items shall be adopted by majority vote.

Budget: The budget will be adopted after the program has been adopted in order to accommodate any unexpected changes required by the program.

Elections: After the report of the Nomination Committee, the floor shall be opened for further nominations. A member may be nominated for any office provided prior consent to serve has been obtained from that member. When there is only one candidate for each office or seat, a member may move those nominations be closed and the secretary shall be directed to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate. If this motion is passed by the meeting, the chair shall declare the nominees elected.  
*Amended 1990, 2006*

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***“The right to vote is precious, almost sacred. It is the most powerful nonviolent tool or instrument in a democratic society. We must use it.”       John Lewis***

# AGENDA ~ MAY 14, 2022

1:00 pm	<b>Welcome</b>	Sue Sherif
	Call to Order	
	Establish Quorum	
	Adoption of Agenda	
	Adoption of Meeting Guidelines	
	Appointment of Parliamentarian	
1:15 pm	<b>Alaska Constitutional Convention</b>	John Coghill Luke Hopkins
	Approval of Minutes - 2021 Annual Meeting	
	Establish Review Committee for the 2022 Minutes	
	<b>Board Reports</b>	
	President's Report	
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	Membership Report	
	Diversity Committee Report	
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	LWVAK President's Report	
	LWVAK 2022 Convention Report	
	<b>LWVTV League Reports</b>	
	Book Group	
	Voting and Equal Rights Activities	
	Election Activities	
	Public Education Events	
	<b>Appreciation to Officers and Board</b>	
	<b>Welcome from new presidents</b>	
	<b>Adjourn</b>	

# MINUTES LWVTV ANNUAL MEETING - MAY 22, 2021

Meeting called to order at 9:36 a.m. via Zoom

Present: Shari George, Mary Lee Guthrie, Phyllis Tugman-Alexander, Janna Miller, Jennifer Schmidt, Joan Soutar, Helenmarie Matesi, Bernardo Hernandez, Gail Murakami, Shirley Gordon, Mary Galvan, Valerie Therrian, Ann McCann, Margaret Soden, Ruth Benson, Sue Sherif, Gayle Garrigues, Cathy Hanks, Diann Darnall, Marna Sanford, Rich Seifert, Diane Lyon

Opening statement given by President Shari George. She referred attendees to the Guidelines printed on the inside cover of the Annual Meeting Book. Shari pointed out that due to Zoom, if no objections to a motion are made, it is considered passed.

Shari introduced Ruth Benson who will act as Parliamentarian for this meeting. Ruth clarified that Amendments (not changes) are made to the By Laws, based on Roberts Rules of Order.

*Motion made by Jennifer Schmidt and seconded by Margaret Soden to adopt the Guidelines as presented. No objections, motion passed.*

*Motion made by Helenmarie Matesi, seconded by Sue Sharif to adopt the Agenda as presented. No objections, motion passed.*

*Motion by Jennifer Schmidt, seconded by Joan Soutar to adopt the minutes from the 2020 Annual Meeting. No objections, motion passed*

Jennifer Schmidt, Bernardo Hernandez, and Shari George volunteered to be the review committee for minutes of this meeting.

## BOARD REPORTS

Treasurers Report- Shari George for Jean James

We had a higher than usual balance due to increased membership and non- member donations, lower than usual expenses due to no on-site meetings. There is an adjustment to reflect the bank balance, which is being researched. Sue Sherif wondered if it was the result of a grant from the State.

Membership Report – Janna Miller for Jean James

LWVTV increased membership to 89 (all Alaska leagues showed an increase)

### Diversity Committee Report – Helenmarie Matesi

It was a busy year with many positive responses. Our direction has been more focused on civil rights, making sure everyone has the opportunity to vote, and empowering voters. We'll be working very hard to promote free and available voting.

### Proposed Programs for 2021-2022 – Janna Miller

The committee held two Program Planning meetings via Zoom to review and make recommendations for LWVUS, LWVAK and LWVTV positions. The group reaffirmed 15 of the 18 LWVAK positions and recommended reviewing the following three positions for likely revision:

- Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure
- Legislative Process and Procedures
- Election Processes and Procedures

The members noted specific concern with legislation that seeks changes in voter registration, voter assistance, and election practices and proposed changes to Alaska's merit-based judicial selection and retention procedures. Educating the public on changes to voting due to Ballot Measure 2 should be a key task for local and state league as well as addressing public distrust in the election process.

Based on our six local positions, the committee recommended:

- Reaffirmation of Planning and Zoning, Boards (should reflect the diversity in our community), Commissions and Committees, Conflict of Interest, and Nondiscrimination
- Review for potential revision to General Local Government (should we address City powers as they differ from FNSB?)
- Continue review of Road Service Area (no longer possible for new RSA or to join with another.)

*Motion by Marna Sanford seconded by Helenmarie Matesi to adopt recommendations on local positions. No objections, motion passed.*

The committee recommended retaining all of the current LWVTV activities.

*Motion by Rich Seifert, seconded by Joan Soutar to adopt current LWVTV activities.*

Discussion: Rich Seifert said they spent a lot of time on redistricting last year, it didn't amount to anything due to blockage put in our way. Marna said the Borough renamed the Climate

Change Task Force to FNSB Climate Action Committee.

*After discussion, motion passed*

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Proposed Budget – Shari George

Budget projections are based on what happened this year, with assumption that membership increase may not continue. Sue Sharif explained the Education Fund donations and refund. Expenses were added for conversion from 501c4 to 501c3 which may require an upgrade to our website and Board education.

Dues were set to continue at current level. (No motion necessary to adopt if no change, per Parliamentarian Ruth Benson.)

*Motion made by Marna Sanford, seconded by Linda Witt to adopt the budget as presented.*

Carol Ann Varner pointed out that the Alaska State LWV website is owned by Fairbanks. *No objections, motion passed.*

Proposed Bylaws Changes and Amendments – Shari George & Janna Miller

*Motion to adopt the Bylaws and Policies changes as amended made by Helenmarie Matesi, seconded by Diann Darnall. No objections, motion passed*

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Discussion: significant discussion followed regarding the recommended changes to Bylaws, particularly in regard to Article XII, Amendments. Ruth Benson and Jennifer Schmidt expressed concern about this change. Marna asked why this particular change was being made. Shari George explained the conversion to a 501c3 may require quick action and we have no control over timing. Motion was tabled so we could finish the rest of the agenda and return to this item.

Proposed Policy Changes – Shari George

Added a description of household, moved static items from Bylaws to Policies. *Motion by Jennifer Schmidt, second by Valerie Therrien that we adopt Policy Changes as proposed. No objections, motion passed.*

Nominating Committee Report – Phyllis Tugman-Alexander

Phyllis read a summary of the nominations and opened it up to nominations from the floor.

*Motion by Rich Seifert, second by Joan Soutar to close nominations and elect the slate as presented. Motion passed.*

Local League Reports - Joan Soutar gave a report on Book Group which has been meeting via Zoom. Donna Dinsmore is taking suggestions for non-fiction books, available in hardback, paperback or online that can be purchased in Fairbanks. Books should be interesting but not



politicized. Please include Title, Author, and number of pages. No August or December Book Club meetings.

Guest Speaker - Leah Edwards of LWVUS. Leah is the liaison for Alaska and is from San Francisco. She offered resource support and gave an overview of challenges and successes of LWV over the past year.

Our rights are still under attack and LWV must keep up the good work of educating and reaching out to voters and keep them engaged. LWV has been successful in several lawsuits to protect voter rights.

LWV is proud to support the For the People Act and John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. Voting options must be equal across all 50 states. To stay up to speed, join “Outreach Circle” which gives updates on what LWV is doing.

What do we want our league to look like in the future? Diversity, equity, and inclusion, non-partisan policy. Issues evolve over the years, but our allegiance will always be first and foremost to the voters. Attacks on our democracy will not stop so we must remain diligent.

Leah opened up for questions and comments. Comment made about difficulty contacting LWVUS and the search engine is difficult to use. Leah said they are looking at ways to improve.

Jennifer Schmidt asked if we could look at LWV litigations. Leah said some were on the website and the league report was completed and posted to the website a few days ago.

#### Proposed Bylaws Changes and Amendments – continued

Meeting returned to this discussion with more member input.

*Jennifer Schmidt moved and Valerie Therrien seconded to delete the proposed wording on lines 252-256 from Article XII. No objections, motion passed.*

More discussion regarding the best way to add language to Articles VII and/or XII to adequately convey the intent of the Bylaws committee. *Jennifer Schmidt moved and Marna Sanford seconded that we insert on line 252, after ...Annual Meeting **or at a special meeting called by ¾ majority of the Board**, provided the amendments... No objections, motion passed*

*Shari George moved, Helenmarie Matesi seconded that we insert words on line 153 **Special meetings may be called by the Board of Directors**. Motion passed.* It was suggested to have the Bylaws committee review this language next year.

Shari George thanked everyone for their support during the past year.

Meeting adjourned as 12:42 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Lyon, Secretary

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## Local Candidate Forum October 5, 2021 Election



# BOARD REPORTS

## President's Report

As the pandemic rose and fell this year, the League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley continued to meet primarily virtually, but we did begin to schedule in-person events again:

- our Tanana Valley Fair Booth where we gave Fairbanksans young and old an opportunity to fill out a ranked choice ballot on which they selected their favorite fun Fair food, and we distributed Get Out the Native Vote materials
- our sponsorship of the traveling exhibit Alaska's Suffrage Star and creation of a 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment display at the Fairbanks public library
- the local candidate forum for our October local elections, which was both in-person and broadcast by KUAC-FM
- voter registration at a Celebration of Citizenship sponsored by the Literacy Council of Alaska
- a speaker and registration at a Get Out the Vote rally
- an RCV presentation by our regional Division of Elections supervisor at the public library
- several in-person presentations to civic groups on Ranked Choice Voting

Other activities were conducted via Zoom including

- a forum on the Third-Party Redistricting Plans with representatives of each group presenting
- five legislative chats with members of our Interior delegation
- an air quality program called Just Breathe that addressed the dangers of and remediation efforts for our poor wintertime air quality
- our two program planning meetings including a presentation for members on the history of the Fairbanks North Star Borough and what it means to be a second-class borough
- a training session for members who want to serve as League RCV presenters as part of our RCV voter education campaign
- our board meetings and membership meetings

In March we conducted a membership survey in which we had a voter turnout of 46%, perhaps low for an organization devoted to encouraging voting, but the highest response rate we have had in recent year. The results showed that a strong majority of respondents wanted to hold our 2022 annual meeting virtually for the third year in a row and preferred an online annual book to a paper one. (This year we will produce the book in both formats with paper copies going to those who indicated that preference.)

Two traditional activities of our League: voter services at the hospital and Pioneer Home and registering new citizens at naturalization ceremonies were not offered this year. Changes in state and local procedures and COVID restriction were the problems in the former, and the pandemic curtailment of Fairbanks swearing-in ceremonies for new citizens suspended the latter for a second year.

The board passed a Conflict of Interest Statement to fulfill a requirement for filing for 501c3 status. With the new statement adopted, Janna Miller filed our online application for 501c3 status with the IRS. If granted, we will be able to accept tax-deductible donations and will no longer have to funnel funds like our KUAC Borough Assembly sponsorship donations through the Ed Fund of the state League

Redistricting, ranked choice voting, and federal and state proposed voting legislation were the focus of this year's advocacy issues and voter education, but we also supported the local NAACP's recommendations for public safety reform to the City of Fairbanks and Kids Voting's effort to change a local ordinance to allow high school students to serve as poll workers at local elections as they can in statewide and federal elections.

We continued our collaborations with other organizations including the NAACP, Fairbanks Daily-News Miner, KUAC-FM, Get Out the Native Vote, the Literacy Council of Alaska, Fairbanks Education Association, AAUW, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Public Libraries, and Kids Voting. We were awarded a grant by Alyeska Pipeline Service Company to support our ranked choice voting voter education campaign with which we bought a laptop and software, a projector, and supplies for our community presentations.

Our membership continues to grow, and we now have 106 members. This year we added new members but also had a strong retention of continuing members. A complete list of our activities follows.

In the course of this year, we lost two of our long-time, honored members: Arlayne Knox and Ann Swift. Both women continued to be active in League long after they could have gracefully retired after years of significant contributions to our chapter and our community.

Sue Sherif, President

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## Treasurer's Report

Spreadsheet showing income and expenses intentionally left blank. Copies sent to each LWVTV member.

The LWVTV fiscal year runs from April 1 through March 31<sup>st</sup>. This is different than our membership year which runs from October 1 through September 30<sup>th</sup>. The LWVUS counts the number of members for calculation of per member payment effective February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

At the end of FY2021-2022 our balance is still much higher than our original projected budget for several reasons—increased member donations, increased membership, and limited spending on LWVUS, LWVAK and LWVTV annual conferences/conventions and/or meetings. With COVID restrictions continuing which prohibited in person gatherings, Zoom or Webinars were used instead of in person gatherings which resulted in significant savings from prior fiscal years.

The LWVTV Education Fund (tax deductible donations)

This fund is currently managed by the League of Women Voters of Alaska. The fund total as of 3/31/2022 is \$6,946. All donations we receive for Education Funds such as funds dedicated to support the broadcast of the FNSB Assembly meetings on KUAC are part of this fund. In addition, we are able to utilize unrestricted funds for Educational Forum expenses. As a result, we were able to increase our voter education series that was advertised to the general public and held via Zoom and Facebook.

Submitted by Jean James

### Membership Report

On January 31, 2022, the LWVTV had 100 members. As of 4/30/2022, we have a total of 107 members. Our membership continues to increase each year!

With a cutoff date of January 31, the League of Women Voters of the US tracks our membership numbers to determine the Per Member Payment (PMP) to the national organization. The PMP is currently set at \$32 per primary member. The additional household member PMP payment is \$16. The LWV of Alaska PMP payment is \$10 per primary member and \$5 per additional member

Membership Year – beginning October 1, 2021

Individual Members	65
Household Members	32
Student Members	10
Total Members 107	

Continuing Members	93
New Members (2/1/21-1/31/22)	7
New Members (after 1/31/22).	7

Submitted by Jean James

## **Diversity Committee Report**

The Diversity Committee of Tanana Valley League of Women Voters strives to maintain communications and develop relationships with the Fairbanks BIPOC, LGBTQ2s and other marginalized communities and agencies. The committee reports to the executive board each month. During the past year our executive board voted to write a letter and sign on in support of NAACP's criminal justice position statement 7 Point's for a Safer Community. Several league members serve on NAACP's criminal justice committee. We also taught a ranked choice voting workshop with information about the John Lewis Voting Rights Act's current status for the general membership of the NAACP. League also sponsored an ad for last years' virtual Juneteenth celebration.

Submitted by Helenmarie Matesi

## **Proposed Program for 2022- 2023**

Program Planning is our members' discussion of where we should put our organizational energies in the next year. Our main purposes are education and advocacy. Our various educational activities support representative government, natural resources, and social policy through various activities. League of Women Voters advocacy is based on our existing positions as well as careful study and development of consensus for new positions. LWVTV met for two Program Planning meetings via Zoom: national and state positions on January 22,2022 and local positions and activities on March 19, 2022.

## **LWV of the United States**

The January Program Planning Meeting via Zoom saw approximately 23 members in attendance. We first considered a request for concurrence from the League of Women Voters New York State on a LWVUS health care position advocating for a single payer health care plan and other health care reforms.

Although members voted to concur with the proposed LWVUS health care position, the Board listened to the concerns expressed at the January meeting that a provision that assumed that individuals should be able to make their own health care decisions with involvement of their physician failed to recognize that many people, especially in Alaska but also in other parts of the country, do not have health care access through a physician. The Board did not vote for concurrence but tabled the question in order to find out if would be possible to amend the wording of that part of the proposal. The board was later informed that wording of a proposal could not be modified once it was in the concurrence process.

## LWV of Alaska

After a thoughtful discussion of the proposed health care position for LWVUS, we looked at the eighteen LWV Alaska (LWVAK) positions. We took online Zoom polls to register the choices of whether to reaffirm, review, or revise the state positions and afterwards followed up with an online survey sent to members who did not attend the virtual meeting. We received input from an additional 10 members, and the results were reaffirmation of all 18 state positions.

- Capital Budget Process
- Constitution - Amending the Constitution by Initiative
- Constitutional Convention
- Alaska's Statutory Initiative Process
- Voter Registration
- Energy
- Land Disposal
- Land Use
- Career Education in the Schools
- Child Care and Early Childhood Education
- Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Bullying
- Youth and Adolescent Needs
- Landlord-Tenant Relationships
- School Finance
- Judicial Appointment and Retention

The following three state positions were reaffirmed; however, our 2020-2021 recommendation that these positions be analyzed for any needed changes or edits in view of the passage of the Alaska's Better Elections initiative in November 2020 still stands at the state level:

- Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure
- Legislative Process and Procedures
- Election Processes and Procedures

(Our previous recommendation that the LWVAK should form a position that supports adequate funding for public education from pre-K to university-level is stalled at the state level, but the proposal for a study was carried over for one more year at the April LWVAK Convention to see if sufficient interest develops among the Alaska chapters to produce such a study.)

The recommended emphasis for LWV Alaska activities for 2022-2023 were: ranked choice voting voter education, constitutional convention opposition, and monitoring proposed election and voting legislation.

At our May 14, 2022, Annual Meeting, we will vote to ratify these recommendations or amend them.



## LWV of Tanana Valley

### Local Positions

The LWVTV has six local positions: 1) General Local Government, 2) Planning and Zoning, 3) Boards, Commissions and Committee, 4) Conflict of Interest, 5) Road Service Area, and 6) Nondiscrimination. At the March local planning meeting, we discussed these positions. In response to previous questions suggestions that the General Local Government and Road Service Areas positions be reworded or reviewed, we began our meeting with a presentation by Sue Sherif, Janna Miller, and Marna Sanford on the powers available to a second-class borough, the history of the Fairbanks North Star Borough as a second-class borough, and the constraints of that status, particularly for the development of road service areas. After the discussion at the meeting all LWVTV members received a survey to determine whether the local positions should be reaffirmed, reviewed, or revised. The 46 respondents indicated that all six positions should be reaffirmed, with some interest in continuing to review the Road Service Area position.

#### Reaffirm:

- Planning and Zoning,
- Boards, Commissions and Committees,
- Conflict of Interest
- Nondiscrimination
- General Local Government
- Road Service Areas.

We will vote at the May 14 Annual Meeting whether to adopt or amend these recommendations.

No new studies were recommended. Ideas may be brought up at the Annual Meeting.

### Activities (Current Agenda)

The survey respondents also recommended retaining the LWVTV current activities:

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| •Candidate Forums                                 | •Outreach at events                                  |
| •Get Out the Native Vote*                         | •Environment & Sustainability (formerly Greenstar) * |
| •Support the FNSB Clerk and Division of Elections | •FNSB Climate Change Task Force                      |
| •Registering Voters                               | •Diversity Council*                                  |
| •KUAC broadcasts of FNSB Assembly                 | •Interior Delegation Visits                          |
| •Book Club*                                       | •Ranked Choice Voting Presentations                  |
| •Celebration of Elizabeth Peratrovich Day         | •How to run for local public office workshops        |
| •Tanana State Fair                                | •OLLI Classes*                                       |
| •Public educational events (Hot Topics)           | •Salaries & Emoluments Commission*                   |
| •Letters to the Editor campaign and Commentary*   |  |

## League of Women Voters of Tanana Valley Activities 2021 – 2022

### JUNE

NAACP Juneteenth Celebration  
Sponsorship (via Zoom)

### JULY-AUGUST

Voter Registrar Training (via Zoom)  
Tanana Valley Fair – Ranked Choice  
Voting Straw Ballot,  
Collaborations with Get Out the Native  
Vote and Borough and City Clerks'  
Vote Local, Voter Registration  
Pandemic Politics Interview on Ranked  
Choice Voting (KUAC-FM)

### SEPTEMBER

Nineteenth Amendment Display at Public  
Library  
Alaska's Suffrage Star Traveling Exhibit  
cosponsored with AAUW at Noel Wien  
Library  
Registered Voters at Literacy Council of  
Alaska's Celebration of Citizenship Picnic  
Nonpartisan Get Out the Vote Rally Voter  
Registration and Speaker  
Local Candidate Forum – September  
(KUAC-FM Radio, and Live)  
Testimony to Alaska Redistricting Board

### OCTOBER

Letters to the Editor on Civility in Public  
Forums and Redistricting  
Testimony to Alaska Redistricting Board  
Third-Party Redistricting Plans Forum (via  
Zoom)

### NOVEMBER – DECEMBER

Legislative Chats with the Interior  
Delegation (5) (via Zoom)  
Support of NAACP Public Safety  
Recommendations

### JANUARY

Annual Program Planning Meeting I –  
National and State Issues (via Zoom)

### FEBRUARY

Retired Teachers Group Ranked Choice  
Voting Presentation (via Zoom)  
Just Breathe – Air Quality Hot Topic Forum  
(via Zoom and Facebook Live)  
Golden Heart Rotary Ranked Choice  
Voting Presentation (Live and via Zoom)

### MARCH

NAACP Elections and Ranked Choice  
Voting Presentation (via Zoom)  
Program Planning Meeting II – Local (via  
Zoom) with FNSB Borough History and  
Powers Presentation

### APRIL

Train the Presenter Ranked Choice Voting  
(Zoom)  
Mush for Kids Ranked Choice Voting  
Activity  
Ranked Choice Voting Presentation for  
Fairbanks Kiwanis  
Public Ranked Choice Voting Program,  
Noel Wien Library Auditorium  
League of Women Voters Alaska Annual  
Conference (Zoom)  
Registration and RCV Presentation for  
Hutchison High School Senior Students  
Testimony at Borough Assembly in support  
of high school poll worker programs

### MAY

Ranked Choice Voting Presentation at  
Raven Landing  
Ranked Choice Voting Presentation at  
Downtown Rotary Lunch  
Annual Meeting (Zoom) - May 14  
Ranked Choice Voting Presentation  
(Zoom) for Aging at Home

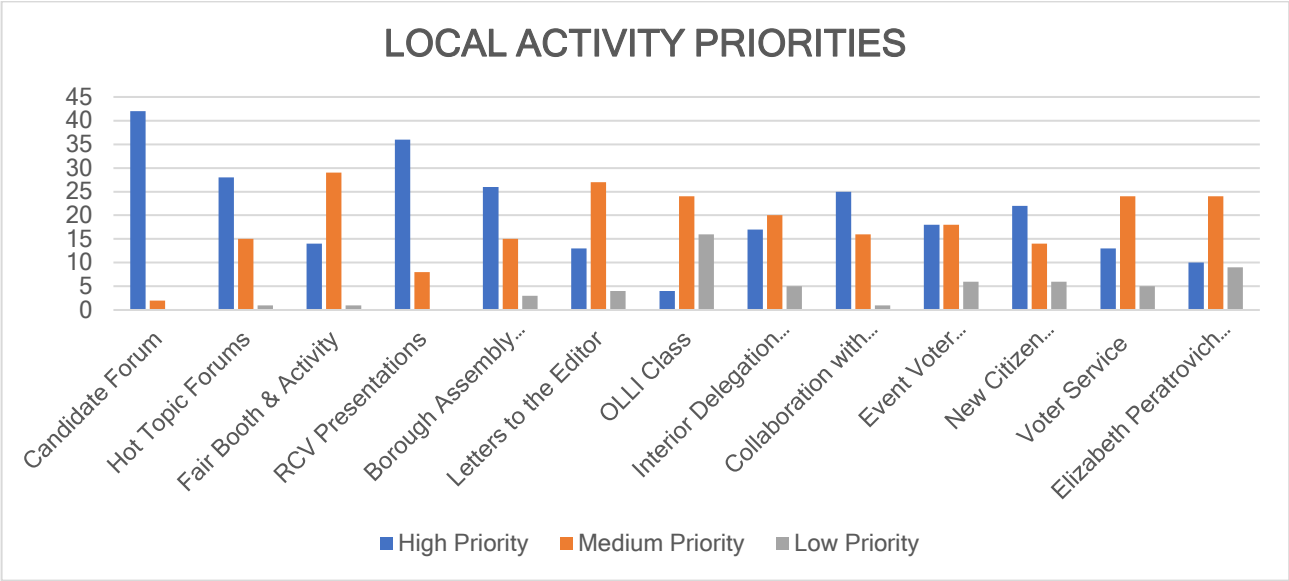
### YEAR ROUND

Sponsorship of KUAC broadcasts of FNSB  
Assembly  
Book Club – Monthly via Zoom except for  
August and December  
Representation or attendance at Salaries  
and Emoluments Commission, Green Star,  
Diversity Council, and Get Out the Native  
Vote  
Action Alerts on Local, State, and National  
Issues

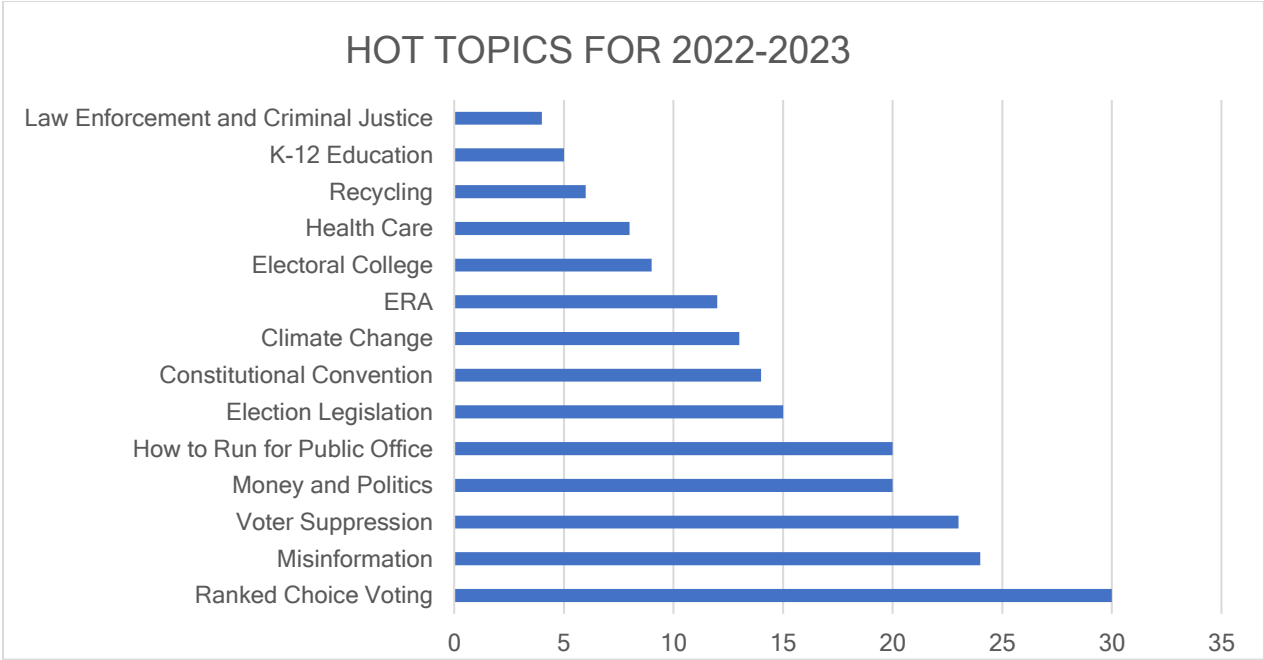
### TRADITIONAL ACTIVITIES NOT OFFERED THIS YEAR

Voter Services at Pioneer Home and  
Fairbanks Memorial Hospital  
Naturalization Ceremony New Citizen  
Registration

In order to carry out the full range of these activities, our League must depend on the efforts of the Board and the members. The survey asked members to rate the importance of our activities, so that the Board can prioritize activities based on membership interest. The activities marked with an asterisk are primarily carried out by a small number of dedicated members who sustain those activities.



Source: LWV of Tanana Valley member survey, March 2022.



Source: LWV of Tanana Valley member survey, March 2022.

## **Proposed Budget for 2022 – 2023**

Proposed Budget intentionally left blank. Copies sent to each LWVTV member.

The LWVTV fiscal year runs from April 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup> and our membership year runs from October 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>. The projected FY2021-2022 budget is primarily based on revenue and expenses incurred in FY2021-2022.

#### Revenue:

Revenue from membership dues was based on dues we received the prior year. Through a lot of hard work by one of our members, Janna Miller, we received a corporate gift, shown under *Grant Funding Sources*, from Alyeska for \$2,500 which will be deposited in the League of Women Voters Education Fund. The gift was to assist with voter education about ranked choice voting.

#### Expenses:

We are currently in the process to change the LWVTV IRS status from a 501 (c)(4) to a 501 (c)(3). Last year we budgeted \$1,290 but only spent \$600. This year we budgeted \$600 to complete the process. The current LWVTV website needs to be upgraded and \$1000 was set aside last year, unfortunately, due to time constraints this was not completed so the amount is again included in the budget. This was a similar situation for Board Development and was again included in the budget. This past year a lot of discussion occurred regarding liability insurance. We budgeted \$310 for this potential expense in the fiscal year. This year the LWVUS 2022 Convention will be held in person in Denver, Colorado. The budget includes funds for one person's registration fees, lodging and in-kind airfare. Historically the budget has not included lodging, but it was added this one time to encourage participation. Per member payment (PMP) for both the LWVAK and LWVUS was based on the composition of the 100 members we had as of 1/31/22.

#### Membership fees

Individual/Primary Member:	\$60
Family/Additional Member:	\$30
Student:	\$ 0
Lifetime:	\$ 0

**Motion: Approve the membership fees for FY2022-23 as shown.**

**Motion: Approve the FY2022-2023 Projected Budget**

## Proposed Changes and Amendments to the Bylaws and Nonpartisanship Statement

There were no proposed changes or amendments to the Bylaws and Nonpartisanship Statement.

## Report of the Nominating Committee

Nominated for Election May 14, 2022. Brief biographies of the nominees follow the list.

(Nominations can also be made from the floor.)

POSITION	NOMINEE	TERM
President	Janna Miller/Sue Sherif	22-23
Vice President	Helenmarie Matesi	22-23
Treasurer	David Weissman	22-24
Board Member	Sarah Evans	22-24
Board Member	Gayle Garrigues	22-24
Board Member	Cathy Hanks	22-24
Board Member	Bernardo Hernandez	22-23

NOMINATING COMMITTEE	NOMINEE	
Nominating Committee	Carol Ann Varner	1 year
Nominating Committee	Mary Lee Guthrie	1 year
Committee Board Member	Appointed after annual mtg.	1 year

### CONTINUING TERMS

Past President	Shari George	22-23
Secretary	Diane Lyon (continuing)	21-23
Board Member	Phyllis Darrah (continuing)	21-23

Board Member	Mary Galvan (continuing)	21-23
Board Member (Appointed-Membership)	Jean James	22-23

Submitted by:  
Nominating Committee for 2022 Annual Meeting  
Carol Ann Varner  
Linda Witt  
Sue Sherif

**Brief Biographies of Nominees**

**Janna Miller**

Janna Miller decided to become involved in local democracy after reading Alexis de Tocqueville's Democracy in America and having her eyes opened to what a unique, precious form of government we are fortunate to live under. She has enjoyed supporting the League's efforts to educate voters on a wide variety of topics, as well as the opportunity to meet a vivacious, inspiring group of League members. Her favorite thing about the FNSB is its support for parks and other outdoor experiences.

**Sue Sherif**

Sue is currently serving as League president and is interested in continuing as co-president because she believes the League of Women Voters has played an important role in voter education. She has served on the League of Women Voters Tanana Valley (LWVTV) board in a number of capacities and has been amazed that we have celebrated the 75th and 100th anniversary of women’s right to vote with League. Retired now, Sue had a long career as a librarian in all types of libraries, most recently the Alaska State Library. Travel and walking are her favorite activities. Now, she is looking forward to continuing and expanding our League’s collaborations with other community organizations and meeting the challenge to educate voters about ranked choice voting so that no one will stay at home on Election Day because they are afraid they won’t understand how to vote!

**David Weissman**

David was born and spent most of his life in the Philadelphia area, his last job in PA was a partner of a 90 person engineering firm. In 2008, he sold his shares and, with Ellen, moved to Alaska. It was supposed to be for two years. But, they fell in love with Fairbanks and are still here. David worked for Design Alaska, retiring from there in 2017. Since retirement,

David has volunteered as a docent at Museum of the North, a GED tutor with the Literacy Council and math tutor with the Laborers Union. While in PA David served on the board of directors of the Prekiomen Valley Watershed Conservancy, for many years and as board president for two years. Upon arriving in AK served on the board of Green Star of Interior Alaska for ten years and interim Executive Director for six months. David resigned, after three and a half years, from Friends of Creamer's Field board where he was involved with the financial committee and was the raffle lead for many years. He currently serves as board treasurer of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fairbanks (since 2016). David has always been interested and involved in the voting process, serving as poll worker for his local voting district in PA and here in FNSB for many years. He is passionate about getting more people involved in elections and voting. His father said to him, as a child, "If you don't vote, don't complain." It stuck with David ever since, he says "I want to be on the LWVTV board to work with others to get out the vote and educate voters. I also fully understand that a non-profit board has a fiduciary responsibility to the organization. I have been asked to become your board treasurer, I will work hard to maintain financial stability within the organization. Thank you for this opportunity to serve."

### **Bernardo Hernandez**

Bernardo is retired from the Fairbanks North Star Borough Community Planning Department, where he worked as Deputy Director and Director over a twenty-five year period. He is currently on the board of directors of Guys Read Gals Read Inc., where he chairs the fundraising committee. He has also been on the board of directors of the League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley this past year. Bernardo's hobbies include cross country skiing, playing guitar and gardening. He would like to continue to serve on the board for another year because he believes in the League's mission of defending democracy, and encouraging and empowering people to vote.

### **Helenmarie Matesi**

Helenmarie was born into a civil rights activist family in St. Louis Mo. She holds degrees in Early Childhood and Adult Health Programs. In 1976 Helenmarie settled in Fairbanks and that has been her primary home ever since. Her working life has been spent teaching both children and adults. She has lived in the bush, loves the great outdoors and now in retirement is practicing metalsmithing. In addition, Helenmarie serves on the executive board of the Fairbanks Chapter of the NAACP and leads the Diversity Committee for the LWVTV.

### **Gayle Garrigues**

Gayle is a lifelong resident of Alaska. She graduated from UAF and returned to Fairbanks in 1987 and resided there since. She is a retired attorney who worked primarily for the State Department of Law. Emphasis was prosecution of sex crimes and child protection. Gayle enjoys woodworking, gardening, and outdoors.



**Sarah Evans**

Sarah has lived in Fairbanks for the last six years, recently joining League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley to remain apprised of current policies relevant to our borough, as well as advocate for the health and wellness of our community. Her favorite part of living in the Fairbanks North Star Borough is the shared spirit of adventure and passion for life in the Interior.

**Cathy Hanks**

I am a retired geoscience professor who has lived, worked and voted in Alaska since 1981. I have long appreciated the work of the League of Women Voters in promoting election literacy and civil discourse in our community and would like to be part of that effort. The upcoming change in Alaska's election method will be a challenge in many ways and I look forward to being involved in promoting an informed and fair process.



# STATE BOARD REPORTS

## LWVAK President's Report

During the last twelve months the League of Women Voters of Alaska continued its support of Making Democracy Work. This year brought the stresses involved in a continuing pandemic and just recently of, what some are calling, a proxy war with Russia. Many experts see a trend toward autocracy in many areas of the world, adding to our pledge to Make Democracy Work.

In defense of that League goal, the Central Kenai Peninsula League held an event that included the showing of the film Reunited followed by a discussion. The film concerned the current state of division apparent in our democracy, and LWVAK assisted the CKP League with some of the Voting Rights/Democracy grant money received from LWVUS.

We have become virtual event makers and found after the initial shock of the pandemic restrictions, that we could attend a wide variety of such events from reliable sources that joined us in our efforts to Make Democracy work. Over the year I attended approximately 8 State Leaders meetings, 12 Voting Rights Grants meetings with LWVUS staff and other League participants, one LWVUS restructuring meeting (which Leah Edward, LWVUS liaison, will bring you up-to-date on at Convention), one meeting on Diversity-Equality-Inclusion policy, and a Lobby Corps meeting or two. I also attended two virtual events on Ranked Choice Voting training, including info from FairVotes, a good source on RCV. I also discovered that other state Leagues were holding virtual events: I caught two—one from LWV Portland on Misleading News and another from LWVNYC on Critical Race Theory.

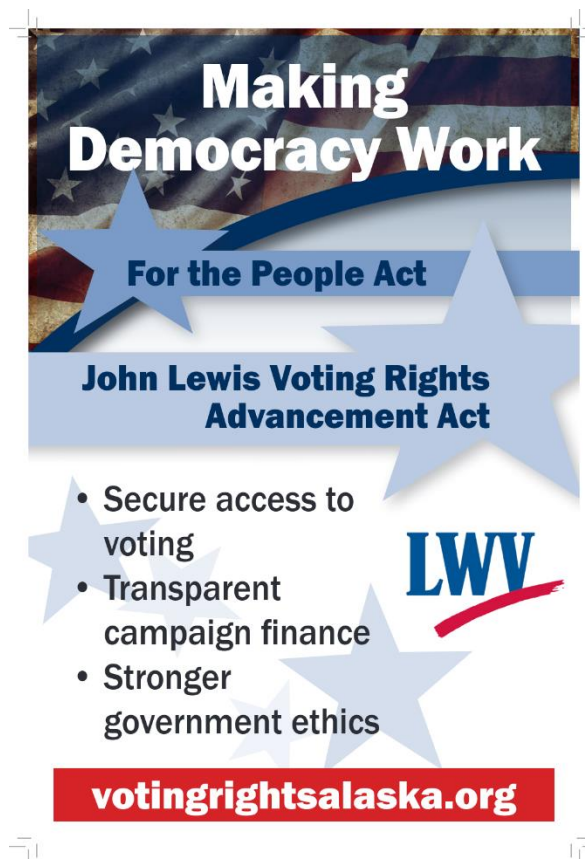
We worked on the LWVUS grant that supported the For the People Act (voting rights reforms) and Making Democracy Work. When the For the People Act was revised to the Freedom to Vote Act, we met with Senator Murkowski via ZOOM to discuss this bill. After this meeting, I read through the bill (812 pages) and pointed out in a six-page response how the bill supports many of the aspects of Alaska's current election processes. Unfortunately, the bill has not been passed due to the belief (wrongly, I believe) that the bill attempts to federalize elections. My answer to that is that it is the federal government's responsibility to assure that all eligible citizens have the unencumbered right to vote. This is a bill that the League has heavily supported at all levels, and the fight will go on.

We had a request from an Alaskan League member (Carolyn Brown), who has been active in healthcare reform, to consider a concurrence vote on a resolution that would update the LWVUS position on healthcare. After discussing the concurrence statement, which allows the issue to be brought up at the LWVUS Convention in June, the LWVAK agreed to support this effort along with each of our local Leagues.

We addressed several bills that came up in the Alaska Legislature this fall. Three letters of concern or support were issued. The omnibus voting security bill, SB 167, was of concern as it generally made it more difficult to vote, canceled the automatic voter registration of the PFD, and focused much on the notion that election fraud is rampant. Campaign finance was also a matter of concern given the Supreme Court's decision to strike down the current donation limits. We wrote a letter of support for the two bills that were in the House, one of which passed out of the House and is now in the Senate. We were asked to write a letter by Mom's Against Gun Violence in support for the bill concerning Safe Gun Storage ( ). Time will tell if these bills have a chance of passing.

I also attended a Brennan Center virtual event not related to the League. Here I learned a new work—anocracy: a system of government that is not fully democratic or autocratic, but rather has characteristics of both types. Some believe the United States falls into this category. This is a goal for the League to cherish in the work before them, the continuing effort to Make Democracy Work.

Submitted by Judy Andree, President  
League of Women Voters of Alaska 2021 – 2022



## 2022 LWVAK Annual Convention Report - April 23, 2022

Called to order by Judy Andree

Delegates from all four locals present, 31 members present

Leah Edwards spoke. Leah is a board member of LWVUSA and the board liaison to Alaska. As board liaison she is to provide support to local and state LWV.

Leah pointed out the LWVUSA emphasis is the need for a 1) national voting standard to ensure fair voting for all and, 2) ensure equal rights for all, that is, passage of the ERA.

National board is working to strengthen membership, and diversity of members, LWVUSA board has a task force which is seeking to grow membership through four tasks. 1) improve communication between national and state/locals; 2) develop and grow membership across diverse communities; 3) build and increase capacity of state LWV; 4) Reduce the administrative burden on state and locals and have more of the dues stay in state and locals.

Board will develop online registration system, a one stop place.

Carolyn Brown briefly spoke and noted a provision regarding universal health care will be discussed at National convention in July.

Each Local noted the top two projects of last year.

A presentation from division of elections

A presentation from Defend Our Constitution, a bipartisan, statewide group opposing a Constitutional Convention noted the constitution may be amended three ways, 1) the legislature may convene, 2) amendment through legislative proposal and statewide voter approval, 3) the vote every ten years

They oppose, as a convention one would open the whole constitution to change, subject to approval by voters. It would be 1) expensive, \$17 million 2) create social economic and legal uncertainty, 3) stymie investment, 4) affect the ability to hire and retain persons in Alaska.

A poll in October 2021, majority voted yes.

Submitted by Gayle Garrigues

***“Someone struggled for your right to vote. Use it.”***  
***Susan B. Anthony***

# LOCAL LEAGUE REPORTS

## Book Club

The League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley sponsors a non-fiction book discussion group ten months of the year. We chat on the second Saturday morning of the month with no discussions in August and December. In June we select books for the next twelve months starting in September. Until Covid, we met inside at the Noel Wien Library from 10 am until about 11:30 am. This year we relied on Zoom organized by Gael Murakami until the May 2022 meeting when we finally began meeting in person again. Donna Dinsmore leads the discussions. Seven to twelve members join in; one advantage to a Zoom discussion is that we have readers who do not live in Alaska anymore or may be on a winter vacation from the Fairbanks/North Pole area. Books this year were:

American Nations: A History of the Eleven  
Rival Regional Cultures of North American

by Colin Woodard

On Tyranny by Timothy Snyder

Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent by

Isabel Wilkerson

The Truths We Hold by Kamala Harris

Nomadland by Jessica Bruder

The Codebreaker - Jessica Doudna, Gene  
Editing, and the Future of the Human Race

by Walter Isaacson

The Last Giant of Beringia: The Mystery of  
the Bering Land Bridge by Dan O'Neill

Lethal Passage by Erick Larson

Free Lunch by Rex Ogle

Coming in 2023 is the twentieth year of the Book Club. The list of books and notices of gatherings are posted on the LWVTV website.

Submitted by Joan Soutar

## Voting and Equal Rights Activities

### Juneteenth

Several members attended the online Juneteenth celebration, A Celebration of Freedom, hosted by the Greater Fairbanks Branch of the NAACP - Unit 1001 on June 19, 2021. Juneteenth is a celebration which commemorates African American freedom, emphasizes education, highlights the lives and accomplishments of African American leaders and role models throughout history. It is a time of family and community gathering to emphasize strengths of African American culture, as well as an opportunity



We celebrate Juneteenth and support

- For the People Act
- Equal Rights Amendment
- John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act

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to express a sense of heritage and pride. We also showed our support of equal rights and voting rights with a poster that was exhibited online.

Submitted by Shari George

## Redistricting Forum

The once-a-decade process of redistricting legislative districts began in 2021. In October, LWVTV sponsored a virtual meeting that highlighted four “third party” redistricting proposals. The Alaska Redistricting Board initially announced two possible plans but also “adopted” four other plans proposed by citizen groups for public consideration. Because the Redistricting Board had an active website and had invested in publicity for public input to their plans, we decided to provide a program that was an examination of the four alternative plans while public hearings were taking place around the state including Fairbanks. Guest speakers included Sarah Obed and Marna Sanford representing the “Doyon plan,” Steve Colligan and Rudy Ruedrich speaking for Alaskans for Fair and Equitable Elections, Robin O’Donoghue for Alaskans for Fair Redistricting, and Senator Tom Begich for the Senate Minority Caucus Plan.

In November, the Redistricting Board ultimately chose one of their own plans with a few modifications influenced by some of the alternate plans, but that plan was deemed by the



Alaska Supreme Court to exhibit elements of political gerrymandering and was sent back for revision in January 2022. A second proposed plan by the redistricting body was also contested and at this time is being considered by the courts.

Submitted by Sue Sherif

## Chats with the Interior Delegation

Shari George’s scheduling efforts resulted in our series of informal chats with legislators via Zoom featured late November - early December sessions with Senator Scott Kawasaki, Senator Robert Meyers, Representative Bart LeBon, Representative Mike Prax, and Representative Grier Hopkins. Despite the busy holiday season, we had a screenful of Zoom participants at each session where we were able to present our League concerns about voter legislation, the 2022 Constitutional Convention ballot measure, and the lack of a sustainable fiscal plan for Alaska. The delegation members gave their insights and viewpoints on the first two topics, but none offered optimism about a resolution to our continuing fiscal dilemmas in the 2022 session. As Janna Miller commented that the sessions reminded her how lucky we are to live in a community where we can have that type of contact with our elected representatives.

The sessions with legislators have evolved over the years from dinners or wine and cheese events with the Interior delegation to in-person office visits to the lawmakers' Fairbanks and North Pole offices to the hallmark of the pandemic years, the Zoom meeting. The contact with the Interior Delegation was particularly meaningful this year, because the State League's long-time legislative analyst retired, so we no longer receive the weekly, detailed legislative "Capitol Currents" reports from Juneau.

Submitted by Sue Sherif

**Get Out the Native Vote (GOTNV)**

We continue to participate with the local, nonpartisan GOTNV group seeking to understand voting participation, inspire more widespread voting, reach pre-voting age through adult citizens with education and encouragement, inform candidates and mobilize Alaska Native voters. We partner with GOTNV on events and activities when appropriate and champion the mission with GOTNV buttons, stickers, bookmarks, and other promotional items.

Submitted by Shari George

**Ranked Choice Voting**

The League began its ranked choice voting voter education efforts this spring with an invitation from Fairbanks Retired Teachers Association to speak at their February monthly meeting. Other groups soon followed: NAACP, Kiwanis, and Rotary, with several others pending. Attendees have a great deal of interest in the topic and ask excellent questions. The material has been presented virtually, in person, and as a hybrid. We will continue to offer all three options. A presentation was created that may be used by any League member interested in educating voters. Six members have been trained to date and more are welcome.

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*Optional Write-in: Write their name on the "write- in line" and fill their oval in the column of your choice.*

Alyeska Pipeline offered to financially support our efforts and recently granted funds to purchase a laptop and projector. They will also advertise for us and defray transportation expenses when we visit other communities.

Seven members have volunteered to make presentations to other community groups as part of this campaign of voter education.

The voter education campaign's urgency increased with Congressman Young's death. Alaska's first open primary in decades will occur on June 11, for our congressional seat only,

with the associated special general election on August 16. This is also the date of the regularly scheduled open primary to be followed by the regular general election on November 8. Both the special and regular general elections will use ranked choice voting.

Submitted by Janna Miller

## Election Activities

### Fairbanks Get Out the Vote Rally



Partnering with the Fairbanks Education Association, NAACP, Get Out the Native Vote (GOTNV), and Kids Voting, LWVTV members participated in a Get Out the Vote Rally at Veteran's Park on September 19, 2021. The event theme was: Educate, Motivate, Participate. Member Martha Raynolds gave a short talk that introduced LWV, discussed the importance of each vote especially in mid-term elections, offered resources available to voters from the Division of Elections and LWVTV. The focus of the

gathering was to provide attendees with resources from a variety of organizations who were all trying to increase voter turnout. At our table we had information on ways to vote, offered voter registration services and passed out Vote Local postcards provided by the local Clerks.

Submitted by Martha Raynolds

### Local Candidate Forum

Partnering with the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner and KUAC-FM, we hosted a local candidate forum on September 24, 2021, at the FNSB Assembly Chambers. Candidates for the FNSB School District, FNSB Assembly, City of Fairbanks City Council, and mayors for the FNSB and City of North Pole were in-person and online. LWVTV members Diane Lyon and Janna Miller, Gary Black (Managing Editor of the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner), and Robyn from KUAC-FM posed questions to the candidates. The forum had an in-person audience, was live-streamed by KUAC-FM and recorded. Both KUAC and LWVTV hosted the recording for later listening. The Fairbanks Daily News-Miner made a significant contribution by providing all the newspaper advertising.



Submitted by Shari George



## Public Education Events

### Tanana Valley State Fair

This year's fair activities included publicizing the October 5<sup>th</sup> local elections and providing applications for absentee ballots, promoting the Alaska's Suffrage Star exhibit at the public library in September, registering new voters or voters who needed to change their addresses, and giving fairgoers, young and old a chance to practice Ranked Choice Voting.

Our booth showed a new public face with newly produced pull-up banners promoting League's goals and activities on behalf of voters. These 4 banners, produced by Shari George, took the place of our decades-old and unwieldy plywood booth. A new white board meant that the daily tabulations of the practice vote were much more legible to passers-by.

Even though overall fair attendance just met the modest figures of the 2019 fair, the participation in our Ranked Choice Voting practice, open to kids and adults alike, was almost double the participation in recent fair straw polls.

Both children and adult fairgoers voted Ice Cream Treats, a candidate of the Moo Party, as their Favorite Fun Fair Food. Adult voters, who practiced using a Ranked Choice Voting ballot at the League of Women Voters booth at the Tanana Valley Fair, voted Ice Cream as their first choice in the first round, but Elephant Ears of the Sweet Party was a very close

<b>Favorite Fun Fair Food</b> <b>Adult Results</b> <b>League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley</b> <b>August 10, 2021</b>					ADULT BALLOT TABULATION			
					TOTAL VOTES CAST = 761			
					50% + 1 = 381 Needed to win in first round.			
					Spoiled Ballots = 12			
The Candidates	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	CANDIDATES	1 <sup>st</sup> Votes- Round 1	+ #4 2 <sup>nd</sup> Choices	Round 2 Totals
Cotton Candy (Sweet Party)	69	104	164	352	ICE CREAM	275	37	312
Ice Cream Treats (Moo Party)	275	243	162	41	ELEPHANT EARS	261	14	275
Turkey Leg (Paleo Party)	156	173	199	180	TURKEY LEGS	156	14	170
Elephant Ears (Sweet Party)	261	221	179	91	COTTON CANDY	69		
TOTAL = 761 ballots					CANDIDATES	Totals- Round 2	+ #3 Nexts	Round 3 Totals
97 ballots < 4 choices					ICE CREAM	312	96	408
19 ballots = 1 choice only					ELEPHANT EARS	275	63	338
					TURKEY LEGS	170		
					(11 spent ballots)			
					**ADULT WINNER = ICE CREAM TREATS**			
					Adults elected Ice Cream Treats. Elephant Ears was a contender, but did not attract enough votes among the Turkey Legs fans to pull off an upset. Adult voters roundly rejected Cotton Candy of the Sweet Party, while giving fellow Sweet Party candidate Elephant Ears enough votes to capture up the runner-up position.			

second choice. Cotton candy, also of the Sweet Party, got a firm thumbs down from the adult voters. Because Ice Cream did not garner a true majority (50% + 1 vote) in the first round, the second-choice votes of the small group of adult cotton candy fans, were redistributed, but still there was not a clear winner. In a third round, the third place Turkey Legs voters' next choice votes were redistributed to the top two candidates, and finally Ice Cream appeared as a clear majority of the total votes cast and won the election.

The young voters also chose Ice Cream Treats as their winner, but in a much more tightly run race. In the initial round, Cotton Candy was the kids first choice, but failed to garner a true majority. Eventually after Turkey Legs (4<sup>th</sup> place) and Elephant Ears (3<sup>rd</sup> place) were eliminated, the final saw Ice Cream pull ahead to win the election.

KID'S Favorite Fun Fair Food

- Rank Your Choices-

1. Vote for your favorite food as 1<sup>st</sup>. Mark the box.

2. Mark your second favorite in the 2<sup>nd</sup> box.

Mark a food 3<sup>rd</sup> and another food 4<sup>th</sup> if you want.

3. Check to make sure you mark only one choice per column and one per row.

4. Ask for a new ballot if you make a mistake.

Fun Fair Foods	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Cotton Candy (Sweet Party)	87	65	39	32
Ice Cream Treats (Moo Party)	74	96	45	6
Turkey Leg (Paleo Party)	19	22	53	107
Elephant Ears (Sweet Party)	52	39	74	54

WINNER! = ICE CREAM TREATS

TOTAL VOTES CAST = 232

2 spoiled

Needed to win in 1<sup>st</sup> round:

50% + 1

= 117

CANDIDATES	1 <sup>st</sup> Votes- Round 1	+ #4 2nds	Round 2 Totals
Cotton Candy	87	5	92
Ice Cream	74	7	81
Elephant Ears	52	7	59
Turkey Legs	19		

CANDIDATES	Totals- Round 2	+ #3 Nexts	Round 3 Totals
Cotton Candy	92	16	108
Ice Cream	81	39	120
Elephant Ears	59		

Less than 4 choices = 32

Most fairgoers were able to complete their ballots with no problems. Of almost 1000 voters in the practice poll, under 10% chose to rank less than 4 choices and just a few people chose to vote for just one candidate, as is an option under the new procedure. The number of new voters registered continued the downward trend in numbers since Motor Voter and PFD voter registration began.

Bernardo Hernandez managed the fair booth during its 10-day run, set up, clean up and took stints at the booth as well. Despite the continuing presence of COVID in our world, masked volunteers filled all shifts with two booth sitters in most time slots. Not only was the RCV activity a learning experience for fairgoers, but also for League in tabulating an RCV ballot for the first time.

Another first: this year we had 100% participation in training amongst members and one potential member. The training for booth activities and voter registration was offered in three Zoom sessions and one individual training by phone for one member with poor bandwidth.

Huge thanks go to everyone who made this activity possible by volunteering for shifts and especially to Shari George, Jennifer Schmidt, Meg Nordale, and Mary Lee and Dale Guthrie.

Submitted by Sue Sherif

### Alaska’s Suffrage Star Exhibit at the FNSB Public Library

Alaska's Suffrage Star, an LWV-sponsored exhibit from the Alaska State Museum, told the story of the first steps toward Alaska's women's right to vote and highlighted early Alaskan



women's voting-rights activists. The exhibit was placed all around the library. LWVTV mounted a display at the entrance to the library highlighting the history of voting rights activists and the Suffrage Movement in the United States. The display was designed by Mary Lee Guthrie and was at the library during the entire month of September. We were fortunate to have period costumes loaned by the Fairbanks

Light Opera Theater to anchor the space. Contributions made by members, the LWV of Alaska and the Fairbanks Branch of the American Association of University Women among others made the exhibit possible.

Submitted by Sue Sherif and Shari George

### **Catch a Breath – A free webinar on air quality in the Interior**

We hosted a lively and very informative public discussion on air quality in the Interior during a public webinar held on February 15, 2022. Dr. Owen Hanley, local physician and pulmonologist, set the foundation with why we should care. He gave great information on the health effects of poor air quality that go way beyond damage to our lungs. From our first breath we are affected by the quality of the air we breathe. Nick Czarnecki, FNSB Air Quality manager followed with a description of the Borough's air quality programs, some statistics collected by the Borough, resources for citizens and programs for citizens. We then heard from Chad Schumacher, General Manager of Aurora Energy Solutions with a discussion on options for local citizens to work towards better air quality with products from the wood drying kiln and the latest on wood pellets. Jason Olds, State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Air Quality, then spoke on what DEC is doing, key things the public should know, plans and information on violations and follow up. We rounded out the presentations with Dr. Bill Simpson, Professor of Chemistry at UAF with special expertise in environmental and atmospheric chemistry who spoke on the ALPACA project (**A**laska **L**ayered **P**ollution and **C**hemical **A**nalysis) going on right now to help answer community questions by understanding pollution in the cold and dark.

There were many questions from the audience and great information was shared by this knowledgeable group. The webinar was presented live on Zoom and Facebook and a recording is available through our website or on our Facebook page.



Submitted by Shari George

### Mush for Kids

League was invited to attend Mush for Kids on April 2, 2022, to share information about ranked choice voting. The event typically attracts about 2,500 people, including about 1,000 adults. Four League members volunteered for two two-hour shifts. We set up a table with yellow ballots for kids and white one for adults. People were invited to rank their favorite winter activities: dog mushing, sledding, hockey, and cross-country skiing. It was challenging to communicate with our masks on and very energetic musicians nearby, but 36 adults and 42 kids did learn how to complete a ballot.

The adult response was almost unanimously positive that League was there to educate voters. Some people were familiar with the process, some were eager to learn and try it out, and a few were surprised to hear about it or disagree with it and didn't care to try.



If you're curious, among the adults dog mushing was the leader after initial vote counting but it lacked a majority of votes. After ranking voters' choices, mushing, and sledding ended up tying for the win. In an actual election, the tie would be decided with a coin toss per Alaska state law. For the kids, the initial leader was also dog mushing. But after completing the ranked choice process, the ultimate winner was sledding. Hockey and skiing were never serious contenders for either group.

Submitted by Janna Miller.

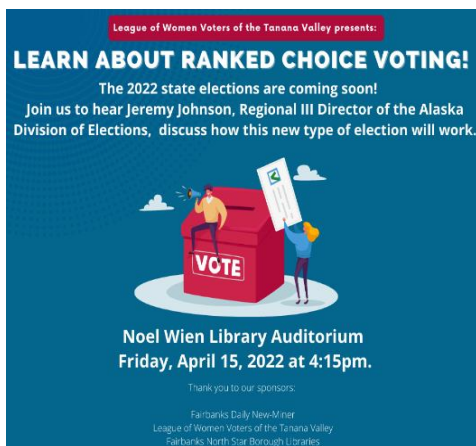


## Citizenship Celebration

The Literacy Council hosted a citizenship celebration on August 20, 2021, at Pioneer Park. LWVTV members Diane Lyon, Sue McHenry, Janna Miller, and Cathy Hanks were there. The new citizens and their families had plenty of enthusiasm despite the cool, drippy weather. They were very interested in registering to vote and did so on the spot. We handed out information, pins, and cards about the upcoming election. At least one of them was glad to learn about the upcoming candidate forum as she is eager to be an informed voter.



## Learn About Ranked Choice Voting!



On April 15, 2022, at 4:15 pm, Jeremy Johnson gave a presentation on Ranked Choice Voting at the Noel Wien Auditorium. The presentation was co-sponsored by Fairbanks North Star Borough Libraries and the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner. The event was very well publicized by ads in the Daily News-Miner and public service announcements on KUAC. Shari George opened the meeting by introducing Mr. Johnson and sharing the mission of the LWV. There were about 50 people in attendance. After the presentation there were several good questions fielded by Mr. Johnson signaling a need for

further education about Ranked Choice Voting in the community.

The presentation concluded at 5:30 PM. David Wiseman and Bernardo Hernandez helped set up the room. Sue Sherif organized the co-sponsorships and Clare Hill prepared the public service announcements.

Submitted by Bernardo Hernandez

## FNSB Salaries and Emoluments Commission

LWVTV member Shari George served as the Chair of the Commission during meetings held in December 2021 and January 2022. The five-member commission advises the FNSB Assembly as to appropriate compensation, including salaries, benefits, and allowances of any elected official (FNSB mayor, assembly, school board, IGU). Although not an official LWVTV activity, the Commission is appreciative of representation by a nonpartisan organization and a LWVTV member has served on the commission for many years.

Submitted by Shari George

# LWVTV NONPARTISANSHIP POLICY AND OTHER GUIDELINES

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, politically active organization. While we do not support or oppose any political party or candidate, we welcome members of all political parties and independents to our membership. We also take action on government measures and policies in the public interest. Because League membership is made up of highly motivated and active people, it is sometimes difficult for League members and for the public to separate an individual member's commitment to League's nonpartisan policy and the individual's personal commitment to a party or issue. To avoid potential conflicts, this policy statement was adopted by the Board of the League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley.

Interpretation of individual policies may be made by the Board. The Board may wish to advertise its nonpartisan policy.

## POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

It is an advantage for the League to have politically active members. All League members must take responsibility for clearly differentiating between their personal opinions and League positions. They shall not distribute League material at the same time as material for a party or candidate.

- a. Non-Board members are encouraged to participate fully in the party of their choice at all levels of activity.
- b. Board members shall not undertake any action which will cause the League to be identified publicly as supporting any candidate for office or any political party.
  1. Board members may not hold the offices of chair, vice chair, treasurer or secretary of party district or state committees, or hold the office of national committeeperson.
  2. Individuals on the Board (except President, Vice President, Treasurer and Voter Service Chair) may consider accepting other party offices with the concurrence of the Board.

## CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS

League members are encouraged to participate in political campaigns and to run for election to office. The political activities of a spouse or relative of a board member are to be considered as separate and distinct from the activities of the board member.

- a. Board Members
  1. May not run for elective office including such local offices as mayor, borough assembly, city council or school board.
  2. May not serve as campaign chair or treasurer for any of the positions listed above.

3. With the exception of the President, Vice President, and Voter Service Chair, may campaign for ballot issues on which the League has no position.
  4. May not be associated publicly with ballot issues in opposition to League positions.
  5. May run for nonpartisan elective offices such as charter commissions and delegate to a constitutional convention.
- b. The President, Vice President, and Voter Service Chair
1. May not endorse, publicize, nor work for any local, state, or national partisan candidate.
  2. May not campaign for ballot issues on which the League has no position.
  3. May not hold or actively seek an elective office.
  4. May not have an official position in a party organization, or in an organization endorsing candidates for public office.
  5. May not participate conspicuously in campaigns for individuals in such a way as to publicly identify the League member with said individual. This includes but is not limited to the display of yard signs, bumper stickers and buttons for a candidate.
  6. May not contribute conspicuously to any candidate or party in such a way as to identify the League member with said individual.
  7. May not publicly speak at party organization meetings (Attendance and voting for precinct officials are encouraged.)
  8. May not carry a petition for a candidate, or for an issue on which League has no position, or a conflicting position.
  9. May not host or take an active part at an event or rally for candidates of one party. (Attendance is encouraged.)

## **PUBLIC BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

If the League is asked to recommend someone to represent League on a commission, that person must speak for League and be accountable to the Board. If not asked for a recommendation, League may wish to recommend individuals for certain commissions. The Board should determine in each case whether the person will speak as an individual or for the League. Even if a commission member represents the League, the Board is not bound to support the recommendations of the commission. In all cases where individuals represent League, whether on a commission or giving testimony, the Board should be sure that the individual understands League's position on the issue.

## **COALITIONS**

League may join coalitions while taking action on any issue, at the discretion of the Board. If the coalition endorses candidates or becomes involved in other issues as well, the Board may issue a statement disassociating itself from those aspects of the coalition.

## DUES AND MEMBERSHIP POLICIES

- a. A dues notice will be sent to each member one month before renewal date. If there is not a response, at least one additional notice will be sent.
- b. Lapsed Membership - There may be a grace period at the discretion of the Board, but a nonpaying member shall not remain on the membership roll beyond one day before the date on which the League of Women Voters US collects membership data for Per Member Payment purposes. The Membership Chair or a designated Board member will attempt to make personal contact with the lapsed member and discuss a dues waiver, if appropriate.
- c. Dues Waiver- A dues waiver may be given at the discretion of the Board for any interested parties on limited income who wish to participate actively in League work. Names of interested parties may be submitted by any League member to the membership chair who shall bring them before the Board for confirmation of waiver.
- d. Household Membership - When two or more members reside at the same address in a common household, the dues shall be the full amount for one member and one-half the amount for each additional member.
- e. New Citizen Introductory Member - As a means of actively involving new citizens in the governmental process, League (the membership chair) may give a free one-year membership to new citizens who show interest in League.

Adopted 1979; Last amended May 2021.



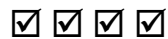


# POSITION STATEMENTS – LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TANANA VALLEY

## General Local Government

### Statement of Position

The League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley believes that local government is needed to protect the rights and needs of residents, and to provide services for the common good. A sample of services that local government delivers includes public education, public libraries, planning, platting and land use regulation, transportation systems, water and air pollution control, economic development, waste disposal, and animal regulation. Local government should be accountable to the people in the performance of functions, exercise of powers and use of resources.



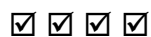
Adopted 1968; Revised 1987; Reaffirmed 1988, 1991; Reviewed 2015; Reaffirmed 2016, 2017; Revised 2018 adopting new wording; Reaffirmed 2019, 2020; recommended for review 2021 (members noted differences between city and borough powers).

## Planning and Zoning

### Statement of Position

The League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley believes that a comprehensive Land Use Plan is essential to ensure orderly development, save green spaces, plan for future public facilities and to encourage industrial and business growth in specifically designated areas. Regulatory measures to maintain the Plan must:

- Provide for periodic review of the Comprehensive Plan.
- Provide for citizen input before any changes to the Plan take effect.
- Ensure cooperative planning between the Planning and Zoning Commission and the School Board on future school needs and locations of schools.
- Provide for environmental review of any new facility which will draw heavy traffic or have a large parking area.
- Ensure that the integrity of the Plan will not be compromised by frequent small changes or variances.



Adopted 1969; Revised 1979, 1987; Reaffirmed 1988, 1991; Reviewed 2015; Reaffirmed 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021.

## **Boards, Commissions and Committees**

### **Statement of Position**

The League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley believes in the participation of citizens in their government. Appointed boards, commissions and committees serve as liaisons between the community and their elected officials. As such, they should be reflective of the composition of the community with adequate representation from both urban and rural areas. Selection procedures for boards, commissions and committees should be standardized and advertised to encourage the widest possible citizen participation. The names of current board, commission and committee members should be published periodically.

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Adopted 1979; Reaffirmed 1986; Revised 1988; Reaffirmed 1988; Reviewed 2015; Reaffirmed 2016, 2017, 2018; Revised 2019; Reaffirmed 2020, 2021.

## **Conflict of Interest**

### **Statement of Position**

The League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley supports clear and concise conflict of interest legislation to govern all councils, assemblies, boards, commissions and committees. Such provisions should contain:

- A clear definition of what constitutes conflict of interest.
- A procedure for members to declare conflict of interest.
- A procedure by which the body decides if conflict of interest does exist and the extent of disqualification in each case.
- A provision that all declarations of conflict of interest and all pertinent discussion must be reflected in the minutes.

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Adopted 1978; Revised 1987; Reaffirmed 1988, 1991; Reviewed 2015; Reaffirmed 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021.

## **Road Service Area**

### **Statement of Position**

The League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley supports the following policies regarding service areas:

- All citizens in the Borough should be able to form, or be included in, a road service area for their neighborhood.
- Borough costs for administration of road service areas should be borne by the residents/property owners within those areas. Each service area should pay a basic flat fee, plus an additional fee which would vary according to the amount of service required.

- To make consolidation of road service areas more attractive, differential tax rates within service areas should be considered when there are differences in population density, property valuation, lot size, soil conditions or service philosophy.
- To ensure that service areas will function in an efficient, responsive and accountable manner it is essential that procedures and regulations be enforced consistently.

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Adopted 1986; Revised 1987; Reaffirmed 1988, 1991; Revised 2000; Reviewed 2015; Reaffirmed 2016; 2017 – 2018 under review for clarification; 2019 recommended for revision; 2020, 2021 continued review.

## Nondiscrimination

### Statement of Position

The League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley believes that equality of opportunity is foundational to the spirit of the Republic. We are committed to diversity, equality and inclusion in principle and in practice. We oppose discrimination whether based on race, color, religion, sex, marital status, changes in marital status, pregnancy, parenthood, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, military service, ethnicity or national origin. We support equal rights under federal, state and local laws. We endorse ordinances and legislation that guarantee equal justice under the law in employment, housing and realty, credit, public places and services, public accommodation and education. Such laws and ordinances promote social equity while rejecting prejudice, bigotry, and oppression. They strengthen our community and help society in creating a more perfect democracy.

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Adopted 2020; Reaffirmed 2021.



# ANNUAL CALENDAR AND BYLAWS

## SUMMARY - LWVTV

Terms of Office	
2 years	Secretary, Treasurer, Elected Directors
1 year	President, Vice President, Appointed Directors
Odd-numbered years	Election of Secretary
Even-numbered years	Election of Treasurer
Annual Timeline	
4 times per year	Minimum number of meetings with membership
9 times per year	Minimum number of meetings of the Board
February 1	Membership count for purpose of determining quorum
January or February	Board appoints bylaws committee (3 mos. before Annual Meeting) Board appoints budget committee (2 mos.. before Annual Meeting)
February or March	Deadline for voting members to make recommendations to Board about Program
April 1	Fiscal year begins
April 1 – May 30	Annual Meeting held
30 days before Annual Meeting	Call to Annual Meeting including proposed program, proposed budget, nominating committee report, proposed by-laws changes
2 wks before Ann. Mtg	Changes to proposed program due to altered conditions
Annual Meeting	Election of officers. Select local issues for study or action. Annual report of the Treasurer. Election of ½ the Board. Report of the Nominating Committee. Membership vote on proposed budget. Membership vote on bylaws changes.
Close of Annual Meeting	Terms of new officers begin. Terms of appointed directors expire. Appointment of one non-elected members to nominating committee (may be later)
Board meeting before National	Board selects delegates to national conference
Meeting before State	Board selects delegates to the state conference
30 days before membership expiration	Treasurer sends renewal notices.

# BYLAWS - LWVTV

## ARTICLE I

### Name

Sec. 1. The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters of Tanana Valley (LWVTV). This local League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of Alaska (LWVAK) and the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS).

## ARTICLE II

### Purpose and Policy

Sec. 1. Purpose. The purpose of the League of Women Voters of Tanana Valley is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

Sec. 2. Political Policy. The League shall not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

Sec. 3 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. The League is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and in practice. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are central to the organization's current and future success in engaging all individuals, households, communities, and policy makers in creating a more perfect democracy. Membership is open to all who support the principles of the LWVUS. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of race, gender, ethnicity, age, religion, sexual orientation or expression, ability status, political perspective or affiliation and/or any other characteristic that can be identified as recognizing or illustrating diversity .

## ARTICLE III

### Membership

Sec. 1. Eligibility. Any person who subscribes to the purpose and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership.

Sec. 2. Types of Membership. The membership of the League shall be composed of voting members and associate members.

- a. Voting members shall be those citizens at least 16 years of age who are enrolled in the League at the local, state, or national level and whose dues are not delinquent; members who have been enrolled in the League for 50 years or more shall be Life members and shall not be required to pay annual dues.
- b. All others who enroll in the League shall be associate members.

## ARTICLE IV

### Officers

Sec. 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers. The officers of the League of Women Voters of Tanana Valley shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Past President. The President and Vice President shall be elected to a term of one year, and the Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected for terms of two years. All directly elected officers shall be elected by the General Membership at an Annual Meeting, and all officers shall take office at the close of the Annual Meeting. The Secretary shall be elected in odd-numbered years. The Treasurer shall be elected in even-numbered years. The President and Vice

President shall be elected annually. If the Nominating Committee recommends and the membership so approves, the President position may be held by two Co-Presidents. The Past President is not elected but is the immediate past president available to serve.

Sec.2. President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the Board of Directors. The President may, in the absence or disability of the Treasurer, sign or endorse checks, drafts and notes. The President may be, ex officio, a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee and shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of the President and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board.

Sec.3. Vice President. The Vice President shall endeavor to gain familiarity with the President's duties and responsibilities. The Vice President shall, in the event of absence, disability or death of the President, possess all the powers and perform all the duties of that office, until such time as the Board of Directors shall select one of its members to fill the vacancy. The Vice President shall perform such other duties as may be designated by the President and the Board.

Sec.4. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all Annual Meetings of the League and of all meetings of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall notify all officers and directors of meetings of the Board and shall sign, with the President, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board and shall perform such other functions as may be incident to the office.

Sec.5. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due and shall be the custodian of these moneys, depositing them in a bank designated by the Board of Directors, and disbursing the same only upon the order of the Board. The Treasurer shall present quarterly statements to the Board at their regular meetings and an annual report to the Annual Meeting.

Sec. 6. Past President. The Past President shall serve as a consultant to the President and advisor to the Board regarding League policy and procedure. The Past President shall be a voting member of the Board.

## ARTICLE V

### Board of Directors

Sec.1. Number Manner of Selection and Term of Office. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League, the most recent Past President able to serve, six elected directors, and not more than six appointed directors. One-half of the elected directors shall be elected by the general membership at each Annual Meeting and shall serve for a term of two years, or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The elected members may appoint such additional directors as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The term of office of the appointed directors shall be one year and shall expire at the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting.

Sec.2. Qualifications. No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an officer or director of this organization unless that person is a voting member of the League of Women Voters of Tanana Valley.

Sec.3. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors by reason of resignation, death, or disqualification of an officer or elected member may be filled until the next Annual Meeting by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors. Three consecutive absences from a Board meeting of any member without a valid reason shall be



deemed a resignation. Said Board member will be notified in writing that their resignation has been assumed.

Sec.4. Powers and Duties. The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the organization, with full power and authority to manage and conduct same, subject to the instructions of the general membership. It shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the Program as adopted by the National Convention, the State Convention and the Annual Meeting. The Board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary. Duties of the Historian will be assigned to an elected board member, an appointed director or an off-board member. The Historian shall keep an ongoing record of the activities of the League.

Sec.5. Meetings. There shall be at least nine regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The President may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five members of the Board. The meetings may be held in person, virtually using Internet-based teleconferencing services or by telephone. Board members may vote in person, using electronic means or by telephone.

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

Sec. 7. Records. The Board shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall keep minutes of its proceedings and of any committees having authority of the Board of Directors and shall keep a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

## ARTICLE VI

### Financial Administration

Sec.1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the League of Women Voters of Tanana Valley shall commence on the first day of April each year.

Sec 2. Dues. Annual dues, as determined at the Annual Meeting, shall be payable on October 1st for continuing members, or at the time a new member joins. Annual dues cover the period October 1 – September 30. Dues for a new member joining after January 31 shall have their membership extended into and through the following membership year. Dues shall be set for the following categories:

- a. Individual membership.
- b. Household membership for two or more members residing at the same address.
- c. Student membership for high school, college or trade school students enrolled at least half time.
- d. Life Members for members who have been enrolled in the League of Women Voters for 50 years or more and who shall not be required to pay annual dues.
- e. New citizen introductory member.
- f. The Board may issue scholarships for persons unable to pay the annual dues.

Sec.3. Budget. A balanced budget for the ensuing fiscal year shall be submitted by the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting for adoption. The proposed budget shall be sent to all members one month before the Annual Meeting. The budget shall include support for the work of the League as a whole.

Sec.4. Budget Committee. A Budget Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing fiscal year. The Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of the Budget Committee but shall not be eligible to serve as the Chair.



## ARTICLE VII

### Meetings

Sec. 1. Membership Meetings. There shall be at least four General meetings of the membership each year. Time and place shall be determined by the Board of Directors. The official Call to Annual Meeting shall be sent to all members one month prior to the date of the meeting.

Sec. 2. Annual Meeting. An Annual Meeting shall be held between April 1st and May 30th, the exact date to be determined by the Board of Directors. The Annual Meeting shall:

- a. adopt a Local Program for the ensuing year,
- b. elect officers and directors and members of the Nominating Committee,
- c. adopt an adequate budget that specifies the amount for dues, and,
- d. transact such other business as may properly come before it.

The Annual Meetings may be held in person, virtually using Internet-based teleconferencing services or by telephone. Voting members may vote in person, using electronic means or by telephone.

In the event of a local, state, or national emergency the Board of Directors may suspend the Annual Meeting until such time as the emergency is lifted and the meeting may be properly scheduled and notification to the members made. The Board shall make all effort to schedule the Annual Meeting as soon as it is feasible. Suspending the Annual Meeting shall require a two-thirds vote by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 3. Quorum. Fifteen percent of the Voting Membership shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the League of Women Voters of Tanana Valley. The number of voting members for quorum purposes shall be the number fixed by LWVUS for Per Member Payment purposes in January of the current calendar year.

Sec. 4. Special Meeting. A Special Meeting may be called.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Nominations and Elections

Sec. 1. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three members, one of whom shall be a member of the Board of Directors. The Chair and one member, who shall not be members of the Board, shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. Nominations for these officers shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. The other member shall be appointed by the Board of Directors following the Annual Meeting. Any vacancy on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors. Suggestions for nominations for officers and directors may be sent to this committee by any voting member.

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 one month before the date of the Annual Meeting. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be presented to 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.

Sec. 3. Election. The election 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 shall constitute an election. Voting members may vote in person, using electronic means or by telephone. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

## ARTICLE IX

### Program

Sec. 1. Authorization. The adoption of governmental issues for concerted study and action by the National Convention and action constitutes the authorization for the adoption of the same issues by League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley. The adoption of State governmental issues for concerted study and action by the State Convention constitutes the authorization for the adoption of the same issues by League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley. No additional authorization shall be necessary at the local level.

Sec. 2. Local Program. The local Program of the League of Women Voters of Tanana Valley shall consist of the Current Agenda and Continuing Responsibilities as hereinafter defined:

- a. The Current Agenda shall consist of such current local governmental issues as the membership shall choose for concerted study and action.
- b. The Continuing Responsibilities shall consist of those positions on local governmental issues to which the League of Women Voters of Tanana Valley has given sustained attention and on which it may continue to act.

Sec. 3. Program Selection. The Annual Meeting shall select the local governmental issues for concerted study and action using the following procedures:

- a. Voting members may make recommendations to the Board of Directors at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting.
- b. The Board of Directors shall consider recommendations and formulate a Proposed Program that shall be sent to all members one month prior to the Annual Meeting.
- c. A majority vote of voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting shall be required for adoption of the Proposed Program as presented to the Annual Meeting by the Board of Directors
- d. Any recommendations for the Program submitted to the Board of Directors at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting, but not recommended by the Board of Directors, may be considered by the Annual Meeting provided consideration is ordered by a majority vote. Adoption shall require a two-thirds vote.
- e. Changes in the Program because of altered conditions may be made, provided that information of any proposed change shall have been sent to all members at least two weeks prior to a general membership meeting. Adoption of the Program change shall require a majority vote.

Sec. 4. Member Action. Members may act in the name of the League of Women Voters only when authorized to do so by the proper Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE X

### National Convention and State Convention

Sec. 1. National Convention/Council. The Board of Directors shall select delegates to the National Convention/Council at a meeting before the date on which names of delegates must be sent to the National Office. The number of delegates shall be that allotted to the Tanana Valley League by the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Sec. 2. State Convention. The Board of Directors shall select delegates to the State Convention at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the State Office. The number of delegates shall be that allotted to the League of Women Voters of Tanana Valley by the League of Women Voters of Alaska.

## ARTICLE XI

### Parliamentary Authority

Sec. 1. The rules contained in the most recent revision of Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

## ARTICLE XII

### Amendments

Sec. 1. Amendments. These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting or at a Special Meeting called by three-fourths majority of the Board, provided the amendments were submitted to the membership in writing at least one month in advance of the meeting.

Sec. 2. Bylaws Committee. A committee to review the Bylaws shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting.

Adopted 1964; Last amended 2021

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PREVAILED.**

**LWV** LEAGUE OF  
WOMEN VOTERS

# POSITION STATEMENTS – LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ALASKA

## Government

### 1. CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

#### STATEMENT OF POSITION

The League of Women Voters of Alaska favors public disclosure of campaign contributions of money, goods, or services, as well as the disclosure of financial interests of public officials, both elected and appointed. All disclosure reports should be received, compiled, and published by an independent commission, which should have final responsibility for monitoring and enforcement. The League also favors limitations on the length of political campaigns, the time allowed for fund raising, the amount of contributions and, notwithstanding the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Buckley v. Valeo*, the amount of expenditures.

The goals of a campaign system should be:

1. To ensure the public's right to know.
2. To combat corruption and undue influence.
3. To enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office.
4. To promote citizen participation in the political process.

"To enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office" reflects two distinct concerns: First, that differences in candidates' personal wealth and other financial resources not be a necessary consideration in seeking public office; and, second, that insofar as possible there be an equalization of opportunity for challengers and incumbents.

Adopted 1968; Revised 1991; Under revision 2019 – 202; Reaffirmed each year at LWVAK Convention.

### 2. CAPITAL BUDGET PROCESS

#### STATEMENT OF POSITION

The League of Women Voters of Alaska believes that prudent capital spending by the State of Alaska requires realistic budget preparation, clear project definition, use of standardized criteria for determination of need, and public involvement. In order to promote the judicious management of the capital budget process and capital projects, the League supports the following:

- \* Establishment and implementation of consistently applied statutory criteria for defining and prioritizing all proposed capital projects.
- \* Recognition and documentation of the effect of capital expenditures on the operating budgets and bonding capabilities of state and local governments.

- \* Public understanding of and involvement in the capital budget preparation process.
- \* Financial participation by local governments in the funding of requested capital projects.
- \* Utilization of a single procedure for the proposal and evaluation of potential capital improvement projects; and
- \* Accountability for the expenditures of capital funds in accordance with public and legislative intent.

Any spending limit should be in statutory, not constitutional, form and be based on the future availability of funding for the operation and maintenance of state-financed capital improvement projects.

Adopted 1985; Reaffirmed each year at LWVAK Convention.

### 3. CONSTITUTION, AMENDING BY INITIATIVE

#### STATEMENT OF POSITION

The League of Women Voters of Alaska opposes amending the Alaska Constitution by initiative.

Adopted 1998; Reaffirmed each year since at LWVAK Convention.

### 4. CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

#### STATEMENT OF POSITION

The League of Women Voters of Alaska believes that a constitutional convention should not be held at this time.

Adopted 1982; Reaffirmed each year since at LWVAK Convention.

### 5. LEGISLATIVE PROCESS AND PROCEDURES

#### STATEMENT OF POSITION

The League of Women Voters of Alaska believes that the Alaska legislative system should be responsive, representative, accessible, efficient, and accountable. We feel that the legislative structure, which would best accomplish this goal, contains the following elements.

- \* Measures to facilitate the budgetary process.
- \* Clearly delineated procedures for legislative committee action and treatment of legislation during all states of the process.
- \* Conference committee and free conference committee deliberations that are open, judicious, germane, and subject to public notice.
- \* Caucus should be open with exception of circumstances involving prejudicial and personnel matters.

- \* Procedures followed which maximize consolidation of effort between the two houses of the Legislature.
- \* Easy availability to information for the public concerning legislative activities and ease of access for public participation in the legislative process.
- \* Procedures that enhance operational effectiveness including clear enforcement of rules.

Adopted ??; Revised 1993; Reaffirmed each year since at LWVAK Convention.

## 6. ALASKA'S STATUTORY INITIATIVE PROCESS

### STATEMENT OF POSITION

The League of Women Voters of Alaska supports the existing initiative process and makes the following recommendations:

- Initiatives should be voted on only at General Elections, not special or primary elections.
- Support change that requires simplicity and clarity of the wording of initiative questions with a "yes" vote to indicate in favor of the measure and a "no" vote to indicate opposition to the measure.
- Support disclosure on each initiative petition of the name(s) or group(s) that is paying the gatherer and how they are paid, such as by signature or by the hour.
- Support the requirement for not less than 500 qualified voters as sponsors to the prospective petition with the Lieutenant Governor's office.
- Support the requirement for a number of valid signatures not less than ten (10%) percent of the total number of the votes cast in the preceding general elections.
- Support a formula for at least 50 signatures in each of two-thirds of the legislative districts in order to reflect statewide interest in a measure.
- Support the requirement an attorney general advisory opinion as to the constitutionality of each proposed initiative after it has qualified for the ballot, such opinion to be published in the State Election Pamphlet.
- Support the existing limit on time for collecting signatures to one year.
- Support the requirement for a cost analysis to be on each initiative petition.
- Support the requirement that signature gatherers be qualified voters of Alaska.

Adopted 2001 at Post-Convention Board Meeting; Reaffirmed each year since at LWVAK Convention

## 7. VOTER REGISTRATION

### STATEMENT OF POSITION

The League of Women Voters of Alaska believes that an equitable voter registration system should encourage maximum interest and participation in the electoral process, be simple and efficient to administer, and should aid in preventing fraudulent voting practices. To achieve these objectives, the League supports:

- Voter identification which does not inhibit voter access to the electoral process.
- Mandatory training of election officials.
- Comprehensive registration information available online; and
- Outreach to all eligible residents including newly naturalized citizens and students.

The League believes that a statewide registration system should reflect the above objectives and should:

- Provide for permanent and portable registration with the ability to change registration information online.
- Make registration easily accessible (e.g., through the Division of Motor Vehicles).
- Allow registration in person and by mail as well as through electronic means.
- Provide a system of preregistration for 16–17-year-olds.
- Permit same day registration for voting on election day; and
- Provide for routine purging of registration rolls.

Adopted 1968; updated 2014; reaffirmed each year since at LWVAK Convention.

## Natural Resources

### 8. ENERGY

#### STATEMENT OF POSITION

The League of Women Voters of Alaska (LWVAK) favors the wise use and development of a variety of energy sources to ensure a sustainable long-term cultural, environmental, and economic future for Alaska, and for all Alaskans.

LWVAK supports energy development and use that protects the health and safety of people and the environment, and which includes an open and inclusive permitting process. The precautionary principle should be applied when developing public policies and regulations, and when evaluating energy sources and projects for Alaska's unique communities and regions.

Energy conservation and efficiency should be maximized through use of public education, energy research and the development of new energy technologies. We support improving energy efficiency in existing homes, and commercial and public buildings through weatherization and other public and private incentive programs. We support ongoing revision of State and local uniform building codes to increase energy efficiency standards for new construction.

The League of Women Voters of Alaska supports development and installation of renewable-source energy systems, such as solar, wind, tidal, hydro, and geothermal. We encourage long-term public and private planning and investment that reduces the life cycle cost of energy systems. We give priority to community and State decisions that lead to the use of energy systems that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. We support increasing transportation fuel efficiency standards, and the development or expansion of energy efficient public transportation options. We recognize the value of some smaller, community or regional



energy projects that may take less time and funding to develop and may also be less vulnerable to disasters.

LWVAK supports delaying use or expansion of technologies for which there remain serious disparities between the promised performance and the actual safety and environmental impact record. We urge caution when there is potential for pervasive, profound, or long-lived consequences or irreparable harm to water, air, or food (fish and agriculture).

- We oppose development and use of nuclear energy until secure options exist for plant management, and toxic waste transport, processing, and disposal.
- Where other alternatives are reasonably available, we do not support the use of coal. Where coal is used, ongoing monitoring of emissions and upgrading of technology should be carried out to reduce impacts on humans and the environment.
- LWVAK will need evidence that surface and ground water quality will be unaffected, before supporting hydraulic fracturing for gas and oil recovery.
- LWVAK supports the development of clean technologies to use biomass as an energy source, provided that the use of each biomass source has been proven by long-term studies to not degrade air quality or the environment.

Adopted 1978; revised 1991; 2013; reaffirmed each year since at LWVAK Convention.

## 9. LAND DISPOSAL

### STATEMENT OF POSITION

The League of Women Voters of Alaska feels the purpose of the State land disposal program should be to dispose of land within specific parameters. Disposal programs should allow for a variety of land uses maintaining program continuity from year to year including adequate administration and enforcement costs in land prices. Continued emphasis should be placed upon requiring land inventories, comprehensive land use plans, and public involvement. League members believe that a fair exchange value is an important aspect of State land pricing policy with investment returns from State lands going primarily to State or municipal governments.

Adopted 1980; Reaffirmed each year since at LWVAK Convention.

## 10. LAND USE

### STATEMENT OF POSITION

The League of Women Voters of Alaska supports good land use planning; the formulation, implementation, and enforcement of comprehensive plans (including regional plans) for the use of all lands in the State of Alaska; the ensuring of coordination and cooperation among state, federal, municipal, and private landowners; and placement of responsibility for making and enforcing land use decisions on the lowest level of government immediately concerned with the land in question.

Adopted 1975; Revised 1979, 1985; Reaffirmed each year since at LWVAK Convention.

## Social Policy

### 11. CAREER EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

#### STATEMENT OF POSITION

The Alaska State League of Women Voters believes that the combination of home and school prepares students for competence in the world of work. The League recognizes the importance of parental advocacy and/or adult mentorship in the career preparation process. The majority of people receive no schooling or training, other than on the job, beyond high school. Therefore, we believe that our schools have the responsibility to graduate students who exhibit job readiness, positive work attitudes, and cooperation skills that will enable them to find and hold employment.

The League believes that the Alaskan schools should offer equal opportunities and respect to ALL students: those who will have post-secondary schooling and those who will immediately go into the work force. To meet this goal, the basic curricula should include problem-solving skills, interpersonal communications, and tolerance skills, as well as provide opportunities to explore careers and offer courses containing specific technical training and career experience. Academic skills needed for success in today's entry-level careers should be integrated into career preparation experience.

Adopted 1994; Reaffirmed each year since at LWVAK Convention.

### 12. CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

#### STATEMENT OF POSITION

The League of Women Voters of Alaska supports the availability of childcare for everyone who needs or wants it with priority given to those children whose need is greatest. The League believes users should be primarily responsible for childcare financing. Supplemental financial and regulatory responsibilities should be shared by all levels of government to ensure that childcare is of high quality, affordable and available to those who need it.

Adopted 1976; Revised 1986; Amended 2001; Reaffirmed each year since at LWVAK Convention.

### 13. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT AND BULLYING

#### STATEMENT OF POSITION

The League of Women Voters of Alaska believes all individuals have the right to live in a fear-free environment, and to be safe from sexual assault (SA); psychological, emotional, and physical abuse; and neglect. A special degree of protection is needed for vulnerable, dependent people of any age.

Intervention by public agencies should take place when there is evidence of sexual assault or of physical, psychological, or emotional abuse (including stalking) of one family member by another or one partner by another (including dating partnerships). However, this is not to suggest that mandated reporting be instituted as this may actually increase danger for victims/survivors. When necessary to separate family members, it is preferable to remove the perpetrator rather than the victim from the home, particularly if the victim is a child. Physical or sexual assault should be prosecuted whether or not the victim presses charges. Federal, state, and local governments should share responsibility for the health and safety of family members, with primary responsibility at state and local levels. Adequate funding is necessary for the care and protection of the spouse (including ex-spouse, partner, etc.) and children victimized by violence; and costs must be shared by all levels of government, private charitable contributions, and a special fund into which perpetrators are required to pay. To the maximum extent possible, perpetrators should be held financially responsible for these costs, and no victim should ever be required to pay any costs associated with a domestic violence (DV) or sexual assault incident.

Domestic violence, stalking, and sexual assault require a coordinated response by law enforcement officials, prosecutors, judges, social service/victim agencies, and the medical community. All people who work with domestic violence and sexual assault incidents must receive special training specific to working with victims, including trauma and its effects. Training can be provided by experts in the field such as those at local DV/SA agencies. This training should be customized to the area of practice of the service providers and include basic training for new hires and periodic follow-up training for all those who work with victims.

Adopted 1986; Revised 1995; 2010. Reaffirmed each year since at LWVAK Convention.

## 14. YOUTH & ADOLESCENT NEEDS

### STATEMENT OF POSITION

The League of Women Voters of Alaska supports comprehensive policies and services for youth in order to maximize their participation in citizenry and democracy. Services should be coordinated among all public and private agencies concerned with homelessness, education, vocational advancement, inter-personal relationships, mental and physical health, family stability, and peer empowerment.

Identified prevention-oriented goals are:

- Support of family cohesiveness
- Support for victims of abuse, neglect, and sexual assault
- Support of high school graduation and vocational education for youth
- Education of youth to prevent unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections
- Education of youth concerning drug and alcohol abuse
- Support of runaway and “throw away” youth and their needs
- Education of youth concerning suicide
- Education of youth concerning criminal acts and consequences of those acts

Adopted 1971; Revised 1988; 2011, Reaffirmed each year since at LWVAK Convention.

## 15. LANDLORD-TENANT RELATIONSHIPS

### STATEMENT OF POSITION

The League of Women Voters of Alaska supports programs and policies to provide equal opportunity for access to housing without discrimination based on race, color, religion, or national origins. In addition, League members agree that work to promote fair housing and an adequate supply of housing for low-income families must proceed hand in hand. One of our goals in the work of promoting fair housing is Tenant's Rights. A uniform landlord-tenant act which specifies tenants' rights, and both landlord and tenant obligations in maintaining a fit and habitable dwelling is important in achieving this goal.

Adopted 1974; Revised 1994; Reaffirmed each year since at LWVAK Convention.

## 16. SCHOOL FINANCE

### STATEMENT OF POSITION

The League of Women Voters of Alaska (LWVAK) recognizes, based on the Alaska State Constitution, that the State has the major responsibility for financing schools in Alaska, including grades PreK--12. However, local school districts in organized and unorganized boroughs should be required to contribute a percentage of the financial support and should have the major responsibility for decision making in the expenditure of funds. Public monies for education should NOT support student vouchers or Educational Savings Accounts (ESA's) that are allocated to private or for-profit schools; nor should public education funding be allocated to for-profit Educational Management Organizations (EMO's).

Adopted 1977; Revised 1985; 1986; 2016; Reaffirmed each year since at LWVAK Convention.

## **Government, cont.**

## 17. ELECTION PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES

### STATEMENT OF POSITION

The League of Women Voters of Alaska (LWVAK) believes voting is a fundamental citizen right that must be guaranteed. LWVAK works to protect that right and to increase voter participation by all citizens. The LWVAK believes the state has an obligation to provide voters with accurate information so that voters can make reasoned choices. The LWVAK supports elections that are free, fair, and accessible to all eligible voters and voting systems that are secure, accurate, recountable, accessible and transparent.

Adopted 2016; Revised 2019; Reaffirmed each year since at LWVAK Convention

## 18. JUDICIAL APPOINTMENT AND RETENTION

### STATEMENT OF POSITION

The League of Women Voters of Alaska strongly supports a judicial appointment and retention process that is merit-based, transparent, representative of and responsive to the public and to the Constitutions of the State of Alaska and United States.

Adopted 1/11/2016; Reaffirmed each year since at LWVAK Convention



# SHORT SUMMARY OF PUBLIC POLICY POSITIONS – LWV OF THE UNITED STATES

## REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT

Promote an open governmental system that is representative, accountable, and responsive.

### Voting Rights

- **Citizen's Right to Vote.** Protect the right of all citizens to vote; encourage all citizens to vote.
- **DC Self-Government and Full Voting Representation.** Secure for the citizens of the District of Columbia the rights of self-government and full voting representation in both houses of Congress.

### Election Process

- **Apportionment.** Support apportionment of congressional districts and elected legislative bodies at all levels of government based substantially on population.
- **Redistricting.** Support redistricting processes and enforceable standards that promote fair and effective representation at all levels of government with maximum opportunity for public participation.
- **Money in Politics (formerly Campaign Finance).** Support campaign finance/MIP regulations that enhances political equality for all citizens, ensures transparency, protects representative democracy from distortion by undisclosed contributions and big money, and combats corruption and undue influence in government. Support campaign spending that is restricted but not banned.

Supports public financing, full disclosure, abolishing SuperPACs, and creating an effective enforcement agency.

- **Selection of the President.** Promote the election of the President and Vice-President by direct-popular-vote. Support uniform national voting qualifications and procedures for presidential elections. Support efforts to provide voters with sufficient information about candidates.
- **Voter Representation/Electoral Systems.** Support electoral systems at each level of government that encourages participation, are verifiable and auditable, and enhance representation for all voters.

### Citizen Rights

- **Citizen's Right to Know/Citizen Participation.** Protect the citizen's right to know and facilitate citizen participation in government decision-making.

### Evaluating Constitutional Amendment Proposals and Constitutional Conventions

- **Amendment Proposals.** Consider whether a proposal addresses matters of abiding importance, makes our political system more democratic, protects individual rights, could be achieved by a constitutional amendment or legislative proposal, and is considered with other League positions.

- **Constitutional Conventions.** Hold Constitutional Conventions only when certain conditions are in place, such as: limited to a specific topic, full transparency, delegates selected by population, and voting by delegates, not states.
- **Individual Liberties.** Oppose major threats to basic constitutional rights.
- **Public Policy on Reproductive Choices.** Protect the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices.

#### Congress and the Presidency

- **Congress.** Support responsive legislative processes characterized by accountability, representativeness, decision making capability, effective performance, and transparency.
- **The Presidency.** Promote a dynamic balance of power between the executive and legislative branches within the framework set by the Constitution.

#### Privatization

Ensure transparency, accountability, positive community impact and preservation of the common good when considering the transfer of governmental services, assets and/or functions to the private sector.

### INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Promote peace in an interdependent world by working cooperatively with other nations and strengthening international organizations.

#### United Nations

Support a strong, effective United Nations to promote international peace and security and to address the social, economic, and humanitarian needs of all people.

#### Trade

Support U.S. trade policies that reduce trade barriers, expand international trade, and advance the achievement of humanitarian, environmental and social goals.

#### Developing Countries

Promote U.S. policies that meet long-term social and economic needs of developing countries.

#### Arms Control

Reduce the risk of war through support of arms control measures.

#### Military Policy and Defense Spending

Work to limit reliance on military force. Examine defense spending in the context of total national needs.

### NATURAL RESOURCES

Promote an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest.

#### Resource Management & Protection

Promote the management of natural resources as interrelated parts of life-supporting ecosystems. Promote resource conservation, stewardship, and long-range planning, with the



responsibility for managing natural resources shared by all levels of government. Preserve the physical, chemical, and biological integrity of the ecosystem with maximum protection of public health and the environment,

- **Air Quality.** Promote measures to reduce pollution from mobile and stationary sources.
- **Energy.** Support environmentally sound policies that reduce energy growth rates, emphasize energy conservation, and encourage the use of renewable resources.
- **Land Use.** Promote policies that manage land as a finite resource and that incorporate principles of stewardship.
- **Transfer of Federal Public Lands.** Promote policies that Federal public lands should remain under the jurisdiction of the federal government.
- **Water.** Support measures to reduce pollution in order to protect surface water, groundwater and drinking water, and set up a process to evaluate inter-basin water transfers.
- **Waste Management.** Promote policies to reduce the generation and promote the reuse and recycling of solid and hazardous wastes.
- **Nuclear.** Promote the maximum protection of public health and safety and the environment.

#### Climate Change

Support climate goals and policies that are consistent with the best available climate science and that will ensure a stable climate system for future generations.

#### Public Participation

Promote public understanding and participation in decision making as essential elements of responsible and responsive management of our natural resources.

#### Agriculture Policy

Promote adequate supplies of food and fiber at reasonable prices to consumers and support economically viable farms, environmentally sound farm practices and increased reliance on the free market.

**Federal Agriculture Policies.** Provide financial support to subsidize agriculture in specific instances, enforce federal antitrust laws to ensure competitive agricultural markets and apply clean air and water regulations to all animal and aquaculture production. The federal government should fund basic agricultural research to provide adequate safety of our food supply.

### SOCIAL POLICY

Secure equal rights and equal opportunity for all. Promote social and economic justice and the health and safety of all Americans.

#### Equality of Opportunity

- **Equal Rights.** Support ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and efforts to bring laws into compliance with the goals of the ERA. Support equal rights for all under state and federal law regardless of race, color, gender, religion, national origin, age, sexual orientation, or disability.

- **Education, Employment and Housing.** Support equal access to education, employment, and housing.

#### Federal Role in Public Education.

Support federal policies that provide an equitable, quality public education for all children pre-K through grade 12.

#### Fiscal Policy

- **Tax Policy.** Support adequate and flexible funding of federal government programs through an equitable tax system that is progressive overall and that relies primarily on a broad-based income tax.
- **Federal Deficit.** Promote responsible deficit policies.
- **Funding of Entitlements.** Support a federal role in providing mandatory, universal, old-age, survivors, disability, and health insurance.

#### Health Care

Promote a health care system for the United States that provides affordable access to a basic level of quality care for all U.S. residents, including behavioral health that is integrated and achieves parity with the physical health care system.

#### Immigration

Promote reunification of immediate families; meet the economic, business and employment needs of the United States; be responsive to those facing political persecution or humanitarian crises; and provide for student visas. Ensure fair treatment under the law for all persons. In transition to a reformed system, support provisions for unauthorized immigrants already in the country to earn legal status.

#### Meeting Basic Human Needs

Support programs and policies to prevent or reduce poverty and to promote self-sufficiency for individuals and families.

- **Income Assistance.** Support income assistance programs, based on need, that provide decent, adequate standards for food, clothing, and shelter.
- **Support Services.** Provide essential support services.
- **Housing Supply.** Support policies to provide a decent home and a suitable living environment for every American family.

#### Child Care

Support programs and policies to expand the supply of affordable, quality childcare for all who need it.

#### Early Intervention for Children at Risk

Support policies and programs that promote the well-being, development, and safety of all children.

#### Violence Prevention

Support violence prevention programs in communities.

### Gun Control

Protect the health and safety of citizens through limiting the accessibility and regulating the ownership of handguns and semi-automatic weapons. Support regulation of firearms for consumer safety.

### Urban Policy

Promote the economic health of cities and improve the quality of urban life.

### Death Penalty

LWVUS supports abolition of the death penalty.

### Sentencing Policy

Support the exploration and utilization of alternatives to imprisonment, taking into consideration the circumstances and nature of the crime. The LWVUS opposes mandatory minimum sentences for drug offenses.

### Human Trafficking

Oppose all forms of domestic and international human trafficking of adults and children, including sex trafficking and labor trafficking.

*Whatever the issue, the League believes that efficient and economical government requires competent personnel, the clear assignment of responsibilities, adequate funding, coordination among levels of government, effective enforcement, and well-defined channels for citizen input and review.*



# LWVTV PLANNING CALENDAR 2022 - 2023

Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly (FNSB), Radio KUAC or 907 Terminal Street, Thursday, 6:00 pm.

2022-2023 National Celebratory Months chosen to Inspire and Be Inspired for our Planet

## May: National Bike Month (Ride your Bike, Take a Walk)

14 - Love a Tree Day, 9:00AM maybe you are one of the lucky ones to pick up a free tree from GVEA, plant it soon!

14 - Book Club at 10:00AM, *Lethal Passage* by Erik Larson, email akjbear@gmail.com.

14 - LWVTV Annual Meeting, 1:00PM via Zoom, be a part of the action from your own living room!

18 -121 days, Last Day of Legislative Session??? *Education and Outreach*

**PREPARDNESS** for Upcoming Events: 1) Who will be attending LWVUS National Convention and how do we support them? 2) Planning for Juneteenth Voter Registration and Voting Education. 3) What education might we share about Ranked Choice Voting? 4) Tanana Valley State Fair, July 29-August 7, set up Planning Committee to contact UAF Political Science Dept. (Theme: "Sheep Herder in Paradise"). 5) Will there be a primary candidate forum?

## June: National Great Outdoors Month (Boating? Fishing? Camping? Or, just sit outdoors in a lawn chair!)

1 - Deadline for candidates to file for November general election.

11- Book Club at 10:00AM, Book Selection, 2022-2023 reading year! *Education and Outreach*

**11 - Special Primary Election (by mail only), vote for one**, the top four in the primary will advance to the Special General Election on August 16.

14 -Flag Day, fly a flag from Sunrise to Sunset, a lllloooooonnnnnngggg day here in Alaska! *Outreach*

18 -Midnight Sun Festival, Celebrate our unique geographic place in the world. *Outreach*

19 - Juneteenth, our local celebration, Voter Registration! *Voter Registration and Outreach*

23-26 - LWVUS 55<sup>th</sup> National Convention, Sheraton Downtown, Denver, Colorado AND ONLINE!

**PREPARDNESS** for Upcoming Events: 1) Planning Committee for Voter Registration on July 4<sup>th</sup>? 2) Schedule

Voter Registration Training and Refresher (Fair booth Sitters for sure), could this be on the agenda? 3) Do some letter writing, emailing, phoning or volunteering in support of your local/state League positions.

## July: National Park and Recreation Month (Visit your local park, take a hike!)

4 - Independence Day Celebration at Pioneer Park, register a voter, share LWVTV, *Voter Registration and Outreach*

9 -Book Club at 10:00AM, Free Lunch by Rex Ogle, email akjbear@gmail.com for a Zoom invitation.

15-17 - Anniversary of the Seneca Falls Convention, July 1848, held in National Historical Park New York

15-29 - Declaration of Candidacy for October 1 Election: Fairbanks North Star Borough (Seat B, C, and I), School Board (Seat C and D), City of Fairbanks (Mayor, Council Seat E and F), North Pole (No information at this time)

29 - Opening Day for Tanana Valley State Fair, Fair Booth (sponsored by UAF Political Science Dept)!

30 - International Day of Friendship, reach out to a friend, invite them to LWVTV, *Education and Outreach*

**PREPARDNESS** for Upcoming Events: 1) Last Minute Details for Fair Booth or Open House for Legislatures,

what has to be accomplished? 2) Sign up for working at the Tanana Valley Fair LWVTV booth, do it now! 3)

How will our League be assisting with the Special General Election? 4) Have you recycled at the FNSB Central Recycling Facility (1855 Marika Rd)? Do it today!

## August: National Picnic Month (Family Picnic? Neighborhood Picnic? Eat El Fresco!)

July 29-August 7 - Tanana Valley State Fair Booth, *Voter Registration and Outreach*

No Book Club This Month *Education and Outreach*

**16 - Regular Primary Election** (Choose one candidate for each office) AND **Special General Election** (Rank UP TO FOUR candidates in your order of preference, to serve out the rest of Representative Young's term.

26 - Women's Equality Day (Commemorates passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment) *Education and Outreach*

**NOTE: Regular School Board Meetings - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of most months when school is in session.**

**PREPARDNESS** for Upcoming Events: 1) Contact US District Court of Alaska for notification of Naturalization Ceremony. 2) Committee Chairman in charge of contacting local and state legislatures for Forums to educate our community. 3) What voter information are we sharing in the next few weeks? Get Out the Vote gathering? 4) Prepare contact information for Membership Renewal. 5) Local candidate forum?

**September: National Mushroom Month (Identify them in your Back Yard? Or, just walk around the yard!)**

10 - Book Club at 10:00AM, email akjbear@gmail.com. *Education and Outreach*

17 - Constitution and Citizenship Day, could there be a Naturalization Ceremony? *Voter Education and Outreach'*

Look for dates scheduling Forums for local elections. Will there be another Get Out the Vote? Watch our website for information.

**PREPARDNESS** for Upcoming Events: 1) Membership Renewal letter to all members. Set in motion a timeline for renewal and upgrading Roster. 2) Will any assistance in voting for local elections be possible? 3) Members volunteer to assist KUAC in Fundraising?

**October: What you can do for the Planet, this month, check out <https://oceanservice.noaa.gov>**

**4 - Municipal Election Day**, Fairbanks North Star Borough, School Board, City of Fairbanks and North Pole (Will the League be assisting Voters?)

8 - Book Club at 10:00AM, email akjbear@gmail.com. *Education and Outreach*

20<sup>th</sup> or so?- KUAC Fall Fund Raiser, contribute financially and be part of the phone bank! *Education and Outreach*

24 - United Nations Day

**LWVTV MEMBERSHIP DUES** should be paid to LWVTV (POB 71974, Fairbanks, AK 99707) or online at website

**PREPARDNESS** for Upcoming Events: 1) Committee Chairman to contact local legislators and encourage a meeting with League members. We will share Local, State and National Positions. 2) Share the news to assist with KUAC radio broadcast of Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) Assembly Fundraiser.

**November: The 4<sup>th</sup> is Use Your Common Sense Day, Let's do it All Month, All Year, Long!**

**8 - Regular General Election-** You will rank UP TO FOUR candidates (top 4 vote getters from the primary) from the state to the federal level including ANOTHER vote for a US House Candidate to serve a full 2-year term.

11 - Veteran's Day Thank a vet for their service and don't forget their spouse.

12 - Book Club at 10:00AM, email akjbear@gmail.com. *Education and Outreach*

Contact your new local legislators and share League positions, in person, in writing, today! Or December?

**PREPARDNESS** for Upcoming Events: 1) January-Will there be another Women's March? Go For It! 2) January-Program Planning for 2023-2024 (Another exciting year, select Chairman).

**December: Share what you know about "Investing in the Planet" with family and friends, make it a gift!**

Watch for the date: LWVTV meet with local legislators (Interior Delegation) *Legislative Process*

No Book Club This Month *Education and Outreach*

15 - Bill of Rights Day, do you have a copy of the first ten amendments to the US Constitution? *Legislative Process*

**PREPARDNESS** for Upcoming Events: 1) Organize Program Planning, enlist assistance 2) Board set up self audit, don't forget to acknowledge "in kind" donations.

**2023 January: The 8<sup>th</sup> is Earth Rotation Day, take a turn and take good care of our earth, all month, all year!**

1 - Ellis Island Day, celebrate the immigrants in your family tree, especially if it's you!

14 - Book Club at 10:00AM, email akjbear@gmail.com. *Education and Outreach*

19 - Start of New Legislative Session **Read Action Alerts, Respond! Read Legislative Reports.**

**Make it personal**, follow along at <https://www.akleg.gov/>

9 - Carrie Chapman Catt's Birthday, she founded the League of Women Voters in 1920

Watch for dates: Program Planning for the League of Women Voters (Local, State and National)

**PREPAREDNESS** for Upcoming Events: 1) Nominating Committee start search for Board Members 2023-2024

2) Plans to be made now for League of Women Voters US National Council, June 2023, who will be attending?

3) February is Youth Voter MONTH, reach out to local high school seniors, register them to vote

### **February: Return Shopping Carts to the Supermarket Month (Do something for the Environment)**

11- Book Club at 10:00AM, email [akjbear@gmail.com](mailto:akjbear@gmail.com). *Education and Outreach*

14 - League of Women Voters Birthday How are you celebrating? Might share League with a friend, even family!

16- Elizabeth Peratrovich Day *Education and Outreach*

Are you following the Legislature and interacting with your state legislators?

**PREPAREDNESS** for Upcoming Events: 1) Appoint LWVTV Budget Committee 2) LWVTV Nominating Committee meetings 3) Set up support for League of Women Voters Alaska Convention in Anchorage, who will be attending? 4) Set annual meeting date

### **March: Optimism Month (Keep those positive vibes by educating and practicing Earth Day, Every Day)**

11- Book Club at 10:00AM, email [akjbear@gmail.com](mailto:akjbear@gmail.com). *Education and Outreach*

15-21 - Sunshine Week (Open Government is Good Government) Use our local opinion columns to share "the importance of open government and the dangers of excessive and unnecessary secrecy."

**PREPAREDNESS** for Upcoming Events: 1) What plans have you made for the League of Women Voters Alaska convention in Anchorage, will you be attending? 2) LWVTV Annual Meeting: Where will it be? When will it take place? Who will prepare annual book? Nomination Committee share nominees for 2023-2024. Budget Committee put final touch on Budget 2023-2024. All Chairman from past year prepare reports for annual book, share the achievements.

### **April: National Garden Month (Plan your planting! Flowers? Trees? Be a part of Mother Nature)**

5-11 - Garden Week, Plan your vegetable garden...soon! Share a row with the Food Bank. *Outreach*

8 - Book Club at 10:00AM, email [akjbear@gmail.com](mailto:akjbear@gmail.com) for a Zoom invitation. *Education and Outreach*

Watch for Date of LWVAK Annual Convention in Anchorage, are you a voting delegate?

22 - Earth Day, what are you doing, personally, to protect our environment? *Environmental Protection*

Watch for Dates!!! KUAC Spring Fund Raiser. Let's Help Out. *Education and Outreach*

**PREPAREDNESS** for Upcoming Events: 1) Gather together all those last-minute duties and tasks for the LWVTV Annual Meeting. 2) Voting Delegate of LWVTV who attended LWVAK Convention in Anchorage - share the news with fellow members 3) The New Year is about to begin, Empower Voters and Defend Democracy

**MONTHLY Webinars, Forums, Hot Topic Gatherings do not have dates available at this time. Check our website at <https://lwvalaska.org/> for latest in activities to participate in and programs your expertise/enthusiasm could enhance. Continue to support Green Star of Interior Alaska and the Fairbanks Diversity Council, *Environmental Protection/Education and Outreach* ALWAYS NEEDED: Election Workers and volunteers for Boards and Commissions, Fairbanks North Star Borough or local cities, Fairbanks and North Pole.**

**REMEMBER League has OPEN MEETINGS. Join the LWVTV Board Meetings (monthly) and LWVAK Board Meetings (monthly). Participate! YOU SHOULD BE THE NEXT TO SERVE YOUR LEAGUE!**

*Italics identify LWV programs/positions. Additions? Suggestions? Phone Carol Ann Varner 907 488 1884, thanks.*



# LWVTV MEMBERSHIP LIST

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