



March Meeting: The Media and Elections

All four units will have a combined meeting on March 9 at 7 pm at the White Bear Unitarian Universalist Church (328 Maple Street in Mahtomedi). We are excited to have as our guest presenter Dave Orrick, Government Reporter, Capital Bureau for the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*. He will discuss **The Media and Elections**.

Dave is a national award winning journalist who has been with the Pioneer Press for the past 14 years. During these years he has covered areas ranging from the outdoors to politics. He is a graduate of Northwestern University and prior to joining the Pioneer Press he worked for a variety of newspapers including *The Daily Herald* in Arlington Heights Ill and *The Post Tribune* in Merrillville, Indiana. The scope of his position includes coverage of politics in general, the governor and state legislature, as well as state agencies and the Minnesota state delegation. Dave also was part of an initiative to take the paper digital.

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Dave will address a number of questions including the relationship between government, press and community, the impact and definition of fake news, how to be a discerning consumer of political news as well as other related topics. Dave lives in St. Paul with his wife and son.

Come prepared for an informative evening as well as the opportunity to ask questions of an award winning local journalist.

Spend March 16th at the MN State Capitol!

This event is intended for current LWV Minnesota members, but members are welcome to bring guests.

9:30 AM -Check-in - Capitol Room 316, coffee and light refreshments will be served. Members encouraged to mingle and network.

10:00 AM-Legislative advocacy boot camp presentation by Nick Harper, Civic Engagement Director.

10:30 AM-Members attend hearings or meetings with individual legislators (consider promoting Civics Education during your meeting) or watch Senate Floor Session at 11:00 AM



11:30 AM-Check out - Please remove all personal belongings from Capitol Room 316 by this time. Our reservation ends at 12 PM and if we are not fully cleared out, we lose our privileges to use the room again next year.

12:00 PM and after:

Attend hearings or meetings with legislators (Consider promoting Civics Education)

Lunch with other members in the Capitol Complex

Free Tours of the Capitol by the Minnesota Historical Society at 1 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM and 4 PM

Watch House Floor Session at 3:30 PM

Watch Senate Committee Hearings through 4:30 PM

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We encourage members to schedule appointments with their legislators throughout the morning and afternoon. Go to the MN League's Events Calendar:

<https://www.lwvmn.org/league-calendar>

to register and to use their tool provided to look up your state Senator and Representative, and arrange a meeting time through their Legislative Assistants. If members cannot secure meeting times, the morning presentation will include tips for alternative steps.

Please register to ensure we have printed enough materials for you and can get an accurate estimate for refreshments. We will also email PDF copies to registered attendees so that they can see the materials ahead of time.

The Capitol Complex has several parking lots. For full parking information, visit <https://mn.gov/admin/citizen/buildings-grounds/parking/>

REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE END OF BUSINESS DAY THURSDAY, MARCH 12.

GEE, I'd love to . . . but I'm busy March 16th.
 Then, come to Rally Day on March 25th!

POWER UP!

Share your voice in the Capitol Rotunda on March 25, as we rally for **Census Day** and **People Powered Fair Maps** here in Minnesota!

1:30pm - Gather at the Rotunda and show your support for an accurate census count and fair redistricting maps.

2:00-3:00pm - Program and Civic Engagement Opportunities, featuring LWV Minnesota and many other civic engagement groups working together to create a more perfect democracy!

Be heard! Be counted! Be fairly represented!

Sign up at : <https://www.lwvmn.org/league-calendar>

to let organizers know you'll be attending (so they can have enough chairs and keep you updated about featured speakers!)

“A Mighty Political Experiment” Turns a Century Old

On February 14, 1920, Carrie Chapman Catt launched the League of Women Voters at the final meeting of the National American Woman Suffrage Association: “The spirit of this new crusade will travel from state to state, from city to city ... a nationwide campaign against the world’s oldest enemy, ignorance.” *The Minneapolis Tribune* called this meeting “the most important ever held by women in the United States.” In the words of the Minnesota League’s first president, Clara Ueland, this “mighty political experiment” would transform fledgling women voters into educated, fully engaged political actors.

The League of Women Voters began as a grassroots organization sponsoring voter education and registration campaigns and emphasizing consensual decision making. By 1924, Leagues covered over 80% of congressional districts, and Minnesota women were early and eager participants. Minnesota suffrage societies counted 30,000-plus women members in 1919, the year the state legislature enacted presidential suffrage and the Minnesota LWV was born. A year later, Minnesota ratified the Nineteenth Amendment, and 87 South St. Paul women became the first fully franchised female voters in the US by voting on a water bill.

Throughout its history, the LWV has met the changing needs of our democracy without losing focus on voting rights and political education. In Minnesota, early members worked to create a better life for families, sponsoring legislation to benefit mothers and children and expand opportunities for women in public life. Leagues opened citizenship schools for local women, an enterprise continued today through voter registration efforts and free public forums. Leagues also publish pamphlets containing information about community and government leaders and conduct studies on important problems such as money in elections, waste management, affordable housing, and immigration.



The LWV has been in the greater White Bear Lake area since the 1930s, when local women organized around a common desire to be better informed voters. This organization grew over time to include the surrounding communities of North Oaks, Mahtomedi, Arden Hills, Shoreview and the St. Croix Valley. The LWV of White Bear Lake Area now serves 32 communities, three school districts and three counties.

*League of Women Voters swearing in new members or registering women to vote.
(MN Historical Society)*

The LWV-WBLA has a strong record of civic engagement, conducting studies of civics education, domestic violence, campaign finance, and water quality. It has sponsored candidate events and public forums throughout the region, sent delegations to the United Nations and hosted international citizen groups. In the last two years, the LWV-WBLA moderated dozens of candidate events and held public forums on gerrymandering, the 2020 census, and the history of MN women's suffrage. 2020 will see public forums on the new presidential primary and precinct caucuses, the media's role in elections, redistricting, and Metropolitan Council governance. Fall 2020 brings more candidate forums, and voter registration events at Century College and area high schools.

It may have begun as an experiment, but the League of Women Voters is increasingly relevant today, due in part to its proud adherence to nonpartisanship. LWV neither supports nor opposes candidates or political parties at any level of government, always working on vital issues of public concern and providing a meeting ground for citizens of all political leanings. We need organizations like the LWV now more than ever to remind citizens of the tremendous power of informed individuals. This power is essential to the success of our democracy today and into the future.

. This article by Joan Hillebrand Neumiller, LWV-WBLA Vice President and Publicity Director, appeared in several Pioneer Press Publications.



Well now! Aren't you proud to be a part of this great "experiment"? Read on to find out about opportunities open to YOU!

Here are some opportunities to hangout, hob-knob, and hone your skills along with other civic-minded women in our state, OR on the national level:

Brookview, in Golden Valley (316 Brookview Parkway S.), is the site of the next LWV Minnesota Council, on Saturday, April 25th.

Council is held every other year and is primarily focused on information sharing and training for local leagues and members. This year there will be workshops on Advocacy and Voter Service, plus another for all attendees. Business will also be conducted. Votes will be taken on Budget amendments and on a concurrence with LWV Utah about medical aid in dying. White Bear Lake Area LWV needs four people, in addition to the President, to represent us as delegates with voting authority. The first four people who email lizlauder@gmail.com can go for FREE. Coffee, lunch, and snacks are provided.

If you aren't one of the lucky four, you can still go, but the cost is \$75. The WBLA LWV board of directors approved a reimbursement of \$25 for each person who signs up, so really the cost to you would be \$50. Send an invoice to Treasurer Margaret Westin with your enrollment information.

Find more information at <https://www.lwvmn.org/council-2020>

LWV US National Convention - Celebrate 100 years of LWV!

*The 54th LWV national convention will take place **June 25-28, 2020 in Washington, D.C.** The theme is, "Women Power the Vote for 100 Years." You can make your hotel room reservations now! And keep checking the LWV website for more information about registering for the convention: https://www.lwv.org/league-management/manage-your-league/council-convention?utm_source=League%20Update&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=02132020*

Moderator Training will be offered for members who will facilitate future candidate forums on the following dates: March 21, April 14, May 16 and June 11. For more information about times and locations, contact the LWVMN office at 651-224-5445.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT - LIZ LAUDER

You always remember your first. Mine was called ALEC.

It was my first year volunteering on the Program Committee, and my topic was the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). I was a relatively new League member, but I was already serving as the WBLA delegate to the Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues (CMAL) and doing my first unit presentation.

Since I joined the League in 2012, I've served on 3 boards, 6 committees, researched and presented 7 unit meeting topics, interviewed 2 city managers, organized and presided over ballot counting for the North Oaks Homeowner's Association, volunteered at issue and candidate forums, attended 3 state Councils, 3 state conventions, and 2 national conventions. I've tried out different things and discovered what I like doing and what I don't like doing. I've developed leadership skills and gained confidence, and I am always humbled by how little I know, compared with some of you great ladies.

I got involved because I was asked, and I said yes. I gave it a try. I liked it, and I decided to do more.

I know that many of you can relate to what I'm saying. In fact, some of you do far more than I do. That's why I'm glad that Voter Service Co-Chair Lori Soukup came up with the idea of breaking down some of these big jobs into smaller tasks and advertising for help. The idea is that more of you will get involved and find something you love to do and come back for more. It's our version of the Gig Economy: small, short-term work that, when put together, results in interesting and informative programs for our members and our communities.

I hope you'll read about it and feel inspired to give something a try. Who knows, you might end up serving on a board – or 3 – someday!



Hello Members - We are trying a different approach to filling vacant positions in our organization. Many of you may be hesitant to take on a role not quite knowing what you'd be getting into. Below you will find a convincing argument from outgoing president, Liz Lauder, on why you should take on a board position. The second list includes a variety of ways to get involved on a smaller scale.

At the risk of sounding like one of the fine announcers on MPR during the membership drive, if you value the work that our League does and want to continue to serve our communities, please consider one (or more!) of the positions below.

Are You Ready for the Big Time?

Yes, the people who serve on the board of directors are important. They're important because they show up. Consistently. They have the best interests of the organization in mind. They want to keep it going and help it thrive. They're willing to make that commitment. Forever? No, just for a season. Do you have to have it all figured out in order to join the board? Then none of us would be here! The work is very collaborative. It can be exciting, because you can implement new ideas. You can be a part of making things happen.

Is it a huge time commitment? What do you consider to be "huge"? Outside of attending the board meeting, it's about an additional 2 hours/month for the President, 2.5-3 hours/month for the Secretary, and 5-6 hours/month for Program Chair.

What do you do?

The following pages will de-mystify the board positions:

President:

- 1. Come up with the agenda for each board meeting (minimum of once every 3 months)*
- 2. Chair the meeting (you follow the agenda, make sure motions have a second, make sure everyone has a voice)*
- 3. Encourage discussion, ask questions, think of possible problems, brainstorm new ideas, follow the calendar of when things are supposed to happen (according to usual League practice and bylaws)*
- 4. Come to public meetings and social events*
- 5. Chair the annual meeting (you have a script)*
- 6. Public speaking! Egads! Yes, you will probably introduce a speaker or two. It takes five minutes. If I can do it, you can do it.*
- 7. Enjoy introducing yourself/being introduced as the President of the White Bear Lake Area League of Women Voters. You're kind of a big deal.*

Secretary:

- 1. Come to every board meeting (find a sub if you can't be there - or, you can even attend by phone!)*
- 2. Come to the annual meeting*
- 3. Write down who is there and the important things that people say or do (you're not taking dictation)*
- 4. Write it up afterwards*

Program:

- 1. Work with a committee to come up with topics for 7 unit/general meetings (Oh! The possibilities!)*
- 2. Support volunteers who sign up to work on each meeting (see how important volunteers are!); give them a checklist and timeline, get them the resources they need, connect them with other people, guide their research, keep them on task*
- 3. Make phone calls to book speakers, meeting rooms, cable TV talent (or you could delegate this job to someone else)*
- 4. Manage day/night of event (there's a checklist for this, too)*



Voter Service Co-Chair (candidate forums):

- 1. Work with forum scheduler to plan/coordinate forums***
- 2. Point person for candidate forum invitations, follow-up and questions***
- 3. Oversee forum volunteers***
- 4. Attend monthly (Sep-May) board meetings***

***Time commitment - 40 hrs.running
from Spring through October***

So, did you read any of these descriptions and say, “Yeah, I could do that”? Trust me, these are not scary things. These are big, important things that you can do. You work with a great group of people. You learn, you help, you develop new skills, you make a difference. You get better as you go along. And, believe it or not, it’s fun!

Program is a big lift, I won’t lie. But it can be broken down into manageable chunks; plus, you have help.

Have questions? Want to know more? Want to learn from the “pros”? Contact President Liz Lauder (lizlauder@gmail.com), Secretary Kathy Gaylord (kbgaylord@gmail.com) , or Program Chair Lisa Larson (larson.lisa.f@gmail.com), or Voter Service Co-Chair Lori Soukup (soukup524@gmail.com).

***IF YOU STILL DON’T THINK YOU’RE READY FOR THE BIG TIME, HOW ABOUT
TAKING ON ONE OR MORE OF THE SMALLER JOBS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES!***

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MEMBERSHIP - Someone is needed to prepare new member Welcome Folders to each new member. The folder contains updated roster, welcome letter, and copy of LWV Minnesota member information booklet and other materials. You would maintain up-to-date contents as needed. For each new member you would assemble a folder and convey to him/her through their unit. Would be helpful to also serve on the Membership Committee.

To volunteer, contact Mary Santi,
santi004@umn.edu, 651-426-5151.

MEMBERSHIP - Interview new members in person or by phone and write up profile for the Bear Facts. Sample interview questions are provided. It would be helpful to also serve on the Membership Committee. To volunteer, contact Mary Santi,
santi004@umn.edu, 651-426-5151.

VOTER SERVICE - Research. We have several documents on our website that list our elected representatives: They Represent You 2019 North Washington County and They Represent You 2019 North Ramsey. You can view these at <http://www.lwv-wbla.org/links/elected-officials/>. They are outdated since last November's election. Someone is needed to review and verify the information on each document and mark corrections where needed. This can be done mostly from home via the internet. Estimated time needed one or two hours. To volunteer, contact Mary Santi, santi004@umn.edu, 651-426-5151.

VOTER SERVICE - Desktop publishing. Are you familiar with the Microsoft Publisher desktop publishing program? You are needed to update two documents listing our elected representatives using information from researcher. The documents are already designed and formatted. Volunteer will need to edit to put in the new information and then arrange to post on our website and print copies for distribution at local events. Estimated time depends on the number of corrections needed. To volunteer, contact Mary Santi, santi004@umn.edu, 651-426-5151.

SOCIAL MEDIA - Learn how to add posts and events to our Facebook page. Gather information about our local activities from our Program Calendar or Bear Facts or by monitoring other LWV pages, and make or share posts on our LWV Facebook page. There are Social Media Guidelines to follow. Estimated time 15 minutes for each post. Goal 1-3 posts per week. To volunteer, contact Mary Santi,
santi004@umn.edu, 651-426-5151.

SOCIAL MEDIA - Be trained in how to update our local LWV website. Our website www.lwv-wbla.org is made in a free program called WordPress. The site is already designed but needs occasional updating. Would like this person to become familiar with what is on the website and be alert to when it needs to be updated. Guidelines available. To volunteer, contact Mary Santi, santi004@umn.edu, 651-426-5151.

CANDIDATE FORUM SCOUT - Monitor the Secretary of State website, MNVotes.org for candidate filings. Log information in official League email contacts. When - June for state/county offices and August for city/local offices. To volunteer or learn more contact Lori Soukup, soukup524@gmail.com, 651-491-4735.

CABLE COORDINATOR - Contact cable companies to tape forums and follow-up after forum to ensure we have a link available for social media. 2+ hrs early summer. To volunteer or learn more contact Lori Soukup, soukup524@gmail.com, 651-491-4735.

HAND-OUT DESIGNER/PRINTER - Use our template (or design one of your own) to update handouts for each forum along with candidate name plates. Printing is done at a local Office Max. 4+ hrs Aug-Sep. To volunteer or learn more contact Lori Soukup, soukup524@gmail.com, 651-491-4735.

THANK YOU KINDLY - Write & send out hand written thank you notes to each candidate after forum. 2+ hrs Sep-Oct. To volunteer or learn more contact Lori Soukup, soukup524@gmail.com, 651-491-4735.





Lisa Larson testifies for LWV Minnesota at Minnesota Senate E-12 Education Committee hearing on the Importance of civics education to a democracy. Among other testifiers were past and current Minnesota Secretaries of State Ritchie and Simon, and former Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Paul Anderson, behind Lisa.

As many of you know, our WBLA league has been a proponent of increasing civics education for Minnesota high school students. It was the subject of one of our unit meetings in 2018. In early February, Lisa Larson presented evidence to the MN Senate Education Committee about the need to create a civics requirement in our state.

Although some MN schools do teach civics, there is not a state requirement. Currently, 36 states require a civics course and 19 states require that students pass a civics exam.

If you meet with your legislators on March 16th (Day at the Capitol for LWVMN), this subject is one our chapter is championing. Read the next couple pages for more insight and specifics!

I. Why the LWVWBLA Study of Civics Education

Civics education is a critical concern of LWV members because:

- democracy depends on citizens who actively and effectively participate in political life
- we must understand how democracy works and why it's important so we know what we can do and accomplish through civic action
- a civics education develops our understanding of democracy and motivates us to participate in our community and country

Improving high school civics education deserves nonpartisan support across the political spectrum.

II. The Content of the LWVWBLA Civics Education Study

To learn how WBL area educators develop students' knowledge of democracy and students' role as citizens, we interviewed administrators and civics teachers working in the local public high schools within the LWVWBLA region (and other stakeholders). At each school we asked:

- what does the school include in its government and citizenship curriculum
- how well do students perform on district and state civics tests
- whether, when, and how do students actively learn to participate in a democracy

Those interviews led us to the following **observations**:

- How districts allocate resources for civics instruction and courses varies, in part because there is no district or state accountability for complying with Minnesota's government and citizenship content standards.
- Government and citizenship course requirements vary by district.
- Schools emphasize preparing students for work and higher education much more than they emphasize preparing students for citizenship.
- Aside from a government and citizenship (civics) course, students may have few opportunities to take government-related courses.
- Practices in facilitating and modeling democratic processes and students' opportunities for civic engagement vary by school.
- Socio-economic status may affect whether students participate in school-sponsored activities to learn how democracy works.
- Negative consequences such as not voting and an inability to separate facts from fiction result from poorly preparing students to be effective, engaged citizens.

III. Three important points where the LWVWBLA study and the current civics education debate overlap:

1. Minnesota's civics education debate is not about the content of its civics standards or benchmarks but how to ensure all districts fully and effectively implement civics state standards and benchmarks.
2. Given how fundamental civics education is to democracy, letting each district decide how to teach civics is not in the best interest of students or the state.
3. The statewide civics test and test data are a means to an end. The civics test measures mastery of basic facts but not students' ability to effectively engage in the affairs of their community and country, which is the real goal of civics education. We pay attention to what we measure and report. Until Minnesota can ensure civics education in every district gives students the knowledge and skills they need to be effective and engaged citizens, gathering and reporting statewide civics test data is important because it tells us how much we still must do to achieve that goal.

Conclusion: According to Education Week: 36 states require a specific civics course; 19 states require a civics exam to graduate; 8 states require a year-long civics course.

<https://www.edweek.org/ew/section/multimedia/data-most-states-require-history-but-not.html>

Minnesota has none of these. If Minnesota wants to ensure all students receive effective civics instruction, which is fundamental to a functioning democracy, it must, at a minimum, consistent with state civics standards and benchmarks, require a specific civics course, preferably in 11th or 12th grade, and also recognize civics-related concurrent enrollment courses. It also must gather and report statewide civics test data to record Minnesota's progress in educating all students to effectively engage in civic affairs.

Thank you.

The League of Women Voters believes that when students graduate from high school, they should have acquired the following:

- *The knowledge to influence the legislative process on issues of importance to themselves as well as others.*
- *The motivation to be responsible citizens involved in providing for the general welfare of people.*
- *The skills, inclinations, and self-confidence to participate as informed citizens in the electoral, legislative, judicial, and administrative processes of government.*
- *The process skills to work on projects cooperatively in various size group activities.*
- *Sufficient background knowledge of history and politics to understand the effects of voting on their own and others' lives.*

THURSDAY, APRIL 16th - THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL MEETING!

COME ONE, COME ALL - AND BRING AN INTERESTED FRIEND!

More details will follow in the next Bear Facts edition, but, for now, mark your calendar to meet at 7:00 on April 16th at the WBL Public Safety Training Room, 4701 Highway 61 (3rd Street Entrance).

The evening starts with dinner (graciously supplied by the Mahtomedi unit), followed by official LWVWBLA business, and our guest speaker, Peter Wattson, former General Counsel to Governor Dayton and Senate Counsel to the MN Senate. Mr. Wattson has drafted bills over the years related to redistricting. In the current legislative session, he is drafting a proposal to create an advisory commission that would begin operating in July 2020 and become independent if approved by a constitutional amendment in November.

This is the time of year that members are allowed to make suggestions for amending our bylaws and positions. You can find these on our website. Go to

www.lwv-wbla.org

and enter "Bylaws" or "Positions" into the search engine OR go directly to

<http://www.lwv-wbla.org/board-information/members/>

If you would like to propose amendments to the bylaws or positions held, to be voted on at the annual meeting, you must make your suggestion to Mary Santi santi004@umn.edu, 651-426-5151 or Liz Nordling liz.nordling@gmail.com, 651-343-4124 by March 15th.

May I Recommend?

Everywhere you look these days, there are works commemorating the 100 year anniversary of (white) women achieving the vote. Here are a couple for you to consider attending:



Film Screening

IRON JAWED ANGELS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 6:30

Best Buy Theater at Northrop

Dive into the inspirational story of Suffragist and so-called “new woman” Alice Paul and the defiant young activists who agitated for the passing of the 19th Amendment.

The Eve Project

Developed by the Martha Graham Dance Company, The EVE Project celebrates the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment, which granted women the right to vote in the U.S. Along with Martha Graham works featuring female protagonists, the program spotlights work by some of today’s most important female choreographers.

Saturday, April 4 at 7:30 PM, Contact Northrup Auditorium for tickets.

Visit our FaceBook Page (by searching League of Women Voters White Bear Lake Area) and Website



www.lwv-wbla.org

I guarantee you will find information you find interesting there!

The Latest From the Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues of Women Voters:

Lively Discussion about the future of the Metro Area and CMAL focus

On January 11, 2020, CMAL hosted Todd Graham, principal forecaster of the Metro Council, at Autumn Grove Park gathering center in Roseville, attended by 40+ LWV members from around the metro area. Graham presented forecasting about population, households, housing and employment in the metro area from the present to 2040. Graham's presentation discussed metro area population growth (from 2,642,000 in 2000 to 3,410,000 in 2030), household formation (from 1,020,000 in 2000 to 1,351,000 in 2030) and employment (from 1,608,000 in 2000 to 1,900,000 in 2030). He also highlighted information about birth trends (low for native born whites and higher for black, Asian, and Latino populations) as well as likely sources for future employees (remote workers, older workers delaying retirement, immigrants from other states and other countries) to meet the demand for employees by metro area employers.

When pressed, during the Q & A, Graham stated that his #1 concern was about the disconnect between the growth of household income and the run-up in housing prices. He declined to offer a magic bullet solution to the affordable housing problem. He also acknowledged the need for the metro area (and Minnesota) to attract workers from outside our state to meet employers' needs for employees.

Following Graham's presentation, CMAL's committee reviewing the CMAL program for action engaged members in a lively discussion and prioritizing event. Among attendees, there was major support for CMAL research on county government, land use/environment, and housing. The CMAL board will digest the input and develop plans for future CMAL studies.

Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues of Women Voters Launches Study of Metro Area Counties
At its January 11, 2020, meeting delegates to the Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues of Women Voters (CMAL), following a prioritization process, supported as its first priority a CMAL study on county government in the metro area. CMAL last studied county government (and adopted its current position) in 1975. The study will enable review of the current position.

The CMAL Board set in motion a one-year study that will (in general) include the following elements:

- Comparison of county functions and methods
- Comparison of county governance (transparency, accountability, advisory bodies, etc.)
- Description of county interface with metropolitan government (Metro Council, etc.)

It will include an opportunity for all league members (not just CMAL delegates) in the metro area to interview county officials with a survey instrument provided for that purpose. League members who interviewed city officials during CMAL's 2019 Metro Council governance study were very enthusiastic about that interview process.

The study will launch May 9, 2020, at the CMAL annual meeting. Any metro area league member may participate on the study committee and/or conduct interviews. If you are interested in participating, contact CMAL Chair Karen Schaffer at schafferka@gmail.com.

February 20, 2020

Margaret Westin, Treasurer

		Current	YTD
Income:	Dues	\$ 60.00	\$2820.00
	Donations	\$	\$ 271.00
	Memorials	\$	\$ 25.00
	Meetings (socials)	\$	\$ 190.00
	Service	\$	\$ 300.00
	In-kind donation	\$	\$
	Voters Service	\$	\$
	Calendars	\$	\$365.00
	NOHOA	\$	\$
	Bank interest	\$	\$0.43
	Total:	\$60.00	\$4227.43
Expenses:	Meetings (socials)	\$	\$130.49
	LWVMN PMP	\$	\$
	LWVUS PMP	\$	\$2,248.00
	Meeting site	\$	\$350.00
	Voters Service	\$	\$336.01
	Program (includes publicity)	\$ 100.00	\$290.18
	Bear Facts copying/printing	\$	\$
	Calendars	\$	\$267.31
	Membership (communication, recruiting & recognition)	\$	\$270.24
	Total:	\$100.00	\$3,892.23

Opening balance from December 27, 2019: \$3872.67

Income + \$ 60.00

Expenses: - \$ 100.00

Current balance: \$3,832.67

Ed fund CD: \$5040.68

2019-20 Paid Members: 55 @ \$60 10@ \$75

Total: 78 (including our 3 lifetime members)