Annual Meeting Supplement

This special edition of the Voter includes the materials which will be considered at the Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Snohomish County. Please read and reflect on these documents in advance of the meeting. They include:

- Minutes of LWVSC 2018 Annual Meeting
- Nominating Committee report
- Proposed budget for 2019-20
- Proposed bylaws amendments
- Proposed program of work for 2019-20

The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, May 18 at Shawn O’Donnell’s American Grill and Irish Pub located at 122 - 128th St. SE in Everett, conveniently located just to the east of I-5 at the 128th St. exit (exit 186). Time is from 10:30 AM to 2 PM with the program starting at 11:00.

The cost is $25; you can register and pay online at our website (www.lwvsnoho.org) or you can register online and mail in a check or pay with cash, check or credit card at the door.

Also at this meeting we will be presenting our annual “Legends of the League Award” to one or two long-term League leaders. Please help celebrate those who have made our League so successful over many years by nominating a deserving recipient (instructions for nominations are on our website) and attending the luncheon to celebrate the awardee.

You can count on a lovely lunch provided by Shawn O’Donnell’s and a lively program planned by the Centennial Committee.

See you there!
Karen Madsen, President, LWVSC
The board of directors of the League of Women Voters of Snohomish County recommends the following issues of public policy for the Program Year 2019-2020. Each of these proposals meets the criteria for Program, having a defined focus and outcome, a specific timeline, and a sponsoring committee dedicated to the work.

Civil Discourse
Using the process of concurrence, it is proposed to add to LWVSC’s position on Citizen Participation the explicit statement about civil discourse from the LWV of San Luis Obispo, California and LWV of Oregon.

Current LWVSC Citizen Participation Position: Support of citizen participation in local government by advocating that county and local government branches provide adequate notice of proposed actions, hold open meetings, and make public records readily accessible.

To be added: Promote civil discourse through action and education for all government bodies, staff, and citizens for the purpose of improved public policy decisions and processes. Civil discourse means, at a minimum, mutually respectful, courteous, constructive, and orderly communication.

The committee plans to continue to provide community education on this issue.

Homelessness and Housing
The Children’s Services Committee proposes to extend its study on homeless families and unaccompanied youth in Snohomish County for a third year. On completion of the study, the committee will produce a document and consensus questions for all units. The committee envisions the outcome of this process will be an amendment to update the League’s position on homelessness.

Statewide Redistricting
The committee plans to continue to provide community education on this issue.

Centennial Committee
They are planning educational activities for the community, celebrating the Centennial of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution giving women in the US the right to vote. Educational activities include contributions to the KSER radio broadcast.

The first three of the following current committees indicated that at this time they did not have proposals for focused activities and did not want to put forward specific programs, but rather preferred to continue exploring various possibilities during the next year, potentially to offer program proposals at a later date.

**Additional currently active committees include:**
- Natural Resources (note name change)
- Health Care
- Transportation
- Everett Districting
- Diversity Outreach

**Additional Issues of Interest**

At the unit meetings members suggested the following areas of public policy as issues that might be considered for the Program Year 2019-2020 as well. At the present time there are no committees working on these issues. Therefore, no specific proposals could be made. Members interested in these topics are encouraged to explore forming committees to study the issues and bring them forward in the future:

- Law enforcement
- Gun safety – could be a health care subcommittee
- Snohomish County infrastructure – could become a transportation subcommittee
- Campaign finance reform
Bylaws for LWVSC

2019-20 Bylaws Amendment Process

At the annual meeting on May 18, 2019, the board will present recommended changes to the 2017 bylaws as one amendment. There will be one additional amendment proposed by a member.

The board encouraged members to propose changes to the current bylaws or board-recommended changes with a deadline of April 1. One proposed amendment was received. The change proposed by the member will be considered by the membership prior to consideration of the changes recommended by the board. If the member-proposed change is approved by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting, as required by Article XII, the approved change will become part of the entire set of recommended changes to be considered by the membership.

After consideration of the member-proposed change, the board will present the recommended changes, both those of the board and that of the member that have been approved by the membership, for a final vote of approval. Again, approval will require a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

Following this summary is the member-proposed change. On following pages in this edition of the Voter are the new bylaws recommended by the board. Each article that has other than nominal (e.g., changing to LWVSC from other terms for the League) changes has an introductory explanation. To distinguish between the bylaws text and the explanation, the latter is displayed in italics.

The program for the annual meeting will include a marked up version of our current bylaws to show the changes that are being proposed that result in the bylaws recommended by the board which are included in this Voter. If you would like a copy of that marked-up version prior to the annual meeting, please contact Karen Madsen at madsenkp@gmail.com.

The bylaws committee consisted of Judy Chapman, chair, along with Lynn Lichtenberg and Karen Madsen.

Bylaws amendment proposed by member Joan Smith

ARTICLE XI: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and are not inconsistent with these bylaws. The president shall have final authority on the applicability of the rules.

Bylaws for the League of Women Voters of Snohomish County


Preamble

The language added to the Preamble recognizes the amendment to the Articles of Incorporation in 1997. Changing from a 501(c)3 to a 501(c)4 allows our League to advocate for positions, not just educate members and the public.

Before becoming the League of Women Voters of Snohomish County, the League went through several name changes. In 1957, the LWV of Mountlake Terrace began as a provisional League and subsequently became an official League in 1958. In 1959, it became the League of Women Voters of Snohomish County. In 1966, the League of Women Voters of Everett disbanded after having been a League since 1960 and joined the south county League. At the annual meeting in 1968, it then became the League of Women Voters of Snohomish County.

The Articles of Incorporation of the League of Women Voters of Snohomish County were filed with Ralph Munro, who was then the Secretary of State for the State of Washington, on June 8, 1995. They were signed by Joan Vermilion, the 1994-96 President of the League of Women Voters of Snohomish County. The Articles were amended in 1997 to change the league’s status under the Internal Revenue Code from 501(c)3 to 501(c)4.

Articles I-III. One criterion of becoming a league sanctioned by the LWVUS is adopting Articles I-III having the same language as that in the bylaws of the National League. In 2017 LWVSC amended its bylaws to change the age at which someone could become a member. The associate member category allows for others not named in a specific category to be able to join.
ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this corporation shall be League of Women Voters of Snohomish County, hereinafter referred to as LWV of Snohomish County, or as the League, or as LWVSC. 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 Washington, hereinafter referred to in these bylaws as LWVWA.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSES AND POLICY

Section 1. Purposes: The purposes of the LWV of Snohomish County are to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

Section 2. Political Policy: The League shall not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility: Any person who subscribes to the purposes and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. Types of Membership:
   a. Voting Members: Persons at least 16 years of age who join the LWV of Snohomish County shall be voting members of the local and state Leagues of their place of joining and of the LWVUS; (1) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be members-at-large; (2) those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be honorary life members excused from the payment of dues.
   b. Associate Members: All others who join the League shall be associate members.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Except where it could be confusing, the League of Women Voters of Snohomish County will be referred to as the LWVSC. Duties of the past-president will be assigned by the president. Throughout the bylaws, the term “board” refers to the LWVSC’s board of directors.

The term “qualification” is deleted throughout the bylaws. No action, other than to be assured they are voting members, is taken to “qualify” an officer or director. [See Article IX, Section 2.] Section 2 has all terms of all officers starting on July 1, the start of our fiscal year. The language of a joint meeting of old and new boards is deleted here and in Article V. This does not preclude the president from holding a joint meeting of the old and new boards.

The duty of signing contracts has been included in the president’s duties and removed from the duties of the secretary. Keeping records of board attendance is added so that Article V, Section 1 could be accurately applied, if necessary. Section 5 clarifies how the treasurer receives direction to dispense funds.

Section 1. Election and Term: The officers of the LWVSC shall be president, president-elect, past-president, first vice-president, second vice-president, secretary and treasurer. They shall be voting members of the LWVSC. Each year the president shall be elected for one term of three years with no possibility of election for a consecutive three-year term, with the first year serving as president-elect with duties as assigned by the president. The second year would be the presidential year being the voice of the League while mentoring the newly-elected president-elect. The third year would be as past-president continuing with duties as assigned by the president.

The first vice-president, second vice-president, secretary and treasurer shall be elected for a term of two years at the annual meeting. The first vice-president and secretary shall be elected in the odd-numbered years. The second vice-president and treasurer shall be elected in the even-numbered years.

Section 2. All officers shall take office July 1, at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Section 3. The President: The president shall have such powers of supervision and management as customarily pertain to the office; shall preside at all business meetings of the LWVSC and the board, or designate a member of the board to do so; shall be, ex officio, a member of all committees except the nominating committee; shall sign all contracts when authorized by the board; may sign or endorse checks, drafts and notes in the absence of the treasurer; and shall have such other duties as the board may direct. In the event of the disability or death of the president, the past-president and the president-elect shall assume the office as co-presidents. If either the past-president or the president-elect is unable to serve, the first vice-president shall assume the office as co-president with the president remaining. If the past-president, president-elect and first vice-president are not able to serve, the board shall fill the vacancy from among the elected directors.
Section 4 The Vice-Presidents: The vice-presidents shall perform such duties as the president and the board shall direct.

Section 5. The Secretary: The secretary shall keep minutes of LWVSC membership business meetings and of the board meetings. The secretary shall keep a record of board member attendance at board meetings. The secretary shall notify all officers and directors of their election and shall perform such other duties as the president and board shall direct. The secretary shall maintain the official copy of the bylaws and of the policies adopted by the board.

Section 6. The Treasurer: The treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due; shall deposit them in a bank designated by the board; and shall disburse the same when the expense is in the adopted budget or is authorized by the board; shall present statements to the board at their regular meetings and an annual report to the annual meeting.

ARTICLE V: BOARD OF LWVSC

In Section 2, the duty of selecting delegates is deleted. These duties are described in more detail in Article X. Section 6, regarding electronic voting, is added, recognizing a policy of the last few boards.

Section 1. Selection and Term: The board shall consist of the officers of the LWVSC, six elected directors and not more than three directors appointed by the elected members of the board. All begin their terms on July 1 or upon their appointment. All directors shall be voting members of the LWVSC. Three directors shall be elected by each annual meeting and shall serve for a term of two years or until their successors have been elected. The appointed directors shall serve one year or until the next June 30. Vacancies other than the president and past-president shall be filled by vote of the remaining members of the board following recruitment by the nominating committee, and appointees to vacancies shall serve until the next June 30. A vacancy occurs upon formal notice of resignation to the board or when two consecutive board meetings or a total of three board meetings have been missed without cause in one fiscal year.

Section 2. Powers: The board shall manage and supervise the business, affairs and activities of the LWVSC subject to the instructions of the annual meeting. It shall accept responsibility for such other matters as the national or state board may from time to time delegate to it. It shall have the power to create such special committees as it deems necessary and shall perform such other duties as are specified in these bylaws.

Section 3. Executive Committee: An executive committee consisting of the elected officers of the LWVSC may meet to decide routine administrative and financial details and act for the board in an emergency situation, providing appropriate program chairs have been included if program items are being considered. Four members of the executive committee shall constitute a quorum. Actions must be reported at the following board meeting.

Section 4. Meetings: At least nine regular meetings of the board shall be held annually. The president may call special meetings and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five members of the board.

Section 5. Quorum: A majority of the members of the board of the LWVSC shall constitute a quorum.

Section 6. Electronic Voting: The president may request that the board vote electronically when a matter would benefit from being decided between regular board meetings. A description of the matter and result of the vote must be reported at the next board meeting so that there is a record of the action. The secretary shall keep a record of the votes cast.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

The board considered and then decided not to change from four meetings. Members know that the local units meet most months making the four required meetings. Added in Section 2 is the article that describes program and an action relating to dues. Language in Sections 1 and 3 distinguishes between general meetings (mostly educational), and business meetings (where the membership takes action). The number of members used to determine the quorum of 20% is membership on January 31 because that is the date membership becomes official for the LWVUS.

Section 1. Membership Meetings: There shall be at least four meetings of the membership each fiscal year. A meeting of the membership may be either by local units or by general membership. The time and place of meetings other than those of local units shall be determined by the board. The board may call a business meeting where the membership is called upon to take action for the LWVSC and shall call such a meeting upon the written request of 20% of the voting members. Written notice of a business meeting shall be sent to the membership at least thirty days in advance of the annual meeting and seven days in advance of other business meetings.

Section 2. Annual Meeting: An annual meeting shall be held no later than May 31, the exact date to be determined by the board.
the annual meeting, members shall (a) adopt a program of work for the next fiscal year as directed by Article VIII, (b) elect officers and directors, as well as the chair and two members of the nominating committee, (c) confirm the current or adopt a new dues rate, (d) adopt a budget for the next fiscal year, and (e) transact such other business as may properly come before it. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

Section 3. Quorum for Business Meetings: Twenty percent (20%) of the voting members as of January 31 of the current year shall constitute a quorum at the annual meeting and all other business meetings of the LWVSC.

ARTICLE VII: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Nominating Committee: The nominating committee shall consist of five members. The chair and two members, who shall not be members of the board, shall be elected at the annual meeting. The board shall appoint the two other committee members from among the board. Vacancies on the nominating committee shall be filled by the board. Except for the president and past-president, the nominating committee shall recruit for vacancies on the board.

Section 2. Report of Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor: The report of the nominating committee, containing its nominations for officers, directors and the chair and two members of the next nominating committee, shall be sent to all members thirty days before the annual meeting. The report of the nominating committee shall be presented to the annual meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member, immediately thereafter, provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained.

Section 3. Election: Election shall be by ballot, except that if there is only one nominee for an office, it shall be by voice vote. A majority of voting members present and voting shall constitute an election.

ARTICLE VIII: PRINCIPLES AND PROGRAM

Article VIII maintains the way program has been developed by members, primarily in their unit. Then members’ recommendations are considered by the board. The board sends its proposed program to the membership to vote on at the annual meeting.

The current language makes it difficult for a member, whose program item was not being recommended, to learn that in time to meet the current thirty-day deadline before the annual meeting. The amending language would allow a member to propose, at the annual meeting, an item that was on a unit’s list or submitted to the board at least sixty days in advance of the annual meeting.

In Section 3 the amendment to “program change” recognizes the direction of the LWVUS to encourage more responsive program content.

Section 1. Principles: The Principles are concepts of governance adopted by the national convention and supported by the League as a whole. They are the authorization for the adoption of national, state and local program.

Section 2. Program: The program of the LWVSC shall consist of actions to implement the Principles and those local issues chosen by the membership at the annual meeting or by the board for concerted study and action.

The process for consideration at the annual meeting is the following:

a. Units and voting members may make recommendations to the board at least sixty days before the annual meeting.

b. The board shall consider these recommendations and formulate a proposed program which shall be sent to the members at least thirty days before the annual meeting.

c. The membership present at the annual meeting shall adopt a program by a majority vote.

Recommendations for program items submitted to the board from a unit meeting or from a member sixty days prior to the annual meeting, but not recommended by the board, may be considered and adopted by majority vote by the annual meeting provided that the member(s) can report that there is adequate support to work on the program item.

Section 3. Changes in Program: Changes in the program, in response to issues, brought forward by members, which could benefit from the LWVSC’s prompt action may be made by the board, provided that information on the proposed change will be sent to all members within thirty days of the board’s decision.

Section 4. Member Action: Members may act in the name of the LWVSC only when authorized to do so by the president or executive committee. They may act in the name of the LWVSC only in conformity with, and not contrary to, a position taken by the LWVSC, the LWVWA or the LWVUS.
ARTICLE IX: FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Changes in Section 2 define how a member becomes a voting member and clarifies the rate of dues for same-household members and for some new members. Amendment in Section 3 has, as happens now, the president appointing the budget committee and adds a step that also occurs now, i.e., the board recommending the proposed budget. Amendment in Section 4 adds the bylaws a monthly financial review. The board previously recognized the need for and adopted by policy the regular review of the financial records.

Setting of dues has been done at the annual meeting, although this is not recognized by the bylaws. This action is now required as described in Article VI, Section 2.

Section 1. Fiscal Year: The fiscal year of the LWVSC shall be from July 1 to the following June 30.

Section 2. Dues: The membership year shall coincide with the fiscal year. A member must pay annual dues to be considered a voting member. Annual dues shall be payable prior to July 1. A reduced rate for membership is offered to first time members joining after January 31 but before July 1. When two or more members reside at the same address in a common household, one member will pay the full annual dues and each additional household member will pay at a rate equal to the combined State and National League per-member payment for additional household members plus fifty percent of the LWVSC amount. Honorary life members, as set out in Article III of these bylaws, shall be excused from payment of dues. Any member who fails to pay dues within sixty days after dues become payable shall be dropped from the membership rolls.

Section 3. Budget Committee: The budget shall be prepared by a committee which shall be appointed by the president for that purpose at least sixty days before the annual meeting. The treasurer shall be, ex officio, a member of the budget committee but shall not be eligible to serve as chair. The committee’s recommended budget shall be presented to the board for review. Then the board-recommended budget for the next fiscal year shall be sent to all members at least thirty days before the annual meeting. The budget shall identify the recommended amount of annual dues for LWVUS, LWVWA and LWVSC.

Section 4. Financial Review: Accounts of the LWVSC shall be subject to financial review annually within sixty days of the close of the fiscal year. The president shall appoint the review committee. In addition, each month, a board member or members designated by the president shall review the monthly treasurer’s report and statements from accounts included in the treasurer’s report to confirm that the report and statements are in agreement.

Section 5. Distribution of Funds on Dissolution: In the event of the dissolution of the LWVSC, all moneys and securities which may at the time be owned by or under the control of the LWVSC shall be paid to the LWVWA after the state and national per member payments and other obligations have been met. All other property of whatsoever nature, whether real, personal, or mixed, which may at the time be owned or under the control of the LWVSC shall be disposed of to such person, organization, or corporation for such public, charitable, or educational use and purposes as the board in its absolute discretion may designate.

ARTICLE X: CONVENTIONS AND COUNCIL

Section 1. National Convention and National Council: The board 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 or council in the number allotted the LWVSC under the provisions of the bylaws of the LWVUS.

Section 2. State Convention and State Council: The board 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 or council in the number allotted the LWVSC under the provisions of the bylaws of the LWVWA.

ARTICLE XI: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and are not inconsistent with these bylaws. The president shall have final authority on the applicability of the rules.

ARTICLE XII: 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 thirty days in advance of the meeting. In the event these bylaws are inconsistent with law or Washington State or National League of Women Voters requirements, the bylaws shall be amended by the president and shall be deemed to be amended on the date the president notifies all members in writing of the inconsistency and the necessary revisions to the bylaws.
## Proposed Budget

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VOTER April 2019
The nominating committee wants to ask you to suggest someone for the office of Treasurer. As you know, our long term Treasurer, Judy Chapman, recently died. The new slate of nominees is shown on the list below. Contact Janet Chalupnik at janchal@comcast.net with any ideas you might have. Thank you.

Candidates and Returning LWVSC Board Members for 2019-2020
Nominating Committee: Janet Chalupnik, Chair; Shirley Sutton, Lynn Lichtenberg, Steve Trautwein, Joan Smith

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The Nominating Committee is pleased to introduce you to this year’s slate of new leaders for the League of Women Voters of Snohomish County. The following short biographies will allow you to get to know these individuals BEFORE the vote that will take place at our Annual Meeting.

Karen Crowley
Karen is joyfully retired. She joined LWVSC in 2017 and is a member of the Civil Discourse Committee and the KSER Magazine on the Air.
Professional Background: 30 years experience as a non-profit resource development professional. Following an early career in retail and sales management, she joined Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Snohomish County where she served as Community Relations Manager for 7 years. She then moved to United Way of Snohomish County and spent 19 years building deep connections and inspiring others to give generously. She helped raise over $170 million, served as Vice President Resource Development, and chaired United Way of America’s Endowment and Planned Giving Council. Most recently, Karen served as Development Director at Edmonds Center for the Arts. She takes great pride in the number of lives changed for the better as a result of the generosity of our community.
Karen also has roots in theater and dance. She was a founding actor with Open Door Theatre, a Snohomish County theater group working in the classroom to bring awareness to the issue of child abuse.
Board and Community Experience: KSER Foundation Board of Directors, including 3 years as President; Leadership Snohomish County – Executive Committee; member of Green Snohomish.
Personal: Karen has two amazing children – now fully ‘launched’. She lives with her husband, Tom, in a 1906 home in Snohomish where she delights in carving out time for gardening, yoga, bicycling…and life.

Linda Matthews:
Linda Matthews, Mid-Westerner, Southern Californian, Northwesterner, mother of three, and grandmother of four. In So Cal Linda worked as a photographer with a passion for children’s portraiture and later in Washington as a National Board High School teacher focusing on community connections with students. While teaching visual communications, consisting of video and photography, her students supported the school community with a weekly news video program. As a fine arts teacher and a graphic arts teacher her student projects often had a community focus such as the sidewalk portrait gallery created by Linda and a co-teacher. Linda became involved with the LWVSC shortly after the Women’s March in January of 2017. Currently she works hard serving on the board of directors, as chair of the communications team creating and distributing the monthly Voter, and helping deliver the e-mail blasts to the membership as needed.

Eva Mehaffey:
Eva Mehaffey is a retired elementary school teacher from Seattle Public Schools. Her first efforts in League were in organizing with the Natural Resources Committee a Climate Change Forum, “Do Take It Personally!” at the Edmonds Community College Black Box Theater. She continues that passion for the environment through her work with the Transportation Committee. She is its current Chair. From 2016-2018, Eva served on the Board of Directors and helped to revive the Transportation Committee. Before that, Eva served on the Scholarship Committee, presenting one in 2012 to a student at Jackson High. Eva’s return to the Board would continue the strong voice for Transportation established by MJ Donovan-Creamer.
Eva currently is a member of the Foundation for Edmonds School District scholarship committee and is the Coordinator of Educational Research for the Rachel Royston Permanent Scholarship Foundation. She has strong interests in travel, bridge, book clubs and occasionally quilting.

Jody Trautwein
Many members will recognize Jody Trautwein as the current Snohomish League Voter Service (VS) Chair. She has probably already asked you to help register voters or to help at a candidate forum. She started as VS chair in her first year of a previous board term and looks forward to being on the board again to generate even more visibility for VS. But also, is excited to join a group of smart, energetic Leaguers for all the planning that underlies the myriad of projects Leaguers are involved in each year.
Jody and her husband Steve (Also a League member) moved from the Midwest to WA 9 years ago to spend more time with their son and family in the area, and subsequently their daughters have moved here. Jody enjoys quilting and other sewing, reading, NCAA Men’s March Madness, all things British, Northwest Folklife, the Fremont Solstice Parade and folk dancing.

Now that you have had time to “meet” this year’s slate of leaders in The Voter, enjoy speaking and talking to each of them in person at the annual meeting. Consider taking a role yourself in the future!
Annual Meeting LWVSC May 19, 2018 Minutes

Call to order by President Pat Fogarty-Cramer at 11:02 AM

Welcome and Opening Remarks by President Pat Fogarty-Cramer:
She gave the state of the League report. Membership numbers are up. She thanked the Board of Directors. She cited the founders and thanked them for building the foundation which enabled us to build our League. She stated that Joan Smith had nominated LWVSC for the National Strengthening Democracy Award. We are one of the 3 finalists in the nation. The finalist will be determined at the national convention. The Diversity Committee is to be started on line. All of the committees were recognized.

Keynote Speaker: Linda Hjelle, Snohomish County Assessor, gave the keynote address: “Assessing Value and Levying Property Tax.”

Legends of the League Awards:
President Fogarty-Cramer announced the winners of this year’s awards: Peggy Toepel and Judy Chapman. Peggy was not able to attend but wrote a note of thanks. She chose the NW Stream Center as her charity to receive her gift.

Joan Smith then recognized Pat Fogarty-Cramer for her service as President.

Lunch adjournment.

Business Meeting:
Proceedings were opened by Pat Fogarty-Cramer at 1:02 PM.
- Parliamentarian: Jackie Grove
- Quorum present: Janet Chalupnik affirms
- Joella Campbell moved to accept the agenda as presented in the printed program. It was seconded. The agenda was accepted.
- Janet Chalupnik, Chair of the Membership Committee, introduced new members present.
- Approval of last year’s minutes: It was moved by Ruth Brandon to accept last year’s Minutes of the Annual Meeting. It was seconded. Last year’s Minutes were accepted.
- The president appointed the new reading committee: They are as follows: Janet Robertson, Madeleine Kaiser, Stephanie Woerfel

Election of Officers:
Jody Trautwein presented the slate which the nominating committee picked for the coming year. The current committee is: Jody Trautwein, Chair, Janet Chalupnik, Lynn Carpenter, Sue Renhard and Shirley Sutton.

The list of the proposed officers is as follows:
- **President-elect**: Vicki Roberts-Gassler.
- **Second vice president**: Sue Renhard
- **Treasurer**: Judy Chapman
- **Directors**:
  - Mary Ross
  - Ruth Brandon
  - MJ Donovan-Creamer
  - Lynn Lichtenberg
  - Carolyn Walker
  - Nominating Committee:
    - Chair: Janet Chalupnik
  - Steve Trautwein
  - Paula Townsell

The president presided over the election of officers and the nominating committee. She asked, “Are there any further nominations from the floor? Hearing none, I move that the secretary be instructed to cast an elective ballot for the slate of officers presented.” The elective ballot was cast. All positions were elected without further discussion or nominations.

Budget:
It was presented by Judy Chapman. There was no discussion from the floor.
Vicki Roberts-Gassler moved to accept the budget as presented. It was seconded. The budget was approved.
Program of work for 2018-2019

Civil Discourse
Using the process of concurrence, it is proposed to add to the LWNSC’s position on Citizen Participation the explicit statement civil discourse from the LWV of San Luis Obispo, California and LWV of Oregon.

Current LWVSC Citizen Participation Position
Support of citizen participation in local government by advocating that county and local government branches provide adequate notice of proposed actions, hold open meetings and make public records readily available.

To be added:
Promote civil discourse through action and education for all government bodies, staff and citizens for the purpose of improved public policy decisions and processes, Civil discourse means, at a minimum, mutually respectful, courteous, constructive and orderly communication.

City of Everett Districting
The Everett Districting Committee intends to continue its work to achieve representative districting in Everett through the following defined plan of work.

The committee is supporting Everett Districts Now (EDN) by gathering signatures for the 2018 petition for the balloting purposes for the November 2018 General Election. In addition, the committee will be holding public educational forums on the proposed districting as well as possible debates on KSER.

The committee is working with Everett Districts Now to produce a mailer to be sent to those who signed the 2017 petition with the hope they will come forward to sign the 2018 petition. The committee will observe all public meetings held for the districting plan proposed by the Everett City Council. These efforts will be completed with the results of the general election in November 2018.

Homelessness and Housing
The Children’s Services Committee proposes to continue its study on homelessness among children, youth and families in Snohomish County. On completion of the study, the committee will produce a document and consensus questions for all units.

The committee envisions the outcome of this process will be an amendment to update the League’s position on homelessness.

Additional Issues of Interest (Non-recommended items):
Suggested by unit members but for which there is no committee:
• Immigration
• Gun Control
• Internet Accessibility in rural and low income areas
• Statewide redistricting

Current Committees without current studies:
• Natural Resources/Sustainable Agriculture
• Health Care
• Transportation
• Money in Politics

There were no further discussions of any of the programs as set out for the coming year.

Julie Langabeer moved to accept all proposed programs as set out in the agenda. It was seconded. It was approved.

Announcements:
Multiple announcements made as to activities the League is involved in this summer.
Michelle Valentine said that the LWV Council Meeting is June 1-3 in Richland, WA. Segments of the council will be videotaped to use at unit meetings.

President Pat Fogarty-Cramer passed the gavel to incoming President Karen Madsen.

Final Remarks:
Karen Madsen reminded all of us about the August 18th Planning Retreat. She took the names of people who would be willing to call to invite people to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 2:00 PM