

LWVME BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING – November 30, 2012
Women, Work and Community Conference Room, UMA

Present: Barbara McDade, Jill Ward, Ann Luther, Polly Ferguson, Val Marsh, Martha Dickinson
Absent: Colleen Tucker, Cathie Whittenburg

Preliminaries:

The meeting was convened by the President at 10:22 am. **Minutes** and **Treasurer's Reports** were not available and will be taken up at our January meeting. There were no **email votes**.

Board Operations & Governance:

Ann reported on **signatories** for local and state league bank accounts. It is recommended that the names of the signatories for all accounts be read into the minutes at our January meeting. Barbara will see about finding convenors for the **Brunswick League**.

There is no need today for a policy review.

The **Nominating Committee** now consists of Ann Luther, convener, Sarah R, Martha and a Bangor-area member to be determined.

We hope to have a **statewide program in April**, with Posie Cowan speaking in three locations about the suffragettes. Cathie could use her contacts with Women Studies Programs. Ann will contact Posie. Val recently spoke about Voting to an Intro to Women Studies class at UMA.

We will hold our **May Convention** in Portland on Saturday, May 25, 2013, in conjunction with our May 24 Board meeting. Barbara will see about getting space at USM Glickman Library. Jill will think about a Friday night entertaining event.

Quad States is planned for April 27-28 in Wells, Maine, Hampton Inn. Barbara will ask the other organizers about having Posie speak there.

Advocacy:

Ann reported on the upcoming legislative session and asked if we would like to begin working with allies on three possible bills: separating residency requirements for voting from those under motor vehicle and other laws; true early voting; and ranked choice voting for governor. There is also a Clean Elections Package. The board authorized us to sponsor legislation on voting residency and early voting. The board advised us to support but not sponsor legislation on ranked choice voting. (Motion made, seconded and approved.)

We decided to leave the RCV to other organizations and work in coalition on the others. We could recommend true Early Voting in place of the repeal of no-excuse absentee voting 3 days before an election. Ann will convene the Advocacy Committee soon.

Lunch Break

Development:

Jill reported that the Goals of the Committee have been updated. Jill will update the calendar and other items by the January Board meeting. Jill will do three email fundraising appeals in December. Cathie's Major Donor Plan has been sent to us.

Should the Advocacy Committee consider a Twitter Feed for the Lobby Corps?

Voter Service and Education was deferred until the Education Fund meeting to follow.

Program:

Jill and Ann reported on the LWVUS **Campaign Finance Reform and Disclosure task force**. The Portland League is doing something with the Agriculture Update Study.

Coalition Updates:

Shall we present our legislative agenda to the Women's Coalition?

Miscellaneous:

- The books have been reviewed and they are with letters to that effect in the document room of the MECEP.
- We should all bring to the January meeting copies of old Maine Voters for these archives.
- Committee chairs should spell out the duties of their committee and present at the January meeting.
- Jill will send a To Do list from this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Respectfully, Martha Dickinson, acting as Secretary.