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President’s Message

Rebecca Gladstone, LWVOR President

OUR CENTENNIAL YEAR!

We welcome you to a delegates’ distance meeting to fulfill two Council requirements in a business session: to ratify our budget and elect a few officers and board directors. Since we considered how to meet, we are realizing that we miss each other! The MLD Committee is working on this, presenting ideas to the board, and is open to your requests, especially if you would like to participate! We may be able to add a few breakout sessions, also as distance meetings. Please send recommendations to Kathleen Hersh, hershor[at]gmail.com.

We will sorely miss seeing you in person at the Oregon coast in Newport, with our hosts, the Lincoln County League! I am trusting that all of us will persist and be vigilant with our hand washing, social distancing, and wearing masks, hoping these measures will protect us. We are working on an Oregon rain check, with a 2022 deposit already on the books for the same Newport hotel, hoping things will be looking up by then. Please take news back to your Leagues with my deep gratitude for your devotion to our work! –Becky Gladstone, President, LWVOR

To review our year since the 2019 Convention:

• **Our 100th Anniversary!** Leagues are commemorating our centennial with activities around the state, now adjusting for “social distancing”. Our extravagant “Century Celebration” lunch in Salem was attended by over 200, with detailed preparation by a very large committee, working since July of 2018. Parades and in-person events are being postponed to protect our health. LWVUS recommends we extend our celebration period into next year!

• **The 2020 election** This may again be “the most important election of our lifetimes”. We are proud of our volunteers and staff for our laudable voter service tools, our Voters’ Guides, with various versions online, including Vote411.org, and a few printed this spring, along with increased Video Voters’ Guide interviews and other recordings! These will be more helpful if voters actually get those ballots in! We have increased our ads budget, underwriting local newspaper ads for our local Leagues, and boosting social media in numerous ways. LWVUS is urging for our help with GOTV-Get Out The Vote! Legal scholars are discussing our election laws, looking at our transition to the administration that will be elected in January. They are calling on the League to educate voters about VBM (vote by

Oregon Chief Justice Martha Walters speaks at the LWVOR Century Celebration on March 7th.
mail), the “popular” vote versus Electoral College voting, how we adjudicate tied slates in states, and agreement/acceptance of the Presidential election outcome. We are hoping for more progress in 2021 toward the National Popular Vote and additional adoptions of new voting methods around the country, including Ranked Choice Voting. Review our 2017 Election Methods study.

- **Studies** We have completed the one-year study approved at Convention last year, “Privacy and Cybersecurity Today”, currently in consensus question discussion. Our two-year study, Pesticides and Biocides in Oregon, is underway and on track. We hope you are thinking about pressing issues we should be proposing for Convention 2021!

- **Action** Our Action Committee is actively seeking volunteers (leaders!) as we examine ways to reorganize our now much larger and very active group of advocates. Both of the last two legislative sessions have been frustrating as extensive work was rendered moot by partisan walkouts preventing quorum minimum attendances. Our action group has not rested though, with a bakers’ dozen of proposals submitted after the session closed in March.

- **Improved Communications?** We added a monthly all-members email to all members, on the first of each month, because of this clear request from Convention. League Leaders have now have a shared google group, and are comparing notes, discussing challenges, and helping each other! Our quarterly printed newsletter, The VOTER, is still mailed to members. We welcome your suggestions!

- **Financial Stability** We are better able to achieve our goals now because of generous donations, both from members and from donor grants. “Permanently restricted” capital, protected donations managed by the Oregon Community Foundation, now provide a secure $5,000 net operating income every year! We are extremely grateful for all of this. Thank You!

We have supported local Leagues’ voter service events and 100th Anniversary celebration materials. We support Climate Change and Jordan Cove litigation. We have increased budgets so trained staff now cover technical tasks that volunteers struggled to perform.
Business Meeting Agenda

The meeting will open to all preregistered members at 9:30 am, to permit time for each member to be allowed into the meeting.

Business Meeting, May 16, 2020, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
1. Welcome (President Rebecca Gladstone)
2. Zoom Meeting Instructions (Parliamentarian Alice Bartelt)
3. Adoption of the Credentials Report
4. Adoption of the Meeting Rules
5. Adoption of the Meeting Agenda
6. Presentation, discussion and vote on proposed Budget for FY 2020-21
7. Presentation of Nominating Committee Report (Norman Turrill) and election of 2020-21 Board
8. Closing remarks
9. Adjournment

After the business meeting concludes there will be “Bring Your Own Lunch Luncheon,” an hour to socialize and share your League’s latest news from approximately 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm.
LWVOR Board of Officers and Directors

OFFICERS
Rebecca Gladstone, President
Sally McKain, 1st Vice President and Events Chair
Alice Bartelt, 2nd Vice President, Action Chair, Bylaws Chair
Ruth Kistler, Treasurer
Kate Culbertson and Amelia Nestler, Co-Secretaries

DIRECTORS
Jackie Clary, Development Committee Chair
Kathleen Hersh, Membership, Leadership and Development (MLD) Chair, HR Chair
Karan Kuntz, Program Chair, Voter Editor
Toni Lampkin, Mock Election, Civics Education, Census 2020, and Outreach Chair
Sheila McGinnis, liaison to Cybersecurity Study committee
Betsy Pratt, Voter Service Chair

OFF-BORD
Budget, NEEDED
Luis Nava, Latino Outreach
Norman Turrill, Nominating Committee Chair, Technology

LWVOR ACTION COMMITTEE
Alice Bartelt, Chair

EDUCATION
Chris Vogel, Education Coordinator
Higher Education, Barbara Sellers Young

GOVERNANCE
Norman Turrill, Governance Coordinator
Paula Krane, Public Access Coordinator
Redistricting, Campaign Finance Reform and Public Records
Transparency, OR EPAB, Becky Gladstone
Immigration, Claudia Keith
Civil Discourse Project and Healthy Democracy Oregon, Marge Easley
Governance research support, Christopher Cobey
Democracy issues, Tom Messenger

NATURAL RESOURCES
Peggy Lynch, Natural Resources Coordinator
Arlington Radioactive Waste, Shirley Weathers
Climate Change, Claudia Keith, Julie Chapman, Shirley Weathers & Cathy Frischmann
Columbia River Treaty, Phillip Thor
Coastal Issues, Peggy Joyce
Drinking Water Advisory Committee, Amelia Nestler
Forestry, Josie Koehne
Hanford Cleanup Board
Representative/Nuclear Waste, Marylou Schnoes
Jordan Cove Energy Project, Shirley Weathers and Christine Moffitt
Land Use-Aggregate Issues, Marge Easley
Northwest Energy Coalition Representative, Robin Tokmakian
Pesticides/Toxics, Amelia Nestler

SOCIAL POLICY
Karen Nibler, Human Services and Public Safety
Health Care, Bill Walsh
Family Preservation and Justice
Reinvestment, Barbara Ross
Gun Safety, Marge Easley
Housing, Debbie Aiona & Nancy Donovan
Sarah Andrews and Amanda Crittenden, Legislative Administrators

REVENUE
Chris Vogel and Josie Koehne, Revenue Co-Coordinators

LOCAL LEAGUE LEADERS
A number of our Leagues have moved to leadership teams. We encourage you to consider this. Find the full list on our website here, including in a new mobile-friendly format! Please note, this information is password protected:  http://lwvor.org/member-resources/
Bylaws and Remote Distance Meetings

Are distance meetings legal? Thank you to all who shared advice! Becky Gladstone

From Fran Smith, Coos County League Leader, citing ORS (Oregon revised Statute) 265.201:
An annual and regular membership meeting may be held in or out of this state at the place stated in or fixed in accordance with the bylaws or at a place the board of directors specifies, provided that the board’s specification is not inconsistent with the bylaws. If the board of directors does not determine that the annual and regular meeting will occur solely by means of remote communication and a place for the annual and regular meeting is not stated in or otherwise fixed in accordance with the bylaws, the annual and regular meeting must be held at the corporation’s principal office.

From Alice Bartelt, LWVOR 2nd VP, who is also a certified Parliamentarian and not advising us as an attorney:
Oregon law allows remote meetings. The board must say that they will have a remote meeting and how it will be conducted. This law went into effect in January, so it is new, just in time for our present situation. Although the bylaws don’t allow remote meetings, the law allows them. The statute has a higher order than bylaws.
I am not rendering a legal opinion, just pointing out what the law says about the ability to hold a remote meeting. It would be good that your bylaws say that the league can meet remotely for both the board and the general membership.

From Tom Carson, the CA League member who advised LWVOR about c3/c4 transition:
This language comes from a League Tom Carson is working with, as a possible bylaw provision:
One or more members may participate in any meeting by virtual meetings (such as teleconferencing, videoconferencing, and similar electronic equipment), so long as all participants in the meeting can simultaneously hear each other. This is acceptable for all meetings, including board meetings, membership meetings, and the Annual Meeting. Business at virtual meetings will be conducted in the same manner that meeting would be conducted in person including the same notice and quorum requirements.

LWV California established guidelines for California local Leagues, stating that a League may conduct a virtual annual meeting as long as your bylaws do not prohibit having a virtual annual meeting. Details of how to conduct the meeting do not have to be in the bylaws, but may be established by the League’s board. From my experience with a number of Zoom meetings in the last several months, all participants have been able to hear each other and may speak in turn with a monitor to mute and unmute people as necessary. Participation is initially controlled by limiting Zoom invitation distribution to your members, and having your membership chair verifying that those joining the meeting are members. When members are allowed to speak, they should have to announce their name at the beginning of their communication.
LWVOR Council 2020 Rules

A motion to adopt these rules will be made shortly after Council opens. Amendments may be offered at this time and require a majority vote. The rules as a whole require a majority vote for adoption.

1. ADMISSION Entrance to the Council shall be limited to persons who preregister and are designated as voting members of the Council.

2. DELEGATES Voting delegates of local Leagues and the state Board of Directors are so designated according to Article IX of the LWVOR Bylaws.

4. MOTIONS When a delegate makes a motion, it shall be written in the chat box.

5. DEBATES Official delegates from local Leagues and members of the LWVOR Board shall have the privilege of the floor. A delegate who wishes to speak shall raise a hand to be recognized. The speaker shall address the chair, and after gaining recognition, state her/his name and League. During debate on a motion, no person may speak more than once on that question until all others who wish to speak have done so. Rules of debate (i.e. time limits) shall be announced prior to debates.

6. VOTING A vote is limited to those official delegates present and voting. An abstention is a non-vote. A majority vote is more than half of the votes cast, ignoring abstentions, when a quorum is present. A 2/3-majority vote is required to adopt the Council Order of Business.

7. BUDGET ADOPTION The LWVOR budget will be proposed during the business session and adopted during the same business session.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS All oral announcements shall be made by the Secretary and shall relate directly to the program or to the welfare of the delegates.

12. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE League Bylaws, Article XIII, Sec. 1., and customary League procedure take precedence over the parliamentary authority. The president shall appoint an official parliamentarian.

13. MINUTES The Council minutes will be approved by the LWVOR Board at an early convenient Board meeting.
Budget Report

Rebecca Gladston, ad hoc Budget Committee Chair

This budget reflects revenue and expenses anticipated for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. It was developed by the Budget Committee and is recommended by the LWVOR Board of Directors for approval by the delegates of the 2020 LWVOR State Council. Thanks to Budget Committee members, our Treasurer, Ruth Kistler, Voter Service Chair, Betsy Pratt, Action Chair, Alice Bartelt, and Development Chair, Jackie Clary. We would welcome a Budget Committee Chair.

Report Highlights include:

• **Staffing** The temporary staffing expansion to 1.5 FTE reported at the 2018 Council, to support general office operations, voter service and advocacy efforts, became a permanent staffing level, with a third employee hired to support our redistricting education work. Our Redistricting project staffer, Candalynn Johnson, has been extraordinary! We all anticipated completion of this project and Candalynn has made other employment arrangements, with our best wishes and highest regards. We will return to our 1.5 FTE staffing level, for 2 part-time staff of 0.75 each, retaining Sarah Andrews and Amanda Crittenden.

• **Office expense** Our office lease is coming due in July 2020 and those terms may change. We budgeted in anticipation of a 5% increase.

**Voter Service** Altered budgeting reflects an inability to forecast coronavirus isolation, which limited the 2020 primary election print Voters’ Guide production and distribution severely. Online and other advertising will be expanded to increase visibility for our various Voters’ Guide versions online, including a large expansion of the Video Voters’ Guide postings, the podcast-style audio version, and others.

• **Per-Member-Payment (PMP)** The per member payment made by local Leagues to LWVOR holds steady at $30.50. The per member payment made by LWVOR for each of our MALs holds steady at $32.00.

• **Operating reserve policy** This proposed budget is in policy compliance of retaining 40% reserves.

• **Draw from assets to balance the budget.** This budget draws $26,404 from assets. The Budget Committee recommends this be drawn from a mix of unrestricted and restricted assets, those marked solely for expenditure on specific projects, usually Voter Services. Allocating restricted assets puts funding to work to achieve our mission and accomplish the goals for which it was donated.

Please see the proposed budget included on the following pages.
## LWVOR Proposed 2020-2021 Budget Income

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| **Earned Revenue**      |                          |         |                                                                         |
| 5210 Membership Dues    | $3,678                   | $2,210   | $3,000                     | $3,000                    | From Members-at-Large |
| 5220 Member Assessments - PMP | $23,526              | $25,926  | $29,250                    | $32,740                   | PMP from local Leagues |
| 5310 Interest on Savings | $2,763                   | $2,574   | $3,000                     | $1,000                    | declining interest rates |
| 5360 Other Investment Income | $2,407                 | $2,408   | $7,000                     | $5,000                    | unrealized gains not included |
| 5440 Gross Sales - Inventory | $131                   | $889     | $100                       | $100                      | merchandise sales     |
| 5810 Special Events (SE) |                          |         |                                                                         |
| 5810 (SE) - Fall Workshop | $0                     | $2,338   | $2,000                     | $0                        | not in even (election) years |
| 5810 (SE) - LWVOR Conv / Council |         | $3,000   | $9,000                     | $9,000                    | higher expense for Convention |
| 5810 (SE) - Day at Legislature | $270                 | $1,448   | $2,000                     | $2,000                    |                         |
| 5810 (SE) - Legislative Process Day | $1,822             |         | $0                         | $2,000                    |                         |
| 5810 (SE) - 100th Anniversary | $10,515             | $15,000  |                           |                           |                         |
| **Total Earned Revenue** | **$34,596**             | **$48,309** | **$49,350**                  | **$54,840**               |                         |
## LWVOR Proposed 2020-2021

### BUDGET EXPENSES

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**General Office Totals**

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### Program – Action

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| Class 102 - Committee - Action | $2,000 | $2,000 |
| Class 103 - Day at Legislature | $573 | $2,774 | $2,000 | $1,600 | Event |
| Class 104 - Fall Workshop | $660 | $4,405 | $2,000 | $0 | not scheduled in even years |
| Class 105 - Advocacy Support | $96 | $13 | $1,250 | $1,500 |
| Class 106 - Legislative Report | $617 | $950 | $1,250 | $4,000 |
| Class 109 - Legislative Process Day | $2,433 | $0 | $0 | $2,000 |
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**Program Action Totals**

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### Total Expenses

- **Total Income**: $98,145
- **Draw from assets**: $171,233
- **Total Income**: $149,850
- **Net Income**: $129,840

**Net Income**: -$26,404
Nominating Committee Report

As of April 17, 2020
Submitted by Nominating Committee members Norman Turrill (elected Chair), Jane Gigler (elected), Sally Hollemon (elected), Jackie Clary (Board appointed), and Sheila McGinnis (Board appointed).

Continuing on the Board to complete their 2019-21 elected terms:
President Becky Gladstone (Eugene)
First Vice President Sally McKain (Umpqua Valley)
Co-Secretary Kate Culbertson (Rogue Valley)
Co-Secretary Amelia Nestler (Washington County)
Director Kathleen Hersh (Washington County)
Director Betsy Pratt (Portland)
Director vacant

Nominated to the Board for two-year elected terms, ending in 2022:
2nd Vice President Alice Bartelt (Washington County) recommended to continue as Action Chair
Treasurer Ruth Kistler (Lincoln County) recommended to have professional bookkeeper support
Director Toni Lampkin (West Umatilla) recommended to continue as Mock Elections and Outreach Chair
Director Jackie Clary (Rogue Valley) recommended to continue as Development Chair
Director Sheila McGinnis (Rogue Valley) recommended for Program Chair

Nominated to fill the vacant Director position for the remainder of its one year term ending in 2021:
Director Robin Tokmakian (Portland)

Recommended to the Board for appointment to off-board positions:
Norman Turrill (Portland) continue as Technology Chair
Peggy Bengry (Washington County) continue on VOTE411

In consideration of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) program, the Nominating Committee wants to add more minority and ethnic Board members but have failed so far. Suggestions are welcome.

We express our sincere gratitude to our continuing board members and those who have agreed to stand for election. We are confident that the League's work in Oregon is in good hands!
Nominee Bios

Alice Bartelt
Recommended to continue as Action Chair

Alice is a 9-year member of the League of Women Voters but has worked on legislative issues for many years on behalf of the American Association of University Women of Oregon (AAUW). Alice has served on the Action Committee of the League since February 2009 and has been the Chair since June 2009. She is a registered lobbyist on behalf of the League. Since 1970, Alice has been an active member of the AAUW. She has held many offices at the branch level, including president. At the state level, she served as the president from 1998-2000. In addition, she has served as the Public Policy Chair on several occasions. At the national level, from 1991 until 1995, Alice served on the Convention Procedures Committee, which is responsible for running the association conventions. From 1999 until 2001, Alice served on the Association Resolutions Committee. Alice served on the Association Public Policy Committee from 2001 until 2003, as well as the Resolutions Committee. She served two terms as Mountain Pacific Regional Director, from June 2003 to July 2007. Alice is an active member of Zonta International, and serves as the parliamentarian of the International Board. She also serves on the board of the Virginia Gildersleeves International Fund, where she also serves as their parliamentarian. Alice is a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians. She is a past president of the Oregon Association. She is currently the Vice President. She is also a Professional Registered Parliamentarian. She serves as the Parliamentarian for LWVOR. She has served on the boards of NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon, the Women’s Rights Coalition, Oregon Women Lawyers, the Columbia Chapter of Americans United for Separation of Church and State and the Diversity Section of the Oregon State Bar. She is the Social Ministries Committee Chair of her church. She also serves as the parliamentarian for the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon.

In March 2007, Alice retired from SAIF Corporation, where she worked as a staff attorney. Alice practiced workers’ compensation law for 25 years prior to her retirement.

Jackie Clary
Recommended to continue as Development Chair

Personal history: I moved to Ashland at age six, spent my idyllic childhood in Lithia Park, building dams in the creek, watching OSF rehearsals - long before paid actors - with Angus Bowmer (our neighbor) directing. When I was thirteen, we moved to California where I lived until returning to Southern Oregon when I retired. The in-between years held all the usual events: school, work, marriage, children (two incredible sons), volunteering, finishing college (graduating from UC Davis at age 49), career (library adult literacy coordinator in various California counties), and finally retiring, more or less.

League history: I have been a member (inactive now and then) of LWV since I was 27 and felt it has influenced and directed my adult life in more ways than I can list here. League has been one of the first things I look for when moving to a new community, and in the case of Crescent City, when I found there
was no League, we tried to start one, partnering for a while with Curry County. Since 2016, I have been president of LWV Rogue Valley, this last (last!) year with a co-President. As a member of the State Board this last year, I have broadened my understanding and appreciation of League. I have been hooked from the first meeting, all those years ago.

Ruth Kistler
Recommended to continue as Treasurer with professional bookkeeper support

I, Ruth Kistler (nee Goldstein) was born in the Bronx, the only mainland borough of New York City, and lived there for the first three decades of my life. I was raised in the intellectual ferment of socialism and Zionism. My interest in the natural world was nurtured by frequent visits to the world-class Bronx Botanical Gardens and Bronx Zoo, as well as to the American Museum of Natural History (one subway trip away). As a girl child, I was pressured to be “beautiful but dumb” and I knew I could be neither. Although urged to attend a high school that would develop my artistic talent, I chose instead to attend the Bronx High School of Science and concentrated on mathematics and biology. After high school I spent eight years dropping in and out of City College (with one disastrous year at Cornell), and graduated with a B.S. in Mathematics. During my college years I was a volunteer math tutor, and was employed variously as an actuarial trainee, a payroll clerk, and a bookkeeper. After graduation I went to work in New York City for the Service Bureau Corporation (SBC), a wholly-owned subsidiary of IBM, as a computer programmer. In 1969, I got SBC to request me to transfer to San Jose, California, where a new development lab had been established. I transferred into the mother corporation when SBC was sold. During my 35 years with IBM, I worked in Research and Development Divisions, and was involved in the design and development of several large operating systems and database systems (most of which actually became released products). In 1978, I married another IBM programmer, Jack Kistler, a native of Portland. In 1980 our son David was born. During those years, working long hours, raising a child, and maintaining a home, left little time for community involvement, although I managed to find time to volunteer as an Algebra tutor at the high school. Recreation was mainly hiking and camping, and planning when and where to retire. In 2000 Jack and I retired from IBM and moved to Newport, drawn by the ocean, the wonderful climate (cool), and the lack of Willamette Valley allergens. (Jack has hay fever.) I became aware of the local League of Women Voters and agreed with the League’s progressive positions and its mission to involve citizens in government. I joined LWV of Lincoln County in 2000. I volunteered to serve as our local League Treasurer in 2005, and served as President from 2009 through 2013. I edit our local newsletter, Wavelengths. Husband Jack now serves as our local Treasurer, membership database manager, webmaster, and newsletter publisher. I was a member of the recent LWVOR Coastal Study group. When LWVOR Council 2014 did not have a Treasurer nominee, I volunteered for the job. I have been learning and working at that position since. Besides my involvement with the League, I am a volunteer interpreter at the Oregon Coast Aquarium, at the Hatfield Marine Science Visitor Center, and at Port Dock 1 (the sea lion pier) in Newport. Last year I got my Oregon Master Naturalist certification. I am a volunteer math tutor for GED and community college students. I also enjoy reading, especially history and economics books. And I am the proud mother of the cutest apricot standard poodle, Ginger.
Toni Lampkin
Recommended to continue as Mock Elections and Outreach Chair

I consider myself an East Oregonian even though I spent a few childhood years in Michigan. Visiting my grandparents in Boardman was a highlight of any summer. Eventually we returned to the northwest where I graduated from Riverside High School in Boardman, and then Portland State University. I began my teaching career with Portland Public Schools and finished out 31 years later with the Hermiston School District. My husband plays “cowboy” with his cattle out in the Echo Meadows; the granddaughters from Maryland love to ride out in the field, too, whenever they visit. Travel has been a life-long passion and the best way I know to continue learning. My involvement with the Oregon Education Association at both the local and state levels, and my work with the League constantly reinforces that politics impacts every aspect of our lives. . . .and I choose to be more than an idle observer!

Sheila Kennelly McGinnis
Nominated for position of Program Chair

Current LWV Oregon Board Member (Privacy and Cybersecurity Study) and LWV Rogue Valley member (County Government Study Update). Former Healthcare Management program director at Montana State University Billings, and faculty member at George Washington University, Idaho State University, University of Iowa, and Metropolitan State College in Denver. Ph.D., Management, Pennsylvania State University. Served on various academic, professional and community service committees and boards, including Boards of Directors - United Way (10 yrs), Boards of Directors - community health clinics (5 yrs), Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Examiner (2 yrs). Experienced in organization and program review, organization and quality improvement, and research and analysis.

Robin Tokmakian
Nominated for position of Director

Robin Tokmakian has been a League member for over 30 years in Denver, Corvallis, and Monterey County. She is currently a member of LWV Portland, OR, where she also serves as the LWV Oregon’s representative to the NW Energy Coalition.

Her participation has included a term as president of the LWV of Monterey County (CA), a LWV California board member, and a member of two LWVUS task forces, international trade and climate change (current), along with being a current UN Observer for the League in the area of climate change. Her many league activities have included being the chairman of local studies on public/private water, education, and campaign financing, and the Monterey County League contact for “VotersEdge.org”.

Dr. Tokmakian has a BA in Physics, an MS in Oceanography, and a PhD in Physical Oceanography and is, by profession, a physical oceanographer with experience in both teaching and research in the areas of global ocean and climate modeling, remote sensing of the oceans, and model uncertainty.
Civics Education Report
Toni Lampkin, Civics Education Chair

CIVICS EDUCATION

LWVOR was deeply involved with the Harvard Case Study Project during this last year. Thirteen outstanding teachers were nominated and received training in Boston during August 2019. In fact, the Oregon delegation was the largest League represented! The project is planning to provide training again this year, but, as a result of the current situation, the format and planning for the workshop is still being determined. Local leaders will receive additional information as it becomes available.

The LWVOR was a prominent contributor to the Oregon Department of Education spring Social Science Newsletter this month. Teachers and students were encouraged to register to vote, and the necessary information to do so was provided within the article.

Mock Elections will be organized and scheduled as students (hopefully) return to school in the fall. Details will be provided as the programs are adjusted and ready for use.

CENSUS

Oregon has a 57.1% return rate on the census as of April 30. Information is being collected daily by the Census Bureau and is being used to determine when field operations will continue. Several timelines that were expected to be finished by July have been extended into October.

Many local libraries and Leagues were planning collaboration on census activities, but most of those plans have also been revised at this time. Please contact your library to determine when and how activities will resume.

Updated information regarding the Census can be found at 2020census.gov.
Action Report

Alice Bartelt, Action Committee Chair

The Action Committee was very busy during the recently completed short session of the Oregon Legislature. The Committee met weekly during the session and sent out a Legislative Report every week during the session, with one being published the week before the session began.

We hosted a successful Day at the Legislature, with about 50 people attending. Thanks to the great work of Chris Vogel, the following members of the Legislature agreed to participate, although not all of them were able to appear. Those who agreed to speak to us were: Rep. Karin Power, Sen. Arnie Roblan, Sen. Herman Baertschiger Jr., Rep. Alissa Keny-Guyer, Rep. Cedric Hayden, Rep. Dan Rayfield, Rep. Cheri Helt, Rep. Christine Drazen, Sen Kathleen Taylor and Sen. Lynn Findley. In addition, it turned out to be the last day that both houses of the Legislature met before the end of the session. Workshop attendees had the opportunity to attend hearings and to visit the offices of their members of the Legislature.

We were very disappointed that only three bills passed before the Legislature adjourned. In view of our current condition of social distancing, it is likely that a special session of the Legislature will need to be convened to deal with the economic fall out of the Corvid-19 virus. In the meantime, our Action Committee members are monitoring the work of agencies as they develop rules and budgets.

“Redistricting Matters” has been a central effort throughout our year, with a dedicated staff hiring, Candalynn Johnson, who presented educational programs on redistricting and gerrymandering around the state this year, supported in part by a generous grant from LWVUS.
Membership Update

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Program Report

Karan Kuntz, Program Chair

According to the LWV website: Studies are part of League Program and, in League parlance, League Program includes all of the positions the League uses to affect public policy as well as the procedure for adopting these programs. Program is such an integral part of the League that, according to League Basics, “Program is the League’s reason for being.”

Program has three parts: 1) selection of an issue, 2) study of that issue, consensus and formulating a position, and 3) use of that position to influence public policy.

Two studies were adopted LWVOR’s 2019 Convention. Adopted as a one-year study, the Privacy and Cybersecurity Today report has been completed and it and supporting documents are currently available online. Because of the disruption of normal League meetings, the committee plans to set up multiple meetings that members can join for discussions. A second study, Pesticides and other Biocides in Oregon, was adopted as a two-year study. Work is in progress on this study, and it will be available next year.

New studies are adopted in Convention years only; therefore, there will be no new studies adopted at Council. It is never too early to start thinking about any needed studies that you would like to have considered by the 2021 LWVOR Convention. Any suggestions must be sent to the LWVOR board as part of next year’s local program.
Redistricting Report
Norman Turrill, President, LWV of Oregon Advocacy Fund

It is now imperative that every League member and every coalition organization go into emergency mode until July 2 to ensure our successful initiative signature campaign!

Read the Press Release “Independent redistricting commission supporters launch Oregon signature gathering campaign. We are still social distancing, so get an “E-Petition”, review the measure, get your electronic petition sheet, sign and mail it in, all safely from home, from People Not Politicians.

During the last year the League instigated and lead a broad coalition of organizations and individuals from the whole political spectrum known as People Not Politicians (PNP). The coalition’s purpose was/is to draft, file and get an Oregon constitutional amendment initiative on the 2020 General Election ballot to reform how redistricting is performed in this state.

Former LWVOR President Norman Turrill was selected as the PNP campaign Chair and one of two Chief Petitioners. The PNP coalition currently includes besides the LWV of Oregon (LWVOR), Common Cause Oregon, the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation, the Independent Party of Oregon (IPO), the American Association of University Women of Oregon (OR AAUW), NAACP Eugene/Springfield Branch, Oregon State Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG), the Oregon Progressive Party, the Taxpayer Association of Oregon, Grow Oregon, Portland Forward, and Stand Up America.

The coalition actually drafted and filed three initiatives, IP 57, IP 58 and IP 59. All versions propose a 12-member independent citizens’ redistricting commission, strict redistricting criteria, and appeal to the Oregon Supreme Court. The three are identical except that IP 57 combines congressional and legislative redistricting, whereas IP 58 and IP 59 separate those two processes. This was done to avoid a possible two subject rule challenge. Both the Secretary of State and Attorney General approved excellent ballot titles without ruling that the initiative contained two subjects. The Oregon Supreme Court also agreed with the ballot titles without any change. We are therefore proceeding with just IP 57 at this time.

In late 2018 and early 2019, the LWVOR together with local Leagues held some 22 public forums about our ideas for reform of the redistricting process. These forums were quite successful with a total of some 500 persons attending and gaining much publicity. In 2019 the LWVUS Education Fund gave a $10,000 grant to the LWVOR for continuing these educational programs. The LWVUS also gave a $5000 grant to the LWV of Oregon Advocacy Fund (LWVORAF), which was spent on promoting PNP programs. In 2019, the LWVORAF conducted a fundraising campaign for PNP and raised some $13,000.

The PNP campaign is currently circulating IP 57 for signatures with a deadline of July 2. We are now in uncharted territory in attempting to conduct an initiative signature gathering campaign during a pandemic. PNP has a plan to combine direct mailing of petitions with promotion of online e-petition downloading and printing. We also think that pandemic restrictions will be eased in mid-May or early June when we can then get out on the streets in force for traditional petitioning. These combined tactics should give us a good shot at success.
Treasurer’s Report
Ruth Kistler, Treasurer

LWVOR is in good financial shape. (See Statement of Financial Position.) Our net worth has increased over what it was at this time last year. Our use-restricted funds, i.e., monies restricted only for Voter Service, Mock Elections, or studies, have been reduced, giving us the freedom to spend in ways that best accomplish our mission.

LWVOR investment policy states that our objective is to maximize the return on invested assets and maintain reasonable access to funds while minimizing risk and expenses. To this end, our investment committee advised that about $100,000 be kept in our checking accounts for ready access. Another $100,000, for mid-term use (1 – 2 years), is invested for maximum interest. We are not currently investing these funds in Treasury bills since T-bill interest rates have dropped to near zero. Our long-term (five-year horizon) funds, $150,000, are invested in the Vanguard total market electronically traded fund. These mid-term and long-term funds can be easily accessed if our plans change. The OCF Annabel Kitzhaber Endowment fund appears on our financial statement (as advised by the FASB) but we have no control over these permanently restricted funds; we only receive distributions which are reported as investment income when received.

Our budget for this fiscal year called for drawing $14,000 from reserves. However, so far this year our income has exceeded expenditures by $36,000. This is in large part due to an extremely generous bequest from the estate of Robert Frenkel. Also, although the number of attendees at our March 7th Centennial Celebration was fewer than hoped, contributions for the celebration more than made up the income difference. This favorable financial condition allowed LWVOR to provide $4,800 in grants to local Leagues to help with their 100-year celebrations. LWVOR also provided a grant of $10,000 toward the fees and legal costs incurred in opposing the Jordan Cove Project.

Staff wages are the largest component of our general office expense. This year we have three staff members (Sarah Andrews, Amanda Crittenden, and Candalynn Johnson), yet our general office expenses have stayed within budget. We achieved this because staff record their hours spent on various functional activities (as Voters Guides, redistricting campaign, events, etc.) in a monthly program tracking report so that the costs can be properly distributed.

It is expected that the Covid-19 pandemic and the measures necessary to fight that pandemic will result in a recession. It is uncertain how it will affect donations. We don’t know how our expenses will be affected as we find new ways to carry out our mission in these changed circumstances. LWVOR is fortunate to be in good financial shape as we deal with these uncertainties.

For details on year-to-date income and expenses, please see the most current Treasurer’s Reports, “Statement of Financial Position”, “Statement of Income and Expense”, and “Budget vs Actual”, posted on the LWVOR website at lwvor.org/state-board-meeting-materials/.
Voter Service Report
Betsy Pratt, Voter Service Chair

For the May 2020 Oregon Primary we produced the following:

- Vote411 records for candidates across the state of Oregon, with a 55% response rate of all candidates invited to participate and a 65% response rate for races with more than one candidate. Vote411 went on-line on April 11th.
- 5,800 copies of the English version of the State guide, distributed to local Leagues by April 27.
- 2,150 copies of the Spanish version of the State guide, also distributed by April 27.
- An audio version of the State English guide posted to the LWVOR website and distributed to registered TBABS (Talking Books and Braille Services) clients.
- A large-print version posted to the LWVOR website and also distributed to registered TBABS clients. TBABS also used our State guide to prepare a BRAILLE version.
- Outreach campaigns through Oregon Public Broadcasting, in partnership with the Portland League, and local newspapers or online information sources, as organized by local Leagues.
- LWVOR/VoteOregon also provided pdf versions of our printed guides and links to video candidate interviews from across the state.

Because COVID-19 disrupted our normal distribution mechanisms, with the cancelation of candidate events, the closure of public libraries and schools, and restricted access to grocery stores, we printed fewer copies this year and relied more on Vote411.org. We also tried some special outreach efforts for the primary but may not know until after the election how successful those were. We will track Vote411 access data as it becomes available.

Voter Resource Team
Betsy Pratt: Coordination, English & Spanish versions, large print, audio and Braille; proofreading, outreach campaigns
Peggy Bengry: Lead, Vote411 and database management, outreach to election officials and candidates, data collection and input, district upgrade
Marianne Germond: Lead, print versions, boiler plate, file management, proofreading
Sarah Andrews and Amanda Crittenden: Administrators, Vote Oregon coordination and posts, coordination of local League orders, development of pdf versions and ad mock-ups
René Eggert: Layout and design of print versions (State and Multnomah County guides)
Beatriz Roblez Kieser, Crosscultural Now: Spanish translations and proofreading (State and Multnomah County guides)
Partners: Eagle Web Press (print versions); Don Ross Productions (audio version); Joel Henderson, Oregon State Library/TBABS (Talking Books and Braille Services) (large print, Braille and audio versions)

Local League Team Members
Clackamas  Marge Easley, Katie Lu, Judi Umaki, Nancy Murray
Coos       Frances Smith, Suzanne Grami, Carol Ventgen, Alice Carlson
Corvallis  Camille Freitag, Jessica McDonald
Curry      Mary Jane LaBelle, Charlie Alexander, Anne Tlaker
Deschutes  Susie Penhollow, Geri Hauser
Hood River Lucy Hill
Klamath Falls Leslie Lowe, Karen Kunz
Lane       Paula Grisafi, Keli Osborn
Lincoln    Georgia Roelof, Ruth Kistler
Linn       Linda Ziedrich
Marion/Polk Janet Adkins, Kathleen West, Deanie Anderson, Jean Sherbeck
Portland/ Multn. County Eileen Chase, Linda Fields, Kathy Casto, Margaret Noel
Rogue Valley Normary Barrett, Mary Sinclair
Umpqua Valley Jennifer Carloni
W. Umatilla Toni Lampkin
Washington Kathleen Hersh

My thanks for everyone who helped make this voters’ service program successful, and my apologies if I overlooked someone.
Events Report

Sally McKain, Event Chair

Events for League are per bylaws alternate years for Convention and Council, which allow members to gather and conduct business. Most events are held with interesting speakers and informed presentations by local Leagues to share their successful programs among everyone.

A year this past May we enjoyed Ashland with Convention titled “A Beacon of Democracy for 99 Years”. This was hosted by Rogue Valley League and was held at the historic Ashland Springs Hotel downtown. Many attendees enjoyed the varied theatre offerings before and afterward.

In October we gathered in Eugene for the Fall Workshop and had a full house for the one-day event. “Our Lives on the Web: Equity, Discourse, and Propaganda” was the theme. We used a member suggested seating arrangement at this event, which was mostly successful, with breaking groups into assigned seating and meeting more different people – both members and interested parties.

Feedback is important when we offer sessions. Although many give thoughtful evaluations, not everyone agrees of course. Challenges are usually for healthy, low cost meals, plenty of coffee all day long, and can everyone see and hear adequately? Another consideration is pacing, is the topic interesting and are the handouts clear?

In March the 100 Anniversary Celebration was held in Salem with an all-female leadership panel, a plated luncheon, ceremonial awards, and a promotional video and PowerPoint slide show. It was an outstanding success which reflects how important League still is after 100 years in Oregon.

Subsequently, our world has shut down: the Covid-19 Pandemic realized near the end of March put an end to League gatherings. We were planning a grand Council in Newport for May, but have had to cancel. There is no clear future for when or if we get back to normal, or the “New Normal” anytime soon.

May 16 we will hold a distance gathering via Zoom video conference for Council: both delegates and observers will be welcome. This is all new for Events and we all are learning. It will be limited to about two hours and to vote on board positions and to adopt the budget. Questions may be submitted to a Google group in advance about the agenda. Registration will be free and material packets will either be posted on the website or passed out electronically. Check lwvor.org for additional details.
Readers’ Review

How about a review of our book recommendations?

In July, the state and Portland Leagues co-sponsored a presentation at Powell’s Books by author, Professor Joshua A. Douglas speaking for his book “Vote for US”.

In August, we recommended: *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants* by Robin Wall Kimmerer

For our Privacy and Cybersecurity study, we recommended *The Known Citizen* in September.

October’s book was: *Give Us the Ballot: The Modern Struggle for Voting Rights in America* by Ari Berman

For November, “Politics of the Possible” by Alison McCaffree.

For December, Deschutes shared: We met at Corol Ann Cary’s home to discuss *Ratf* ked:

For January, we shared reading “Cyber Study” reading recommendations: *Materials have been posted for you.*

By February, our Cyber study was approved by the board and it has provided plenty for readers!

After you finish the Cyber study and the consensus questions, although there will be plenty to do, including Ballot Measure Research, for those so inclined, we promise there will be plenty more League-like reading! For example, this is hiding in the study presentation. The McCarthy era politics can use a dusting off and review.

Wishing all engaging Reading
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