



**Annual Meeting Kit  
&  
The Call to the  
Annual Meeting of Members  
of the League of Women Voters  
of Sacramento County**

*Special guest speaker*

**Sister Libby Fernandez**

**The Sacramento Poetry Center  
1719 25th Street (25<sup>th</sup> and R Complex)**

**Thursday, May 25, 2017  
5:00 p.m.**

**Join your colleagues for conversation, food, wine, and voting!**

**Heavy Appetizers/Light Dinner  
R.S.V.P. to Bernadette Lynch: [mimilavelle@comcast.net](mailto:mimilavelle@comcast.net) or  
916-447-1347**



## **Proposed Rules of the Day**

This formal CALL to the 2017 Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Sacramento County is hereby issued in accordance with Article IX, Section 2 of the Bylaws.

### **At the Annual Meeting the members shall:**

- Adopt a local program for the ensuing year;
- Elect officers, directors and members of the Nominating Committee;
- Adopt a budget; and
- Transact such other business as may properly come before it; however, if less than one-third of the membership is present, action may be taken only on business contained in the Annual Meeting Kit.

According to Article IX, Section 4 of the Bylaws, a quorum for the annual meeting is 10 percent of the membership.

All motions, other than procedural, shall be submitted in writing to the secretary.

Everyone who wishes to speak shall speak before anyone may speak again.

Any study item adopted will have a basic steering committee formed at the time of adoption or the item will be dropped.

Any position statement offered for concurrence must be approved or rejected as written.

# Proposed Order of Business

- 5 p.m. Registration and Light Dinner
- 5:30 CALL TO ORDER: Nancy Compton and Paula Lee, Co-Presidents  
Welcome  
Introductions and Appreciations:
  - Parliamentarian
  - Board of Directors
  - Key Volunteers
  - Past Presidents
  - Suffragist Club members
- 5:45 Guest Speaker – Sister Libby Fernandez  
“My Calling in Serving the Least of Our Brothers and Sisters”
- 6:15 Business Meeting Begins  
Credentials Report  
Adoption of Rules of the Day and Order of Business  
Appointment of Minutes Reading Committee
- 6:30 Treasurer’s Report – Suzi Bakker, Treasurer
- 6:45 Presentation and Adoption of Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 –  
Nancy Findeisen, Budget Committee Chair
- 7:15 Presentation and Adoption of Local Program – Paula Lee, Co-President  
Reaffirm Local Positions  
Issues for Education and Advocacy
- 7:45 Presentation and Adoption of Bylaw Amendments  
Trudy Schafer
- 8 p.m. Nominating Committee Report – Trudy Schafer, Nominating Committee Chair  
Nominations from the Floor  
Election of Officers, Directors and Nominating Committee Members  
Introduction of the New Board
- 8:30 Directions to the Board (Please use provided forms.)

## BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT FOR FY 2017-18

**Introduction:** A budget is a financial roadmap for an organization. It reflects the mission of the organization through the allocation of income and expenses. In proposing this budget for adoption by the members, the Budget Committee considered the League's mission, program priorities, and anticipated activities, the current balance sheet, previous years' experience, and expected cost increases and decreases.

A budget is not set in concrete once adopted. Financial realities that are not foreseeable at the time of adoption can cause income and expense to vary considerably from what appears in the budget. The Board of Directors has the authority to adjust expenditures and budget line items during the year. The board is charged with using its collective judgment during the year to expend the League's resources in a manner that most effectively furthers the organization's goals and objectives.

The Proposed Budget includes a new fund called the Byers Bequest. LWVSC received this very generous bequest (\$77,343) from the Estate of Nina Byers. The Proposed Budget does not include any expenditure related to this fund because the Board will not initiate planning for use of these funds until after LWVSC has finished its commitment to host the LWVC convention. The Board will form a committee to develop a plan for this fund which will be presented to the membership for approval later in FY 2017-18.

**Proposed Budget:** The Budget Committee is recommending a budget of \$19,655. Income (dues and donations) is estimated at \$13,850 with expenditures estimated at \$19,655, leaving a deficit of \$5,805. The Committee recommends using reserve funds to cover the deficit rather than reducing expenditures. The LWVSC has a healthy reserve fund so the Committee is comfortable recommending that the reserve account be reduced by \$5,805 to cover the estimated budget deficit.

**Income:** The budget projects income of \$9,000 in member dues, but after expenditures for Per Member Payments to the state and national League organizations (\$8,760), LWVSC is left an estimated \$240 for local operations. Income for FY 2017-18 consists of member dues (50%), fundraising and contributions (20%) and reserve funds (30%). To fund local activities and member support, LWVSC depends on fundraising and other income, including tapping reserve funds. This is not a sustainable financial position for the long term, and LWVSC will need to increase income from fundraising and other sources to avoid spending down its reserve fund.

**Expenses:** In the past the largest single expense has been office rent, about one-third of the budget in recent years. However, since the office lease with LWVCA expires in August 2017, LWVSC is considering a range of options, including continuing to lease from LWVCA at a new location, moving to another location or not having a physical office. The budget includes funding for two months of the current lease and transition costs (moving and storage) while the LWVSC board considers options. Once a decision is made, the budget expense for office rent likely will need to be adjusted. If the board selects a new site, the required increase could be as much as \$3,750 (10 months at current rate), which would further reduce the reserve fund. Since this is a national convention year, the Convention line item has been increased \$4,000, to support up to three delegates. Otherwise, proposed expenses are consistent with current-year expenses.

**Submitted by the Budget Committee:** Nancy Findeisen (chair), Suzi Bakker, Mignon Marks, Paula Lee, Bernadette Lynch and Nancy Compton.

## Proposed FY 2017-2018 Budget

	Budget FY 13-14	Actual FY 13-14	Budget FY 14-15	Actual FY 14-15	Budget FY 15-16	Actual FY 15-16	Budget FY 16-17	Actual YtD 16-17	Budget FY 17-18
<b>INCOME:</b>									
Membership									
Dues	\$ 8,600	\$ 9,383	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,423	\$ 9,060	\$ 8,472	\$ 8,275	\$ 8,808	\$ 9,000
Membership Support Fund	\$ -	\$ 30	\$ -	\$ (365)	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75	
Total Membership	\$ 8,600	\$ 9,413	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,058	\$ 9,260	\$ 8,472	\$ 8,275	\$ 8,883	\$ 9,000
Fund Development									
Suffragists' Club	\$ -	\$ 2,615	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,745	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,465	\$ 3,200	\$ 2,815	\$ 3,000
Contributions	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,601	\$ 500	\$ 4,468	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,090	\$ 350	\$ 1,161	\$ 1,000
Homeowners' Assn	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 392	\$ -		\$ -
Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Special Events/ Appeals	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,235	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,866	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 198	\$ -
Dedicated Anne Rudin					\$ 200	\$ 270	\$ 200	\$ 235	\$ 250
Reg. Fd. Rudin Scholarship					\$ 500	\$ 1,000	\$ 520	\$ 500	\$ 500
Convention P&P								\$ 750	
Total Fund Development	\$ 8,200	\$ 5,451	\$ 5,500	\$ 9,079	\$ 6,200	\$ 6,217	\$ 4,270	\$ 5,659	\$ 4,750
Miscellaneous Income:									
Membership Meetings	\$ 500	\$ 590	\$ 500	\$ 135	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
Interest Income	\$ 100	\$ 96	\$ 100	\$ 89	\$ 100	\$ 87	\$ 96	\$ 96	\$ 100
Misc. Income	\$ 1,200	\$ 98	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 2,400	\$ 100	\$ -
Publications	\$ -	\$ 40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Total Miscellaneous Income	\$ 1,800	\$ 824	\$ 800	\$ 224	\$ 100	\$ 87	\$ 2,496	\$ 196	\$ 100
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$18,600</b>	<b>\$15,688</b>	<b>\$15,300</b>	<b>\$18,361</b>	<b>\$15,560</b>	<b>\$14,776</b>	<b>\$15,041</b>	<b>\$14,738</b>	<b>\$13,850</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>									
Board & Administration									
President	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Secretary		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Treasurer	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ -		\$ -
Membership	\$ 300	\$ 263	\$ 300	\$ 270	\$ 300	\$ 273	\$ 300	\$ 121	\$ 150
Board Tools & Expense	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Roster/Membership Handbook	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 479	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 65	\$ 250
Misc.	\$ 100	\$ 13	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100		\$ 100
Total Board & Administration	\$ 1,300	\$ 276	\$ 1,300	\$ 748	\$ 900	\$ 473	\$ 650	\$ 186	\$ 500
Community									
Affiliations	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ -		
Outreach	\$ 200	\$ 275	\$ 300	\$ 559	\$ 150	\$ 382	\$ 300	\$ 435	\$ 500
Action/Advocacy	\$ 100	\$ 225	\$ 800	\$ 1,558	\$ 200	\$ 300	\$ 500	\$ 100	\$ 200
Public Relations	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Total Community	\$ 600	\$ 500	\$ 1,100	\$ 2,117	\$ 550	\$ 682	\$ 800	\$ 535	\$ 700
Financial Support									
National PMP	\$ 4,061	\$ 4,046	\$ 4,325	\$ 4,325	\$ 4,294	\$ 4,432	\$ 4,096	\$ 4,224	\$ 4,672
State PMP	\$ 3,013	\$ 3,025	\$ 3,186	\$ 3,209	\$ 3,532	\$ 3,532	\$ 3,264	\$ 2,772	\$ 4,088
Total Financial Support	\$ 7,074	\$ 7,071	\$ 7,511	\$ 7,533	\$ 7,826	\$ 7,964	\$ 7,360	\$ 6,996	\$ 8,760
Fundraising Expense									
Homeowner's Assn	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Suffragists Club	\$ -	\$ 195	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 254	\$ 250
Special Events/Appeals	\$ 1,000	\$ 77	\$ 400	\$ 1,453	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ -
Total Fundraising	\$ 1,100	\$ 272	\$ 600	\$ 1,453	\$ 350	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 304	\$ 250
Members' Activities									
Workshops	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 200		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100
Convention	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,994	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,437	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,759	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,179	\$ 4,000
Hosting								\$ 1,610	\$ -
Membership Meetings	\$ 500	\$ 466	\$ 500	\$ 688	\$ 200	\$ 22	\$ 200	\$ 250	\$ 250
Total Members' Activities	\$ 4,700	\$ 2,460	\$ 3,200	\$ 3,125	\$ 4,200	\$ 3,781	\$ 1,200	\$ 3,039	\$ 4,350

**Proposed FY 2017-2018 Budget  
(continued)**

	Budget FY 13-14	Actual FY 13-14	Budget FY 14-15	Actual FY 14-15	Budget FY 15-16	Actual FY 15-16	Budget FY 16-17	Actual YtD 16-17	Budget FY 17-18
<b>Operating Costs</b>									
General Operating	\$ 300	\$ 280	\$ 200	\$ 75	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ -		
Telecommunications	\$ 600	\$ 560	\$ 600	\$ 663	\$ 570	\$ 424	\$ 140	\$ 98	\$ 125
Web				\$ 260	\$ 160	\$ 160	\$ 200	\$ 160	\$ 360
Insurance/Taxes	\$ 500	\$ 416	\$ 500	\$ 915	\$ 500	\$ 439	\$ 405	\$ (523)	\$ 350
Rent	\$ 6,330	\$ 6,345	\$ 6,480	\$ 6,525	\$ 6,705	\$ 5,905	\$ 6,885	\$ 3,715	\$ 1,200
Bank Charges	\$ 400	\$ 315	\$ 250	\$ 248	\$ 50	\$ 87	\$ 70	\$ 104	\$ 100
<b>Total Operating Costs</b>	<b>\$ 8,130</b>	<b>\$ 7,916</b>	<b>\$ 8,030</b>	<b>\$ 8,686</b>	<b>\$ 8,035</b>	<b>\$ 7,015</b>	<b>\$ 7,700</b>	<b>\$ 3,554</b>	<b>\$ 2,135</b>
<b>Voter</b>									
Printing	\$ 300	\$ 145	\$ 300	\$ 15	\$ 100	\$ 58	\$ 70	\$ 69	\$ 70
Postage	\$ 423	\$ 339	\$ 1,000	\$ 49	\$ 200	\$ 107	\$ 80	\$ 47	\$ 50
<b>Total Voter</b>	<b>\$ 723</b>	<b>\$ 484</b>	<b>\$ 1,300</b>	<b>\$ 64</b>	<b>\$ 300</b>	<b>\$ 165</b>	<b>\$ 150</b>	<b>\$ 116</b>	<b>\$ 120</b>
<b>Educational Activities</b>									
Speaker's Bureau	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100		\$ -
Program Expense	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Voters Service	\$ 200	\$ 83	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ 229	\$ 1,000	\$ 11	\$ 1,000
Smart Voter/Voter's Edge	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Publications	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Anne Rudin Scholarship	\$ 1,000	\$ 291	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
General		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
<b>Total Educational Activities</b>	<b>\$ 1,400</b>	<b>\$ 374</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 13</b>	<b>\$ 2,400</b>	<b>\$ 3,229</b>	<b>\$ 3,100</b>	<b>\$ 2,011</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$25,027</b>	<b>\$19,353</b>	<b>\$23,041</b>	<b>\$23,739</b>	<b>\$24,561</b>	<b>\$23,309</b>	<b>\$21,210</b>	<b>\$16,741</b>	<b>\$19,815</b>
<b>NET ORDINARY INCOME</b>	<b>\$ (6,427)</b>	<b>\$ (3,665)</b>	<b>\$ (7,741)</b>	<b>\$ (5,378)</b>	<b>\$ (9,001)</b>	<b>\$ (8,533)</b>	<b>\$ (6,169)</b>	<b>\$ (2,003)</b>	<b>\$ (5,965)</b>
In-Kind Contributions			\$ -	\$ 513		\$ 225		\$ 208	
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ (6,427)</b>	<b>\$ (3,665)</b>	<b>\$ (7,741)</b>	<b>\$ (4,865)</b>	<b>\$ (9,001)</b>	<b>\$ (8,308)</b>	<b>\$ (6,169)</b>	<b>\$ (1,795)</b>	<b>\$ (5,965)</b>
<b>TRANSFER EDUCATION FUND</b>						\$ 9,485			
<b>BYERS BEQUEST</b>								\$ 77,343	
<b>CURRENT ASSETS (ACCRUAL)</b>	<b>\$41,550</b>	<b>\$44,312</b>	<b>\$36,571</b>	<b>\$39,447</b>	<b>\$30,446</b>	<b>\$40,624</b>	<b>\$34,455</b>	<b>\$116,172</b>	
<b>CURRENT ASSETS (CASH)</b>						<b>\$43,835</b>		<b>\$117,191</b>	
<b>TRANSFER FROM RESERVE FUND</b>	<b>\$ 6,427</b>	<b>\$ 3,665</b>	<b>\$ 7,741</b>	<b>\$ 4,865</b>	<b>\$ 9,001</b>		<b>\$ 6,169</b>	<b>\$ 1,795</b>	
Adjustment to Support Fund		\$ 30		\$ (365)		\$ (300)			
Adjustment to Rudin Fund		\$ 2,990	\$ (550)	\$ 100		\$ -			
Support Fund Balance		\$ 4,276		\$ 3,911		\$ 3,611			
Rudin Scholarship Fund Balance	\$ 189	\$ 4,179	\$ 3,629	\$ 4,279	\$ 3,979	\$ 3,549	\$ 3,269	\$ 3,284	
Byers Bequest Balance								\$ 77,343	
<b>EDUCATION FUND BUDGET</b>									
<b>Education Fund Income</b>									
Donations		\$ 550	\$ 1,000	\$ 100					
Dedicated Anne Rudin		\$ 3,735		\$ 100					
Reg. Fd. Rudin Scholarship		\$ 450	\$ 450	\$ -					
<b>Total Ed Fund Income</b>		<b>\$ 4,735</b>	<b>\$ 1,450</b>	<b>\$ 200</b>					
<b>Educational Activities</b>									
Speaker's Bureau	\$ 100		\$ 100	\$ -					
Program Expense	\$ 100		\$ 100	\$ -					
Voters Service	\$ 200		\$ 200	\$ -					
Smart Voter	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -					
Anne Rudin Scholarship	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,195	\$ 1,000	\$ -					
<b>Total Ed Fund Activities</b>	<b>\$ 1,400</b>	<b>\$ 2,195</b>	<b>\$ 2,400</b>	<b>\$ -</b>					
<b>Net LWVSC/ED Fund Income</b>		<b>\$ 2,540</b>	<b>\$ (950)</b>	<b>\$ 200</b>					
<b>Ed Fund Reserve Account</b>		<b>\$ 9,285</b>		<b>\$ 9,485</b>					

## League of Women Voters Work Plan and Budget for FY 2017-18

**Mission:** To encourage informed and active participation in government; to increase understanding of major public policy issues; and to influence public policy through advocacy and education.

Work Activity or Output	Budget Category	Budget
Tally membership (January 31) and send per-member-payment to State and National League	Financial Support	\$8,760
Attend LWVUS Convention (in Chicago), 3 delegates	Members' Activities - Convention	\$4,000
Move to a new office	Operating Costs – Moving and Rent	\$1,200
Award one Anne Rudin scholarship	Education Activities – Anne Rudin	\$1,000
Smart Voter/Voter Edge donation to State League	Educational Activities – Smart Voter/ Voter's Edge	\$1,000
Voter Services Activities	Voter Service	\$1,000
Reach out to prospective members and “the community” through tabling events	Community Outreach	\$500
Manage risk	Operating Costs – (General Liability) Insurance and Taxes	\$350
Hold reception for Suffragist Club members with Anne Rudin scholarship winner	Fund-raising Expense	\$250
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold three membership meetings, including co-sponsored community forums and annual meeting</li> <li>• Hold nine unit meetings</li> <li>• Hold ___ new member orientation meetings</li> </ul>	Members' Activities – Membership Meetings	\$250
Publish <i>The Roster</i> (membership directory)	Board and Administration	\$250
Advocacy Activities	Community – Action and Advocacy	\$200
Maintain League website	Operating Costs - Web	\$200
Maintain and “boost” interest in League’s Facebook page	Operating Costs - Web	\$160
Solicit membership renewals	Board and Administration	\$150
Answer telephone calls	Operating Costs - Telecommunications	\$125
Publish nine issues of <i>The Voter</i>	Voter	\$120



<b>Work Activity or Output</b>	<b>Budget Category</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Maintain checking, savings, money market accounts	Operating Costs – Bank charges	\$100
Publish <i>The Call</i> for the annual meeting	Board and Administration	\$100
Train and orient board members	Members' Activities - Workshops	\$100
Convene a Budget Committee and develop a FY 2018-2019 operating budget	Board and Administration	\$0
Convene a Nominating Committee and develop slate of FY 2018-2019 board candidates	Board and Administration	\$0
Hold a board retreat for strategic planning	Board and Administration	\$0
Hold nine board meetings and Maintain corporation records	Board and Administration, including Secretary	\$0
Keep financial records, deposit \$, pay bills and file tax report	Board and Administration - Treasurer	\$0
Prepare for audit of “the books”	Board and Administration - Treasurer	\$0
Present a local “Making Democracy Work” award	Community – Public Relations	\$0
Solicit donations for Anne Rudin scholarship fund	Fund-raising Expense	\$0
Solicit donations for dues-support fund	Fund-raising Expense	\$0

# Proposed Local Program 2017-2018

## The Board of Directors Recommends the Following Local Program for 2017-2018:

### Retain all local positions as previously adopted:

- *Government:* Budget, City Governance, Government Organization, City of Sacramento Mayor's Office (full time), Merit
- *Social Policy:* Child Care, Homelessness in Sacramento County, Housing, Juvenile Justice, Los Rios Community College District, Pay Equity
- *Natural Resources:* Flood Control for Sacramento County, Land Use/Planning, Sacramento Municipal Utility District, Transportation, Water

### Adopt the following Issues for Education and Advocacy for 2017-2018:

#### ***High Priority Issue – Making Democracy Work®***

- Civic Engagement in areas with low voter turnout
- Participate in Sacramento County SB 450 implementation - Voting Centers
- Felon voting rights (education – registration)
- Monitor implementation of the City Redistricting Commission, City Sunshine Ordinance, and Ethics Code and Commission.
- Strengthen the City Lobbying ordinance

#### ***Mid-Level Priority Issues***

- Homeless and Affordable Housing
- Local Climate Change
- Local Immigration

#### ***Non-Recommended Items***

Although the board did not approve the following Program Suggestions, members may recommend they be added, subject to a debate and vote by the members attending the Annual Meeting and immediate appointment of a committee.

- Local Studies - full time Council and Ranked Choice Voting for multi seat elections
- Foster care – quality, aging out at 18, compliance, training
- Water

# Proposed Amendments to the LWV of Sacramento County Bylaws

**1. Amend Article IV. Section 2,** by substituting “eight” for “seven” in the first sentence and “four” for “three” in the second sentence:

Article IV. Section 2. Selection of Directors. Of the total number of directors provided for in Section 1 of this Article, whose election is not provided for in Article V, Section I, ~~seven-eight~~ shall be elected by a majority of Members eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting of Members and shall take office immediately, following such meeting. Four directors shall be elected in even-numbered years and ~~three-four~~ shall be elected in odd numbered years. The remaining shall be selected by the Board of Directors.

**Explanation:** The nominating committee is recommending that we eliminate the position of Third Vice President. Adding another elected director position would keep the number of elected positions the same (13).

**2. Amend Article IV. Section 2 to clarify the wording about appointed directors:**

Article IV. Section 2. Section of Directors. Of the total number of directors provided for in Section 1 of this Article, whose election is not provided for in Article V, Section I, seven shall be elected by a majority of Members eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting of Members and shall take office immediately, following such meeting. Four directors shall be elected in even-numbered years and three shall be elected in odd numbered years. The remaining ~~shall may~~ be ~~selected-appointed~~ by the ~~elected directorsBoard of Directors~~.

**Explanation:** Replacing the word “selected” with “appointed” clarifies that the Board has the option of appointing up to two, non-elected directors.

**c. Amend Article IV. Section 2,** to delete the reference to when directors’ terms begin, and **amend Article IV. Section 3,** to insert a sentence providing that directors’ terms all begin on July 1. No change is made to the length of the terms:

Article IV. Section 2. Selection of Directors. Of the total number of directors provided for in Section 1 of this Article, whose election is not provided for in Article V, Section I, seven shall be elected by a majority of Members eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting of Members ~~and shall take office immediately, following such meeting~~. Four directors shall be elected in even-numbered years and three shall be elected in odd numbered years. The remaining shall be selected by the Board of Directors.

Article IV. Section 3. Term of Office

The elected directors, other than the officers provided for in Article V, Section 1, shall hold office for a term of two years or until their successors have been elected or appointed and qualified. ~~Their term shall begin on July 1 following the annual meeting at which they are elected.~~ The appointed directors hold office for a term of one year or until ~~the conclusion of the next annual meetingJune 30 following the next annual meeting~~.

**Explanation:** Both of these proposed bylaw amendments must be approved to accomplish the desired change. Currently only the Treasurer's term begins on July 1. This amendment makes all newly elected Board terms begin on the same day, July 1, rather than a variable start date, when the annual meeting is held.

**d. Amend Article IV, Section 15 (a) to change the composition of the Executive Committee:**

Article IV. Section 15. Executive Committee

(a) Composition. ~~The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President; one member of the Board who shall have been nominated for appointment by the President and elected by the Board; and one member of the Board nominated and elected by the Board.~~ The Executive Committee shall consist of the president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Three members shall constitute a quorum.

**Explanation:** The board indicated interest in making this change. The sample bylaws from the LWVC included the sentence about the quorum.

**e. Amend Article V, Section 1, to eliminate the position of third vice president.**

Article V. Section 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers

The Officers of LWVSC shall be a President, a first Vice President, a second Vice President, ~~a third Vice President~~, a Secretary and a Treasurer. They shall be elected by a majority of Members eligible to vote at the Annual meeting of Members. All officers excepting the Treasurer shall take office immediately following the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall take office on July 1. The President shall hold office for a term of one year or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The first Vice-President, ~~third Vice-President~~, and Secretary shall be elected in odd-numbered years. The second Vice-President and Treasurer shall be elected in even-numbered years. They shall hold office for two years or until their successors have been elected and qualified.

**Explanation:** The board indicated interest in making this change, because it believes having two vice presidents, a first and a second, is sufficient.

**f. Amend Article V, Section 1, to change the date when the officers' terms begin:**

Article V. Section 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers

The Officers of LWVSC shall be a President, a first Vice President, a second Vice President, a third Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. They shall be elected by a majority of Members eligible to vote at the Annual meeting of Members. ~~All officers excepting the Treasurer shall take office immediately following the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall take office on July 1. They shall take office on July 1 after the annual meeting at which they were elected.~~ The President shall hold office for a term of one year or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The first Vice-President, third Vice-President, and Secretary shall be elected in odd-numbered years. The second Vice-President and Treasurer shall be elected in even-numbered years. They shall hold office for two years or until their successors have been elected and qualified.

**Explanation:** This amendment makes all newly elected Board Officers' terms begin on the same day, July 1, rather than a variable start date, when the annual meeting is held.

**g. Amend Article V, Section 2, to explicitly authorize having copresidents:**

Article V. Section 2. The President

The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the Board of Directors unless the President designates someone else to preside instead. In the absence or disability of the Treasurer, the President may sign or endorse checks, drafts, and notes. The President shall be ex-officio a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee and shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of President and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board. **The office of President may be held concurrently by more than one person.**

**Explanation:** The LWVSC often has co-presidents rather than one president. This amendment explicitly authorizes that practice.

**h. Eliminate Article VI. Other Provisions and insert in the Financial Administration article (currently Article VIII) a section with a sentence about Endorsement of Documents and Contracts** that is in the sample bylaws provided by the LWVC. (The lengthy wording is in state law and does not need to be repeated in bylaws.)

~~ARTICLE VI OTHER PROVISIONS—~~

~~Section 1. Endorsement of Documents; Contracts—~~

~~Subject to the provisions of applicable law, any note, mortgage, evidence of indebtedness, contract, conveyance or other instrument in writing and any assignment or endorsement thereof executed or entered into between the corporation and any other person, when signed by the President or any Vice-President and the Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, the Treasurer or any Assistant Treasurer of the corporation shall be valid and binding on the corporation in the absence of actual knowledge on the part of the other person that the signing officers had no authority to execute the same. Any such instruments may be signed by any other person or persons and in such manner as from time to time shall be determined by the Board, and, unless so authorized by the Board, no officer, agent or employee shall have any power or authority to bind the corporation by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or to render it liable for any purpose or amount.—~~

~~Section 2. Representation of Shares or Other Corporations—~~

~~The President or any other officer or officers authorized by the Board or the President are each authorized to vote, represent and exercise on behalf of the corporation all the rights incident to any and all shares of any other corporation or corporations standing in the name of the corporation. The authority herein granted may be exercised either by any such officer in person or by any other person authorized so to do by proxy or power of attorney duly executed by said officer.—~~

~~Section 3. Construction and Definitions—~~

~~Unless the context otherwise requires, the general provisions, rules of construction and definitions contained in the General Provisions of the California Nonprofit Corporation~~

~~Law and in the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law shall govern the construction of these Bylaws.—~~

Article VIII. Financial Administration. Insert Section 6 and renumber current Section 6:

Section 6. Endorsement of Documents and Contracts. Unless so authorized by the board, no officer, agent, or employee shall have any power or authority to bind the League by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or to render it liable for any purpose or amount.

**Explanation:** Clean up.

**i. Eliminate Article VII. Indemnification, and insert in the Financial Administration article (currently Article VIII) a section with a sentence about Indemnification that is in the sample bylaws provided by the LWVC. (The lengthy wording is in state law and does not need to be repeated in bylaws.)**

#### ~~ARTICLE VII INDEMNIFICATION—~~

##### ~~Section 1. Definitions—~~

~~For the purposes of this Article, "agent" means any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or other agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, or was a director, officer, employee or agent of a foreign or domestic corporation which was a predecessor corporation of the corporation or of another enterprise at the request of such predecessor corporation; "proceeding" means any threatened, pending or completed action or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative; and "expenses" includes without limitation attorneys' fees and any expenses of establishing a right to indemnification under Sections 4 or 5(b) of this Article.—~~

##### ~~Section 2. Indemnification In Actions by Third Parties—~~

~~The Corporation shall have power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any proceeding, (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgement in its favor, an action brought under Section 5233 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law, or an action brought by the Attorney General or a person granted relator status by the Attorney General for any breach of duty relating to assets held in charitable trust) by reason of the fact that such person is or was an agent of the corporation, against expenses, judgements, fines, settlements and other amounts actually and reasonably incurred in connection with such proceeding if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the corporation and, in the case of a criminal proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the conduct of such person was unlawful. The termination of any proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which the person reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the corporation or that the person had reasonable cause to believe that the person's conduct was unlawful.—~~

##### ~~Section 3. Indemnification In Actions By Or In The Right Of The Corporation—~~

~~The Corporation shall have the power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action by or~~

~~in the right of the corporation, or brought under Section 5233 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law, or brought by the Attorney General or a person granted relator status by the Attorney General for a breach of duty relating to assets held in charitable trust, to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that such person is or was an agent of the corporation, against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action if such person acted in good faith, in a manner such person believed to be in the best interests of the corporation and with such care, including reasonable inquiry, as an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would use under similar circumstances. No indemnification shall be made under Section 3:—~~

- ~~(a) In respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation in the performance of such person's duty to the corporation, unless and only to the extent that the court in which such proceeding is or was pending shall determine upon application that, in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for the expenses which such court shall determine;—~~
- ~~(b) Of amounts paid in settling or otherwise disposing of a threatened or pending action, or with or without court approval; or—~~
- ~~(c) Of expenses incurred in defending a threatened or pending action which is settled or otherwise disposed of without court approval, unless it is settled with the approval of the Attorney General.—~~

#### ~~Section 4. Indemnification Against Expenses—~~

~~To the extent that an agent of the corporation has been successful on the merits in defense of any proceeding referred to in Sections 2 or 3 of this Article or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, the agent shall be indemnified against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by the agent in connection therewith.—~~

#### ~~Section 5. Required Determinations.—~~

~~Except as provided in Section 4 of this Article any indemnification under this Article shall be made by the corporation only if authorized in the specific case, upon a determination that indemnification of the agent is proper in the circumstances because the agent has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Sections 2 or 3 of this Article by:—~~

- ~~(a) A majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who are not parties to such proceedings; or—~~
- ~~(b) The court in which such proceeding is or was pending upon application made by the corporation or the agent or the attorney or other person rendering services in connection with the defense, whether or not such application by the agent or attorney, or other person is opposed by the corporation.—~~

#### ~~Section 6. Advance of Expenses—~~

~~Expenses incurred in defending any proceeding may be advanced by the corporation prior to the final disposition of such proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the agent to repay such amount unless it shall be determined ultimately that the agent is entitled to be indemnified as authorized in this Article.—~~

#### ~~Section 7. Other Indemnification—~~

~~No provision made by the corporation to indemnify its or its subsidiary's directors or officers for the defense of any proceeding, whether contained in the Articles, Bylaws, a resolution of members or directors, an agreement or otherwise, shall be valid unless consistent with this Article. Nothing contained in this Article shall affect any right to indemnification to which persons other than such directors and officers may be entitled by contract or otherwise.—~~

~~Section 8. Forms of Indemnification Not Permitted—~~

~~No indemnification or advance shall be made under this Article, except as provided in Section 4 or 5(b), in any circumstances where it appears:—~~

- ~~(a) That it would be inconsistent with a provision of the Articles, these Bylaws, or an agreement in effect at the time of the accrual of the alleged cause of action asserted in the proceeding in which the expenses were incurred or other amount were paid, which prohibits or otherwise limits indemnification; or—~~
- ~~(b) That it would be inconsistent with any condition expressly imposed by a court in approving a settlement.—~~

~~Section 9. Insurance—~~

~~The corporation shall have power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any agent of the corporation against any liability asserted against or incurred by the agent in such capacity or arising out of the agent's status as such whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify the agent against such liability under the provisions of this Article, provided, however, that a corporation shall have no power to purchase and maintain such insurance to indemnify any agent of the corporation for a violation of Section 5233 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law.—~~

Article VIII. Financial Administration. Insert Section 7 and renumber remaining section.

Section 7. Indemnification. The League is empowered to indemnify its officers, directors, and agents to the extent provided, and within the limitations imposed by law.

**Explanation:** Clean up

**j. Amend Article IX. Section 2 to expand the period during which annual meetings may be held.** The bylaws currently require the meeting to be between April 1 and May 31, but we have had an annual meeting in early June.

Article IX. Section 2. Section 2. Annual Meeting

An Annual Meeting shall be held between April 1 and ~~May 31~~ **June 10**, the exact date to be determined by the Board. At the Annual Meeting the Members shall:

- (a) adopt a local program for the ensuing year;
- (b) elect officers, directors and members of the Nominating Committee;
- (c) adopt a budget; and
- (d) transact such other business as may properly come before it; however, if less than 1/3 of the membership is present, action may be taken only on business contained in the Annual Meeting Kit.

**Explanation:** This amendment gives the Board one more week in which it may schedule the Annual Meeting.



## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee presents the following list of nominees for your consideration and approval:

### Board of Directors

Nominated for a one-year term ending in 2018:

**President** Nancy Compton

Nominated fill remainder of a two-year term ending in 2018:

**2nd Vice President** Kate Van Buren  
**Director** Kristine Rekdahl

Nominated for a two-year term ending in 2019:

**1st Vice President** Claudia Bonsignore  
**Secretary** Bernadette Lynch  
**Director** Heather Skinkle  
**Director** Marina Perez  
**Director** Theresa Riviera  
**Director** Paula Lee\*

The following directors are continuing in a two-year term ending in 2018, and thus are not subject to election at this time:

**Treasurer** Suzi Bakker  
**Director** Rick Bettis  
**Director** Louise Einspahr  
**Director** Mahnaz Khazari  
**Director** Bernadette Lynch\*\*

### Off-Board Nominating Committee Members

Nominated for a one-year term ending in 2018:

Catherine Troka  
Roseanne Torretto  
Trisha Urhammer

\* Paula Lee is vacating her co-president position, but wishes to remain on the board as a director. Before she can be elected as a director, the members must approve the proposed bylaw amendments eliminating the Third Vice President officer position and increasing the number of directors by one. The term of the newly created director position would be one of four directors whose terms end in 2019.

\*\* Bernadette Lynch, whose director term ends in 2018, will resign from this position if she is elected to the Secretary position. The Nominating Committee recommends Kristine Rekdahl be elected to fill this anticipated director vacancy.

**Submitted by the 2016-2017 Nominating Committee:** Trudy Schafer, Chair, Louise Einspahr, Barbara Hopkins, Bernadette Lynch, and Mignon Marks

## PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY

Mrs. William S. (Gladys) Howe, Jr.	1939-40
Mrs. Harry Wayne (Ethel) Blass	1940-41
Mrs. W. T. Kuhert	1941-43
Mrs. Arthur (Elizabeth) McHenry	1943
Mrs. Bert (Iva) Howard	1943-44
Miss Ruth Dodds	1944-45
Mrs. Will E. Thompson	1945-46
Miss Margaret Bullard	1946-48
Mrs. C. Raymond (Evelyn) Clar	1948-50
Miss Evelyn Huston	1950-51
Mrs. Max (Marie) King	1951-53
Mrs. George Pierce	1953
Mrs. Margaret Feast	1953-54
Mrs. William Campbell	1954-55
Mrs. William Young	1955-56
Mrs. Robert Wulfurt	1956-57
Mrs. Margaret Feast	1957-58
Mrs. Richard (Wilma) Mayers	1958-59
Mrs. Henry (Joanne) Long	1959-60
Mrs. Peter (Patsy) White	1960-61
Mrs. Edward (Anne) Rudin	1961-63
Mrs. Marcus (Margaret) Vanderlaan	1963-65
Mrs. Herbert (Anita) Summers	1965-67
Mrs. Frederick (Marjorie) Doolittle	1967
Mrs. Alonzo E. (Beverley) Meyer, Jr.	1968-71
Kay Knepprath	1971-73
Illa Collin	1973-75
Barbara Pennington	1975-77
Gail Pennybaker Carter	1977-79
Goldie Hall	1979-81
Lois Wright	1981-83
Marianne Nockles	1983-85
Judy Hoefling and Marianne Nockles (Co- Presidents)	1984-85
Trudy Schafer	1985-87
Charity Kenyon	1987-88
Kirsten Vanderberg	1988-89
Judy Hoefling	1989-91
Judy Painter	1991-93
Kathy Souza	1993-94
Michele McCormick	1994-95
Trisha Uhrhammer	1995-96
Suzanne Phinney	1996-97
Suzanne Phinney, Donna Chipps (Co-Presidents)	1997-98
Donna Chipps	1998-99
Barbara Hopkins, Kathy Souza (Co-Presidents)	1999-2000
Barbara Hopkins	2001-02
Madlyne MacDonald	2001-03
Cathy Geppert	2003-04
Suzanne Phinney, Carol Goldberg, Hazel Bergtholdt (Co-Presidents)	2004-05
Barbara Hopkins, Carol Goldberg	2005-06
Barbara Hopkins	2006-07
Roseanna Torretto	2007-09
Lola Acosta	2009-12
Rick Bettis, Eileen Heaser, Cheryll Moore, Catherine Troka	2012-13
Claudia Bonsignore, Alice Ginosar, Susan Harrington, Barbara Hopkins	2013-14
Nancy Compton, Paula Lee (Co-Presidents)	2014-17