



the Bear Facts

League of Women Voters
White Bear Lake Area



March Units **Discussion about** **The People’s House** **A novel by David Pepper**

It doesn’t take long to discover why the Wall Street Journal crowned “The People’s House” the “sleeper for political thriller of the year” or why a former Governor said she almost missed her connecting flight because she couldn’t put it down.

Hopefully, you have also found the reading of this book “difficult to put down” and you are ready for a lively discussion of this novel with its very plausible plot.

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March 8 - St. Croix Valley Unit, 10:15 a.m., - Stillwater Public Library, 224 3rd St N, Stillwater

March 11 - Mahtomedi Unit: 7:00 PM, - WBL UUC Church, 328 Maple Street, Mahtomedi

March 13 - North Oaks Unit, 12:30 PM - Incarnation Lutheran Church, 4880 Hodgson Rd., North Oaks

March 14 - White Bear Unit, 7 p.m. - WBL City Hall, 4701 Hwy 61, 2nd floor, White Bear Lake

Author David Pepper has used a work of fiction to put his finger on a lot of what is broken in our democratic process. We'll be spending our March Unit meetings discussing his take on our election system, and learning how much fact there is in the fiction. Come and be a part of the discussion! We will be following this basic outline:

1. Introduce the book - The People's House, by David Pepper, 2016
 - Why did LWV WBLA members read this book? How does it tie in to our theme for 2018-19 on Fair Representation?
 - Timeliness of the subject
 - Information about the author
 - [Wikipedia article](#) about David Pepper
 - Why did the author write the book?
 1. [Interview](#) with DP in New York Times Magazine
 - Author's background and knowledge of politics
 1. Author's own experience of politics - from [article](#) in [Cleveland.com](#)
 - What are members' impressions of the book?
 - [Review](#) of the book in [Kirkus Review](#)
 - [Review](#) of the book in [Self-Publishing Review](#)
 - What are some of the themes of the book?
2. Vulnerabilities of America's voting system
 - What are some examples of voting vulnerabilities that the author highlights in the book?
 - Voting machines
 1. What are the different kinds?
 - [4 types of voting equipment](#)
 2. How are they vulnerable?
 3. How reliable are they?
 - [Voting standards, testing, and certification](#)
 4. Who decides what machines to buy [in Minnesota](#)?
 - Influence of Dark Money
 1. What are the weaknesses and vulnerabilities in our campaign finance system?
 2. How much was spent during the 2018 midterm election?
 - Gerrymandering
 1. How did gerrymandering play a role in [The People's House](#)?
 2. How do gerrymandered districts make our election system vulnerable?
 - New laws and bills in the Minnesota Legislature that affect voting. How can LWV help?
 1. Restore the Vote for felons
 - [HF0981](#)
 - [SF1720](#)
 2. Automatic Voter Registration
 - [HF1328](#)
 - [SF0124](#)
 3. Receiving more funding from Help America Vote Act (HAVA)
 - [HF0014](#)
 - [SF0093](#)

WRAP-UP: GENERAL MEETING: FEBRUARY 21, 2019
WHITE BEAR LAKE CITY HALL

4. Presidential Primary Law

Mirella Ceja-Orozco, an attorney with the Immigrant Law Center, explained what immigrants experience in Minnesota, what services her center provides, and what impact certain features of the 2020 Census will have on immigrant participation.



In her lively and interesting presentation and in response to questions from many members, Ms. Ceja-Orozco addressed myriad topics related to Minnesota immigrants and the 2020 Census, including: detention centers for holding refugees and asylum seekers; Minnesota immigrants' fear of ICE and how they cope with that fear; what Minnesotans and League members can do to help address or countermand harmful immigration policies and practices, understanding those policies and practices largely result from federal law and regulation; how recently imposed quotas on visas impact Minnesota residents and the state economy; how the recent government shutdown affected the processing of immigrant cases and the effect that will have on the 2020 Census population count; the possible consequences for Minnesota and its population if the citizenship question remains on the 2020 Census; what the largest immigrant populations are in Minnesota, where in the state immigrant populations settle, and what future

changes Minnesota can anticipate as a result of its immigrant populations; and, finally, what the LWVWBLA can do to help ensure the accuracy of the 2020 Census population count.

Ms. Ceja-Orozco said she would let LWVWBLA members know in the next few months how we might help ensure an accurate population count for the 2020 Census. Fair representation and federal funds depend on an accurate population count and there is no remedy for a population undercount.

For those members who were unable to attend the February forum, a recording of the program is available on the LWVWBLA Facebook page.

LWV Minnesota and the LWVWBLA support civics education legislation, HF 249/SF 294

On Monday, February 18, LWVWBLA members attended the Senate E-12 hearing and testified in support of Senate File 294. Representative Dean Urdahl and Senator Carla Nelson, Senate E-12 Finance and Policy Committee Chair, introduced bipartisan civics education legislation this biennium to ensure students are adequately prepared to fully participate in the political process. Representative Urdahl introduced similar legislation last biennium that was included in the 900-plus-page omnibus supplemental budget bill vetoed by Governor Dayton. The 2019 legislation contains recommendations from:

- the 2017/2018 LWVWBLA civics education study to offer a credit-bearing 11th or 12th grade civics course and to annually report in the school performance report the percent of graduating high school seniors who answered 30 questions correctly on the state civics test
- Jessica Ellison, a member of the WBL school board and the LWVWBLA, to integrate “civic life” premised on experiential learning into Minnesota’s World’s Best Work Force law.

Members from both parties, including Representatives Runbeck, Lillie and Dettmer and Senator Wiger from our WBL area, have signed onto the bills as co-authors. Besides Rep. Urdahl, Shelly Chtistianson and Ami Wazlawik from our area are on the Education Policy Committee.

On Tuesday, February 26, Representative Urdahl and Senator Nelson held a joint 1:30 press conference in the Capitol Press Room to discuss their civics education bill. They were joined by Secretary of State Simon, retired Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Paul Anderson, and former Hamline Law School Dean Steve Young, among other supporters.

The House Education Policy Committee chaired by Cheryl Youakim, a Hopkins teacher, met at 2:30 that same day to hear Representative Urdahl's bill, HF 249, which was the fifth of five bills on the committee agenda. Representative Urdahl’s staff brought two bright pink Dunkin’ Donuts boxes full of sugary treats for committee members to share while hearing the civics bill. Sugar in the “home stretch” of a long afternoon is usually a good bet.

The committee adopted the H0249A3 amendment to clarify bill language on experiential learning required as part of civic life activities under the World’s Best Workforce and to make a technical correction. The same individuals who appeared before the Senate E-12 committee in support of the bill appeared before this committee. The chair of the Litchfield school board also testified in support of the bill. Both the House and Senate laid the bills over “for possible inclusion in the omnibus education bill.”

Monitoring a stand-alone bill that is laid over and may become part of an omnibus bill is hard, and more so for citizen advocates.”

Links to the legislation follow on next page.

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/bill.php?f=HF249&b=house&y=2019&ssn=0> for House File 249
<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/bill.php?f=SF294&y=2019&ssn=0&b=senate> for Senate File 294

We will report progress on the bills on our LWV WBLA Facebook page.

HF 249/SF 294 E-12 SENATE COMMITTEE HEARING

Testifiers at the Senate E-12 hearing on the civics bill, SF 294. From right to left you see Jennifer Bloom who is the executive director of the Learning Law and Democracy Foundation, Senator Carla Nelson who is the chair of the Senate E-12 committee, Jessica Ellison who is a WBL School Board and LWVWBLA member, Lisa Larson who is a LWVWBLA member, and retired MN Supreme Court Justice Paul Anderson. In the background is Steve Young, the former Dean of Hamline Law School. Photo by *Mary Santi*



MORE LWVMN NEWS from Liz:

Day at the Capitol March 6th

Did you join the LWV because you wanted to “do something” about our democracy? You can join other local League members on March 6th for the LWV Day at the Capitol in St. Paul to learn about LWV Minnesota's legislative priorities and how LWV Minnesota staff and Lobby Corps volunteers advocate for these priorities at the state capitol. Meet with lawmakers to do some advocating yourself! Go to LWVMN.org to find out more, and to register.



2019 LWV Minnesota State Convention. Not just any Convention, but the Centennial Convention!

Did you know that the League of Women Voters Minnesota began *before* women gained the right to vote in the U.S. by the ratification of the 19th Amendment? This year, LWV Minnesota is celebrating its 100th year as an organization. To kick it off, there will be a reception at the Landmark Center on Friday, April 25th, as the traveling exhibit of LWV Minnesota history is unveiled. The exhibit will remain in St. Paul through May, and then travel around the state, popping up in community libraries and historical societies (if you're interested in bringing the exhibit to the White Bear Lake area, contact lizlauder@gmail.com).

The Convention itself begins Saturday morning, April 26th, at the St. Paul Hotel. Over the weekend, attendees can expect to hear fabulous speakers (like Virginia Kase, the CEO of LWVUS), go to useful workshops and trainings, and enjoy awards presentations. If you're a delegate (the WBLA LWV is allowed 6 voting delegates), you have the power to represent all of us by voting on the next LWV Minnesota President and other board officers, approving the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget, and making changes to the LWV Minnesota bylaws and Program for Action. This is a Convention you won't want to miss! Contact lizlauder@gmail.com if you would like to be a delegate. Registration begins on March 1st on the [LWVMN website](http://LWVMN.org).

We need some help putting together a slideshow about our local League's accomplishments for the past two years. If you'd like to help put together a brief PowerPoint slideshow, contact lizlauder@gmail.com.



Coming Soon

May Units - Local Police Role in Cases of Domestic Abuse

A committee has been working diligently over the last few months preparing to report at the May Unit Meetings on the role of local police in cases of domestic violence. This preview aims to give you a sample of what you will learn in May.

Domestic abuse is defined in Minnesota law as the willful intimidation (threats or emotional abuse), physical assault, battery, sexual assault and/or other abusive behavior to gain power and control over an intimate partner. Frequency and severity vary widely.

How prevalent is domestic abuse in our communities?

- According to the Partnership Against Domestic Violence, every 9 seconds another women in the U.S. is beaten.
- 1 of every 4 women and 1 in 7 men have been victims.
- Eighty percent of cases are not reported.
- In White Bear Lake police respond to 4-5 domestic violence calls per week; a quarter of those are repeat calls.

Those are just a sample of the facts we found. What is the extent of the problem locally? How do our local police respond? What training do police get in responding to domestic abuse? What programs have been tried to address the problem?

We look forward to presenting our findings at the May Unit Meetings. Plan to attend and bring a friend. Would you like to assist in the final months of the study and reporting? We generally meet on a Saturday morning. Contact Mary Santi, santi004@umn.edu and we will notify you of the next meeting.

Welcome to new member Mary Jo Brueggeman.....

Mary Jo Brueggeman is originally from St. Cloud, and has spent the majority of her life in MN. She has had a long career in nursing and has lived in three different states, where she held a variety of nursing jobs. She obtained her first 2 year nursing degree at St. Mary's Hospital in MN, then moved to Bozeman, Montana where she studied for another 2 years, graduating with a B.S. degree in Nursing. She returned to MN where she worked for a couple of years at Fairview Hospital. She then moved to Milwaukee, WI where she worked at a Psychiatric Hospital for 8 years. While in WI, she completed a Master's degree in Health Care Administrative Management. She then came back to MN, first working for 3 years at Allina as MN Director of Behavioral Health, helping the mentally ill and those who were chemically dependent. Her last job was working at Fairview Hospital in Wyoming, MN as Chief Nursing Officer and Vice President of Patient Care. She has had an impressive career and is now retired.

Mary Jo has one son, Sam who works as a photographer and lives in Duluth. Her daughter-in-law, Camille is also a nurse and works as a RN at St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth.

Mary Jo has many outside interests. She enjoys playing bridge and loves to paint in water colors. She also likes to crochet and cook, and enjoys entertaining at her home with family and friends. She loves to travel and recently has taken trips to Paris and Russia. Her next upcoming trip will be a cruise to Cuba in Feb.

Mary Jo joined LWV this fall because she hopes that as an active LWV member, she will understand better the current political climate in the U.S. as well as MN local and state politics.

A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER:

WBLA LWV dues are due by April 1 (per our Bylaws). Dues are \$60 individual, \$75 household. Please make your check out to WBLA LWV and send to:

**Liz Nordling, Treasurer
7477 115th St N
White Bear Lake, MN 55110**



The LWV WBLA is looking for a few good women –or men--to serve as officers for the next year or two. Both Secretary and Treasurer positions are up for nominations. These are two- year positions. Kathy Gaylord (Secretary) and Liz Nordling (Treasurer) have served ably, but want to pass the baton to other members. Kathy and Liz will be available to help with transition and answer any questions.

Secretary and Treasurer serve on the LWV WBLA Board which meets most months. The Secretary takes minutes at Board meetings and prepares the notice of the annual meeting. The Treasurer collects dues, reimburses members for League expenses and prepares the Treasurer’s Report for each Board meeting. The Treasurer is responsible also for paying the pmp to state, national and CMAL, so needs to keep an up-to-date membership list. Liz assures us that this can be done without knowing spreadsheets.

Please contact Margaret Westin (marg.westin@gmail.com, 651.485.1998), Carol Bergeson (cjbergeson@comcast.net, 651.484.1636) or Mary Ann Linser of the nominating Committee if you are interested in serving as Secretary or Treasurer. In addition, please also let a member of the Nominating Committee know if you are interested in serving in any other capacity. A co-chair for a unit leader or director can help with planning and allow a break for a planned or unplanned conflict.

Thank you for your consideration.

LWV WBLA Nominating Committee



Don’t forget to check out our Facebook page. We are currently posting replays from events that have already taken place. Check out our page, "like" it “share” it, “follow” it and post your comments on it.

LWV White Bear Lake Area also has a Website. You will find that at www.lwv-wbla.org. There you will find an events calendar, back issues of the Bear Facts, board information and an invitation and instructions on how to join. Our website is still under construction, so check back periodically for new information.

www.lwv-wbla.org



LWVWBLA Annual Meeting

Thursday, April 18, 5:15 PM

White Bear Lake

Public Safety Training Facility

4701 Highway 61 (enter on 3rd St.)

\$ per person TBD

Menu: Soups, salads, desserts

**Watch for an invitation in the April
Bear Facts**

Jennifer Bloom, executive director of the Learning and Democracy Foundation and Jennifer Ellison, a White Bear Lake school board and LWVWBLA member and teacher educator, have agreed to speak about civics education at our annual meeting.



Editors note: Thinking ahead and hoping spring will really be in the air by our annual meeting.

WBLA LWV Bylaws

At last year's Annual Meeting we discovered that we had no provision in our bylaws that would allow our Presided to run for a second term. That necessitated a review of the Bylaws! Attached are the Bylaws with the proposed changes that we will be voting on at our April 18 Annual Meeting. All deletions are ~~strike-out~~ and all additions are in red. Besides a few clarifications, the main change is to eliminate the position of President Elect. Please review these proposed changes before the Annual Meeting and direct any questions that you may have to me, Liz Nordling , Bylaws Committee Chair (liz.nordling@gmail.com 651 343-4124) before then, so that the business that we must conduct at the Annual Meeting can be done in a timely manner.

BYLAWS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS WHITE BEAR LAKE AREA, LLC

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization shall be League of Women Voters White Bear Lake Area, LLC, hereinafter referred to in these bylaws as LWVWBLA or the Local League. This Local League is a wholly-owned subsidiary of League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund, a Minnesota nonprofit corporation described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, d/b/a League of Women Voters Minnesota.

ARTICLE II PURPOSES AND POLICY

Section 2.1 Purposes. The purposes of League of Women Voters White Bear Lake Area, LLC are to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

Section 2.2 Political Policy. The Local League shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.

ARTICLE III LOCAL MEMBERS

Section 3.1 Local Membership. Local Members ~~shall not be deemed to be "Members" within the meaning of the Minnesota Limited Liability Company Act,~~ but shall have all of the rights and privileges set forth in these Bylaws.

Section 3.2 Eligibility. Any person who subscribes to the purposes and policy of the Local League shall be eligible for membership.

Section 3.3 Types of Membership.

A. Voting Members. ~~Citizens~~ **Persons** at least ~~18~~ **16** years of age who join the Local League with the payment of dues shall be voting members of the Local League, state League and of the LWVUS;

- i. ~~Individuals~~ **Persons** who live within an area of a local League may join that Local League or any other local League;
- ii. Those who have been members of the Local League for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues.

B. Associate Members. All others who join the Local League with the payment of dues shall be associate members.

Section 3.4 Rights of Members. Voting Members shall have the right to attend, participate in and vote at all meetings of the Local Members. Voting Members are also eligible to serve on the board of this Local League, as officers of this Local League and as delegates to the Convention, Council, **Inter-League Organization**, and similar meetings of League of Women Voters Minnesota and of League of Women Voters of the United States.

Section 3.5 Term of Membership. The term of membership shall be established by the Members at the annual meeting.

Section 3.6 Membership Dues. The amount of annual membership dues shall be established by the Members at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE IV MEETINGS OF LOCAL MEMBERS

Section 4.1. Membership Meetings. There shall be at least two general meetings of **all of** the members each year.

Section 4.2. Annual Meetings. An annual meeting shall be held each year between April 1 and May 31, the exact date to be determined by the board of directors. Notice of the annual meeting shall be sent to members 14 days prior to the meeting. The annual meeting shall:

- a. adopt a local program for the ensuing year. All resolutions must follow the same procedure for adoption as does program, as outlined in Article VII.
- b. elect officers, directors, chairperson and two members of the nominating committee,
- c. adopt an adequate budget, and set the current yearly dues,
- d. receive the treasurer's and auditor's reports, and transact such other business as may properly come before it.

Section 4.3 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Members may be called for any purpose or purposes at any time by: the President, the board, or ten percent (10%) of the Members. Special meetings shall be held on the date and at the time and at a place convenient to the members of the Local League, fixed by the president or the board.

Section 4.4 Notice. Notice of all meetings of Members shall be sent to every Member. The notice shall contain the date, time and place of the meeting and, for the annual meeting, be sent at least 14 days before the date of the meeting. In the case of a special meeting, the notice shall contain a statement of the purposes of the meeting.

Section 4.5 Quorum. The presence of 25 percent of the Members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Members. If a quorum is present when a duly called or held meeting is convened, the Members present may continue to transact business until adjournment even though the withdrawal of a number of Members originally present leaves less than the proportion or number otherwise required for a quorum.

Section 4.6 Manner of Acting. The Members shall take action by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Members present. Proxy voting is not allowed.

ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 5.1 General Powers. The affairs of this Local League shall be governed by or under the direction of its board.

Section 5.2. Number, Manner of Selection, and Term of Office. The board of directors shall consist of the officers of the Local League, at least two and not more than four elected directors and not more than four appointed directors. Either one or two elected 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 a successor has been elected and qualified. The elected members shall appoint such additional directors, not exceeding four, as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the Local League. The terms of the appointed directors shall be one year and shall expire at the conclusion of the next annual meeting. Two members may be elected to share a board position including that of president provided the total board does not exceed 13 voting positions. If members on the board exceed 13, voting for each position must be determined by those sharing the position. Two positions may be held by one individual elected to the dual-position office, except that the offices of president or co-president, and treasurer shall be held by two different individuals.

Section 5.3. Qualifications. No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an officer or director of this organization unless she/he is a voting member of the LWVWBLA.

Section 5.4 Resignation and Removal. A member of the board may resign at any time, effective immediately or at a later date specified in the resignation, by giving notice to the president. A member of the Board may be removed at any time, with or without cause, by **a majority vote of all board** members.

Section 5.5. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring on the board of directors may be filled, until the next annual meeting, by a majority vote of the remaining members of the board of directors. ~~In the event the president-elect is appointed by the board, a president shall be elected at the next annual meeting.~~

Section 5.6 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 the same, subject to the instructions of the general membership. It shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the programs as adopted by the LWVUS, LWVMN, Inter-League-Organization and the LWVWBLA. The board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.

Section 5.7 Compensation. No person shall receive compensation for serving on the board, but nothing in these Bylaws shall be construed to preclude any person from serving this Local League in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefore. In addition, any Member may be reimbursed for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Member in rendering services to this Local League, as the board from time to time determines such services to be directly in furtherance of the purposes and in the best interest of this Local League.

Section 5.8 Committees of the Board. The board may establish committees of the board and determine the number and the identity of persons to serve on such committees. Unless otherwise determined by the board, all committees shall make recommendations to the board and shall not have the authority to act on behalf of the board.

Section 5.9. Quorum. A majority of the members of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum, and a majority of the members in attendance at any board meeting shall, in the presence of a quorum, decide its action.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

Section 6.1. Meetings. There shall be at least three 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 four members of the board.

Section 6.2 Other Meetings. Other meetings of the board may be called at any time, for any purpose, by the president or any three members of the board. Notice of every such meeting of the board shall be sent to each member of the board at least five (5) days before the day on which the meeting is to be held, and no later than twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting is to be held.

Section 6.3. Quorum. A majority of the members of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum, and a majority of the members in attendance at any board meeting shall, in the presence of a quorum, decide its action.

Section 6.4 Voting. Only members of the board who are present at a meeting may vote. There shall be no voting by mail or proxy. Each member of the board shall be entitled to only one vote on any matter brought before any meeting of the board. Unless otherwise required by law or by the Articles of Organization, the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the board at a duly held meeting of the board shall govern in every matter voted upon and shall constitute a duly authorized action of the board.

Section 6.5 Presence at Meetings. A member of the board or of any committee, as applicable, may participate in a meeting of the board or any committee by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment by which all persons participating in the meeting can simultaneously hear each other. Participation in a meeting by such means constitutes presence at the meeting for purposes of calculating a quorum.

Section 6.6 Meetings Without Notice. Any member of the board may, in writing or orally, either before, at, or after any meeting of the board, waive notice thereof and, without notice, any member of the board by attendance at such meeting and participation therein shall be deemed to have waived notice of the action or actions taken at any meeting of the board.

Section 6.7 Action Without a Meeting. Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the board may be taken by written action signed, or consented to by authenticated electronic communication, by the number of members of the board that would be required to take the same action at a meeting of the

board at which all members of the board were present. If written action is taken by fewer than all members of the board, the remaining members shall be notified promptly of that action.

ARTICLE VII OFFICERS

Section 7.1. Enumeration and Election of Officers. The officers of the LWVWBLA shall be a president, ~~a president-elect~~ – or two co-presidents – a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer who shall be elected by the general membership at an annual meeting and take office immediately.

~~i. The president-elect shall be elected annually for a two-year term. The first year is to be served as president-elect, the second year to be served as president.~~

i. The President and vice president shall be elected to a term of two years in even-numbered years.

~~b. The co-presidents, if this be the option, shall be elected for a one-year term.~~

~~e.~~ **b. The secretary and treasurer shall be elected to a term of two years in odd-numbered years.**

~~d. The vice-president and treasurer shall be elected to terms of two years in even-numbered years.~~

Section 7.2. The President

a. The president shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the board of directors unless the president shall designate another person to preside.

~~b. A president may, in the absence or disability of the treasurer, sign or endorse checks, drafts and notes. (changed to the secretary – see below)~~

c. The president shall 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 of directors.

d. The president shall work closely with the **vice president** ~~president-elect~~ to provide an effective planning and management team to facilitate the activities of the LWVWBLA and its board of directors.

e. When the position of president is shared by two co-presidents, presidential authority and duties shall be shared or shall be divided between the co-presidents through their mutual agreement. The board shall be kept informed of these agreements.

f. The President shall have the authority to sign and endorse checks.

Section 7.3. The Vice President ~~President Elect~~

a. The **vice president/** ~~president-elect~~ shall work closely with the president to provide an effective planning and management team to guide the LWVWBLA and shall perform such other duties as may be designated by the president or board of directors.

~~b. Upon completion of one-year in office, the president-elect shall assume the office of president.~~

e. The **vice president/president-elect** shall, in the event of absence, disability, resignation or death of the president, **or both co-presidents**, possess all the powers and perform all the duties of that office.

~~Section 7.4. The Vice-President. The vice-president shall, in the event of absence, disability, resignation or death of both the president and the president-elect, or both co-presidents, possess all the powers and perform all duties of the office of president. The vice-president shall perform such other duties as the president and board of directors may designate.~~

Section 7.5 4. The Secretary.

a. The secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Local League and of all meetings of the board of directors, **the Annual Meeting** and give notice of the annual meeting and other meetings as requested by the president.

b. The secretary shall sign, with the president, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the board of directors and shall perform such other functions as may be incident to the office or assigned by the president.

c. **The secretary shall have the authority to sign and endorse checks.**

Section 7.6 5. The Treasurer. The treasurer, or a duly appointed representative, shall collect and receive all moneys due. The treasurer shall be the custodian of these funds, shall deposit them in a bank or other financial institution designated by the board of directors at the beginning of each fiscal year, and shall disburse the same funds only according to the adopted budget or upon order of the board. The treasurer shall present statements to the board of directors at their regular meetings, and an annual report to the annual meeting. The books of the treasurer shall be audited annually and the report made available to the membership.

Section 7.7 Bond. The board shall, from time to time, determine which, if any, of the officers, agents or employees of this Local League shall be bonded and the amount of each bond.

ARTICLE VIII NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 8.1. Nominating Committee. The nominating committee shall consist of at least three members, the chair and two members. The chairperson and two members, who shall not be members of the board, shall be elected at the annual meeting. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current nominating committee. Two other members shall **may** be appointed by the board of directors following the annual meeting. Only one member of the nominating committee may be a member of the board of directors. 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 member. The nominating committee chair shall keep current and pertinent historical records of nominating committees' actions to pass on to successor chairs.

Section 8.2. Report of the 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 14 days before the date of the annual meeting. The report of the nominating committee shall be presented at the annual meeting. Immediately following the presentation of the report, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member provided the

consent of the nominee shall have been secured.

Section 8.3. Elections. The election shall be by ballot, provided that when there is but one nominee for each office, it shall be in order to move that the secretary be instructed to cast the ballot for every nominee. A majority of those qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

ARTICLE IX FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Section 9.1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the LWVWBLA shall commence on the first day of April of each year.

Section 9.2. Dues. Annual dues in an amount set at the annual meeting shall be payable April 1. New members joining between February 1 and March 31 shall pay at the same rate as continuing members, but shall be considered paid through March 31 of the following year. The board at its discretion may establish different rates for new members and/or special categories: e.g., Household, Sustaining, Student memberships.

Section 9.3. Per Member Payment. Each local League shall make a per member payment directly to the LWVUS, the amount of such payment to be determined by the LWVUS Convention. Each local League shall make a per member payment directly to the LWVMN, the amount of such payment to be determined by the LWVMN Convention or Council. An annual assessment based on membership numbers shall also be paid to an ILO in which the LWVWBLA is a member.

Section 9.4. Budget. A budget for the coming year shall be submitted by the board of directors to the annual meeting for adoption. The budget shall include support for the work of the Local League as a whole.

Section 9.5. 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 year. The budget shall include the proposed dues. The budget shall be sent to all members 14 days before the annual meeting. The treasurer shall be ex officio a member of the budget committee but shall not be eligible to serve as chairperson of the budget committee.

Section 9.6. Distribution of Funds on Dissolution. In event of a dissolution for any cause of the LWVWBLA, all moneys and securities which may at the time be owned by or under the absolute control of LWVWBLA shall be paid to the League of Women Voters of Minnesota after the board of directors has paid or made provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the LWVWBLA. All other property of whatsoever nature, whether real, personal, or mixed, which may at the time be owned by or under the control of the LWVWBLA shall be disposed of by any officer or member of the organization having possession of same to such person, organization, or corporation for such public, charitable or educational uses and purposes as may be designated by the then LWVWBLA. In the event of a merger with another league, LWVMN guidelines will govern.

ARTICLE X PROGRAM

Section 10.1. Authorization. The governmental principles adopted by the LWVUS Convention, and supported by the League of Women voters as a whole, constitute the authorization for the adoption of program.

Section 10.2. Program. The program of the LWVWBLA shall consist of:

- a. action to protect the right to vote of every citizen,
- b. action to implement the principles of the LWVUS,
- c. action on those local governmental issues (including ILO and County) chosen for concerted study and action, and
- d. action on those state and national issues which require implementation at the local level of government.

Section 10.3. Action by the Annual Meeting. The annual meeting shall act upon the program using the following procedures:

- a. The board of directors shall consider the recommendations received from the voting members two months prior to the annual meeting and shall formulate a proposed program.
 - 1) The proposed program shall be sent to all members 14 days before the annual meeting.
 - 2) A majority vote of the voting members present and voting at the annual meeting is required for adoption of subjects in the proposed program as presented to the annual meeting by the board of directors.
- b. Recommendations for program submitted by voting members two months prior to the annual meeting but not recommended by the board of directors may be considered by the annual meeting provided that:
 - 1) the annual meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote, and
 - 2) the annual meeting shall adopt the item by a two-thirds vote.
- c. Any change in the program due to altered conditions, may be made provided that information concerning the proposed changes be sent to all local members at least two weeks prior to a general membership meeting. At that meeting any such proposed change will be discussed and voted upon

Section 10.4. Member Action. Members may act in the name of the League of Women Voters only when authorized to do so by the board of directors.

ARTICLE XI

NATIONAL CONVENTION, STATE CONVENTION, COUNCIL AND ILO CONVENTIONS

Section 11.1. National Convention. The board of directors at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the national office shall select delegates to that convention in the number allotted the LWVWBLA under the provisions of the bylaws of the LWVUS.

Section 11. 2. State Convention and Council. The board of directors at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the state office shall select delegates to that convention or council in the number allotted the LWVWBLA under the provisions of the bylaws of the LWVMN.

Section 11.3. Inter-League Organizations Conventions. The board of directors at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates to the convention must be sent to the Inter-League Organization shall select delegates to that convention in the number allotted the LWVWBLA under the provisions of the Inter-League Organization.

ARTICLE XII PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 12.1. Parliamentary Authority. The rules contained in the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.

ARTICLE XIII AMENDMENTS

Section 13.1. Amendments. These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at the annual or special meeting, provided that written notice has been sent to each Voting Member at least 14 days in advance of the date of the meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be considered. The notice shall state the text of the proposed amendment or amendments. Any proposed amendment of these Bylaws also requires the approval of the board of League of Women Voters Minnesota.

Revised April 24, 2014 ; Amended August 21, 2014

Treasurer's Report

February 13, 2019

Elizabeth Nordling, Treasurer

	Current	YTD
Income:		
Dues	\$195.00	\$4207.50
Donations	\$11.00	\$ 380.00
Memorials	\$	\$
Meetings (socials)	\$	\$805.00
Service	\$	\$
In-kind donation	\$	\$
Voters Service	\$452.50	\$1142.00
Calendars	\$	\$376.00
NOHOA	\$300.00	\$300.00
Bank interest	\$0.18	\$0.59
Total:	\$958.68	\$7211.09

Expenses:		
Meetings (socials)	\$	\$352.22
LWVMN PMP	\$	\$1543.75
LWVUS PMP	\$	\$2144.00
Meeting site	\$	\$
Voters Service	\$	\$1324.00
Program (includes publicity)	\$176.54	\$322.77
Bear Facts copying/printing	\$	\$
Calendars	\$	\$277.31
Membership (communication, recruiting & recognition)	\$	\$667.80
Total:	\$176.54	\$6631.05

Opening balance from Dec 11, 2018: \$5360.24
Income + \$958.68
Expenses: - \$176.54

Current balance: **\$6142.38**

Ed fund CD: **\$5040.68**

2018-19 Paid Members: 65 @ \$60 14 @ \$75

Total: 96 (including our 3 lifetime members)