

# League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley LWVTV Board Recommendations to the Local Membership Proposed Program for 2017

The LWVTV held a Program Planning meeting on March 25, 2017, at Raven Landing 4. Eighteen members attended and participated actively in reviewing local positions and activities. After reviewing each position, the group discussed then voted for retaining, reviewing or revising the position. Each current activity was also reviewed and discussed by the group. Topics for future public educational meetings were gathered. Possible new local studies were also discussed.

Following the meeting a brief summary was prepared and sent to all members on April 13 for review. Members were given the opportunity to participate in a SurveyMonkey poll advising on the positions, ranking our current activities in importance, and expressing interest in topics suggested for public education events. The opportunity to offer topics for new studies was also offered in the poll. Members were encouraged to participate in the poll in the April Voter and with a follow-on Quick News. Based on the results of the Program Planning meeting, the poll and discussion among the LWVTV Board members, we are pleased to present the following recommendations to the LWVTV membership for consideration:

## Continuing Responsibilities (Positions)

The League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley Board recommends retaining the following LWVTV Positions:

- Planning and Zoning
- Boards, Commissions and Committees\*
- Conflict of Interest

The League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley Board recommends reviewing, in detail, the following LWVTV Position for possible further action. The General Local Government position was initially adopted in 1986 and later revised in 1987. This position was written prior to the creation of the Fairbanks North Star Borough and was designed in part to support the creation of the Borough. There is concern that the wording is outdated and that the services listed as examples should be reviewed for a broader statement.

- General Local Government

The League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley Board recommends revising the following LWVTV Position. The Road Service Area position was adopted in 1986 and subsequently revised in

1987 and 2000. There is concern that the wording is not clear regarding Borough versus City authority and there is uncertainty surrounding the process for creating new road service areas.

- Road Service Area

## New Studies

No new studies are recommended. There was general agreement that the possibility of a major new study at the state level could engage a number of our members and that the LWVTV energies would be better spent on other Program Planning recommendations.

## Current Agenda (Activities)

We recommend retaining all of our current activities:

- Continue major commitment to the Tanana Valley Fair
- Support Naturalization Ceremonies
- Organize/promote public educational meetings, topical forums, candidate panels
- Provide voter services to the Pioneer Home and FMH, tied with
- Support Get Out the Native Vote activities
- Encourage letters to the editor, community perspective articles
- Register voters at various public events, tied with
- Sustain financial support for the FNSB Assembly broadcasts
- Continue Book Club
- Offer periodic training/refreshers courses on voter registration
- Promote celebration of Elizabeth Peratrovich Day
- Support activities of Greenstar

## Amendments to By-Laws

The Board recommends the following amendments to the By-Laws. Wording recommended to be replaced is shown as ~~struck out~~. New wording is shown in *italics*.

### Article IV Officers, Sec.1 Enumeration and Election of Officers

The officers of the League of Women Voters of Tanana Valley shall be a President, a ~~President-Elect~~ *Vice President*, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall be elected for two years, and the President and ~~President-Elect~~ *Vice President* shall be elected for one year. All directly elected officers shall be elected by the General Membership at an Annual Meeting and all officers shall take office at the close of the Annual Meeting. The Secretary shall be elected in odd-numbered year. The Treasurer shall be elected in even-numbered years. The President and ~~President-Elect~~ *Vice President* shall be elected annually.

Article IV Officers, Sec.3 ~~The President-Elect~~ The Vice President

~~**The President-Elect**~~ **The Vice President**. The ~~President-Elect~~ *Vice President* shall endeavor to gain familiarity with the President's duties and responsibilities. The ~~President-Elect~~ *Vice President* shall, in the event of absence, disability or death of the President, possess all the powers and perform all the duties of the office, until such time as the Board of Directors shall select one of its members to fill the vacancy. The ~~President-Elect~~ *Vice President* shall perform such other duties as may be designated by the President and the Board.

Article VIII Nominations and Elections **Sec. 1. Nominating Committee.**

The Nominating Committee shall consist of ~~five~~ *three* members, ~~two~~ *one* of whom shall be a ~~members~~ *member* of the Board of Directors. The Chair and ~~two~~ *one* ~~members~~-*member*, who shall not be members of the Board, shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. Nominations for these officers shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. The other ~~members~~ *member* shall be appointed by the Board of Directors immediately following the Annual Meeting. Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member provided the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.

Respectfully submitted,

League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley Officers and Board  
Jenifer Cameron, Donna Dinsmore, Shari George, Mary Lee Guthrie, Clare Hill, Jean James,  
Emma Marcucci, Karen Parr, Sue Sherif, Joan Soutar, Phyllis Tugman-Alexander

\*The Boards, Commissions and Committees position was inadvertently missing from the poll. The Board's recommendation is based on the decision made at the Program Planning meeting and Board discussion.

# Report of the Nominating Committee

The following members have been put forward for consideration for election at the Annual Meeting:

## To Be Elected

<b>President... 1 Year (2017-2018)</b>	<b>Rebecca Heaton</b>
<b>Vice President 1 Year (2017-2018)</b>	<b>Sue Sherif</b>
<b>Secretary 2 Years (2017-2019)</b>	<b>Jenifer Cameron</b>
<b>Past President 1 Year .... (2017-2018)</b>	<b>Shari George</b>
<b>Board Member 2 Years ....(2017-2019)</b>	<b>Clare Hill</b>
<b>Board Member 2 Years ... (2017-2019)</b>	<b>Mary Lee Guthrie</b>
<b>Board Member 2 Years ... (2017-2019)</b>	<b>Helenmarie Matesi</b>
<b>Board Member 1 year replacement (2017-2018)</b>	<b>Elise Alexander</b>

## Continuing on Board

<b>Treasurer 2 Years (2016-2018)</b>	<b>Jean James</b>
<b>Board Member 2 Years (2016-2018)</b>	<b>Joan Soutar</b>
<b>Board Member 2 Years (2016-2018)</b>	<b>Karen Parr</b>

## Nominating Committee

<b>Non-Board</b>	<b>1. Linda Witt</b>
	<b>2. Donna Dinsmore</b>
	<b>3. Phyllis Tugman Alexander</b>
<b>Board</b>	<b>1. _____(to be appointed by Board)</b>
	<b>2. _____</b>

## Topics of Particular Interest

Numerous topics of particular interest were brought up at the March 25 Program Planning meeting. The topics were offered for potential development into public education meetings. In an attempt to gauge the importance of each topic across the membership, each topic was listed in the online poll. Members were invited to select their level of interest. About 1/3 of the membership took part in the poll. The table shows the result of the poll. We hope it is valuable as input to the incoming Officers and Board of Directors. We plan on discussing these at the Annual Meeting.

	<b>Very interested</b>	<b>Somewhat interested</b>	<b>Not interested</b>	<b>No opinion</b>	<b>Total</b>
Electoral College	<b>44.44%</b> 8	<b>55.56%</b> 10	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.00%</b> 0	18
Redistricting and reapportionment, gerrymandering	<b>83.33%</b> 15	<b>16.67%</b> 3	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.00%</b> 0	18
Global climate change	<b>38.89%</b> 7	<b>38.89%</b> 7	<b>11.11%</b> 2	<b>11.11%</b> 2	18
Question and Answer session with legislators	<b>55.56%</b> 10	<b>33.33%</b> 6	<b>11.11%</b> 2	<b>0.00%</b> 0	18
Criminal justice system	<b>33.33%</b> 6	<b>50.00%</b> 9	<b>11.11%</b> 2	<b>5.56%</b> 1	18
Volunteering/participating in local commissions and boards	<b>31.25%</b> 5	<b>37.50%</b> 6	<b>31.25%</b> 5	<b>0.00%</b> 0	16
Running for office	<b>41.18%</b> 7	<b>17.65%</b> 3	<b>35.29%</b> 6	<b>5.88%</b> 1	17
Engaging UAF students	<b>22.22%</b> 4	<b>55.56%</b> 10	<b>5.56%</b> 1	<b>16.67%</b> 3	18
K-12 education	<b>38.89%</b> 7	<b>50.00%</b> 9	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>11.11%</b> 2	18
Money and politics	<b>64.71%</b> 11	<b>29.41%</b> 5	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>5.88%</b> 1	17
Retaining judges	<b>22.22%</b> 4	<b>66.67%</b> 12	<b>5.56%</b> 1	<b>5.56%</b> 1	18