

LWVME BOARD MEETING –September 28, 2012
Women, Work and Community/ UMA Campus, Augusta

Present: Ann Luther, Colleen Tucker, Cathie Whittenburg, Polly Ferguson, Jill Ward, Val Marsh, Martha Dickinson (by phone, from 1:30 pm)
Absent: Barbara McDade

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Jill Ward, VP, and the Minutes of the August 10, 2012 meeting, as edited by Ann, were approved.

Ann reviewed the Treasurer's reports with us, which were filed for audit.

Email votes: 1.) VOTED to approve appointment of Valerie Marsh to the State Board and the Ed. Fund Trustees.

Board Operations & Governance

Ann Luther offered to set up a Google doc for Board members to track progress with outreach to new potential Board members. Various Board members promised to contact certain potential members.

Coalition Policy- was unanimously re-adopted, as presented.

Document Retention Policy- was unanimously re-adopted, as amended to clarify that “State” Convention and “State” Council workbooks are reports are to be retained, and to ADD that copies of the LWVME Easy Reader Voter Guides be retained.

FOR THE NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING:

Colleen offered to bring hardcopies of all Board Minutes online

Jill offered to bring hardcopies of past/present Voter Guides

Barbara will be asked to bring hardcopies of old Maine Voters

Board will put together a “Board member Toolkit” based on format of notebooks passed out at Alison’s lakehouse several years back, to include: the 410(c)(3) letter; incorporation documentation; list of members of each committee and their responsibilities Each Committee (listed below) will develop a written list of responsibilities.

The following Committees were self-selected by the Board members:

Development Committee: Jill Ward (Chair); Cathie Whittenburg, Val Marsh and Colleen Tucker

Advocacy Committee: Ann Luther (Chair); Polly Ferguson, Martha Dickinson and Val Marsh

Voters Service Committee: Polly Ferguson (Chair); Martha Dickinson and Barbara McDade

Communication Committee: Martha Dickinson (Chair); Ann Luther, Jill Ward and Cathie Whittenburg.

The **LWVME Nominating Committee** for 2013 State Convention slate of LWVME Officers/ Board members: Sarah Robinson, Ann Luther and Martha Dickinson. Barbara will ask a Bangor area representative to be on the Committee, as well.

Calendar: the following Board meetings were established: September 28th; November 30th; January 25th, March 22, and May 24, 2013. Meetings will start at 10:00 a.m.

Fundraising and Membership

Jill Ward offered to contact Michelle to determine status of Brunswick League.

Jill Ward offered to draft and circulate notes thanking Sarah Walton and Anne Schink.

Colleen Tucker will draft/circulate letter combining membership renewal and fundraising appeal.

Ann Luther will generate mailing list and develop a follow-up postcard

Ann will print off list of active/inactive donors and will solicit input/help from A.Smith and A.Schink

Cathie will develop a one page handout with our Mission Statement/goals

Cathie will circle back w. A.Schink re: her outreach to the Emily Farley Fund Trustees

Program

The Board discussed LWVME's ongoing participation, in attending and speaking all sessions of the Governor's Committee to Study the Conduct of Elections in Maine. The Board heard reports from the recent Farmington meeting and discussed plans for the upcoming meeting in Lewiston; Valerie offered to do outreach with that meeting. Ann discussed how LWVME is working in conjunction with Maine's ACLU to formulate memos for the Committee on procedural and other matters. The LWVME website has links to: all of the papers submitted to the Committee; all of LWVME's testimony to the Committee; and news articles relating to the Committee's work.

Ann and Jill reported on the work of the LWVUS Task Force on Campaign Finance Reform and Disclosure; the League is developing its response on the effort to pass a constitutional amendment in response to Citizen's United.

Coalitions:

MCCE is putting out the third in a series of reports regarding \$\$\$ in politics.

The Board adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen P. Tucker
Secretary