

League of Women Voters of Maine
Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, January 24, 2015
9-11am
via phone conference

Present: Barbara Kaufman, Ann Luther, Jill Ward, Polly Ward, Colleen Tucker

Absent: Michelle Small, Tammy Wing, Lorraine Glowzcak, Barbara McDade, Cathie Whittenburg

Call to order: 9:06 a.m.

Minutes of November 15, 2014 Meeting: Jill Ward moved to accept minutes as presented with minor edits, Polly Ward second. Unanimously approved.

Email votes for the record: None

Treasurer's Reports: State report, Brunswick and Downeast Chapters, filed for financial review.

Board Operations & Governance:

Policy on Making Decisions between Board Meetings – Jill Ward moves, Barbara Kaufman seconds, motion to approve as is. Unanimously approved.

Policy on Supporting Other Organizations' Activities-Jill Ward moves, Colleen Tucker seconds, motion to approve as is. Unanimously approved.

Quad States – re-scheduled for May 16 & 17, 2015 in Wells, topic is election laws and how to work effectively in the League. Still looking for a keynote speaker.

State League Convention-tentatively scheduled for May 1st 2nd in Brunswick; Jill Ward will take lead in organizing and Barbara Kaufman will explore venues.

Nominating Committee – two board members (Barbara McDade and Ann Luther) and three off board committee members (Beth Edmonds, Lauralee Raymond and Sue Hawes) have been identified and will be meeting in person on February 5th to get underway.

Paid Staff Plan – Ann Luther updated. Ann moved to advertise position within 7-10 days; Polly Ward seconded. Unanimously approved. Ann will write and circulate job description. Polly Ward, Jill Ward and Ann Luther volunteered to be on Hiring Committee.

Resignations- The Board regretfully accepts the resignations of Kim McCollister and Leslie Harlow from the State Board and very much appreciates their service, support and enthusiasm.

Bylaws Committee- Polly Ward will convene a committee, to include Jill Ward and Ann Luther to review the Bylaws and suggest revisions for Convention.

Committee reports given from Fundraising & Development; Membership; Advocacy; and Communications Committees. Fundraising Committee reported that the Fall appeal raised \$5, 745.00 for the League!

The Events Committee has been dis-banded and its work will be absorbed by other committees and staff to be hired.

Advocacy Committee- Ann Luther reports new members have joined the Lobby Corps, and that the League's presence in Augusta should be strong this session. Ann Luther suggested that a study on the issue of electing/nominating State Constitutional Officers so as to establish a position on the issue be proposed for consideration at State Convention.

Coalition Partners:

- Jill Ward reported on MCCE and great attendance by League members at the successful press conference on the delivery of the petitions for the Clean Elections Initiative.
- Polly Ward reported on the Ranked Choice Voting petition effort and move to set up for vote in 2016.
- Barbara Kaufman reported on Coalition for Maine Women.
- Ann MOVED, Jill seconded to pay \$50.00 annual membership fee to MFOIC-to be paid from LWVME (non-Ed Fund) monies. Unanimously approved.

Climate Change-discussion on replacement of Pam Person as LWVME representative to Oxfam and other related involvements. Valerie Kelly will be asked to serve as a replacement.

Local League Development – reports from Portland, Downeast and Bangor Leagues.

Adjourn – Jill Ward moves, Colleen Tucker seconds, motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Submitted by Colleen Tucker