

ANNUAL BOOK

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MEETING GUIDELINES

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The Voting Body at this meeting consists of the members of the League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley present and voting. The bylaws require that a voting body of 15% of the membership be present to constitute a quorum at the annual meeting.

Motions: All members may introduce motions. Main motions or amendments of substantial length will be introduced in writing. After written motions have been introduced, please hand them at once to the secretary.

Debate: Upon recognition by the chair, please state your name and make your statement in favor or in opposition to the motion. A member who desires to speak more than once to a question will please wait until others have had opportunity. Debate shall be limited to three minutes for each speaker.

Procedure for Program Adoption: Following presentation of proposed program, brief questions for clarification will be entertained, but no debate will take place at this time. Motions for consideration of non-recommended items may be made at the time allowed in the agenda. Presentation and debate of such motions shall be limited to 5 minutes. A member may request that the board give its reasons for not recommending items. This statement shall be limited to 3 minutes. A majority vote will place a non-recommended item before the meeting. Adoption will require 2/3 vote. Recommended items may be amended by majority vote; however, an amendment which changes the scope or changes the intent shall be treated as a non-recommended item. Recommended items shall be adopted by majority vote.

Budget: The budget will be adopted after the program has been adopted in order to accommodate any unexpected budget changes required by the program.

Elections: After the report of the Nomination Committee, the floor shall be opened for further nominations. A member may be nominated for any office provided prior consent to serve has been obtained from that member. When there is only one candidate for each office or seat, a member may move those nominations be closed and the secretary shall be directed to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate. If this motion is passed by the meeting, the chair shall declare the nominees elected. Amended 1990, 2006

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Annual Meeting
May 16, 2026

Saturday, May 16, 2026
Doors Open at 9:45 AM
Meeting begins at 10:00 AM
We'll be done by 1:30 PM

In-person at IBEW (2000 Airport Way) -
Please bring a dish to share

or

Join us online using Zoom

AGENDA

Doors Open		9:45 AM.
Meeting Begins/Welcome	Linda Witt	10:00 AM
Adoption of Guidelines, Agenda & Minutes of the 2025 Annual Meeting	Linda Witt	
Board Reports		10:15 AM
Leadership	Linda Witt Sue Sherif	
Treasurer	Vicki Koehler	
Membership	Jean James	
Diversity	Helenmarie Matesi	
LWVUS Council	Shari George	
LWVTV Activity Ranking, Discussion & Action Planning	Vicki Koehler Marna Sanford	10:40 AM
Break		12:00 Noon
Program for 2026 - 2027		12:15 PM
Program	Janna Miller	
Budget	Budget Committee	
Proposed Bylaws Change	Shari George	
Nominating Committee Report	Helenmarie Matesi	
Election of Board & Officers	Linda Witt	
Other Reports and Announcements	Linda Witt	1:00 PM
Adjourn		1:30 PM

Do not get lost in a sea of despair. Be hopeful, be optimistic. Our struggle is not the struggle of a day, a week, a month, or a year, it is the struggle of a lifetime. Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble.

MINUTES OF LWVTV ANNUAL MEETING MAY 17, 2025

Meeting called to order at 9:39 am by Board Member Janna Miller, hybrid version

Present in person: Diane Lyon, Janna Miller, Mary Galvan, Shari George, Bernardo Hernandez, Mary Lee Guthrie, Joan Soutar, Ann McCann, Amber Cagwin, Linda Witt, Jennifer Schmidt, Leah Berman Williams, Jean James, Margaret Soden, Don Gray, Ingrid Taylor, Linda Unsicker, Helenmarie Matesi, Becky Magowan, Vicki Koehler, Ellen Mannion, Gayle Garrigues.

Present via Zoom: Sue Sherif, Jessica King, Deb Ryan. Quorum of 25 was established.

Motion made by Leah Berman Williams, seconded by Amber Cagwin to adopt the Agenda as presented. No objections, Motion adopted.

Since we have no Parliamentarian for this meeting we will self-regulate. Note: As done in 2022, 2023 and 2024, due to Zoom, if no objections to a motion are made, it is considered passed.

Board Member Sue Sherif paid tribute to member Ruth Benson who passed away in 2024. A moment of silence was held.

Motion made by Jennifer Schmidt, seconded by Leah Berman Williams to accept the 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes. No objections, minutes adopted.

Annual Meeting Minutes Review Committee -Jennifer Schmidt and Amber Cagwin volunteered.

BOARD REPORTS -

Leadership Team - Sue Sherif

Full report included in the Annual Report book. Be sure to read the Positions on civic issues, reminder to chapters to carefully following 501C3 non-partisan stance. Members should consider attending Board meetings and sign up to volunteer to be up to date on issues we support.

Treasurers Report

Treasurers Report emailed to membership. Mary Galvan took over mid-year from David Weissman. She reports generous and steady donations have left us with a healthy budget. Suggestions are welcome for education activities

Membership Report

Jean James reports we have 111 members (up from 102 at this time last year). Membership is to be taken over by LWVUS and is still in transition. (Happy to report 4 new members present at the Annual Meeting.)

Diversity Committee Report

Helenmarie Matesi reports we continue working with the NAACP on Police Community Relations. Diversity and civil rights are being challenged in today's climate. We need to participate in events such as City Hall meetings, demonstrations, etc., to support those in threatened circumstances.

Website

Shari George reported on the new membership system implemented in February 2025. In the past, dues were divided between local, state and National as a Per Member Payment. League US decided on a different system for consistency and to be more streamlined. Now one dues system, based on a sliding scale. The minimum is \$20 to join but members can choose any amount above that. Easier, more affordable, more diverse. Now 33% to National, 47% to State, 20% to local. This required a change to our Bylaws, a change in bank accounts, and the use of STRIPE. Now a "rolling" membership, based on when you join. National will send renewal reminders, we will have access to a membership portal where you can update information yourself. We won't know how much we'll get in dues yet, but LWVUS will make up

any shortfall for a few years until there is additional payment history. In some states, the State league takes on more responsibility, Alaska is more dependent on each chapter.

There will no longer be a household category, rather each person must have their own email to register. There is no longer a student membership - with the sliding scale the “student” can simply choose the \$20 minimum. Shari gave an explanation on donations as they currently stand (if added to dues the payment total is considered dues - no way to separate), they are working on clarifying the process in order to accommodate different ways to donate.

For those who don't want to register on-line, payment can be sent to LWVTV and we will set up the membership and send the payment to LWVUS. If you wish to donate to LWVTV, go to our website.

Guest Speakers: Chief Justice Susan Carney and Justice Aimee Oravec

Gayle Garrigues introduced our speakers and announced Justice Oravec's installation will take place June 13 at the Rabinowitz Court House (she was sworn in in January 2025)

Following introductions there was a very interesting and informative session with the judges which included a series of questions prepared by several Board members:

- How do you deal with your own personal views getting in the way when having to make a judgement that you don't agree with yet is correct in the eyes of the law?
- What does the rule of law actually mean? Why is it foundational to the American style of democracy?
- Were there any mentors or figures who significantly shaped your legal career?
- Alaska has a large contingent of female judges. Is this typical nationwide or unique to us?
- What's the most interesting part about your job?
- Do Alaska judges have concern for their personal safety? Is there any official protection?

And from the audience:

- How is the judicial system dealing with budget cuts?
- Why did you decide to “move up” and become a judge?

(Sincere thanks to Justice Oravec and Chief Justice Carney for taking time out of their busy schedules to meet with us. We're so fortunate to have this accessibility!)

LWVAK REPORT

State Convention report is included in the Annual Report. Members are encouraged to attend future conventions.

PROPOSED PROGRAM 2025-2026

LWVUS positions were reviewed at the January 2025 program planning meeting. We did not suggest a new study at the state level. Our recommendations for emphasis in activities at the state level were Civics Education, particularly for adults and to monitor election processes and procedures legislation. Proposed programs for 2025-2026 was reviewed. *Motion made by Helenmarie Matesi, seconded by Leah Berman Williams to approve the proposed programs for 2025-2026* . No objections, motion adopted.

PROPOSED BUDGET 2025-2026

The proposed budget was presented to members (see attached). Jean James explained the Fiscal Year is based on July 2025 through June 2026. Some budget lines have been consolidated. Since we are now a 501c3 there is no need to restrict future Education and KUAC donations. Our membership structure is changing, so projections are based on past budgets. Our website is funded 100% by Marcus Varner, our only website expenses are for Facebook boosts and graphics. *Motion by Leah Berman Williams, seconded by Mary Galvan to accept the Proposed 2025-2026 Budget*. No objections, motion adopted.

Proposed By Laws Amendment

Motion by Leah Berman Williams seconded by Helenmarie Matesi to adopt the revision to Article I as presented. Discussion ensued. *Motion by Ellen Mannion, seconded by Leah Berman Williams to add LWVAK to the end of the last sentence of Article I*. No objection, amendment to motion adopted. Original motion brought up for vote, no objection to motion as amended, motion adopted.

Motion by Leah Berman Williams seconded by Ann McCann to adopt the revision to Article II as presented. Following discussion, one objection, motion adopted.

Motion by Leah Berman Williams, seconded by Ann McCann to adopt the revision to Article III, Section II, Paragraph I, as presented. Bylaw addresses students. *Motion to amend by*

Leah Berman Williams, seconded by Jennifer Schmidt to delete the last sentence. Following discussion regarding definition of Associate Member, two objections, motion adopted. Agreed to work on the definition of Associate Member to make clearer.

Motion by Leah Berman Williams, seconded by Ann McCann to adopt the revision to Article IV as presented. No objections, motion adopted.

Nominating Committee Report - Presented by Helenmarie Matesi

Co-Presidents: Linda Witt /Sue Sherif 25-26

Vice-President: Jessica King 25-26

Secretary: Diane Lyon 25-27

Treasurer: Rebecca Magowan 25-26

Past President: Shari George 25-26

Elected Board Positions

Janna Miller 25-27

Deb Ryan 25-27

Michael Hostina 25-27

Nominating Committee 2025-2026

Kaneisha Radgosky 1 year

Open position

Board Rep: To be appointed

Continuing Board Members

Gayle Garrigues 24-26

Helenmarie Matesi 24-26

Leah Berman Williams 24-26

Appointed by the Board:

Jean James (Membership/Roster) 25-26

Marna Sanford 25-26

Linda Unsicker 25-26

No nominations from the floor.

Motion made by Helenmarie Matesi, seconded by Leah Berman Williams to close nominations and direct the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for the Slate of Officers as presented. No objections, Slate of Officers elected.

State Board Reports and LWVTV Committee Reports

Considering time constraints, members were referred to the Annual Book for State Board and LWVTV Committee Reports

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you cards and gifts for outgoing Board members, Mary Galvan and Phyllis Darrah. We appreciate your dedication, and you will both be missed!

Meeting adjourned at 12:43 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Lyon

Secretary

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF TANANA VALLEY

Civic Discussion Series
for members and personal guests

**ALASKA'S SAFE AND SECURE
ELECTION SYSTEM**

Amanda McColley
Regional Supervisor
Fairbanks - Region III Elections Office

Thursday, March 19, 2026 5:30 PM
Big Dipper Conference Room
1920 Lathrop Street

BOARD REPORTS

Co-Presidents' Report

This year we invested in an upgraded comprehensive technology outfit, which has been a major success in our ability to hold board meetings, discussions etc. via Zoom in a variety of locations.

We initiated a new series of Civics Discussions for members, held on the third Thursday of the month. Members are taking turns selecting a topic and inviting a guest from the community with expertise, and the conversations have been really interesting. Topics have included Homelessness in Fairbanks, Election Security, and Digital Democracy.

In June we provided oral and written testimony to our Borough Assembly in opposition to a proposed ordinance which would have somewhat restricted voter access. That ordinance was defeated.

During the summer we held table events at our community celebrations of Juneteenth and Golden Days. Membership information, voter registration, giving away children's books and sharing lots of smiles.

In July we held our 4th annual social picnic for members and families and close friends. This year two members of State Senator Scott Kawasaki's staff presented us with a Legislative Proclamation honoring 60 years of League in the Tanana Valley and joined in the great picnic fare.

Our big annual Tanana Valley Fair booth project occupied 10 days during the end of July and beginning of August, plus days for set-up, dismantling and training for booth sitters. There were 30 shifts, most filled by two members. We offered an activity in rank choice voting, featuring choices of summer desserts and treats, voter registration and information, and our now-recognized Jelly Bean Cylinders, which are an eye-catching display of actual voter participation in municipal elections.

In late September we held a Candidate Forum at Fairbanks City Hall for our October municipal elections: Borough Assembly and cities of North Pole and Fairbanks. We continue to work together with our local public radio KUAC and with the Fairbanks Daily News Miner.

We continue to sponsor the KUAC twice-monthly radio broadcasts of our Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly meetings, which is much appreciated and mentioned by community members, and results in regular, excellent, worthwhile name recognition for LWVTV.

Throughout February we presented a large display in the foyer window of the Noel Wien Library. Our hard working committee assembled an informative and attractive presentation about League, including some vintage clothing.

One challenge we met with is the loss of availability of our Borough Assembly chambers for candidate forums. We are grateful, as ever, for the generosity of our local IBEW in using their meeting room for membership gatherings. And, like all our locals, navigating the new LWVUS membership system has taken extra time and patience.

In the upcoming year we are looking to expand and diversify our membership, further diversify our board, and maintain and expand our partnerships with other community entities and organizations.

--Linda Witt, Co-President

Treasurer's Report

Several reports have been provided to the members separately.

- For the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025. These reports show final fiscal year reporting for FY 2025. Since our Annual Meeting was held in May 2025, final accounting was not yet available.
 - Profit and Loss Statement for July 2024 - June 2025
 - Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2025
- Year-to date for July 2025 - April 30, 2026.
 - Profit and Loss Statement for July 2025 - April 2026
 - Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2026

--Vicki Koehler, Treasurer, and Mary Galvan, Bookkeeper

Membership Report

As of May 2, 2026, we had 102 members. This past year involved many changes to matters involving membership. This is our first year with the transition regarding new and returning membership changing from a local to a national system. At the same time, the membership year changed from our October through September period to a rolling membership based on date of renewal. We also had changed our fiscal year from March through September to July through June. The transition also impacted on how we request donations. Previously, we asked for donations at the same time as we asked persons to renew their membership. Now the process is separated, as the LWVUS sends out the renewal requests without the corresponding request for donations. How we can best ask for donations or other sources of income will need to be evaluated.

The transition in the LWV membership system began early in 2025. For many years, dues were collected at the local League level and subsequently a portion was passed on to the state and national league levels. In practice, this meant every local League across the country had to manage dues collection and transferring the correct allocation to the other levels. Now with the transition, the system is based at the national level. The national League of Women Voters collects all the dues and then passes an allocation back to each state and local league. Another major change is that the new membership system does not have a set dues requirement other than dues must be at least \$20 per year per person. Rather, it is a pay-as-you-can system with the recommended annual dues being \$75 per member. The pay-as-you-can model is designed to make membership affordable across a broader swath of the population.

The new system returns 20% of the dues collected to the local league, 47% to the state league and the national keeps 33%. So, 67% of the dues paid by members are returned to the combination of the local and state leagues. Overall, this is an increase in dues returned to the grassroots of the organization. However, in Alaska's case, there are some wrinkles to be worked out and it will take some time to figure it all out. Due to the distributed nature of Alaska's membership and our historical reliance on the local leagues in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau and the Kenai Peninsula rather than the state league to carry most of the burden of the league work, the return of 20% of the dues to local leagues could mean a shortfall in expected revenue through dues. Since this is the first year of operation under the new system, it is very hard to tell how this will work out. The Alaska state league (LWVAK) is

also evaluating how it may redistribute some of its dues returned from the national to support local needs. So, there are some uncertainties which the state and local leagues are watching carefully. The national league is aware of the uncertainties and it will be discussed at the national league convention in June 2026.

Members have volunteered for a number of events this past year, such as helping with candidate forums and volunteering at the fair booth. Members have also requested more opportunities to interact with each other, such as our summer annual picnic. A civic discussion group has been started with the topic changing monthly based on member interest. More details regarding events can be found in other sections of the annual report. We would like to develop a more active membership group to help plan activities, meet with new members, and follow up with members needing to renew. Although the national league now sends out renewal notices, the LWVTV often needs to follow up on national's notices. Suggestions have also been made to consider various methods to contact membership, such as utilizing text messages. Other suggestions and help would be greatly appreciated. Please consider participating in the membership group and contact Jean James, Membership.

--Jean W. James, Membership

Diversity Committee Report

This year we have had no organized meetings or diversity activities though our membership has been highly visible supporting causes that support diversity. We have actively supported our LWV national policy of opposition to the Save Act that is aimed at suppressing the vote of disenfranchised groups of people. Our members participate in NO Kings demonstrations regularly that address civil right breaches and many of our discussion groups focus on issues that reflect communities that are underrepresented such as homelessness etc. In addition, we participated in Juneteenth, continue to recruit members and do voter sign up with many various diverse groups. One of our ongoing goals is to maintain working relationships with other non partisan organizations. such as the NAACP and Interior Native Vote that share our zeal for fair voting practices and which have civil rights and equity as their major focus.

--Helenmarie Matesi, LWVTV Board

LWVUS 2025 Council Report



Alaska's Sally Smith, Shari George and Heather Arnett register for LWVUS Council.

The LWVUS Council was held June 26 - 29, 2025, at the National Conference Center in Leesburg, VA. For this year's Council, LWVUS requested that each state send delegates from the State Board. Representing Alaska, Heather Arnett (LWV Anchorage), Shari George (LWVTV) and Sally Smith (LWV Juneau) attended the 4-day event. A reminder throughout the Council was that accountability of elected officials is not partisan. Elected officials are responsible to all the citizens. Focus on the issues where there may be more common ground rather than person or party.

We met with our LWVUS Liaison Leah Edwards and received updates on lawsuits, League administration, collaboration tools social media, observer corps and

Leah answered many questions from the group. Leah's group includes AL, AK, AR, LA and UT.

Day 1 at Council featured race equity training. The League reiterated its public commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion in the face of resistance by the current federal government adding an announcement of the formation of the DEI Committee at the national level to help state and local leagues. Those leading the training discussed accountability, equitable decision-making, productive and non-productive conflict resolution, expanding diversity in the League and tools to make it easier for all communities to join. There were evening optional League discussion groups which we attended where we focused on discussing combatting mis and disinformation, the AI flood and defending immigrant rights.

The status of the League's Transformation Journey occupied the first half of day 2 along with nonprofit guidance focused on potential scrutiny by the IRS. The LWVUS Nominating Committee reported on the process and work gathering candidates for the next several years. The national League's lead attorney reported on various federal and Supreme Court cases the League is a party to or is carefully following. The second half of the day was spent

learning about Power Mapping, a report on the adoption of a Federal Judiciary position, and the use of an action calendar for external action/events.

Day 3 began with a discussion about the National League's experiment in assigning states into broad regions with regional leads. Often different parts of the country face differing attacks on voting and democracy so this is an attempt to offer national resources based on regional needs. Alaska will be grouped with HA, WA, OR, CA, ID, MT and WY. Several hours were then spent in breakout groups discussing ways to mobilize voters. LWVUS is asking each state to mobilize 3.5% of its population. For Alaska, that's about 18,750 people. For LWVTV it's about 3,325. The groups also talked about what has/has not worked trying to diversify League membership, national League's risk aversion to being publicly associated with various rallies, when to wear/not wear League logos and more. The Council closed with reporting from the breakout groups and general comments to the leadership. If you attend the Council or Convention you will find that League members are not shy about telling the national leadership what they do and do not like.

You can read the LWVUS summary of the Council at <https://www.lwv.org/league-management/council-convention/2025-national-council-recap>. If you're interested in my more detailed report, email Shari George at sharigeorge@lwvttv.org.

--Shari George, LWVTV Past President, LWVAK Board

PROPOSED PROGRAMS FOR 2026 – 2027

LWV of Alaska

1) Retain all current State League positions:

- Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure
- Capital Budget Process
- Constitution, Amending by Initiative
- Constitutional Convention
- Legislative Process and Procedures
- Alaska’s Statutory Initiative Process
- Voter Registration
- Alaska Energy Position
- Land Disposal
- Land Use
- Career Education in Schools
- Child Care and Early Childhood Education
- Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Bullying
- Youth and Adolescent Needs
- Landlord-Tenant Relationships
- School Finance
- Election Processes and Procedures
- Judicial Appointment and Retention
- Gun Safety
- Government/Civics Education

2) Develop a position on a State Fiscal Plan

3) Take action on the following areas of emphasis:

- Elections/Voter Registration
- Open Primaries
- Ranked Choice Voting
- Civics Education
- Get Out The Vote/Voter Education
- Campaign Finance
- Education
- Gun Safety
- Judicial Selection

LWV of Tanana Valley

Local Positions

Following a spirited review of our local positions at the Program Planning meeting on March 28, 2026, the members attending Program Planning recommend:

- Retaining the following positions as they are currently written:
 - Conflict of Interest
 - Road Service Area
 - Nondiscrimination

- Revising the following positions:
 - General Local Government
 - Planning and Zoning
 - Boards, Commissions and Committees

Activity Priorities

There was much discussion at the Program Planning meeting on our lengthy list of League activities. In the past we have polled the attendees at the Program Planning meeting and sent a follow-up survey to members not in attendance to gauge preferences/priorities. The group decided that a different approach could be taken at our Annual Meeting on May 16 that would engage the members in more in-depth discussion. Vicki Koehler, our current Treasurer, has much experience doing this and volunteered to lead the effort at our Annual Meeting.

Some examples of questions we could consider:

- What is the best use of volunteer time?
- What activities get League's messages out more often and clearly?
- What activities help recruit new members?
- What activities will engage more of our membership?
- What activities reach demographics different from our usual folks?
- In what activities should the League encourage participation?
- Are there new activities we should consider?

LWVTV Recent Activities

- Tanana Valley Fair Booth
- Booths at Community Events -i.e., Juneteenth, Golden Days
- Staff Fall Fundraiser and sponsor KUAC-FM Borough Assembly Broadcast
- Collaborations - NAACP, Get Out the Vote, UAF Student Gov't, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner
- Letters to the Editor
- Voter Registration
- Local Kids Voting North Alaska Support
- Summer Picnic Social for Members!
- RCV and Open Primaries Support
- Borough Board/Commission Representation
- Candidate Forums - Local and state
- Website and Facebook Page - What about Instagram?
- Hot Topic Forums

- Officiating at elections of other groups (on request)
- Election Day Voter Services at Hospital
- Citizenship Celebration Voter Registration (canceled this year by Literacy Council)
- Board Orientation to League
- LWVTV Civic Discussions - **NEW!**
- **New** LWWUS Girl Scouts Partnership



A government is just only
when the whole people
share equally in its
protection and advantages

Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Annual Activities Review

At the 2026 LWVTV Annual Meeting we will review, prioritize, and start action plans for our activities over the upcoming busy election year. We will use the worksheet below to guide the process.

Please select the two activities that you believe the LWVTV should prioritize:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Election Awareness Activity @ Social Hub <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Pioneer Home, Denali Center, Senior Center•Club Meetings, Group Lunches, Farmer's Market
<input type="checkbox"/>	Collaborate with Partners <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Girl Scouts, Interior Native Vote, Kids Voting North•AAUW, NAACP, UAF
<input type="checkbox"/>	Local Position Action <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Road Service Areas, Board & Commissions•Non-Discrimination, Local Government, Zoning
<input type="checkbox"/>	Candidate Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none">•City of NP, City of Fairbanks, Borough Assembly, School Board•State Legislature
<input type="checkbox"/>	Direct Voter Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Tabling events: TV Fair, Midnight Sun Festival, Golden Days, Juneteenth•Phone banking, Door knocking, Literature Drops
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hot Topics & Civic Discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Community-wide, broadcast•Small group setting, facilitated
<input type="checkbox"/>	ANY ADDITIONAL IDEAS:

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR JULY 1, 2026 – JUNE 30, 2027

Budget Explanation

April 16, 2026
Dear Members

We were tasked to prepare a proposed budget for the LWVTV fiscal year of July 2026 through June 2027 for review and acceptance at our annual meeting on May 16th, at the IBEW at 9:30am. As we circulate this budget, we want to highlight several areas of uncertainty that are affecting our ability to present a fully accurate financial picture for the coming year. This is our first year with the membership transition regarding dues allocation among national, state and local leagues, as well as new and returning membership changing from local to national. Also, our fiscal year changed from October through September to July through June. In addition, donations make up an important part of our budget, but the transition changed how we request donations. Previously, we asked for donations at the same time we asked persons to renew their membership. Now the process is separated, as the LWVUS sends out the renewal requests without the corresponding request for donations. How we can best ask for donations or other sources of income will need to be evaluated.

At this time, the budget does **not** include some larger anticipated donations that have not yet been secured and that may not be permanent sources of income.

- We await clarification from the LWVAK regarding a potential annual contribution. They are currently working on a plan to contribute funds yearly due to the LWVUS change in membership allocation. LWVAK recently provided \$1,000 to each chapter to get the process going while they developed the guidelines.
- Some members who were very involved with the transition, Jean James, Mary Galvin, and potentially Shari George and/or another person, will address the discrepancy with the LWVUS in our income levels since the implementation of the new dues-distribution formula. The group will be looking into the situation in more depth after the end of tax season. Understanding national's commitment and getting resolution is essential for building a realistic long-term revenue forecast.

Some of our expenditures are projected to be offset by using our restricted funds and general savings for payment. For example, we have a restricted fund to pay KUAC to broadcast FNSB Assembly meetings which cost around \$900. Also, Mary Galvan, CPA, has recommended we work on closing out the Education (Restricted) fund account by using it to pay for some of the listed expenses in the budget. As a result, we project that this Restricted Education Fund will be closed this coming fiscal year.

Some of budget categories that changed in the 2026-2027 proposed budget:

- Income:

Donations/Membership Dues: Dollar allocations changed due to different methods of receiving funding related to the transition from local dues collection to LWWUS dues collection.

- Expense:

LWVAK Per Member Payment (PMP) and LWWUS PMP will no longer be an expense as the allocation is taken from the membership payment before the balance is sent to the LWVTV.

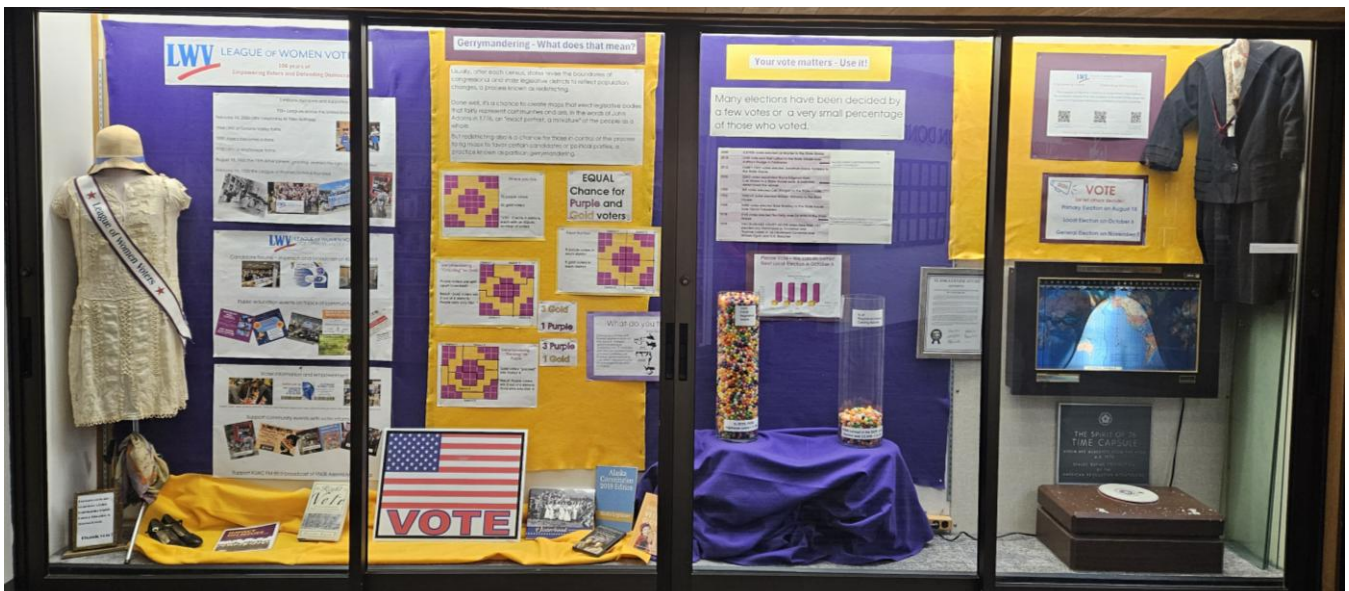
Given these unknowns, the budget is quite lean. We recommend that the board begin a broader conversation about how much of our savings, which are not restricted funds, the league members are comfortable drawing down each year. Until we have clarity on our steady annual income—particularly in relation to the uncertainties noted above—it remains challenging to craft a budget that reflects our true operational capacity.

Thank you all for your time and engagement on these issues. We look forward to working through them together.

Budget Committee: Vicki Koehler, Jean W. James, and Marna Sanford

						Proposed budget	Jul '26-Jun '27 Budget
						Expense	
						Advertising	1,500.00
						Board Development	0.00
						Board Discretionary	1,000.00
						Total Contract Services	0.00
						Copies (administrative)	400.00
						Education Projects	1,000.00
						Fair Booth	750.00
						Fair Prizes	200.00
						Fees	
						Bank Fees	25.00
						Paypal	
						Total Paypal	50.00
						Stripe Fees	500.00
						Fees - Other	25.00
						Total Fees	600.00
						Grant fund expenses	0.00
						Insurance	285.00
						LWVAK Convention via Zoom+in person	300.00
						LWVAK PMP per member payment	0.00
						LWVUS Convention Delegate Regis	
						38-1 · LWVUS Conference Registrat	0.00
						LWVUS Convention Delegate Regis + Other	1,400.00
						Total LWVUS Convention Delegate expenses	1,400.00
						LWVUS PMP (per member payment)	0.00
						Member Events	300.00
						Miscellaneous Expense	0.00
						PO Box	350.00
						Postage	78.00
						Public Events	50.00
						Room rental	
						Storage	1,850.00
						Room rental - Other	350.00
						Total Room rental	2,200.00
						Sponsor KUAF FNSB Mtgs	900.00
						Supplies	100.00
						Zoom subscription (s/w AAUW)	0.00
						Total Expense	11,413.00
						Net Ordinary Income (from rounding)	0.00

Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
	In-Kind Donation	0.00
Total Other Income		0.00
Other Expense		
	Ask My Accountant	0.00
	In-Kind Event	0.00
	In-Kind Professional Services	0.00
	In-Kind Supplies Donation	0.00
Total Other Expense		0.00
Net Other Income		0.00
Net Income		0.00



LWVTV display at Noel Wien Public Library February 2026

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE LWVTV BYLAWS

The Board recommends the following changes to the Bylaws to allow leadership of the LWVTV by either our longstanding Executive Structure or a Leadership Team.

New words are shown in **bold**. Deleted words are shown with ~~strikethrough~~.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Sec. 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers. Leadership of the LWVTV may be either by **executive structure or by shared leadership (leadership team)**. ~~The officers of the League of Women Voters of Tanana Valley shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Past President. The President and Vice President shall be elected to a term of one year, and the Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected for terms of two years. 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 years. The Treasurer shall be elected in even-numbered years. The President and Vice President shall be elected annually. If the Nominating Committee recommends and the membership so approves, the President position may be held by two Co-Presidents. The Past President is not elected but is the immediate past president available to serve.~~

Sec. 2. Executive Structure. Officers shall be:

1. *President.* The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the Board of Directors. The President may, in the absence or disability of the Treasurer, sign or endorse checks, drafts and notes. The President may be, ex officio, a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee and shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of the President and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board. **There may be two Co-Presidents.**

The President or Co-Presidents shall be elected annually.

2. *Vice President.* The Vice President shall endeavor to gain familiarity with the President's duties and responsibilities. The Vice President shall, in the event of

absence, disability or death of the President, possess all the powers and perform all the duties of that office, until such time as the Board of Directors shall select one of its members to fill the vacancy. The Vice President shall perform such other duties as may be designated by the President and the Board.

The Vice President shall be elected annually.

3. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all Annual Meetings of the League and of all meetings of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall notify all officers and directors of meetings of the Board and shall sign, with the President, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board and shall perform such other functions as may be incident to the office.

The Secretary shall be elected for a two-year term on odd-numbered years.

4. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due and shall be the custodian of these moneys, depositing them in a bank designated by the Board of Directors, and disbursing the same only upon the order of the Board. The Treasurer shall present quarterly statements to the Board at their regular meetings and an annual report to the Annual Meeting.

The Treasurer shall be elected for a two-year term on even-numbered years.

5. Past President. The Past President shall serve as a consultant to the President and advisor to the Board regarding League policy and procedure. The Past President shall be a voting member of the Board.

The Past President is not elected but shall be the immediate past president available to serve.

Sec. 3 Leadership Team. The responsibilities of leading the LWVTV are shared across the members of a Leadership Team. The Leadership Team shall be composed of Team Leaders, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Past President and a Senior Advisor.

1. Team Leaders. The Team Leaders shall assume the responsibilities of President and Vice President as described in Article IV, Sec. 2 above. The Team Leaders shall decide among them who will act as President and Vice President for purposes of following State of Alaska rules for domestic non-profit corporations. There may be three to four Team Leaders. When voting on LWVTV business, the Team Leader group shall have a single vote.

Team Leaders are elected annually.

2. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all Annual Meetings of the League and of all meetings of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall notify all officers and directors of meetings of the Board and shall sign, with the President, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board and shall perform such other functions as may be incident to the office.

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5. Senior Advisor to the Team Leaders. The Board shall assign a Board member who is familiar with the LWVAK and LWVUS to serve as an advisor to the Team Leaders.

VOTE LOCAL

**EARLY VOTING BEGINS
SEPTEMBER 22
BENTLEY MALL
32 COLLEGE ROAD**



**ELECTION DAY
OCTOBER 7, 2025**

**CITY OF FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF FAIRBANKS MAYOR
FNSB ASSEMBLY
FNSB SCHOOL BOARD
NORTH POLE CITY COUNCIL**



LWVTV Facebook cover photo and post promoting our local election.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Proposed Slate for May 16, 2026, Annual Meeting

The following individuals have been nominated for election on May 16, 2026. Nominations can also be made from the floor.

Positions to be Elected	Nominee	Term
Team Leaders	Amber Cagwin	2026 - 2027
	Denise Daniello	
	Jessica King	
	Janna Miller	
Treasurer	Mary Galvan	2026 - 2028
Board Member	Phyllis Darrah	2026 - 2028
Board Member	Gayle Garrigues	2026 - 2028
Board Member	Helenmarie Matesi	2026 - 2028
Board Member	Kaneisha Radgosky	2026 - 2028
Nominating Committee	Sue Sherif	2026 - 2027
	OPEN	
	Board Member to be appointed	
Continuing in Office		
Secretary	Diane Lyon	2025 - 2027
Board Member	Deb Ryan	2025 - 2027
Board Member	Mike Hostina	2025 - 2027
Past President	Shari George	2026 - 2027
To be Appointed by the Board		
Board Member	Linda Witt	2026 - 2027
Leadership Team Advisor	Shari George	2026 - 2027
Membership/Roster Manager	Jean James	2026 - 2027

Respectfully submitted by the 2026 Nominating Committee: Helenmarie Matesi (Chair), Kaneisha Radgosky, Deb Ryan, Linda Witt (Co-President Advisor)

Brief Biographies of LWVTV Nominees



Amber Cagwin Amber has lived in the Fairbanks area for over 32 years. Her three children were born and raised in Fairbanks, and she has been a part of the UAF community since she moved here. Amber graduated from UAF with a B.S. in Biology and an M.B.A., and just celebrated her 25th year of working for the university.

Although Amber has only been a member of LWVTV for a year, she has always been a strong advocate of voter education. When she is not working or volunteering with one of the local organizations she is part of, Amber enjoys swimming, scuba diving, gardening, travel, competitive shooting, and metalsmithing.



Denise Daniello Originally from Chicago, Denise has lived in Alaska for nearly 50 years. With a career rooted in public service - from state government, to local nonprofit organizations, and the University of Alaska, Fairbanks - Denise has spent more than 35 years championing the needs of Alaskans through senior services, research administration, teaching, and grant management. Denise serves on the boards for the Fairbanks North Star Borough Senior Citizen Advisory Commission (as Chair), for the statewide Alzheimer's Resource Alaska (as board Secretary), and as a contributing member

of the Alaska Geriatric Exchange Network (AGEnet). Serving on both the local and state LWV boards, Denise is committed to advance the League's mission of fostering an informed, active electorate to strengthen our democracy.



Phyllis Darrah Phyllis is a long time Fairbanksan. She has been very involved with the League serving on the Board several times since 2019. Recently she has been active with Kids Voting North Alaska. Family, gardening, promoting the Fairbanks community and defending rights and democracy are on her to-do list.

Mary Galvin Mary is rejoining the board, having previously served as a director and Treasurer. When not participating in league activities, she works as a CPA, knits, plays with her kiddo, and takes her Springer Spaniels for walks.



Gayle Garrigues Gayle, born and raised in Alaska, has lived in Fairbanks since 1987. She has been a member of the LWVTV since 2019 and a board member since 2020. Gayle is a retired state prosecutor. She enjoys talking politics, gardening, and woodworking.



Jessica King Jessica was raised in Fairbanks, Alaska and graduated from West Valley High School. She has earned a B.S. in Mathematics from the Fort Valley State University and completed a Secondary Education Licensure program with the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. She currently works as a Higher Education Counselor with the Department of Defense.

Inspired by her mother, Virgie M. King, she continues to run the African-American Student Leadership Conference; and remains involved in the Fairbanks community through the Fairbanks Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, the NAACP, and the League of Women Voters.

Helenmarie Matesi Helenmarie has been a member of the LWVTV for approximately 10 years. Born in St Louis Missouri she grew up during the civil rights era and as part of a family seeking racial equality, participating in the movement from a very young age. She moved to Alaska in 1976 and as a black American Alaskan women it is her belief that voting is the most powerful peaceful method we have for effecting change. LWV is a champion for the security of our right to vote. She has served on the board, as vice president, chairs the Diversity Committee and has led the Nominating Committee.

I love Alaska and here I have worn many hats, but the constant thread has been teaching. My students have ranged in age from three to eighty three. I have lived in the bush, retired from

U of A and currently work with the NAACP Criminal Justice Committee. My newest interest is metal smithing.



Janna Miller Janna has been a member of the League of Women Voters since shortly after reading Democracy in America by Alexander de Toqueville, which caused her to appreciate even more our unique and cherished system of government. She is retired from a long career with Alyeska Pipeline and now enjoys taking OLLI classes, walking her dogs every day, playing her harmonica, and helping to educate voters.



Kaneisha Radgosky Kaneisha is an award-winning health professional who has made her home in Fairbanks since 2014. She is an avid dog enthusiast and a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.



Celebrating
Women's History Month
Women who built the
Suffragist Movement
1857 - now

Ida B. Wells-Barnett

Martha Hughes Cannon

Mabel Ping-Hua Lee

Antonia Hernandez

LWVTV Facebook cover image and post honoring the diversity of women working for suffrage and continuing the fight.

STATE BOARD REPORTS

LWV of Alaska Co-Presidents' Report

This past year included the following highlights

- We learned that the local Leagues are more active than ever and continue to grow their memberships. Participation in national State Leaders meetings revealed that LWVUS and several State Leagues are in litigation with the U.S. Administration
- In May, the LWVAK co-sponsored, along with the Native American Rights Fund and ACLU of AK, a town hall on the SAVE Act.
- Initiated by Our Children's Trust, in June, the LWVAK joined Sagoonick in a lawsuit against the State of Alaska, in which eight Alaskan youth are challenging the state laws mandating the Alaska LNG Project as violating their rights under Alaska's Constitution.
- In June, Heather Arnett, Shari George, and Sally Smith attended LWVUS Council.
- In August, Alaska's Director of Elections sent the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) publicly available voter information.
- In September, the Board reviewed, amended, and approved its Nonpartisan Policy, to be reviewed at the first meeting of the new Board in April.
- In October, the LWVAK supported a resolution in support of D.C. Statehood.
- In December, the Lieutenant Governor issued a press release in which she stated that she provided the DOJ an electronic copy of Alaska's complete voter registration list which included voters' full names, dates of birth, residential addresses, and driver's license numbers or the last four digits of their social security numbers (confidential data). The statement also referred to a DOJ Alaska Memorandum of Understanding. In the MOU, the Alaska administration agrees to remove voters from the roll determined by the DOJ as ineligible to vote.
- In January, the Legislative Committee announced the following legislative priorities: Elections, Education, Campaign Finance, Gun Safety, Open Primaries, Ranked Choice Voting, Civics Education, and Judicial Appointments. Of particular interest is the Omnibus elections bill (HB 64) which the Legislative
- Committee has been following. LWVAK has provided a formal letter of support on the bill.
- Sue Sherif and Heather Arnett attended webinars on legal guidance with the IRS. If a League conducts lobbying and has 501c3 status, it is imperative that its representatives document time and money spent. A form is being developed for the LWVAK Board members to use.

- LWVAK voted to sign a press release supporting Earth Day to coordinate Earth Day activities with EarthDay.org.
- In February, we sent Alaska State Senate Health & Social Services members a letter of support for Senate Bill 206 related to the Firearm Safe Storage Device Grant Fund. • In March, we sent the House Education Committee a formal letter of support for SB 23, the Civics Education Bill. Also, the Legislative Committee and Ranked Choice Voting Committee was merged to form the Voter Education Committee.
- On behalf of the LWVAK, Sue Sherif submitted letters to the editor developed by Patty Ginsburg, Judith Mitchell, and Sue Sherif to newspapers around the State in regard to the Lieutenant Governor releasing confidential voter information to the DOJ. We received several messages of thanks from our members and other VIPs.
- LWVAK is an active member of the Alaska Voter Hub, whose participants work collaboratively to increase access to voting.
- On April 9th, the LWV of Alaska signed a retainer agreement with Alaska ACLU to sue the Alaska Lt. Governor and Director of the Division of Elections for agreeing to release the unredacted voter roll list to the U.S. Dept. of Justice and to "clean" the voter roll list at D.O.J.'s direction.

--Marianne Mills and Pat Redmond, LWVAK Co-Presidents

LWVAK 2026 Convention Report

The LWV of Alaska Annual Convention was held on April 11 - 12, 2026. On the first day, each local league hosted an in-person site and there was a Zoom alternative. LWVTV held our in-person gathering at Raven Landing. After welcoming the participants, establishing quorum and adopting the agenda, we were treated to a series of excellent guest presentations.

- LWV of the United States President Dianna Wynn gave an outstanding overview of what the LWVUS is doing. She made clear the passion and the focus that the US LWV has on our country, our voting rights, and the commitment of the league.
- We heard from our congressional delegation. Sen. Murkowski really explained what the SAVE Act would do to Alaskans and why she is opposed to it. She has been a strong supporter of the LWV of Alaska throughout her tenure. We also heard from Sen. Sullivan, and Rep. Begich.

- Juli Lucky, from Alaskans For Better Elections attended in Anchorage. She had great information for how we can share our support for Open Primaries and Ranked Choice voting. Her presentation was inspiring!
- Walter (Bud) Carpeneti, retired Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court, was present in Juneau and gave a great presentation on the importance of our judicial selection process. Please read more at Justice Not Politics Alaska and check out their educational site where they share civics education on "important constitutional concepts such as separation of powers, checks and balances and a fair, impartial independent judiciary".
- We also heard from Rep. Gray and Sen. Kawasaki who were in Anchorage and spoke on the data breach sending of voter information to the DOJ and answered questions from league members.

We heard from our local Presidents from each of the Leagues on their reports of activities for the last year. Marianne Mills reported for the state league, Patty Ginsburg from Anchorage, Sally Saddler from Juneau, Cathleen Rolph from Kenai Peninsula, and Linda Witt from Tanana Valley. It is great to see and hear what other leagues are doing. What an amazing and meaningful year we've had. Sharing information like this is one way we all benefit from the league

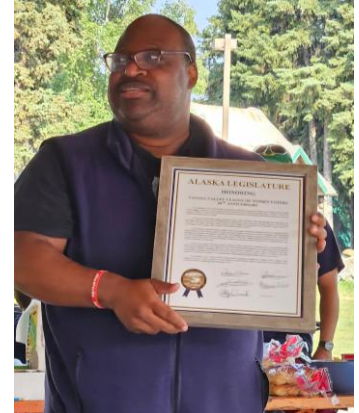
On the second day the Board and the delegates met and elected the new slate of officers, and said goodbye to those leaving. We approved our recommended programs, voted to undertake a new study on the State Fiscal Plan (volunteers needed - contact us if you are interested), and approved the budget. We also spent time to honor the memory of Carolyn Brown, a long-time Juneau member. [Her obituary](#) is really a testament to her life and her contributions to our communities. She will be missed. Finally we took comments for the 'good of the order', and items to follow up on for next fiscal year. As always, we encourage you to contact LWV of Alaska and give comments any time.

LWVTV ACTIVITY REPORTS

Membership Events

Summer Picnic

About 35 members gathered on a classic summer day in Fairbanks in July at Pioneer Park. Mary and Ramon Galvan organized the fun and took care of the grill while others brought side dishes to share . There was plenty of time for great conversations and getting to know each other. A special honor was Joe Hayes (Sen. Kawasaki's Chief of Staff) presenting us with a legislative proclamation honoring our local League's 60 years of service to the community.



Joe Hayes presented a legislative proclamation honoring LWVTV's service to the community for 60 years.

KUAC Fall Fundraiser

Several LWVTV members helped out with the KUAC Fall Fundraiser. With the loss of considerable federal funding, the community turned out to help bridge the gap.

Civic Discussions

Several LWVTV members requested that our League organize regular opportunities for members and guests to discuss current issues in a more informal, roundtable format. We held three varied and interesting discussion sessions this year:

- **Homelessness in the Cold**

Homelessness in the cold was our inaugural facilitated discussion session. About 15 hearty souls braved the frigid temperatures and wind in mid-December. League members, guests, folks knowledgeable about HopeLink , Breadline and health care providers offered insight. Everyone joined into the conversation with their concerns, experiences and understanding

- **Alaska's Safe and Secure Election System**

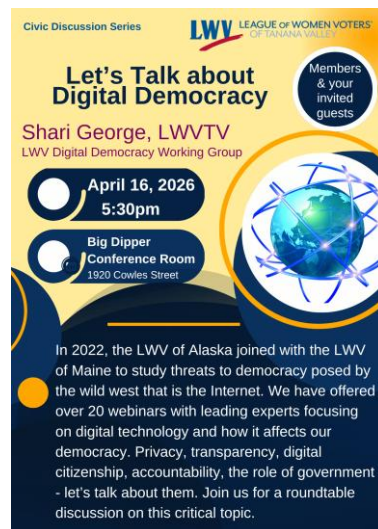
Amanda McColley, Regional Supervisor for Region III Elections spoke on the security measures in-place to safeguard Alaskan state and federal elections, ranked choice voting and the open primary and early voting. Linda Witt had a set of prepared questions that League members often get and other LWVTV members and guests had other questions. It was super informative and the roundtable format promotes folks asking questions and discussing issues.

- **Digital Democracy**

In 2022, the LWV of Alaska joined with the LWWV of Maine to study threats to democracy posed by the wild west that is the internet. The group has offered over 20 webinars with leading experts focusing on digital technology and how it affect our democracy.

Shari George, who is one of LWV Alaska's reps to the Digital Democracy Working Group. led his roundtable discussion. Privacy, transparency, digital citizenship, accountability and the role of government, we talked about them. Currently, LWVUS has no comprehensive

position statement that the national, state or local leagues can use to advocate in League's name for digital democracy legislation. The group is at work now formulating a position to bring forward to the states and hopefully be adopted by LWVUS.

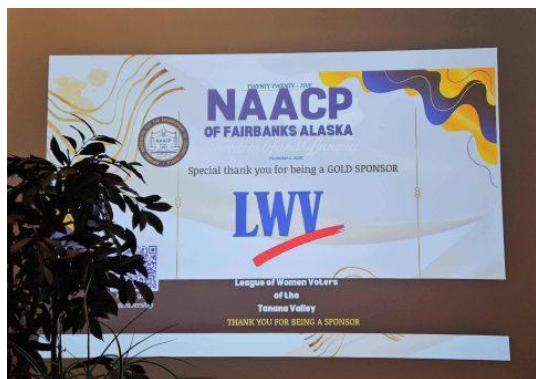


Voting and Equal Rights Activities

LWVTV Testifies in Opposition to FNSB Ordinance

The LWVTV Board voted to oppose FNSB Ordinance 2025-10 regarding vote-by-mail, absentee voting requirements and deadlines introduced by Assembly member Barbara Haney on April 25, 2025. Co-President Linda Witt testified in person. The ordinance failed by a vote of 7 - 2.

LWVTV Members Support NAACP Freedom Fund



In December, a number of League members attended the banquet and Freedom Fund fundraiser for the local NAACP of Fairbanks AK branch. One member sponsored the table and others made donations. We were treated to two outstanding speakers: Lakeidra Chavis, now an investigative journalist in Chicago but who got her start in Alaska and

MoHagani Magnetek (anthropology PhD student at UAF) whose recent archeological dig has added to the story of Black soldiers who helped build the Alaska Highway. Live music , excellent food and time for conversation made it a special event.

Voting Apathy and Engagement Opportunities at UAF

Several LWVTV members met with leadership of the Associated Students of UAF (ASUAF), The American Association of University Women (who had let us know about this get together) and UAF faculty to discuss voting issues faced by students. ASUAF conducted a very informative survey and analyzed the responses to help guide improving voter knowledge and voting opportunities. The ASUAF leadership has plans to boost student engagement in voting over the coming election season and opportunities for organizations like LWV to participate.

Public Education Events

Juneteenth Freedom Day



Linda Witt, Amber Caawin and Diane Lvon at Juneteenth

LWVTV continued our support honoring Juneteenth and organized by NAACP. We staffed a booth at the celebration held at Bernice Allridge Park on June 14 and offered voter registration, address updating, information on how ranked-choice voting works and reminded those enjoying the day of the upcoming Municipal Election.

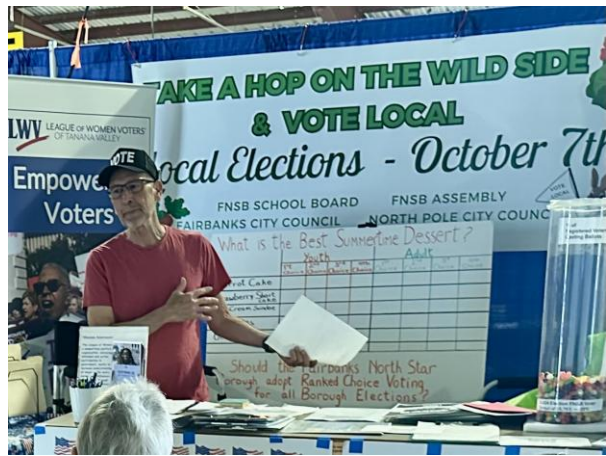
Golden Days Street Fair

The Golden Days Street Fair held mid-July offered a great opportunity for LWVTV to interact with our community in a fun and festive atmosphere. We provided voter information, voter registration and address changes, absentee ballot applications and answered questions. Eight volunteers staffed the table throughout the day.

Tanana Valley State Fair

Our longtime commitment to the Tanana Valley State Fair and educating voters continued in 2025. From July 25 - August 3, members staffed the booth from noon until late evening. We voter districts, election dates and absentee voting and gave fair-goers a chance to practice ranked choice voting.

Our straw poll drew voters young and old, who practiced their ranked choice voting skills by choosing their favorite summertime desserts. In addition, adults were offered the chance to express their opinions about whether the borough should use ranked choice voting in local elections. The contest for favorite summertime dessert saw the same winner in both the youth and the adult polls: Ice cream sundae. In the adult contest with 321 ballots cast,



Bernardo Hernandez led training for fair booth staff.

ice cream sundae won by garnering over 50% of the votes in the third round. In the kids race, the candidate ice cream sundae fell one vote short of taking the election in the first round, but it prevailed in the second round of the tally when the second-choice youth rankings of the bottom vote getter, carrot cake, were redistributed and 6 of those went to ice cream sundae.

The straw poll on the question: “Shall the Fairbanks North Star Borough adopt Ranked Choice Voting for all Borough Elections?” gave adult participants the choice to vote Yes (180), No (96), or Undecided (19). The 295 fairgoers who voted in this poll were informed on the ballot “This is for entertainment purposes only and is not an official election!”

Noel Wien Public Library Display



Linda Witt, Shari George, Mary Lee Guthrie and Deb Ryan set up the display.

To celebrate the League of Women Voters 106th birthday, LWVTV designed a display for the Noel Wien Library entry way for the month of February 2026. The display offered information on the League's history and on the work LWVTV focuses, the dangers of gerrymandering to democratic representation, statistics on FNSB voter turnout and why every vote counts.

Authentic dress from the 1920's loaned to the League by Fairbanks Light Opera Theatre and

Theresa Reed added a very special element. As usual, the jellybean display of eligible voters versus voter turnout created by Mary Lee Guthrie was a huge hit.

Candidate Forum

On September 19, 2025, LWVTV in partnership with the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner and KUAC-FM 89.9 hosted a live candidate forum for candidates running in the Municipal Election. The forum was held at the City of Fairbanks City Council Chambers to a standing-room only crowd. The Clerk of the City of Fairbanks, Dani Snyder, provided outstanding support for the event. Several students from West Valley High School

offered much needed logistical help. Candidates for the FNSB Assembly, FNSB School District School Board, City of Fairbanks City Council and City of Fairbanks Mayor were asked questions by a LWVTV and Fairbanks Daily News-Miner team. The forum was broadcast live to the public by KUAC-FM 89.9 and a recording of the forum was posted as a public service.



Rallies

The LWV believes the freedom to protest and assemble is a critical function of our democracy. Over the past year, the LWVUS has encouraged members to be active participants defending DEI, human rights, the rule of law and democratic values. League members may wear LWV gear to public demonstrations. Maintaining decorum, avoiding the appearance of partisanship, focusing on issues rather than individuals and knowing your rights was guidance offered by National. To read more on LWVUS' protest safety guidance visit: <https://www.lwv.org/league-management/advocacy-litigation/protest-safety-guidance>.

Some Member Highlights Beyond the League

Alaska Women's Hall of Fame

Although not a League activity, our Co-President Sue Sherif was inducted into the Alaska Women's Hall of Fame on October 21, 2025. Her achievement was for libraries, literacy, and community development. The League was mentioned by several of the honorees during their remarks. You can also watch a recording of the ceremony.

<https://alaskawomenshalloffame.org/>.

Women of Distinction



The Farthest North Council of Girl Scouts honored two of our members with its Women of Distinction Award, Karen Brauser and Meg Nordale. Karen continues a distinguished career as a Registered Nurse and as Co-Chair of the Bioethics Committee (2026) at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital. Meg leads GHEMM Co., a premier Interior Alaska commercial general contractor. Both Karen and Meg are active in leadership, as members in professional and volunteer organizations, and on boards.

2026 Business Leader of the Year - UAF College of Business and Security Management

The UAF College of Business and Security Management has been honoring business leaders since 1977. In late April, the college named League member Meg Nordale as the 2026 Business Leader of the Year. UAF will host a celebration in Meg's honor on Nov. 7, 2026.

NONPARTISAN POLICY AND OTHER GUIDELINES

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, politically active organization. While we do not support or oppose any political party or candidate, we welcome members of all political parties and independents to our membership. We also take action on government measures and policies in the public interest. Because League membership is made up of highly motivated and active people, it is sometimes difficult for League members and for the public to separate an individual member's commitment to League's nonpartisan policy and the individual's personal commitment to a party or issue. To avoid potential conflicts, this policy statement was adopted by the Board of the League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley.

Interpretation of individual policies may be made by the Board. The Board may wish to advertise its nonpartisan policy.

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

It is an advantage for the League to have politically active members. All League members must take responsibility for clearly differentiating between their personal opinions and League positions. They shall not distribute League material at the same time as material for a party or candidate.

- a. Non-Board members are encouraged to participate fully in the party of their choice at all levels of activity.
- b. Board members shall not undertake any action which will cause the League to be identified publicly as supporting any candidate for office or any political party.
 1. Board members may not hold the offices of chair, vice chair, treasurer or secretary of party district or state committees, or hold the office of national committee person.
 2. Individuals on the Board (except President, Vice President, Treasurer and Voter Service Chair) may consider accepting other party offices with the concurrence of the Board.

CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS

League members are encouraged to participate in political campaigns and to run for election to office. The political activities of a spouse or relative of a board member are to be considered as separate and distinct from the activities of the board member.

a. Board Members

1. May not run for elective office including such local offices as mayor, borough assembly, city council or school board.
2. May not serve as campaign chair or treasurer for any of the positions listed above.
3. With the exception of the President, Vice President and Voter Service Chair, may campaign for a ballot issues on which the League has no position.
4. May not be associated publicly with ballot issues in opposition to League positions.
5. May run for nonpartisan elective offices such as charter commissions and delegate to a constitutional convention.

b. The President, Vice President, and Voter Service Chair

1. May not endorse, publicize, nor work for any local, state, or national partisan candidate.
2. May not campaign for ballot issues on which the League has no position.
3. May not hold or actively seek an elective office.
4. May not have an official position in a party organization, or in an organization endorsing candidates for public office.
5. May not participate conspicuously in campaigns for individuals in such a way as to publicly identify the League member with said individual. This includes but is not limited to the display of yard signs, bumper stickers and buttons for a candidate.
6. May not contribute conspicuously to any candidate or party in such a way as to identify the League member with said individual.
7. May not publicly speak at party organization meetings (Attendance and voting for precinct officials are encouraged.)
8. May not carry a petition for a candidate, or for an issue on which League has no position, or a conflicting position.
9. May not host or take an active part at an event or rally for candidates of one party. (Attendance is encouraged.)

PUBLIC BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

If the League is asked to recommend someone to represent League on a commission, that person must speak for League and be accountable to the Board. If not asked for a recommendation, League may wish to recommend individuals for certain commissions. The Board should determine in each case whether the person will speak as an individual or for the League. Even if a commission member represents the League, the Board is not bound to support the recommendations of the commission. In all cases where individuals represent League, whether on a commission or giving testimony, the Board should be sure that the individual understands League's position on the issue.

COALITIONS

League may join coalitions while taking action on any issue, at the discretion of the Board. If the coalition endorses candidates or becomes involved in other issues as well, the Board may issue a statement disassociating itself from those aspects of the coalition.

Due to membership changes at the LWVUS, the following policy is no longer valid. The Board will need to take such action as is appropriate to rescind the Dues and Membership Policies below.

~~DUES AND MEMBERSHIP POLICIES~~

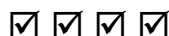
- ~~a. A dues notice will be sent to each member one month before renewal date. If there is not a response, at least one additional notice will be sent.~~
 - ~~b. Lapsed Membership—There may be a grace period at the discretion of the Board, but a nonpaying member shall not remain on the membership roll beyond one day before the date on which the League of Women Voters US collects membership data for Per Member Payment purposes. The Membership Chair or a designated Board member will attempt to make personal contact with the lapsed member and discuss a dues waiver, if appropriate.~~
 - ~~c. Dues Waiver—A dues waiver may be given at the discretion of the Board for any interested parties on limited income who wish to participate actively in League work. Names of interested parties may be submitted by any League member to the membership chair who shall bring them before the Board for confirmation of waiver.~~
 - ~~d. Household Membership—When two or more members reside at the same address in a common household, the dues shall be the full amount for one member and one-half the amount for each additional member.~~
 - ~~e. New Citizen Introductory Member—As a means of actively involving new citizens in the governmental process, League (the membership chair) may give a free one-year membership to new citizens who show interest in League~~
- ~~Adopted 1979; Last amended May 2021~~

LWVTV POSITION STATEMENTS

General Local Government

Statement of Position

The League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley believes that local government is needed to protect the rights and needs of residents, and to provide services for the common good. A sample of services that local government delivers includes public education, public libraries, planning, platting and land use regulation, transportation systems, water and air pollution control, economic development, waste disposal, and animal regulation. Local government should be accountable to the people in the performance of functions, exercise of powers and use of resources.



Adopted 1968; Revised 1987; Reaffirmed 1988, 1991; Reviewed 2015; Reaffirmed 2016, 2017; Revised 2018 adopting new wording; Reaffirmed 2019, 2020; recommended for review 2021, 2022 (members noted differences between city and borough powers), 2023, 2024, 2025.

Planning and Zoning

Statement of Position

The League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley believes that a comprehensive Land Use Plan is essential to ensure orderly development, save green spaces, plan for future public facilities and to encourage industrial and business growth in specifically designated areas.

Regulatory measures to maintain the Plan must:

- Provide for periodic review of the Comprehensive Plan.
- Provide for citizen input before any changes to the Plan take effect.
- Ensure cooperative planning between the Planning and Zoning Commission and the School Board on future school needs and locations of schools.
- Provide for environmental review of any new facility which will draw heavy traffic or have a large parking area.
- Ensure that the integrity of the Plan will not be compromised by frequent small changes or variances.



Adopted 1969; Revised 1979, 1987; Reaffirmed 1988, 1991; Reviewed 2015; Reaffirmed 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.

Boards, Commissions and Committees Statement of Position

Statement of Position

The League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley believes in the participation of citizens in their government. Appointed boards, commissions and committees serve as liaisons between the community and their elected officials. As such, they should be reflective of the composition of the community with adequate representation from both urban and rural areas. Selection procedures for boards, commissions and committees should be standardized and advertised to encourage the widest possible citizen participation. The names of current board, commission and committee members should be published periodically.



Adopted 1979; Reaffirmed 1986; Revised 1988; Reaffirmed 1988; Reviewed 2015; Reaffirmed 2016, 2017, 2018; Revised 2019; Reaffirmed 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.

Conflict of Interest

Statement of Position

The League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley supports clear and concise conflict of interest legislation to govern all councils, assemblies, boards, commissions and committees.

Such provisions should contain:

- A clear definition of what constitutes conflict of interest.
- A procedure for members to declare conflict of interest.
- A procedure by which the body decides if conflict of interest does exist and the extent of disqualification in each case.
- A provision that all declarations of conflict of interest and all pertinent discussion must be reflected in the minutes.



Adopted 1978; Revised 1987; Reaffirmed 1988, 1991; Reviewed 2015; Reaffirmed 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.

Fight for the things that you care about. But do it in a way that will lead others to join you.

-- Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Road Service Area

Statement of Position

The League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley supports the following policies regarding service areas:

All citizens in the Borough should be able to form, or be included in, a road service area for their neighborhood.

- Borough costs for administration of road service areas should be borne by the residents/property owners within those areas. Each service area should pay a basic flat fee, plus an additional fee which would vary according to the amount of service required.
- To make consolidation of road service areas more attractive, differential tax rates within service areas should be considered when there are differences in population density, property valuation, lot size, soil conditions or service philosophy.
- To ensure that service areas will function in an efficient, responsive and accountable manner it is essential that procedures and regulations be enforced consistently.



Adopted 1986; Revised 1987; Reaffirmed 1988, 1991; Revised 2000; Reviewed 2015; Reaffirmed 2016; 2017 - 2018 under review for clarification; 2019 recommended for revision; 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 continued review, 2024, 2025.

Nondiscrimination

Statement of Position

The League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley believes that equality of opportunity is foundational to the spirit of the Republic. We are committed to diversity, equality and inclusion in principle and in practice. We oppose discrimination whether based on race, color, religion, sex, marital status, changes in marital status, pregnancy, parenthood, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, military service, ethnicity or national origin. We support equal rights under federal, state and local laws. We endorse ordinances and legislation that guarantee equal justice under the law in employment, housing and realty, credit, public places and services, public accommodation and education. Such laws and ordinances promote social equity while rejecting prejudice, bigotry, and oppression. They strengthen our community and help society in creating a more perfect democracy.



Adopted 2020; Reaffirmed 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

LWVTV Bylaws as of May 15, 2026

League of Women Voters of Tanana Valley

ARTICLE I

Name

Sec. 1. The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters of Tanana Valley, hereinafter referred to in these bylaws as LWVTV or as the League. This local League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States, hereinafter referred to in these bylaws as LWVUS, and the League of Women Voters of Alaska, hereinafter referred to in these bylaws as LWVAK.

ARTICLE II

Purposes and Policy

Sec. 1. Purposes. The purposes of the League of Women Voters of Tanana Valley are to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

Sec. 2 Policies.

1. Political Policy. The League shall not support or oppose any political party or candidate.
2. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy. The League is fully committed to ensure compliance in principle and in practice with LWVUS' Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Sec. 1. Eligibility. Any person who subscribes to the purposes and policy of the League of Women Voters shall be eligible for membership.

Sec. 2. Types of Membership.

1. Voting Members. Persons at least 16 years of age who join the League of Women Voters of Tanana Valley shall be voting members of the local and state Leagues of their place of joining and of the LWVUS. Those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be honorary life members, excused from the payment of dues. Those who are students are defined as individuals enrolled as full or part-time with an accredited institution.*

2. Associate Members. All others who enroll in the League shall be associate members.**

*This wording is required by LWVUS.

** This wording is required by LWVUS. In practice, Associate Members are usually those who have joined the League but are also under 16 years of age. Occasionally, members who wish to participate in several local leagues (those who snowbird, for example) may be Associate Members of a second League.

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 Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Past President. The President and Vice President shall be elected to a term of one year, and the Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected for terms of two years. 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 years. The Treasurer shall be elected in even-numbered years. The President and Vice President shall be elected annually. If the Nominating Committee recommends and the membership so approves, the President position may be held by two Co-Presidents. The Past President is not elected but is the immediate past president available to serve.

Sec. 2. President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the Board of Directors. The President may, in the absence or disability of the Treasurer, sign or endorse checks, drafts and notes. The President may be, ex officio, a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee and shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of the President and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board.

Sec. 3. Vice President. The Vice President shall endeavor to gain familiarity with the President's duties and responsibilities. The Vice President shall, in the event of absence, disability or death of the President, possess all the powers and perform all the duties of that office, until such time as the Board of Directors shall select one of its members to fill the vacancy. The Vice President shall perform such other duties as may be designated by the President and the Board.

Sec. 4. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all Annual Meetings of the League and of all meetings of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall notify all officers and directors of meetings of the Board and shall sign, with the President, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board and shall perform such other functions as may be incident to the office.

Sec. 5. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due and shall be the custodian of these moneys, depositing them in a bank designated by the Board of Directors, and disbursing the same only upon the order of the Board. The Treasurer shall present

quarterly statements to the Board at their regular meetings and an annual report to the Annual Meeting.

Sec. 6. Past President. The Past President shall serve as a consultant to the President and advisor to the Board regarding League policy and procedure. The Past President shall be a voting member of the Board.

ARTICLE V

Board of Directors

Sec. 1. Number Manner of Selection and Term of Office. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League, the most recent Past President able to serve, six elected directors, and not more than six appointed directors. One-half of the elected directors shall be elected by the general membership at each Annual Meeting and shall serve for a term of two years, or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The elected members may appoint such additional directors as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The term of office of the appointed directors shall be one year and shall expire at the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting.

Sec. 2. Qualifications. No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an officer or director of this organization unless that person is a voting member of the League of Women Voters of Tanana Valley.

Sec. 3. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors by reason of resignation, death, or disqualification of an officer or elected member may be filled until the next Annual Meeting by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors. Three consecutive absences from a Board meeting of any member without a valid reason shall be deemed a resignation. Said Board member will be notified in writing that their resignation has been assumed.

Sec. 4. Powers and Duties. The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the organization, with full power and authority to manage and conduct same, subject to the instructions of the general membership. It shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the Program as adopted by the National Convention, the State Convention and the Annual Meeting. The Board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary. Duties of the Historian will be assigned to an elected board member, an appointed director or an off-board member. The Historian shall keep an ongoing record of the activities of the League.

Sec. 5. Meetings. There shall be at least nine regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The President may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five members of the Board. The meetings may be held in person, virtually using Internet-based teleconferencing services or by telephone. Board members may vote in person, using electronic means or by telephone.

Sec. 6. Quorum. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 7. Records. The Board shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall keep minutes of its proceedings and of any committees having authority of the

Board of Directors, and shall keep a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

ARTICLE VI

Financial Administration

Sec. 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the League of Women Voters of Tanana Valley shall commence on the first day of July each year. (Amended 5/20/2023)

Sec. 2. Dues. Annual dues are on a sliding scale as determined by the LWVUS. New members may join at any time. Renewals of membership are on an annual basis

The Board may issue scholarships for annual dues.

Sec. 3. Budget. A balanced budget for the ensuing fiscal year shall be submitted by the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting for adoption. The proposed budget shall be sent to all members one month before the Annual Meeting. The budget shall include support for the work of the League as a whole. The Board has the authority to reallocate budget amounts during the fiscal year. (Rev.5/11/2024)

Sec. 4. Budget Committee. A Budget Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing fiscal year. The Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of the Budget Committee but shall not be eligible to serve as the Chair.

ARTICLE VII

Meetings

Sec. 1. Membership Meetings. There shall be at least four General meetings of the membership each year. Time and place shall be determined by the Board of Directors. The official Call to Annual Meeting shall be sent to all members one month prior to the date of the meeting.

Sec. 2. Annual Meeting. An Annual Meeting shall be held between April 1st and May 30th, the exact date to be determined by the Board of Directors. The Annual Meeting shall:

1. adopt a Local Program for the ensuing year,
2. elect officers and directors and members of the Nominating Committee,
3. adopt an adequate budget that specifies the amount for dues, and,
4. transact such other business as may properly come before it.

The Annual Meetings may be held in person, virtually using Internet-based teleconferencing services or by telephone. Voting members may vote in person, using electronic means or by telephone.

In the event of a local, state, or national emergency the Board of Directors may suspend the Annual Meeting until such time as the emergency is lifted and the meeting may be properly scheduled and notification to the members made. The Board shall make all effort to schedule the Annual Meeting as soon as it is feasible. Suspending the Annual Meeting shall require a two-thirds vote by the Board of Directors.

Sec.3. Quorum. Fifteen percent of the Voting Membership shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the League of Women Voters of Tanana Valley. The number of voting members for quorum purposes shall be the number fixed by LWVUS for Per Member Payment purposes in January of the current calendar year.

Sec.4. Special Meeting. A Special Meeting may be called.

ARTICLE VIII

Nominations and Elections

Sec.1. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three members, one of whom shall be a member of the Board of Directors. The Chair and one 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 member shall be appointed by the Board of Directors following the Annual Meeting. Any vacancy on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors. Suggestions for nominations for officers and directors may be sent to this committee by any voting member.

Sec.2. Report of Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor. The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for officers, directors, and the members of the succeeding Nominating Committee shall be sent to all members one month before the date of the Annual Meeting. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be presented to 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.

Sec.3. Election. The election shall be by ballot, provided that when there is but one nominee for each office, the Secretary may be instructed to cast the ballot for every nominee. A majority vote shall constitute an election. Voting members may vote in person, using electronic means or by telephone. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

ARTICLE IX

Program

Sec.1. Authorization. The adoption of governmental issues for concerted study and action by the National Convention and action constitutes the authorization for the adoption of the same issues by League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley. The adoption of State governmental issues for concerted study and action by the State Convention constitutes the authorization for the adoption of the same issues by League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley. No additional authorization shall be necessary at the local level.

Sec.2. Local Program. The local Program of the League of Women Voters of Tanana Valley shall consist of the Current Agenda and Continuing Responsibilities as hereinafter defined:

The Current Agenda shall consist of such current local governmental issues as the membership shall choose for concerted study and action.

The Continuing Responsibilities shall consist of those positions on local governmental issues to which the League of Women Voters of Tanana Valley has given sustained attention and on which it may continue to act.

Sec. 3. Program Selection. The Annual Meeting shall select the local governmental issues for concerted study and action using the following procedures:

Voting members may make recommendations to the Board of Directors at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting.

The Board of Directors shall consider recommendations and formulate a Proposed Program that shall be sent to all members one month prior to the Annual Meeting.

A majority vote of voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting shall be required for adoption of the Proposed Program as presented to the Annual Meeting by the Board of Directors

Any recommendations for the Program submitted to the Board of Directors at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting, but not recommended by the Board of Directors, may be considered by the Annual Meeting provided consideration is ordered by a majority vote. Adoption shall require a two-thirds vote.

Changes in the Program because of altered conditions may be made, provided that information of any proposed change shall have been sent to all members at least two weeks prior to a general membership meeting. Adoption of the Program change shall require a majority vote.

Sec. 4. Member Action. Members may act in the name of the League of Women Voters only when authorized to do so by the proper Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X

National Convention and State Convention

Sec. 1. National Convention/Council. The Board of Directors shall select delegates to the National Convention/Council at a meeting before the date on which names of delegates must be sent to the National Office. The number of delegates shall be that allotted to the Tanana Valley League by the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Sec. 2. State Convention. The Board of Directors shall select delegates to the State Convention at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the State Office. The number of delegates shall be that allotted to the League of Women Voters of Tanana Valley by the League of Women Voters of Alaska.

ARTICLE XI

Parliamentary Authority

Sec. 1. The rules contained in the most recent revision of Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

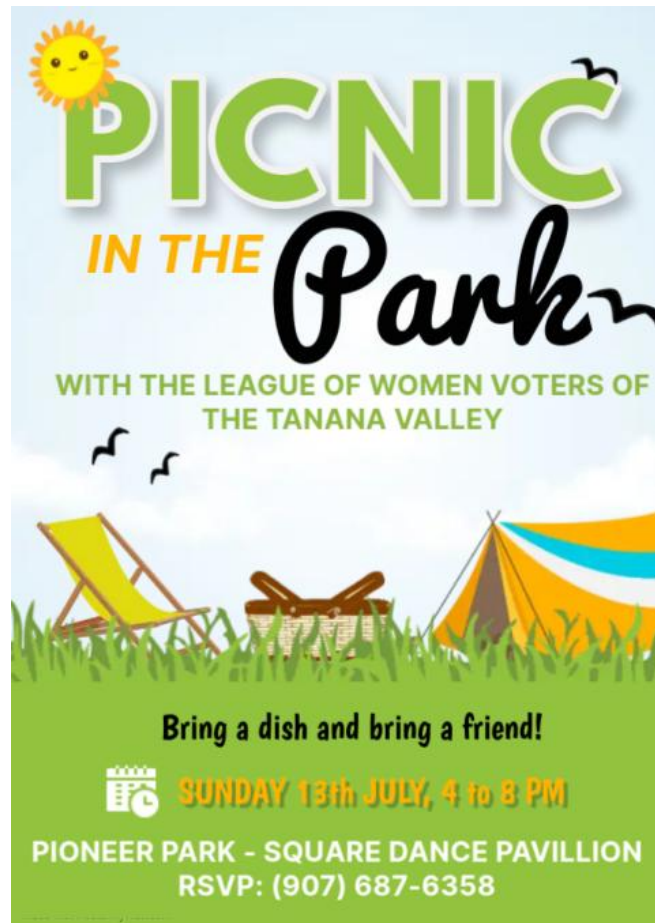
ARTICLE XII

Amendments

Sec. 1. Amendments. These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting or at a Special Meeting called by three-fourths majority of the Board, provided the amendments were submitted to the membership in writing at least one month in advance of the meeting.

Sec. 2. Bylaws Committee. A committee to review the Bylaws shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting.

Adopted 1964; Amended May 22, 2021; Amended May 20, 2023; Amended May 11, 2024;
Amended May 17, 2025



LWV OF ALASKA POSITION STATEMENTS

Available online at the League of Women Voters of Alaska website <http://www.alaskalwv.org> .

Government

1. CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

STATEMENT OF POSITION

The League of Women Voters of Alaska favors public disclosure of campaign contributions of money, goods, or services, as well as the disclosure of financial interests of public officials, both elected and appointed. All disclosure reports should be received, compiled and published by an independent commission, which should have final responsibility for monitoring and enforcement. The League also favors limitations on the length of political campaigns, the time allowed for fund raising, the amount of contributions and, notwithstanding the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Buckley v. Valeo, the amount of expenditures.

The goals of a campaign system should be:

1. To ensure the public's right to know.
2. To combat corruption and undue influence.
3. To enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office.
4. To promote citizen participation in the political process.

"To enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office" reflects two distinct concerns: First, that differences in candidates' personal wealth and other financial resources not be a necessary consideration in seeking public office; and, second, that insofar as possible there be an equalization of opportunity for challengers and incumbents.

Adopted 1968; Revised 1991; 2024; Reaffirmed each year at LWVAK Convention.

2. CAPITAL BUDGET PROCESS

STATEMENT OF POSITION

The League of Women Voters of Alaska believes that prudent capital spending by the State of Alaska requires realistic budget preparation, clear project definition, use of standardized criteria for determination of need, and public involvement. In order to promote the judicious management of the capital budget process and capital projects, the League supports the following:

- * Establishment and implementation of consistently applied statutory criteria for defining and prioritizing all proposed capital projects;
- * Recognition and documentation of the effect of capital expenditures on the operating budgets and bonding capabilities of state and local governments;
- * Public understanding of and involvement in the capital budget preparation process;
- * Financial participation by local governments in the funding of requested capital projects;

* Utilization of a single procedure for the proposal and evaluation of potential capital improvement projects; and

* Accountability for the expenditures of capital funds in accordance with public and legislative intent.

Any spending limit should be in statutory, not constitutional, form and be based on the future availability of funding for the operation and maintenance of state-financed capital improvement projects.

Adopted 1985; Reaffirmed each year at LWVAK Convention.

3. CONSTITUTION, AMENDING BY INITIATIVE

STATEMENT OF POSITION

The League of Women Voters of Alaska opposes amending the Alaska Constitution by initiative.

Adopted 1998; Reaffirmed each year since at LWVAK Convention.

4. CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

STATEMENT OF POSITION

The League of Women Voters of Alaska believes that a constitutional convention should not be held at this time.

Adopted 1982; Reaffirmed each year since at LWVAK Convention.

5. LEGISLATIVE PROCESS AND PROCEDURES

STATEMENT OF POSITION

The League of Women Voters of Alaska believes that the Alaska legislative system should be responsive, representative, accessible, efficient, and accountable. We feel that the legislative structure, which would best accomplish this goal, contains the following elements.

* Measures to facilitate the budgetary process;

* Clearly delineated procedures for legislative committee action and treatment of legislation during all states of the process.

* Conference committee and free conference committee deliberations that are open, judicious, germane and subject to public notice.

* Caucus should be open with exception of circumstances involving prejudicial and personnel matters.

* Procedures followed which maximize consolidation of effort between the two houses of the Legislature.

* Easy availability to information for the public concerning legislative activities and ease of access for public participation in the legislative process.

6. ALASKA'S STATUTORY INITIATIVE PROCESS

STATEMENT OF POSITION

The League of Women Voters of Alaska supports the existing initiative process and makes the following recommendations:

- Initiatives should be voted on only at General Elections, not special or primary elections.
- Support change that requires simplicity and clarity of the wording of initiative questions with a "yes" vote to indicate in favor of the measure and a "no" vote to indicate opposition to the measure.
- Support disclosure on each initiative petition of the name(s) or group(s) that is paying the gatherer and how they are paid, such as by signature or by the hour.
- Support the requirement for not less than 500 qualified voters as sponsors to the prospective petition with the Lieutenant Governor's office.
- Support the requirement for a number of valid signatures not less than ten (10%) percent of the total number of the votes cast in the preceding general elections.
- Support a formula for at least 50 signatures in each of two-thirds of the legislative districts in order to reflect statewide interest in a measure.
- Support the requirement an attorney general advisory opinion as to the constitutionality of each proposed initiative after it has qualified for the ballot, such opinion to be published in the State Election Pamphlet.
- Support the existing limit on time for collecting signatures to one year.
- Support the requirement for a cost analysis to be on each initiative petition.
- Support the requirement that signature gatherers be qualified voters of Alaska.

Adopted 2001 Post-Convention; Reaffirmed each year since at LWVAK Convention

7. VOTER REGISTRATION

STATEMENT OF POSITION

The League of Women Voters of Alaska believes that an equitable voter registration system should encourage maximum interest and participation in the electoral process, be simple and efficient to administer, and should aid in preventing fraudulent voting practices. To achieve these objectives, the League supports:

- Voter identification which does not inhibit voter access to the electoral process;
- Mandatory training of election officials;
- Comprehensive registration information available online; and
- Outreach to all eligible residents including newly naturalized citizens and students

The League believes that a statewide registration system should reflect the above objectives and should:

- Provide for permanent and portable registration with the ability to change registration information online;
- Make registration easily accessible (e.g., through the Division of Motor Vehicles);
- Allow registration in person and by mail as well as through electronic means;
- Provide a system of preregistration for 16-17 year-olds;
- Permit same day registration for voting on election day; and
- Provide for routine purging of registration rolls.

Adopted 1968; updated 2014; reaffirmed each year since at LWVAK Convention.

Natural Resources

8. ENERGY

STATEMENT OF POSITION

The League of Women Voters of Alaska (LWVAK) favors the wise use and development of a variety of energy sources to ensure a long-term sustainable cultural, environmental, and economic future for Alaska, and for all Alaskans. Alaska's constitution encourages "the development of its resources by making them available for maximum use consistent with the public interest", and that "the legislature shall provide for the utilization, development, and conservation of all natural resources belonging to the State, including land and waters, for the maximum benefit of its people. " (Article VIII sections 1 and 2).

Based on Alaska's constitution, LWVAK believes that Alaska residents should be the primary beneficiaries (through availability and lower costs) and indirectly (through investment in the state education, public safety, services).

While Alaskans remain dependent on oil and gas extraction to provide electricity, heat, and vehicle fuel, and to help fund a portion of state government, many Alaskans also rely on subsistence harvest as their primary food source or as a major supplement to their lifestyle. Many other Alaska livelihoods are based on resources that can be profoundly impacted by energy development and operation. The precautionary principle should be applied when developing public policies and regulations, and when evaluating energy sources and projects for Alaska's unique communities and regions.

LWVAK supports the development of non-renewable and renewable energy resources in ways that cause minimal harm to our geosphere, hydrosphere, biosphere, and atmosphere, that:

- Maximizes energy conservation and efficiency
 - o In existing homes, and private, commercial and public buildings
 - o In all new developments or construction or expansion of existing infrastructure

- o In marine vessels, road vehicles, public transportation systems, rail and aviation
- o By the ongoing revision of State and local uniform building codes to raise energy efficiency standards for new construction
- o By increasing transportation fuel efficiency standards
- Lowers energy development, life-cycle and consumer costs
- Increases power system and power grid resilience and redundancy
 - o Through the use of diverse power sources
 - o By supporting power system integration programs among local, regional and national stakeholders
 - o By recognizing the value of some smaller, community or regional microgrid energy projects (for example, solar, hydrokinetic, wind) that may take less time and funding to develop and may be less vulnerable to disasters
- Supports the development and installation of renewable-source energy systems that
 - o Takes advantage of solar, wind, hydrokinetic (river, tidal and wave), and geothermal.
 - o Encourages continuing improvement of long duration energy storage.
 - o Utilizes bioenergy, provided that the use of each biomass source has been proven by long-term studies not to degrade air quality or the environment
- Reduces emissions and energy-based contributions to climate change
- Urges active research into new energy sources, the improvement of current energy technologies, energy development and consumer costs, and the effects and consequences of energy development and use on the health of the biosphere
- Encourages the development and use of public and private incentive, loan, and funding programs.
- Provides opportunities for public involvement through
 - o Open and inclusive permitting processes
 - o Public access to ongoing monitoring procedures and reporting
 - o Education opportunities
- Promotes public education and sharing of information throughout Alaska and among other circumpolar nations.

LWVAK supports delaying the use or expansion of technologies for which there remain serious disparities between the promised performance and the actual safety and environmental impact record. We urge caution when there is potential for pervasive, profound, or long-lived consequences or irreparable harm to biota, land, water, air, or food (wildlife, fish and marine life, wild plants, and agriculture).

- We oppose the development and use of traditional nuclear energy until secure options exist for plant management, and toxic waste transport, processing and disposal. The development of nuclear microreactor technology may offer safer, more-manageable opportunities.

- Where other alternatives are reasonably available, we do not support the use of coal or the derivatives of coal (e.g., coal bed methane). Where coal or coal derivatives are used, ongoing monitoring of extraction methods, emissions, and upgrading of technology should be carried out to reduce impacts on humans, wildlife, and the environment.

Adopted 1978; revised 1991; 2013; 2025,.

9. LAND DISPOSAL

STATEMENT OF POSITION

The League of Women Voters of Alaska feels the purpose of the State land disposal program should be to dispose of land within specific parameters. Disposal programs should allow for a variety of land uses maintaining program continuity from year to year including adequate administration and enforcement costs in land prices. Continued emphasis should be placed upon requiring land inventories, comprehensive land use plans, and public involvement. League members believe that a fair exchange value is an important aspect of State land pricing policy with investment returns from State lands going primarily to State or municipal governments.

Adopted 1980; Reaffirmed each year since at LWVAK Convention.

10. LAND USE

STATEMENT OF POSITION

The League of Women Voters of Alaska supports good land use planning; the formulation, implementation, and enforcement of comprehensive plans (including regional plans) for the use of all lands in the State of Alaska; the ensuring of coordination and cooperation among state, federal, municipal, and private landowners; and placement of responsibility for making and enforcing land use decisions on the lowest level of government immediately concerned with the land in question.

Adopted 1975; Revised 1979, 1985; Reaffirmed each year since at LWVAK Convention.

Social Policy

11. CAREER EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

STATEMENT OF POSITION

The Alaska State League of Women Voters believes that the combination of home and school prepares students for competence in the world of work. The League recognizes the

importance of parental advocacy and/or adult mentorship in the career preparation process. The majority of people receive no schooling or training, other than on the job, beyond high school. Therefore, we believe that our schools have the responsibility to graduate students who exhibit job readiness, positive work attitudes, and cooperation skills that will enable them to find and hold employment. The League believes that the Alaskan schools should offer equal opportunities and respect to ALL students: those who will have post-secondary schooling and those who will immediately go into the work force. To meet this goal, the basic curricula should include problem-solving skills, interpersonal communications and tolerance skills, as well as provide opportunities to explore careers and offer courses containing specific technical training and career experience. Academic skills needed for success in today's entry-level careers should be integrated into career preparation experience.

Adopted 1994; Reaffirmed each year since at LWVAK Convention.

12. CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

STATEMENT OF POSITION

The League of Women Voters of Alaska supports the availability of childcare for everyone who needs or wants it with priority given to those children whose need is greatest. The League believes users should be primarily responsible for childcare financing. Supplemental financial and regulatory responsibilities should be shared by all levels of government to ensure that child care is of high quality, affordable and available to those who need it.

Adopted 1976; Revised 1986; Amended 2001; Reaffirmed each year since at LWVAK Convention.

13. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT AND BULLYING

STATEMENT OF POSITION

The League of Women Voters of Alaska believes all individuals have the right to live in a fear-free environment, and to be safe from sexual assault (SA); psychological, emotional and physical abuse; and neglect. A special degree of protection is needed for vulnerable, dependent people of any age.

Intervention by public agencies should take place when there is evidence of sexual assault or of physical, psychological or emotional abuse (including stalking) of one family member by another or one partner by another (including dating partnerships). However, this is not to suggest that mandated reporting be instituted as this may actually increase danger for victims/survivors. When necessary to separate family members, it is preferable to remove the perpetrator rather than the victim from the home, particularly if the victim is a child.

Physical or sexual assault should be prosecuted whether or not the victim presses charges. Federal, state and local governments should share responsibility for the health and safety of family members, with primary responsibility at state and local levels. Adequate funding is necessary for the care and protection of the spouse (including ex-spouse, partner, etc.) and children victimized by violence; and costs must be shared by all levels of government, private

charitable contributions, and a special fund into which perpetrators are required to pay. To the maximum extent possible, perpetrators should be held financially responsible for these costs, and no victim should ever be required to pay any costs associated with a domestic violence (DV) or sexual assault incident.

Domestic violence, stalking, and sexual assault require a coordinated response by law enforcement officials, prosecutors, judges, social service/victim agencies, and the medical community. All people who work with domestic violence and sexual assault incidents must receive special training specific to working with victims, including trauma and its effects. Training can be provided by experts in the field such as those at local DV/SA agencies. This training should be customized to the area of practice of the service providers and include basic training for new hires and periodic follow-up training for all those who work with victims.

Adopted 1986; Revised 1995; 2010. Reaffirmed each year since at LWVAK Convention.

14. YOUTH & ADOLESCENT NEEDS

STATEMENT OF POSITION

The League of Women Voters of Alaska supports comprehensive policies and services for youth in order to maximize their participation in citizenry and democracy. Services should be coordinated among all public and private agencies concerned with homelessness, education, vocational advancement, inter-personal relationships, mental and physical health, family stability, and peer empowerment.

Identified prevention-oriented goals are:

- Support of family cohesiveness
- Support for victims of abuse, neglect and sexual assault
- Support of high school graduation and vocational education for youth
- Education of youth to prevent unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections
- Education of youth concerning drug and alcohol abuse
- Support of runaway and “throw away” youth and their needs
- Education of youth concerning suicide
- Education of youth concerning criminal acts and consequences of those acts

Adopted 1971; Revised 1988; 2011; Reaffirmed each year since at LWVAK Convention.

15. LANDLORD-TENANT RELATIONSHIPS

STATEMENT OF POSITION

The League of Women Voters of Alaska supports programs and policies to provide equal opportunity for access to housing without discrimination based on race, color, religion, or national origins. In addition, League members agree that work to promote fair housing and an adequate supply of housing for low-income families must proceed hand in hand. One of our goals in the work of promoting fair housing is Tenant's Rights. A uniform landlord-tenant

act which specifies tenants' rights, and both landlord and tenant obligations in maintaining a fit and habitable dwelling is important in achieving this goal.

Adopted 1974; Revised 1994; Reaffirmed each year since at LWVAK Convention.

16. SCHOOL FINANCE

STATEMENT OF POSITION

The League of Women Voters of Alaska (LWVAK) recognizes, based on the Alaska State Constitution, that the State has the major responsibility for financing schools in Alaska, including grades PreK--12. However, local school districts in organized and unorganized boroughs should be required to contribute a percentage of the financial support and should have the major responsibility for decision making in the expenditure of funds. Public monies for education should NOT support student vouchers or Educational Savings Accounts (ESA's) that are allocated to private or for-profit schools; nor should public education funding be allocated to for-profit Educational Management Organizations (EMO's).

Adopted 1977; Revised 1985; 1986; 2016; Reaffirmed each year since at LWVAK Convention.

17. ELECTION PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES

STATEMENT OF POSITION

The League of Women Voters of Alaska (LWVAK) believes voting is a fundamental citizen right that must be guaranteed. LWVAK works to protect that right and to increase voter participation by all citizens. The LWVAK believes the state has an obligation to provide voters with accurate information so that voters can make reasoned choices. The LWVAK supports elections that are free, fair and accessible to all eligible voters and voting systems that are secure, accurate, recountable, accessible and transparent.

Adopted 2016; Revised 2019, 2024; Reaffirmed each year since at LWVAK Convention

18. JUDICIAL APPOINTMENT AND RETENTION

STATEMENT OF POSITION

The League of Women Voters of Alaska strongly supports a judicial appointment and retention process that is merit-based, transparent, representative of and responsive to the public and to the Constitutions of the State of Alaska and United States.

Adopted 1/11/2016; Reaffirmed each year since at LWVAK Convention.

19. GUN SAFETY

STATEMENT OF POSITION

The League of Women Voters of Alaska finds that the safety and health of its citizens are threatened by a lack of safe gun ownership laws. The League recognizes that many Alaskans value and rely on firearms for hunting and personal protection, and respects the right of

Alaskans to own and use guns. However, firearms cause very high rates of death and injury in

our state, particularly among children and teens. Therefore, the League believes the state government should adopt common-sense gun laws that will save lives and reduce injuries, and

supports the following with an emphasis on public safety:

- Safe storage, including gun locks
- Annual licensing fees to be used for gun safety education
- Required permit to conceal carry
- Background checks to purchase
- Gun-free school zones
- Red flag laws known as extreme risk legislation
- Parental liability
- Regulation of assault weapons and high-capacity magazines.

Adopted 6/17/24; Reaffirmed 2025.

20. GOVERNMENT/CIVICS EDUCATION

STATEMENT OF POSITION

This position addresses the need for a comprehensive curriculum which teaches the skills needed for active and productive civic engagement, in age-appropriate ways, for grades K-12.

AMPLIFICATION

The study and practice of citizenship and government is vital to the continuation of American democracy. Producing informed citizens has been at the heart of the American education system since its founding. The effective citizen of the 21st century must be able to analyze, compute, create, act, participate, and communicate in an informed manner about the social, political, and economic issues of the day.

The study of civics is the study of government and the rights and responsibilities of citizens. In its broadest sense, civics is the lifelong process that makes people into active, responsible, and knowledgeable members of their communities. Such training does not start at the beginning of the junior year nor is it only concentrated in one course throughout all the years of learning. We vote, whether it is for president, or the class member who will lead the line to the lunchroom. We debate at the dinner table and in public forums. We participate on city councils and student councils. All of us are practitioners and teachers of civics for the good of the whole.

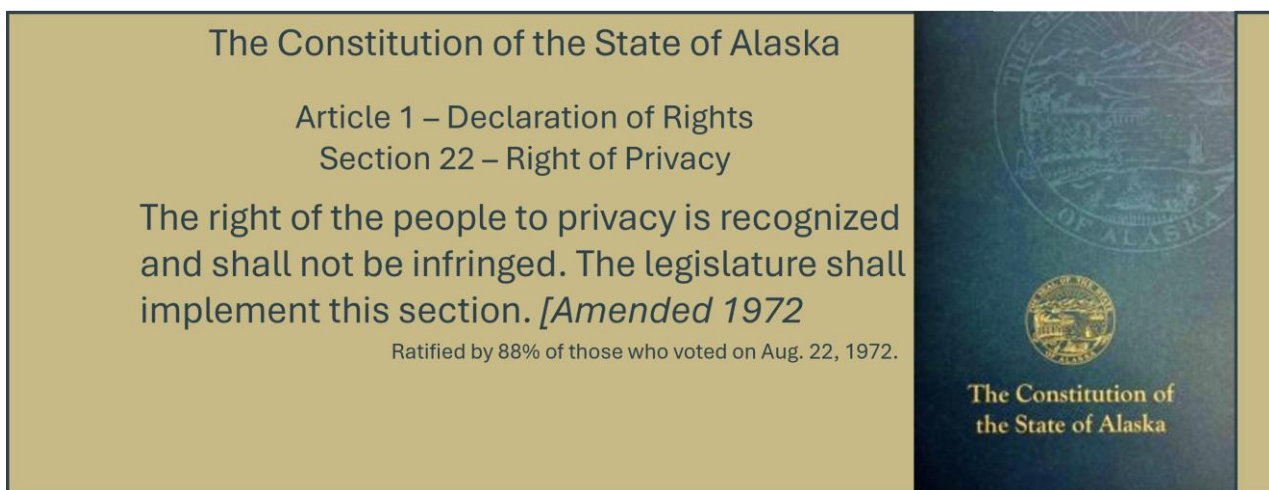
Good citizens cannot be lectured into being; they can only emerge through study and practice. Therefore, beginning in grade K, teachers must provide classrooms that model democratic practices and procedures while the community invites student activism and involvement. The study of government and citizenship is vital in a society as diverse as Alaska's. It teaches students that differences can be contained and discussed within the

decision-making frameworks established by tribal, local, state, and national governments. The Alaska State Content Standards for Government and Citizenship ask educators to explore with their students how these systems operate and to examine ways informed citizens can participate. A required civics/government course should include the seven goals of the Alaska State Content Standards for Government and Citizenship, which can be found here: <https://education.alaska.gov/akstandards/Government-and-Citizenship.pdf> Additionally, students should practice media literacy and gain an understanding of the intersection of media and civic life.

Course evaluation for the purpose of successful course completion should include a variety of measures that are determined by the social studies instructors. These measures reflect the various activities and topics addressed in the classroom and would give all students a chance to demonstrate their learning and provide for a successful experience. Measurements should reflect the student's understanding of citizen responsibility in a democracy. State funding should be made available for schools for the purpose of either establishing a civics program if none is currently in place or to support those schools who have ongoing civics education programs

A curriculum focused on civics education should culminate in either grade 11 or 12 to allow smaller school scheduling flexibility with, at minimum, a stand-alone course of one semester, earning the student ½ credit in government/civics. Successful completion of this course should be required for high school graduation.

Adopted 6/17/24; Reaffirmed 2025.



On April 22, 2026, the ACLU of Alaska filed a lawsuit challenging the Alaska Division of Elections unconstitutional actions when it shared Alaska's unredacted Voter Registration List with the U.S. Department of Justice. The LWV of Alaska is one of the plaintiffs in the case.

LWV OF THE UNITED STATES - BRIEF SUMMARY OF PUBLIC POLICY POSITIONS

REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT

Promote an open governmental system that is representative, accountable, and responsive.

Voting Rights

Citizen's Right to Vote. Protect the right of all citizens to vote: encourage all citizens to vote.

DC Self-Government and Full Voting Representation. Secure for the citizens of the District of Columbia the rights of self-government and full voting representation in both houses of Congress.

Election Process

Apportionment. Support apportionment of congressional districts and elected legislative bodies at all levels of government based substantially on population.

Redistricting. Support redistricting processes and enforceable standards that promote fair and effective representation at all levels of government with maximum opportunity for public participation.

Money in Politics (formerly Campaign Finance). Support campaign finance/MIP regulations that enhance political equality for all citizens, ensure transparency, protect representative democracy from distortion by undisclosed contributions and big money, and combat corruption and undue influence in government. Support campaign spending that is restricted but not banned. Support public financing, full disclosure, abolishing super PACs, and creating an effective enforcement agency.

Selection of the President. Promote the election of the President and Vice-President by direct popular vote. Support uniform national voting qualifications and procedures for presidential elections. Support efforts to provide voters with sufficient information about candidates.

Voter Representation/Electoral System. Support electoral systems at each level of government that encourage participation, are verifiable and auditable, and enhance representation for all voters.

Citizen's Rights

Citizen's Right to Know / Public Participation. Protect the citizen's right to know and facilitate informed understanding and public participation in government decision-making.

Individual Liberties. Oppose major threats to basic constitutional rights.

Public Policy on Reproductive Choices. Protect the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices.

Evaluating Constitutional Amendment Proposals and Constitutional Conventions



Amendment Proposals. Consider whether a proposal addresses matters of abiding importance, makes our political system more democratic, protects individual rights, could be achieved by a constitutional amendment or legislative proposal, and is consistent with other League positions.

Constitutional Conventions. Hold constitutional conventions only when certain conditions are in place, including limited to a specific topic, full transparency, delegates selected by population, and voting by delegates not by states.

Congress and the Presidency

Congress. Support responsive legislative processes characterized by accountability, representativeness, decision-making capability, effective performance and transparency.

The Presidency. Promote a dynamic balance of power between the executive and legislative branches within the framework set by the Constitution.

Privatization

Ensure transparency, accountability, positive community impact, and preservation of the common good when considering the transfer of government services, assets, and/or functions to the private sector.

Digital Equity

High-speed affordable internet access is an essential service that should be readily available to all US residents and businesses.

Decline of Local News and Its Impact on Democracy

Support credible and ethical journalism as essential to our democracy

Federal Judiciary

Within the bounds of the US Constitution, the overarching principles of transparency, accountability, independence, and ethics are essential to an effective federal judiciary. These principles are not only essential for a strong democracy but foster public trust in the federal judiciary and adherence to the rule of law, the essence of our constitutional democracy.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Promote peace in an interdependent world by working cooperatively with other nations and strengthening international organizations.

United Nations

Support a strong, effective United Nations to promote international peace and security and to address the social, economic, and humanitarian needs of all people.

Trade

Support US trade policies that reduce trade barriers; expand international trade; and advance the achievement of humanitarian, environmental, and social goals.

Developing Countries

Promote US policies that meet long-term social and economic needs of developing countries.

Arms Control

Reduce the risk of war through support of arms control measures.

Military Policy and Defense Spending

Work to limit reliance on military force. Examine defense spending in the context of total national needs.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Promote an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest

Resource Management

Promote the management of natural resources as interrelated parts of life-supporting ecosystems. Promote resource conservation, stewardship, and long-range planning, with the responsibility for managing natural resources shared by all levels of government. Preserve the physical, chemical, and biological integrity of the ecosystem with maximum protection of public health and the environment.

Environmental Protection and Pollution Control

The League supports the preservation of the physical, chemical, and biological integrity of the ecosystem and maximum protection of public health and the environment.

Air Quality. Promote measures to reduce pollution from mobile and stationary sources.

Energy. Support environmentally sound policies that reduce energy growth rates, emphasize energy conservation, and encourage the use of renewable resources.

Land Use. Promote policies that manage land as a finite resource and that incorporate principles of stewardship.

Water. Support measures to reduce pollution in order to protect surface water, groundwater, and drinking water and set up a process to evaluate inter-basin water transfers.

Waste Management. Promote policies to reduce the generation of solid and hazardous wastes and promote their reuse and recycling.

Nuclear. Promote the maximum protection of public health and safety and the environment.

Transfer of Federal Public Lands

Promote policies that keep federal public lands under the jurisdiction of the federal government.

Climate Change

Support climate goals and policies that are consistent with the best available climate science and that will ensure a stable climate system for future generations.

Public Participation

Promote public understanding and participation in decision making as essential elements of responsible and responsive management of our natural resources.

Federal Agriculture Policies

Support environmentally sound farm practices, and increased reliance on the free market while promoting adequate supplies of food at reasonable prices and regulations to all animal and aquaculture production. Enforce federal antitrust laws to ensure competitive agricultural markets, provide financial support to subsidize agriculture in specific instances. Support the federal government's funding of basic agricultural research to ensure adequate safety of our food supply.

SOCIAL POLICY

Secure equal rights and equal opportunity for all. Promote social and economic justice and the health and safety of all Americans.

Criminal Justice

Support a criminal justice system that is just, effective, equitable, transparent, and that fosters public trust at all stages, including policing practices, pre-trial procedures, sentencing, incarceration, and re-entry.

Equality of Opportunity

Equal Rights. Support ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and efforts to bring laws into compliance with the goals of the ERA. Support equal rights for all under state and federal law regardless of race, color, gender, religion, national origin, age, sexual orientation, or disability.

Education, Employment, and Housing. Support equal access to education, employment, and housing.

Federal Role in Public Education. Support federal policies that provide an equitable, quality public education for all children from pre-K through grade 12.

Fiscal Policy

Federal Deficit. Promote responsible deficit policies.

Funding of Entitlements. Support a federal role in providing mandatory, universal, old-age, survivors, disability, and health insurance.

Tax Policy. Support adequate and flexible funding of federal government programs. Through an equitable tax system that is progressive overall and that relies primarily on a broad-based income tax.

Health Care

Promote a health care system for the United States that provides affordable access to a basic level of quality care for all US residents, including behavioral health that is integrated with and achieves parity with the physical health care system.

Immigration

Promote reunification of immediate families; meet the economic, business, and employment needs of the United State; be responsive to those facing political persecution or humanitarian crises; and provide for student visas. Ensure fair treatment under the law for all person. In transition to a reformed system, support provisions for individuals already living in the country without legal permission to earn legal status.

Meeting Basic Human Needs

Support programs and policies to prevent or reduce poverty and to promote self-sufficiency for individuals and families.

Income Assistance. Support income assistance programs, based on need, that provide decent, adequate standards for food, clothing, and shelter.

Support Services. Provide essential support services.

Housing. Support policies to provide a decent home and a suitable living environment for every American family.

Child Care

Support programs and policies to expand the supply of affordable, quality child care for all who need it.

Early Intervention for Children at Risk

Support policies and programs that promote the well-being, development, and safety of all children.

Violence Prevention

Support violence prevention programs in communities.

Gun Policy

Protect the health and safety of citizens through limiting the accessibility and regulating the ownership of handguns and semi-automatic weapons. Support regulation of firearms for consumer safety.

Urban Policy

Promote the economic health of cities and improve the quality of urban life.

Death Penalty

Support abolition of the death penalty.

Sentencing Policy

Support the exploration and utilization of alternatives to imprisonment, taking into consideration the circumstances and nature of the crime. Oppose mandatory minimum sentences for drug offenses.

Human Trafficking

Oppose all forms of domestic and international human trafficking of adults and children, including sex trafficking and labor trafficking.

Whatever the issue, the League believes that efficient and economical government requires competent personnel, the clear assignment of responsibilities, adequate financing, coordination among levels of government, effective enforcement, and well-defined channels for citizen input and review.

