LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF ST. LOUIS PARK

League of Women Voters
St. Louis Park
72nd Annual Meeting,

Saturday, May 16, 2026
Aquila Commons
Community Room

Set Up/Sign In	**9:30 am**
Business Meeting	**10:00 am - 11:00 am**
Presentation	**11:00 am -12:00 pm**
Lunch	**12:00 pm - 1:00 pm**

72nd ANNUAL MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ST. LOUIS PARK
May 16, 2026

Business Meeting Agenda

Call to Order

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Adjournment

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota works with people and communities who occupy the ancestral and current homelands of the Dakota, Ojibwe, Ho-Chunk, and other Indigenous peoples. We acknowledge their stewardship and care of the land on which we now live. We recognize the terrible impact of colonialism on Native people, including injustices perpetrated by the U.S. and Minnesota governments, and we hold ourselves accountable to redress these harms through truth telling, including acknowledging our complicity in these harms. We pledge to defend the right of self-governance of our sovereign tribes and to uphold the rights of Indigenous citizens within our democracy.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Presentation of all recommended and non-recommended items
2. Discussion of all items on the floor
3. Break to sign up for a study item on the floor
4. Vote on each section of program and study items before voting on non-recommended items.

RULES FOR THE MEETING

1. Each person wishing to speak will stand and give their name.
2. Discussion will be limited to two minutes per person.
3. A person will be allowed to speak a second time after all others wishing to be heard on the question have had an opportunity to speak.
4. Before adopting a new study item, there will be a five-minute break; three people must sign up before a new study item is adopted.

MISSION STATEMENT LWVSLP

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy

DIVERSITY EQUITY and INCLUSION POLICY LWVMN, LWVUS

LWV is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and in practice. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are central to the organization's current and future success in engaging all individuals, households, communities, and policy makers in creating a more perfect democracy.

There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, gender identity, ethnicity, race, native or indigenous origin, age, generation, sexual orientation, culture, religion, belief system, marital status, parental status, socioeconomic status, language, accent, ability status, mental health, educational level or background, geography, nationality, work style, work experience, job role function, thinking style, personality type, physical appearance, political perspective or affiliation and/or any other characteristic that can be identified as recognizing or illustrating diversity.

The Minutes from last year's meeting were approved at the October 2025 Board Meeting.

71st Annual Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2025

The 70th Annual Meeting of the LWV of St. Louis Park was called to order at about 10:15 AM.

The President, Dorothy Doyle, extended a welcome to members and guests. There were approximately 12 people attending.

The Land Acknowledgement Statement, adopted in 2024, was read, as follows.

> *The League of Women Voters of Minnesota works with people and communities who occupy the ancestral and current homelands of the Dakota, Ojibwe, Ho-Chunk, and other Indigenous peoples. We acknowledge their stewardship and care of the land on which we now live. We recognize the terrible impact of colonialism on Native people, including injustices perpetrated by the U.S. and Minnesota governments, and we hold ourselves accountable to redress these harms through truth telling, including acknowledging our complicity in these harms. We pledge to defend the right of self-governance of our sovereign tribes and to uphold the rights of Indigenous citizens within our democracy.*

The President challenged the meeting attendees to an ice-breaker. The prompt was "One thing I love about the League..." or for new members, "One question I have about the League...".

The Rules for the Order of Business were reviewed and approved.

The President read the Mission Statement of the League of Women Voters of St. Louis Park:

> *The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.*

The President then read the Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Policy. This policy is the same as as that of the LWV of Minnesota and the LWV of the United States.

The Board had approved the minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting at their October 2024 Board meeting.

The President's announcements were:

"We love our members:

- Please keep members Elaine Savick and Linda Trummer in mind as they continue their health journeys.
- Lisa Burtch had shared the following in writing about her son Louie's brain tumor:

'Happy to provide some good news about Louie! In July of 2024 his tumor was successfully removed and pathology confirmed that it was benign. However, he had many complications post-surgery that required a long hospital stay and rehab. He has relearned to walk and use his right arm. He had an MRI two weeks ago and there was no sign of tumor regrowth, which means he doesn't need to be scanned for another year. We're enjoying life being mostly back to normal. He's still smart, funny, happy, and very active - he loves playing soccer and baseball.'

We will be presenting 2 scholarships to St Louis Park seniors at an award ceremony in late May."The President included a summary of the past year's meetings in her report. The President accepted the reports from the officers and committee chairs. These reports included: Secretary, Vice President, Voter Service, Observer Corp, DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion), LWVSLP Liaison to League of Women Voters Minnesota (LWVMN) Board, Council of Metro Area Leagues, West Metro Alliance, Youth Civic Experience Program, Membership, St. Louis Park *Voter* Newsletter, Social Justice Book Project (a special report), and Scholarship Fundraising Committee (a special report).

The Treasure's Report LWVSLP Annual Budget FY 2024-2025 was included in the annual report.

The proposed Local Program was reviewed and approved as proposed.

The bylaws had been amended in 2024. No amendments were proposed in 2025.

The policies were updated in accordance with LWVUS membership policies, and reviewed and approved.

The current board members were recognized.

The Nominating Committee made their report.

The proposed slate is:

2025 – 2026 Board Member Nominations

Officer / Director	Position	Term	Appointed by	Name
Officer	**President**	**2025 - 2027**	**Nominating Committee**	**Shelley Colvin**
Officer	**Vice President**	**2024 - 2026**	**Nominating Committee**	**Deb Brinkman**
Officer	**Secretary**	**2025 - 2027**	**Nominating Committee**	**Wendy Sandstrom**
Officer	**Treasurer**	**2024 - 2026**	**Nominating Committee**	**Beth Koepke**
Director / Portfolio	**Nominating Committee**	**2025 - 2027**	**Nominating Committee**	**Eilseen Knisely Louise Winter**
Director / Portfolio	**Voter Service**	**2025-2026**	**Board of Directors**	**Lara Cleveland**
Director / Portfolio	**Membership**	**2025-2026**	**Board of Directors**	**Louise Winter**
Director / Portfolio	**Voter Editor**	**2025-2026**	**Board of Directors**	**Kathy Gremillion**
Director / Portfolio	**West Metro**	**2025-2026**	**Board of Directors**	**Barb Person**
Director / Portfolio	**CMAL**	**2025-2026**	**Board of Directors**	**Louise Winter**
Director / Portfolio	**Observer Corps**	**2025-2026**	**Board of Directors**	
Director / Portfolio	**Communications**	**2025-2026**	**Board of Directors**	**Dorothy Doyle**
Director / Portfolio	**Diversity Equity Inclusion**	**2025-2026**	**Board of Directors**	**Shelley Colvin**

The slate was approved by acclamation as presented.

New Business:

New Programs or Studies; STEP would be a good Annual Meeting or monthly program meeting speaker

The 2025 Annual Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:10

Respectfully submitted, Dorothy J. Doyle, outgoing president

President's Announcements

President's Report 2025 - 2026

June 2025

In June we took part in Parktackular, both the parade and the Expo at Wolfe Park. The parade was especially fun as we had the opportunity for 2 members to wear white suffragette clothes, clothes in the style of 106 years ago. Our parade vehicle was a Lara Cleveland's convertible. I was privileged to sit on the back and wave. At the Expo we had our civics game. We also had postcards that we had made for visitors to sign, asking their Congress representatives to vote against the SAVE act.

There was a pall that hung over us as we had heard just before the start of the parade that Melissa and Mark Horton had been fatally shot in the early morning hours and another state legislator and his wife had been seriously wounded.

July 2025

There was no meeting for the Board or program for the members.

August 2025

On August 21, we met to do planning for the 2025-2026 program year. We decided to emphasize the standard programming that have every year such as the Candidate Forums, Lively Issues, Legislative Interviews, and the Annual Meeting. We also thought that it would be important to provide opportunities and activities for members to promote democracy and strong voter participation.

On August 28 we had a picnic at the picnic shelter at Oak Hill Park. Election Specialists from St. Louis Park and Hennepin County spoke and answered questions about voting, including how we know there is no fraud. If this becomes an annual activity, we hope to build the participation.

September 2025

The League held 2 candidate forums, one for the school board on September 16 and the one on city council races was on September 18. They were well attended, about 10 at school board and 75 at the council races. Both forums were recorded and on park tv St. Louis Park YouTube. The school board one has had 1,145 and the council one has had 652 views. Jackie Wells from the Golden Valley League was the moderator for both.

October 2025

On October 29, the member program was a CMAL Zoom program, The Future of Metro Transit parse Ted by Lesley Kandaras, Metro Transit General Manager

November 2025

On November 15, the member program was a West Metro Zoom program on immigration.

December 2025

On December 16 several of us met to have our Lively Issues Discussion. We started the meeting by sharing and discussing the stress and anxiety that we were having, given the political climate.

We then went through the LWV of St. Louis Park Program, the setting out of where we stood on various issues that we felt were important. There were several wording changes that were made in 2025. We did not see any new changes.

January 2026

On January 29, there was a member program from the CMAL, The Impact of Federal Funding on County Government presented by a panel of metro county administrators

On January 31, Senator Ron Latz, Rep. Cheryl Youakim, and Rep. Larry Kraft all attended District 46 Legislative Interviews and chili lunch. Questions from LWMN list were covered as well as many other topics. Special thanks to Carlota Medus for moderating, and Deb Brinkman for scribing. We met at Westwood Nature Center. This was the first time at this venue. It worked very well.

February 2026

We decided to have a program brainstorming ideas for activities that would Get Out the Vote – GOTV. We would also provide resources for attendees. It went very well. A theme was that our energy should go to areas of multi family dwellings- apartment buildings.

March 2026

On March 14 we provided the speaker for the West Metro Leagues. John Boehler, special Counsel for ACLU MN spoke on immigration. Given the metro surge of ICE, this was very informative.

April 2026

On April 11 Lisa Burch presented on recycling. She has so many ideas.

May 2026

The annual meeting is planned to be at Aquila Commons on May 16th. We will welcome Nadia Mohamed, Mayor of St. Louis Park, for a presentation on her vision for St. Louis Park in the coming months. We also want to hear about her experiences during ICE's metro surge.

Summer 2026

We need to schedule a forum in July if a primary is needed. We are already signed up to be in the Parktacular Parade and Expo in Wolff Park on June 20th. The planning meeting is scheduled for August. A picnic is scheduled for August 27.

Board and Portfolio Reports

Secretary Report

Again, this year, we have not had a secretary. Deb Brinkman and Louis Winter have filled in. Thank you to both of you. You have gone above and beyond.

Voter Service Report by Lara Cleveland, Voter Services Chair

The League hosted two Candidate Forums in the fall, one for St. Louis Park School District School Board candidates on September 16 and another for St. Louis Park City Council candidates on September 18. Both events took place in the St. Louis Park City Council Chambers, moderated by Jackie Wells of the Golden Valley League and covered by ParkTV. All eight School Board candidates and seven of eight City Council candidates participated in very lively and informative discussions. We had more than 50 and 40 community members attend each forum respectively and had hundreds of views on ParkTV's streaming service. Our members sprung into action to bring materials and work the room by greeting attendees, timing the candidates, collecting questions from the audience, and generally ensuring everything runs smoothly.

On January 31, we held our annual Legislative Interview and Chili Lunch event. We sprung for a single room at the Westwood Nature Center, packed the room. Both Representatives, Larry Kraft and Cheryl Youakim, and Senator Latz attended. Carlota Medus served as our question wrangler and interviewer. Many members contributed delicious food and beverages. We received several sign-ups for our newsletter and some inquiries about membership. We plan to reserve a larger room at the same venue next year.

Thank you to Dorothy Doyle for spearheading several GOTV efforts throughout the year. And thank you to all the members to have helped staff tables, post flyers, and generate some excellent ideas for informing the public about voting for the upcoming midterm election season. In addition, Shelley and Lara have been in conversation with our city elections team, who have been incredibly helpful at keeping us informed of the city's voting initiatives. Thank you all for an active year. We look forward to another important year to come.

Membership – Louise Winter

Our membership is increasing for the second year in a row. We now have a total of 40 members.

The membership chair, Louise Winter, and other LWV members have been spreading the word about the league. Many individuals are challenged by the current political situation and see the LWV as a way to take action as a group and work toward preserving our democracy.

As much as possible, we try to maintain a presence at city council and school board meetings. Every year, a scholarship is presented to a deserving senior at the SLP High School. We march in the Parktacular parade and have a booth at the event.

These efforts help spread the word regarding the league but don't forget about the power of word-of-mouth.

Observer Corp – Acting Director, Dorothy Doyle

The Observer Corps includes any member who wishes to observe St Louis Park City Council and School Board meetings. It can be fun and rewarding and is a significant service to the League and the community.
In 2025-2026, although we built a couple of Sign-Up Genius forms to make it easier for members to volunteer, we still struggled with getting sign-ups. Mostly Board members were observers. Reports from those who observed were included in The Voter. A thank you to all who observed this past year.
Going forward, we hope to orient more members to observe. If you have not observed either a Council or School Board meeting, you will find that it is well worth your time.

West Metro Alliance – Barb Person, West Metro Representative

LWV West Metro
IMMIGRATION PROGRAM
Saturday, Nov. 15th via Zoom

Attorney Karina Estrada of the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota provided an overview of U.S. immigration law, detailing its historical context, major legislative acts, current policies, and contemporary challenges faced by immigrants.

Her presentation highlighted key statutes such as the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 and the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, discussed current issues like processing delays for visas and asylum applications, and explained the work of her organization in providing legal aid to low-income immigrants and refugees.

ACLU Minnesota program
Saturday, March 14th, via Zoom

John Boehler, Policy Counsel, spoke on the role of the ACLU in Minnesota with a focus on defending immigration rights. He said that the organization is aware of ICE using facial recognition software and license plate readers in Minnesota. Federal agents have reportedly for years been using surveillance mechanisms to track people.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Report – Shelley Colvin, DEI Director
There was not a dedicated DEI program this year. It continues to be important in the work that we do.

Council of Metro Area Leagues CMAL –

Council of Metro Area Leagues CMAL - Shelley Colvin and Louise Winter, LWVSLP Liaisons to CMAL

Highlights included:

- Annual Meeting Information (May 27, 2025)
- Follow-up from January panel of County Leaders
- Letter from Chair Wes Volkenant
- Opportunity for individuals to be added to CMAL mailing list

October 2025: via ZOOM We were honored to welcome Lesley Kandaras, Transit Director, as our guest and presenter. This was a highly informative and interesting meeting.

Winter 2025 Quarterly Meeting: This session featured a panel of representatives from metro area counties who discussed and shared their perspectives on the evolving changes in federal funding to states and counties for 2026 and how these adjustments

League of Women Voters Minnesota (LWVMN) Board - Submitted by Shelley Colvin, Liaison to LWVMN Board
Shelley Colvin, President and Louise Winter, Membership chair attended the LWV of Minnesota Conference in Hastings Minnesota. Many good ideas were brought back.

St. Louis Park *VOTER* Newsletter Report – Kathy Gremillion, Voter Editor
The Voter, our newsletter, was published once a month from September through May with a shortened version in August. There were email blasts before most programs.

LWV St. Louis Park Proposed Budgets FY 2026 - 2028

INCOME	Actual 2025-2026	Budget 2025-2026	Budget 2026-2027	Budget 2027-2028
Dues (50 members)	$ 847.58	$ 2,200.00	$ 850.00	$ 900.00
Contributions				
Scholarship	$ 220.00	$ 2,000.00	$ 1,000.00	$2,000.00
General Fund	$ 418.00	$ 50.00	$ 100.00	$ 100.00
Donation for State Convention	$ 75.00			
Fundraiser		$ 200.00	$ 250.00	$ 300.00
Chili Luncheon	$ 20.00			
LWV MN - DEI Book Project		$ -		
LWV/MN - Voter Service Grant				
Annual Meeting Income				
Interest Income	$ 1.47	$ 5.00	$ 5.00	$ 5.00
Martin Brown Grant	$ 300.00	$ 325.00	$ 300.00	$ 300.00
TOTAL INCOME	**$ 1,882.05**	**$ 4,780.00**	**$ 2,505.00**	**$3,605.00**
EXPENSES				
Assessments (PMP)				
LWVMN PMP	$ -	$ 880.00	$ -	$ -
LWVUS PMP	$ 1,328.00	$ 880.00	$ -	$ -
CMAL/UMRR	$ 25.00	$ 25.00	$ 25.00	$ 25.00
Voter Newsletter		$ -	$ 25.00	$ 25.00
Education				
Voter Service				
Candidate Forums		$ -	$ 200.00	$ 200.00
HS Registration		$ 60.00		
Scholarship (Dollars for Scholars)	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00	$ 1,000.00	$2,000.00
State Convention Scholarship	$ 120.00	$ 200.00		$ 75.00
Nat'l Convt Scholarship				
Website				
.ORG Domain Renewal	$ 216.00	$ 120.00	$ 120.00	$ 250.00
Children First - Ice Cream Social				
Annual Meeting	$ 30.00	$ 25.00		
Awards				
Board Supplies				
Zoom License - LWVMN		$ 115.00	$ 115.00	$ 115.00

Treasurer - ink pad				
Voter Service			$ 200.00	$ 200.00
Observer Program – buttons		$ 15.00	$ 15.00	$ 15.00
Room Rental	$ 420.00	$ 20.00	$ 600.00	$ 600.00
Membership Materials	$ 54.70	$ 200.00	$ 75.00	$ 75.00
Credit Card Fees		$ 5.00		
Business Cards		$ 120.00		
Fundraising (postage)	$ 31.20	$ 100.00	$ 45.00	$ 45.00
Parktacular Registration /Signage	$ 64.00	$ 400.00	$ 100.00	$ 100.00
Pollinator Garden Grant				
Donation to Perspectives				
Overpayment Refund				
TOTAL EXPENSES	**$ 4,288.90**	**$ 5,165.00**	**$ 2,520.00**	**$3,725.00**

2026 Proposed Program
League of Women Voters of St. Louis Park

GOVERNMENT

Diversity

- Support the city of St. Louis Park in developing a long-range plan for hiring and promoting persons who represent the diversity of our community at all levels of city government services. (1993) (2024)
- Support St. Louis Park elected officials, civic groups and community leaders in collaborating to develop a long-range plan for the city to use in solving problems related to communication between diverse groups, public safety, racism, violence, and maintaining neighborhoods. (1993) (2024)

Initiative and Referendum

- Support of the continuation of legislative initiative and compulsory voter referendum on constitutional amendment; opposition to most forms of voter initiative and referendum on statutes.
- Opposition to recall by voters of members of the Legislature and state constitutional officers.
- Support of strict procedural limits on any process of initiative.

Details

Support of:

1. The continued initiation of constitutional amendments by the legislative branch; opposition to all forms of voter initiative of such amendments (direct, indirect or advisory).
2. The continuation of compulsory voter referendum on constitutional amendments.
3. Strict procedural limits on any form of initiative, referendum or recall considered or adopted in Minnesota, including restrictions on:
    a. Time span for collecting signatures.
    b. Eligibility requirements for persons signing and collecting petitions.
    c. Percentage of signatures required, geographic distribution of signers, and verification of signatures.
    d. Size of vote required for passage.
    e. Procedure for repeal or amendment of a successful initiative or referendum.
    f. Contributions to and spending for ballot issue campaigns.

Opposition to:

1. Direct initiative and advisory initiative on statutes, no agreement on indirect initiative on statutes.
2. Optional and compulsory referendum on statutes; no agreement on petition referendum statutes.
3. Voter recall of members of the Legislature and state constitutional officers; no agreement on voter recall of judges or appointed officials. (2002)

EDUCATION

Multilingual Learners Programs

- Support the Learners program. Support additional funding for the Multilingual Learners program. Support increases in the following if additional funding becomes available: Books, workbooks, reference materials, computers, teachers, and paraprofessionals. Support adequate space for the Multilingual Learners program. The League does not support cutbacks in the funding for the Multilingual Learners program. (1990) (2019) (2024)

DIVERSITY EQUITY AND INCLUSION

- Support St. Louis Park School District 283 in being pro-active in working to ensure that students and school personnel understand the increasing diversity of the students. (1993)
- Support, on an ongoing and comprehensive basis, the teaching of history, culture, literature, and arts of people of the many different ethnicities, national origins, and race, gender, and sexual identities represented in our community.
- Support the development of a long range, pro-active plan to hire qualified persons of diversity, and that it uses the assistance of its present minority personnel in doing this. (1993) (2019) (2020) (2022) (2024)

NATURAL RESOURCES

Recycling

- Support the expansion of recycling of solid waste, organics, composting, including plastics. (1987) (2020) (2022)
- Support policies that promote and protect environmental quality. (1973) (1979).

SOCIAL POLICY

Domestic Abuse

- Support mandatory arrest of the offender as part of the stated policy and guidelines that police must follow. (1988)
- Support the handling of domestic abuse cases in criminal court. (1988)
- Support an intervention/advocacy program in St. Louis Park. (1988)
- Support funding of advocacy and intervention programs through a combination of private and public funds. (1988)

Prevention of Violence

Support for violence prevention programs in our community.

1. Educational programs that emphasize self-esteem, healthy sexuality, problem solving, positive expression of emotions, nonviolent conflict resolution, and respect for others to prevent violent behavior. This would include support for:
   a. Government-sponsored parenting and early childhood classes.
   b. Local or state government mandating or encouraging such education programs in school curricula.
   c. Use of public money to train teachers and administrators to use nonviolence curricula.
   d. Training for childcare providers.
2. A requirement that adult educators, including coaches, participate in prevention of sexual harassment and violence education programs and that public money is provided for adequate training.
3. The use of public money for a statewide public information and communication campaign designed to prevent violent and sexually violent behavior; i.e. to promote healthy sexuality, nonviolent conflict resolution, and gender and race equality.
4. Efforts by state and local government to develop and coordinate programs dealing with primary prevention of violence.
5. Allocation of public monies in governmental programs to combat violence through reducing substance abuse and poverty, and by identifying and responding to individuals who have been violent or are at risk for violent behavior.
6. The following social institutions taking an active role in preventing violent behavior:
   a. Religious community
   b. Business community
   c. Legal community
   d. Medical community

e. Media, civic and recreation community
g. School community
h. Social Media

7. Efforts to encourage the media industry to exercise self-restraint in the promotion of violence.
8. Efforts to encourage the pornography industry to exercise self-restraint in the promotion of sexually violent pornography. (1991) (2024)

Family Services

- Support a single point of entry services for coordinating family services. (1995) (2018)
- Simplify access and distribution of information to eliminate duplication. (1995) (2024)
- Support a program to supplement the public transit system. (1995)

CONTINUING STUDIES

- Study revisions of the St. Louis Park City Charter.
- Study revisions of the St. Louis Park Comprehensive Plan.
- Study housing opportunities in St. Louis Park to meet future needs of the community.

TRANSLATING LOCAL LEAGUE POSITIONS INTO ACTION

Informal action begins with every member spreading interest and information in an ever-widening circle, starting with family, friends and neighbors. In addition, we can take action by carrying this information into the community through other organizations to which we belong. Supporting legislation, which furthers League's Program, by contacting our legislators is another important action to take. No one should speak or write letters for the League without first checking with the President.

Notes on

Proposed Bylaws 2026 Amendments

All changes are highlighted in blue. Text to be eliminated is highlighted and stricken out, and text added will simply be highlighted.

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name is written out in full followed by LLC: League of Women Voters of St. Louis Park, LLC

ARTICLE II – PURPOSES AND POLICY

No amendments are needed.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

No Amendments are needed for sections 3.1and 3.2.

An amendment is needed to add sections 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, 3.8, 3.9. This is to cover the new processes for becoming a member, paying for your membership, and renewing your membership.

ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS OF LOCAL MEMBERS

Amendment needed for 4.4 Quorum. Text is added to further clarify the definition of quorum.

ARTICLE V – BOARD

No amendments are needed.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

More information and text are needed for Article VI.

In the LWVSLP 2024 bylaws, In Section 6.1 all text is stricken concerning about the number of regular meetings. It is replaced with information about the annual meeting. Our 2024 bylaws required 9 regular meetings a year. The number can be included in LWVSLP policies. The next sentence on special meetings will be covered in section 6.2.

In our 2024 bylaws, 6.2 defined a quorum. This will be found in section 6.4. The amended 6.2 bylaws will be about the frequency of Board meetings. Special meetings will be covered in section 6.3.

There was no section 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6, 6.7 in our 2024 bylaws. The amended section 6.3 will cover special meetings. The amended section 6.4 will cover the definition of quorum. The amended 6.5 will cover voting on Board measures. The amended 6.6 will cover meetings without notice. The amended section 6.7 will cover action without a meeting which includes electronic communication and action.

ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS

This article is missing in the LWVSLP 2024 bylaws. The LWVSLP amended 2026 bylaws will be amended to include all 7 sections, 7.1 Number and Appointment, 7.2 Vacancies, 7.3 Bond, 7.4 Removal of Officer, 7.5 Resignation.

ARTICLE VIII: ELECTRONIC MEETINGS

No amendments are needed except to change the number of the ARTICLE from VII to VIII.

ARTICLE IX: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The LWVSLP 2024 bylaws did not include this article. ARTICLE X with the text, *Robert Rules of Order Newly Revised* was added.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS

This article was numbered VIII. It is now numbered X.

Section 7.1 -The number of voting members required to pass an amendment was changed from two thirds to a majority as the two thirds was a higher hurdle than was needed. The amount of notice is changed from one month to 10 days. Also, this was a higher hurdle for the amount of notice than what is needed.

Section 7.2 – This text on the bylaws committee can be stricken and then placed in the policies.

Bylaws of League of Women Voters of St. Louis Park, LLC
BYLAWS 2024
Amended 2024

ARTICLE I. NAME
The name of this organization shall be League of Women Voters of St. Louis Park, LLC, hereinafter referred to in these bylaws as LWVSLP or as the League. This local League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States, hereinafter referred to in these bylaws as LWVUS, and of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota, hereafter referred to as LWVMN.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSES AND POLICY
Section 1. Purposes. The purposes of LWVSLP are to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government and to act on selected governmental issues.
Section 2. Policies.

a. LWVSLP will not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.
b. LWVSLP is fully committed to ensure compliance – in principle and in practice – with LWVUS' Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP
Section 1. Eligibility. Any person who subscribes to the purposes and policies of the League of Women Voters (LWV) will be eligible for membership.

Section 2. Types of Membership.
A. Voting members. Persons at least 16 years of age who join LWVSLP also will be voting members of LWVMN and LWVUS.

1. Individuals who live within the area of a local LWV may join that LWV or any other local LWV.
2. Individuals who reside outside the area of any local LWV may join a local LWV or become state members.
3. Individuals who have been members of LWVUS for 50 years or more will be honorary life members excused from the payment of dues.
4. Those who are students are defined as individuals enrolled either as full or part time with an accredited institution.

B. Associate (non-voting) members. All others who join LWVSLP or LWVMN will be associate members.

Section 3. Rights of Members
Voting members shall have the right to attend, participate in and vote at all meetings of the local members. Voting members are also eligible to serve on the Board of this local LWV, officers of this local LWV and as delegates to the Convention, Council and similar meetings of League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

Section 4. Term of Membership.
The term of membership lasts for one year after joining or renewal.

Section 5. Local Membership
Local Members shall not be deemed to be "Members" within the meaning of the Minnesota Limited Liability Company Act, but shall have all the rights and privileges set forth in these Bylaws.

Section 6. Membership Dues.
Members shall pay dues in accordance with LWVUS policy.

Section 7. Non-transferability of Memberships.
A member may not transfer a membership in this local LWV or a right arising from it.

Section 8. Resignation.
A member may resign at any time. The resignation of a member does not relieve the Member from any obligations the Member may have to this local LWV for membership dues, assessments, etc.

Section 9. Termination of Membership.
Only LWVUS may rescind a person's membership. LWVMN and LWVSLP will coordinate with LWVUS in the rare instances in which revocation of membership is recommended.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS OF LOCAL MEMBERS

Section 4.1 Annual Meetings. The Board shall cause a meeting of the Members to be held on an annual basis for the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting. The President and Treasurer shall also report at the annual meeting on the activities and financial condition of this Local League. Such annual meeting shall be held on a date, time and place agreed to by the Board and convenient to the Members of the Local League.

Section 4.2 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Members may be called for any purpose or purposes at any time by: the President, the Board, or ten percent (10%) of the Members. Special meetings shall be held on the date and at a place convenient to the Members of the Local League, fixed by the President or the Board.

Section 4.3 Notice. Notice of all meetings of Members shall be given to every Member, except where the meeting is an adjourned meeting and the date, time and place of the meeting were announced at the time of adjournment. The notice shall contain the date, time and place of the meeting and be given at least ten (10) days before the date of the meeting and not more than ninety (90) days before the date of the meeting. In the case of a special meeting, the notice shall contain a statement of the purposes of the meeting. The notice may also contain any other information deemed necessary or desirable by the Board or by any other person or persons calling the meeting. Notice may be sent by United States Mail or by a form of electronic communication consented to by the Member to whom the notice is given.

Section 4.4 Quorum. The presence of ten percent (10%) of the Members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Members. When a quorum is present when a duly called or held meeting is convened, the Members present may continue to transact business until adjournment even though the withdrawal of a number of Members originally present leaves less than the proportion or number otherwise required for a quorum.

Section 4.5 Manner of Acting. The Members shall take action by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Members present. Proxy voting is not allowed.

Section 4.6 Voting Rights. Each Member shall have one (1) vote on each matter to be voted on by the Members.

ARTICLE V: BOARD

Section 5.1 General Powers. The affairs of the Local League shall be governed by or under the direction of its Board.

Section 5.2 Number, Manner of Selection, Term of Office. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League, elected Directors and not more than the same number of appointed Directors. One half of elected Directors shall be elected by the general membership at each Annual Meeting and shall serve for a term of two years, or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The elected Members shall appoint the additional Directors, as they deem necessary. The terms of office of the appointed Directors shall be one year and shall expire at the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting.

Section 3. Qualifications. No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an officer or director of this organization unless the person is a voting member of the League of Women Voters of St. Louis Park.

Section 4. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors by reason of the resignation, death or disqualification of an officer or elected member may be filled, until the next Annual Meeting, by a majority of the vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors. Three consecutive absences from a Board meeting of any member without a valid reason shall be deemed a resignation.

Section 5. Powers and Duties. The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the organization, with full power and authority to manage and conduct same, subject to the instructions of the general membership. It shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the Program as adopted by the national convention, and state convention, and the Annual Meeting. The Board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.

Section 5.6 Compensation. No person shall receive compensation for serving on the Board. In addition, a Member of the Board may be reimbursed for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Member in rendering services to this Local League, as the Board from time to time determines.

Section 5.7 Committees of the Board. The Board may establish committees of the Board and determine the number and the identity of the persons to serve on such committees. Committee members must be natural persons but need not be members of the Board. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, all committees shall make recommendations to the Board and shall not have the authority to act on behalf of the Board.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

Section 6.1 Annual Meeting The annual meeting of the Board shall be held at the time and place as designated by the Board.

Section ~~6.1~~ 6.2 Meetings. ~~There shall be at least nine regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually.~~ Regular meetings of the Board shall be held as announced by the Board. ~~The President may call special meetings of the Board of Directors.~~

Section 6.3 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board may be called at any time, for any purpose, by the President or any three members of the Board. Notice of every such meeting of the Board shall be given to each member of the Board at least five (5) days before the day on which the meeting is to be held, via U.S. mail, or by delivery in person, e-mail, or telephone, no later than twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting is to be held.

Section ~~6.2~~ 6.4Quorum. ~~A quorum of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.~~ A Board meeting at which at least a majority of the members of the Board are present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. When a quorum is present when a duly called or held meeting is convened, the Members present may continue to transact business until adjournment even though the withdrawal of a number of Members originally present leaves less than the proportion or number otherwise required for a quorum.

Section 6.5: Voting. Only members of the Board who are present at a meeting may vote. There shall be no voting by mail or proxy.

Section 6.6: Meetings Without Notice. Any member of the Board may, in writing or orally, either before, at, or after any meeting of the Board, waive notice thereof and, without notice, any member of the Board by attendance at such meeting and participation therein shall be deemed to have waived notice of the action or actions taken at any meeting of the Board.

Section 6.7: Action Without a Meeting. Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the Board may be action by written action signed, or consented to by authenticated electronic communication, by the number of members of the Board that would be required to take the same action at a meeting of the Board were present.If written action is taken by fewer than all members of the Board, the remains members shall be notified promptly of that action.

ARTICLE VII: Officers

Section 7.1: Number and Appointment. The officers of this LWV shall consist of a President, a Treasurer, and other such officers as the Members shall determine from time to time. The Members shall elect the officers.

Section 7.2: Vacancies. A vacancy in any office occurring by reason of death, disqualification, resignation or removal, or other circumstance shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by appointment of a successor by the Board.

Section 7.3: Bond. The Board shall from time to time, determine which, if any, of the officers, agents or employees of this local LWV shall be bonded and the amount of each bond.

Section 7.4: Removal of Officer. Any officer may be removed at any time by the Board at any regular meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

Section 7.5: Resignation. Any officer may resign at any time. Such resignation shall be made in writing to the President to the President and shall take effect at the time specified therein, or if no time is specified, at the time of its receipt by the President. The Board shall not be required to accept the resignation in order to make it effective.

ARTICLE ~~VII~~ VIII: ELECTRONIC MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the board, special meetings of the board, Convention, Council, and committees are authorized to meet by electronic means so long as all members can simultaneously hear each other and participate during the meeting. An anonymous vote conducted through a designated Internet meeting service shall be deemed a ballot vote, fulfilling any requirement in the bylaws or rules that a vote be conducted by ballot.

ARTICLE IX: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the latest edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* will govern League in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the provisions in Minnesota law or these bylaws.

ARTICLE ~~VIII~~ X: AMENDMENTS

Section 7.1. Amendments. ~~These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting, provided that the amendments were submitted to the membership in writing at least one month in advance of the meeting.~~ Any proposed amendment of these Bylaws requires the approval of a majority of the Voting Members attending the annual or special meeting, provided that written notice has been sent to each Voting Member at least ten (10) days in advance of the date of the meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be considered The notice shall state the text of the proposed amendment or amendments. Any proposed amendment of these Bylaws also requires the approval of the Board of the League of Women Voters Minnesota.

~~Section 7. 2. Bylaws Committee. A Bylaws Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least 2 months prior to the Annual Meeting to review and recommend changes in the Bylaws. A Bylaws Committee shall be appointed no less than once every two years. The Committee will consist of 3 members, one of whom shall be a member of the Board. The board member shall not serve as chair.~~

HISTORICAL NOTE

Previous Bylaws were approved on the following schedule.

As adopted by the 1954 Convention and as amended by the 1958, 1960, 1961, 1966-67, 1968, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1975, 1979, 1980, 1982, 1984, 1985, 1987, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1995, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2022, 2023, 2024,Conventions.

League of Women Voters of St. Louis Park
Board Policies
Reviewed 2026

Policies adopted by the League of Women Voters St. Louis Park, hereinafter referred to as LWVSLP will be reviewed annually by the Board of Directors.

Suggestions for policies may be made by any member of LWVSLP or the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall adopt all policies.

After approval, all board members shall be given copies of the policies. Nominating committee members will also be given copies and shall alert prospective officers and directors to the nonpartisan responsibility of each board member.

NONPARTISANSHIP

The LWVSLP encourages citizen participation by its members and lobbies partisan government officials on issues. Members are encouraged to be active in their party, to actively support candidates and to run for public office as individuals. Members, as individuals, are also encouraged to introduce and vote for LWV resolutions at caucuses and conventions. Because LWVSLP must deal with the public officials of all political persuasions the LWVSLP can never be seen to favor one side or the other.

The president, voter service chair and action chair should not participate in political activity, i.e. endorsing a candidate, holding elective office appearing in campaign literature or ads, serving on steering committees for a candidate or holding party office. They should not display lawn signs, submit letters to the editor in favor of a particular candidate, or otherwise participate in activities that might publicly link them with a candidate or political party. LWV members should not display LWV lawn signs with political candidate signs. The LWVSLP Board must decide on an individual basis if a Board member's political participation does or does not compromise the LWVSLP non-partisan status.

- Any and all members of LWVSLP may lobby or advocate for local issues upon approval of the LWVSLP Board.
- LWVSLP membership lists or LWVSLP meetings should not be used to solicit political contributions or to campaign for candidates.
- The nonpartisanship of the League of Women Voters is the basis of our public credibility and must be carefully maintained. All members bear responsibility for maintaining the League's reputation for fairness and objectivity. The discussion of nonpartisan policy should be a part of new board orientation.
- A Board member may not speak publicly or work against a National, State or Local LWV position.
- Directors not in highly visible positions may hold position in a political party at any level with Board approval after consideration of possible conflicts of interest.

COALITIONS AND COMMITTEES

The LWVSLP president appoints a LWVSLP representative to serve with the group. The representative represents LWVSLP at all times and works within League positions. If not in agreement with the final decision, the representative writes a minority opinion and makes sure it is included in the final draft. IF the coalition refuses to state the minority opinion, the LWV SLP issues a disclaimer through the same channel that the report is publicized.

- A LWVSLP representative to the coalition group should not issue independent reports, letters, etc. without getting previous Board approval.
- When the project is completed the coalition or committee ends.
- The president shall have a list of the representatives of the coalition and may publish their names in a directory.

CO-SPONSORING
LWVSLP will donate time and talent but does not normally have funds to donate. LWVSLP must give written permission to have its name used in sponsoring. Each request will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

USE OF MEMBERSHIP LISTS
The roster of the LWVSLP is not available to any organization or individual outside the League unless authorized by the Board. There will be a statement so stating at the bottom of the front page of the roster.

REIMBURSEMENT OF BOARD AND MEMBER EXPENSES
LWVSLP Board and members submit monthly expense vouchers whether they wish reimbursement or not. Expenses must be listed for all functions Board members are required to attend and for materials needed. Receipts must be presented for reimbursement of grant funds. There is no reimbursement for unit meetings.

NONDISCRIMINATION
No LWVSLP meeting or function will be held in a place which is known to discriminate on the basis of race, religion or sex.

DIVERSITY EQUITY and INCLUSION POLICY
LWV is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and in practice. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are central to the organization's current and future success in engaging all individuals, households, communities, and policy makers in creating a more perfect democracy.

There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, gender identity, ethnicity, race, native or indigenous origin, age, generation, sexual orientation, culture, religion, belief system, marital status, parental status, socioeconomic status, language, accent, ability status, mental health, educational level or background, geography, nationality, work style, work experience, job role function, thinking style, personality type, physical appearance, political perspective or affiliation and/or any other characteristic that can be identified as recognizing or illustrating diversity.

LOCAL LEAGUE RELATIONS
LWVSLP Board members are expected to be a paid-up member of the League and to participate as fully as possible in their units.

PUBLICATIONS
- Names of writers and contributors to a publication should be credited.
- All publications should be reviewed by the president.
- All local publications should be reviewed before publication.
- The Board makes the decision on price if the publication is sold. Cost of the publication, if not covered by budget, must be approved by the Board. Pricing formula, pre-publication and other expenses to be recovered include the cost of typing and proofing time, copying supplies and time, research time, complimentary copies, postage and stationery for drafts sent to readers, travel/childcare/etc., overhead or contingency expenses.
- The number of copies published will depend on the number of members, whether or not the publication is to be sold, and whether complimentary copies are to be given away. Any bulk discounts will be decided by the Board.
- Publications should be distributed digitally whenever possible. For historical purposes, major publications should be submitted to the St. Louis Park Historical Society.

VOTING MEMBERS
- LWVSLP members must have dues paid in full in order to participate in consensus and in the business of the Annual Meeting.

ACTION

- Members may act in the name of the League of Women Voters St. Louis Park only when authorized to do so by the appropriate board. They may act only in conformity with, and not contrary to, a position taken by the League of Women Voters St. Louis Park, the League of Women Voters of Minnesota and the League of Women Voters of the United States.
- LWVSLP may take action on local positions with the approval of the Board.
- LWVSLP may take action on the local level under a state position if the membership is back-grounded in the issue, LWV position and the action being taken.
- LWVSLP may take action on the state level under a local position on three conditions:
  1. The legislation must not be statewide in scope.
  2. Every affected local League must be notified of the proposed action.
  3. Approval for such action must be granted by the State Board.

APROVAL OF TESTIMONY

Any formal statement made in the name of LWVSLP must be approved by the president and at least one other Board member. A report must be made to the Board of Directors. No approval for testimony can be given over the telephone.

ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM ADOPTION

The Annual Meeting method of adopting local program shall be:

- Presentation of all recommended and non-recommended items.
- Discussion of all items on the floor.
- Break to sign up for a study item on the floor.
- There shall be a three-minute recess to sign up at least two members to work on each proposed new study. If two do not sign up, the proposed study will be dropped from consideration.

CANDIDATE FORUMS

The League of Women Voters St. Louis Park (LWVSLP) encourages the public to submit written or emailed questions to candidates during the forum. All questions become the property of the LWVSLP.

- All viable candidates will be invited.
- Candidates will not be provided with prepared questions in advance.
- A table will be available for distribution of campaign literature in the entryway outside the Council Chambers. No campaign literature, campaign signs (including buttons and t-shirts) will be permitted in the Council Chambers.
- Paper and pen will be provided to candidates for use during the forum. Candidates may bring a prepared opening and closing statements, plus one 4” by 6” note card with prepared notes. No other written information will be allowed as spontaneous responses are preferred.
- Picture taking or videos may not interfere with the campaign forum
- All candidates are welcome at forums. If an invited candidate is unable or decides not to appear at a scheduled event, the event will still be held. This is the case even if only one candidate appears. Unopposed candidates may appear alone.
- Compliance with LWV Empty Chair Policy.
  - No substitute representative for a candidate may appear during the question-and-answer portion of the forum.
  - The moderator will announce that all candidates were invited to participate. No mention will be made of why a candidate did not appear, only that they declined or did not arrive. In announcing that a candidate is not participating, the moderator will present a brief statement of the factual reasons given by the candidate, if any, without any editorial comment.
- The order of speaking will be determined by the moderator.

- Strict time limits will be observed on responses – timekeepers will hold up cards to indicate 30 seconds of time remaining and "Stop" when time has expired.
- LWVSLP will determine which questions will be asked and will attempt, in good faith, to cover areas of interest expressed by the audience.
- Questions that are hostile, partisan, embarrassing, inappropriate or of a personal nature will not be allowed.
- Candidate responses that are hostile, partisan, embarrassing, inappropriate or of a personal nature will not be allowed.
- Prior to the forum, each candidate will be required to sign a release form giving permission for recording and rebroadcast of the forum.
- Evidence of intent to run for office will be required of a write-in candidate. Such evidence could include the formation of a campaign organization outlining volunteer staff, funding and evidence of public interest.
- All candidates will receive a copy of the LWVSLP Policy on Candidate Forums.
- Candidates will be asked to sign the following release:

  I agree to participate in the Candidates' Forum on _____ sponsored by the League of Women Voters St. Louis Park. I understand and will comply with the forum criteria established by the League of Women Voters. I give my consent to the broadcast and rebroadcast of the Forum, in its entirety, on St. Louis Park Civic Channel television. I understand that the tape belongs to the LWV SLP and the broadcaster and will not be available for use in political promotion.

ANNUAL MEETING

An Annual Meeting shall be held between April 1 and June 1, the exact date to be determined by the Board of Directors. The Annual Meeting shall:

a. adopt a local program for the ensuing year,
b. elect officers, directors and members of the Nominating Committee,
c. adopt an adequate budget during the even –number year, and
d. transact such other business as may properly come before it.

Enumeration and Election of Officers. The Officers of the League of Women Voters St. Louis Park shall be a President or Co-President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer who shall be elected for terms of two years by the general membership at the annual Meeting and take office immediately. The President and the Secretary shall be elected in odd- numbered years. The Vice President and the Treasurer shall be elected in even-numbered years. At a minimum, LWV SLP officers shall include a President and the Treasurer. Vacancies during a term year may be filled by board appointment.

The President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the Board of Directors, and shall co-sign or endorse checks, drafts, and notes over $500. The President shall be ex-officio, a member of all committees and shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of the President and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board.

The Vice President. The Vice President shall, in the event of absence, disability, resignation, or death of the President, possess all the powers and perform all the duties of that office, until such time as the Board of Directors shall select one of its members to fill the vacancy. The Vice President shall perform such other duties as the President and Board may designate.

The Secretary. The secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the League and of all meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall notify all Officers and Directors of their election. The Secretary or Treasurer shall sign, with the President, contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board and shall perform such other functions as may be appropriate to the office.

The Treasurer. The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due and shall be the custodian of these moneys, shall deposit them in a bank designated by the Board of Directors, and shall present statements to the Board at their regular meetings and an annual report to the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall arrange for an annual audit, or "review" of the books. The Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of the Budget Committee. The Secretary or Treasurer shall sign, with the President, contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board and shall perform such other functions as may be incidental to the office.

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the League of Women Voters St. Louis Park shall commence on the first day of May of each year.

Dues are based on member renewal dates in the Member Portal. Any member with an expiration date in the future at the time of the annual meeting is considered an active member.

Budget. A Budget for the ensuing year shall be submitted by the Board of Directors to the Annual Meeting in even-numbered years for adoption. The budget shall include support for the work of the League as a whole.

Budget Committee. A Budget Committee composed of two members in good standing, shall be appointed by the Board of Directors prior to the Annual Meeting in even numbered years to prepare a budget for the ensuing two years. The proposed budget shall be sent to all members before the Annual Meeting. The treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of the Budget Committee and the Finance Chair may be an ex-officio member of the Budget Committee.

NOMINATION AND ELECTIONS

Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of two members, one of whom shall be a member of the Board of Directors. Any vacancy on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors. Suggestions for nominations for Officers and Directors may be sent to this Committee by any voting member. The Membership Chair shall be an ex-officio member of the Nominating Committee.

Report of Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor. The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for Officers, Directors and the members of the Succeeding Nominating Committee shall be sent to all members before the date of the Annual Meeting. Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member provided the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.

Elections. The election shall be by ballot, provided that when there is but one nominee for each office, the Secretary may be instructed to cast the ballot for every nominee. A majority vote of those qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

POLICY PROGRAM

Authorization. The governmental principles adopted by the national convention, and supported by the League as a whole, constitute the authorization for the adoption of Program.

Program. The Program of the League of Women Voters St. Louis Park shall consist of: a) action to protect the right to vote of every citizen, and b) those local governmental issues chosen for concerted study and action.

Action by the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting shall act upon the Program using the following procedures:

a. The Board of Directors shall consider the recommendations of the voting members prior to the Annual

Meeting and shall formulate a Proposed Program.

b. The Proposed Program shall be sent to all members before the Annual Meeting.
c. A majority vote of the voting members (members in good standing) present and voting at the Annual Meeting shall be required for adoption of subjects in the Proposed Program as presented to the Annual Meeting by the Board of Directors.
d. Recommendations for Program submitted by voting members prior to the Annual Meeting but not recommended by the Board of Directors may be considered by the Annual Meeting provided that: (1) the Annual Meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote and (2) the Annual Meeting shall adopt the item by a 3/5 majority vote.
e. Changes on the Program, in the case of altered conditions, may be made provided that: (1) information concerning the proposed changes has been sent to all members to a general membership meeting at which the change is to be discussed and (2) final action by the membership is taken after board approval.

NATIONAL CONVENTION, STATE CONVENTION, AND COUNCIL

National Convention. The Board of Directors, at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the national office, shall select delegates to that Convention in the number allotted the League of Women Voters St. Louis Park under the provisions of the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

State Convention. The Board of Directors, at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the state office, shall select delegates to that Convention in the number allotted the League of Women Voters St. Louis Park under the provisions of the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters Minnesota.

State Council. The Board of Directors, at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the state office, shall select delegates to that Council in the number allotted the League of Women Voters St. Louis Park under the provisions of the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters Minnesota.

Inter-League Organization Convention. The Board of Directors, at a meeting before the date on which the names of the delegates must be sent to the state office, shall select delegates to that Convention in the number allotted to the League of Women Voters St. Louis Park under the provisions of the Bylaws of the Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues.

Updated 2018 reviewed and approved at the Annual Meeting
Updated 2019 reviewed by the Board of Directors Distributed to members at the Annual Meeting
Updated 2025 and approved at the Annual Meeting.

Recognition of the Current Board Members

2025 – 2026 Board Members

Officer / Director	Position	Term	Appointed by	Name
Officer	President	2025 - 2027	Nominating Committee	Shelley Colvin
Officer	Vice President	2024 - 2026	Nominating Committee	Deb Brinkman
Officer	Secretary	2023 - 2025	Nominating Committee	
Officer	Treasurer	2024 - 2026	Nominating Committee	Beth Koepke
Director / Portfolio	Nominating Committee	2025 - 2027	Nominating Committee	Eilseen Kniseley Louise Winter
Director / Portfolio	Voter Service	2025- 2026	Board of Directors	Lara Cleveland
Director / Portfolio	Membership	2025 - 2026	Board of Directors	Louise Winter
Director / Portfolio	Voter Editor	2025 - 2026	Board of Directors	Kathy Gremillion
Director / Portfolio	West Metro	2025 - 2026	Board of Directors	Barb Person
Director / Portfolio	CMAL	2025 - 2026	Board of Directors	Louise Winter
Director / Portfolio	Observer	2025 - 2026	Board of Directors	
Director / Portfolio	Communications	2025 - 2026	Board of Directors	Dorothy Doyle
Director / Portfolio	Diversity Equity Inclusion	2025 - 2026	Board of Directors	Shelley Colvin

Nominating Committee Report – Louise Winter, Chair
2026-2027 Board Member Nominations

Officer / Director	Position	Term	Appointed by	Name
Officer	President	2025 - 2027	Nominating Committee	Shelley Colvin
Officer	Vice President	2026 -2028	Nominating Committee	Deb Brinkman
Officer	Secretary	2025 - 2027	Nominating Committee	
Officer	Treasurer	2026 -2028	Nominating Committee	Beth Koepke
Director / Portfolio	Nominating Committee	2025 - 2027	Nominating Committee	Eilseen Knisely Louise Winter
Director / Portfolio	Voter Service	2026 - 2027	Board of Directors	Lara Cleveland
Director / Portfolio	Membership	2026 - 2027	Board of Directors	Louise Winter
Director / Portfolio	Voter Editor	2026 - 2027	Board of Directors	
Director / Portfolio	West Metro	2026 - 2027	Board of Directors	Barb Person
Director / Portfolio	CMAL	2026 - 2027	Board of Directors	Louise Winter
Director / Portfolio	Observer	2026 - 2027	Board of Directors	
Director / Portfolio	Communications	2026 - 2027	Board of Directors	Dorothy Doyle
Director / Portfolio	Diversity Equity Inclusion	2026 - 2027	Board of Directors	Shelley Colvin

New Business

New Programs or Studies?

Adjourn