



The Anchorage VOTER

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**ANNUAL
MEETING
EDITION**

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March 2018

Hi League Members:

Spring seems to be in the air - snow is melting and the temperatures are rising!! Let's hope it continues.

Our annual meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 18th**, at the BP Energy Center, to begin at 6 p.m. I look forward to reconnecting with current members and meeting new members. Our hope is the guest speaker will be from the Clerk's Office to talk about the successes and many interrelated parts of the first Vote-By-Mail election.

BE ACTIVE and BE INVOLVED! Be an active participant in shaping our future! Become involved in your community!

This is my last president's message as I am stepping down as President after having held the office for five years. My time as president has been busy, enlightening, transforming, fulfilling, at times frustrating, a learning experience, and overall a time of building connections and friendships with people in various sectors of the Anchorage community and League members. I plan to continue to be active and involved with League. I firmly believe our nonpartisan voice is important and necessary.

A big "thank you" to the board and League members for all your support and energy during this exciting time for League. As the saying goes, "it takes a village." We have accomplished much but there will always be new ideas and projects to tackle. Let's March On.

Joyce Anderson, President

Reminder: Time to Renew Your Membership

Membership renewal is available through our website at

RENEW NOW!

MARK THE DATE!

WHAT: Annual Meeting

**WHEN: Wednesday, April 18
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

**WHERE: BP Energy Center
900 East Benson Blvd
Alder/Cottonwood Rm**

All members are encouraged to attend. Voice your opinion as we chart our direction for the coming year.

**2017-18 was an extremely busy and exciting time for League.
2018-19 is already in high gear.**

We need your INPUT, EXPERTISE and EXPERIENCE.

Bring a friend!

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.
Any person 16 years of age and older, male or female, may become a League member.

Proposed Slate of Officers and Directors FY 2018-2019

President	Margaret McDonagh	1 year term expiring 2019
Vice-President	Cari Zawodny	1 year term expiring 2019
Treasurer	Tina DeLapp	2 year term expiring 2020
Director	Schawna Thoma	2 year term expiring 2020
Director	Shirley Pittz	2 year term expiring 2020
Director	Diane Mathisen	2 year term expiring 2020

Board members continuing:

Secretary	Carol Dickason	1 year remaining on term expiring 2019
Director	Beth Nordlund	1 year remaining on term expiring 2019
Director	Pat Redmond	1 year remaining on term expiring 2019
Director	Keri Clark	1 year remaining on term expiring 2019

Nominating Committee for 2018-2019:

Chair:

Member:

(3rd Member appointed by the Board)

Nominations may be made from the floor by any voting members provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained.

Recommended Dues FY 2018-2019

The Board recommends for FY 2018-2019 that the dues remain unchanged from FY 2017-2018.

Individual Member	\$65.00
Household (two at same address)	\$97.50
College Students	\$32.50
Youth (age 16-18)	\$10.00

BY-LAWS Committee

There are no recommended changes or updates to the By-Laws.

They were last updated at the April 5, 2017 annual meeting.

Proposed LWV Anchorage Budget FY 2018-2019

REVENUE			
Item	FY 17-18 Budget	YTD (2/28/18)	FY18-19 Pro- posal
Dues	\$ 2,795	\$ 2,227.50	\$ 2,730
Contributions	\$ 2,000	\$ 612.50	\$ 800
Dividend Earning	\$ 10	\$ 13.47	\$ 16
Miscellaneous	\$ 600		
MOA Ballot Review	\$52,000	\$51,626.00	\$52,000
Youth Vote			
Fund Raising	\$ 5,000	\$ 9,003.29	\$ 6,000
LWVAK Ed Fund	\$ 2,000		\$ 7,100
Restricted Grants	\$18,000	\$22700.68	\$ 19,500
Unrestricted Grants			\$ 1,500
TOTAL	\$80,405	\$86,183.44	\$89,646
EXPENSES			
Item	FY 17-18 Budget	YTD (2/28/18)	FY18-19 Pro- posal
Operating Costs			
Records Storage	\$ 1,850	\$ 1,529.00	\$ 1,074
Phone	\$ 150	\$ 139.80	\$ 160
P.O. Box Rental	\$ 200	\$ 200.00	\$ 210
Bank Charges	\$ 25	\$ 28.25	
Web Site Maintenance	\$ 2,070	\$ 3,538.00	\$ 750
Pay Pal Fees	\$ 0		\$ 120
Boards & Committees			
Supplies	\$ 100		\$ 100
Committee Expenses	\$ 150		\$ 150
Meetings & Conventions			
Anch. Annual Meeting	\$ 150	\$ 14.19	\$ 100
LWVAK – Fairbanks	\$ 1,130	\$ 629.80	
LWVAK – Kenai (2018)			\$ 1,000
Gen Member Meetings	\$ 600	\$ 304.36	\$ 600
National Convention			\$ 3,800
Voter Service			
Voter Info Programs	\$ 150	\$ 20.00	\$ 150
Municipal Ballot Review	\$49,000	\$46,375.70	\$47,000
Financial Support of LWV			
PMP LWVUS	\$ 1,130	\$ 1,232.00	\$ 1,344
PMP LWVAK	\$ 430	\$ 385.00	\$ 420
Youth Vote			
Contractor-coordination	\$ 8,000	\$16,700.00	\$12,000
Misc Expenses/Supplies	\$10,000	\$ 4,934.60	\$12,000
Space Rental	\$10,000		\$ 3,600
YV TV Production	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000
SOY – Anti-Bullying			
Contractor-Coordination		\$ 1,000	
Misc. Expenses		\$ 5,926	
TOTAL	80,385		\$89,578
+ (-) Notes:			\$ 68
1. Records storage – projected costs for 6 months, after which storage locker will be cleaned out.			
2. Future of funds for anti-bullying campaign is uncertain; no funds or expenses are projected.			

ANCHORAGE PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR FY 2018-2019

No Changes Recommended by the Board (FY 2017- 2018 Recommendations Listed Below)

CURRENT LWV OF ANCHORAGE POSITIONS

Planning and Zoning: Recommendation: Retain current position and update. Update position to reflect new planning and zoning issues. (No action taken in FY 2017-2018.)

Statement of Position

The League of Women Voters of Anchorage supports comprehensive planning and effective implementation of a plan aimed at quality growth and development.

Community Councils: Recommendation: Retain current position.

Statement of Position

The League of Women Voters of Anchorage supports the concept and purpose of Community Councils as a direct and continuing means of citizen participation in government and local affairs.

Boards and Commissions: Recommendation: Retain current position and update. Update position to include term notification. Board members continue to serve until vacated position has been filled in order to provide for a working quorum. (No action taken in FY 2017-2018.)

Statement of Position

The League of Women Voters of Anchorage supports broad participation by all segments of the community on Municipal boards and commissions, effective interaction between related boards and commissions, and the periodic review of the effectiveness of all boards and commissions.

Election of School Board Members: Recommendation: Retain

Statement of Position

The League of Women Voters of Anchorage supports a seven-member school board whose members are elected at-large to serve in designated seats.

PROGRAM EMPHASIS

Focus on Vote-by-Mail education (for 2018 Muni election). (Accomplished.)

Make public information more accessible.

Promote and support Youth Vote's expanding program emphasis.

LWV of ANCHORAGE GENERAL GUIDELINES

Purpose: General meetings, possibly conducted in collaboration with other groups, would serve to educate the membership and general public on these identified specific areas of concern.

Format & Outcomes: A committee of League members would be responsible for soliciting relevant speakers, establishing General meeting outcomes, and upon conclusion of the General meeting, summarizing and making recommendations to the membership on how the information gained from the General meeting may be used to update or validate existing positions.

Additions to Program: Our Bylaws permit additions to our adopted program should we find it necessary and spell out the procedures for doing so at a General meeting.

LWVAK PLAN OF MERGER

In order to simplify its administration structure, reduce expenses and potentially increase funding sources, the boards of directors of the League of Women Voters of Alaska (“LWVAK”) and the League of Women Voters of Alaska Education Fund (“LWVAK Ed Fund”) are recommending to the members of LWVAK that the two organizations enter into an agreement of merger whereby LWVAK will merge into LWVAK Ed Fund.

As a result of the merger, (a) the existing members of LWVAK will become members of the surviving corporation, LWVAK Ed Fund; (b) LWVAK Ed Fund will change its name to League of Women Voters of Alaska; and (c) all of the assets and operations of the LWVAK will be transferred to LWVAK Ed Fund.

The LWVAK is holding their Annual Convention in Soldotna on Friday, April 27, through Sunday, April 29. The merger is one item on the agenda.

ELECTIONS UPDATE

By the time you receive this newsletter you should have received in the mail your ballot package for the April 3rd Municipal election. If you did not receive one, please call 243-VOTE to request one.

The **Ballot Review**, a non-partisan informational pamphlet prepared by our League, was delivered to every household last week. An on-line version is available at muni.org/elections.

Remember, polling place locations **will not** be open on Election Day. Ballots must be dropped off at an Accessible Vote Center or deposited into a Secure Drop Box designated for ballots or mailed through the U.S. Post Office. Check the Muni website or the **Ballot Review** for more details and drop off locations.

Do your part and exercise
your right to vote.

Happy voting!

