

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ALAMEDA**  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES, June 24, 2023  
Virtual Meeting Online via Zoom

**Guest Speaker:** Alameda Mayor Marilyn Ezzy-Ashcraft: Dignity Village, Interim Supportive Housing in Alameda.

**Call to Order:** Anne McKereghan called the meeting to order at 10:44 AM.

**Credentials Report:** Susan Hauser reported that we have exceeded the quorum requirement of 21 voting members.

**Order of Business:** Neil Rubenstein was introduced as the Parliamentarian. With no objections, we adopted the Order of Business and Rules of the Meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2022 Annual Meeting. Irene Dieter and Anna Crane will form the committee to read and correct these minutes.

**President's Message:** Anne McKereghan thanked our members for their service this year, especially when we had to stand up to defend our nonpartisan status when sharing factual political data. We're proud to have worked on 2 caucus (Ranked Choice Voting and youth engagement) at our recent state League conference. Our youth outreach committee, VerifyIt game, and intern program are extremely important for us so we especially appreciate the hard work of volunteers on that.

**Program:** Anne McKereghan presented our recommended program. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to adopt.

- Retain all existing Local and County positions
- No new study or update study for 2022-23
- Local Issues for Emphasis for 2023-24: "Ranked Choice Voting", "campaign finance", "civics education and voter engagement for youth", "transparency and good government"

**Revised Bylaws:** Anna Crane presented bylaws following the recommended format from the State League; because the format is not the same as our previous bylaws, a motion was made and seconded to adopt these new bylaws (rather than editing existing). This is to be in compliance with best practices and has been approved by State League contacts. Key changes include a reduction to 6 elected board members, with potential for 2 additional appointed members, to relieve committee chairs from a requirement to serve on the board. Also, the number of board meetings is reduced to 4 required meetings per year – we can have more as we choose. These reflect streamlining overhead to address fluctuating volunteer capacity. A concern was raised from a member who would like to continue to include in the bylaws a requirement to mail printed copies of the annual meeting kit. The

motion was approved and we adopted new bylaws; the new board can make further changes to them with 30 days notice to members.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sheila Durkin presented the report for the fiscal year 2023 and next year's proposed budget. The balance sheet as of April 30, 2023 shows current assets of \$53,335. Anticipated expenses for fiscal year 2024 are \$39,000; income \$13,000; projected deficit \$26,000. Note that in the past several years, we have often predicted a shortfall and ended up with a surplus or small shortfall due to unanticipated donations and unrealized expenditures. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the 2024 budget as presented.

**Nominating Committee Report:** Susan Hauser presented the slate of Board Members nominated for 2024, with no nominations from the floor. Note that titles with \* will serve a 2-year term, and others will serve 1 year, with the next elected in those roles for 2 year terms also. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to elect:

President*	Anna Crane
VP	Keasha Martindill
Secretary*	Ashley Lorden
Treasurer	Susan Hauser
At-Large Members 1, 2*	Anne McKereghan, Jeff Cambra

In addition, we count on the support of our wonderful committee chairs: Susan Hauser (Membership), Irene Dieter (Advocacy), Neil Rubenstein (Programs), Susan Gonzales and Paula Rainey (Voter Service), Keasha Martindill (Communications), Linda Bytof (Youth Outreach), Allan Mann (Campaign Finance).

The 2024 Nominating Committee requires 3 non-board and 2 board members; please reach out if you are interested. Anna thanked outgoing Board members for their service.

#### **Directions to the Board:**

The Campaign Finance Committee is considering whether and how to advocate for public financing for candidates for office; please contact us if you'd like to get involved. A proposal was shared that people opt in to paper mailings when joining or renewing membership to limit the burden required to access non-electronic materials. It was suggested that we consider adding a record date to require members to join the league ahead of time in order to vote in the Annual Meeting. Sheila invited members to join the busy Youth Outreach committee. Keasha thanked Faith and Wendy for their help on Communications. Irene asked for volunteers to join the Advocacy committee which always has interesting new things to work on. A new member, Susan Gonzales, is looking for support on voter registration training efforts and identifying a comprehensive list of partners/places to work with on that. All members are invited to join us marching in the upcoming July 4th Parade, where we'll be holding signs and handing out pocket copies of the Constitution and Declaration of Independence.

Anna Crane committed to an in-person meeting soon, and adjourned the meeting at 12:45pm.

- Ashley Lorden, Secretary