

Summary of Proposed Programs for 2022 - 2023

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Program Planning is our members' discussion of where we should put our organizational energies in the next year. Our main purposes are education and advocacy. Our various educational activities support representative government, natural resources, and social policy through various activities. League of Women Voters advocacy is based on our existing positions as well as careful study and development of consensus for new positions.

LWVTV met for two Program Planning meetings via Zoom: national and state positions on January 22,2022, and local positions and activities on March 19, 2022.

LWV of the United States

The January Program Planning Meeting via Zoom saw approximately 23 members in attendance. We first considered a request for concurrence from the League of Women Voters New York State on a LWVUS health care position advocating for a single payer health care plan and other health care reforms.

Although members voted to concur with the proposed LWVUS health care position, the Board listened to the concerns expressed at the January meeting that a provision that assumed that individuals should be able to make their own health care decisions with involvement of their physician failed to recognize that many people, especially in Alaska but also in other parts of the country, do not have health care access through a physician. The Board did not vote for concurrence but tabled the question in order to find out if would be possible to amend the wording of that part of the proposal. The board was later informed that wording of a proposal could not be modified once it was in the concurrence process. However, at the 2022 LWVUS National Convention, Janna Miller from the LWV Tanana Valley requested a change in language from "physician" to "provider". LWVUS agreed to make an editorial change to the language following adoption of the concurrence.

LWV of Alaska

After a thoughtful discussion of the proposed health care position for LWVUS, we looked at the eighteen LWV Alaska (LWVAK) positions. We took online Zoom polls to register the choices of whether to reaffirm, review, or revise the state positions and afterwards followed up with an online survey sent to members who did not attend the virtual

meeting. We received input from an additional 10 members, and the results were reaffirmation of all 18 state positions.

- Capital Budget Process
- Constitution - Amending the Constitution by Initiative
- Constitutional Convention
- Alaska's Statutory Initiative Process
- Voter Registration
- Energy
- Land Disposal
- Land Use
- Career Education in the Schools
- Child Care and Early Childhood Education
- Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Bullying
- Youth and Adolescent Needs
- Landlord-Tenant Relationships
- School Finance
- Judicial Appointment and Retention

The following three state positions were reaffirmed; however, our 2020-2021 recommendation that these positions be analyzed for any needed changes or edits in view of the passage of the Alaska's Better Elections initiative in November 2020 still stands at the state level:

- Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure
- Legislative Process and Procedures
- Election Processes and Procedures

Our previous recommendation that the LWVAK should form a position that supports adequate funding for public education from pre-K to university-level is stalled at the state level, but the proposal for a study was carried over for one more year at the April LWVAK Convention to see if sufficient interest develops among the Alaska chapters to produce such a study. No new state studies were proposed.

The recommended emphasis for LWV Alaska activities for 2022-2023 were: ranked choice voting voter education, constitutional convention opposition, and monitoring proposed election and voting legislation.

LWV of Tanana Valley

Local Positions

The LWVTV has six local positions: 1) General Local Government, 2) Planning and Zoning, 3) Boards, Commissions and Committee, 4) Conflict of Interest, 5) Road Service Area, and 6) Nondiscrimination. At the March local planning meeting, we

discussed these positions. In response to previous questions suggestions that the General Local Government and Road Service Areas positions be reworded or reviewed, we began our meeting with a presentation by Sue Sherif, Janna Miller, and Marna Sanford on the powers available to a second-class borough, the history of the Fairbanks North Star Borough as a second-class borough, and the constraints of that status, particularly for the development of road service areas. After the discussion at the meeting all LWVTV members received a survey to determine whether the local positions should be reaffirmed, reviewed, or revised. The 46 respondents indicated that all six positions should be reaffirmed, with some interest in continuing to review the Road Service Area position. All six local positions were reaffirmed at the May 2022 Annual Meeting.

Reaffirm:

- Planning and Zoning,
- Boards, Commissions and Committees,
- Conflict of Interest
- Nondiscrimination
- General Local Government
- Road Service Areas.

No new local studies were recommended.

Activities (Current Agenda)

The survey respondents also recommended retaining the LWVTV current activities. During the Annual Meeting of LWVTV in May, the members present voted to retain all our current activities.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Candidate Forums● Get Out the Native Vote*● Support the FNSB Clerk and Division of Elections● Registering Voters● KUAC broadcasts of FNSB Assembly● Book Club*● Celebration of Elizabeth Peratrovich Day● Tanana State Fair● Public educational events (Hot Topics) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Letters to the Editor campaign and Commentary*● Outreach at events● Environment & Sustainability (formerly Greenstar) *● FNSB Climate Change Task Force● Diversity Council*● Interior Delegation Visits● Ranked Choice Voting Presentations● How to run for local public office workshops● OLLI Classes*Salaries & Emoluments Commission |
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