



# Reconnect, Restore, and Renew with the LWVWA

*By Lunell Haught, LWVWA President*

“Oh, that was in the before times,” one of the state Board members said when discussing how something should be done. Council 2020 was to be in person, the LWVWA made a quick turnaround and sent masks to local Leagues, scheduled the council on Zoom for a week, and generally had a good and productive time. Now we are cautiously and carefully back in person after so much has changed—and so many things have not. According to my colleague, these are the after times. That said,

We are still rocking babies and boats.

We are still a grassroots organization that takes time to percolate ideas and plans.

We still learn fast (how long does it take 2,000 people to adapt to Zoom).

And we are ready to Reconnect, Restore, and Renew. We have enjoyed statewide Zoom meetings with unprecedented attendance. We have adapted, acclimated, and accomplished.

Now we can (re)connect with each other in person (how tall are they, really?), restore ourselves, put us back to that initial state of enthusiasm but with more knowledge and expertise, and

Renew ourselves by reaffirming who we are and how we can work better together.

Welcome to the 2022 LWVWA Council.

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## Schedule at a Glance

### FRIDAY

12 p.m.	Council Check-In Opens	4:50 p.m.	Announcements
1 p.m.	Welcome/LWVWA Nominations	5 p.m.	No-Host Bar/Browse Display Tables
2 p.m.	Presidents' Perspectives	6 p.m.	Pizza Dinner
3 p.m.	Speaker: Francis Benjamin "LWVWA Member Survey Results: What Do We Really Know?"	7 p.m.	Caucuses A: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About the National Convention
3:30 p.m.	Now What?		

### SATURDAY

8 a.m.	Council Check-In Opens/Browse Tables	4:15 p.m.	Caucuses/Informal Groups/Browse Display Tables
9 a.m.	Welcome to Skagit and Snohomish		A: Election Credibility Project
9:30 a.m.	Program of Work Updates		A: Nominating Committee—Looking to the Future
10 a.m.	Break		C: Voter Services Sharing
10:10 a.m.	Advocacy Overview/Issue Chairs		C: Explore Being a MELD Facilitator
10:40 a.m.	Voter Services in 2022	5 p.m.	No-Host Bar
11:30 a.m.	Pick Up Box Lunch/Browse Display Tables	6 p.m.	Silent Auction Closes
12:15 p.m.	Speaker: Nicholas Lovrich, Ph.D. "Polarization & Incivility in American Politics: Is Congressional Gridlock Affecting U.S. State Legislatures?"	6 p.m.	Dinner with Speaker: Jessica Rohloff, LWV US Secretary "What's New, What's Not with National"
1 p.m.	Break	7:30 p.m.	Prizes and Silent Auction Winners Announced
1:20 p.m.	Member Engagement Through Civics Education	7:45 p.m.	Caucuses and Informal Meetings A: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about the National Convention
2:20 p.m.	Break		A: Nominating Committee—Looking to the Future
2:40 p.m.	Options: A: Tools for Getting Members Engaged: How Adults Learn Best B: Caucuses and Informal Groups C: DEI Workshop		C: Redistricting Reform 2031—What Do We Want Accomplish?
4 p.m.	LWVWA Election		C: Action Chairs: Current and Future Directions

### SUNDAY

7 a.m.	Retiring and New Local League Presidents' Breakfast	11:10 a.m.	Unfinished Business Reconnect: Group Discussions/Plans
8 a.m.	Browse Tables	11:30 a.m.	Renewal and Adjourn
9 a.m.	Renew: Plans Going Forward	12 p.m.	LWVWA Education Fund (c)(3) Board Meeting and Election
9:40 a.m.	Break		
10 a.m.	Speaker: Vickie Lowe "Working with Tribal Communities: Tribal Sovereignty and Indian Health Care"		

## Check-In Times

The check-in table will be staffed the following hours. Call (425) 238-3440 if no one is at the check-in table.

Friday 12 p.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday 8 a.m.-11 a.m.

Saturday 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

# Agenda and Schedule

## FRIDAY

12 p.m. Council Check-In Open

1 p.m. **Welcome**

Opening Remarks by LWVWA President Lunell Haught

Welcome by LWV of Snohomish County President Jeanne Crevier

LWVWA Meeting Called to Order, LWVWA President Lunell Haught

Appointment of Parliamentarian and Council Secretary

Credentials Report and Statement of Quorum

Adoption of Council Rules (see p. 15)

Adoption of Agenda (see p. 11)

Nominating Committee Report by Shelley Ann Jones, Chair (see p.16)

Nominations from the floor must be submitted in writing to the Secretary during this meeting

Meeting is suspended until 4 p.m. Saturday

### *Restore: Happiness Boosters*

1. Invest in family and friends, not stuff
2. Join a social group—like the League—to increase your sense of belonging and build your social capital.
3. Be active both mentally and physically.
4. Practice your religion or philosophy of life.
5. Be kind.
6. Be generous—it boosts dopamine, serotonin, and oxytocin.
7. Check your health, pay attention to yourself.
8. Experience nature, even if it is just a picture.

2 p.m. **Presidents' Perspective**

A panel of local League presidents share their successes and challenges. This will be followed by a group discussion with members sharing what's working and what's not working for local Leagues.

### *Restore: Do What Matters*

1. Choose your moral framework, the guide for actions in times of stress. It holds the tension between compassion and courage.
2. Choose good values. They define success for us and what a better person is and how we can become one. Once you identify them, check to see how you're living them.
3. Choose the right goals based on your values and make sure they are yours.

3 p.m. **Speaker: Francis Benjamin, "LWVWA Member Survey Results: What Do We Really Know?"**

The LWVWA has been conducting a study to evaluate how effective the League has been in meeting the goals outlined in the 2017 strategic plan. This presentation will report to the membership on the results of the first two phases of this study, giving us data to use to inform future League strategies.

### *Reconnect: Relationship*

1. Don't wait to ask for help.
2. Consider saying you're sorry more.
3. Being right doesn't matter as much as being loving.

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4. Connect with feelings.
  5. Learn to validate yourself.
  6. Stay curious about other people and ask before assuming.
  7. Set clear boundaries.
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3:30 p.m. **Now What? (Lunell Haught)**

Having heard the status report and current research, discussion groups will make recommendations for the next strategic plan and suggest further research.

4:50 p.m. **Announcements** (caucus location, etc.)

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**Reconnect: With the World Around You**

1. Turn off your electronics.
  2. Go outside.
  3. Sign up for a local yoga or meditation retreat.
  4. Talk to someone different.
  5. Dive into a new culture.
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5 p.m. **No-Host Bar/Browse Display Tables**

6 p.m. **Pizza Dinner**

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**Renew: Do Something**

1. Find what makes you grateful—not just the big stuff—it rewires your brain
  2. Be creative—put pen, paintbrush, markers to paper and work in a different mode to free yourself up.
  3. Open up to people, share who you really are with people.
  4. Refamiliarize yourself with your body—primates work through stress and tension through movement. We're primates: walk, run, dance, skip, breathe.
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7 p.m. **Caucuses**

Baker A: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About the National Convention

**SATURDAY**

8 a.m. **Council Check-In Opens/Browse Tables**

9 a.m. **Welcome to Skagit and Snohomish Counties (Jeanne Crevier and Wende Sanderson)**

*Each attendee will be given a year as they enter. Find the table with the matching year for your seating assignment. This is a way to mix us up.*

9:30 a.m. **Program of Work Updates (Dee Ann Kline)**

Program of Work presentations on the Shorelines Study, the Local and Regional News Study, the Public Hospital District Committee work, and the Criminal Justice Concurrence update. There will be an opportunity for follow-up at 2:40 p.m. in Baker B.

10 a.m. **Break**

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### **Restore: Tips for Feeling Better**

1. Breathe—think about a problem you’ve had recently. Inhale deeply three times and then analyze how you can better handle it in the future.
  2. Laugh—make jokes, watch a funny movie, read cartoons. Play.
  3. Unplug (wonder why this comes up so often?)
  4. Have a stay-cation (do all the prep and pretend you have staff).
  5. Give thanks (another recurring idea). Brew chamomile tea or hot chocolate and sip while you list the things you’re grateful for.
  6. Go outside (once again, a repeat). Leave your phone. Notice things.
  7. Plan success—make your to-do list with the hardest thing first. Put that on your calendar and do it.
  8. Practice saying, “give me a minute.”
  9. Practice saying “thank you for .... (for waiting)” instead of “I’m sorry” (I’m late)
  10. Start something new—music, art, dance, food, activity—get out of your comfort zone.
  11. Refocus—what would those who know you best say about how you are? Is there something you need to be paying attention to that they know and you’re ignoring?
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#### 10:10 a.m. **Advocacy Overview/Issue Chairs (Susan Fleming)**

An overview of advocacy work at the state level. What was especially significant in the last legislative session? What might 2023 have in store? See how the Lobby Team is organized, how we do our work, and how you can be engaged and involved. There are many roles for League members who want to be involved in state-level advocacy!

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### **Restore: Get a Grip on Yourself**

Options for changing: be active, exercise, get with friends, laugh, share with a mastermind group, go to a new location to work (café, hotel lobby, park, or garden), clean up or rearrange your space, write to get it out of your head and onto paper, change your look.

*Now for your quiz:*

- What are the really big things that are important to you in this phase of your life?
- What would you regret most if you didn’t do it?
- Who do you feel a pang of jealousy toward when you hear about their success? (This gives clues as to what you might really want.)
- Imagine yourself in five years and think about how old you’ll be and what stage your family (blood or otherwise) will be at. What do you want your days to look like?
- What are two to five specific important goals, steps, and time frame? Write them down.

Based on that, create a clean to-do list (include your steps).

Make appointments with yourself on your calendar to accomplish some of these steps.

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#### 10:40 a.m. **Voter Services in 2022 (Mary Coltrane)**

The Voter Services Panel presentation at the council will be an overview of important Voter Services activities. Touch bases with the VOTE411 Committee on their important work that affects all Leagues. Check out the latest tools in the Be a Voter Campaign and learn how the Bellingham-Whatcom County League manages tabling at local events. Hear about candidate event policies and strategies from our recent workshop and find out how local Leagues are handling thorny candidate event issues in hyper-partisan times. The panel presentation will include a rollout of the For Members Only Voter Services page.

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## **Renew: Your Relationship with Yourself**

1. What's rewarding to you? Schedule it on your calendar; cancel things if you have to. You have permission.
2. What are you gifted at? Do that.
3. Be curious. You don't have to have an opinion on everything.

*A simple formula:*

**Ability + Interests + Values = What/Who You Are**

4. Live in the place you love with the people you love doing the thing you love—on purpose.
  5. Give yourself a time-out.
  6. Improve your self-awareness.
  7. Build/remodel a blueprint for your life.
  8. Reveal what drives you and gives your life meaning.
  9. Break your patterns. You can't have anything different by doing what you've always done.
  10. Examine your limiting beliefs.
  11. Transform your habits. Success is built on small disciplines or habits.
  12. Surround yourself with good people.
  13. Practice gratitude.
  14. Face your fears.
  15. Give back—or take less to begin with.
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11:30 a.m. **Renewal Break: Pick Up Box Lunch and Browse Display Tables**

You may want to save your lunch for the 12:15 p.m. lecture.

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## **Reconnect: Caring for Others**

How to care (caring is a skill):

1. Begin by caring for yourself.
  2. Channel all of your empathy and then act.
  3. Understand that caring is something you do.
  4. Make enough time for other people.
  5. Care first—the emotional reward comes later. Behave your way into caring.
  6. Create your own support system.
  7. Invest in your own autonomy.
  8. Stop talking about yourself so much.
  9. Surround yourself with other people who care and aren't negative.
  10. Give care because you really do care, it is a skill.
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12:15 p.m. **Speaker: Nicholas Lovrich, Ph.D., "Polarization & Incivility in American Politics: Is Congressional Gridlock Affecting U.S. State Legislatures?"**

Nick will give us an overview of his new edited volume, *Outside Looking In: Lobbyists' Views on Civil Discourse in U.S. State Legislatures*, focusing on the book's origins in the Washington State Legislature, as well as their principal findings for our state.

1 p.m. **Break**

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## Reconnect: With Yourself

1. What activities do you do that give you the most energy?
  2. What activities drain you and make you frustrated and tired?
  3. What are you proudest of having done?
  4. How do you want to contribute to the world?
  5. Who do you most admire?
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### 1:20 p.m. **Member Engagement Through Civics Education (Beth Pellicciotti)**

Learn how your League can engage in civic education. How can you determine the civic education needs of organizations in your community? What are best practices for making contacts with schools and libraries? How do League members continue their civic education through “civics moments”? How can Leagues serve the needs of the Latino populations in our state through *The State We’re In: Washington* posters and textbooks? Have you thought of applying for a LWVWA Civic Education Grant? Learn how. We will end with group discussions focused on your civic education ideas and projects. The LWVWA Civic Education Committee wants to learn from you!

### 2:20 p.m. **Break**

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## Restore: Your Emotional Agility

Cultivate emotional agility by:

1. **Showing Up:** Instead of ignoring difficult thoughts and emotions or overemphasizing “positive thinking,” face into your thoughts, emotions, and behaviors willingly, with curiosity and kindness.
  2. **Stepping Out:** Detaching from and observing your thoughts and emotions to see them for what they are—just thoughts, just emotions. Essentially, learning to see yourself as the chessboard, filled with possibilities, rather than as any one piece on the board, confined to certain preordained moves.
  3. **Walking Your Why:** Your core values provide the compass that keeps you moving in the right direction. Rather than being abstract ideas, these values are the true path to willpower, resilience, and effectiveness.
  4. **Moving On:** Small deliberate tweaks to your mindset, motivation, and habits—in ways that are infused with your values—can make a powerful difference in your life. The idea is to find the balance between challenge and competence, so that you’re neither complacent nor overwhelmed. You’re excited, enthusiastic, invigorated.
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### 2:40 p.m. **Workshops**

#### **Baker A: Tools for Getting Members Engaged: How Adults Learn Best**

Presenters: Judy Deiro and Lauren Pixley, Seattle-King County and Linda Benson, Clallam County

This will be an interactive workshop with small group discussions. We learn by experiencing and sharing with others. You will be given resources, examples, and time to process. You will leave with tools to design a local program for engagement and action that will inspire new volunteers and all members for leadership succession.

**Baker B: Caucuses and Informal Groups** for follow-up discussions on Program of Work or advocacy issue chairs, concurrence, and bylaws with the LWVUS.

**Baker C: DEI Workshop**

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## **Reconnect: Bring New People Along**

While you're reconnecting with your colleagues, widen the circle to be more inclusive:

1. When introducing a colleague who, to you, obviously belongs at a meeting, conference, or other get-together, don't assume everybody else is making that assumption. Specifically call out the accomplishments that led to your colleague being invited.
  2. Listen for signals that culturally or structurally your newer friends might be feeling as though they are not part of the in crowd. Tackle the issue, don't ignore it.
  3. Recognize that people in low-power positions suffer from what Adam Galinsky terms the "low power double bind." This is that they have less latitude for action than people in a high-power situation. Many League members are in high-power situations. If that's you, you can advocate for others—and not be punished for it. Don't do what you think is best, however, include the low-power person in deciding the course of action. In some situations, you may be the low-power person. If you can expand the range of potential alternatives to include everyone, do that.
  4. Reinforce your faith in other's capabilities. This can have a self-fulfilling prophecy effect. Telling people "I know you've got this—I have confidence in your ability to pull it off," and meaning it, is powerful.
  5. Use your own credibility to sponsor and mentor people who are not part of the majority group. Often, the support provided to the majority group is simply taken for granted, while the lack of support to groups not in the majority is not recognized. Tilt that balance a bit.
  6. Stop calling natural, human tendencies of self-doubt, hesitation, and lack of confidence "imposter syndrome." Question the culture. Recognize and celebrate a variety of different leadership styles and ways of working so all are welcome and thrive.
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4 p.m.      **LWVWA Business Meeting Reconvenes**  
 Call to Order, LWVWA President Lunell Haight  
 Credentials Report  
 Election of Officers and Directors

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## **Renew: With a New Habit**

How to build a habit:

1. Vow to develop a new habit.
  2. Find a trigger that signals you to practice it.
  3. Be short and specific about what habit you want.
  4. Practice deeply—instead of the old habit, decide "I will do... [define the new behavior]."
  5. Congratulate yourself for your successes! It takes time and practice.
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4:15 p.m.    **Caucuses/Informal Groups/Browse Display Tables**  
 Baker A: Election Credibility Project  
 Baker C: Explore Being a MELD Facilitator  
 Baker A: Nominating Committee—Looking to the Future  
 Baker C: Voter Services Sharing

5 p.m.      **No-Host Bar Opens**

6 p.m.      **Dinner**  
 Silent Auction Closes  
 Recognition of Retiring and Newly Elected Officers and Directors  
**Speaker: Jessica Rohloff, LWVUS Secretary, "What's New, What's Not with National"**

7:30 p.m.   Prizes and Silent Auction Winners Announced

7:45 p.m. **Caucuses and informal meetings**

Baker C: Action Chairs: Current and Future Directions

Baker A: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about the National Convention

Baker A: Nominating Committee—Looking to the Future

Baker C: Redistricting Reform 2031—What Do We Want Accomplish?

**SUNDAY**7 a.m. **Retiring and New Local League President's Breakfast** (Dining Room)8 a.m. **Browse Tables**9 a.m. **Renew: Plans Going Forward (Lunell Haught)**

Lunell will walk us through the progress we made over the weekend, incorporating ideas from the various council sessions into future planning.

***Reconnect: What's Important by Mentoring***

Mentoring isn't just telling someone how to do something. Mentoring is working through a situation or issue with a person, so the relationship is developmental. Consider using this conversation guide.

These are very targeted, specific, intentional questions to use when mentoring:

1. Ask "what's on your mind?"
2. Then ask, "and what else?" Are the topics about people, projects, or patterns?
3. Ask "what's the real challenge here for you?"
4. Ask "What do you want?" "And what else?" This is the foundation.
5. Ask "how can I be useful to you?"
6. Consider that saying yes to one thing (project, activity) means saying no to something else. Don't accept superficial comments like "it's a good busy" and "work smarter, not harder,"—be more strategic with your mentee. No one has so much time they can waste it.
7. Consider what needs to be in place so the mentee can be successful—how will that happen?

9:40 a.m. **Break**10 a.m. **Speaker: Vickie Lowe, American Indian Health Commission Executive Director, "Working with Tribal Communities: Tribal Sovereignty and Indian Health Care"**11:10 a.m. **Unfinished Business, Lunell Haught**

This closing session is a chance to make general comments and observations about the League to each other.

11:30 a.m. **Renewal and Adjourn*****Renew: Self-Care Ideas***

Take some time out for you and experiment with these 32 techniques that will lead to rejuvenation and restoration.

1. Schedule time for a self-care ritual in the morning and evening. Rituals can include exercising, meditating, reading, writing, looking at your vision board, or saying affirmations.
2. Schedule and take two to three days off a week.
3. Set aside 5-10 minutes of uninterrupted time to practice daily thoughts and gratitude.

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4. Make time for lunch and meal breaks, including breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Turn technology off, don't try and multitask, just enjoy your meal.
  5. Declutter your home, office, and car. Consider getting rid of anything that doesn't make your life easier or more beautiful.
  6. Practice extreme self-care weekly as nonnegotiable. Have a checklist with your favorite self-care practices and tick them off as you complete them throughout the week.
  7. Start work late from time to time.
  8. Finish work early from time to time.
  9. Keep a journal. Share your thoughts and feelings for the day. Write in your journal like you're talking to your best friend—let everything out. Reflect on the day—what worked, what didn't work, what will you do differently tomorrow.
  10. Prepare a delicious homemade lunch for yourself the night before.
  11. Schedule lunch out with a friend.
  12. Have a Zoom coffee date with a friend once a week.
  13. Take time out to design your life—all areas of it—just the way you want it.
  14. Find an exercise that you thoroughly enjoy and do it several times a week.
  15. Surround yourself with other supportive and growing people.
  16. Say “no” to more things.
  17. Do one thing every week that scares you. Challenge and grow yourself.
  18. Drink water every single day.
  19. Turn off your computer and your phone every night by a certain time. No peeking!
  20. Sleep in a pitch-black bedroom.
  21. Start your day with warm water and lemon.
  22. Create a list of activities that are fun and exciting. Commit to doing two to three every weekend.
  23. Schedule in your self-care at the start of the week. Commit to your schedule.
  24. Schedule two-week or monthlong holidays throughout the year, just because.
  25. Schedule days in your calendar month to do absolutely nothing.
  26. Allow a buffer time (30 minutes to 1 hour) in your schedule so you're not rushing from one thing to another.
  27. Eliminate tasks and people that drain your energy.
  28. Don't respond to emails right away, take your time on the emails that need a proper response. Think them through.
  29. Take yourself to the park to read an amazing book and enjoy some fresh air.
  30. Keep a clean house—no dishes, clothes put away, clean living area, and so on. If need be, hire a cleaner.
  31. Catch up on things you have put on the back burner or take them off your list.
  32. Don't feel badly if you don't do all or any of these perfectly!
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12 p.m. **LWVWA Education Fund (c)(3) Board meeting and Election (location TBD)**  
**LWVWA/Education Fund Board of Directors meeting (retreat/dates)**

*The “Reconnect, Restore, Renew” breaks are a collection of suggestions from various sources—pick and choose what makes sense to you.*

# Proposed Agenda for the Business Meeting of the 2022 Council

## Plenary Session I

**1 p.m., Friday, June 10**

- Call to Order
- Speakers
- Adoption of Agenda
- Appointment of Parliamentarian, Council Secretary, Credentials Chair, and Tally Team
- Credentials Report and Statement of Quorum
- Adoption of Council Business Meeting and Election Rules (see p. 15)
- Nominating Committee Report (see p.16)
- Nominations from the Floor, if any
- Announcement of the final Nominees for all Positions
- Recess of Business Meeting until 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 11
- Announcements (must be submitted in writing to the Secretary)

## Plenary Session II

**4 p.m., Friday, June 11**

- Call to Order
- Credentials Report and determination of Quorum
- Speeches from Candidates in Contested Races (if any)
- Election of Officers and Directors
- Adjournment, if there are no contested races, *or*
- Recess until 6 p.m., if there are contested races

## Current LWVWA Board Members

- President: Lunell Haught, Spokane Area
- 1st VP: Mary Coltrane, Seattle-King County
- 2nd VP: Beth Pellicciotti, Spokane Area
- Secretary: Jean Snider, Snohomish County
- 501(c)(4) Treasurer: Dee Ann Kline, Mason County
- 501(c)(3) Treasurer: Myra Howrey, Kitsap County
- Director: Susan Fleming, Clark County
- Director: Linda Benson, Clallam County (retiring)
- Director: Julie Sarkissian, Seattle-King County
- Director: Jayne Freitag, Seattle-King County
- Director: Roslyn Duffy, Seattle-King County
- Director: Joan Lawson, Seattle-King County (retiring)
- Director: Susan Daniel, Kitsap County

## Caucuses

### Action Chairs: Current and Future Directions

**Saturday 7:45 p.m., Baker C**

“Action Chair” is an advocacy position that is usually filled in each local League. This position is an important and integral part of our advocacy program, from Lobby Week meetings with legislators to all-year-long work on legislation and policy. Advocacy is important at all levels of government, from county to city to state. How can the state League best support Action Chairs, and how can we leverage their work? Would there be synergy in sharing expertise and experience? Is there relevant training, or tools that could be developed? How can we recruit and sustain the next iteration of Action Chairs? Come and share your ideas and experiences.

### Election Credibility Project

**Saturday 4:15 p.m., Baker A**

Information about what the committee is doing, particularly the high school video competition planned for this fall.

### Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about the National Convention

**Lunell Haught (LWVWA President), Jessica Rohloff (LWVUS Secretary) and Liz Bander (LWVUS Board),**

**Friday 7 p.m., Baker A; and Saturday 7:45 p.m., Baker A**

If you’re attending the LWVUS National Convention, either in person or online, as a delegate or as an observer, you might have questions. For example, what concurrences are “recommended”? What are my responsibilities as a delegate? How do I vote? What important decisions will be made at the convention? How does the convention set the League’s direction for the next two years? Come and get your questions answered!

### Explore Being a MELD Facilitator

**Saturday 4:15 p.m., Baker C**

A Pod Facilitator position involves about 5 hours a month. This includes a Zoom meeting with your assigned pod once a month (60 minutes) and writing a short report. The facilitators also meet monthly (60 minutes). It is considered a leadership position, requiring good listening and communication skills and the ability to facilitate a group discussion. Each pod has a Board member assigned who will be at the meeting to provide updates, answer questions, and listen. They will take your comments and suggestions back to the Board. You don’t have to be expert in anything other than listening and facilitating a group discussion. Come, ask questions, and explore taking a leadership role at the state level.

### Nominating Committee—Looking to the Future

**Saturday 4:15 p.m., Baker A; and Saturday 7:45 p.m., Baker A**

Do you have a passion for our democracy? Have you thought about your role in leading the LWVWA into the future? Come talk with the Nominating Committee, which includes current and past Board Members, about the nominating process, what being a Board or Nominating Committee member involves, etc. The Nominating Committee will be seeking nominations this fall/winter to be elected at the 2023 LWVWA convention for the following positions: President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, three Directors, Nominating Committee Chair, and two Nominating Committee Members.

### Caucus Schedule

**Friday 7PM**

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about the National Convention, Baker A

**Saturday 4:15 PM**

Election Credibility Project, Baker A  
Explore Being a MELD Facilitator, Baker C  
Nominating Committee—Looking to the Future, Baker A  
Voter Services Sharing, Baker C

**Saturday 7:45 PM**

Action Chairs: Current and Future Directions, Baker C  
Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about the National Convention, Baker A  
Nominating Committee—Looking to the Future, Baker A  
Redistricting Reform 2031—What Do We Want Accomplish?, Baker C

## **Redistricting Reform 2031—What Do We Want to Accomplish?**

**Saturday 7:45 p.m., Baker C**

Come join Alison McCaffree to discuss the next steps for comprehensive redistricting reform. After a series of deep-dive meetings, the redistricting working group is forming its strategy for 2031. What are our goals and how do we measure them? Reform topics include six categories—structural change like independent citizen commissions, staffing, criteria and ranking, transparency and accountability, public input, and access for all.

## **Voter Services Sharing**

**Saturday 4:15 p.m., Baker C**

Small group discussions: Topics may include:

- Messaging campaign for candidate forums: What are your ideas after hearing a summary (Karen Crowley) of the Candidate Events Workshop?
- Reaching out to diverse communities: What have you done in the past that works? What are your plans for this year? How are you working with speakers of other languages?
- Reaching out to youth (registering them to vote, preregistering, other activities).
- General sharing: Ideas that work.

## About Our Speakers



**Francis Benjamin, Information Systems Coordinator & Adjunct Faculty, Washington State University**

Francis Benjamin has degrees in Electrical Engineering, Psychology, Theology, and Political Science. He has been with the Washington State University Psychology Department since 1987 designing psychological research and managing information systems. Since 2008 he has led the Political Interaction Lab, which focuses on motivation and political engagement associated with political discrimination and civility. He joint edited *Outside Looking In: Lobbyists' Views on Civil Discourse in U.S. State Legislatures*. He serves on Pullman's City Council and is past president of the Association of Washington Cities. His wife, Heidi, is a mental health counselor. Together, Heidi and Francis have raised three children, one who serves in the military, while the others are employed in social work and health care..



**Nicholas P. Lovrich, PhD**

Nick Lovrich served as the Director of the Division of Governmental Studies and Services at Washington State University from 1977 to 2010, retiring to emeritus status in 2011. He holds the rank of Regents Professor Emeritus in the School of Politics, Philosophy and Public Affairs and has the honor of being a Claudius O. and Mary W. Johnson Distinguished Professor in Political Science at WSU.

Lovrich was on the faculty at DePauw University and at the University of Denver prior to coming to WSU. He holds a B.A. (cum laude) from Stanford University (1966) and a Ph.D. in Political Science from UCLA (1971). Lovrich is the author or co-author/co-editor of 13 books and 200-plus peer-reviewed articles in journals in criminal justice, political science, and public administration. He served as the chair of 31 Ph.D. dissertation committees, and he remains active in retirement as a collaborator on research projects with several of his former doctoral students.



**Vicki Lowe, Executive Director, American Indian Health Commission for Washington State**

Vicki Lowe, a descendant of the Jamestown S'Klallam and Bella Coola First Nations, began working in the Jamestown Tribes Health Program and has seen this program through many changes in the world of health care. In July of 2015, Ms. Lowe became the executive director of the AIHC. Working with the AIHC, she has utilized her vast knowledge of the Indian Health Care Delivery System, state and federal regulations that govern Indian health, to implement statewide strategies supporting tribal and urban Indian health programs.

Lowe is also very involved in the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Community. She has been part of the Jamestown Canoe Family since 2009, pulling in the tribe's canoe since 2012. She supports singing and drumming, language, weaving classes, and other culture programs. In 2012, she was honored as the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's Volunteer of the Year. She has five children and seven grandchildren.



**Jessica Rohloff, LWV US Secretary**

Jessica Rohloff is Secretary of the Board of Directors of the LWVUS. Ms. Rohloff hales from a rural Minnesota farming community. Rohloff's League work has been focused on increasing visibility and partnerships. She has developed programming in the areas of inclusion and equity, particularly as these apply to the League membership, voting rights, and public policy.

In her professional career, Rohloff has worked on the recovery from and prevention of family violence. She has also worked in affordable housing, mental health care, and as a child and elder care provider. Rohloff graduated from the University of Minnesota, Morris with distinction, earning a B.A. in Human Services. She currently manages a farm and maintains her cleaning business. She is an avid reader, writes, and performs publicly and enjoys her large extended family.

# Proposed Standing Rules of the Council

*Note: A motion to adopt these rules will be made at the opening plenary meeting. Amendments may be offered at this time and amendments will require a majority vote to adopt. The rules, as proposed or amended, require a two-thirds vote for adoption. To suspend a rule at a later time during the council requires a two-thirds vote.*

## A. Credentials

1. Admission to the Council shall be limited to persons displaying authorized badges as delegates, observers (members who are not delegates), or guests.
2. The Credentials Committee, directly after the opening ceremonies of the first business meeting, shall report the number of delegates with proper credentials and whether the distribution of delegates meets the Bylaw requirements. The committee shall make a supplementary report before each business session.

## B. Speaking and Debating

1. Privilege of the Floor is reserved to any League member in attendance. Only delegates shall be permitted to vote and initiate motions.
2. Recognition: Individuals wishing to speak shall rise and address the Chair. When recognized, they shall give their name and the name of their League, Unit-at-Large or the State Board position they represent.
3. Debate: During debate no person may speak more than once on a given question until all who desire to speak have been heard. No one may speak more than three minutes without permission of the meeting. The Chair may set the rules for debate or speaking on a topic if the agenda is behind schedule.

## C. Business of the Council

1. Motions: All motions, if there are any, except simple motions such as to close debate, shall be written, signed and sent to the Chair, with copies to the Secretary and computer station.
2. Formal counted votes of the Council shall be taken with the doors closed, and no one may enter until voting is completed. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted. The vote count shall be taken of those present and voting, counting only "yeas" and "nays."
3. The only business of the Council is the election of those officers and directors specified under the Bylaws to be elected at the Council. Otherwise, the Council focuses on training and best practices idea sharing between conventions.

4. Proposed Bylaw changes are out of order at the Council. Bylaws amendments, under the LWVWA Bylaws, may only be proposed at the convention.
5. Program of Work, Budget, and Resolutions are Convention-to-Convention items of business and are not considered at the Council.

## D. Elections

1. The Nominating Committee report shall be formally received on the Friday of the Council, and nominations from the floor, if any, taken in the Friday plenary session.
2. The election shall be an item of business near the end of the Saturday afternoon session, no earlier than 4:00pm, so to provide enough time between nominations and elections for the candidates to campaign amongst the delegates.
3. Candidates in contested races shall be provided with an opportunity to address the delegation before ballots are distributed. This may be scheduled at any point in the Saturday sessions.
4. Ballots shall be issued to delegates displaying proper delegate credentials after the candidate speeches for contested races have occurred.
  - a. Ballots shall contain the names of all nominated candidates.
  - b. Ballots shall be secret, but verifiable as a properly issued LWVWA election ballot.
5. Ballots shall be collected at the doors of plenary session rooms, accessible by all delegates. The ballot box shall be additionally available for one-half hour after the session where voting occurs ends, in the registration area.
6. Ballots shall be tabulated in an area where observation by interested delegates can be undertaken. At minimum, room for two observers for each candidate, and two neutral Board observers, must be available for contested races.
7. Results shall be announced at the Saturday evening Council session/event.

## E. Announcements

1. Announcements must be submitted in writing to the Secretary to make at the close of each session.

## 2022-2024 Board Nominees

Presented by the 2021-2023 Nominating Committee: Shelley Jones, Chair (Pullman Area), Amanda Clark (Seattle-King County), Kathy Sakahara (Seattle-King County), Mary Coltrane (Seattle-King County), and Beth Pellicciotti (Spokane Area).

### Officers

1st Vice President: Mary Coltrane, Seattle-King County  
C4 Treasurer: Dee Ann Kline, Mason



**First Vice President: Mary Coltrane, Seattle King County**

Mary has been a member of the League for over 40 years. Her League involvement started in the 1980s when she was a stay-at-home mom.

Once back in the workforce, League involvement subsided. She is so pleased to have the opportunity to once again promote an informed electorate via the League of Women Voters. She has worn many League hats over the years and has served as Voter Services Portfolio Director since 2017.

Mary obtained a master's in Public Administration from the Evans School of Public Affairs at the University of Washington. She worked in outreach as a community relations specialist for King County Transportation and in intergovernmental relations and fiscal analysis for King County's Road Services Division.

*In a time when democracy is threatened across the globe, it's groups like the League of Women Voters that provide everyday people with a way to help ensure that consent of the governed prevails. And working with League members across out state toward this objective is a lot of fun, too!*



**C4 Treasurer: Dee Ann Kline, Mason County**

I am the current Treasurer of the LWVWA. I was elected at the 2021 Convention. I serve on the Investment Committee, 2022 Council

Committee and am the Board liaison to the Responsible Journalism Study. In Mason County, I am a member of the 4-person Leadership Team, the Voter Services

### Directors

Director: Liz Bander, Seattle-King County  
Director: Susan Daniel, Kitsap  
Director: Miriam Kerzner, Benton-Franklin  
Director: Shelley Kneip, Thurston

Chairman, Newsletter Editor and I keep our website updated.

Work/Volunteer Life: I am retired from a career in Medical (Laboratory) Technology, with the last 25 years spent in management. I am active in the outdoors as a member of the Olympia Chapter of the Mountaineers and a Mount St. Helen Institute Volunteer. As a Master Gardener, particularly enjoy working in our Food Bank Garden. I have served on two different school boards.

*I initially joined the LWV as a way to become politically active without being involved with a political party. I continue to learn from League members around the state and am in awe of the work they do in their communities and at the state level to champion democratic principles.*



**Director: Liz Bander, Seattle/King County**

Liz is a Senior Program Manager at Microsoft. She volunteers with nonprofits that make STEM more diverse, equitable, and inclusive,

including chairing AnitaB.org's Mid-Career Women committee, and serving on the advisory boards for IGNITE Worldwide and Franklin-Pierce Public Schools' CTE program. In her free time, she is an avid equestrian and pole dancer. She lives in Marysville with the partner dude, kinda kid, and their three dogs, two cats, and rabbit.

Director/Trustee, LWVUS/EF 2018-2002. Portfolio included Voter Access Committee Chair, 2022 Convention Program Planning Committee Chair, Liaison to UN Observer Team, DEI committee member,

Advocacy & Litigation committee member.  
Director/Trustee, LWV Seattle-King County 2017-2018.

*Democracy is what keeps my family and myself safe, even though we were left out of full participation for most of American history. At the League, we empower all voters and defend democracy for everyone. It is more critical than ever that we continue this work and I'm proud to be a part of it.*



**Director: Susan Daniel, Kitsap County**

LWV: First joined Kitsap League of Women Voters in the 1970s. Took time off for law school and then to practice law. Upon retirement,

rejoined the League and continues as an active member of the Kitsap League. Served as South Kitsap Unit chair. Currently serves on the Program Committee and the Protect Our Democracy committee.

Background: Attended Texas Women's University, graduated from the University of Missouri and the University of Puget Sound (now Seattle University) School of Law. Served on the boards of several nonprofits, including the Kitsap Dispute Resolution Center, the Kitsap Community Foundation, Leadership Kitsap, and the Kitsap Historical Society. Enjoys walking, birding, and touring gardens.

*My membership in the League has been an important part of my life. I particularly enjoy working with intelligent women who share their knowledge and passion about our democracy. I am very concerned about the current state of our democracy and want to do what I can to ensure that it survives.*



**Director: Miriam Kerzner, Benton/Franklin**

LWV: Assisted the Governance Issue Chair.

Work: Teach American Government at Columbia Basin College

Volunteer: Member of the Richland Public Facilities District, Chair of the Mid-Columbia Mastersingers Outreach and Education Committee, Programming Committee member of the Columbia Basin Badger Club, member of the Strategic Planning and Communications Committees of the Arts Center Task Force.

Personal: Born in Toronto, Canada, I moved to Pittsburgh with my husband to pursue a graduate degree in Public and International Affairs. Due to the various educational needs of my son, I became involved with both private schools and homeschooling, but have always been a staunch supporter of public schooling. My American Government classes are designed to help my students develop an awareness of and respect for a variety of political approaches to the issues that arise based on a fundamental shared belief system in liberal democracy. I also enjoy knitting, acting, cooking, and baking.

*I am a longtime member of the League because I believe its nonpartisan promotion of advocacy and debate is fundamental to bringing us back to a functioning democracy. I also believe in the importance of continuing civic education. I look forward to helping League members empower voters and defend democracy in these fraught times.*



**Director: Shelley Kneip, Thurston**

Shelley has been a League member since 2008. She has been a Board member of both the Kitsap and Thurston Leagues. Shelley has been active in a wide variety of League

activities at both the local and state levels, including candidate forums, working on the state debates, state and local studies and serving on various committees.

Work/Volunteer Life: Shelley is a retired attorney, with experience in municipal, land use and environmental law. She previously held positions on several local nonprofit boards.

Personal: Shelley resides in Lacey with her husband and two dogs.

*I believe strongly in the League's work, educating voters and studying and taking positions on difficult issues. One thing I love about the League is that I am continually learning. We have an amazing group of members with a fierce dedication to defending democracy. I look forward to helping steer the League and assisting efforts in any way I can.*

## Display Tables

### The Decline of Local News

Contact: Dee Anne Finken, [dfinken@comcast.net](mailto:dfinken@comcast.net)

Meet members of our committee who have spent the last year-plus studying the decline of local news in Washington and its impact on our communities and our democracy. During the course of our study, we have interviewed more than 45 experts and examined more than 400 documents. Washington has lost more than two dozen newspapers over the past 20 years and circulation has dropped by more than 1 million readers. Experts agree the decline has impacted civic engagement, voter participation, public health, public finance and political partisanship.

### Public Hospital District Civic Education Project

Contact: Jody A. Disney, [jodyannette1@gmail.com](mailto:jodyannette1@gmail.com)

The Public Hospital District (PHD) Civic Project approved at the 2021 Convention has two primary goals. The first is to make democracy work by educating Leagues so they in turn can better inform their communities and encourage involvement. The second is based on the League's health care position, which is to provide universal access to affordable health care, especially when unmet needs exist.

### LWVWA Nominating Committee

Contact: Shelley Jones, [sjones@lwvwa.org](mailto:sjones@lwvwa.org), (509) 432-3428 (text/talk)

Opportunity for greater impact! Do you have a passion for our democracy and defending it in these difficult times? Learn about the opportunities to serve as a LWVWA Board Member or on the LWVWA Nominating Committee. Meet committee members, use the QR code to sign our interest form, and attend our Meet & Greet on Saturday at 8:30 p.m.!

### Host Leagues Snohomish and Skagit Counties

Snohomish Contact: Jeanne Crevier,

[jeannemcrevier@gmail.com](mailto:jeannemcrevier@gmail.com)

Skagit Contact: Wende Sanderson,

[wende.sanderson@gmail.com](mailto:wende.sanderson@gmail.com)

Stop by to see the latest innovations from Snohomish County that generate inclusive, active, and bilingual civic engagement and help with discerning fact from fiction in today's TMI overload environment. Co-host Skagit League is also displaying three of our most popular cut sheets, used at voter education booths and information meetings.

## Display Table Times

Most display tables will be staffed for attendees to browse during the following times:

Friday 5 p.m.-8 p.m.

Saturday 8 a.m.-9 a.m.

Saturday 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Saturday 4:15 p.m.-6 p.m.

Saturday 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Sunday 8 a.m.-9 a.m.

### Auction Baskets

Contact: Wende Sanderson,

[wende.sanderson@gmail.com](mailto:wende.sanderson@gmail.com)

This table showcases Silent Auction baskets for those who don't have a League-specific table. Check out the entries and feel free to place your bids—it's all for the great cause of supporting our local Leagues!

### Lobby Team

Contact: Susan Fleming, [sfleming@lwvwa.org](mailto:sfleming@lwvwa.org)

Come meet members of the Lobby Team, and ask any questions you may have about working with us next legislative session. We're welcoming new team members in a number of areas, including democracy, gun control, economic and social justice, and more. We'll describe our work, and how you can be part of the action.

### Voter Services Committee

Contact: Mary Coltrane, [mary.coltrane@lwvwa.org](mailto:mary.coltrane@lwvwa.org)

The Voter Services table is the place to stop for SWAG and tabling items for your Get Out the Vote event. Be a Voter buttons, Your Vote publications, ACLU brochures on rules for formerly incarcerated people, stickers, and more. Make your event fun and informative with these great tools. Depending on staffing, take a walk-through of the online Be a Voter tools. See you there!

### Mason County

Contact: Dee Ann Kline, [deeannk3@gmail.com](mailto:deeannk3@gmail.com)

Step up to meet seven extraordinary women who made a difference by pushing boundaries, setting an example of citizen participation, and representing the diversity of Mason County. Learn more about the untold stories and achievements of these remarkable women leaders of the past and present.

**The LWVWA Civic Education Committee**

Contact: *Beth Pellicciotti*, [pelliccmb@gmail.com](mailto:pelliccmb@gmail.com)

Stop by our table and let's talk about what you are doing in civic education. Learn how LWVWA civic education grants might support your work. Are you looking for new ways to reach adults or youth with civic education? Look through our listings of League civic education projects from across the state.

**The State We're In: Washington**

Contact: *Karen Verrill*, *The State We're In: WA*, Project Manager [kverrill@lwwwa.org](mailto:kverrill@lwwwa.org)

Please stop by our table and take a look at the League's civics books that are designed to inspire students to become active citizens. See our new "What Does it Take to Be a Good Citizen?" poster in Spanish and talk with us about how to get more books into classrooms across the state!

**Criminal Justice Position Adoption by Consensus Process Team**

Contacts: *R. Peggy Smith*, [rpps4u@comcast.net](mailto:rpps4u@comcast.net) and *Heather Kelly*, [president@lwvskc.org](mailto:president@lwvskc.org)

Program Committee members will be on hand to talk about our steps to gain consensus for criminal justice positions at last year's convention. Hear how we decided to present positions from the California LWV as well as about getting support from local Leagues. The new positions were used for advocacy this year, and you can help shape how they will be used in the future. Copies of the positions will be available.

**LWVWA Shoreline Study Committee**

Contact: *Shelley Kneip*, [shelleykneip@gmail.com](mailto:shelleykneip@gmail.com)

Find out about the latest study that the LWVWA has completed—on shorelines. The study will be coming to local Leagues this summer to start the consensus process. The display table will have excerpts from the study and a sign-up sheet for more information. The study is currently accessible online at <https://lwwwa.org/Shoreline-Study/>.

**LWVSKC Resource-Sharing Project**

Contact: *Heather Kelly*, [president@lwvskc.org](mailto:president@lwvskc.org)

Do you have resources that you're willing to share with other Leagues? The LWVSKC is creating a folder for templates of common documents (onboarding materials, best practices, bylaws, board policies, orientation materials, annual meeting materials, strategic plans, local League positions, job descriptions,

etc.). You can drop copies of your documents off at our table or upload them to this folder:

<https://lwwseattle.app.box.com/f/3f7753ecc8744941a3e1bbf8ee1l4bbec>. Stop by the table for details!

**LWVWA Redistricting and *Politics of the Possible* Book**

Contact: *Alison McCaffree*, [amccaffree@lwwwa.org](mailto:amccaffree@lwwwa.org)

Redistricting continues to be a hot topic both in Washington and the nation. Come talk to Alison about the next steps to energize the movement for comprehensive redistricting reform in Washington state. Get inspired by both the book *Politics of the Possible* by Mary Ellen McCaffree and the play *Many Maps One Voice* by Anne McNamee Corbett, based on the book. It is going to take all of us to push for reform. Come see how you can get involved.

**LWV of the Spokane Area Civics Bowl**

Contact: *Ann Murphy*, [annmurphy@lwwwa.org](mailto:annmurphy@lwwwa.org)

Come test your knowledge of local, state, and national civics with one of the six high school teams (they will be on video) who participated in the Civics Bowl in Spokane. The LWVSA partnered with KSPS PBS and Spokane Public Schools to develop this pilot program. We hope to include more schools next year. We will have information on how this partnership worked.

**LWVWA Statewide Video Contest for High School Students**

Contacts: *Carolyn Woodling*, [carolyn\\_woodling@yahoo.com](mailto:carolyn_woodling@yahoo.com) and *Vikki Clearman*, [vikkiclearman@gmail.com](mailto:vikkiclearman@gmail.com)

Help the Election Credibility Project team refine plans for the 2023 Video Contest for High School Students. Students will be asked to submit videos on voting and be eligible for three cash awards of \$600 per winning team. We want local Leagues to be key partners with community resources in promoting the contest, teaming with regional resources, and communicating with and acknowledging participants. We look forward to your ideas and your support.

**DEI In Action**

Contact: *Julie Sarkissian*, [jsarkissian@lwwwa.org](mailto:jsarkissian@lwwwa.org)

Come find out about the DEI projects and activities our Leagues have been involved in. Share your thoughts about how we can make progress on DEI within the League. We'd like to find out more about the DEI interests and needs of members and Leagues.

# Delegate Report

League/UAL	Number of Members, by Year							Delegates to Convention (includes President)
	2013	2015	2016	2017	2019	2021	2022	
LWV of Bellingham-Whatcom Co.	125	172	211	221	279	331	271	12
LWV of Benton-Franklin Counties	58	53	46	49	56	72	86	5
LWV of Clallam County	89	84	86	81	116	110	121	6
LWV of Clark County	28	26	29	30	70	130	129	7
LWV of Cowlitz County	18	14	9	9	8	7	6	2
LWV of Grays Harbor	28	21	7	12	11	N/A	N/A	N/A
LWV of Jefferson County UAL	9	13	13	10	12	15	21	2
LWV of Kitsap County	85	96	95	104	161	202	172	8
LWV of Kittitas County	32	35	41	34	39	46	47	3
LWV of Klickitat-Skamania UAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17	8	2
LWV of Lewis County UAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14	12	2
LWV of Mason County	32	30	32	28	40	57	64	4
LWV of Pullman	60	58	56	58	54	68	74	4
LWV of the San Juans	55	57	72	87	77	81	78	5
LWV of Seattle-King County	646	612	584	661	679	521	461	20
LWV of Skagit County	9	5	12	16	25	42	63	4
LWV of Snohomish County	102	120	124	129	168	215	206	10
LWV of Spokane Area	48	50	48	56	98	137	121	6
LWV of Tacoma-Pierce County	119	120	115	124	151	183	160	8
LWV of Thurston County	108	98	103	120	146	186	165	8
LWV of Whidbey Island	65	77	49	58	88	88	88	5
LWV of Yakima County	60	39	30	30	43	47	46	3
LWVWA Members-at-Large	9	11	4	2	3	19	7	1
State Board Delegates								13
TOTAL	1785	1790	1766	1919	2324	2588	2406	139 possible

# 2021-22 Annual Report

## President

### Lunell Haught

- Decisions made at the 2021 Convention continue to implement the strategic plan.
- Staggered Board of Director terms allowing for continuity and shared knowledge of League work.
- LWVWA/Education Fund Policies and Procedures revised, consolidated, and clarified.
- Statewide discussions conducted about how to be nonpartisan in these partisan times.
- Joined the Washington Coalition for Open Government Board of Directors, focused on Redistricting Commission errors and open public meetings.
- Partisan politics role in the Redistricting Commission revealed through staff and commissioners' depositions fuel efforts to revise the commission, possibly through a constitutional amendment.
- Administrative staff guiding conversion to shared files and communication.
- Clark County LWV was awarded the Strengthening Democracy Award for Speak Up Schools.
- Snohomish County LWV received an honorable mention for Voter Services.
- Kitsap County LWV received the Connections Award for DEI Engagement and Education.
- Skagit County LWV received an honorable mention for their drive-through method for voter registration during the pandemic.
- Clark County LWV and Kitsap LWV each received the Member Engagement and Recruitment Award.
- Susie Gerard, secondary school social studies coordinator for Spokane public schools, received the League Good Citizen Award.
- Ann Murphy (Spokane) and Catherine Ahl (Kitsap) shared the Dorothy Roberts Award.
- Karen Verrill (Thurston) received the rarely awarded Evergreen Award for her long-term effort as project manager for *The State We're In: Washington*.
- Investment committee chair transition, new, diverse members, and selection and transfer of a financial management firm to guide investments. The endowment fund is strong in challenging times.
- Continue to use CPA for 990 Reports and compilations, lending professionalism to LWVWA work.
- Local presidents meet monthly to discuss issues, keep up to date, and share resources.
- Adjustments to Zoom and in-person meetings and accommodations for situations and people have been made by all.
- Directions to the Board from the convention responded to (*This Month in the League*).

## Education Fund Portfolio

### Myra Howrey, Treasurer/ LWVWA EF Director (July 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022)

- The Treasurers Affinity Group met via Zoom on a quarterly basis. The sessions were well attended, energetic, and specific and general questions were addressed.
- Local League Education Fund Project Topics
  - Bellingham: Upfront Digital Subscriptions
  - Benton Franklin: Scholarships and donation in honor of Marilyn Perkins
  - Clallam: Kid's Voting 2020 and 2021
  - Kitsap: Voter Service Projects, Public Meetings, Zero to 3 Education, DEI
  - Pullman: Purchase TSWI for distribution, Visual Arts Competition
  - Snohomish: Delta Neighborhood Tree Planting Project, DEI Strategy Implementation
  - Spokane: Be a Voter Campaign, H.S. Civics Bowl Sponsorship, Southside Community Center Sponsorship
  - Thurston: Tribal Sovereignty Position, Be a Voter Campaign, Purchase TSWI for distribution
  - Yakima: Publish Homelessness Study

- TRY: Clark and Kitsap
- LWVUS PMP: Bellingham, Clark, Kitsap, Pullman, Spokane, Thurston
- *The State We're In: Washington*
  - A new inventory and sales management system was initiated that has proven to be cost effective and efficient.
  - [Current products for sale and in inventory:](#)
    - 8th edition of the high school book
    - 1st edition of the elementary school book
    - “How to Be a Good Citizen” poster, English and Spanish versions
    - Teacher’s Guide – 8th edition, also available online
    - Teacher’s Guide for the elementary book, only available online
  - As of April 30, 2022, the revenue for TSWI products was \$31,831.34, with expenses of \$13,049.52. This is for the period of July 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022.
- Civic Ed Grant Projects topics: (please see Civic Ed Committee Report)  
CE Grant Funds distributed between July 1, 2021 and April 30, 2022: \$10,154.14
- Statement of Financial Position as of April 30, 2022\*
 

Balance in Key Bank Checking:	\$156,871.68
Balance in Key Bank Savings:	61,717.09
Endowment securities and cash:	943,568.66
Inventory – TSWI:	37,556.58
Total:	\$1,199,714.01
- Supplemental Report:  
Local League Ed Fund Account Balance: \$114,409.17

\*Detailed budget reports are available in board packets <https://lwvwa.org/board-meetings>

## LWVWA Treasurer

### Dee Ann Kline Treasurer, Director

- Began using a payroll system in keeping with our goal to have administrative tasks done by professionals, leaving League members free to do mission-related work.
- The Washington Local and Regional News Study was adopted at the 2021 convention and is in the final stages of writing.
- Statement of Financial Position as of April 30, 2022\*
  - Bank Balance \$72,220.79

## Advocacy Portfolio, Lobby Team Chair

### Joan Lawson, Director/Susan Fleming, Director

- The Action Chairs of local Leagues are working in most of the local Leagues to inform members and the public about important local and state issues.
- During the 2022 legislative session, nine active Issue Chairs represented the League in the legislature and testified on numerous bills.
- The Issue Chairs researched and testified on 60 bills.
- The *Legislative Newsletter* went to 10,302 subscribers.

- The League is involved with 15 coalitions to achieve our goals, many of which were accomplished during the 2022 legislature.
- Co-sponsored Lobby Week with Fix Democracy First, another virtual event with more than 293 in attendance, who then met with their legislators. A special feature this year was conversations with legislative leaders about how they got started with their careers in government.
- Bills supported by the LWVWA that passed included Tax (2), Health Care (7), Democracy (2), Criminal Justice (5), Climate Change (4), and Housing (5).
- Trained thousands of citizens to testify at the Redistricting Commission.
- The LWV of California Criminal Justice Position was adopted by concurrence, and work will begin on this at the end of this biennium.

## Civic Education Portfolio

**Beth Pellicciotti, Director**

**Karen Verrill Project Manager**

- League members guided the work of two LWVWA committees—one on marketing civics textbooks and posters and the other on civic education activities for adults and youth.
- Potential partnerships are being developed with the Washington State Parent Teacher Association and the Washington State 4-H to provide local contacts for Leagues.
- Across the state, League members are learning how to put *The State We're In: Washington* civics textbooks in the hands of students and teachers through contacts with school districts and Education Service Districts.
- LWVWA poster, "What Does It Take to Be a Good Citizen in a Democratic Society?" is now translated into Spanish.
- Local Leagues have been awarded seven (LWVWA Education Fund) civic education grants:
  - High School Civics Bowl (Spokane)
  - Voter Education/Registration Initiative (Skagit)
  - Planting the Seeds of Civics at all County Elementary Schools and our County Library (Snohomish)
  - Democracy Rocks Toolkit (Kittitas)
  - Young Voters in Clallam County: Education, Involvement and Support (Clallam)
  - Civics Education Fair (Thurston)
  - Building Civic Engagement at Skagit County Public School Districts and Public Libraries (Skagit)

## Development and Fundraising Portfolio

**Roslyn Duffy Director**

- The guiding message of "why" people support and engage with the League, fundraising campaigns included:
  - "Power Up!" The strength and power of League work is fueled by its members—both financially and through time and talent. The year-end donations more than doubled the previous year's donations.
  - The "Be a League Flea" campaign, with its variety of fleas, from Letter-Writing Lola to Slogging Cecilia (what kind of League Flea are you?). Opening rate of emails went from 23% in 2021 to 31% in 2022.
- Donations from nonmembers increased substantially this year.
- Linnea Hirst Scholarship Fund to make League membership affordable to all is on its way to \$5,000.
- Participated in the Give Big campaign.

## Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Portfolio

**Julie Sarkissian, Director**

- Produced a Zoom workshop on allyship for the 2021 convention and held a DEI Caucus.

- Began development of roadmap for DEI pages on the LWVWA website, including a land acknowledgment, robust DEI resources section, and DEI Calendar.
- Eight forums and programs in the state as of May 2022, including Pierce New Immigrants Experience. Racism Evolution: History to Hope series #5—New Immigrants, Racism Evolution: History to Hope series #6—Hope! This panel discusses the science of hope and its application to the evolution of racism, and Attorney General Bob Ferguson Forum on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.
- DEI Working Committee continued to develop the DEI plan and consider methods for increasing the profile of DEI within the Board and local Leagues.

## Membership Education and Leadership Development (MELD) Portfolio

### Linda Benson, Director

- Four five-member pods met monthly with a MELD facilitator and state Board liaison to discuss successes and challenges they have. This is another way (in addition to the President's Calls, the *TMIL/VOTER*, and topic networks) to connect local Leagues with each other and the state Board.

## Program of Work

- **Washington Local and Regional News Study Program Director**  
*Dee Ann Kline, Program Director/Study Liaison*  
Study research is complete and will be sent to reading and technical committees.
- **Washington Public Hospital Districts and Their Role in Your Local Community's Health Care System**  
*Jayne Freitag, Program Director/Study Liaison*  
Plans are being made to help members and the public understand the importance of hospital districts.
- **Criminal Justice Positions of the LWV of California**  
*Susan Fleming, Lobby Team Chair/Program Director/Concurrence Liaison*
- **Washington Shorelines Study**  
*Lunell Haught, President/Study Liaison*  
The study is complete, consensus questions have been adopted, and local Leagues will be able to begin the consensus process in summer/fall 2022.

## Research Portfolio Evaluating League Effectiveness (2021-2022)

### Jean Snider, Director/Secretary

- Completed, in collaboration with WSU, the semi-structured interview phase of the research project, assessing the effectiveness of League activities. Twenty League members trained in the "appreciative interview" technique interviewed more than 100 members. The results informed the all-member survey.
- Exit interviews with recently retired Board members were conducted to get recommendations for greater effectiveness for the LWVWA board.
- More than 500 members responded to a survey that revealed their experiences, interests, and opinions about nonpartisanship with the League. The information will be used to develop success strategies for the future regarding membership and League work. It creates a benchmark that will be used in future assessments.

## Voter Services Portfolio

### Mary Coltrane, Director

The state League Voter Services varies from year to year, depending on whether there are statewide races. If there are, candidate events are in order. If not, much of the state League's work is in support of GOTV efforts that local Leagues carry out. This was the focus of the past year. Here are highlights of the state League Voter Services work in 2021-22:

- An updated *Your Vote* publication, featuring 33 facts refuting mis- and disinformation, and other stories geared to removing mental barriers people may have about voting.
- A Be a Voter Campaign in which local Leagues worked together as part of the state League Voter Services Committee to develop campaign materials. The Be a Voter Campaign included social media outreach focused on mis- and disinformation, along with whimsical social media messages aimed at Get Out the Vote. Many of the voter education tools are available in Spanish.
- Voter Services workshop featuring the Be a Voter Campaign, Great Questions, and Outreach to Hispanic Voters.
- Voter Services meeting for all members featuring Kitsap County Auditor Paul Andrews answering League questions on mis- and disinformation issues that come to the Kitsap Auditors office.
- Two workshops about candidate events, with a special focus on empty-chair debates. Panelists included Maggie Bush of the LWWUS, Mike Bay of TVW, and Peter Lavelle and Chip Beatty of the Public Disclosure Commission.
- Tailored the state League home page to voters seeking information in advance of the general election.
- Media outreach to alert the public to voter education tools. Outreach to community groups with a special focus on groups that are underrepresented in the electorate.
- Re-formed the state Voter Services committee to create more opportunities for committee members to develop and carry out projects.
- A LWWUS grant to print and distribute ACLU brochures outlining the new rules around returning voters (formerly incarcerated people).
- Updated Voter Services volunteers in local Leagues about tools and other resources the state League can provide.

## The Mood Meter

A tool developed at the Center for Emotional Intelligence at Yale University.

