

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW MEXICO
Board of Directors Meeting
May 17, 2009, 12 noon to 2:15 p.m.
Nativo Lodge, Albuquerque

Members present: Jan and Olin Bray, Bonnie Burn, Barbara Calef, Katherine Campbell, Jennice Fishburn, Cheryl Haaker, Lora Lucero, Meredith Machen, Richard Mason, Linda Moscarella
Absent: Caroline Jackson, Vicki Simons

Others:

Off-board Director: Delores Watkins, Drug Policy
Observers: Herb Hughes, Michael McKay, Roland Watkins

Call to Order: President Campbell called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Introductions: Each person introduced herself/himself since this was the first meeting of the newly elected board.

Approval of Agenda: Agenda was approved as presented.

Meeting Minutes, March 21, 2009: Spelling corrections were made to two names, "Heinrich" and "Haaker" in the President's Report. Minutes were filed as corrected.

Final MOU with LWVCNM: The Memo of Understanding regarding the use of office space and related duties was completed by President Campbell and Diane Goldfarb, President of the LWVCNM. The MOU was shared with the LWVNM board as an information-only item.

Board Calendar 2009-2010: After review of the 2009-2010 tentative calendar and discussion of the need for additional meetings, modifications to the tentative calendar were made. Motion: Haaker moved that the October meeting be replaced with meetings in September and November. Moscarella seconded; motion passed. The board agreed to focus on strategic planning at the September meeting, which will convene in Albuquerque from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., September 12 (location to be determined by the LWVCNM per MOU); the usual fall meeting in Socorro will be November 14th. Other items on the tentative calendar remained as presented.

Draft Electronic Meeting Procedure: Campbell highlighted some of the items in the draft procedure. Given the limitations of the electronic meeting format, she feels that only one of the board meetings should be conducted electronically.

Nonpartisan Policy and Board Responsibilities: The Nonpartisan Policy and Conflict of Interest as originally adopted May 2007 was reviewed and clarified per questions asked by board members. Motion: Mason moved to readopt the nonpartisan policy as it stands. Jan Bray seconded; motion passed. Motion: Burn moved that the Responsibilities of Board Members document as adopted July 14, 2007, be readopted as presented. Haaker seconded; motion passed.

LWVUS Council: Additional information is needed regarding the logistics and methodology of the electronic Council meeting. Campbell and Haaker will gather more information from LWVUS, with the goal of having the two LWVNM delegates in one location for the electronic meeting.

Natural Resources:

House Memorial 90: Lucero informed the board that this Memorial asks, but doesn't mandate, that Legislative Council Services look at TIDDs and financing tools for developers. Since a planner is to be part of the process, she submitted her name for consideration, should the project get underway. However, she asked if the LWVNM board would like her to represent the LWVNM if she's selected as the planner representative. Motion: Mason moved that Lora Lucero serve as LWVNM representative if she is selected. Burn seconded; motion passed.

Climate change symposium: Lucero presented a \$600 check to the board treasurer (Haaker) that is the first half of a LWVUS grant to conduct a symposium focusing on climate change. Haaker was directed to create a separate line item for grants.

Environmental Improvement Board Petition (EIB): Lucero presented a request that the LWVNM be a co-signer on a petition to the State of New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board regarding the adoption of new regulations and amendments related to statewide cap on greenhouse gas emissions. The LWVNM's Entry of Appearance draft is based on existing LWVUS and LWVNM positions. Board questions were answered in regard to other co-signing organizations, the need to modify some wording in the draft petition, and whether any expenditures would be involved (no funding would be required).

Motion: Lucero moved that the LWVNM file a Entry of Appearance to be a co-petitioner in the petition to the Environmental Improvement Board regarding adoption of new regulations and amendments of various sections of 20.2.1, 20.2.2., 20.2.70, and 20.2.72 NMAC, statewide cap on greenhouse gas emissions. Motion seconded by Machen; motion passed. Action: Lucero will provide exact wording for the LWVNM's Entry of Appearance document and information about the submission process. Campbell will be responsible for filing the Entry of Appearance.

Suggestions for Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

Burn: Followup on resolutions adopted at today's convention. Motion: Moscarella moved that the appropriate person at the LWVUS office be contacted and asked that the single payer item be included on the council agenda. Machen seconded; motion passed. Action: Campbell will send resolution and request to LWVUS.

J. Bray: Should a resolution include an action piece?

Burn: Clarification on what will happen about bylaws resolution.

Fishburn: Question about directions to board received at the end of convention. Campbell noted that the directions should be discussed in September in context of strategic planning.

Announcement: Campbell asked that local League presidents (Brays, Burn, Calef, Machen) send local board listings to her. She will provide the state board list to Jo Anne Ramponi.

Next Board Meeting: An electronic board meeting will be held July 10-19, 2009.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.