LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
GREATER OMAHA
ANNUAL MEETING WORKBOOK

EMPOWERING VOTERS.
DEFENDING DEMOCRACY.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS GREATER OMAHA
ANNUAL MEETING
8:30 AM - 11:00 AM
Lunch 11:30 AM

The Aim Exchange Building
7th Floor, 1905 Harney St.
Omaha, NE 68102

See registration and parking map on page 35.
Registrations are due by April 19, 2019.

- Check in at 8:30 a.m.
- Meeting begins at 9:00 a.m.
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER OMAHA
ANNUAL MEETING
Saturday, April 27, 2019 – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

8:30  Registration and coffee
9:00  Call to Order
     Introductions
     Annual Meeting Appointments:
        Minutes Approval Committee
        Parliamentarian
        Tellers/Pages
        Timers

Rules of Procedure
1. *Rules of procedure will be in accord with the Bylaws of the LWVGO & Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised.*
2. *Motions and amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary. Motion forms are on each table.*
3. *Please raise your hand to be recognized before speaking and state your name.*
4. *No member may speak twice on any motion until all have had a chance to speak.*
5. *Debate is limited to two minutes for each speaker. The timer will remind you.*

Minutes of April 14, 2018 Annual Meeting
Board Recommendation: Proposed Bylaws Amendment
Treasurer’s Report
Reports of Officers and Directors (see workbook for reports)
Report of the MLD Committee
Adoption of 2019/2020 Local Program
Nominating Committee Report
Election of Officers
Installation of Officers, Directors, and Nomination Committee
Awards
New Business
Directions to the Board
Announcements
Adjournment
Keynote Speaker – Melissa Currence
HANDLING A MOTION

I. BRINGING A MOTION BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY

1. A member makes the motion ("I move that ...")

2. Another member seconds the motion.

3. The chair states the question "It is moved and seconded that (or "to") ..."

II. CONSIDERING THE MOTION

1. Members debate the motion (unless undebatable)
   Preference in recognition:
   Member who made the motion
   Member who has not spoken first time
   If possible, alternate for and against

2. Chair puts question to a vote
   "The question is on the adoption of ..."

   (Voice vote)

   "Those in favor of the motion, say aye." "Those opposed, say no."

   (Rising vote–if a 2/3 vote is required)

   "Those in favor of the motion will rise [or raise your hand]. Be seated."
   "Those opposed will rise [or raise your hand]. Be seated."

3. Chair announces result of vote

   "The ayes have it and the motion is adopted." (or) "The noes have it and the motion is lost."

   "The affirmative has it and the motion is adopted." (or) "The negative has it and the motion is lost."

By Jim Slaughter, Certified Professional & Professional Registered Parliamentarian and amended to pertain to LWVGO and LWVNE by Caroline Sedlacek.
Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Ann Chalson at 9:15 am. President Chalson requested an attendance count from the League Office Administrator Susan James. In reference to Article VII Section 4 of the Bylaws (one tenth of the voting members shall constitute a quorum at all business meetings of the LWVGO), President Chalson announced a quorum with the registration of 21 members present.

Introduction of Past Year Board Members: President Chalson introduced the officers and directors who served on the League’s board this past year.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Role</th>
<th>Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Vice President</td>
<td>Rebecca Armstrong Langle</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Secretary</td>
<td>Molly Scott</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Treasurers</td>
<td>Anne Starr and Lynne Anderson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Immediate Past President</td>
<td>Elaine Johnson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Public Policy Directors</td>
<td>Peggy Adair and Darci Garcia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Voter Rights Director</td>
<td>Maryanne Rouse</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Membership/Recruit &amp; Retain Directors</td>
<td>Linda Duckworth and Alex Garrison</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Communications Directors</td>
<td>Geri Simon</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Community Relations Director</td>
<td>Mary Jo Barbush-Weiss</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Office Administration Director</td>
<td>Margie Dumas-Hill</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Directors who wished to recognize their committee chairs were allowed to do so. Maryanne Rouse recognized Joanna Lindberg and Carolyn Thiele. Past presidents in the room were acknowledged (Linda Duckworth and Elaine Johnson).

Annual Meeting Appointments: President Johnson appointed Janece Mollhoff and Joanna Lindberg to the Minutes Approval Committee and to assist with meeting procedure, and Laura Torres to serve as timekeeper.

Secretary, Molly Scott, read the Rules of Procedure.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of last year’s Annual Meeting held on April 15, 2017, were printed in the Annual Meeting Workbook on pages 4-7. They were filed as printed and approved by the Minutes Approval Committee, Bev Traub and Lynne Anderson.
Recommendations of the Board: The first item of business was the proposed amendments to the bylaws. The amendment was recommended by the Board of Directors requiring no second. The bylaws were printed in the Annual Meeting Workbook on pages 23-28.

Secretary Molly Scott presented the proposed bylaw amendments:

Article IV: Officers, Section 1 currently reads “No officer shall serve more than three consecutive terms in the same office.”
Add “unless that office would remain unfilled”.

Article VI: Committees, Section 3 reads “The committee chair shall be appointed by the president in consultation with the appropriate director.
Replace with “The committee chair shall be selected by the appropriate director in consultation with the president”.

Article VII: Meetings, Section 1. Membership Meetings. Add “Dine and Discuss shall be considered a membership meeting”.

With no discussion, members voted unanimously, and the motion was adopted.

Treasurer's Report: The report for the fiscal year September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018 is found on pages 8-11 in the workbook, including an additional report for the Educational Fund. Treasurer Lynne Anderson reviewed the reports and responded to questions and comments. Originally, only the Ed Fund was a tax deductible 501(c)(3), but now the general LWVGO account is, too. The plan is to keep the Ed Fund open because you can’t transfer money from the LWVGO fund to the Ed Fund, but you can transfer from the Ed Fund to the LWVGO fund. And, since there are donations that still come into the Ed Fund, it would be best to keep it open, along with the fact that someone else can take over the name at no cost if we were to close it. The treasurer’s report, as printed, will be filed for audit at the close of the fiscal year.

Adoption of the Local Program: The Local Program is found on pages 12-15 of the workbook. The majority was in the affirmative (by a show of hands greater than two-thirds), and the Local Program as presented was approved.

Nominating Committee Report: The report is found on page 16 of the workbook. Secretary Molly Scott read the portions of the bylaws pertaining to nominations.

President Ann Chalson recognized Linda Duckworth of the Nominating Committee who presented the slate of officers for 2017-2018. Annette Conser, chair of the Nominating Committee, was not in attendance due to health issues.
Elections: The secretary read the Bylaws provisions pertaining to elections. The slate of Officers and Directors presented by the Nominating Committee were unanimously elected by voice vote.

Installation of Officers: Karren Kerr installed the officers, directors, and nominating committee members. Karren gave each officer a different LWV button that she acquired over the years from attending conventions, which she encourages every member to do.

Awards: President Chalson called upon a previous year’s Make a Difference Award recipient Rebecca Armstrong Langle to present this year’s award to Kathy Dewell for her outstanding contributions and dedication in creating the Voter’s Guide.

President Elect’s Statement:

I would like to recognize the 2017-18 Board of Directors for their outstanding contributions. I owe a huge debt of gratitude, as well, to my predecessor Elaine Johnson, who has never been more than a phone call or email away. As for the future, what able and professional hands you are in! The Omaha League has changed just in the few years that I’ve been on the board because of my predecessors’ foresight and openness to change. We have a new website and a greatly enhanced presence on social media. Where we once posted a few pictures on Facebook, we now post several times a day listing meetings, presentations and registration and training events. We send out Action Alerts. We Tweet! We have a television program and a colorful, informative bulletin that goes out every month. We couldn’t do it without an active, engaged board and the best volunteers in the world. Although it is a great pleasure to announce that many of our Board members are continuing to serve, we will be missing Anne Starr, Linda Duckworth, Geri Simon, Mary Jo Barbrush-Weiss, and Margie Dumas-Hill as they leave the Board (but hopefully not our midst). Would those Board members come forward to accept a small token of appreciation?

Membership Discussion:

- The next phase of the new LWVGO website includes offering access to a password-protected membership directory.
- Elaine reminded everyone to make sure LWVGO emails aren’t going to their junk/spam folders; flag them as safe so they go to your inbox.
- Karren Kerr worked on the Legacy Fund 90th Year celebration in 2010 and is trying to locate extra copies of the brochure from that event. She and Bev Traub are willing to create a similar brochure for the 100th Year celebration in 2020.

Directions to the Board:

1. Janece Mollhoff and Linda Duckworth – Add the issue of Coal Ash Storage to the Local Program / Public Policy Committee
a. Janece would like to work with the LWVGO on this issue since she has worked this issue at the state level
b. Coal ash is being stored in holding areas and leeching into the ground water and rivers
c. Omaha is more affected than the rest of the state
d. Linda suggested researching the work other states have done surrounding this issue
e. If this issue is approved at the national level, we can take it on without state or local approval
f. Investigate and study before proceeding with action
g. Use as topic for Dine & Discuss
h. Urban Abbey topic for discussion
i. Janece will be attending a Water Symposium and will report back to the LWVGO

2. Joanna Lindberg requested:
   a. An online directory for members to access (password-protected)
   b. A booklet, not hard bound, with member names, similar to the yearbook put out by the League.

3. Palestine Gray Moore – Identify and advertise open board positions and volunteer opportunities; provide job descriptions.

4. Rebecca Armstrong Langle – Add “Help Wanted” online to emphasize the need for volunteers.

5. Helen Atwater
   a. Send letters for gift solicitation
   b. Donations; look at member gift-giving trends
   c. Solicit donation after successful events, such as Running and Winning and release of Voter’s Guides
   d. Push for Omaha Gives donations, which brings in about $2000-$2500 each year
   e. Membership should share on social media and with other organizations
   f. Designate communications as “sharable”; Ann commented that most posts from the LWVGO are okay to be shared


Announcements:

- A committee has been formed to plan for the 100th Year 2020 celebration (LWV formation and 19th Amendment); please contact the President if you’d like to help with this effort.
- Joanna Lindberg shared that four members – Mary Ann Sturek, Lynne Anderson, Gloria Becker-Rial, and Bev Traub – have been calling current members to remind them to renew their memberships.
- Geri Simon announced that Linda Katalenich, co-producer of Go Vote, Omaha! (which they have worked together on since its Fall 2015 inception), is moving to Colorado; we all wish her the best!
- More about Go Vote, Omaha!
   - Cox channel 22, Centurylink channel 89
Several events are televised such as Press Club Debates, various current event topics, several local organizations’ board meetings, etc.

- They need “timers” – so please consider volunteering for this
- YouTube has all Go Vote, Omaha! sessions available – check them out!

- Joanna Lindberg recapped the “Kim Culp Annual Juvenile Justice Forum”, which consisted of two speakers and a Q&A session following, which was recorded and posted to YouTube.
- Linda Duckworth reminded everyone of the monthly Dine & Discuss that takes place on the last Monday of each month at the Valentino’s on 108th between L and Q; the next one is 4/23.
- Ann stated that circulating a healthcare petition is allowed by LWVGO members.
- Kathy Dewell announced that the Voter’s Guide for the primary is ready to go and should be printed within the next few days and distributed to Libraries and the County Election Commission Office. The response rate was 75-80% which resulted in a 50+ paged guide. Vote411 should be released today or tomorrow. Early voting started Monday.
- Karren Kerr reminded everyone that the Press Club Debate between Democratic Congressional Primary candidates Kara Eastman and Brad Ashford is Thursday, April 19th at noon. Call or go online for reservations, which include lunch. KIOS is no longer a part of Press Club debates, but it will stream live on WOWT.com and their facebook page.
- Helen Atwater will ask Bev Traub to contact KIOS to ask if they will still promote the Congressional Primary candidate debates, even though they no longer cover them. They may ask for more LWVGO volunteers to call about this to get them to promote it.
- Ann announced that the May board meeting is TBD; there will be separate committee meetings for training purposes; Omaha Gives starts 4/30, but the big day is 5/23, which is the date prizes are determined.

Adjournment:

With no further business or announcements, the Annual Meeting was adjourned at 10:47 am when we broke for lunch. After lunch, Vice President Rebecca Armstrong Langle introduced the keynote speaker Dr. Jodi Benenson, Assistant Professor, School of Public Administration University of Nebraska-Omaha who presented a talk about UNO's inaugural «Women and Public Policy Week» held this past March.

Molly Scott, Secretary                                           Ann Chalson, President

__________________________________________________________  ______________________________

The minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting held on April 14, 2018 are approved.

Elaine Johnson                                           ?????????
___/_____/ 2018                                           ____/_____/ 2018
## LWVGO BUDGET/ACTUALS

### INCOME

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Budget</th>
<th>Total</th>
<th>Actuals</th>
<th>Total</th>
<th>%</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>ED FUND AGREEMENT</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Office Sharing</td>
<td>$1,800.00</td>
<td>$1,800.00</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
<td></td>
<td>0%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td>$1,800.00</td>
<td>$1,800.00</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>MEMBERS</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cash Contributions</td>
<td>$945.00</td>
<td>$2,059.86</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dues</td>
<td>$10,500.00</td>
<td>$10,988.86</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Member In-Kind</td>
<td>$525.00</td>
<td>$856.57</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td>$11,970.00</td>
<td>$13,915.29</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>116%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>NON MEMBERS</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Civic Engagement Grant</td>
<td>$100.00</td>
<td>$11,500.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Non Cash</td>
<td>$1,575.00</td>
<td>$1,500.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lozier</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Weitz Foundation</td>
<td>$21,000.00</td>
<td>$21,000.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LWV-US Grant</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Non Member Donations</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td>$22,675.00</td>
<td>$34,817.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>154%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>OTHER</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bank Interest</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Carry-Over Reserves</td>
<td>$180.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fund Raiser(s) (Net Amt)</td>
<td>$3,500.00</td>
<td>$150.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Investment Acct **</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>$2.90</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other Income</td>
<td>$105.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>$57.75</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pay Pal Holding Acct</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>$98.00</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Legacy Fund</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>$330.00</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Annual Meeting</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>$955.00</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Running and Winning</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td>$3,785.00</td>
<td>$1,593.65</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>42%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>GRAND TOTAL INCOME</strong></td>
<td>$40,230.00</td>
<td>$50,325.94</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>125%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Great Western Cheeking Account
- Balance as of 9/01/17: $20,625.48
- Balance as of 8/31/2018: $20,555.77

### Symmetry Investment Account
- 9/30/2017: $21,000.82
- 6/30/2018: $21,163.71

### EXPENDITURE

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Budget</th>
<th>Total</th>
<th>Actuals</th>
<th>Total</th>
<th>%</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>National PMP</td>
<td>$5,400.00</td>
<td></td>
<td>$7,680.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>State PMP</td>
<td>$2,050.00</td>
<td></td>
<td>$2,880.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td>$7,450.00</td>
<td></td>
<td>$10,560.00</td>
<td></td>
<td>142%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>------------------------------</td>
<td>-------</td>
<td>-------</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>BOARD &amp; ADM</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EDUCATION</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MEMBER EXP</td>
<td>$30.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NATIONAL MEETING</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OTHER BOARD EXP</td>
<td>$150.00</td>
<td>$50.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PRESIDENT EXP</td>
<td>$100.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SPEAKERS' BUREAU</td>
<td>$100.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td>$380.00</td>
<td>$50.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>13%</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>PROGRAMS-MEETINGS</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ANNUAL MEETING</td>
<td>$100.00</td>
<td>$682.21</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MEMBER LUNCHES</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PROGRAMS-MEETINGS</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td>$100.00</td>
<td>$682.21</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>682%</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>SPECIAL PROJECTS</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RUNNING &amp; WINNING</td>
<td>$2,000.00</td>
<td>$2,126.47</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FUNDRAISER</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>YEARBOOK</td>
<td>$350.00</td>
<td>$3,420.31</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VOTER PARTICIPATION</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VOTERS GUIDE</td>
<td>$5,000.00</td>
<td>$3,529.27</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td>$2,385.00</td>
<td>$9,126.05</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>383%</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>OPERATING EXPENSE</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ADVERTISING</td>
<td>$105.00</td>
<td>$351.86</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TAXES AND FEES</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
<td>$24.72</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BULK MAIL PERMIT</td>
<td>$225.00</td>
<td>$225.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INSURANCE</td>
<td>$420.00</td>
<td>$469.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OFFICE EQUIPMENT</td>
<td>$300.00</td>
<td>$375.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>POSTAGE</td>
<td>$500.00</td>
<td>$496.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PAYPAL FEES</td>
<td>$40.00</td>
<td>$115.64</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RENT</td>
<td>$5,400.00</td>
<td>$4,974.95</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SUPPLIES</td>
<td>$650.00</td>
<td>$1,189.87</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TELEPHONE</td>
<td>$700.00</td>
<td>$738.32</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WEB SITE</td>
<td>$575.00</td>
<td>$620.13</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td>$8,915.00</td>
<td>$9,579.49</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>107%</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>WEITZ FOUNDATION GRANT</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PayRol</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td>$21,000.00</td>
<td>$20,397.90</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>125%</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES</strong></td>
<td>$40,230.00</td>
<td>$50,395.65</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS EDUCATIONAL FUND OF GREATER OMAHA

TREASURER'S REPORT
31-Aug-18

Balance on hand as of September 1, 2017 $10,703.25

Receipts:

General Contributions:
- Members $2,302.44
- Non Members $-
- Running and Winning $-
- Inkind Member $-

Legacy Fund
- Members $-

Grants
- Lozier Foundation $-
- Omaha Community Foundation $-
- LWV-US $-
- O Venture $-

Bank Interest $-

Total Receipts: $2,302.44

Disbursements:

- Office Rent and Expense $-
- Running and Winning $-
- Voter Participation $(200.00)

Total Disbursements: $(200.00)

Balance on Hand as of 8/31/2018 $12,805.69

Lynne Anderson
Treasurer
CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT:
In years when the City Charter Review Commission meets, the League will monitor and evaluate the recommendations of the commission. When the recommendations come before the City Council, the League may take a position on individual amendments and present the League’s position on the individual amendments before the City Council. (1956, amended 1964, 1965, 1967, 1994).

CITY GOVERNMENT:
● Representation:

● Elections:

● NEW STUDY: City/ County Merger. Information to be available to membership within two years. (adopted 2003, 2004)

CITY FINANCING:
A primary goal of city government should be the efficient and most effective use of tax revenues. Those city services which directly promote the general health, welfare, and safety of the community should be financed by general taxation.

Omaha should maintain a tax structure wherein its revenues come from a balanced mix of property tax, sales tax, and user fees. User fees should be clearly stated and should not discriminate against any one segment of the city’s population. (1982, amended 1990, 1991, 1993).

URBAN PLANNING:
The League supports the use of growth management techniques and tools for limiting urban sprawl. These techniques encourage mixed land uses ensuring a range of housing options and creating walkable neighborhoods which promote distinctive attractive communities. Development should foster neighborhoods with a strong sense of place and include reinvesting and existing communities. The participation of citizens and stakeholders should be encouraged in development decisions that are fair, equitable, and cost effective.
The League encourages a more efficient use of resources which will preserve critical natural resources and encourage preservation of open spaces, farmland, and wetlands. Developments should include stormwater management to preserve unpolluted water sources improving the quality of existing water bodies and streams.

The League supports the development of standards and regulations that ensure growth will occur in an equitable and sustainable manner. (2005)

COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

PUBLIC UTILITIES:
   * Advertising:
The League believes public utility should refrain from political advertising.

   * Electric Rates:
The League supports a rate structure that is based on equitable allocation of costs and encourages energy conservation. OPPD should charge a higher proportion of the actual cost of extending distribution lines to new customers. Customers should be given an explanation of any change in rates. (1977, amended 1983, 1992, 1998).

NATURAL RESOURCES

HAZARDOUS WASTES:

GREATER OMAHA PARKS AND OPEN SPACES:
The League supports parks and open spaces because they add to the quality of life of the citizens and enhance the preservation of wildlife.

We encourage green space linkage between parks and the development of a variety of kinds of parks, i.e., linear, active recreation areas, low impact retreats, and mini-parks.

The budget for parks and recreation should be adequate to provide for quality maintenance, for conservation of park resources, and for acquisition of major parkland in the most cost-effective manner. (1986, amended 1990, 1992).

NEW STUDY: Urban Growth Policy in Metropolitan Omaha
Review and discuss issues of urban sprawl, smart growth, sustainable communities, and new urbanism; to identify key smart growth elements; to review the city’s Master Plan and other area planning documents. (2003, 2004)

**HUMAN RESOURCES/SOCIAL POLICY**

**CHILD CARE:**
Every child is entitled to humane care in a safe and healthy environment which promotes personal, emotional, and intellectual growth.

Uniform minimum standards for child care should be established and enforced by federal, state, and local governments.

Government agencies that set standards for child care centers should provide parents and caregivers with clear and concise information which fully explains the standards.

Inspections of child care homes and child care centers should be efficient and effective, unannounced, at least biannual, and constructive in nature. (1979, 1999).

**POLICE-COMMUNITY RELATIONS:**
A good police department should incorporate police-community relations in its day-to-day operations. To better serve the total community the police department should have:

1. A strong public relations program.
2. Programs designed to develop total community cooperation and awareness of the police department.
3. Ongoing training in human relations skills, conflict management, as well as racial-cultural and gender sensitivity for all police officers.
4. A training process that includes qualified civilians as trainers.
5. Appropriate funding for a strong continuing education program.

**JUVENILE JUSTICE-LWV POSITION (2018)**
The League supports a juvenile justice system that provides for realistic, beneficial and humane treatment of the juvenile offender, as well as protection of the community. It advocates the use of community-based alternatives to incarceration, and programming that is education based,
family centered and rehabilitative. To achieve these goals, the League advocates a high governmental priority in funding for youth issues. (1994, 1999, 2016)

Specifically, the League supports:

- Establishment of a county–wide intake and assessment system for all youth at risk. There should be a 24-hour information and crisis line that networks with all juvenile services and provides referral for family services
- Identification, separation and control of the small group of serious, violent, and chronic juvenile offenders who are responsible for the majority of serious criminal offenses
- Pre-trial diversion based on risk and needs into alternative programs
- Utilization of a broad range of public and private alternatives to detention.
- Utilization of local family community-based evaluations with family preservation and intervention services to include the whole family unit.
- Promote initiatives to prevent youth from being filed on in both the child welfare and juvenile justice system; to coordinate youth services and reduce duplication of services
- Development of proactive delinquency prevention strategies to avoid youth entering the juvenile justice system
- Incorporate restorative justice principles that emphasize repairing the harm caused by criminal behavior through cooperative processes that include victims, offenders and others working towards a positive outcome for all
- Incorporation of comprehensive planning designed for youths individualized needs in the secure and non-secure facilities which should include ensuring youth physical and emotional well-being, advancing life skills and education goals to benefit youth’s reentry into the community
- Support ongoing staff training and professional development in best practices
Many thanks to an all-star committee of Joanna Lindberg, Linda Duckworth, Alex Garrison, Rebecca Armstrong Langle, and Krystal Fox. I thank them for the great work we did.

We are proud to present the following slate:

**Officers and Executive Committee:**

- **President:** Rebecca Armstrong Langle 402-210-7442 c rebeccaarmstrong7@gmail.com
  - Krystal Fox 402-507-0823 kleefox@gmail.com
- **Vice President:** MaryLee Moulton 520-990-5944 c 5moultons@gmail.com
- **Immediate Past President:** Ann Chalson 402-392-0318
- **Secretary:** Molly Scott 402-689-3692 mkscott05@gmail.com
- **Treasurer:** Mary Boland Steier 402-650-5899 msteir@steirgroup.com
- **Public Policy:** Darci Garcia 801-636-6476 darci_m_garcia@yahoo.com
  & Terry Crawford 402-598-0037 tlc.eeoinvest@gmail.com
- **Voter Rights:** Joanna Lindberg 402-330-1192 joannaclindberg@yahoo.com
  & Carolyn Thiele 402-670-9825 mckthiele@gmail.com
  & Toni Monette 402-707-3157 tonimonette@gmail.com
- **Finance/Development:** Bridget Claborn 402-658-1123 bridgetclaborn@gmail.com
- **Communications:** Heather Aliano 301-659-0659 heatheraaliano@gmail.com
  & Karri Martin 816-651-1697 karri.n.martin@gmail.com
- **Community Relations:** Palistene Gray-Moore 402-709-0507 c pgraymoore@centurylink.net
  & Jackie Collett 402-896-7645 jcollett@outlook.com
- **Membership:** Linda Duckworth 402-850-9804 c lindabduckworth@gmail.com
  Hannah Young 417-827-3065 h.young1591@gmail.com
  Laura Torres 402-689-8279 torrecitas2010@gmail.com
- **At Large:** Alex Garrison 402-819-9794 alexcgarrison@gmail.com

**Nominating committee for 2019-20:**

- **Chair:** Marlene Mahoney 402-551-9284 marlenemhn801@gmail.com
  Jodi Beneson 763-443-1325 jodibenenson@gmail.com
  Elaine Johnson 402-630-5199 elaineomaha@gmail.com
PRESIDENT: ANN CHALSON

The League of Women Voters of Greater Omaha began its year in April 2018 receiving the Women Defining History Award from the Douglas County Historical Society, and ended the year in December 2018 receiving the NAACP Freedom Fighters Service Award for its work defending democracy and empowering voters.

The generous capacity building grant from the Weitz Family Foundation will allow us to go forward to increase membership and to expand our ability to inform voters about issues affecting them. In addition to the Weitz Family Foundation grant, we also received donations from Lozier, Omaha Gives, Nebraska Civic Engagement Table as well as generous donations from our members and the League of Women Voters of Nebraska Education Fund.

Our public access television program, Go Vote Omaha, continues to create exciting programming and offer thoughtful discussions of current policies affecting Omaha and Nebraska. These include:
* 28 candidate and issues forums
* Coordination with the Omaha Press Club on primary and general election debates

The League of Women Voters of Greater Omaha website has timely content and the ability to more effectively use PayPal for members to pay for League events as well as join and pay dues. Included on the website is a link to all YouTube programming, an updated membership list, Action Alerts and a calendar of events.

The League of Women Voters of Greater Omaha currently has 292 members, an increase of 116 new members. Sixty-three percent joined online via the website. Renewing members donated $2,127 above and beyond their dues.

During the 2018 federal, state and local elections, candidates were contacted to participate in vote411.org online and printed Voters Guide for the primary and general elections. The vote411.org was accessed by 27,695 users. The 8,400 printed guides were distributed primarily through the Omaha Public Libraries.

Voter Services and the GOTV Committee continue to schedule voter registration events, naturalization registrations and new voter education programs as well as facilitate voter registration training. Last fall they once again participated in National Voter Registration Day in selected locations. They continue to access mini grants offered by various groups to cover many of their expenses. They have regular meetings with the Douglas County Election Commission to build a meaningful coalition.

In 2018 LWVGO:
* Logged 2,523 volunteer hours by 243 volunteers in all voter related activities
* Registered 1,272 citizens at 116 sites
* Distributed 520 Citizens Guide to Voting brochures
* Supported Douglas County Jail registrations
* Sent 1,473 reminders to vote postcards and 5,449 texts
* Developed flyer and video *3 Steps to Voting* in Arabic, Nepali, Spanish, Karen and English
* Facilitated voter registration in American Government classes district-wide
* Worked with 60 partner agencies

This year we were featured on *Consider This* and were interviewed on voting services.

The League of Women Voters of Greater Omaha moved to new offices in March at 1905 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68102, Room 401J. The move offers us the advantage of meeting rooms in several sizes in a congenial office atmosphere.

**VICE PRESIDENT: REBECCA ARMSTRONG LANGLE**

This year, the Vice President role was an exciting one. I worked diligently with the state league and with Omaha’s Voter’s Guide team to execute Vote411, our online voter’s guide. I also was thrilled to be involved in the filming of the Go Vote, Omaha public access television show.

I continue to learn from Ann Chalson, and fill in for her when she could not attend meetings. As Vice President, I assisted in our biggest change of the year - our new office building. I am excited for the potential of this new location and the potential that the League in Omaha has as we approach our 2020 celebration.

**TREASURER: LYNNE ANDERSON**

**Activities of Note: February 23, 2019**

1/8/2019: Received Trust Account funds from Synergy of $20,168.18; I then purchased 11 month CD in amount of $21,000.00 for 11 mo at 1.75% at Great Western Bank

2/7/2019: Received from LWVEF sum of $600.00

2/8/2019: Received from Weitz Fund sum of $20,000.00 grant

Audit by Linda Bors, Auditor, BS & MS Math, MBA Finance for fiscal year 2017-2018 with primary recommendation to close one of two PayPal accounts with some suggestions regarding how that might be accomplished.
PUBLIC POLICY: PEGGY ADAIR & DARCI GARCIA
We sent a letter to the Judiciary Committee in support of LB 690 as a change from me (Darci) or Sherry doing it to LWVNE. For the past couple of weeks I’ve (Darci) have been sending Alex Garrison the call to action with regard to bills scheduled for floor debate, and in hearings. My hope is to do it weekly for the rest of the legislative session and for the entirety of next year’s session. I (Darci) don’t think I’ll be in Mexico during the start of next year’s session :) I’ve (Darci) only been doing the bills listed under support or oppose on the big spreadsheet compiled by the state board. There are several bills under monitor that I (Darci) have not been including in the call to actions. We are more than welcome to any suggestions regarding the call to action.

VOTER SERVICES: MARYANNE ROUSE
Voters Services and GOTV League Members were off and running in January, 2019. The fact there is no local election in 2019 has not made a dent in our desire, to put in place, supportive structures for the 2020 elections; and respond to requests to cover 2019 community events.

Despite the threat of a January Naturalization Ceremony not being held, due to the partial federal shutdown; six deputy registrars assisted over 20 new citizens to become voters on January 11. Plans for our monthly coverage of these ceremonies are in place. Watch for the chance to volunteer for an upcoming ceremony. Registrars were Mary Lien, Jane Gehringer, Mary Anna Anderson, Denise Meredith, Cheryl Peterson, and Mary Fieber.

Also, you will find the Annual Report below, compiled by Joanna Lindberg, full of easily digestible facts, about the various 2018 activities in Get Out The Vote.

To assist in our continuing work with High School seniors and MCC students, we received an $800 grant from LWVUS to help with the costs of registering them.

Now that the office has been relocated, we are sending out reminder letters to the now, HS Seniors’ registrations we collected last fall. We will follow up on, their pledges to vote, when they fully qualify.

We are in the planning process with Barry Thomas, OPS Curriculum Supervisor, for the spring round of HS senior registrations. We are also exploring the possibility of outreach to school systems in addition to OPS.

We held a debriefing/planning session to capture information about what went well with the various aspects of voter services components in 2018, what our challenges were, and the ideas for the next year and 2020. Please contact me, Maryann Rouse at mbr614@cox.net, or Carolyn Thiele, mckthiele@gmail.com, if you would like a copy of the complete notes.
LEAGUE OF WOMEN GOTV ANNUAL REPORT

We were able to accomplish all of the work listed in the GOTV Annual Report (attached) due to the incredible volunteer service of LWVGO members and generous financial support from the following funders:

$10,000    Nebraska Civic Engagement Table for the cost of the Voters Guide in the General and Primary elections

$1,000    League of Women Voters US Education Fund grant for naturalization ceremonies to help pay for gifts to new citizens and voter registration expenses

$1,500    Nebraska Civic Engagement Table Magnets with vote411.org information for gifts at Naturalization ceremonies

$3,000    Nebraska Civic Engagement Table grant that allows us to do voter registration for all seniors in Omaha Public Schools American Government classes

See GOTV Annual Report (next page).
League of Women Voters of Greater Omaha

Go Vote, Omaha!

League of Women Voters of Greater Omaha

Annual Report

Go Vote, Omaha!

League of Women Voters of Greater Omaha

Annual Report

Get Out The Vote Accomplishments 2018

League of Women Voters of Greater Omaha

Annual Report

Get Out The Vote was the main thrust of LWVO activities in 2018.

21

2014 Annual Report

League of Women Voters of Greater Omaha

Annual Report

Get Out The Vote Accomplishments 2018

League of Women Voters of Greater Omaha

Annual Report

Get Out The Vote was the main thrust of LWVO activities in 2018.

21
FINANCE/DEVELOPMENT: MARY ANN GRIFFIN

● Got organized.
● Developed spreadsheet of past grants and what they were used for.
● Recorded grant deadlines so we could track when to reapply.
● Open Heart Party held in March to raise funds for the League.
● 70 1/2 Mandatory Deduction Campaign - E-mail sent to members to encourage them donate their mandatory IRA deductions straight to the League.

MEMBERSHIP: ALEX GARRISON, MARYLEE MOULTON & KRYSAL FOX

During this period, the membership directors:

● Recruited and retained membership at (what we believe to be) an all-time high rate
  ○ Membership is at 292 as of 3/12/19
    ■ At this time in 2018, membership was 217
    ○ 122 brand-new members joined between 1/13/18 and 2/20/19
      ■ 27 new members joined in all of 2016; 64 in 2017; 116 in 2018
    ○ 33 members lapsed this year compared to 73 last year

● Engaged new members through online tools
  ○ Emailed each new member within 72 hours of their join
  ○ Provided them with a welcome packet (available at [http://bit.ly/LWVGOWelcome](http://bit.ly/LWVGOWelcome)) and an offer to meet in person or over the phone
  ○ More than 63 percent of current members joined via the website

● Completed quarterly new membership orientations — events that also served to recruit and activate new members
  ○ Held at office and coffeeshop; attendance at least 20 at each

● Completed comprehensive survey of new members that helped inform our work and that of several other directors

● Successfully completed a renewal + donations drive
  ○ 208 members renewed between 9/3/18 and 1/12/19
  ○ We received $2,127 above and beyond membership dues
  ○ 49 members donated with the average donation being $43

COMMUNICATIONS: KIM ARMSTRONG

Website Annual Report - The website has more than paid for itself as we can now accept membership dues, donations and purchases/event fees easily and securely at omahalwv.org. More than 63 percent of our current members joined via the website, and more than 250 members have joined or renewed via the website since its launch in 2017. All-time page views topped 45,000 in February 2019. Our highest-traffic-ever single day was Nov. 5, 2018, when we had almost 2,800 unique visits to the site. October 2018 was our
highest-yet month as we had more than 14,000 page views. Our average page views per day is currently 122.5 (up from 60 average page views per day last annual report cycle).
We’ve published 140 blog posts in 2018 and 2019 so far. This content includes the 2018 voters guides, many new voter resources, all Go Vote, Omaha episodes, event announcements, calls to action, legislative testimony and more.

All new blog posts get automatically emailed to our 95 email subscribers (sign up at omahalwv.org/subscribe) and posted to our Facebook and Twitter accounts.
Through our website, we also have access to free email and file hosting via Google Apps.
For more information (or to volunteer for the website committee), email web@omahalwv.org.
Submitted by Alex Garrison.

Social Media—Kim Armstrong, Geri Simon, Alex Garrison, Rebecca Armstrong Langle and Ann Chalson have Administrator status to post to Facebook. In addition, Joanna Lindberg, Carolyn Thieles, Krystal Fox, and Office Administrator Susan James have Editor status on Facebook. Kim Armstrong, Geri Simon, and Ann Chalson have Administrator status to post to Twitter. Daily, often multiple, posts are made on each. Website posts are automatically added to Twitter and Facebook page. Our Facebook page has 1,218 “likes” and 1,273 followers. Twitter has 290 followers. Both of these show a marked increase over last year, when we had 887 Facebook followers and 200 Twitter followers.

Bulletin—prepared monthly by Office Administrator Susan James. Distributed primarily via e-mail and with a link on our website, with some hard copies mailed to non-tech members.

Yearbook— will be published after the Annual Meeting.

Go Vote, Omaha!—our League’s weekly KPAO television show that began in 2015 airs Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. on local cable access Cox Channel 22 or CenturyLink Channel 89. We record Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. Once shows air, they are archived on our YouTube channel. Links to all programs can be found via the League website and on social media. This year, we began to publish shows as podcasts, which are hosted on Podbean.

This past year, this interview format program featured 34 shows covering a wide variety of public policy issues, including medical marijuana, Medicaid expansion, and the 2018 LWVUS Convention. Included in this number are 23 candidate forums for the 2018 election. In addition, we recorded and shared the First Annual Kim Culp Juvenile Justice Forum. All are available on our YouTube channel - League of Women Voters Greater Omaha GOVoteOmaha

Co-producers and crew for the show: Kathy Bass, Linda Katalenich and Geri Simon. Camera and audio crew for shows include: Blake Rave, Stephanie "Taffy" Howard, Marvin Taylor, Mary Langdon, Ann Davey, Jane Happe, Marikay Schwaller, Lesa Villafuerte and Cody Van Dorin (KPAO staff member.) Hosting duties shared by Geri Simon, Rebecca Armstrong Langle, MaryLee Moulton, Krystal Fox, Kathy Bass, Deb Ford and Barb Thompson. Additional help with shows and especially forums from: Ann Chalson (our intrepid timekeeper) and Maryanne Rouse.

23
Public Relations- Besides posting regularly social media, flyers and news releases were prepared for September’s National Voter Registration Day (September) and in April for the second annual Kim Culp Memorial Juvenile Justice Forum. In addition, new graphics and logos were made for the Books After Dark reading group.

-----Kim Armstrong, Communications Director

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: PALISTENE GRAY-MOORE
The League of Women Voters had a productive election year in 2018. The voter turnout increased and the LWVGO was represented all over the City of Omaha. The voter kick off began in 2016, to prepare for upcoming elections. The League Deputy Registers were in the OPS Schools where we did voter education as well as registered Juniors & Seniors, and informed 16 and 17 year olds about registering to vote on their 18th birthday. Thanks to Barry Thomas who collaborated with us to register his Juniors and Seniors. The registrars held voter registration at; College of St. Mary, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Creighton University, Metropolitan Community College and more.

Following are events that the League of Women Voters partnered, collaborated and/or participated in activities with for 2018:

April 19th Spring Candidate Forum at the Omaha Press Club, (Primary Election).

The NAACP’s Juneteenth Parade. We had so much fun. Everyone wanted to continue with our camaraderie by going to Don/Millies, 42nd Farnam.

July 14th Douglas County Fair. The League did three shifts and registered voters. Several change of addresses were submitted as well.

September 2nd the League was invited to participate in Neighborhood fest, North Omaha, myself and Krystal Fox, manned a table for the LWV.

October 5th The Durham Annual Teacher’s Night. Several of us attended. It appears to get better each year. Every year I say, next year will not be able to top this year but it does.

October 18th Fall Press Club Candidate Forum.

October 21st. Empowerment Network Fall Conference. This Director was awarded Volunteer of the Year Award.

December 14th NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet. LWVGO was awarded the Freedom Fighter Service Award. President Ann Chalson and myself, Director of Community Relations, accepted the award on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Greater Omaha.
(COMMUNITY RELATIONS continued)

2019 Events:
January 19, Martin King Luncheon given by the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance.

In February, during Black History Month, the league had a presence at several community events, including at Creighton, and Salem Baptist Church.

March 9th International Women Day at UNO.

March 10th Omaha Women’s Day.

March 19th & Farnam Civic Center/Dale Clark Library.

Community Relations is in attendance on a weekly basis at Omaha 360. On a monthly basis, in attendance at the South Omaha Violence Intervention Program (SOVIP), North Omaha Neighborhood Alliance (NONA), North Omaha Community Council (NOCC), Blacks In Government (BIG), and the National Coalition of 100 Black Women (NC100BW).

The LWVGO is involved in the community and is visible. It’s also well known and respected as an organization that many want to partner and collaborate with. Let us keep up our good standing in our community, city and state.

GREAT DECISIONS BOOK GROUP: JAN SINRAM
A series of discussions based on articles published by the non-partisan Foreign Policy Association, will wrap up in the next few weeks. Meetings have been held on Thursdays (excluding Valentine’s Day) at Swanson Library from 1-3 P.M. Our steady attendance has ranged from 16 to 24 people and included several new participants. Topics covered included legal and illegal migration including legal economic migration; a question whether the U.S. and China’s economies can adequately be compared using the GDP, dissension in the Middle East revolving around various coalitions, a history of nuclear arms treaties and whether a new nuclear arms race is imminent; the increase in cyber conflicts particularly involving the U.S., Russia, and China; and the effects of the rise of populism in Europe on immigration. We have two topics left: the relationship between the U.S. and Mexico and the state of the U.S. State Department. Participants can choose to complete and submit their answers to questions to the Foreign Policy Association regarding their views on these topics.
We have secured recognition by the Nebraska Legislature for the 100th Anniversary vote by Nebraska to ratify the 19th Amendment – Declaring August 2019 Woman’s Suffrage Month. Thanks to Senator Lynne Walz & Dianne Bystrom.

There has been one general meeting and a Steering Committee was formed to meet regularly. The steering committee has met twice to work on plans for the Centennial Celebration and the following potential subcommittees/jobs have been identified

- Centennial Celebration Kickoff – August 2019
- Researcher to create content for panels for traveling exhibition
- Graphic artist for layout of panels
- Quoting and production of panels
- Publicity
- Coordinator & Committee for Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference
- Centennial Celebration Exhibit (MaryLee Moulton, Chair)
- Create a partnership of organizations to celebrate the Centennial and provide a website clearing house for all events
- Recognition of Legacy Members of the League (Karren Kerr & Barb Tripp)
- Quilt commemoration (Mary Kitely)
- Nebraska State Fair
- Programing at theatres/movie theatres/colleges & universities
- Sport team recognition of Centennial
- Fundraising – League needs to raise $10,000
- Honorary Board for Centennial

This is a preliminary list. We are happy to hear your ideas. Please contact MaryLee Moulton at mmoulton@omahalwv.org (520)990-5944 if you would like to work on a specific subcommittee/job. We need your help.
BYLAWS OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF GREATER OMAHA, INC.

ARTICLE I
Name

Sec. 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters of Greater Omaha, hereinafter referred to in these bylaws as LWVGO, or as the League. This local League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States, hereinafter referred to in these bylaws as LWVUS, and of the League of Women Voters of Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as LWVNE.

ARTICLE II
Purpose and Policy

Sec. 1. Purposes. The purposes of the LWVGO are to promote voter registration, voter education, and general civic responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.

Sec. 2. Political Policy. The League shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

Sec. 3. Tax Status. The LWVGO is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations described under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE III
Membership

Sec. 1. Eligibility. Any person who subscribes to the purposes and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership.

Sec. 2. Types of Membership.
a. Voting Members. Persons at least 16 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local Leagues, state Leagues and of the LWVUS;
   (1) individuals who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League;
   (2) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large;
   (3) those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be honorary life members excused from the payment of dues.
b. Associate Members. All others who join the League shall be associate members.

ARTICLE IV
Officers
Sec. 1. Election, Qualifications, and Term. The officers of the LWVGO shall be a president, immediate past president, a vice president, a secretary, and a treasurer. They shall be voting members of the LWVGO and, except for the immediate past president, shall be elected during the annual meeting. The officers shall hold office until 30 days after the next annual meeting. No officer shall serve more than three consecutive terms in the same office unless that office would otherwise remain unfilled.

Sec. 2. The President. The president shall preside at all meetings of the organization and the board, or designate another person to do so; shall be ex officio a member of all committees except the nominating committee; may sign or endorse checks, drafts, and notes in the absence of the treasurer; shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office; and shall perform such other duties as the board may direct.

Sec. 3. The Vice President. The vice president shall chair an annual meeting committee. The annual meeting committee shall plan and organize the next annual meeting. The vice president shall perform such other duties as the president and board shall direct. If the president is unable to be present at a board or membership meeting, the order of officers to preside shall be: vice president, immediate past president, secretary, treasurer.

Sec. 4. The Secretary. The secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings of the membership and of the board. The secretary shall sign with the president all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the board, and shall perform such other duties as the president and the board shall direct.

Sec. 5. The Treasurer. The treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due, shall maintain deposits in a financial institution designated by the board, shall disburse the same only upon order of the board, and shall present statements to the board at its regular meetings and an annual report at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE V
Board of Directors

Sec. 1. Selection, Qualifications, and Term. The board of directors shall consist of the officers of the LWVGO, up to nine directors which shall be elected during the annual meeting, and up to three directors-at-large appointed by the president with the approval of the elected members of the board. All directors shall be voting members of the LWVGO. They shall serve until 30 days after the close of the next annual meeting.

In the event that an elected office or directorship cannot be filled by one member, the office or directorship may be filled by two members. The two members filling the position shall be considered as one voting member of the board.

Sec. 2. Powers and Duties. The board shall manage and supervise the business affairs and activities of the LWVGO, subject to the directions to the board received during the annual meeting. It shall select delegates to the national convention. It shall accept responsibility for such other matters as the national or state board may delegate to it. It shall have the power to create special committees as it deems necessary, and it shall perform such other duties as are specified in these bylaws.
It shall elect active LWVGO members for two-year terms on the Board of Trustees of the League of Women Voters Education Fund of Greater Omaha, elect successor trustees, ratify the vote to remove any trustee by the Education Fund Board, receive the annual report of the finances and activities of the Education Fund and other reports as the LWVGO Board may direct, and rule upon any proposed amendments to the Education Fund Declaration of Trust.

Sec. 3. Executive Committee. The executive committee shall consist of the officers of the LWVGO (president, immediate past president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer) and one director who shall be appointed by the officers to serve on the executive committee. A majority of the executive committee shall constitute a quorum. It may transact routine business between board meetings and act in emergencies. All business transacted or any action taken by the executive committee shall be submitted to the board for ratification at its next meeting.

Sec. 4. Meetings. At least six regular meetings of the board shall be held annually. The president may call special meetings, and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five members of the board.

Sec. 5. Quorum. Six members, two of whom shall be officers, shall constitute a quorum for the board of directors.

Sec. 6. Filling of Vacancies. In the event the president is unable to complete the term of office, the vice president shall assume the office of president and shall serve the remainder of that term. If the vice president is unable to serve as president, the board shall elect one of its members to serve as president. All other board vacancies shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the board.

Sec. 7. Voting. The board of directors shall be authorized to vote by mail, defined as surface mail, email or fax, when it is deemed necessary or by phone in an emergency. Emails shall use a reply back verification for documentation that all members received the email. If a quorum shall vote by the deadline established by the president on a question sent to all members of the board, the vote shall be counted and shall have the same effect as if cast at a meeting of the board. The vote shall be made a part of the minutes at the next meeting of the board.

ARTICLE VI
Committees

Sec. 1. Committee Formation. The board may create committees as needed.

Sec. 2. Committee Functions. Committees shall perform duties as assigned by the board of directors and as stated in the policy sheet.

Sec. 3. Composition. A committee shall consist of one or more persons. The committee chair shall be selected by the appropriate director in consultation with the president. Members of the committee shall be appointed by the committee chair and/or appropriate director.
ARTICLE VII
Meetings

Sec. 1. Membership Meetings. There shall be at least three meetings of the membership each year. The time and place shall be determined by the board. Dine and Discuss shall be considered a membership meeting. The board may call a special general membership meeting, and shall call such a meeting upon the written request of one-eighth of the voting members.

Sec. 2. Annual Meeting. An annual meeting shall be held between April 15 and May 14, the exact date to be determined by the board. The annual meeting shall adopt a local program for the coming year; elect officers, directors, and the chair and two members of the nominating committee; discuss financial planning; and transact such other business as may properly come before it. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

Sec. 3. Notice of Meetings. Written notice of a membership meeting or annual meeting shall be sent to the members at least fifteen (15) days in advance.

Sec. 4. Quorum. One-tenth of the voting members shall constitute a quorum at all business meetings of the LWVGO.

ARTICLE VIII
Nominations and Elections

Sec. 1. Nominating Committee. The nominating committee shall consist of at least five members. The chair and two members, who shall not be members of the board, shall be elected during the annual meeting. At the first meeting of the board of directors following the annual meeting, the board shall appoint the membership directors to the committee. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the board. Suggestions for nominations for officers and directors may be sent to the committee by any voting member.

Sec. 2. Report of Nominating Committee. The report of the nominating committee shall contain its nominations for officers, up to nine directors, plus the chair and two members of the next nominating committee. It shall be sent to the members at least fifteen (15) days before the annual meeting. The report of the nominating committee shall be presented at the annual meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor immediately thereafter. No name shall be placed in nomination without the consent of the nominee.

Sec. 3. Elections. Election shall be by ballot, except when there is only one nominee for each office, election may be by voice vote. A majority vote shall constitute an election. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

ARTICLE IX
Principles and Program

Sec. 1. Principles. Principles are concepts of government adopted by the national convention to which the League subscribes. Most Principles have been an integral part of the national program since 1974 and are the authorization for the adoption of national, state, and local program.
Sec. 2. Program. The program of the LWVGO shall consist of action to implement the Principles. Local governmental issues may be chosen at the annual meeting for further study as follows:

Voting members residing within the jurisdiction(s) of the local government(s) concerned may make recommendations on issues at least two months before the annual meeting. This is usually done during program planning, but may be submitted directly to the board at any time.

The board shall consider these recommendations before formulating and submitting a written copy of a proposed program to the members at least fifteen (15) days before the annual meeting, or the public policy director may consider all recommendations and present a program to the board for approval before submitting it to the members. The annual meeting shall adopt a program by a majority vote of the members in attendance.

Sec. 3. Changes in Program. Changes in the program, in the case of altered conditions, may be made provided that: (1) information concerning the proposed changes has been sent to all members at least two weeks before a general membership meeting at which the change is to be discussed, and (2) attendance at said meeting shall constitute a quorum. Final action may be taken with a majority vote by the LWVGO membership.

In the case of an emergency, as determined by the board of directors, changes in the program may be made provided that the proposed changes have been sent to all members along with voting response directions. Members shall have a minimum of two weeks to research the proposal and respond in the fashion(s) requested. The public policy director shall present the results to the board for final action. A majority vote of all LWVGO members is needed to amend the program.

Sec. 4. Program Action. Members may act in the name of the LWVGO only when authorized to do so by the board or executive committee. They may act only in conformity with, and not contrary to, a position taken by the LWVGO, LWVNE, and the LWVUS. Violation of this bylaw, or any unauthorized use of the LWVGO membership list, may constitute sufficient reason for expulsion from membership in the LWVGO, upon vote of the board.

ARTICLE X
Financial Administration
Sec. 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the LWVGO shall be from September 1 to August 31 of each year.

Sec. 2. Dues. Annual dues, in an amount to be determined by three-fifths of the voting members at each annual meeting, shall be payable the first day of September. Any member who fails to pay dues within three months after they become payable may be dropped from the membership rolls.

Sec. 3. Budget Committee. The proposed budget shall be prepared by a committee that shall be appointed by the incoming president with the approval of the incoming board of directors. The treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of the budget committee, but shall not be eligible to serve as chair. The committee shall include the finance and development director and a representative of the Education Fund.
Sec. 4. Budget. The proposed budget for the ensuing fiscal year shall be submitted to the board of directors by July 31. The board of directors shall finalize and adopt the budget by August 15, and shall notify the membership of the adopted budget. The budget shall include per member payments to the LWVUS and to the LWVNE, as determined at the national convention and state annual meeting.

Sec. 5. Financial Review. The books of the treasurer shall be thoroughly reviewed at the end of every fiscal year and at any other time when a new treasurer takes office. The reviewer shall be a League member or a person recommended by a League member, who is appointed by the president, approved by the executive committee, and not on the board of directors. Each financial review report shall be submitted to the board of directors and shall be filed as a permanent record in the League office.

Sec. 6. Distribution of Funds on Dissolution. In the event of the dissolution of the LWVGO, all assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt public purposes to the LWVNE Education Fund, a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3). Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction in Douglas County, Nebraska, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as the Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes. Recommend changes to Bylaws: Strike all references to the Ed Fund, Reason for changes to the Bylaws: The LWVGO is incorporated as a 501(c)3 so there is no longer a separate Ed Fund.

ARTICLE XI
Parliamentary Authority
The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.

ARTICLE XII
Indemnification
Every member of the board may be indemnified by the organization against all expenses and liabilities, including counsel fees, reasonably incurred or imposed upon such members of the board in connection with any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding to which the board member may become involved by reason of being or having been a member of the organization, or any settlement thereof, unless adjudged therein to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of duties. In the event of a settlement, the indemnification herein shall apply only when the organization’s board approved such settlement and reimbursement as being in the best interest of the organization. The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which the member of the board is entitled.

ARTICLE XIII
Amendments
These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members attending the annual meeting, provided that the proposed amendments were submitted to the members in writing at least fifteen (15)
days in advance of the meeting.

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER OMAHA ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019
9-1PM Annual Meeting

Schedule of Events

8:30AM    Check-in for the LWVGO Annual Meeting
9:00AM    LWVGO Annual Meeting Begins
11:00AM   LWVGO Annual Meeting Adjourns
11:30AM   Lunch Begins & Registration for the 6th Annual
          Meeting of the LWVNE
(During Lunch)  Featured Speaker Melissa Currence
1:00PM    Call To Order: 6th Annual Meeting of the LWVNE

Location for Both Meetings
The Aim Exchange Building, 7th Floor, 1905 Harney St. Parking information below.
The Guest speaker is Melissa Currence, a League of Women Voters National Board
Member. The Cost is $12 and includes lunch. Register online here or mail a check by
Friday, April 19 to: LWVGO, 1901 Harney St. Ste. 401J, Omaha, NE 68102. All
members will receive an email copy of the Workbook. Those without email will
receive a printed copy by mail. Any others wishing a printed copy should request one
on the website. There will be additional copies available at the meeting.

The 6th LWVNE Annual Meeting
The 6th LWVNE Annual Meeting will be held immediately following LWVGO's Annual
Meeting and Luncheon. Please Note: You are welcome to attend the LWVNE meeting,
but it does have an additional cost of $10, payable to LWVNE at: 4600 Valley Road,
Suite 306, Lincoln, NE 68510.
LWVGO ANNUAL MEETING LOCATION

The Aim Exchange Building
7th Floor, 1905 Harney St.

Parking is available on the garage roof, leading into a second-floor entrance to the building. (See map below) A City of Omaha parking garage is available across the street, at the Omaha-Douglas Civic Center garage. Metered parking is also readily available on both Harney and 19th street, more info here: On Street Parking

Please send any questions to vicepresident@omahalwv.org.
Ann Chaislon, President
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER OMAHA
1905 Harney St. STE J401
Omaha NE 68102
402-344-3701
www.omahalv.org

TIME DATED MATERIAL - DO NOT DELAY

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS GREATER OMAHA
ANNUAL MEETING
Saturday, April 27, 2019
8:30 - 1:00PM
The Aim Exhange Building
1905 Harney St, 7th Floor
Omaha, NE 68102