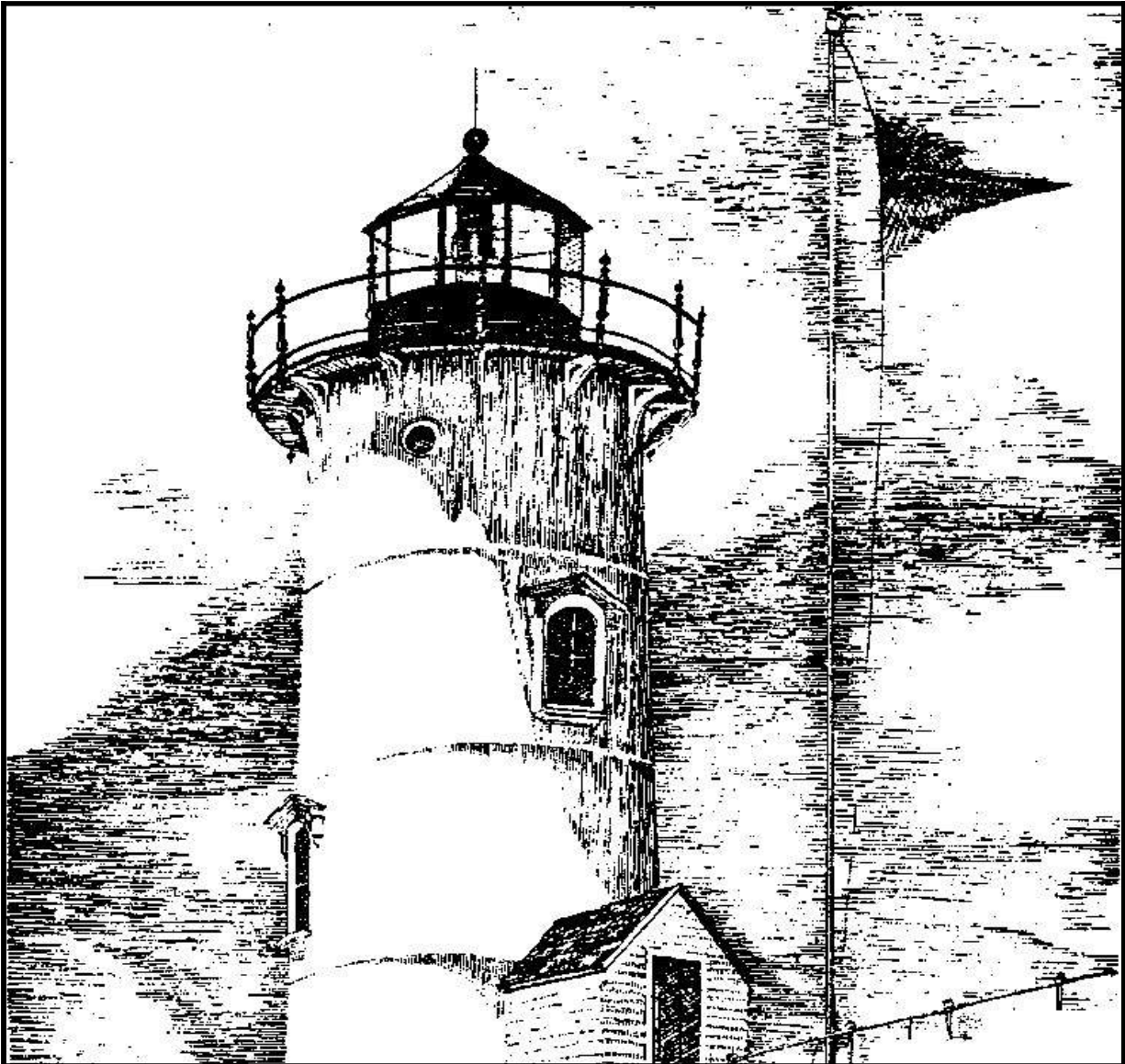


**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF FALMOUTH
P.O. Box 450, Falmouth, MA 02541**

ANNUAL REPORT—2019

**MAY 4, 2019
Falmouth Historical Society**



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ANNUAL MEETING

May 4, 2019
Falmouth Historical Society
Falmouth, Massachusetts

ANNUAL MEETING

Treasurer
Parliamentarian
Arrangements

Joanne Voorhis
Joanne Voorhis
Meghan Hanawalt
Sylvia Szulkin

Annual Report
Cover Drawing
Printing

Alice Carey
Joan Kanwisher
Falmouth Printing

LEAGUE MISSION STATEMENT

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

IN MEMORIAM

April 2018-April 2019

Michael Corgan
Susan Fishman
Christos Kanellopoulos
Susan Kingwill
Kathy Hurley Murray



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

STEERING COMMITTEE / BOARD OF DIRECTORS / COMMITTEE CHAIRS

1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
Members-at-Large

Sylvia Szulkin
Alice Carey
Doris Epstein
Denise Morreale
Joanne Treistman

Secretary
Treasurer

Mariam Cronin
Joanne Voorhis

Development/E-Mail Communication
Follow-up Coordinator
Legislative
Website Coordinator
Membership
Observer Corps/Bulletin
Publicity
Voter Service

Kathy Mortenson
Meghan Hanawalt
Judy Ziss
Joan Boyer
Jacqueline Webster
Denise Morreale
Olivann Hobbie
Carol McKeon

OFF-BOARD SPECIALISTS

Bulletin
Email Communication
Historian
Social Media
Nominating Committee
Liaison with Engage Falmouth

Brenda Nolan
Kathy Mortenson
Doris Curran
Penelope Duby
Stephanie Miele
Misty Niemeyer

Rules of Annual Meeting

Composition: The annual meeting is open to members of the League of Women Voters of Falmouth and visitors. Only members have the privilege of voting.

Debate: When addressing the Chair, a member shall first state her/his name.

Motions: A motion must be 1) made; 2) seconded; 3) stated and read by the Chair; 4) debated; 5) put to a vote, affirmative or negative; 6) the result of the vote declared by the Chair.

Voting: A majority vote of those present shall be required for adoption of proposed items. A hand vote may be taken if a voice vote is not decisive.



PROGRAM

VOLUNTEER POWER

Guest Speaker: **SUSAN MORAN**

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BUSINESS MEETING

Call to Order	Sylvia Szulkin
Introduction of Parliamentarian	
Presentation of LWVF Awards	Kathy Mortenson
2018 Annual Meeting Minutes	Sylvia Szulkin
Appoint Committee to Review 2019 Minutes	
Treasurer's Report	Joanne Voorhis
Proposed 2019-2020 Budget	
Steering Committee Report	Sylvia Szulkin
Proposed Local Program	Doris Epstein
Proposed LWVF By-Laws Changes	Joan Boyer
Nominating Committee Report	Stephanie Miele
Election	Sylvia Szulkin
Introduction of New Board	
Direction to the Board	
Adjournment	



**Annual Meeting Falmouth League of Women Voters
May 12, 2018**

The Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Falmouth (LWVF) took place on May 12, 2018 at the Falmouth Historical Society. The Meeting began at 12:30. Approximately 30 members attended.

Brainstorming Session: Table Talk

Sylvia Szulkin opened the meeting by inviting Alice Carey to lead the group in a brainstorming session called Table Talk. The objective was to identify ways of refreshing and reinvigorating the work of the League. Each table discussed a common question first, then focused on a unique question. After animated discussion, a representative from each table reported their ideas to the group.

Ideas for what could make the league stronger (the common question) included:

- ◆ Broaden the timing and variety of meetings by offering more day meetings, more lunch meetings (to accommodate working people), field trips, and relaxed social/networking events like the Wine Tasting and the Newcomers Tea.
- ◆ Review Bylaws to more accurately reflect how we do business. Consider whether we need a President or just a Steering Committee?
- ◆ Grow civic engagement by hiring a summer intern to interact with the town and younger groups. Develop an
- ◆ inventory of groups in town with common interests and goals, such as Engage Falmouth, and network with them more.
- ◆ Increase social media presence.
- ◆ Choose study issues that are local passions. Use a book club model twice a year to encourage members to learn about global issues and promote more interaction between members.
- ◆ Bring opposing sides together in forums to debate and identify potential solutions to important problems.
- ◆ Revisit dues as potential barrier to membership: levels, newcomer discount, scholarships.

Ideas generated during discussion of table specific topics

- ◆ How to increase voter turnout? Target high school and college age people.
- ◆ What is most compelling environmental challenge in Falmouth? Many challenges were identified: How to move beyond turbine debate to address need for wind power; water quality; tree preservation; climate change; beach erosion; air pollution especially in summer due to influx of cars/no good public transportation; need for improved recycling efforts. Pam Polloni requested a new look at wind power, potentially addressing offshore wind as a study topic, next year.
- ◆ How to get members more active? Survey new members' interests, find opportunities for volunteer activities with less time commitment/short spurts of activity, utilize social media to activate younger members.
- ◆ How to achieve strength in numbers? Identify partnership opportunities with Engage Falmouth and other organizations. Help precinct members become more aware of issues by having League members attend precinct or pre-precinct meetings.

At the end of the Table Talk session, Alice thanked members for their spirited discussion and contributions. Members were encouraged to follow up with additional ideas with Meghan Hanawalt or the Steering Committee who will be reviewing the reports.



Business Meeting

The business meeting opened with the introduction of Joanne Voorhis as the Parliamentarian. Meg Borden presented LWVF Civic Achievement Awards to 3 valued members in recognition of their significant, long term contributions to the League and to Falmouth. Meg thanked Judith Stetson for her help in researching the award winners' contributions.

- ◆ Joan Boyer's Award recognized her active leadership roles in the LWVF as former President and Co-President of the Steering Committee, as Treasurer with the State League, and for her contributions to the Town of Falmouth including being a town meeting member, town charter committee member, and a valued participant in several LWVF studies. She currently serves as the LWVF webmaster.
- ◆ Pamela Polloni's Award recognized her committed efforts to preserve and protect the natural environment through her work with Falmouth scientific institutions, the 300 Committee, her participation in numerous league study committees, and her service as a town meeting member. She was recognized as a great example of community service through study and action.
- ◆ Kathy Mortenson's Award recognized her efforts to preserve the Cape's ecological health, for her community service as Town Librarian, her contributions to numerous league studies and to Falmouth Leap forward. She was recognized as a great team worker who exemplified community service through study and action.

Meg reported that birthday cards were available to send to Olive Beverly who was celebrating her 100th birthday. Meg then introduced Sylvia Szulkin, thanking her for her leadership of the Steering Committee. Sylvia addressed The 2017 Annual Meeting minutes which were unanimously approved. Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting will be read for accuracy by Sheri White, Carol McKeon, and Penny Duby.

Joanne Voorhis presented the FY2017-2018 Treasurer's Report. It was unanimously approved. She encouraged members to include a contribution to the LWVF when paying their dues. Kathie Mount, Chair of the Budget Committee, presented the proposed FY 2018-19 budget. It was unanimously approved.

Sylvia Szulkin gave the Steering Committee report. She observed that in these trying times the LWV's mission of promoting nonpartisan discourse and striving to reach consensus on policy was very important. She noted the LWVF offered a wide range of programs last year, ranging from a presentation about the Preamble to the Constitution, to hosting candidate nights, to a wine social. These activities, plus the efforts of the membership committee, resulted in an increase in membership to 124 and climbing. She looks forward to the participation and friendship of these new members and to continued membership growth including younger, male, racially and culturally diverse members.

Sylvia announced that Meg Borden is stepping down from the Steering Committee. Meg was recognized both for the wonderful buffet enjoyed at the meeting and for the wonderful food for thought she provided over the years. She was presented a plant in thanks for her service.

Thanks were also given to Alice Carey for preparing the Annual Report; to Stephanie Miele and members of the Nominating Committee for their engaging persistence in getting new faces on the Board; to Kirsten Moritz, Olivia White and Joanne Treistman for reading the 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes; to Olivann Hobbie for her active work as Publicity Director; and to Carol McKeon and the Voter Service Committee for their efforts.

Sylvia announced several changes to LWVF leadership. Denise Morreale will join the Steering Committee in addition to her current positions as Observer Corps Director and Co-editor, with Brenda Nolan, of The Bulletin. Catherine Kligler is stepping down as Secretary, Mariam Cronin is taking over. Richard Johnson will be Natural Resources Officer. The Steering Committee is still looking for a President.

Margaret Cooper is stepping down from her position as Legislative Director. No replacement has yet been identified. Margaret will help a new legislative chair learn about the position which is a great way to have conversations with legislators and to learn from Lobbyists. If you are interested in the position, please contact Margaret or Sylvia.

Sylvia summed up by encouraging members to consider becoming more active in the League. There are many ways to be a League Member, with the opportunity to increase or decrease your commitment as time permits. Joan Boyer presented the 2018 Proposed Local Study Program: "An Analysis of the Role of Appointed Committees in Falmouth Town Government". The proposed program was unanimously approved. The chair of the study group will be Sylvia with Doris Epstein assisting. If you would like to be a member please contact Doris. The first meeting will be in June with a presentation targeted for the fall. Vicky Lowell commented that she felt the local Study program had a great resource in the Observer Corps and hoped they would be involved.

Joan Boyer introduced Land Use Policy Update proposed by the 2017 Local Study Committee composed of Joan, Richard Johnson, and Mariam Cronin. The Policy had been approved by the Board for adoption at the annual meeting. Vicky Lowell and others felt the section dealing with LWVF opposition to large scale development on major roads was confusing. After discussion it was moved and seconded to approve the Land Use Policy Update pending rewording of the section in question by the Land Use Policy Committee. This motion was unanimously approved. Joan will bring the revised policy for review and approval to the steering committee.

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Olivia White moved that the Nominating Committee Slate of Officers and Directors, Steering Committee Members, and members of nominating committee be elected. The motion was seconded, the slate unanimously elected. Doris asked Steering committee to take comments offered at Table Talk seriously, potentially adding a new director who would focus on addressing the ideas identified.

Betsy Fontes given best wishes that she be back in action soon. Meeting adjourned 1:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Mariam Cronin



TREASURER'S REPORT

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF FALMOUTH Statement of Revenues and Expenses July 1, 2018—April 22, 2019

REVENUE	FY2016-2017	FY 2017-2018	Year to date 2018-2019
Ads	125	150	75
Annual Meeting	515	585	60
Contributions - Friends	225	185	30
Contributions -Members	845	1190	1445
Dues	4950	4960	4125
Fund Raisers	65	68	60
TOTAL REVENUE	6725	7138	5795
EXPENSES			
Action/Program	523	178	189
Administration	108	321	31
Web Site fee	238	288	
Annual Meeting & Report	894	587	250
Bulletin Postage	86	197	58
Bulletin Printing	267	228	207
State Convention&meetings	0	0	0
National Convention	0	0	0
Membership & Directory	439	221	727
Participation	75	0	0
Per Member Pay MA	2088	2018	2686
Per Member Pay US	4190	4035	3856
Voter's Service	80	118	79
Special Projects	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENSE	8988	8190	8083

League of Women Voters of Falmouth
Balance Sheet as of April 22, 2019

J.Voorhis 4/22/2019

Eastern Bank CheckingAccount	\$8,571
LWVUS Educ Fund	<u>1,098</u>
Total	\$9,669



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PROPOSED BUDGET

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF FALMOUTH
BUDGET FOR JULY 1, 2019 TO JUNE 30,2020**

INCOME	Budget/Actual FY2017-18	Budget/Actual FY2018-19	Proposed Budget FY 2019-20
Ads	400 / 150	40 / 75	100
Annual Meeting	400 / 585	500 / 0	500
Contributions - Friends	500 / 185	500 / 30	200
Contributions - Members	1,200 / 1190	1,500 / 1445	1500
Dues	4,000 / 4960	5,000 / 4075	5000
Funds Raisers	0 / 68	0 / 60	0
Interest Income			0
Transfer from savings	2,485 / 0	3,168 / 0	3945
INCOME TOTAL	\$8,985 / \$7138	\$11,068 / \$5685	\$11,245

EXPENSES	Budget/Actual FY2017-18	Budget/Actual FY 2018-19	Proposed Budget FY 2019-2020
Action/Program	500 / 178	1000 / 57	500
Administration	350 / 321	350 / 31	350
Web Site Fee	240 / 288	240 / 0	300
Annual Meeting & report	400 / 587	1000 / 150	700
Bulletin Postage	200 / 197	200 / 40	200
Bulletin Printing	350 / 228	350 / 178	350
Convention - National	1000 / 0	0 / 0	500
Convention -State	80 / 0	400 / 0	200
Membership & Directory	500 / 221	600 / 727	800
Participation	115 / 0	115 / 0	115
Per Member Pay Mass. (PMP)	2100 / 2018	2743 / 2686	2950
Per Member Pay US (PMP)	3000 / 4034	3920 / 3856	4130
Voter Service	150 / 118	150 / 79	150
Special Projects	0 / 0	0 / 0	0
EXPENSE TOTAL	\$8985 / \$8190	\$11068/\$7804	\$11,245

Budget Committee

Kathie Mount - Chair
Joanne Voorhis -Treasurer
Kathy Mortenson-Board



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PROPOSED LOCAL PROGRAM

**PROPOSED LOCAL PROGRAM
2019-2020**

LOCAL STUDY

**A CONTINUED ANALYSIS OF THE ROLE OF APPOINTED
VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES IN FALMOUTH TOWN GOVERNMENT**

PRIORITY ACTION ITEMS

MAKING CIVIC ENGAGEMENT COLLABORATIVE

ENVIRONMENT

WATER QUALITY

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

CONTINUING ACTION ITEMS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING



Water Quality (Consensus 1980, 1995)

LWV of Falmouth Supports:

- Watershed protection through both outright purchase and easements.
- Minimum lot size of two acres in watershed areas.
- Ban on toxic septic system cleaners.
- Public education on use of fertilizers/pesticides/septic system cleaners.
- All efforts to speedily and completely contain and clean up the contamination plumes emanating from the Mass. Military Reservation and from other sources.
- All efforts to protect groundwater quality and quantity, including maintenance of the natural environment and open space as a means of protecting the groundwater supply.
- Efforts to upgrade and maintain Falmouth's water supply system.
- Equitable water rates, long-range planning and public education on water issues

Transportation (Consensus 1996)

LWV of Falmouth Supports:

- Promotion of a local transportation network and taking action on issues relating to the Steamship Authority as they affect Falmouth.
- Limitation of growth of ferry service originating from Falmouth.
- Reservation-only services, particularly for auto transport and parking.
- Use of fare structures that encourage solutions to traffic problems.
- Capping of ferry passenger parking in Falmouth at 3385 (1994 Selectmen's position).
- Links between intermodal public transportation.
- Programs that encourage passengers to leave their cars at home.
- Development of town objectives and performance standards for Steamship Authority planning and operations.
- Local governance of Steamship Authority as it exists.
- Steamship Authority compliance with local and regional land-use regulations.
- Study of alternate mainland ports for service to the Islands.

LWV of Falmouth Opposes:

- Parking away from limited access highways and in zones of contribution or water recharge zones.
- Development of a third operational slip in Woods Hole.
- Replacement of existing vessels with larger capacity vessels.

Environment (Consensus 1999, 2000)

LWV of Falmouth Supports:

- Taking action on environmental issues as they affect Falmouth and the upper Cape.
- Taking action on issues surrounding the cleanup of contaminants at the Mass. Military Reservation, groundwater protection, water conservation and air pollution.
- Ongoing monitoring of issues.
- Public education.

Town Charter (Consensus 1987,1989,1990,1991,1998, 2007,2013)

LWV of Falmouth Supports:

- The Town charter form of government as adopted on January 1, 1991 and last amended May, 2013.



Education (Original consensus 1975, 1983)

LWV of Falmouth Supports:

- School budget process.
- Use of subcommittees.
- Citizen participation.
- Increased effectiveness through public meetings, publicity, and early completion of budget for public explanation and resolution with Finance Committee and town administration.
- Policy review process and the procedure manual.

Land Use (Consensus 1972, 1973, 1974, 1981, 1991 2018)

LWV of Falmouth Supports:

- A balanced diversity of land uses in Falmouth including agriculture, open space, residential development, village center character, maritime industry, intermodal transport, recreation and sustainable development.
- Coastal resilience as a priority; limit new development in areas subject to flooding and selectively improve infrastructure to withstand rising sea levels, increased flooding and groundwater changes.
- Developing zoning vehicles to foster multi-family, affordable and greater density housing development. This should support village character, including transfer of development rights.
- Preserving the historic districts and buildings in Falmouth whilst maintaining flexibility in maintenance and development of properties.
- A robust capital plan that recognizes the need for investment to mitigate global warming impacts, to improve future drinking water quality, sanitation energy and transportation needs balanced with equitable cost distribution across the population.
- Coordination with federal, state and regional agencies to develop long range strategies and programs to protect land, water, air, and maritime resources and to restore impaired resources such as estuaries and wetlands.

LWV of Falmouth Opposes:

- Additional larger scale development along major roads creating sprawl, with the exception of locations in pre-existing high density areas close to collector roads.
- Locating industry, employment centers, and unsustainable energy developments in areas that conflict with adjacent land uses.

Affordable Housing (Consensus 1986, 1987)

LWV of Falmouth Supports:

- Local/county government involvement in development of affordable housing.
- Government collaboration with the private sector.
- Changes in zoning to permit affordable housing provided ecological needs, safety and parking are taken into consideration.
- Use of town-owned lands and structures to provide affordable housing.

Falmouth Town Budget (Consensus 1983)

LWV of Falmouth Supports:

- Budget that considers future needs and goals.
- Town Meeting warrants that are clear, timely, and complete.

LWV of Falmouth Opposes:

- Bonding used for local operating expenses.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT 2019

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS CONTINUING FOR 1 YEAR TERM (2019-2020)

1st Vice-President	Sylvia Szulkin
2nd Vice-President	Alice Carey
Secretary	TBA
Legislative	Judy Ziss
Natural Resources	Richard Johnson
At-Large	Kathy Mortenson
At-Large	Joanne Treistman

OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED FOR 2 YEAR TERM (2019-2021)

Treasurer	Meghan Hanawalt
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DIRECTORS TO BE ELECTED FOR 2019-2021

At-Large	Doris Epstein
At-Large	Misty Niemeyer
Follow-up Coordinator	TBA
Membership	Jacqueline Webster
Observer Corps	Denise Morreale
Publicity	Olivann Hobbie
Voter Service	Carol McKeon

STEERING COMMITTEE TO BE ELECTED FOR 1 YEAR TERM (2019-2020)

Alice Carey	Joan Boyer
Doris Epstein	Sylvia Szulkin
	Joanne Treistman

DIRECTORS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 1 YEAR TERM (2019-2020)

Webmaster	Joan Boyer
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PROPOSED MEMBERS OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE (2019-2020)

CHAIRPERSON:	Stephanie Miele
Board Representatives:	Kathy Mortenson, Denise Morreale
Off-Board Representatives:	Olivia White and Marcia Easterling

NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2018-2019

CHAIRPERSON: Stephanie Miele

Board Representatives: Alice Carey, Olivia White
Off-Board Representative: Marcia Easterling



Changes recommended (Underlined):

- Remove requirement for staggered election of officers and directors, as this often is unsustainable.
- Formalize Chair of the Steering Committee and method of election.
- Annual Meeting may be called 90 days before the end of the fiscal year. Changed from 60 days.
- Annual meeting quorum changed from 25% to 20% of the membership

BYLAWS OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF FALMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

(ADOPTED 1954 AS AMENDED 1970, 1973, 1974, 1977, 1988, 1996, 1998, 2001, 2002, 2008, 2011, 2016, 2019)

ARTICLE I

Sec. 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be League of Women Voters of Falmouth, hereinafter referred to in these bylaws as LWVF 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 Massachusetts.

ARTICLE II

Purposes and Policy

Sec. 1. Purposes. The purposes of the League are to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

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

ARTICLE III

Membership

Sec. 2. Types of Membership.

A) Voting Members. Persons at least 16 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local Leagues, state Leagues, and of the LWVUS; (1) those who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League; (2) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large; (3) those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues.

B) Associate Members. All others who join the League shall be associate members.

ARTICLE IV

Board of Directors

Sec. 1. Number: Manner of Selection and Term of Office. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League and not more than 16 Directors. At least four 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. Additional Directors (not to exceed 16 in total) may be appointed by the Board of Directors as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The terms of office of the appointed Directors shall be one year and shall expire at the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting.

Sec. 2. Qualifications. No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an officer or director of this organization unless that person is a voting member of the League of Women Voters of Falmouth.

Sec. 3. 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 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.

membership. It shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the Program as adopted by the National Convention, the State Convention, and the Annual Meeting. The Board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.



Sec. 4. 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, the State Convention, and the Annual Meeting. The Board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.

Sec 5. Meetings. There shall be at least nine regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The President may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five members of the Board.

Sec. 6. Quorum. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 7. Remote Meetings. If circumstances make it inconvenient or impossible for the board to meet, board members may conduct business by holding a meeting through electronic communications (e.g., e-mail or conference call by telephone). Such meetings shall be referred to as remote meetings. All materials for consideration at a remote meeting must be distributed to all members of the board. Remote meetings may count as any of the nine regular board meetings required each year if minutes are kept.

ARTICLE V Officers

Sec. 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers. The officers of the League of Women Voters of Falmouth shall be a President, a first Vice President, a second Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer who shall be elected for terms of two years by the general membership at an Annual Meeting and take office as of July 1st.

Sec. 2. The President or Chair of the Steering Committee:

shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the Board of Directors.
may, in the absence or disability of the Treasurer, sign or endorse checks, drafts and notes.
shall be, ex officio, a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.
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.

Sec. 3. The Vice Presidents. The two Vice Presidents, in the order of their rank, shall, in the event of absence, disability, 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 Presidents shall perform such other duties as the President and Board may designate.

Sec. 4. The Secretary. The secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings of the membership and of the board. The secretary shall notify all officers and directors of their election and shall sign with the president/steering committee designee all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the board and shall perform such other duties as the president/steering committee designee and board shall direct.

Sec. 5. The Treasurer. The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of these moneys, shall deposit them in a bank designated by the Board of Directors, and shall disburse the same as required. The Treasurer shall present statements to the Board at their regular meetings and an Annual Report to the Annual Meeting.

Sec. 6. Steering Committee. When there is no candidate for President, or no sitting President, the Board of Directors ("Board") shall nominate a Steering Committee drawn from the Board to perform the duties of the President. The Steering Committee shall not exceed 5 voting members and shall be elected by the general membership at the Annual Meeting for a term of one year. The Steering Committee shall choose a Chair. The Steering Committee shall meet as necessary prior to each regular Board meeting to make recommendations to the Board on matters of policy, procedure and concern.

**ARTICLE VI
Financial Administration**

Sec. 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the League of Women Voters of Falmouth shall commence on the first day of July each year.

Sec. 2. Dues. Dues shall be voted by the membership at the Annual Meeting and shall be payable immediately. Members who fail to pay their dues within three months after the Annual Meeting shall be dropped from the membership rolls.

Sec. 3. Budget. A budget for the ensuing year shall be submitted by the Board of Directors to the Annual Meeting for adoption. The budget shall include support for the work of the League as a whole.

Sec. 4. Budget Committee. A Budget Committee to consist of a Chairperson, The Treasurer, and no more than two from the general membership, shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing year. The proposed budget shall be sent to all members at least two weeks before the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall not be eligible to serve as a Chairperson of the Budget Committee.

Sec. 5. Oversight. Annually a non-Board member will be appointed to review the treasurer's financial statements, records and bank statements. A report of good order shall be presented at Annual Meeting and a vote taken.

Sec. 6. Distribution of Funds on Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of the League of Women Voters of Falmouth all monies and securities which may at the time be owned by or under the control of the League shall be paid to the LWVMA 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 that may at the time be owned or under the control of the LWVF 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 VII
Meetings**

Sec. 1. Membership Meetings. There shall be at least four meetings of the membership each year. Time and place shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 2. Annual Meeting. Annual Meeting shall be held no more than 90 days prior to or 30 days after the end of the Fiscal year, the exact date to be determined by the Board of Directors. The Annual Meeting shall:

- Adopt a local Program for the ensuing year,
- Elect officers, directors and the chairman and two members of the Nominating Committee,
- Adopt an adequate budget, and
- Transact such other business as may properly come before it.

Sec. 3. Quorum. Twenty percent (20%) of the voting members shall constitute a quorum for conducting business at the Annual Meeting of the LWVF, provided written notice of the meeting has been sent to the membership at least one week in advance of the meeting.

**ARTICLE VIII
Nominations and Elections**

Sec. 1. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members, two of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. The Chairman and two members, who shall not be members of the Board, shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. The other members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors no later than the subsequent January Board meeting. Any vacancy on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors. Suggestions for nominations may be sent to the Committee by any voting member.



Sec. 2. Report of Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor. The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for Officers, Directors, Steering Committee, if necessary, and members of the succeeding Nominating Committee shall be sent to all members at least two weeks before the date of the Annual Meeting. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be presented to 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.

Sec. 3. Elections. The election shall be by ballot, except when there is only one nominee for each office, the Secretary may be instructed to cast one ballot for the entire slate. A majority vote of those voting members present and voting shall constitute an election. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

ARTICLE IX Program

Sec. 1. Authorization. The governmental principles adopted by the National Convention, and supported by the League as a whole, constitute the authorization for the adoption of the Program.

Sec. 2. Program. The Program of the League of Women Voters of Falmouth shall consist of action to protect the right to vote of every citizen and those governmental issues chosen for concerted study and action.

Sec. 3. 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 from the voting members and shall formulate a Proposed Program.
- B) The Proposed Program shall be sent to all members AT LEAST two weeks before the Annual Meeting.
- C) A majority vote of voting members 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 one month prior to the Annual Meeting but not recommended by the Board of Directors may be considered by the Annual Meeting provided that
The Annual Meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote and
The Annual Meeting shall adopt the item by a majority vote.
- E) Changes in the Program, in the case of altered conditions, may be made provided that Information concerning the proposed changes has been sent to all members at least two weeks prior to a general membership meeting at which the change is to be discussed and voted upon.

Sec. 4. Member Action. Members may act in the name of the League of Women Voters only when authorized to do so by the Board of Directors or the President.

Sec. 1. 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 in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

ARTICLE XI Amendments

Sec. 1. Amendments. These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting, provided the amendments were submitted to the membership in writing at least two weeks in advance of the meeting.

Reviewed by the Board of Directors
November 27, 2018:

Joan Boyer
Kathy Mortenson



DEVELOPMENT

Kathy Mortenson, Chair

Nine Friends supported The League of Women Voters of Falmouth this year. With the generous support of Friends, The League offers quality educational programs. We welcome new Friends who will receive the Bulletin and notifications of League programs.

Local businesses pay to advertise in the Bulletin. The League was grateful for the support from four companies this year.

FACEBOOK PAGE

Penelope Duby

Over half of Americans over the age of fifty use Facebook as a part of their online experience. As part of outreach to members and community, and to augment our website, we are currently using Facebook as a means to interact, share photos and videos and provide updates on news from Leagues at the national, state and regional levels in a close to real time available format.

Facebook will enable us to share our calendar of events, links to community events and share League events across a large range of community groups. Social media can also be potentially useful in future through the use of You Tube, Survey Monkey, Doodle for meeting scheduling and free conference calling options.

The Social Media Committee will expand to at least two or hopefully three members and will work with the LWVUS New Media Facebook group to access tips and tools.

LEGISLATIVE

Judy Ziss – Legislative Chair

Committee: Margaret Cooper, Penelope Duby, Cynthia Rankin, Mary Tamucci, and Kerry Walton.

At the Annual Meeting last year, the position of Legislative Chair was left vacant. I was appointed Chair in January. As the Committee was being reorganized, the date for the annual Legislative Committee program was fast approaching.

The Committee presented a program inspired by the new state civics education law, "An Act to Promote and Enhance Civic Engagement," which was enacted with the strong support of the Massachusetts League. Entitled "Falmouth Schools Welcome New Civics Education Law," the program took place in the Hermann Room on March 20 in collaboration with the Falmouth Public Schools. Dr. Sonia Tellier, Assistant Superintendent of the Falmouth Public Schools, along with Social Studies Department Head Michael Feeney and Anna Dunphy, Project Manager of the Office of Teaching and Learning, presented a power-point program. That presentation was followed by a panel discussion moderated by Dr. Tellier. James Deasy, a seventh- grade teacher at the Lawrence School, joined Social Studies Department Head Michael Feeney, and two very poised and engaged young people, high school senior Michaela McCarthy and eighth grade student Alexia Morton. The participants emphasized one of the highlights of the new law, a mandatory program for all eighth graders in which they participate in a hands-on civics project. The program was capped off by short presentations by State Senator Vinny deMacedo and State Representative David Vieira.

Currently, Legislative Committee members are reviewing the list of bills that the Massachusetts League has decided to support. A lobbying effort for the 2019-20 legislative session is planned.



LOCAL STUDY

Doris Epstein and Sylvia Szulkin, Local Study Co-Chair

Committee: Alice Carey, Penny Duby, Joanne Treistman, Olivia White, Judy Ziss

From June, 2018, this Committee of seven worked on An Analysis of Appointed Committees in Falmouth Town Government as voted at the LWVF Annual Meeting of May12, 2018. Initially it was necessary to prioritize a small number of the 50-some existing committees. We chose seven: Affordable Housing, Council on Aging, Recreation, Solid Waste, Veterans Council, Water Quality Management and Waterways.

Methodology included: obtaining Committee Mission Statement, contacting chairpersons to arrange for attendance at a meeting and interviewing the chair with a generically composed questionnaire. Results were compiled and served as a basis for oral presentations at the April League meeting. League Observers (for several committees) were contacted to clarify or enhance findings. Relevant town officials were informed of our plans when requesting their cooperation and support, which was graciously provided.

Annual Town Reports gave historical background as well as current information. Meeting minutes were also available. Short answers to 8 questions included names of chairmen and Select Board Liaisons, committee size, date committee was established, members' term length, frequency of meetings, existence of Mission Statements, and number of annual meetings lacking a quorum. This data was available to the audience on a Powerpoint chart.

Responses to questions requiring lengthier answers were included in committee members' reports:

1. Has the town specified qualifications or criteria for appointment to your committee?
2. How are absences from committee meetings handled?
3. Type of town government communication?
4. Type of town government support?
5. Is there annual training in open meeting and conflict of interest laws?
6. Are there joint meetings with other town committees?
7. Are there hindrances to committee work?
8. How would you rate committee member satisfaction?

All the above data gave strong indication about the effectiveness of committee functioning as well as areas needing improvement.

We are requesting a second year of study to increase substantially the number of committees analyzed so findings gain increased validity.

MEMBERSHIP

Jacqueline Webster, Membership Chair

The League of Women Voters of Falmouth (LWVF) currently has 126 memberships; 18 of these are household members who are associated with an individual member. In this membership count are six life members, who are excused from paying dues. A life member is defined as anyone who has paid membership dues for 50 cumulative non-consecutive years.

The following members have joined LWVF since the 2018 Annual Meeting:

Martha Adams	Katrina Anderson	Mary Fran Buckley,
Rosemary Carey	Mary Faidell	Laurel Hallman
Judith Hirschfeld-Bartek	Beverly Jacobsen	Diana Lingafelter
Marinna Martini	Jenny Putnam	Cynthia Rankin,
Gayle Simundza	Mary Sholkovitz	Pam Steudler
Kerry Walton	Kelly Welch	Betsy Whitters

Their support will sustain our work of safeguarding democracy and improving our civic affairs.

Annual dues for the Falmouth League are \$50 for an individual and \$75 for a household membership. Membership in our local LWVF includes belonging to the US national LWVUS and Massachusetts state LWVMA.

For this inclusion, the LWVF pays the LWVUS \$32 per member plus \$16 per associated household member, and to the LWVMA \$23 per member plus \$5.75 per associated household member.

Belonging to the national and state leagues, and interacting with other local leagues is very beneficial in informing and organizing our local LWVF. Thus, although the membership dues of LWVF does not cover the dues paid to the national and state leagues, our members have been generous in donating to the LWVF in order to cover the national and state dues.



NATURAL RESOURCES

Richard Johnson ,Natural Resources Chair

Committee: Rosemary Carey, Joyce Johnson, Kirsten Moritz, Denise Morreale, Kathy Mortenson, Pam Polloni

In 2018 the Natural Resources Committee focused on Solar Energy. A local business had recently erected solar parking canopies in their front yard setback and the Planning Board was proposing a change in the Zoning Code to bring such developments under their review, or a Moratorium on Solar Projects if they couldn't get review authority . At the same time, they pushed to expand the Zoning Code provision for large ground mounted solar arrays, which were currently limited to only the existing array parcel at the capped landfill and a few much smaller Light Industrial C parcels. The committee prepared a public program on these issues, held November 1, 2018 at the Hermann Room of the Public Library. This was attended by about 40 people and was recorded and broadcast by FCTV. A You Tube video of the presentation was also posted on line. At the Fall Town Meeting, the town passed a Ground Mounted Solar Array Overlay District, greatly increasing the land area where such arrays were permissible and rejected the Planning Board 's proposed revisions to control the design and placement of solar parking canopies as well as the Moratorium. Several other solar Warrant items failed, but it was a positive outcome for the Committee and sustainability overall.

The Committee Chair attended a Coastal Wetlands-Carbon Bank Symposium in June at the Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Reserve. The main point of this is that healthy coastal wetlands provide many positive environmental functions: dampening storm surge, filtering runoff, removal of excess nutrients, rich bio-habitat and carbon sequestration in organic matter accumulation. Man-made limitations on tidal flow and wetlands migration negatively impact all of these functions.

The Chair also attended Sen. Edward Markey's Climate Crisis Action Summit in Waltham later in June. Discussed were the quickening pace of Climate Change and the background of the Paris Agreement to limit Carbon Emissions. One key point was that the wind and solar power industries represent the greatest blue collar job creation in two generations, as well as significant impacts in reducing carbon emissions.

The chair also attended the Cape Coastal Conference in December in Hyannis. The focus was on non-traditional approaches to address water quality, primarily aquaculture of oysters and clams. Oysters accumulate Nitrogen in their shells and flesh and clarify the water as they consume algae, improving habitat for other aquatic species. Many Cape Towns have programs employing aquaculture for water quality improvement and the early results are positive. The market for shellfish is a critical part of this effort and the sales cost per animal has been flat for 20 years. Cape Cod has no processing plants any longer(only in the South) and labor supply is a limiting factor as profit margins are slim.

OBSERVER CORPS
Denise Morreale, Observer Corps Chair

In Memoriam

Kathleen Murray was one of us. A long time League member, Kathy was the Observer for the Board of Selectmen for many years. She faithfully attended the meetings, observed and reported honestly and helpfully. She was a great mentor to our newer Observers when they had questions and was willing to go the extra mile for all of us. When the Board of Selectmen learned of Kathy's illness, they voted to issue a Proclamation of Gratitude to Kathy for her long and valued service. The Proclamation recognized her "keen intelligence, inquisitiveness, dedication and hard work" and "the love that your Townspeople feel for you."

Our Observer Corps says "thank you" to Kathy Murray. We will miss you.

An Observer for the League of Women Voters of Falmouth is a League Member who attends a public Town Government meeting, makes notes on what happens at the meeting and reports back to the League. Considered the eyes and ears of the League, the Observer Corps is dedicated to ensuring compliance with the Open Meeting Law. The Observer is there only to Observe, not speak to issues or answer questions on adherence to the Open Meeting Law. Our group is the essence of Civic Engagement and Volunteer Participation.

On February 21, 2019, the following Observer Corps members presented their reports:

Laura Brothers reported on Substance Abuse Commission, Jenifer Alai on the Library Trustees, Carol Chittenden on the EDIC, and Suzanne Thomas on the Solid Waste Advisory. Richard Johnson-Zoning Board of Appeals, gave a power point presentation overview about the Open Meeting Law, public bodies, and transparency. Handouts at the back of the room included Town Committee Vacancies and Committee Meeting Schedules. The presentation has been uploaded to You Tube with narration. Follow the link posted on our website or search You Tube "the open meeting law" look for the blue bubbles background.

We are looking forward to our next Observer Corps meeting on June 20, 2019 at 7:00 pm in Town Hall Civil Defense Room. At that time, we will hear from Richard Johnson, Maggie Sweasey, Stephanie Miele and Meghan Palanza. Our newest member is Kerry Walton for Affordable Housing Committee. She has recently joined our group and has attended a few meetings. Thank you to all the Observers for all the hard work this year.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLICITY

Olivann Hobbie, Publicity Chair

The League presented programs of civic interest during the 2018-2019 year. These programs were publicized in the *Falmouth Enterprise* as well as the *Falmouth Bulletin*. Information, in the form of PSA's, was also sent to WCAI.

- On September 20, a program on Fake News was presented at the Falmouth Public Library.
- On October 17 the League's Candidates' Night for state and county elections was held at the Falmouth High School auditorium, with Mindy Todd of WCAI as moderator.
- On November 1, Richard Johnson and his Natural Resources committee, with guest speakers, presented a program on solar energy.
- On March 20, in the Falmouth Library's Hermann Room, the League, in cooperation with the Falmouth Public Schools, presented a program on the new Civics Education Law.
- Notice of the Annual Meeting on Saturday May 4 was sent to the appropriate local media. The subject of this year's annual meeting is Volunteer Power.
- Notices of the May 8 Candidates Night were sent to the *Enterprise*, along with the questions developed by the Voter Services Committee.

VOTER SERVICE

Carol McKeon, Voter Service Chair

Committee: Alice Carey, Marcia Easterling, Judy Fenwick, Olivann Hobbie, Judy Stetson, Sylvia Szulkin and Joanne Treistman

The Voter Service Committee presented Candidates Nights prior to the November 2018 mid-term elections. Jointly sponsored by FCTV and moderated by Mindy Todd of WCAI, the event was held on 10/17/18 at Falmouth High School. Candidates in each of the following races responded to questions from the League and the audience: U.S. Congress (Ninth District), MA State Senate, Governor's Council (First District), Barnstable County Commission. There was a lively exchange and voters expressed appreciation for the opportunity to see all candidates together on one stage.

The Committee also organized the annual LWVF Spring Candidates Night to be held on May 8, 2019 in the Hermann Room at the Falmouth Public Library. Again, this will be co-sponsored by FCTV with Mindy Todd of WCAI generously serving as moderator. Only two town offices are contested this year (Selectmen and Planning Board), but many uncontested candidates for town office and contested Town Meeting candidates accepted the invitation to briefly present themselves to voters.

The Committee continued the tradition of assisting the Town Clerk in November and April with checking in Town Meeting members and distributing their electronic voting devices. We are grateful to all League members who helped with this process.



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CIVIC LEADER AWARDS

2003	Margaret Russell
2004	Mary Pat Flynn
2007	Virginia Valiela
2008	Peter Kirwin
2009	Judith Fenwick
2011	Ruth Brazier and Virginia Gregg
2012	Doris Epstein
2014	Judy Stetson

CIVIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

2010	Priscilla Roslansky
2015	Jayne Abbott
2018	Joan Boyer
	Kathy Mortenson
	Pamela Polloni



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF FALMOUTH

2018—2019 MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER 20	FAKE NEWS
OCTOBER 17	CANDIDATES NIGHT
NOVEMBER 1	SOLAR ENERGY
JANUARY 17	BALLOT QUESTION PROCESS CONSENSUS
FEBRUARY 21	STATE PLANNING / OBSERVER CORPS REPORTS
MARCH 20	CIVICS EDUCATION PROGRAM
APRIL 18	LOCAL STUDY REPORT—VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES
MAY 4	ANNUAL MEETING
MAY 8	CANDIDATES NIGHT
JUNE 20	OBSERVER CORPS REPORTS



PAST PRESIDENTS / STEERING COMMITTEES

1953-1955	Janet Litzkow Bosworth
1955-1957	Polly Corcor
1957-1959	Ruth Burrough
1959-1961	Carol Waller
1961-1963	Janet Litzkow Bosworth
1963-1965	Joanne Voorhis
1965-1967	Elizabeth Stanbrough
1967-1969	Megan Jones
1969-1971	Dorothy Hahn
1971-1973	D'Maris Mangelsdorf
1973-1975	Heather McMurtrie Paine
1975-1977	Victoria Lowell
1977-1978	Susan Goux, Virginia Gregg, Judith Stetson
1978-1979	Judith Stetson, Virginia Gregg, Mary Lou Montgomery
1979-1980	Judith Stetson, Mary Lou Montgomery
1980-1982	Elizabeth Phelps
1982-1984	Janet Fredericks, Elaine Tripp
1984-1988	Judith Coleman
1988-1990	Jean Halvorson
1990-1994	Deborah Hitchings
1994-1998	Lillian Spongberg
1998-1999	Helen Warren , Doris Curran
1999-2001	Joan Boyer, Monica Riley
2001-2005	Helen Warren
2005-2009	Deborah Siegal
2009-2011	Joan Boyer
2011-2013	<u>Steering Committee:</u> Joan Boyer, Betsy Fontes, Kathy
2013-2014	<u>Mortenson, Sylvia Szulkin, Joanne Voorhis</u>
2014-2016	<u>Steering Committee:</u> Alice Carey, Betsy Fontes, Kathy
	<u>Mortenson, Barbara Kanellopoulos, Sylvia Szulkin</u>
2016-2017	<u>Steering Committee:</u> Alice Carey, Doris Epstein, Betsy
	<u>Fontes, Barbara Kanellopoulos, Sylvia Szulkin</u>
2017-2018	<u>Steering Committee:</u> Meg Borden, Alice Carey, Doris Epstein,
	<u>Betsy Fontes, Sylvia Szulkin</u>
2018-2019	<u>Steering Committee:</u> Alice Carey, Doris Epstein, Denise
	<u>Morreale, Sylvia Szulkin, Joanne Treistman</u>



