

LWVB/N 2019 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES FIRST DRAFT
Saturday, June 1, 2019
The Fairdale
672 Wehrle Drive, Buffalo, NY 14225

Call to Order: The 2019 LWVB/N Annual Meeting was called to order by President Terri Parks at 10:30 a.m. with a quorum present.

Opening remarks and appointments: President Parks welcomed everyone and asked that a moment of silence be observed in memory of the special people who died during the past year.

President Parks made the following appointments:

Parliamentarian: Lyle Toohey

Recorder: Mary Herbst

Committee to review the minutes: Laura McDade and Susan Dombrowski

Tellers, if needed: Mary Ann Turkla and JoAnn Mecca

President Parks announced the rules for the conduct of the meeting.

President Parks commented that the Annual Reports are in the Annual Report Booklet. She thanked everyone who submitted a report. The Finance Committee report will be in the *Summer Voter*.

She encouraged active participation in at least one of the important efforts being pursued by League Committees.

Approval of 2018 annual meeting minutes: Motion by Ramona Gallagher and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting that were reviewed by the Review Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at its July 2018 meeting. Motion adopted.

Treasurer's Report: Lori Robinson presented the Treasurer's Report. (Space saved until Treasurer's Report is available.)

President Parks accepted the Treasurer's Report for filing and thanked Lori for her outstanding service as treasurer.

Presentation and adoption of 2019-2020 Budget: President Parks thanked the members of the Budget Committee: Lori Robinson, Shirley Joy and Chair, Amy Witryol. Amy Witryol presented the proposed budget for 2019-2020. After a discussion of the budget, there were no proposed amendments. Motion by Amy Witryol with no second needed to adopt the 2019-2020 budget as presented. Motion adopted.

Presentation and adoption of 2019-2020 Local Program: President Parks introduced Marian Deutschman to present the 2019-2020 Local Program and Continuing Responsibilities for adoption. Motion by Marian Deutschman with no second needed to adopt the 2019-2020 Local Program and Continuing Responsibilities as printed. Motion adopted. President Parks thanked Marian for presenting it as the Program/Issues Committee Chair.

Presentation of an addition to the Bylaws: President Parks invited Janet Zehr, Governance Chair to the podium to present the motion for the suggested addition to the bylaws and thanked her for her service. The bylaw change was approved by the Board of Directors.

Article VI Committees, New Section 3. (Renumber the items following it in Article VI.) The LWVBN Board of Directors has delegated supervisory authority of its financial affairs to the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee will consist of five League members and be chaired by a member of the board, who is not the treasurer. The board president and board treasurer shall be members of the committee. The committee members will serve for one board year and be appointed by the board at its first meeting of each board year. President Parks called for a vote. There were no changes to the proposed amendment. It was approved by a two-thirds vote.

Nominating Committee report: President Parks thanked the members of the 2018-2019 Nominating Committee: Lynne Vallone, Janet Goodsell, Lyle Toohey, Janet Massaro, Joan Simmons, Marian Deutschman and Chair, Kathleen McCarthy. She invited Kathleen to present the Nominating Committee report.

Nominees for officers and directors for the board of directors for 2019-2020 are President, Joan T. Parks (Terri); 1st Vice President, Ramona Gallagher; 2nd Vice President, Nancy DeTine; Secretary, Susan Dombrowski; Director, Barbara Gunderson; Director, Shirley Joy; Director, Nora Mikes; Director, Christine Prygon and Director, Elisabeth Zausmer.

Nominees for the Nominating Committee for a one-year term from 2019-2020 are Chair, Kathleen McCarthy and Committee Members Ann Converso, Mary Herbst and Janet Goodsell.

President Parks asked for nomination from the floor for officers. There were none so nominations were closed.

President Parks asked for nominations from the floor for directors of the board. There were none so nominations were closed.

President Parks asked for nominations from the floor for the 2019-2020 Nominating Committee. There were none so nominations were closed.

President Parks requested that the secretary cast one ballot for the uncontested officers, directors and nominating committee members. Ballot cast by secretary, Mary Herbst.

President Parks congratulated the newly elected officers, board members and nominating committee members. She thanked Kathleen for the Nominating Committee report.

Directions to the board from the membership: President Parks requested directions to the board from the membership. No requests were received from the membership to the board.

Installation of officers and board members: President Parks invited Laura McDade to conduct the Installation Ceremony for the 2019 Annual Meeting. Following the installation, President Parks thanked Laura McDade and presented the officers and directors of the board with a gift of chocolate as a reminder that they accept the responsibility and will serve in joy and consume it to affirm their association with the League of Women Voters. Special Recognitions: President Parks recognized that many people deserved thanks for their efforts during the past year. She especially thanked Ramona Gallagher for taking over her responsibilities while she was hospitalized. She noted that she was able to keep up with some things by email, but mainly Ramona, the other board members and Mary Ann Turkla kept things running smoothly.

President Parks asked Janet Massaro, Janet Zehr and Mary Herbst who have elected to leave the board to stand. She thanked Janet Massaro for her fine job as Membership Chair for the past two years. She thanked Janet Zehr for being the Governance Chair this year and presenting the amendment to the bylaws today. She thanked Mary Herbst for being secretary for the past four years and taking the minutes that are the legal record for the decisions of the corporation. Ann Converso is also leaving the board but has agreed to conduct a Citizen's Lobbying Workshop again as part of our advocacy efforts.

Announcements and adjournment:

The State League will host its 100-year celebration on November 19, 2019 at the Buffalo History Museum.

We will be conducting several Voter Registration efforts this summer and need all the help we can get.

Volunteers are invited to bring friends to assist them.

Members are invited to suggest a charitable organization to invite to our Holiday Party as we have in recent years.

President Parks invited program and committee chairs to stand so members could see who to contact to help with League efforts.

There being no further business for the annual meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 A.M.

Submitted by Mary Herbst
Secretary

Luncheon and Program

A luncheon followed the business meeting.

Students Inside Albany Report: Thomas Griffin made remarks about his experience at Students Inside Albany.

2019 Making Democracy Work Award: Rev. Kirk Laubenstein presented Barbara Seals Nevergold with the 2019 Making Democracy Work Award.

The Joan K. Bozer Leadership Award was presented to Ramona Gallagher by Joan K. Bozer.

The LEE Service Award was presented to Joyce Bol by Lee Tetkowski