

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF IOWA Board Meeting Minutes
10:10 a.m., May 16, 2015
Cedar Falls Library, Cedar Falls, Iowa

Present: President Bonnie Pitz; secretary Mary Rae Bragg; directors Tina Pace, Polly Horton, Mary Ann Nelson, Sue Wilson; Black Hawk/Bremer League president Gerri Perreault. Absent: vice-president Deb Turner; treasurer Pat Harper; directors Therese Grant, E.J. Gallagher, Dianne Bystrom.

Minutes of the April 11, 2015 board meeting approved on a motion by Pace. Treasurer's report with total assets of \$28,047.39 as of April 30, 2015, was received and filed for audit.

Following a discussion of lobbyists' role in representing LWVIA's legislative activities, it was agreed to renew the contract with the current lobbyists for one year, with evaluation at the end of that period.

Reporting on Member and Leadership Development activities, Nelson said she is encouraging local leagues to bring together their membership and nomination committees for discussion about their MLD program to generate new ideas and excitement. The August 20 officer training session at Marshalltown Community College will include an MLD training session and instruction by administrative assistant Karen Person on use of the state League's Web site.

Pitz said the League's June 6 state convention agenda will include a request for delegate approval of the Study of Sustainability of Iowa's Fire and Emergency Medical Services. The study was authorized by the 2014 convention.

Wilson shared information about the interleague organization the Iowa League is being asked to join in a study of the Upper Mississippi River watershed. Wilson will lead an ILO caucus to take place at 4 p.m., June 5, at the Holiday Inn to provide information to convention attendees about the process.

In other convention related business:

The silent auction being held during convention will raise money for the state League through sale of gift baskets created by local leagues. Local leagues can also raise money by offering other items at the silent auction.

On a motion by Pace, the board voted to recommend at convention a study of Tax Increment Funding, as proposed by the Johnson County League, with Johnson County taking the lead in conducting the study.

Gallagher will be asked to present the 2015-2016 budget to delegates' approval.

Perreault will present an award to Harper from the Black Hawk/Bremer League in recognition of her contribution to her local league.

On a motion by Perreault, the board approved giving the LWVIA's first Carrie Chapman Catt Award to Joy Corning and Jeff Danielson for their involvement in the "No Labels" initiative which encourages non-partisan collaboration. Perreault and Bragg will handle arrangements.

In other business, Pitz reported the Iowa League's Vote411.org candidate information site received 4,993 hits leading up to last November's election, with those logging on staying for an average of five minutes. It will be up to the board to decide if it will again finance a Vote411.org state-wide site for the 2016 election.

The League of Women Voters National Council will be held June 18 in Leesburg, Va. Pitz said the state League has a long-standing policy of sending two delegates. It was agreed to send Turner and Horton this year, paid for with money owned to Iowa that is being held in the national League's education funds.

The meeting adjourned at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Rae Bragg, secretary