



Annual Meeting Saturday March 23, 2019

MINUTES

Call to Order: The Annual Meeting was called to order at 10:30 am by acting President Marianne Mills.

Members and Guests Attending: carolyn Brown, Karen Crane, Dixie Weiss, Mary Hakala, Andy Hughes, Marianne Mills, Helena Fagan, Lori Brotherton, Mary Rikken, Bridget Smith, Pat Watt, Nancy Waterman, Judith Mitchell, Judy Andree, Trish Turner Custard, Hetty Barthel, Kim Jones, Bridget Weiss

Welcome and Introduction of Keynote Speaker, Bridget Weiss, Superintendent of Juneau Public Schools, by acting President Marianne Mills.

Bridget Weiss discussed the effects of the proposed state budget on education. She spoke on the existing social issues facing students and teachers and how the proposed \$13 million in reductions would seriously compromise an already tenuous system. She stated that it has been shown that if you educate people in state, they are more likely to stay in state. The reduced budget has many unintentional consequences as far as recruiting to and retaining people in Alaska. She stressed the need for a variety of voices to speak out about the budget impacts and what is important to them as Alaska citizens.

Quorum Determination and Approval of Agenda: Quorum achieved with 18 present. Motion from Marianne Mills to approve agenda, seconded by Judith Mitchell. Mary Hakala requested one addition. There were no objections. Agenda approved with addition.

Approval of Previous Annual Meeting Minutes: Judith Mitchell motioned that the Minutes be approved, Mary Hakala seconded. There were no objections. Minutes of March 24, 2018 approved.

President's Report: Marianne Mills highlighted a number of events and accomplishments from 2018. Including:

1. Hosted and led full day visits and behind the scenes explorations of the Capitol and its workings for Juneau 8th grade students.
2. Did extensive voter registration in the high schools, within the Tribal Citizens community, and in the community at large.

3. Presented the **How To Run For Local Office** workshop. The workshop was filled to capacity. Several attendees then went on to successfully run for public office.
4. Updated our positions on Environmental Quality and the Mendenhall Wetlands Boundary Concerns.
5. Revised the **Board Handbook** and made it available in hard copy and online.
6. Created an informative newsletter, **The Voter**, which is sent six times a year to members updating them on League actions and opportunities for civic involvement.
7. Sent delegates to both the National and State Conventions.
8. Researched the possibility of publishing a book for youth on the life and accomplishments of Elizabeth Peratrovich.
9. Partnered with *The Juneau Empire* to present **Countdown To The Elections**, nine weekly articles written by League members detailing different aspects of the election and voting.
10. Created the **Voter Guide**, published by *The Juneau Empire*, detailing the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly and School Board candidates and their positions.
11. Created and hosted Assembly/School Board and State candidates forums. Partnered with the local NPR/PBS station to offer the forum live, on radio, and streaming.
12. Members helped at the polls and during the hand counts.
13. Member Alicia Hughes-Skandjs was selected to CBJ Assembly.
14. Held a successful wine tasting fundraiser and online auction of Pat Race I Voted Prints.

Marianne also thanked outgoing Board Members Kim Jones, Judy Andree, Carolyn Brown, Nancy Waterman, and Pat Watt for their dedication and service to the League.

State Board Report: Judy Andree presented the State Board Report. The State League is now a 501(c)3 entity. She reminded everyone that the State Convention will be held April 14-15 in Juneau. She stated that the League has much transpiring at the state and local level with the current budget talks, etc. Involved in an Amicus Brief students in Climate Action youth plaintiffs. She advised everyone to follow and support H.R. 1 - For The People Act and to be sure to contact our representatives in Congress to voice our support.

Mary Hakala, staffer for Rep. Andi Story, gave an overview on the House to date and opportunities for testifying.

Presentation, Discussion, and Adoption of Program: Marianne Mills presented the programs/positions for 2019-2020 as published in the Juneau Voter:

1. Retain the following local positions:

- Advisory Committees
- Avalanche and Mass-Wasting
- Charter Commission
- Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
- Education
- Estuarine Resources - Environmental Quality
- Libraries
- Local Election Procedures
- Local Government
- Mendenhall Wetlands Boundary
- Parks and Recreation
- Planning and Zoning

Solid Waste Management
Water and Wastewater

2. Update the Local Election Procedures Position

3. Update the Charter Commission Position

4. Update the Local Government Position

5. Continue these Action Priorities:

Capital Kids/Capitol Visits
Voter Registration
Develop Municipal Voter Guide
Conduct Municipal Candidate Forum

Motion from Pat Watt to approve program, seconded by Karen Crane. No objections, approved.

Adoption of Budget: Kim Jones presented the FY2020 Budget. Motion from Karen Crane to approve, Bridget Smith seconded. No objections, approved.

Pat Watt moved that the Board of Directors look into adding Capital Kids/Capitol Visits as a budget line item.

Report of the Nominating Committee, Election of Officers and Board of Directors:
Bridget Smith presented the new Board as published in the Juneau Voter.

The committee proposed:

President: Karen Crane	One Year
Vice President: Barbara Murray	One Year
Treasurer: Lori Brotherton	Two Years
Director: Mary Hakala	Two Years
Director: Kirsia Hughes-Skandjs	Two Years
Director: Sally Sadler	Two Years
Returning Officers/Directors:	
Secretary: Trish Turner Custard	One Year
Director: Monica Todden	One Year
Director: Judith Mitchell	One Year
Director: Peggy Cowan	One Year

2020 Nominating Committee: Bridget Smith(chair), Cheryl Jebe, Barbara Belknap, Maryanne Mills, and Kathryn Cohen.

A motion was made by Nancy Waterman to accept the slate of officers and the next year's nominating committee as published, with Kim Jones seconding. Membership approved unanimously.

Selection of Bank Signatories: Motion by Judith Mitchell to make Trish Turner Custard, Karen Crane, Lori Brotherton, and Barbara Murray signatories on bank accounts AND remove Kim Jones, Marianne Mils, and carolyn Brown as signatory. Mary Hakala seconded. Motion approved.

Election of State Convention Delegates: Mary Mills discussed that the League can send up to four delegates to the State Convention and asked if anyone wanted to attend. Karen Crane, Mary Rikken, Judith Mitchell, and Trish Turner Custard were nominated to be voting delegates. Pat Watt motioned that the four named be sent as voting delegates. Nancy Waterman seconded. No objections, motion approved. All members were encouraged to attend.

Directions to the Local Board and State Convention Delegates: Karen opened remarks to the membership to express directions and actions they would like to see to see the League take in the next year.

Pat Watt reiterated that she would like a line item added to the budget for Capital Kids/Capitol Visits. She also expressed that she needs volunteers to be on the committees to update the Local Government Position and the Charter Position.

Carolyn Brown expressed the desire to have 3-4 Lunch and Learns in the upcoming year.

Bridget Smith would like to see a continuation of the My Turn-style columns that we did during the elections. She feels the League needs to raise its profile within the community.

Andy Hughes asked that the state convention delegates suggest to the state League to consider a position on the PFD.

Marianne Mills would like to see the state LWV raise its profile in the media.

Mary Hakala would like to see the League engage the next generation of possible League members. She also hoped the League would take an active role in district mapping, overturning Citizens United, and longterm fiscal stability.

Marianne Mills passed the Gavel to Karen Crane: Karen Crane took the gavel and thanked Marianne Mills for her service on behalf of the League. Marianne offered to continue as Membership Chair.

Having no further business, Karen Crane adjourned the meeting at 12:20 pm.

The next Board Meeting will be April 1, 2019 at 5:15 at the Valley Library.

Minutes submitted by Trish Turner Custard, Secretary LWV-J.