



ILO Minutes Meeting on Zoom MARCH 3, 2021 1pm

Present: Barbara Chaudhry, Peggy Dellinger, Susan Sferas, Carole Beyer, Elizabeth Bond, Anne Torre, Evelyn Murphy, Sherri West, Vanessa Merhi, Annette Scott, Louise Usechak, Sharon Steinhorn

Leader: Barbara Chaudhery

REVIEW OF JAN. MINUTES: Most had not read them. Please read and send any corrections to Peggy and/or Sharon. (lwvsmc.org, Members Only, ILO Room, Meeting Minutes)

TREASURER REPORT: Susan: Interest of 47cents. Balance \$5293.74 and Ed. Fund \$427.15

BY LAWS REVIEW: Peggy: Adopted June 8, 2020 – Needed changes discussed

1. Eliminate “emergency” from references to holding virtual meetings and convention.
2. Change the 30 day advance notice to membership of bylaws changes and nominating slate to 14 days to comply with more updated methods of communication.
3. Change from January 1 to January 31 the official date to count local League membership as the basis for delegates to the ILO Convention.
4. Add DEI policy (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) as requested by the LWVUS. The suggested language is on lwv.org.

Peggy will make the changes for Board review at the May 5 meeting.

ILO CONVENTION: Rescheduled from June 2 to June 29 to ensure the three local Leagues have held their local annual meetings and elected officers. (Necessary, since the ILO Board is made up of the local presidents and voter service chairs, among others.) Peggy will update the ILO calendar in the ILO Room of lwvsmc.org.

STATE CONVENTION: MAY 21/22: Evelyn nominated Annette Scott to be the ILO delegate to Convention. She accepted and was approved unanimously.

NON PARTISAN POLICY: Sherri West, as an ILO member (and lead member of the team looking into voting machine issues and interfacing with council officials), asked what our policy says about her ability to publicly support a candidate, as in writing letters to the editor. After a long discussion, it was suggested that another member of the team become the public face of the group and Sherri will put it on record by introducing that new person by email, to the officials involved.

HOT TOPIC SUNDAY APRIL 11: Barbara: Given that the Marijuana issues in NJ are still somewhat in flux, Barbara suggested the GRBA change the topic of the program to **Voter Access/Voter Suppression** which is now even an issue in our state. It was agreed that this is a more timely topic.

VOTER SERVICE: Vanessa reported on the statewide coalition of League members working to develop and share Voter Service resources and best practices. She serves on the Voter Education Action Group. Our 3 Leagues are represented on all 5 of the Action Groups (and Monmouth seems to be ahead of others in the state with successful programs).

Discussion ensued on Best Practices for Voter registration/education. We need to highlight the ed opportunities whenever setting up registration events.

VOTING MACHINES: Sherri: Monmouth County machines are 13 years old and do not have paper trail. Mary DeSarno, Superintendent of Election, is not open to meeting with us, and Sherri questions were submitted to her about the replacement decision process and timeline. Her replies indicated that the County Commissioners would be looking at new equipment but that there did not seem to be any opportunity for public input. Also, no information was available on timeline of making this decision. We would like more information on the procurement process. Peggy suggested that the ILO look to acquire some more information, informally. She offered to contact Teri O'Conner and Sharon will contact Commissioner Susan Kiley.

OBSERVER CORPS: Louise: 2 people on the workshop call have shown some interested in observing local agencies, but not the County Commissioners. Marie is following up with these volunteers. Louise spoke about the necessity to know what our county government is doing and that we need to find other ways to observe and stay informed.

DUES FOR LOCAL LEAGUES: Discussion of the ramifications of 3 leagues having 3 different dues schedules. GRBA \$65, WM \$55, SM \$40. Food for thought and to be continued sometime in the future.

MODERATOR TRAINING: Susan, Evelyn, Sharon, (& Anne Torre has agreed to work on this): Original date of March 20 is changed to **Saturday, April 24th** (2 sessions, all in the same day). Susan will clear this with the State LWV and reach out with possible planning dates. Peggy will change the date on the ILO schedule on the ILO Room of lwlvsmc.org.

NEXT ILO MEETING: MAY 5 1pm SMC LEAD/GRBA Minutes

Meeting adjourned at 3:20pm

Sharon Steinhorn