

# ***League of Women Voters of San Luis Obispo County***

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**Program Planning Meeting – January 24, 2015**

**9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Community Room – Whole Foods, 1531 Froom Ranch Way, San Luis Obispo**

Program Planning Committee Chair Sharon Kimball opened the General Membership meeting at 9:05 AM. She introduced President Marilee Hyman who called to order a brief business meeting. Secretary Vallerie Steenson confirmed that we had a quorum to conduct League business. Ms. Hyman asked if there were additions or objections to the agenda. There were none and the agenda was adopted as proposed.

Ms. Hyman explained the motion on the table from the Board to amend our Articles of Incorporation in order to conform to the Corporations Law of the State of California and our Bylaws. We need to state explicitly in the articles that we are a public benefit corporation and include a statement describing what happens to our assets in the event of dissolution. She explained the requirement from the Attorney General's Office that the vote be unanimous. We agreed to vote by a show of hands. Ms. Steenson read the current article to be amended and the motion to amend as follows:

The Board moves to amend Article III of the Articles of Incorporation of the League of Women Voters of San Luis Obispo County, Inc. to read as follows:

This corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation. All of its assets are irrevocably dedicated to charitable or public purposes and must, upon dissolution, be distributed to a person or persons carrying on a similar purpose or purposes. It is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for public purposes. This corporation elects to be governed by all the provisions of the nonprofit corporation laws of 1980 not otherwise applicable to it under part 5 division 2 of that law.

Ms. Hyman explained the background that requires us to amend our Articles of Incorporation and referred everyone to our Bylaws, where it clearly states we are a public benefit corporation and outlines the procedure for dissolution. After a brief discussion, Ms. Hyman asked for a show of hands in support of the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with no dissenting votes, and the amendment to our Articles of Incorporation was approved. Ms. Hyman directed Ms. Steenson to prepare the proper papers to send to the Secretary of State's Office.

Ms. Hyman announced that we have received a \$1,800 Community Project Grant from the Board of Supervisors to promote Civil Discourse. She also announced that the SLO Public Library has contacted us about participating in Women's History Month activities in March. Anyone interested in helping out should contact Ms. Steenson. The business meeting was concluded and we turned to program planning.

Ms. Kimball introduced Marguerite Bader who explained the program planning process. Ms. Steenson reported on the issues raised at last year's Program Planning meeting and the progress we have made on addressing them. Last year's issues were Civil Discourse, Climate Change, our Environmental Health position, our Law Enforcement position, Homelessness, and Water. Mary Beth Armstrong then reviewed

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our current local positions, pointing out the changes that have been made to the Government, Environmental Health and Public Health, and Law Enforcement positions this program year.

Ms. Kimball then led a brainstorming session to set our priorities for the 2015 – 2016 Program Year. Ms. Bader and Ms. Armstrong assisted her as recorders. The Program Planning Committee will prepare a report based on the recommendations from the meeting for presentation to the Board.

Forty-four members and two guests attended the meeting. The two guests became members – one a returned member and one a new member – in the course of the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Submitted by:

Vallerie Steenson  
Secretary