

LWVME Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, March 24, 2018 ♦ 9:00am – 1:00pm
Maine Center for Economic Policy (conference room)
One Weston Court, Suite 103, Augusta, Maine

Present: Jill Ward, Ann Luther, Barbara Kaufman, Helen Hanlon, Polly Ward, Peg Balano, Anne Schink, Linda Washburn, Amy Fischer

Anna Kellar, Executive Director

Member: Penelope Hamblin

Preliminaries

- Call to order at 9:09 am.
- Jill Ward welcomed new Board members Linda Washburn and Amy Fisher.
- Jill acknowledged Stephanie Philbrick and John Brautigam's service on the Board.
- Approval of Minutes from January Meeting – Ann Luther moved. Helen Hanlon seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Email vote on March 5, 2018 to add Linda Washburn and Amy Fischer to the LWVME Board of Directors, and Penelope Hamblin and Amy Fischer to the LWVME Education Fund Board of Trustees. Welcome Linda, Amy and Penelope. Unanimously approved.
- Treasurer's Reports – Ann Luther presented reports for LWVME and Downeast League, Polly Ward presented Portland report. Reports filed for audit.

Board Operations & Governance

- Policy review – External Media and Fundraising policies:
 - Ann Luther moved to adopt the External Media policy as amended. Barbara Kaufman seconded. Unanimously approved.
 - Barbara Kaufman moved to adopt the policy on Fundraising as amended. Helen Hanlon seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Discussion about the Democracy Partnership – Jill Ward provided an update on the partnership between MCCE and LWVME, including a review of the MOU, legal and structural issues, and progress toward a joint venture. The process is moving very fast.

Consensus was reached to head in the direction of a partial merger. Members were encouraged to compile any questions they had and send them to Jill.

- LWVUS Update – Jill Ward provided information on the Assessment and Transformational Roadmap put together by the LWVUS. Copies were provided to members. Questions regarding this process should be funneled to Jill. LWVUS Convention will be June 28 - July 1, 2018 in Chicago. This is certain to be a topic of discussion at Convention.

Committee Items.

- Advocacy Corps Report
 - Ann Luther reported on the status of the RCV, funding for the Secretary of State's office to pay for the RCV primaries in June and money for Clean Elections.
- Membership Report –
 - Ann Luther presented the current membership report. Membership is growing.
 - Linda Washburn has volunteered to chair the Membership Committee. She will convene a meeting and provide direction to the Committee.
- Communications Committee Report
 - Jill Ward reported that the Winter Voter Guide has gone out.
 - Ann Luther reported on the status of converting to a new web site platform. LWVME is currently waiting to see how the conversion works out for other state leagues.
- Fundraising Report
 - Jill Ward suggested that the Spring appeal has historically been for C4 funds. She said that we should have the Spring appeal ready for the May 5, 2018 Board meeting.

Coalition Partners Updates

- Alliance for Maine Women – Helen Hanlon reported that the Alliance for Maine Women is still in transition. Member organizations are being asked to reapply if they wish to continue to be part of the coalition. Anna will call into the next meeting to assess the relationship that LWVME might have with them going forward.

Other

- Quad State is being held on April 7 and 8, 2018 in Wells, ME. Members were encouraged to attend.

- New staff members Sarah Rawlings and Lado Lodoka were introduced.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 1:47 pm

Respectfully submitted

Polly Ward

Vice President