



The Anchorage VOTER

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*Annual Meeting
Edition*

March 2017

Joyce Anderson, President

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hope everyone is enjoying the snow. What a beautiful picture with white trees and lots and lots of snow everywhere!

It is again the time of the year for our **Annual Meeting**. We hope to see you on **Wednesday, April 5**, at the **BP Energy Center**, 900 East Benson Blvd, Anchorage, from **5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

**REMEMBER WE NEED YOUR INPUT.
COME AND MEET OTHER LEAGUE MEMBERS.
BECOME ACTIVE AND BE INVOLVED!**

As we chart our direction for the coming year, we encourage all members to attend our Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 5. Officers will be elected for the term 2017-2018. A proposed slate of officers is listed in the newsletter. Additionally, we will be discussing a FY 2017-2018 proposed program for emphasis, dues and budget (see newsletter for details). The by-laws committee is proposing considerable changes and updates to the by-laws. They will be sent under separate cover for your consideration.

Come and listen to what is being proposed and offer your ideas. Bring a friend!

Joyce Anderson

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Secretary Carol Dickason
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Proposed Slate of Officers 2017-2018

President	Joyce Anderson	1 year term expiring 2018
Vice President	Cari Zawodny	1 year term expiring 2018
Secretary	Margaret McDonagh	2 year term expiring 2019
Director	Pat Redmond	2 year term expiring 2019
Director	Keri Clark	2 year term expiring 2019
Director	Beth Nordland	2 year term expiring 2019
Director	Schawna Thoma	1 year term expiring 2018

Nominating Committee for 2018-19:

Chair:

Member:

(3rd Member appointed by the Board):

Continuing Board Members:

Treasurer	Tina DeLapp	1 year remaining on term exp. 2018
Director	Shirley Pittz	1 year remaining on term exp. 2018
Director	Diane Mathisen	1 year remaining on term exp. 2018

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

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 or older, male or female, may become a League member.

Proposed Program– FY 2017-2018

The Board recommends the following Program for FY 2017-2018:

CURRENT LWV OF ANCHORAGE POSITIONS

Planning and Zoning: Recommendation: Retain current position and update.

Update position to reflect new planning and zoning issues

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 Council 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 and board members continue to serve on the Board until vacated position has been filled in order to provide for a working quorum.

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).
- 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.

Proposed LWV Anchorage Budget – FY 2017-2018

	FY16-17		FY17-18	
	Adopted Budget	Actual thru 3/1/17	Board Recommended Budget	Adopted Budget
INCOME				
Dues	\$2,500	\$3,480	\$2,795	
Contributions: Members friends	\$750	\$846	\$2,000	
Dividend Earnings	\$0	\$8	\$10	
LWVAK 2016 Convention Receipts	\$975	\$685	\$0	
Municipal Ballot Review	\$52,000	\$52,670	\$52,000	
Misc. (incl. SOY)	\$500	\$977	\$600	
Youth Vote				
LWVAK Ed Fund	\$8,640	\$4,500	\$2,000	
Fundraising	\$10,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	
Grants (restricted)	\$0	\$21,271	\$15,000	
Total Income	\$75,365	\$87,437	\$79,405	\$0
EXPENSES				
Operating Costs:				
Records Storage	\$1,080	\$0	\$1,850	
Phone	\$150	\$137	\$150	
PO Box	\$200	\$200	\$200	
Bank Charges	\$40	\$0	\$25	
Web Site	\$70	\$49	\$2,070	
Boards and Committees				
Supplies - Impact on Issues - new Board mbrs	\$100	\$171	\$100	
Committee Expenses	\$150	\$0	\$150	
Conventions and Meetings				
Anchorage Annual Meetings	\$150	\$0	\$150	
State Convention - 2016 Anchorage	\$1,500	\$866	\$0	
State Convention - 2017 Fairbanks	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,130	
LWVUS Conventions	\$3,000	\$1,512	\$0	
General Membership Meetings	\$0	\$0	\$600	
Financial Support for League				
PMP LWVUS	\$1,280	\$1,168	\$1,380	
PMP LWVAK	\$520	\$350	\$430	
Voter Service				
VIP	\$150	\$0	\$150	
Municipal Ballot Review	\$49,000	\$47,411	\$49,000	
Youth Vote				
Project Coordination	\$9,000	\$18,000	\$7,000	
TV Production	\$6,000	\$4,500	\$0	
Misc. Operating expenses	\$4,475	\$5,634	\$10,000	
LWVAK Ed Fund	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	
Total Expense	\$77,865	\$79,999	\$79,385	\$0
EXCESS (DEFICIT)	(\$2,500)	\$7,438	\$20	\$0

Recommended Dues FY 2017-2018

The Board recommends FY2017-2018 Dues as follows:

Individual member	\$65.00
Household (two at same address)	\$97.50
Student	\$32.50
<u>Youth (age 16-18)</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>

Note: (Underlined text is new.)

1. A new category for "youth" ages 16-18 is proposed due to the LWVUS change in membership to include anyone 16 years and older. Youth have limited resources and a \$10.00 membership fee may encourage youth to join versus a \$32.50 membership fee.
2. "Student" membership was qualified to indicate "college" students.

League of Women Voters of Anchorage

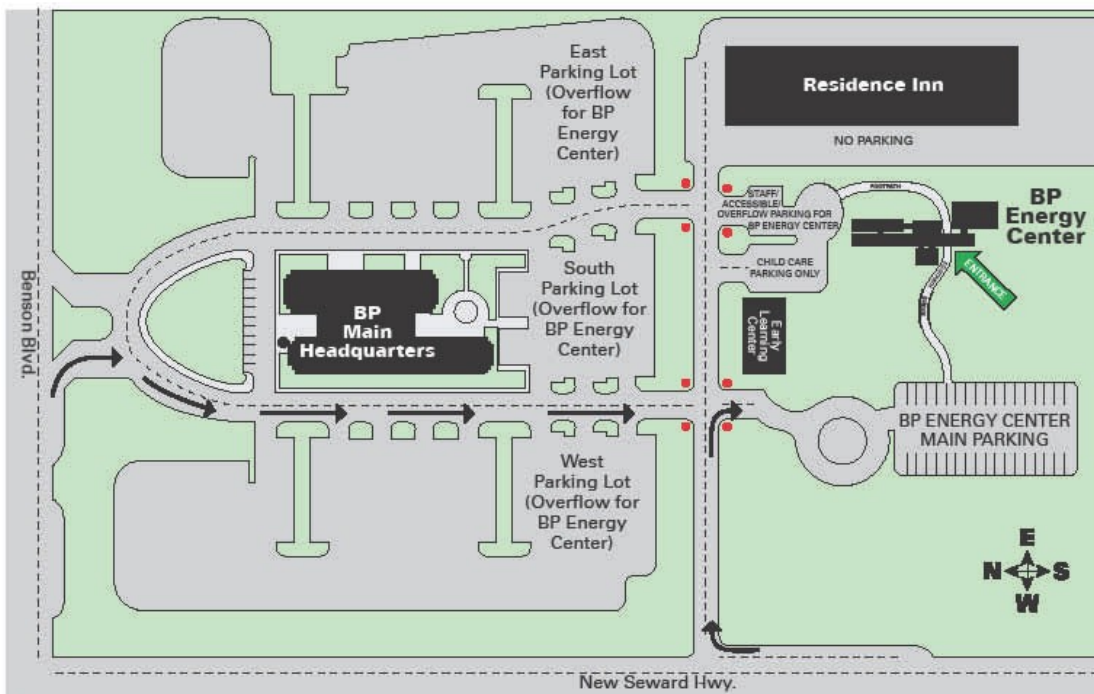
ANNUAL MEETING

When: Wednesday, April 5, 2017

WHERE: BP Energy Center
900 E. Benson Blvd., Anchorage
Time: 5:30 pm – 8:30pm

Join us !

Map to BP Energy Center
900 E. Benson Blvd., Anchorage, AK



Directions: If northbound on New Seward Hwy., turn right into BP's southwest entrance. Turn right at the first stop sign into the BP Energy Center parking lot. Follow footpath through woods to building entrance.

If eastbound on Benson Blvd., turn right into BP's main entrance. Turn right and follow access road to 4-way stop. Continue through intersection into the BP Energy Center parking lot.