

League of Women Voters of Boulder County

ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, May 11, 2019

9:00 - 11:30 am

Nissi's 2675 North Park Drive, Lafayette
(near 95th & Arapahoe)



Please plan to attend the LWVBC Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 11th. It's a great time to see long-time League friends and make some new ones. Our new Executive Director of League of Women Voters of Colorado, Beth Hendrix, will be attending. Please help us make her feel welcome!

We will begin the day with the business meeting and a cup of coffee. This will include election of officers, approval of the budget, and adoption of the 2019-2020 program. A delicious BRUNCH buffet (cost: \$30/person), will be served around 10 am.

After brunch we will honor our Elected Official of the Year, Senator Mike Foote, and three Community Partners, Jeffrey Kash of Elevations Credit Union, Linda Sorauf of Colorado National Popular Vote and Faith Gowan, a Boulder artist. We will learn about their projects and what they are doing in the community to work with LWVBC and Make Democracy Work for All! And last, but not least, we will honor our members who have worked so hard all year long.

Make your reservation now for our Annual Meeting!

[If at all possible go online to our website, make your reservation and pay by credit card.](#) You can choose to mail the registration form below with a check to be received by Tuesday, May 7, 2019.

Registration Form:

League of Women Voters of Boulder County Annual Meeting

When: Saturday, May 11, 2019, 9:00 - 11:30 am

Where: Nissi's in Lafayette Cost: \$30.00 Deadline: Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Please mail this form and check payable to LWVBC to: LWVBC, P.O. Box 21274, Boulder, CO 80308.

Number of persons _____ X \$30.00 = \$_____

Name (please print) _____

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2019-2020 LWVBC PROGRAM PLANNING

Meetings held on Feb. 5 in Boulder
and Feb. 12 in Longmont



Total Attendance: 21 members. 14 members on Feb. 5; 11 members on Feb. 12 (four had been at Feb. 5 meeting and did not vote again.)

1) **Introduction:** Peggy Leech presented the LWVUS' new mission and vision statements, reminding us that 2019 is going to be a "practice" for the 2020 election cycle and honoring of historic events. She emphasized LWVUS and LWVCO advisement to focus on Making Democracy Work for All, and reviewed LWVCO's specific call for attention to four goals addressing:

- * Increasing voter registration and monitoring voter suppression;
- * Implementing Y&Z, passing NPVC, monitoring money in politics and the 2020 census;
- * Responding to 2019 legislative session items; and
- * Implementing LWVCO's strategic plan.

Peggy mentioned that several leagues around the country are working to develop a national position on Voting Methods, probably through concurrence, in 2020. An informal show of hands showed support from the groups for this 2020 effort.

2) LWVBC 2019-2020: Position Planning

Q: Should We Proceed to Consensus on Non-citizen rights in Boulder County? (as published in the February 2019 Voter, page 5)

Social Policy Team members presented a proposal to proceed to consensus on the Rights of Non-Citizens in Boulder County, covering the background, scope, and rationale from their submitted proposal. Among many factors, they will consider the length of time to establish residency and the times one must wait to apply for citizenship or to reach voting age. The final position proposed by LWVBC would apply to the whole county and allow the league to offer an opinion on any ballot issue that arises. **A: Both groups voted unanimously to advance this effort in 2019.**

3) LWVBC 2019-2020: Position Planning

Government - Revise Boulder County Government Structure position statement in time for the 2019 annual meeting. We recommend another option for electing County Commissioners including Proportional Representation. Voting Methods Team made the following recommendation (approved by the board):

CURRENT: "The League would support increasing the number of commissioners from three to five, with three commissioners elected from districts and two elected at large."

PROPOSED REVISION: "*Under existing statutory options, the League supports increasing the number of commissioners from three to five, with three commissioners elected from districts and two elected at large. Long term, the League supports legislation to elect five commissioners using a voting method that promotes proportional representation rather than being limited to geographic representation. A more proportionally representative board of county commissioners would better match voters' preferences and more fully represent the views of the entire community.*"

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Natural Resources – Retain all positions

Social Policy – Retain all positions and continue to educate and act on Minimum/Living Wages.

4) LWVCO 2019-2020: Position Planning

Both groups voted to retain all positions with no suggestions for revisions. They identified the following positions for education and action.

Government: Campaign Finance/MIP; Fiscal Policy (especially Tabor and Gallagher); Redistricting; Voting Methods; and Voting Rights. Specifically:

General Assembly:

Urging LWV involvement in TABOR and Gallagher discussions this session. Amendment 71 clarifies that deleting a constitutional provision does not require a supermajority vote.

Government: Initiative Process.

Concerning Position: “A super majority vote of the people for the passage of all (initiated or referred) constitutional amendments except for removing obsolete provisions.” LWVCO holds position against petition requirement for signatures from all 35 Senate districts.

Government: School Finance for PreK-12.

LWVCO has position supporting all day kindergarten.

Natural Resources: Water.

Question: Do our positions allow LWV to oppose Gross Reservoir expansion. Jeanette explained this is state issue that supports water storage and is area with few habitat concerns.

Social Policy: Income Assistance.

Our LWVUS position opposes a work requirement for SNAP (food assistance). We urge LWVCO to act to oppose the work requirement.

5) Issue Team goals for 2019-2020

Social Policy – Increase in representation of low income and other vulnerable populations in numbers of those registered to vote and voting. Continue work on Living Wage in Longmont and Boulder County.

Money in Politics – Continue education efforts in all Boulder County’s towns.

NPVCompact – Continue efforts for legislative passage and governor signage.

Schools – Research and publicize efforts to determine candidates’ positions on school funding.

Voting Methods – plans for internal education and use of alternative voting methods. Work is ongoing to develop and produce pamphlets on multi-winner methods and to revise the single-winner pamphlets. Provide advice/instruction for Broomfield to adopt alternative methods.

Voter Service – Efforts are focused on February meeting with members and the public to enlist committed volunteers in each of 4 VS areas (VRDs, Candidate Forums, Ballot Issue preparations and presentations, and VOTE411.)

Members voted to support work on all goals listed above.

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2019 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Carolyn Elliott (Chair), Debby Vink,
Susan Saunders, Pat Long



As the seasons change, so do some of the faces of those who serve in our organization's structure. At our Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 11th, you will be asked to vote on the following candidates who have graciously agreed to volunteer in various positions.

After much deliberation, the Board decided to break the president's position into two positions as co-presidents. One will function as the administrative person, setting the agenda for Board meetings, running those meetings, setting the agenda for and conducting the Board retreats, and other such tasks. The other co-president will serve as our Community Engagement person, representing our LWVBC at various public or civic meetings, serving as our presence at the State Legislature if need be, and other such meetings and functions.

Therefore, we place in nomination for election at the Annual Meeting the following:

Elected Officers:

Co-President, Community Engagement	1-year term, 2019 - 2020	Peggy Leech
Co-President, Administrative	1-year term, 2019 - 2020	Susan Saunders
Board Secretary	2-year term, 2019 - 2021	Molly Saunders

Elected Directors:

Action	2-year term, 2019 - 2021	Mary Ann Wilner
Fund Development	2-year term, 2019 - 2021	Anne Bryan
Voter Service	2-year term, 2019 - 2021	Jeanine Pow
Membership Complete 2-yr term of Ruth Stemler	2-year term, 2018 - 2020	Debby Vink
Events Complete 2-yr term of Kay Marsh	2-year term, 2018 - 2020	Vacant

2019 - 2020 Nominating Committee (off-board):

Carolyn Elliott (chair), Cindy Outlaw, and Carol Brown 1-year term, 2019-2020

Continuing on the Board, by virtue of election at the 2018 Annual Meeting:

Treasurer	2-year term, 2018 - 2020	Pat Long
Communications Director	2-year term, 2018 - 2020	Elizabeth Crowe
Youth Engagement Director	2-year term, 2018 - 2020	Shiquita Yarbrough

Continuing, but going off-board:

Governance/Leadership/Planning 2-year term, 2018 - 2020 Caroline Himes

Off-board advisor/liaison:

DEI, Communications, Program (events/meetings) Admin Assistant (part-time) Mandy Nuku

PROPOSED BUDGET & DUES
2019-2020



A responsible fiscal structure is a must for any organization worthy of the public’s trust and the trust of its members. The LWVBC’s actual spending for last year, the current budget, and expenditures as of February 28, 2019, and the proposed budget for 2019-2020 follow. The Budget Committee (Susan Saunders, Chair, Linda Katalenich and Pat Long), assisted by President Peggy Leech, reviewed the current year budget and expenses, team funding requests, and strategic objectives to estimate next year’s income and expenses.

For a second year, we have not presented next year’s budget as balanced, with expenses matching income. Our budget figures compared to actual income and expense will tell our story and unspent income will appear in the assets table of our final fiscal year report when we close the books on June 30. For example, we received a grant in late 2018, but most of the spending will take place later in 2019 so assets vs new income will cover expenses proposed in the grant application.

The budget request for next year is significantly higher than this year’s budgeted expenses. The increased costs projected are primarily for: a) delegate expenses at the national convention, which are significantly higher than those budgeted for the state convention in the current year; and b) increased hours for our Administrative Assistant, who is assuming more responsibilities as she assists the president and her work enables LWVBC teams to be more active and productive by eliminating some of their administrative tasks. Our pledge campaign to pay for 2 years of an Administrative Assistant will be collected in full by June. We need to continue raising funds in 2019-20 if we are to have continued assistance beginning July 2020. There are other increased expenses because of the increased activity anticipated for the 2020 elections and the 100th anniversary of the LWV with events likely in Spring of 2020.

The budget committee is requesting a \$10 dues increase for next year. This increase, along with increased contributions and grants, is included in the estimated income and expenses of the proposed budget. The new rate will contribute approximately \$1,800 towards funding expenses, a small but necessary incremental addition to our base funding. Voter Service activities went from 30-50 events and the member management software expanded the league’s reach to approximately 1,000 contacts, facilitated the organization of events and volunteer coordination as well as the collection of data to measure our effectiveness as a league. Community Conversations, Drinks & Dialogue, and collaborations with other groups have included the public in 18 informative sessions on politics and policy. As a result of the increased activity, LWVBC is more visible in the community and a stronger force for active and responsible government at all levels. Also, it demonstrates improved viability for favorable consideration by funding agencies.

A budget is a guideline and unexpected expenses will undoubtedly occur. The imbalance between income and expenses will be covered by our cash reserve. The Budget Committee members and the Board members cannot identify significant activities (expenses) which the LWVBC can afford to quit.

PROPOSED INCREASES TO LWVBC DUES

Current:		Proposed:	
Individual basic	\$66	Individual basic	\$76
Individual, sustaining	\$126	Individual, sustaining	\$136(min)
Student	\$0	Student	\$0
Household, 2 members	\$99	Household, 2 members	\$114
Household, sustaining	\$219	Household, sustaining	\$234

PROPOSED BUDGET

2019-2020



LWVBC 2019-2020 PROPOSED BUDGET				as of 3/18/19	
Category	TOTAL ACTUAL 2017-2018	TOTAL BUDGET 2018-2019	TOTAL ACTUALS As of Feb 28, 2019	PROPOSED BUDGET 2019-2020	
INCOME	\$ 52,312	\$ 41,845	\$ 33,295	\$ 57,776	
Contributions	\$ 25,389	\$ 14,500	\$ 13,521	\$ 24,000	
Foundation Campaign (Admin. Asst.)	\$ 21,844	\$ 10,000	\$ 8,150	\$ 16,500	
Members	\$ 3,173	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,069	\$ 7,000	
Non-members	\$ 372	\$ 500	\$ 307	\$ 500	
Dues	\$ 12,081	\$ 12,500	\$ 10,648	\$ 13,376	
Grants	\$ 2,100	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,500	\$ 7,000	
Investment Income	\$ 64	\$ 45	\$ 79	\$ 100	
Bank Acc Interest	\$ 24	\$ 5	\$ 38	\$ 60	
Cert of Deposit Interest	\$ 40	\$ 40	\$ 41	\$ 40	
Other Income	\$ 394	\$ -	\$ 140	\$ 200	
Proceeds fm Activities	\$ 12,284	\$ 10,800	\$ 5,407	\$ 13,100	
Bulb Sales	\$ 632	\$ 600	\$ 858	\$ 600	
Duck Race	\$ 325	\$ 700	\$ 550	\$ 500	
Grocery Cards	\$ 3,068	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,689	\$ 5,000	
Meetings	\$ 6,007	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,310	\$ 3,000	
Money Making Events	\$ 2,251	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 4,000	
Category	TOTAL ACTUAL 2017-2018	TOTAL BUDGET 2018-2019	TOTAL ACTUALS As of Feb 28, 2019	PROPOSED BUDGET 2019-2020	
EXPENSES	\$ 37,402	\$ 44,176	\$ 28,409	\$ 60,131	
Activities	\$ 9,532	\$ 8,360	\$ 5,702	\$ 9,955	
Advocacy Materials	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ 230	\$ 200	
Education Costs	\$ 6,824	\$ 8,310	\$ 5,472	\$ 9,755	
Events/Meetings	\$ 2,026	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,931	\$ 4,000	
Filming	\$ 158	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	
Issue Teams	\$ 639	\$ 1,000	\$ 378	\$ 1,600	
Voters Services	\$ 1,911	\$ 2,310	\$ 2,163	\$ 3,155	
Community Engagement	\$ 4,150	\$ 7,000	\$ 1,948	\$ 5,000	
Affiliate Organizations	\$ 50	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 300	
Latino Engagement	\$ 802	\$ 2,000	\$ 675	\$ 1,000	
Misc Strategic Plan	\$ 236	\$ 200	\$ 50	\$ 200	
Networking/Public Relations	\$ 914	\$ 2,000	\$ 379	\$ 1,000	
Youth Engagement & Intern	\$ 2,148	\$ 2,500	\$ 844	\$ 2,500	
Delegate Expenses	\$ 5,664	\$ 2,000	\$ 736	\$ 7,200	
National	\$ 5,261	\$ -	\$ 736	\$ 7,000	
State	\$ 403	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 200	
Workshops	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Operating Costs	\$ 2,994	\$ 2,552	\$ 2,179	\$ 3,210	
Bank Checks and Charges	\$ 25	\$ 100	\$ 30	\$ 40	
Liability Ins	\$ 600	\$ 650	\$ 600	\$ 650	
Licenses and Taxes	\$ 10	\$ 20	\$ -	\$ 10	
PO Box Rent	\$ 76	\$ 80	\$ 82	\$ 85	
Supplies & Stationery	\$ 514	\$ 400	\$ 298	\$ 500	
Telephone	\$ 102	\$ 102	\$ 21	\$ 125	
Website Expenses	\$ 1,668	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,148	\$ 1,800	
Organizational Expenses	\$ 6,648	\$ 14,060	\$ 7,969	\$ 25,310	
Admin Consultant	\$ 3,650	\$ 11,000	\$ 6,728	\$ 19,500	
Admin-Equip & supplies	\$ 519	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	
Annual Mtg Packets	\$ 69	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	
Fundraising expense	\$ 1,505	\$ 500	\$ 850	\$ 2,000	
Membership Team Expenses	\$ 421	\$ 1,250	\$ 301	\$ 1,000	
President	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ 100	
Secretary	\$ -	\$ 10	\$ -	\$ -	
Technology Improvements	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	
Training	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 90	\$ 2,000	
Treasurer	\$ 23	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ 10	
Other Organizational Expenses	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ -	
PMP Assessments	\$ 8,190	\$ 9,854	\$ 9,750	\$ 9,256	
National PMP	\$ 5,040	\$ 6,064	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,696	
State PMP	\$ 3,150	\$ 3,790	\$ 3,750	\$ 3,560	
To Be Reimbursed	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Voter	\$ 223	\$ 350	\$ 125	\$ 200	
Newsletter	\$ 223	\$ 350	\$ 125	\$ 200	
Difference (revenue - expenses)	\$ 14,911	\$ (2,331)	\$ 4,886	\$ (2,355)	

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18



The Financial Review Committee has reviewed:

1. The record keeping of LWVBC which includes revenue and expenditures, beginning and ending cash balances and the FY end bank statement/reconciliation
2. Changes in bank account from Wells Fargo to Elevations Credit Union during FY 2017-18.

We find that the books are an accurate reflection of the financial condition of the LWVBC for the FY 2017-18 and of its operations and cash flows for that fiscal year. We commend the Treasurer for her commitment to accuracy, clarity, transparency and compliance with recommended best League and general accounting practices.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Brown Gwen Kittel

Net Worth end Feb 2019 - As of 2/28/2019	
Account	2/28/2019 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
CD fall	3,084.83
ECU Savings	25.00
Endowment Fund	1,050.00
General Fund ECU	43,881.92
General Fund WF	0.00
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	48,041.75
TOTAL ASSETS	48,041.75
LIABILITIES	
	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	48,041.75

BYLAWS CHANGE PROPOSAL - 2019-2020

The following proposed change to the bylaws is intended to clarify the dues for student members, including those years in which student memberships are free. Membership currently, is free at National, State and Local levels through January 2021. This is not reflected in our bylaws and may be continued as it encourages students to try out the League.

Current:

d. Members are those for whom regular dues are paid in full. *Student member dues equal one half the regular member's rate.*

Proposed:

d. Members are those for whom regular dues are paid in full. *Except when suspended at National, State or Local levels, student dues equal one half the regular members' rate. When student dues are suspended, volunteer service hours may be encouraged.*

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