

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

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**Annual Meeting – June 6, 2015**

**10:30 AM - 2:30 PM**

**Upper Crust Trattoria, 11560 Los Osos Valley Road, San Luis Obispo**

Welcome & Call to Order. President Marilee Hyman welcomed everyone at 11:10 a.m. She asked members to contact Patti Dale for assistance with membership renewal; she thanked Jean Chinnici for organizing the silent auction and asked everyone to participate; and she noted that Tony Hyman will be taking photographs of members for the member photo album. She announced that at the end of the business meeting there will be two important announcements, one on the proposed Templeton Behavioral Health Hospital and one on the Civil Discourse Rollout on July 7, 2015. She called the meeting to order and welcomed our 50-year honorees, Pismo Beach Mayor Shelly Higginbotham, former Grover Beach Mayor Debbie Peterson, and special guests Lanny and Barbara Hernandez.

Adoption of the Annual Meeting Rules. Sharon Winslow moved and Sara Horne seconded that we adopt the Rules as printed on page 2 of the Annual Meeting Packet. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Adoption of the Order of Business. Ms. Hyman asked if there were any changes in the Order of Business as printed on page 3 of the Annual Meeting Packet. Ms. Winslow moved and Mardi Geredes seconded that the Nominating Committee Report and Election of Officers and Directors be amended to include the words “and Nominating Committee” to read: Nominating Committee Report and Election of Officers, Directors, and Nominating Committee. The motion to amend the Order of Business was approved by voice vote. Ms. Winslow then moved and Sharon Whitney seconded that we adopt the Order of Business as amended. The motion passed by voice vote.

Appointments. Ms. Hyman announced that the Committee to Read and Approve the Minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting will be Jean Chinnici and Lee Chivens. Vera Wallen will serve as timer to track the two-minute rule.

Parliamentary Advice. Ms. Hyman introduced our parliamentarian Trudy Jarratt.

Credentials Report. Membership Director Patti Dale announced that a quorum was reached. The total membership as of February 1, 2015 was 105; our bylaws require 25% or 26 members for a quorum; 52 voting members were present. The report of the Credentials Committee was adopted by consensus.

Report from the Committee to Read and Approve Minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting. Ms. Chinnici announced that the minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting, as printed on pages 10 and 11 of the Annual Meeting Packet, have been read and approved.

President’s Report. Ms. Hyman gave a slide presentation highlighting achievements for this year, including our efforts on Civil Discourse, participation at the LWVC Convention, media outreach, membership increases, and Voter Service.

LWVC Convention Report. Ms. Dale reported on the LWVC Convention held in San Diego May 15 – 17, 2015. She noted the adoption of a two-year budget, including a PMP increase of \$5.00 over two years, the

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successful Civil Discourse Workshop in which members of our League participated, and the stirring speech by LWVUS President Elisabeth McNamara.

Treasurer's Financial Report. Treasurer Mary Beth Armstrong drew everyone's attention to the financial reports for May 31, 2015 on the table in front of them. She noted that we have more than \$24,000 in total liabilities and equity. This includes about \$770 yet to be spent in the Civil Discourse Promotion account and \$665 in the Membership Retention account. She asked that anyone who needs assistance with dues, or knows someone who needs assistance, contact Ms. Dale about the Membership Retention account. We have a current balance of \$1,365.73 in excess of revenues over expenses, due to Adopt-a-Poll and election monitoring activities, increased membership, and in-kind donations from members and others. She noted that donations to the Ed Fund can be used to offset PMP costs. Susan Chandler asked how checks for the silent auction should be written. Ms. Armstrong replied they should be written to our League for general operations.

2015 – 2016 Budget Presentation. Glenn Silloway thanked the Budget Committee for their work and noted that the budget is a plan, a guideline that will change but that is solidly based on past experience. He noted that revenue from dues and PMP expenses are based on 93 members, including 17 household memberships, and pointed out the importance of contributions, including in-kind, in keeping our budget in balance. Mr. Silloway moved on behalf of the Budget Committee that we adopt the 2015 – 2016 Budget as printed on page 4 of the Annual Meeting Packet. The motion passed by voice vote.

Proposed Dues Increase for FY 2016 – 2017. Ms. Armstrong described state and national PMP increases and how they will impact our budget. She moved on behalf of the Board that dues be raised to \$70 for individuals and \$100 for households beginning in fiscal year 2016 – 2017. Sharon Whitney moved that the motion be amended to increase household memberships to \$120.00. Boyd Horne seconded the motion. The motion to amend passed by voice vote. The motion to raise dues to \$70 for individuals and \$120 for households beginning in fiscal year 2016 – 2017 was passed by voice vote.

Program Presentation and Adoption. VP for Program Sharon Kimball presented the Board recommended program as printed on page 5 of the Annual Meeting Packet in three parts. 1. Ms. Kimball moved that we participate in the State Study on Higher Education. Dotty Conner raised a point of order asking if there was a need to vote or was participation a Board decision. Parliamentarian Trudy Jarratt noted that it is the Board's prerogative to ask the membership for direction. The motion passed by voice vote. 2. Ms. Kimball moved that we retain all existing position statements and conduct no new local studies. The motion passed by voice vote. 3. Ms. Kimball moved that we adopt the other issues for Education and Advocacy as printed on page 5 of the Annual Meeting Packet. GlennaDeane Dovey moved that the motion be amended to state that the Board recommends that we "emphasize" (in place of "adopt") the other issues for Education and Advocacy. Sharon Whitney seconded the motion for amendment. The motion, as amended, to emphasize the other issues for Education and Advocacy as printed on page 5 of the Annual Meeting Packet passed by voice vote.

Recognition of 50 Year Honorees. Ms. Hyman recognized Arlene Chandler, Jan Clucas, Dotty Conner, GlennaDeane Dovey, Joy Gault, Margery Johnson, Emily Penfield, Adele Stern, Barbara Weymann, and Sharon Winslow as 50 year members of the League of Women Voters and presented them with a yellow

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rose, a League pin, and a certificate of appreciation and letter from Elisabeth McNamara, President of the League of Women Voters of the United States. (Note: Arlene Chandler, Jan Clucas, and Adele Stern were unable to attend),

Sara Horne Award Announcement. VP for Voter Service Vera Wallen introduced Sara Horne and presented the Sara Horne Award for Voter Service for 2014 to Vallerie Steenson.

Presentation of Appreciation of Service to Lanny Hernandez. Ms. Hyman thanked Lanny Hernandez for his generous assistance to our League to improve our website with advice, monitoring, recording, editing, and linking event materials, creating a You Tube channel, uploading SLO Democracy tapes, and much more. Alice Bunker presented Lanny with a certificate of our appreciation.

Nominating Committee Report and Election of Officers, Directors, and Nominating Committee. Elinor Kogan, Nominating Committee Chair presented the report. There were no nominations from the floor. Ms. Kogan moved to elect the slate of Officers and Directors as presented for two-year terms expiring in 2017. The motion passed by voice vote. Ms. Kogan moved to elect for one year the Nominating Committee as printed on page 7 of the Annual Meeting Packet. The motion passed by voice vote.

Introduction of 2015 – 2017 Officers and Directors. Ms. Hyman asked new and continuing members of the Board of Directors and Nominating Committee to stand.

Advice to the Board/Announcements. Ms. Hyman asked members to write down any advice they would like to present to the Board for consideration. Sharon Winslow circulated a petition in support of the proposed Templeton Behavioral Health Hospital. Emily Penfield announced the rollout of the Civil Discourse initiative on July 7, 2015 at the Board of Supervisors meeting and asked that everyone attend.

Adjournment. Ms. Hyman adjourned the business meeting at 12:50 p.m. After lunch, Dr. Sam Blakeslee, Founding Director of the Institute for Advance Technology and Public Policy spoke about the Institute's Digital Democracy Initiative.

Drafted by: Vallerie Steenson

Reviewed by: Jean Chinnici and Lee Chivens