

**League of Women Voters of Maine**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
Saturday, January 9, 2016  
Maine Center for Economic Policy (conference room)  
One Weston Court, Suite 103, Augusta, Maine

**Present** – Joanna Bowers, John Brautigam, Helen Hanlon, Barbara Kaufman, Ann Luther, Stephanie Philbrick, Sarah Robinson, Colleen Tucker, Jill Ward, Polly Ward, Cathie Whittenburg

**Call to Order:** 9:06 a.m.

**Minutes of November 7, 2015 Meeting:** Ann Luther moved to accept minutes as presented, Joanna Bowers second. Unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Reports:** Note, the Executive Committee approved Ann Luther's expense reimbursement as it was over \$100. LWVME, Brunswick League, Downeast League, Portland League reports filed for audit.

**Board Operations & Governance:**

Policy on Fundraising – Ann Luther moved to adopt policy as amended, Polly Ward second. Unanimously approved.

Policy on External Media – Polly Ward moved to adopt policy as amended, Colleen Tucker second. Unanimously approved.

Calendar Review – Stephanie Philbrick has set up year long calendar for people to access through [lwvmeboard.wordpress.com](http://lwvmeboard.wordpress.com)

Diversify Ed Fund Board – Discussion on adding people to the LWV Ed Fund Board so it is not exactly the same as League board. Developed list of potential people to approach.

Presentation and Educational Materials for RCV –LWV Ed Fund received a \$10,500 grant to develop educational materials for Ranked Choice Voting. Jill Ward moved to recommend to the LWV Ed Fund Trustees to accept the grant and take on this educational campaign, Polly Ward second. Unanimously approved.

**Committee Reports:**

Advocacy: Ann Luther reported that the Legislature is back in session. Not many bills of interest this session.

Communications – Jill Ward reported. Time to put together the Winter Voter. Stephanie Philbrick presented report on blog and email stats.

Fundraising – Plans continue on track for fundraising and donor outreach.

Membership – Updates given on renewals, new members. Phone calls will be made to lapsed members.

Programs/Events –

- *Quad States* set for April 8-10. Communications oriented program.
- *100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Suffrage Event* will be November 2019. No new updates.
- *Legislative Recognition Event* – still just a discussion, but it was noted such an event needs to be held in the odd numbered years so it doesn't look like any sort of endorsement in an election year.

### **Coalition Partners Updates:**

MCCE & Clean Elections Initiative - Priority to get candidates to use clean elections and to get the Legislature to follow through with funding. LWVME will take part in Maine Women's Lobby Day at state house, also anniversary of Citizens United, Helen Hanlon will table at event.

Committee for Ranked Choice Voting – Polly Ward reported that the signatures for the 2016 ballot initiative were delivered to the Secretary of State.

Coalition for Maine Women/Choice Coalition – Jill Ward reported that the two coalitions have combined and are working on a new name and mission statement. Jill has to step down as League representative to the committee. Helen Hanlon will replace her and Joanna Bowers will be the backup.

Maine Freedom of Information Coalition – John Brautigam reported the committee is asking the Legislature to hold their budget debates in public.

### **Local League Development:**

Portland – Has a series of meetings planned. Will do voter registration in high schools in April. Jill Ward is hosting a house party for RCV February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Downeast – Is doing a Money & Politics forum, has an ongoing book group. Started backup with the monthly WERU radio show. Will do nine shows, once a month, on Participatory Democracy.

Brunswick – would like to try and do two events, but still in planning stages.

Bangor – no update.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 1:18 p.m.

Submitted by Cathie Whittenburg, Secretary