



Annual Meeting 2022 Minutes

Friday, May 20, 2021

5:00pm: Call to Order – Karen Sheek, President

Karen Sheek introduces Lt. Gov. Dianne Primavera

- Lt. Gov. Primavera described crisscrossing the state with Gov. Polis while campaigning and the doubt they received
- She noted the strong progress achieved by the current gubernatorial administration in reducing costs for Colorado's families in healthcare,
- She told of her struggles 34 years ago as a single mother with breast cancer
- She's proud of Colorado's progress but is concerned about the 2022 elections; she knows that women power democracy and is therefore pleased to speak with LWVCO's membership!

President's Opening Remarks

Karen acknowledged and gave thanks to:

State Board Members:

- Barb Whinery (Vice President)
- Irene Tynes (Secretary)
- Bonnie Seals (Treasurer)
- Lena Brown (Special Projects)
- Sharon Davis (JEDI)
- Connie Fox (Nominating)
- Chris Humphries (Voter Service)
- Toni Larson (Action & Advocacy)
- Beth Malmskog (Redistricting)
- Veniece Miller (Civics Education)

Other League Members working on LWVCO's behalf

- Cath Perrone (VOTE411 Coordinator)
- Ruth Nerenberg, Marjie Gray, Vicky McLane (Nominating Committee)
- Liz Black, Anne Norwood, Bobbie Heisterkamp (Investments Committee)
- Jean McGuire, Jackie Hertel, Nicole Garland, Susanna Spaulding, Chris Humphries (Project Grants Committee)

Staff

- Andrea Wilkins (Staff Lobbyist)
- Laura Baker (Operations Manager)
- Lynsey Georgen (Development & Communications)
- Beth Hendrix (Executive Director)

Credentials Committee Report

Irene Tynes, LWVCO Secretary shared that we have a quorum of 45 total voting delegates, made up of:

- 9 LWVCO Board delegates
- 36 Local League delegates
- 15 Local Leagues represented
- 25 observers

Appointments

Parliamentarian: Gerry Cummins (Arapahoe/Douglas League)

Reading Committee: Ruth Nerenberg (LWV Pueblo), Barb Whinery (LWV Greeley-Weld), and Anne Thompson (LWV Larimer)

Standing Rules for Annual Meeting

LWVCO Treasurer Bonnie Seals (LWV Estes Park) moved to approve the Standing Rules for the 2022 Annual Meeting; Ruth Nerenberg (LWV Pueblo) seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Agenda Adjustments and Adoption

President Karen Sheek asked for any changes or adjustments to the Annual Meeting agenda; there were none. LWV Denver member Jeanette Scotland made a motion to accept the agenda as presented in the 2022 Annual Meeting Workbook; Fayre Rusczyk of LWV Jeffco seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes

Karen Sheek announced that the 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes had been approved by the Reading Committee.

Karen also announced that the Board Reports will not be orally presented except for the Financial Reports, and that time remains to submit questions or comments on any of the business reports via email; contact information was shared.

Financial Statements

Bonnie Seals, LWVCO Treasurer, reviewed the FY21 financial reports and the FY22 year-to-date reports. There were no questions from delegates.

Constitution Day

Jill Smith (LWV Arapahoe-Douglas) discussed their Constitution Day Citizenship Day project.

Budget Presentation 2022 -2023

Bonnie Seals, LWVCO Treasurer, presented LWVCO's proposed FY23 budget. There were no questions from delegates.

Whitepaper on Colorado's Elections Systems

Gerry Cummins presented information on the whitepaper on Colorado's stellar elections systems that an LWVCO committee has been writing for the past 18 months. When complete, the whitepaper will be distributed to Leagues nationally for advocacy actions.

By-laws Committee Report

Irene Tynes, LWVCO Board Secretary, presented and explained proposed changes; changes were limited to Article 12 and align with LWVCO's strategic objectives of improving and streamlining the collaborative program planning process and continuing to increase nimbleness by allowing new/edited positions to be discussed and voted upon at special meetings of the membership. There were no questions from delegates.

Program Planning Report

LWVCO Vice President Barb Whinery presented the proposed changes to program. There were no questions from delegates.

Nominating Committee Report:

President Karen Sheek thanked the Nominating Committee for their work:

Connie Fox (LWVCO Board & LWV Montezuma), Chair
Beth Malmkog (LWVCO Board & LWV Pikes Peak)
Marjie Gray (LWV Chaffee County)
Vicky McLane (LWV Larimer)
Ruth Nerenberg (LWV Pueblo)

Connie Fox, LWVCO Nominating Chair, presented the slate. First are current members of the LWVCO Board who are being recommended for new positions:

- Irene Tynes, LWVCO's current Board Secretary, to be LWVCO's President
- Sharon Davis, a current LWVCO Board member and member of LWV Larimer, to be Vice President
- Bonnie Seals has accepted a new term as Treasurer

- Veniece Miller, a current LWVCO Board member and member of LWV Boulder, to be Board Secretary
- Barbara Whinery will move from Vice President to co-chairing Voter Service with Chris Humphries
- Karen Sheek has completed her term as President and will move to Local League Support

Five candidates, to be new members of the LWVCO Board, introduced themselves:

- Maud Naroll of LWV Arapahoe-Douglas – co-chair of Action & Advocacy
- Kathy Wilson of LWV Larimer – co-chair of Action & Advocacy
- Sterling Harris, a new member of the Denver League
- Deborah Lively, a new member of the Denver League
- Cameron Manning, LWV Denver
- Anne McGihon, a new member of the Denver League

Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Report

LWVCO Board members Sharon Davis and Bonnie Seals shared the results of a survey they conducted with Colorado Leagues on their JEDI actions, as well as future plans.

Adjournment

President Karen Sheek then adjourned the meeting until 9am on May 21, 2022.

BREAKOUT ROOMS

Room 1: Healthcare

Room 2: Housing

Room 3: News Access & Literacy

Room 4: Climate Emergency

SATURDAY, MAY 21

9am: Call to Order – Karen Sheek, President

Credentials Committee Report

Irene Tynes, LWVCO Secretary shared that we have a quorum of 56 total voting delegates, made up of:

- 10 LWVCO Board delegates
- 46 Local League delegates
- 16 Local Leagues represented
- 28 observers

Keynote Speaker

Ambassador Gary Grappo: *Democracy's Biggest Test: Confronting Authoritarianism in the 21st Century*

Break

Budget Adoption

LWVCO Treasurer Bonnie Seals, as chair of the Budget Committee, moved for the adoption of the FY23 budget as presented in the Annual Meeting Workbook. Because the motion came from a committee, no second was needed. The motion passed unanimously.

Leader of Democracy preview

Bylaws Adoption

LWVCO Secretary Irene Tynes made a motion to adopt the bylaws changes as printed in the Annual Meeting Workbook. Because the motion came from a committee, no second was needed. The motion passed unanimously.

Program Adoption

LWVCO Vice President Barbara Whinery made a motion for the adoption of the proposed program as presented in the Annual Meeting Workbook. Because the motion came from a committee, no second was needed. The motion passed unanimously.

Nominating Slate Adoption

President Karen Sheek asked if there any nominations for the LWVCO Board from the floor; there were none.

LWVCO Nominating Chair Connie Fox made a motion that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the slate as presented in the Annual Meeting Workbook. Because the motion came from a committee, no second was needed. The motion passed unanimously.

President Karen Sheek explained that LWVCO Bylaws state that the Nominating Committee is made up of five people: three non-Board members; and two Board members. Lena Brown of the LWVCO Board and LWV Arapahoe Douglas will chair this year, and the Board will appoint the 2nd member at our first Board meeting. The three non-Board members serving on the Nominating Committee, Connie Fox (LWV Montezuma), Marjie Gray (LWV Chaffee County), and Vicky McLane (LWV Larimer), each have a year remaining in their terms, so new elections are not needed.

President Karen Sheek then recognized three outgoing Board members: Dr. Connie Fox, Dr. Beth Malmskog, and Dr. Toni Larson. A video for Toni made by former SOS Bernie Buescher was shared.

Legislative Action Committee

Maud Naroll discussed plans for the Legislative Action Committee.

Directions to the Board

President Karen Sheek asked for directions for the incoming Board.

Linda Hutchison, LWV Larimer, shared their resolution requesting the addition of News Access and Literacy for Civic Engagement to be added to the Making Democracy Work platform.

Adjournment

President Karen Sheek adjourned the 2022 Annual Meeting at approximately 11:30am.

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