



**Annual Meetings of the
74th LWVFA General Fund
&
40th LWVFA Education Fund**

**Saturday, April 30, 2022
9:30 a.m.**

Virtual

The purpose of this Annual Meeting is to allow members to collectively consider and adopt an annual budget and to elect officers and directors for the organization.

Members may also give direction to the Board.

Please bring this Kit with you to the Annual Meeting.

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2021-2022 LWVFA Board of Directors

Officers

Co-President – Anu Sahai
Co-President – Pat Fege
First Vice President – Cindy Kalkwarf
Second Vice President – Nancy Roodberg
Secretary – Lois Page
Treasurer – Lynn Stewart

Directors

Action/Advocacy – Barbara Boardman
Action/Advocacy – Jill Follows
At-Large – Cindy Kalkwarf
At-Large – Kathleen Pablo
Membership Director – Donna Blake
Program Director – Jessica Storrs
Public Relations Director – Katharina Gollner-Sweet
Unit Director – Mary Valder
Voter Service Director – Don Craig
Voter Registration Director – Arina van Breda

Proposed Rules of Procedure

The Rules of Procedure become the tools that permit a majority to accomplish its purpose within a reasonable period of time, but only after allowing the minority a reasonable opportunity to express its views on issues.

- I. LWV Bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised ("Parliamentary Procedure") generally guide the proceedings.
- II. Only members in good standing in the LWVFA will be permitted to speak and vote.
- III. **Discussion**
 - Speakers shall identify themselves by **name** and **unit**.
 - Each speaker will be allowed two minutes, unless otherwise announced.
 - The chair will not recognize a person the second time until all who wish to speak have done so.
 - Debate must be germane to the subject.
 - Members may request an extension of time.
- IV. **Motions and Amendments**
 - Lengthy motions and amendments shall be written and submitted to the Secretary.
 - An amendment may be amended only once.
 - As all agenda items require prior member notice, motions to amend the bylaws or program, which change the intent or enlarge the scope, will not be permitted.
- V. **Procedure for Program Adoption**
 - A. Informal consideration
 - a. An initial presentation of the recommended and non-recommended items is made.
 - i. Recommended items: Only questions of clarification will be permitted at this time.
 - ii. Non-recommended items: A member may give two-minute presentation recommending the item, followed by a formal Motion To Consider. A member of the Board may give reasons for not recommending the item (one minute.) The motion is then voted upon immediately. If it receives a majority vote, it is then considered for adoption on the same basis as the recommended items, except that it must receive 3/5 vote for adoption.
 - b. The proposed program (approved non-recommended items, followed by recommended items) is now up for informal consideration; there may be discussion, without formal motions, as time permits.
 - B. Formal consideration
 - a. Motion To Adopt is made.
 - b. Program: non-recommended items and then recommended items, in the order in which they were voted for consideration, are taken up one at a time for formal motion, further debate, possible amendment and vote.
 - c. Current Positions: members have an opportunity to reaffirm or reject current LWVFA positions. After an item listed is moved for adoption, a Motion To Strike Or Amend a particular position is made.

LWVFA General Fund Annual Fund Meeting: Proposed Agenda

- 9:30 a.m. Zoom Sign in begins
- 10:00 a.m. Call to Order, Presidents' Welcome and Announcements
Recognition of Elected Officials, League Presidents, and Current Board
Recognition of 50+ Year League of Women Voters Members
Adoption of Rules of Procedures
Adoption of Agenda
Appointments of Parliamentarian and Reading Committee
Minutes of 2021 Annual Minutes have been approved by the board
- 10:20 a.m. Treasurer's Report – 3rd Quarter LWVFA FY 2021-2022 General Fund
- 10:25 a.m. Presentation of Proposed LWVFA FY 2022-2023 General Fund Budget
Consideration, Questions, & Adoption of LWVFA FY 2022-2023 General Fund Budget
- 10:40 a.m. LWVFA Program 2022-2024:
Presentation of the Recommended Program Items/Questions
Presentation of the Not-Recommended Program Items/Motion(s) to Consider
Informal Consideration of the Proposed Program for 2022-2024 which includes
Recommended for Concerted LWVFA Action and Re-adoption of Current Positions
Adoption of LWVFA Program for 2022-2024 (see Program Adoption Procedure, Rules #V.)
- 11:00 a.m. Report of the Nominating Committee and nominations from the floor
Election of Officers & Directors for LWVFA General Fund
- 11:10 a.m. Adjournment of LWVFA General Fund Meeting
Break

LWVFA Education Fund Annual Fund Meeting: Proposed Agenda

- 11:20 a.m. Call to Order
Adoption of Rules of Procedures
Adoption of Agenda
- 11:25 a.m. Treasurer's Report – 3rd Quarter LWVFA FY 2021-2022 Education Fund
- 11:30 a.m. Presentation of Proposed LWVFA FY 2022-2023 Education Fund Budget
Consideration, Questions, & Adoption of LWVFA FY 2022-2023 Education Fund Budget
- 11:45 a.m. Report of the Nominating Committee and nominations from the floor
Election of Officers & Directors for LWVFA Education Fund
- 11:50 a.m. Members' Directions to the Board
- 12:05 p.m. Adjournment of LWVFA Education Fund Meeting
Break--Grab Lunch
- 12:15 p.m. **Keynote Speaker: Linda Sittig**
Linda Sittig is an award-winning writer. She taught in Fairfax County Public Schools, and her love of reading and a commitment to family led her to write columns, articles, and books for parents, grandparents, and teachers on how to raise life-long readers. Then Linda combined her passion for history and strong women by creating a blog, www.strongwomeninhistory.com, which is followed by more than 1,200 readers in 64 countries. Each month she profiles stories of strong women and brave girls who should have become famous.

She has written three historical fiction books, *Cut From Strong Cloth*, *Last Curtain Call*, and *Counting Crows*. Her latest book, *B-52 DOWN!* Recounts the emotional true story of the B-52 bomber that crashed in January 1964 in a blizzard in the western Maryland mountains with a five-man crew and two powerful nuclear bombs on board.

Linda lives with her husband in western Loudoun County, where the Blue Ridge Mountains are the first to greet the dawn.

Closing Remarks



PROPOSED LWVFA PROGRAM FOR 2022-2024

Based on feedback from the units and membership, the LWVFA Board of Directors makes the following recommendations for LWVFA Program 2022-2024.

I. NEW LOCAL STUDIES - NONE (Not-recommended items listed in Section V.)

II. REVIEW/UPDATE LWVFA POSITIONS

It is recommended that the following positions be updated / restudied within the scope specified by the consensus or concurrence process, as decided by the committee:

- NATURAL RESOURCES / Land Use:
 - Update the position to address the latest Fairfax County & City comprehensive plans and zoning guidelines.
- SOCIAL POLICY / Schools:
 - Update the position to address health & safety, mental health and violence prevention in Fairfax County Public Schools.
- Editorial Update SOCIAL POLICY / Human Resources:
 - Edit the position by deleting "elderly" and inserting "older adults," deleting "mentally disabled adults" and inserting "people with disabilities," and deleting "permanent shelters" and inserting "housing options."

III. RECOMMENDED FOR CONCERTED LWVFA ACTION:

- **GOVERNMENT - Registration and Voting:** Continue LWVUS' "The Campaign for Making Democracy Work." At the LOCAL level, ensure a free, fair and accessible electoral system for all eligible voters as follows:
 - LWVFA should continue to reach out to underserved communities; work on voter education, protection, and mobilizations; repudiate threats to our democracy including voter misinformation and disinformation and ensure the protection of election workers and volunteers; improve elections; promote redistricting through a fair and nonpartisan process; and monitor local redistricting.
 - LWVFA should encourage active participation in the entire electoral process by its members, e.g., encouraging members to volunteer at election polls, help with voter registration efforts, follow electoral board discussions, and communicate with their local and statewide legislators about election and voting issues.
- **NATURAL RESOURCES - Climate Change:**
 - Encourage local and state governments to implement strategies based on existing solutions to mitigate the effects of climate change and make preparations to manage the consequences.

IV. RETAIN ALL CURRENT POSITIONS

All current positions are published in LWVFA HERE WE STAND as readopted April 25, 2020, edited June 2018 & 2019 with updated Transportation Position approved June 2019.

V. NOT-RECOMMENDED ITEMS

The following items, in alphabetical order by CATEGORY of Positions, received some support from members but are **not recommended by the Board** (each item was suggested by at least one unit).

Members who wish to move adoption of any of the following items for the 2022-24 LWVFA Program must follow the **procedures listed in the Rules of Procedure in this Annual Meeting Kit**. It is particularly important that leadership be available for any item considered. Wording is from unit responses with category added. If not so moved, they could become “informational topics”—See last item.

- **New Studies**

- GOVERNMENT: Misinformation & disinformation elections
- NATURAL RESOURCES: Green space in Fairfax County
- SOCIAL POLICY: Human infrastructure with focus that includes internet access
- SOCIAL POLICY: Mental health for school children

- **Update following LWVFA Positions**

- GOVERNMENT: Review position for current conditions in Fairfax County and include a focus on accountability.
- NATURAL RESOURCES / Environmental Quality: Review position, which dates to 1990, for current conditions in Fairfax County and include a focus on environmental justice.
- SOCIAL POLICY / Health Care Review position, which dates to the 1980s, for current conditions in Fairfax County and include a focus on inequality.

- **Action - take action on following:**

- SOCIAL POLICY / Human Resources
- SOCIAL POLICY / Judicial System
- SOCIAL POLICY / Schools

The following does not need membership approval

TOPICS SUGGESTED BY THE BOARD AS INFORMATIONAL REPORTS (unit discussion topics), if not adopted as part of the 2022-24 Program:

- Affordable housing in Fairfax County
- Review Fairfax County climate change and land use policies through a diversity, equity and inclusion lens and consider environmental justice
- Green space in Fairfax County
- Mental health and school children
- Misinformation and disinformation in elections

2022 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee recommends the following slate to serve as Officers and Directors of the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area and the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area Education Fund.

To Be Elected to Serve Two-year Terms, 2022-2024, Beginning July 1, 2022:

Officers:

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| Co-President | Katherine Ingmanson |
| Treasurer | Lynn Stewart |

Directors:

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| Units | Judy Smith |
| Program | Julie Jones |
| Program | Judy Helein |
| Action/Advocacy | Anu Sahai |
| Action/Advocacy | Barbara Boardman |
| At-Large | Jessica Storrs |
| At-Large | Mary Valder |

To Be Elected to Serve One-year Term, 2021-2022, Beginning July 1, 2022

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| Nominating Committee Chair | Wendy Fox-Grage |
| Nominating Committee Member | Kathleen Pablo |
| Nominating Committee Member | Beth Tudan |

The Nominating Committee thanks all of the LWVFA members who volunteered to serve in board positions for 2022-2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Nominating Committee: Judy Helein, Chair
Wendy Fox-Grage, Mary Valder, Kathleen Pablo, Carol Bursik

MEET YOUR NOMINEES

Officers:

Katherine Ingmanson – Co-President

Katherine has been a member of the League since 2017. She initially volunteered to do 411. For the last three years Katherine has served as editor of the Fairfax Voter. She has a BA in International Relations from Lewis and Clark College and an MS in National Resource Strategy from the Eisenhower School at the National Defense University. She is a retired Foreign Service Officer, and after nearly 29 years of promoting democratic values abroad welcomes the opportunity to do the same at home.

Lynn Jones Stewart - Treasurer

Lynn has lived in Burke since 1998. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees in History, with a background as a college instructor and as an archivist. She worked at the National Archives and Records Administration, with a specialty in federal records management, retiring in 2015. Retirement provided an increased opportunity for community engagement as well as domestic and overseas travel. Lynn has served as LWVFA Treasurer for the past two years.

Directors:

Judy Smith - Units

Judy is a graduate of Smith College (BA), George Mason University (M.Ed.), and Virginia Tech (Ph. D in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies). She worked in Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) and has been a classroom teacher, assistant principal, and Coordinator of Elementary Programs in an area office. Upon retiring from FCPS in 2001, Judy worked as Director of the Basic School Network for Virginia Tech, taught in the Troops to Teachers program at Fort Belvoir, and supervised a school project for America's Promise Alliance, founded by General Colin Powell. Judy was a member of the Fairfax League many years ago and most recently was active in the League of Women Voters of Prince William-Fauquier Area where she registered high school voters, coordinated an all-day forum on opioids, and served on the Virginia League committee to study school vouchers and tax credits. Judy is currently co-chair of the Greenspring unit and

has worked to provide all new Greenspring residents with voter information. She enjoys singing in a large auditioned choral group, advocating for the performing arts, and spending time with her three grandchildren.

Julie Jones – Program

Julie served as LWVFA Unit Co-Coordinator for four years, Co-President from 2011-2015, Program Director from 2018 to 2020 and for the past two years as an At Large Member of the Board. Julie continues to coordinate several community/condo elections and serves for LWVFA on the Fairfax County Airports Advisory Committee. Julie grew up in Ohio, graduated from Miami University with a B.S. in Elementary Education, and earned a Master's Degree in Geography at Michigan State University. After moving to Columbia, SC, she joined the League. When she moved to Reston in 1982, she joined the Reston Day Unit, but switched to the Reston Evening Unit when she resumed teaching elementary school. In Julie's extra time, she enjoys her honorary education sorority, traveling, reading, and spending time with her five grandchildren.

Judy Helein – Program

Judy is a graduate of St. Louis University School of Nursing. From 1979-1985, she was the Executive Director of the Voluntary Action Center (now Volunteer Fairfax). From 1985 to 2000 Judy was Director of the National Volunteer Resources Department for the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) in Washington, DC. Judy went back to nursing and from 2002-2006 lived in Cambodia co-directing the Maryknoll Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission Program (a program for HIV+ pregnant women). Judy joined the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area in 2009. She served as Program Co-Director (2012-2016); Co-President (2017-2019); At Large (2019-2021); and Nominating Chair (2021). Judy has five children, 10 grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Anu Sahai – Action/Advocacy

Anu has been a member of the Fairfax League since 2016 and has served as a Co-President since 2018. She has a BA in Economics from Delhi University followed by a degree in Law from the Faculty of Law, Delhi University. She worked in Legal Aid for several years in India. She came to America in 1991 and worked in Immigration law from 1992 to 1999. Since joining the League, she has been a discussion leader and a moderator at the candidate forums. She also volunteered at several Voter Registration events both in High Schools and elsewhere. She has represented the League as a delegate at the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) since 2019. She feels very strongly about voter suppression and women's rights and feels that the League is out there fighting for those rights and wants to use her time and energy to be a part of this effort.

Barbara Boardman – Action/Advocacy

Barbara has been active in the League for four years. She is a pediatrician who retired from Kaiser in 2019. She obtained her MD from Temple University in 1982 and did a pediatric residency and ambulatory specialty fellowship at Boston Medical Center. She completed a Master of Public Health in Environmental and Occupational Health at Harvard in 1986 and was a Congressional Fellow with the Office of Technology Assessment in 1987-88. She initiated a League project to educate health workers in Virginia about early absentee voting working with the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association. Barbara is Co-Chair of the Virginia Academy of Pediatrics legislative committee working on gun violence prevention and other gun violence prevention and other pediatric legislation. She is currently serving as Co-Coordinator of LWVFA Action/Advocacy.

Mary Valder - At-Large

Mary joined the League in 1973. She served on the LWVFA Board for many years, doing mostly Voter Services assignments under various presidents (Vivian Watts, Pat Watt, Lesley Byrne). She "stepped back" in 2001 when she returned to the workforce. Having retired from her job in 2017, she "stepped back" in again with great pleasure. Mary has served 4 years on the Board as Unit Coordinator and has also served on the Nominating Committee and in the role of 2nd Vice President. Mary says she loves the League and is happy to be back in the swing of things.

Jessica Storrs - At-Large

Jessica has a library degree from the Catholic University of America and has worked in both university and special library settings. She spent 20 years as a librarian at the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees before retiring in 2016. She joined the League in 2017 and has been serving on their Observer Corps, attending monthly meetings of the Fairfax County Library Board of Trustees. Jessica has served on the League Board since 2019, initially as an at large member and most recently as Program Director. Jessica volunteers at Kingstowne Library and was recently elected as President for their Friends of the Library organization.

Nominating Committee:

Wendy Fox-Grage – Chair

Wendy has been a League member for 17 years. She has served in many roles in LWVFA: 2 years as Co-President, two years as Action Chair, and two years as the Reston Evening Unit Chair as well as several years on the Nominating

Committee. She has also been involved in elections, voter service and redistricting. Wendy has a career in public policy and aging. Wendy and her husband, Don, live in Vienna and have three children.

Beth Henson Tudan – Member

Beth served as the Executive Director of the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area from 2014 to 2021. In 2019, Beth won the Barbara Varon Award for Community Service in Fairfax County for her leadership in leading the LWVFA High School Voter Registration Team for Fairfax County Public Schools. Beth also has served in almost 20 elections as an election officer, including over half as chief. Beth has also taught high school government and AP US History and was a Fulbright Scholar in Economics in Romania. A native Tennessean, Beth was also a historical researcher for the author Alex Haley. Beth has lived abroad in London, Switzerland, Romania, and Germany, and speaks English and Romanian. Beth and her husband, Costi, live in Vienna, Virginia, and have three sons.

Kathleen Pablo – Member

Since retiring from education, Kathleen has been active in the League, the Lorton Heritage Society, the preservation and restoration of the historic one-room Sydenstricker Schoolhouse, the Victorian Society at Falls Church, and the Boutique group at St. Mary of Sorrows Church. One of the founding members of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association, Kathleen served on the Board of Directors as their travelling speaker and currently as Memorial Docent.

Highlights of Our History (Adapted from the LWVUS website)

- **1920** - The League of Women Voters (LWV) was founded in 1920, just six months before the 19th amendment was ratified. The League began as a "mighty political experiment" designed to help 20 million women carry out their new responsibilities as voters.
- **1944-1945** – LWV carried out a nationwide public support campaign to establish the United Nations and to ensure US participation. LWV maintains official observer status at the UN today.
- **1948** – **The League of Women Voters of Fairfax County was established.**
- **1957** - The LWV Education Fund was established to encourage the active and informed participation of citizens in government and to increase understanding of major public policy issues.
- **1964** - **Our name was changed to League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area to show that we serve Fairfax City as well as Fairfax County.**
- **1972** - Shortly after congressional passage of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), LWV voted to support "equal rights for all regardless of sex." The LWV sponsored campaign ended in 1982, but LWV continues to advocate for ERA ratification today.
- **1976 – 1984** - LWV sponsored televised general election Presidential debates in 1976, 1980, and 1984. The goal was to inform voters. As candidates demanded increasingly partisan conditions, LWV withdrew its sponsorship of these debates in 1988.
- **1993** – LWV's campaign to reform voter registration resulted in passage of the *National Voter Registration Act*, also known as the "motor-voter" bill.
- **2002** - Working closely with a civil rights coalition, LWV helped draft and pass the *Help America Vote Act* which established provisional balloting, requirements for updating voting systems, and the Election Assistance Commission.
- **2006** – VOTE411 was created to provide election-related information.
- **2019** - LWV initiated People Powered Fair Maps™, a coordinated effort across all 50 states and D.C. to create fair and transparent redistricting processes to eliminate partisan and racial gerrymandering nationwide.

**2022 - The LWV-US celebrates 102 years and LWVFA celebrate 74 years
of
Defending Democracy and Educating Voters.**