

**LWVLA Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**April 18, 2017**  
**Mesa Public Library**

The meeting was called to order by co-president Becky Shankland at 1:12pm. A quorum was established. Introduction of attendees followed with recognition of board members and their jobs.

Jody Benson moved that the minutes of last year's annual meeting be approved as printed in the July Update. Kyle Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Kyle Wheeler and Lynn Jones were appointed to read the minutes of the April 18, 2017 annual meeting.

**President's Report**

President's report for 2016-2017 was given by Barbara Calef. Some of the achievements outlined were:

- Lynn Jones and her committee authored an excellent Voter Guide.
- Several sessions were held to register voters.
- A pre-primary forum was held for local candidates.
- Two forums were held for candidates for state and local positions.
- Ten editions of the newsletter "Update" were produced.
- Wendee Brunish and Becky Shankland attended the National League Convention.
- The local LWV hosted the LWVNM Council meeting in May.
- The local LWV held a consensus meeting for the state charter school study, which resulted in a new position.
- A legislative preview meeting was held. Neither of the senators representing Los Alamos were able to attend because they were called to a caucus meeting at the Roundhouse.
- Following a Lunch with a Leader talk by Andrea Cunningham, the League wrote and Becky Shankland read a letter to County Council asking them to act to reopen the Public Health Office.
- Karyl Ann Armbruster organized eleven excellent Lunch with a Leader programs.
- Wendee Brunish resigned in the fall and Becky Shankland and Barbara Calef agreed to accept the presidency as co-presidents.

## **Membership Report**

Becky reported that our membership had rebounded from last year's low to about 71 members. Ten new members joined during this election year.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Kathy Taylor reported that there is currently \$5,197.53 in the general account, there is \$2,146.06 in the savings account at Los Alamos National Bank, and \$19,177.75 in the Ed Fund in Washington DC.

## **Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation**

LWVLA is currently qualified tax exempt under a 501(c)(4) designation that covers "social welfare" organizations. The League also has an Education Fund, which is qualified as tax exempt under 501(c)(3), which allows donations to be fully tax exempt. The board has voted to convert entirely to 501(c)(3) designation.

In order to change the status to a 501(c)(3), we must adopt the restated Articles of Incorporation.

Kyle Wheeler moved that the League adopt the restated Articles of Incorporation. Amy Birnbaum seconded the motion. After a brief discussion the motion passed.

## **Bylaws amendments**

Conversion to a 501(c)(3) also entails adoption of specific wording in Articles I, II, III, and XIII of the Bylaws of the League.

Amy Birnbaum made the motion to amend the Bylaws In Article I,II,III and XIII as required. Akkana Peck seconded the motion. The discussion centered around the fact that these changes have to be made to proceed with the conversion to a 501(c)3. The motion passed.

Since Becky Shankland and Barbara Calef agreed to be co-presidents at the resignation of Wendee Brunish, the Bylaws need to be changed to permit co-presidents. It was proposed to add "Co-Presidents" in Article VI Sections 1,2,3.

Amy Birnbaum made the motion to change the Bylaws to allow co-presidents. Kyle Wheeler seconded the motion.

Kathy Taylor proposed to amend the motion to delete the references to “co-presidents” from Sections 2 and 3 since she felt they were not needed there. Akkana Peck seconded the amended motion. After a discussion of whether or not the co-presidents wording was necessary in Sections 2 and 3, Kathy's amendment was approved. A vote on the main motion was called and passed.

Kyle Wheeler moved that a change to Article IX, Section 1, be made to decrease the size of the nominating committee. She proposed one member be a board member and one be appointed. Akkana Peck seconded the motion. During discussion Michael McKay said that it is essential to have at least two people on the nominating committee and requested that those words be added. The amendment was accepted. The main motion passed.

Becky moved an amendment to change Article VIII Section 2.B to elect one member of the nominating committee rather than two. The motion passed with a vote of 12 for and five against.

The vote on the main motion also passed.

### **Adoption of Local Programs**

Becky Shankland moved that the changes made to the positions on Environment, Sustainable Water, and the Medically Indigent Fund subsequent to the program planning meeting be accepted. Karyl Ann Armbruster seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **Adoption of the 2017-2019 Budget**

After a presentation of the proposed budget by Rosmarie Frederickson, noting the change to a two-year budget, and a reminder that this was a negative budget, Tarin Nix moved that the budget be accepted as proposed. Becky seconded the motion, After a short discussion the question was called and the motion passed.

### **Election of Officers and Directors**

Carroll Thomas presented the following slate of Officers:

Co-Presidents: Barbara Calef and Becky Shankland

Secretary: Rosmarie Frederickson

Treasurer: Kathleen Taylor

Directors:

Reservations: Amy Birnbaum

Lunch with a Leader: Karyl Ann Armbruster

Membership: Becky Shankland

Directors-at-Large: Tarin Nix and Akkana Peck

BPU Observer: Julie Williams-Hill

Publicity: Jody Benson

Voter Services: Lynn Jones

OFF Board Directors

Arrangements: Mary Van Eeckhout

Fundraising: Suzie Havemann

Newsletter: Kathleen Taylor

Nominating Committee: Carroll Thomas, chair

County Council Observer: Lynn Jones

Webmaster: Julie Williams-Hill

Assistant Webmaster: Barbara Lemmick

Social Media: Julie Williams-Hill

Barbara asked for nominations from the floor. There were none.

Tarin Nix made the motion to accept and elect the nominees. Karyl Ann Armbruster seconded the motion. It passed.

**The meeting adjourned at 2:20pm**