

**League of Women Voters of Maine
Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, May 1, 2015**

Present: Lorraine Glowczak, Barbara Kaufman, Ann Luther, Barbara McDade, Colleen Tucker, Jill Ward, Cathie Whittenburg

Absent: Polly Ward

Call to order by Pres. Barbara McDade at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes of March 21, 2015 Meeting: Ann Luther moved, Jill Ward seconded adoption of Minutes as is. APPROVED unanimously by Board.

E-Mail Votes: Three e-mail votes to report. 1) Proposed by-laws changes – APPROVED; 2) Present two-year budget recommended by the Budget Committee for approval at Convention – APPROVED; 3) Submit testimony to oppose L.D. 652 – An Act to Authorize the Carrying of Concealed Handguns Without a Permit – APPROVED.

Board Operations & Governance – LWVME has signed a contract with SCR Contract Services for office work.

Fundraising & Development Committee – Working on May fundraising appeal.

Membership Committee - \$25 membership doing well, have even gotten new members that were not on prospect list.

Communications Committee – New blog managed by Stephanie Philbrick with majority postings by Helen Hanlon very well received.

Program Updates

National – Two studies still moving forward, Constitutional Convention and on Money in Politics.

Advocacy – Ann gave update.

Coalition partners:

Clean Elections Initiative – in the process of hiring staff, raising money.

Coalition for Women – Barbara gave update.

Local League Development

Portland – New citizenship welcomes, organized by Peg Balano, going very well.

Downeast – chapter needs some reinvigoration. Ann has given three talks on Money in Politics at local events.

Bangor – Ongoing book group. Planning a pizza party on RCV.

As Barbara McDade ends her term as President, the Board would like to thank her for her invaluable service to the League.

Meeting Adjourned – 5:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Cathie Whittenburg