



# The Voter

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## Director of Lutheran Advocacy Ministry to discuss human rights issues brought up during 2011 Legislative session

Ruth Hoffman, director of the Lutheran Advocacy Ministry -- New Mexico, will talk about human rights issues brought up during the 2011 Legislative session at the April 14 luncheon meeting of the League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico. The meeting will be at 11:45 a.m. at the MCM Elegante Hotel.

Some of the social/human rights issues the Lutheran Advocacy Ministry followed were health care reform, reinstating the death penalty, a woman's right to choose and anti-immigrant legislation.

Hoffman has been the director of the Ministry since 1999. The organization is the state public policy office of the Rocky Mountain Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Guided by the social statements and policies of the ELCA, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry is a ministry of advocacy for and with those with little or no economic or political power in New Mexico. Since 1984, the Ministry has worked at the state level on public policy issues that are primarily focused on economic justice.

Hoffman is a native New Mexican and is a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Santa Fe.

Reservations for the lunch must be called in to the office (884-8441) or emailed to [nch@lwvcnm.org](mailto:nch@lwvcnm.org) by Monday, April 11 no later than 10 a.m.

Other Unit meetings scheduled for April include:

**Evening Unit, April 12, 6 p.m-7:30 p.m., Erna Fergusson Library. Topic: Voting/Election Issues in the 2011 Legislature.**

Speaker Paul Stokes, coordinator of United Voters of New Mexico, spent most of his career at

Sandia National Laboratories conducting research, development and analysis of technologies for arms control compliance verification and intelligence. Later, Stokes worked at the International Atomic Energy Agency where he conducted nuclear inspection in Iraq. He also worked at the Comprehensive Nuclear Test  
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### In this Voter

Call to Annual Meeting  
Saturday, May 7, 2011  
MCM Elegante Hotel  
2020 Menaul NE

Speaker: Alan Malott, 2nd Judicial District Court  
Judge & Albuquerque Journal  
Business Outlook Columnist

Topic: "Joys and Tribulations of  
Writing a Column"

Schedule of Events

Registration: 9-9:30 a.m.

Business meeting: 9:30-11 a.m.

Brunch: 11a.m.

The Annual Meeting packet is included in this *Voter*. Please make your reservations by Monday, May 2. Reservation information is in Annual Meeting packet.

### April Calendar

April 5 *Voter* deadline  
April 7 LWVCNM Board meeting, 5:30 p.m.  
April 12 Evening Unit, 6 p.m.  
April 14 Luncheon Unit, 11:45 a.m.  
April 18 Midtown Unit, 1:30 p.m.  
April 25 North East Heights Unit, 10 a.m.

**League of Women Voters of  
Central New Mexico  
Board Meeting**

**1st Thursday of each month  
Offices of Sutin, Thayer & Brown,  
6565 Americas Parkway NE**

Program Committees

***Fair Representation Committee***

Cheryl Haaker (298-7415)

***Drug Policy***

Delores Watkins (823-2308)

***Natural Resources***

Includes transportation, land use, air quality, water, and energy

All League members are invited to all unit meetings, committee and board meetings.

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## **April meetings**

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Ban Treaty Organization, developing on-site inspection techniques. He has been engaged in election integrity activities since the 2004 election, when he worked with national organizations to pursue a recount, followed by support for legal action to investigate the accuracy of voting machines. As coordinator of United Voters of New Mexico, he works with the Legislature to bring the uniform use of paper ballots throughout the state, and risk-based audits to verify the accuracy of voting machines.

**Midtown Unit, April 18, 1:30 p.m.,  
Manzano del Sol Hobby Room. Topic:  
Health Care Reform in the 2011 Legislative  
Session -- Special emphasis on implementing  
federal health care reform.**

Speaker Barbara Webber, executive director of Health Action New Mexico (HANM). HANM is the leading health care consumer advocacy organization in New Mexico. The organization has been working on

## **Presidents' Corner**

We had a lovely time at the League's Birthday Party at the Adobe Theater. The show was a fun mystery and the cake and food organized by Terry Quinn were great. We made over \$400 for the operating fund too!

We participated in the latest Naturalization Ceremony, and Gayle Prinkey, Judith Binder and Jan registered over 100 new citizens as voters. It was a moving and amazing experience.

Dee Watkins and Eileen Longworth presented a 90-minute workshop on developing personal advocacy skills for the state conference of the National Association of Social Workers that received rave reviews. The League had a display table for three days, and Andrea Targhetta, Dee Watkins and Jan passed out many copies of the *Voters' Key* and *Who's Who* and membership forms for state members-at-large and all four state Leagues. We educated many attendees on the study and advocacy activities of League. Many people said, "I didn't know you did that. That's interesting." We also passed out much information on pain control and drug policy. There were over 700 attendees at the conference, so it was great exposure for League.

LWVCNM will present our alcohol policy study to the state League board at its March meeting. The Drug Policy Committee has been working diligently and has developed study questions and consensus questions as well as many research resources. The next step after the board recommendation is the State Convention. Keep the second weekend in May open for State Convention in Los Alamos. LWVCNM pays registration fees for all delegates. There will also be workshops on League topics. See *La Palabra* for more details. -- Olin & Jan Bray

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## **More April meetings**

passing and implementing federal health care reform for two years.

**North East Heights Unit, April 25, 10 a.m., La Vida Llena, Card Room. Topic: League of Women Voters of New Mexico's 2011 Legislative Agenda.**

Speaker Dick Mason, chair of the League of Women Voters of New Mexico (LWVNM) Action Committee, has been active in political advocacy for more than 40 years. Since moving to New Mexico in 2004, he has become a LWVNM board member and is chair of the Action Committee. In addition, he is the LWVNM representative on the Steering Committee of Health Care for All Campaign. Mason also sits on the Board of Health Action New Mexico.

# Call to Annual Meeting 2011

## League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico

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*\*Make your reservations no later than Monday, May 2 by 10 a.m. You may email [lunch@lwvcnm.org](mailto:lunch@lwvcnm.org) or call the office 884-8441. The cost for the brunch is \$20 payable at the door.*

### Annual Meeting Agenda

Adoption of Agenda  
Recognition of Board and Committee Chairs  
Adoption of Rules for Annual Meeting  
Minutes of 2010 Annual Meeting  
Appointment of Readers for 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes  
Treasurer's Report  
Finance Report  
Adoption of Program for 2011-2012  
Adoption of Budget for 2011-2012  
Bylaws Changes  
Nominating Committee Report  
Election of Officers and Directors  
Other Business  
Announcements  
Directions to the Board

### Rules for Annual Meeting

1. No person may speak twice to the same motion until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity to do so.
2. Each speaker is limited to two minutes.
3. All motions must be made in writing and a copy given to the Secretary.
4. Only members in good standing will be allowed to speak on a motion.

# Local Positions

## *Drug Policy*

LWVCNM supports drug court programs; treatment for all persons with drug addiction; and syringe exchange programs in Bernalillo County. These programs should be prudently and appropriately funded.

LWVCNM supports pain management for all persons through:  
**Cooperation** among consumers, health care professionals and regulatory agencies to promote pain relief and to decrease abuse, trafficking, and diversion of pain medications;  
**Education** of consumers including: awareness that pain can be treated; the variety of therapies available and how to describe to health care professionals the levels and types of pain they are suffering;  
**Training** of health care professionals and providers including: awareness that pain can be treated; how to identify and treat pain; and when to refer for specialized treatment; and  
**Research** on more effective pain treatments and therapies and widespread dissemination of research results.

LWVCNM believes pain management is the process of providing care to alleviate or reduce acute and chronic pain, which can also cause secondary disease processes (e.g., high blood pressure). This care may include pain medications and a variety of therapies proven by research to be effective. (2002, Rev. 2003, 2007, 2008)

## *Education*

Support of a requirement that functional competence in basic skills be demonstrated before a high school diploma is awarded.

Emphasis on basic skills that should include the fine arts (including music, art, and drama) and ongoing technological developments. Identification of children at risk should begin early in the educational process and continue through high school. Remediation should be provided as early as possible.

An alternative path to a high school diploma should be available.

Support for community colleges that should offer certificates and associate degrees for a variety of careers. Such degrees could be terminal or transferable toward a four-year program.

Support for the protection of the First Amendment rights of public school students and library patrons.

Support for a selection policy for school and public libraries that allows for access to a wide variety of materials.

Support for a purchase and distribution system of instructional materials for public schools that is timely and cost effective.

Support for the selection of basic instructional materials for the public schools by a committee which consists of administrators, teachers, and parents and that represents a cross section of the

ethnic, geographic and economic population of the community. In addition, resource persons who have expertise in the subject under consideration will serve in an advisory capacity.

Support for a selection procedure that includes:

- a. A fair and thorough evaluation of materials;
- b. A method for public examination and input;
- c. A strong conflict of interest policy.

Support for a policy that allows for informal resolution of controversy and a systematic reconsideration procedure for textbook and library materials.  
(rev. 2009)

## *Health Care*

LWVCNM supports health care, mental health care, preventive and educational health programs, comprehensive reproductive health care, including abortion, and home health care.

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LWVCNM believes society has a responsibility to provide comprehensive health care for the indigent and supports mill levies as a means of funding such health care. (rev. 2009)

## *Housing*

Local government has primary responsibility for making available, facilitating, and coordinating provision of affordable, decent, and safe housing using federal, state, county, or city funds. This may also be done by coordination with private builders, nonprofit organizations, and/or foundations.

We support the following guidelines for government assisted housing:

- a. Assistance for private affordable housing projects under the following conditions:
  1. The surrounding neighborhood has been involved early in the planning for the project
  2. Regulatory variances which may be granted do not permit unsafe or unsightly conditions.
- b. Design review by a qualified panel.
- c. A variety of home ownership and rental opportunities in public or private affordable housing projects
- d. An adequate maintenance system in all affordable housing projects. This system should include education and training for residents in maintenance skills.
- e. Encouragement of the formation of tenant organizations.
- f. Long Range planning, accountability, and neighborhood involvement in expenditure of federal Community Development Block Grant funds for housing rehabilitation.
- g. Leadership in assistance for homeless programs which provide both shelter and services for targeted populations, particularly families and the mentally ill.
- h. Boarding houses as a way of meeting housing needs.

# Local Positions

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- i. Community-based residential care for the mentally ill. (rev. 2009)

## ***Initiative and Referendum***

The LWVCNM supports the Initiative & Referendum process. However, we have reached a consensus on the need for revision of four specific sections of the Albuquerque City Charter. We support the appointment of a Charter Revision Committee to study the process for qualifying Initiative and Referenda, with a view to revising Article III, Section 3 of the Albuquerque City Charter that would:

- a. Increase the number of initiators needed to start the process;
- b. Increase the number of signatures required to compel an election;
- c. Refine the process of reviewing the petition title and summary; and
- d. Eliminate the requirement that the election must be held within 90 days after the date of filing the petition with appropriate signatures. (rev. 2009)

## ***Local Government***

Support for the development of budgets that provide for long-range planning and evaluation programs.

Support for municipal and county officials providing the media and citizens' groups with simplified budget information. This should occur prior to public hearings as a means of preparing citizens for the budget process.

Support for assessing the cost and effectiveness of programs supported by federal funds.

Support for local governments to share in the New Mexico personal income tax as the most effective and equitable source of revenue.

Support of combined form of government for Albuquerque and Bernalillo County.

Support for coordinating village, city, and county government with joint use of records.

Support for nonpartisan local government elections.

Support for:

- a. The present Mayor/Council form of government for Albuquerque;

- b. A significant increase in the number of signatures required on a petition before a person can be placed on the ballot as a candidate for mayor for Albuquerque. Preferably, the number of signatures should be based on either percentage of voters having voted in the last mayoral election or of Registered voters, or of population of the city. (rev. 2009)

## ***Land Use***

Land use decisions must be made with consideration for economic, environmental and social factors. We believe that it is possible to incorporate the principles of conservation of resources, to relate the use of land to its inherent characteristics and carrying capacities and still achieve an optimum balance between economic and social needs and environmental quality.

Support of development that protects natural resources and promotes the equal right of all to an environment beneficial to life.

Support of land use policies and techniques that promote orderly growth. These shall include:

- a. Urban infill, to include residential building in downtown and midcity areas;
- b. Acquisition and appropriate use of open space;
- c. Preservation of agricultural lands as such;
- d. Utilization of mixed use in new development and in redevelopment;
- e. Revitalization of blighted sections of the community;
- f. Composition of neighborhoods to include a diversity of types of housing and of socioeconomic groups.

Support for coordinated city/ county and regional planning and zoning.

Support for coordinated regional land use and transportation planning. (rev. 2009)

## ***Transportation***

Support for coordinated regional land use and transportation planning. This planning shall include:

- a. Consideration of the impact of traffic congestion;
- b. The provision of viable transportation choices.

Support for a regional public transit system with a policy-making board that includes citizens with voting powers. (rev. 2009)

## ***Water***

Support for coordinated regional water planning.

# Bylaws Changes

**Editor's Note:** The LWVCNM bylaws were reviewed by the Bylaws Committee (Olin Bray, Mary Henrie Smith and Pat Bru;mmett). Here are our proposed changes. Most of the changes are for clarification. For example, to make it clear whether something is referring to LWVUS, LWVNM or LWVCNM or whether it is talking about the annual meeting or another type of LWVCNM meeting. There are two more significant changes. First, we are proposing a two-year budget since there are such drastic changes to our budget every two years with the election cycle and since LWVNM has shifted to a two-year budget. Second, a recent bylaws change allowed the board to make a decision using a telephone poll if time was critical. We have also added email as an acceptable way to quickly poll the board for a vote. We will answer any questions you have at the annual meeting.

Key: underline is new language

~~strike through~~ in brackets is language to be deleted

## BYLAWS OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CENTRAL NEW MEXICO, INC.

### ARTICLE I

**Name.** The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico, Inc., hereinafter referred to in these bylaws as LWVCNM. This local League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) and of the League of Women Voters of New Mexico (LWVNM).

### ARTICLE II

#### Purposes and Policy

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

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

### ARTICLE III

#### Membership

**Sec. 1. Eligibility.** Any person who subscribes to the purposes and policy of the ~~[League of Women Voters of the United States]~~ LWVUS shall be eligible for membership in the LWVCNM.

**Sec. 2. Types of membership.** The membership of the LWVCNM shall be composed of voting members and associate members.

- a. **Voting Members.** Citizens at least 18 years of age who join LWVCNM shall also be voting members of the ~~[local and state Leagues]~~ LWVNM and of the ~~[League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS)]~~ LWVUS.
  1. individuals who live within ~~[an]~~ the area of ~~[a local League]~~ the LWVCNM may join ~~[that League]~~ the LWVCNM or any other local League;
  2. those who reside outside the area of ~~[any local League]~~ the LWVCNM may join ~~[a]~~ any local League or shall be ~~[state]~~ LWVNM members-at-large;
  3. those who have been members of the League of Women Voters for 50 years or more shall be honorary life members excused from the

payment of dues.

- b. **Associate Members.** All others who join LWVCNM 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]~~ LWVCNM, six (6) elected directors and not more than six (6) appointed directors. Three (3) directors shall be elected by the general membership at each LWVCNM Annual Meeting and shall serve for a term of two years, or until their successors have been elected ~~[and qualified]~~. The elected members shall appoint such additional directors, not exceeding six (6), as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the ~~[League]~~ LWVCNM. The terms of office of the appointed directors shall be one year and shall expire at the conclusion of the next LWVCNM Annual Meeting. Elected officers and directors may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms in a given capacity, but may be reelected in another position.

**Sec. 2. Qualifications.** No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an officer or director of ~~[this organization]~~ the LWVCNM who is not a voting member of LWVCNM.

**Sec. 3. Vacancies.** Any vacancy, other than in the office of President, occurring in the Board of Directors by reason of resignation, death or disqualification may be filled, until the expiration of the term, by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors. Disqualification may occur in the event that any member of the Board of Directors becomes unable or unwilling to perform the duties set forth in Article V below, or as otherwise have been properly directed by the Board. Such members may be deemed disqualified to hold office by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors. Three consecutive absences from a Board meeting of any member without a reason acceptable to the Board of Directors shall be deemed a resignation.

**Sec. 4. Powers and Duties.** The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the ~~[organization]~~ LWVCNM, 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 adopted by the National (LWVUS) Convention, the State (LWVNM) Convention and the LWVCNM 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 or a Co-President may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a meeting upon the written request of five (5) members of the Board. When necessary for the timely conducting of business, a polling of the Board of Directors by telephone or email, at the direction of the President or a Co-President, shall constitute a special meeting of the Board of Directors.

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

### ARTICLE V

#### Officers

# More proposed bylaws changes

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**Sec. 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers.** The officers of LWVCNM shall be a President or Co-Presidents, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Third Vice-President, a Fourth Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer who shall be elected for terms of two years by the general members at ~~an~~ the LWVCNM Annual Meeting and take office immediately. The President or Co-Presidents, the First Vice-President, the Fourth Vice-President and the Secretary shall be elected in odd-numbered years. The Second Vice-President, the Third Vice-President and the Treasurer shall be elected in even-numbered years.

**Sec. 2. The President or Co-Presidents.** The office of President may be held by Co-Presidents. The President or a Co-President shall preside at all meetings of the ~~organization~~ LWVCNM and the Board of Directors. The President or a Co-President may, in the absence or disability of the Treasurer, sign or endorse checks, drafts and notes. The President or Co-Presidents shall be ex-officio, a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. The President or Co-Presidents shall have such 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 four Vice-Presidents, in the order of rank, shall, in the event of the absence, disability or death of the President or both of the Co-Presidents, possess all the powers and perform all the duties of that office. In the event that none of the Vice-Presidents are able to serve in this capacity, the Board of Directors shall elect one of its members to fill the vacancy. The Vice-Presidents shall perform such other duties as the President or Co-Presidents and Board may designate.

**Sec. 4. The Secretary.** The Secretary shall keep minutes of the LWVCNM Annual Meeting and of all meetings of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall notify all officers and directors of their election. The Secretary shall sign, with the President or a Co-President, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board and shall perform such other functions as may be incident to the office and shall perform such other duties as the President or Co-Presidents and Board may designate.

**Sec. 5. The Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due; the Treasurer shall be the custodian of these monies, shall deposit them in a bank designated by the Board of Directors and shall disburse the same only upon the order of the Board. The Treasurer shall present written financial ~~statements~~ reports to the Board at its regular meetings and a written Treasurer's report [to] at the LWVCNM Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall perform such other duties as the President or Co-Presidents and Board may designate. The books of the Treasurer shall be reviewed annually, at the end of the fiscal year or at the time that the Treasurer leaves office, whichever occurs first, by a Financial Review Committee of at least two (2) ~~League~~ LWVCNM members, at least one of whom is a member of the Board of Directors, or an accountant appointed by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE VI

### Financial Administration

**Sec. 1. Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year of LWVCNM shall commence on the first day of May in each year.

**Sec. 2. Dues.**

- a. Annual dues shall be determined at each

LWVCNM Annual Meeting by a three-fifths (3/5) vote of those voting and present.

~~[Effective October 1, 1991, dues]~~ Dues shall be payable on the first day of October of each year. Any member who fails to pay dues within two (2) months after they become payable shall be dropped from the membership rolls.

- b. When two or more members reside at the same address in a common household, the annual dues payment determined [by] at the ~~[annual meeting]~~ LWVCNM Annual Meeting shall be paid by the first member. A dues equal to one half of the said annual dues payment will be paid by each additional member in that household.
- c. Any member who becomes a paid life member or an honorary life member under the terms of the bylaws of the ~~[League of Women Voters of the United States]~~ LWVUS shall be excused from the payment of annual dues to LWVCNM.
- d. If authorized by the ~~[National]~~ LWVUS Board, student memberships shall be available at a reduced rate for individuals attending high school, vocational school, or college at least half time. The ~~[local]~~ LWVCNM Board shall set the dollar payment.

**Sec. 3. Budget.** A budget for the ensuing two (2) fiscal ~~[year]~~ years shall be submitted by the Board of Directors to the LWVCNM Annual Meeting for adoption. The budget shall include support for the work of the ~~[League]~~ LWVCNM as a whole.

**Sec. 4. Budget Committee.** A Budget Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least three months prior to the LWVCNM Annual Meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing fiscal year. The Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of the Budget Committee. The proposed budget shall be sent to all members one month prior to the LWVCNM Annual Meeting.

**Sec. 5. Transfers of Property.** Subject to Board approval, any two of the following officers, the President, or a Co-President, the Vice-Presidents and the Secretary or Treasurer, shall have the authority to assign, endorse transfer, and deliver, in the name and on behalf of LWVCNM, any certificate of stock, bond, note, or other property belonging to the ~~[League]~~ LWVCNM. The Secretary or Treasurer shall have the authority to affix and attest the seal of LWVCNM to any agreement, assignment or other document executed by any officer of LWVCNM pursuant to authority granted by these Bylaws or by action of the Board of Directors.

**Sec. 6. Distribution of Funds on Dissolution.** In the event of dissolution for any cause of LWVCNM, all monies and securities which may at the time be owned by or under the control of LWVCNM shall be paid to the ~~[League of Women Voters of New Mexico]~~ LWVNM after the LWVCNM Board of Directors has paid or made provision for the payment of all liabilities of LWVCNM. All other property of whatsoever nature, whether real, personal, or mixed which may at the time be owned or under the control of LWVCNM, shall be disposed of ~~[by any officer or employee of the organization having possession of same to such person, organization, or corporation, for such]~~ to any public, charitable, or educational ~~[uses and purposes]~~ organization as may be designated by the LWVCNM Board.

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## ARTICLE VII

### Meetings

**Sec. 1. General Membership Meetings.** There shall be at least four (4) meetings of the LWVCNM general membership each year. Time and place shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

**Sec. 2. LWVCNM Annual Meeting.** ~~[An]~~ The LWVCNM Annual Meeting shall be held between April first and May fifteenth, the exact date to be determined by the Board of Directors. The LWVCNM Annual Meeting shall (a) adopt a local ~~[program]~~ Program for the ensuing year; (b) elect officers and directors, and members of the Nominating Committee; (c) adopt an adequate budget and (d) transact such other business as may properly come before it.

**Sec. 3. Quorum.** Ten (10) percent of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of LWVCNM.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Nominations and Election

**Sec. 1. Nominating Committee.** The Nominating Committee shall consist of five (5) members, two (2) 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 LWVCNM 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 immediately following the LWVCNM Annual Meeting. Any vacancy on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors. Suggestions for nominations for officer and directors may be sent to this 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 and the members of the succeeding Nominating Committee shall be sent to all members one month prior to the date of the LWVCNM Annual Meeting. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be presented to the LWVCNM 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 has been secured.

**Sec. 3. Election.** The election shall be by ballot, provided that when there is but one nominee for each office, the Secretary shall be instructed to cast the ballot for every nominee. A majority vote of those qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

**Sec. 4. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.** The ~~[Corporation]~~ LWVCNM may indemnify each Director and Officer of the ~~[Corporation]~~ LWVCNM, and their heirs, legal representatives and assigns, against expenses, costs and attorney's fees actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the defense of any action, suit or proceeding, civil or criminal, in which the Director or Officer is made a party by reason of having been an Officer or Director. The indemnification may include any amounts paid to satisfy a judgment or compromise or settle a claim. The Director or Officer will not be indemnified if adjudged to have been guilty of willful misconduct or recklessness in the performance of duty to the Corporation. Advance indemnification

may be allowed of a Director or Officer for expenses to be incurred in connection with the defense of the action, suit or proceeding, provided that the Director or Officer was not entitled to indemnification by reason of willful misconduct or recklessness in the performance of duty to the ~~[Corporation]~~ LWVCNM.

## ARTICLE IX

### Program

**Sec. 1. Authorization.** The governmental principles adopted by the National (LWVUS) Convention~~[and supported by the League as a whole,]~~ constitute the principles for the adoption of the ~~[program]~~ LWVCNM Program.

**Sec. 2. Program.** The Program of LWVCNM shall consist of those local governmental issues chosen for concerted study and action.

**Sec. 3. Action by the LWVCNM Annual Meeting.** The LWVCNM Annual Meeting shall act upon the Program according to the following procedures:

- a. The Board of Directors shall consider the recommendations sent in by the voting members two months prior to the LWVCNM Annual Meeting and shall formulate a Proposed Program.
- b. The Proposed Program shall be sent to all members one month prior to the LWVCNM Annual Meeting.
- c. A majority vote of the voting members present and voting at the LWVCNM Annual Meeting shall be required for adoption of subjects in the Proposed Program as presented to the LWVCNM Annual Meeting by the Board of Directors.
- d. Recommendations for Program submitted by voting members two months prior to the LWVCNM Annual Meeting, but not recommended by the Board of Directors, may be adopted by the LWVCNM Annual Meeting, provided that (1) the members at the LWVCNM Annual Meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote, and (2) the members at the LWVCNM Annual Meeting shall adopt the item by a majority vote.
- e. Changes in Program, in the case of altered conditions, may be made ~~[provided that]~~ so long as: (1) the Board of Directors provides information concerning the proposed changes ~~[has been sent]~~ to all LWVCNM members at least two weeks prior to a general membership meeting at which the change is to be discussed, and (2) final action by the LWVCNM ~~[membership]~~ members is taken at a succeeding general membership meeting.

**Sec. 4. Member Action.** Members may act in the name of LWVCNM only when authorized to do so by the proper Board of Directors.

**Sec. 5. ~~[Local League]~~ LWVCNM Action.** LWVCNM may act only in conformity with, or not contrary to, the position taken by the ~~[League of Women Voters of the United States]~~ LWVUS and of the ~~[League of Women Voters of New Mexico]~~ LWVNM.

## ARTICLE X

### National Convention, State Convention and Council

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# More proposed bylaws changes

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alternates to the Council under the provisions of the Bylaws of the ~~[League of Women Voters of New Mexico]~~ LWVNM.

**ARTICLE XI  
Parliamentary Authority**  
**Sec. 1. Parliamentary Authority.** The rules contained in Roberts' Rules of Order (*Newly Revised*) ~~[shall]~~ may govern the ~~[organization]~~ LWVCNM in all cases to which they are applicable and not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

**ARTICLE XII  
Amendments**  
**Sec. 1. Amendments.** These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at the LWVCNM Annual Meeting, provided the amendments were submitted to the membership in writing at least one month in advance of the meeting.  
Amended May 2, 2009 — Bylaws Committee proposed revisions  
**February 4, 2011**

**Sec. 1. National (LWVUS) Convention.** The Board of Directors, at a meeting before the date on which the name of delegates must be sent to the ~~[National]~~ LWVUS Office, shall elect delegates and alternates to that convention in the number, if possible, allotted to the LWVCNM under the provisions of the ~~[of the League of Women Voters of the United States]~~ LWVUS.

**Sec. 2. State (LWVNM) Convention.** The Board of Directors, at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the ~~[State]~~ LWVNM Office, shall select delegates and alternates to the convention in the number, if possible, allotted LWVCNM under the provisions of the Bylaws of the ~~[League of Women Voters of New Mexico]~~ LWVNM.

**Sec. 3. State (LWVNM) Council.** The Board of Directors, at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the ~~[State]~~ LWVNM Office, shall select two delegates and

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## LWCNM Operating Fund Proposed Budget 2011-12

### Cash Receipts

Dues	274 members (yearbook count)	
	First Person @ \$60 x 236 =	\$14,160
	Second Person@ 30x 80 =	<u>\$ 1,140</u>
		\$15,300
<b>Contributions</b>		\$ 2,000
LWVM use of office		\$ 600
Fund Risers		\$ 1,500
Interest Income		\$ 50
Misc. Income (Lunch, election services, etc.)		\$ 400
Allocation from Education Fund (Last Year)		\$5,715
Handbook Ads		<u>\$ 400</u>
	Total	\$25,965

### Cash Expenditures

State and National dues	
National /Dues	\$7,458
State Dues	<u>\$3,060</u>
Total Dues	\$10,518

### Operating Expenditures

Insurance	\$ 525
Postage	\$ 300
Bulk Mail Permit	\$ 185
Rent	\$ 4,975
Supplies	\$ 200
Printing/Copying	\$ 200
Telephone	\$ 1,000
Misc. Operating Expenses	\$ 550
Office Furniture	<u>\$ 0</u>
Total	\$ 7,935

### Administration

Board of Directors	\$ 250
Public Relations	\$ 100
Committee Expenses	
General (new studies)	\$ 200
Drug Policy	\$ 200
Fundraising expenses	<u>\$ 500</u>
Total	\$ 1,250

# Operating Fund Budget

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<b>Voter</b>		
Print annual meeting Voter	\$	225
Annual Meeting Bulk Mail	\$	50
Printing Monthly 100 @ \$50/month	\$	550
Mailing Monthly	\$	275
Constant Contact for E-Voter	\$	<u>180</u>
	Total	\$ 1,280
<b>Conventions</b>		
LWVUS Convention Registration 3 @ \$500	\$	1,500
LWVNM Convention Registration	\$	<u>100</u>
	Total	\$ 1,600
<b>Misc. Operating Expenditures</b>		
Other		
Advocacy	\$	100
Technology	\$	250
Membership Handbook Printing	\$	700
Transfer to Ed Fund	\$	<u>0</u>
	Total	\$ 1,050
<b>Total</b>	\$	23,633
Excess over outgo	\$	2,332
Bank Balance		
Checking	\$	7,913.91
CD-3 months	\$	7,487.54
CD-9 months	\$	7,376.28
Smith Barney	\$	<u>7,811.40</u>
	Total	\$ 30,589.13

## LWVCNM Education Fund Proposed Budget 2011-12

### Cash Receipts

Contributions Members	\$	8,000
Contribution Others	\$	500
Contributions Business	\$	3,500
Memorial Fund	\$	800
LWVUS Grant -- VG	\$	0
Interest Income	\$	<u>25</u>
	Total	\$ 12,825

### Operating Expenses

#### Publications

Voters' Guide	\$	3,000
Who's Who	\$	2,000
Voters Service	\$	100
Education	\$	100

#### Other

Allowable 25% of National Dues	\$	1,912
Allocation to Operating Fund for office use, supplies, etc.	\$	<u>5,715</u>

Total \$ 12,827

#### Deficit

\$ 2

# Annual Meeting Reports

## *Presidents' Report*

We have had a hard-working and productive board. Chris Burroughs has done an exemplary job as *Voter* editor and has led our transition to a mostly electronic distribution. This change will cut our costs for member communications by more than half, the equivalent of about ten dollars per member.

We have considerable new blood on the board and have done two board training sessions and two workshops to review and update the strategic plan.

Cheryl Haaker has done a great job on reconfiguring and maintaining our web site. Laura Stokes has provided good looking and accurate publications. Margaret Krahenbuhl has done a great job with the donor appreciation letters.

We are in good financial shape. The operating funds reserves are over a year's budget. The proposed budget for the operating fund shows a slight surplus.

The office is running well. We have a dedicated group of office volunteers, and thanks to Meg Wentz and Diane Goldfarb they are well trained. We still need an office manager. JoAnne Ramponi is

hard to replace.

We have testified a number of times before the City Council. We were successful in getting a vote on the City Charter Amendments. League volunteers monitored the Charter Commission meetings and provided information for the municipal *Voters' Guide* on all of them.

Andrea Targhetta has done a great job in overseeing our luncheon meeting move from the Albuquerque Grand Hotel to the Elegante. The shift resulted in a price reduction to \$15, rather than an increase if we had stayed.

We have a new Northeast Heights unit and continuing success with the luncheon, evening and midtown units.

Program planning has proposed two new studies for your consideration – the effects of alcohol on our central New Mexico community and Transparency in Bernalillo County.

Jan and Olin have enjoyed their time and appreciate the honor of representing you as Co-Presidents of LWVCNM. *-- Jan & Olin Bray*

## Nominating Committee Report

### Officers

Co-Presidents	Shelly Shepherd	2011-2013	1st term
	Sandra Browne	2011-2013	1st term
1st Vice President	Vacant		
4th Vice President	Vacant		
Secretary	Pati Brummett	2011-2013	2nd term

### Elected Directors

Gayle Prinkey		2011-2013	2nd term
Mary H. Smith		2011-2013	2nd term
Cheryl Haaker		2011-2013	1st term

### Nominating Committee (1-year terms)

Josephine Porter, Chair  
Geta Gatterman  
Sharon Moynahan

### Submitted by 2011 Nominating Committee:

Donna Hill, Chair                      Marilyn Morgan  
Karen Gatlin                              Delores Watkins  
Laura Stokes

## Education Fund Presidents' Report

We produced an Albuquerque municipal *Voters' Guide* and a major election *Voters' Guide* for both Bernalillo and Sandoval counties as well as two *Who's Who* publications for both counties. Josephine Porter and Andrea Targhetta did an outstanding job as editors. Many volunteers helped with the question committee, proofreading and distribution. Diane Goldfarb, Jo Porter and Carol Tucker Trelease were very effective in raising money to produce the *Voters' Guide*. We have a reserve of \$10,000. Our online

version of the *Voters' Guide* is increasingly popular. Cheryl Haaker has done a great job making it available on our web site and tracking the increased usage of our web site.

Gayle Prinkey provided moderator and time-keeper training and coordinated League participation in forums. She also represented the League at naturalization ceremonies and registered many new voters. Michelle Meaders registered new voters at the Farmers' Market. -- Olin & Jan Bray

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## Technology

The website was updated at least monthly this year. Detailed voter information was posted for four elections: 2010 APS/CNM, 2011 APS/CNM and the 2010 Primary and General Election (as you can see by looking at the peaks on the graph, below). The *Voters' Guide* for the 2010 General Election was posted in both PDF and HTML form; the PDF file was downloaded over 5,000 times!

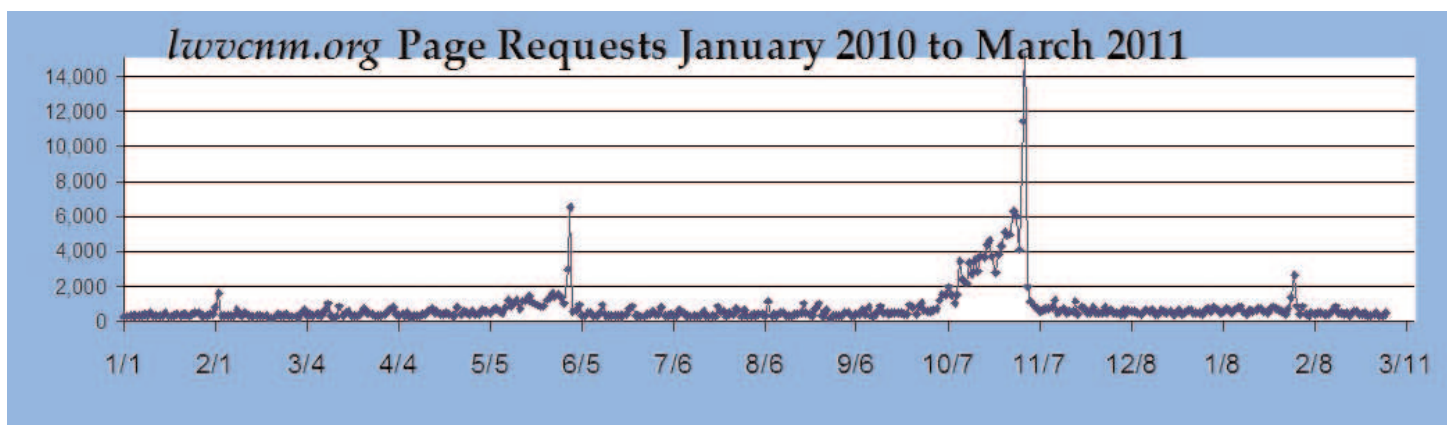
The 2011 member handbook (excluding member address information) was posted, thanks to Laura Stokes. Karen Wentworth is keeping the Facebook page up-to-date and interesting. Michelle Meaders regularly provides updated election and forum information.

Thanks to Chris Burroughs, the *Voter* PDF has been going up on the webpage before the hard-

copy is delivered. At this point, over 100 people are receiving the *Voter* via email, greatly reducing the publication costs. As an added feature, the *Voter* is at last in color (unless you receive the hardcopy...) If you aren't yet on the email list for the *Voter*, you can find the issues at [www.lwvcnm.org/newsletters.html](http://www.lwvcnm.org/newsletters.html). Look them over, and get on the email list!

The League's listserv, LWVCNM Topics, is still going strong, and is the fastest way of receiving up to date news on happenings, events and opportunities. Enrollment of new members has not been as conscientious as it should have been -- if you aren't currently on the list and would like to be, just send a message to [LWVCNMTopics-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:LWVCNMTopics-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) or contact me.

-- Cheryl Haaker



## *1st Vice President*

### **Voter Services, Publications, Community Ed**

The portfolios under the 1st Vice President all involve outreach and education of the community. The publication of our *Who's Who* and the *Voters' Guide* provide the League's primary contact with the community and are the services for which we are most identified. However, our Voter Services activities reach out to a broad spectrum of our service area providing the electorate with voter registration, candidate forums, election information and speaker's for groups. The Voter Education Series is also a key element in providing the community with non-biased, accurate information to encourage involvement by the public in our democracy. This past year the League's community service has been outstanding and all members should be extremely proud of the League's contribution. A special "Thank You" goes out to members Andrea Targhetta, Laura Stokes, Gayle Prinkey, Mary Smith and Karen Wentworth for their hard work and their dedication to educating the public about voter issues.

-- Josephine Porter 1st VP

### **2010 Voters' Guide**

The 2010 General Election *Voters' Guide* published before absentee voting began in October was available both online and at libraries, community and senior centers, businesses, financial institutions and hundreds of other locations throughout Bernalillo and Sandoval counties. The 48-page *Voters' Guide* included candidate responses for all of the races for both Bernalillo and Sandoval counties and provided an impartial presentation of all ballot issues, including a review of the five proposed state constitutional amendments and breakdowns of both the state and local bond questions.

### **Publications**

#### **Member Handbook**

The 2011 Member Handbook was mailed in late December. Three hundred copies were mailed to members and affiliates. The Handbook was researched and compiled by Kathy Altobelli, Susan Walton and Laura Stokes with assistance from membership chair Andrea Targhetta. Proofing was done by Kathy Altobelli, Laura Stokes, Diane Goldfarb, Susan Walton and Andrea Targhetta. Mailing was handled by Chris Burroughs, Kathy

Atobelli, Andrea Targhetta and Terry Quinn. The mailing of the Handbook was delayed somewhat because of late membership arrivals. Next year we hope we can persuade members to renew as early as possible.

#### ***Who's Who***

The many changes from the 2010 general elections made the work of the *Who's Who* (WW) team this year more extensive than in the past year. Thankfully, we were joined by Cheryl Everett, who undertook gathering the updated information for Sandoval County. Cheryl lives in Rio Rancho and was very thorough and detailed in her efforts. As a result, the WW section on Sandoval County is the most complete and detailed ever. Cheryl canvassed the clerks and administrative offices of public and pueblo entities, to bring her section up to date. Cheryl's name was suggested by Dick Mason.

Otherwise, the collection of data presented for 2011 relied on the usual sources. Margaret Krahenbuhl was chiefly responsible for data gathering in Bernalillo County. We used web information from the Secretary of State, the court systems, the cities, towns, villages, State of New Mexico, administrative entities, such as the water districts, conservation boards, county commissions, cities, as well as the respective media sites. Telephone calls were needed to be sure the legislators had their preferred email addresses and telephone numbers included, as well as when the web sites were slow in updating their information after the November elections. As usual, the printers contributed some corrections of their own. The experience of Automated Elections and the dedication of their staff to the publication's accuracy is an important contribution to the WW effort.

We strove to make clear this time the various times when different entities have their elections: most smaller towns elect their mayors and governing councils the first Tuesday in March. So our data for those towns will need to be updated after March 2011. This situation makes our process of updating the LWVCNM website's Who's Who page quite useful. It means more collection and composition work for the team, and for web master, Cheryl Haaker, who has the job of loading the updates. (Note: Circumstances beyond our control may make it difficult to complete this update in a

## ***1st Vice President***

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timely manner this year.)

We were able to stay within the 24-page format through Mary Anne Giangola's attention to layout. At the same time, we made every effort to fairly balance the information included for Bernalillo and Sandoval counties. We are grateful to Cheryl Everett for her contributions and hope that she will continue next year. -- *Laura Stokes*

## **Community Education**

Community Education this past year focused on promoting open government through its participation in the planning and presentation of an Open Meetings Act training for the Valencia County Commission the spring of 2010 and in the current planning for a "2011 Opening Your Government" workshop, primarily sponsored by the New Mexico Foundation for Open Government held at UNM School of Law on March 26.

Community Education has also begun organizing a judicial independence forum and a lobbying workshop, both to be held in late 2011.

-- *Mary H. Smith*

## **Voter Services**

In the past League year members of LWVC-NM have participated in Voter Services in the following ways:

1. Third party voter registration, including Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico State Fair, Corrales Harvest Festival, Intel, libraries and senior centers in both Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties, a health and wellness conference, and six local high schools and UNM's Student Union, not to mention a farmers market and a few stores. The participation of League members has been remarkable. Judith Binder contacted 13 local high schools, and with six responding, we registered 62 young people turning 18 in time for the election.
2. LWVCNM provided assistance in planning and arranged for moderators and timekeepers for a Flood Control Authority Forum in Placitas; a huge Albuquerque School Board candidates' forum involving a number of different districts, in conjunction with KOAT; and a very different kind of issues forum held at the African American Pavilion at the Fairgrounds.
3. In June Diane Goldfarb and Jo Porter provided a training session for being a forum moderator or helper.

4. Members of the League attended four naturalization ceremonies held by the First District Court at the Albuquerque Convention Center. These are inspiring events where as many as two hundred people from between 50 and 80 different countries are celebrated as new citizens. League members are in the receiving line at the end of the ceremony. We congratulate new citizens and give them voter registration forms so they can register that day. Sometimes members assist at the registration table.

Voter Services are an integral part of the League of Women Voters. I applaud our members' participation. Those desiring to participate in these services, please contact me at [gayle333@aol.com](mailto:gayle333@aol.com).

-- *Gayle Prinkey*

## ***2nd Vice President***

### **2011 Membership Report**

Our membership is strong -- 271. We did experience a slight drop from last year primarily due to the National League dropping members and the loss of our membership chair. The Membership Committee continues to engage our new members and retain those of us who have been members for some time. We must remember -- all of us are requested to encourage people to become League members. There is a lot of political activity in which to be engaged.

August saw a new-member get together at the home of Carol Trelease where 23 members attended. This gave our board an opportunity to meet the newest members and get to know them better. It was a wonderful success, and we thank our hostess for offering her home.

Just this March we started a get-to-know-your-League-neighbor initiative. It is thought that members don't know who live nearby. We invited members, new and otherwise, to come to a social at the home of Terry Quinn. This gives neighborhood members an opportunity to share rides, save gas, discuss over-the-fence ideas and issues or just know who doesn't drive at night. Terry was so gracious, and every one of the 16 people had a great time. We thank Terry for her hospitality. Over the next year or so we will continue to assemble neighbors at these small, informal gatherings. If you wish to hold one of these socials, please tell one of our Membership Committee members.

The Membership Committee meets each month on the first Friday at 10 a.m. in the League office. Everyone who is interested in attending these meetings is most welcome. -- *Andrea Targhetta*

## Unit Coordinator

My gratitude goes to the following Unit leaders who have telephoned, placed messages and urged members and guests to attend our four meetings (most months). The second Tuesday site is Erna Fergusson Library, Dee Watkins and Jan Bray; second Thursday's luncheon at the MCM Elegante, Marilyn Morgan, Andrea Targhetta and Louise Prowell, reservation agent; third Monday at Manzano del Sol, Lois Reed and Nancy Jones; and the fourth Monday's Unit meets at La Vida Llena, Ida Humphrey. We are all indebted to their hard work at spreading the word.

During 2010 and including our speakers, members, and guests, 181 individuals attended our monthly meetings; some came to more than one gathering in order to catch up on League program information, friendships, and good food. At the same time, 106 individuals attended only one meeting, which was mostly made up of our 19

speakers and 59 guests. Some Leagues across the country have established Units in colleges and universities and in industrial parks. Please encourage your guests to become members of the League.

-- Judith Binder

## Voter

This year, after much deliberation, the *Voter* went through one of the largest changes in its history. The newsletter went color and is being emailed to those members who have email. Members without email continue to receive hard-copy newsletters. The move to an electronic newsletter is saving League precious dollars in the form of printing and post office costs. Members who receive the electronic version are getting more, too. Their newsletter is in color. Plus, there is no limit to the number of pages/information that can be included. I highly encourage people who have email but are still receiving hard-copy *Voters* to go all-electronic versions. You can always print it out on your printer if you want a hard copy.

-- Chris Burroughs

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## 3rd Vice President

### Drug Policy Committee

The focus of committee work this year has been outreach to the community about pain management and continuing the study of the impact of alcohol on our local communities.

Two conference outreach events appealed to over 1500 people through table displays and interactions with the attendees. Display tables during conventions normally require fees of \$450 or more. This year one free display table was arranged for two days with the Conference on Aging in support their Resource and Civic Engagement Fair. In February a presentation: Developing Personal Advocacy Skills was submitted by Eileen Longworth and Dee Watkins in exchange for a display table for three days. The presentation was well received by about 65 people attending the National Association of Social Workers convention. (Watch future publications for pictures of eager attendees practicing their advocacy skills.) At both of these events the Drug Policy and LWVCNM Membership Committees collaborated to exchange information about local and state activities as well as distribute pain management materials, contributed by the American Pain Foundation. The key messages were: What League can do for you and

How to communicate effectively with your health-care professionals.

This year two wonderful committed members were no longer able to continue because of other responsibilities. I want to especially thank Anne Letherer and Marita Marshall for their perspectives and participation for so many years. Of course we also miss Jo Anne Ramponi whose unique point of view motivated us for such a long time. Joyce Greer has joined our group recently and two others have indicated interest as a result of the study and outreach.

The CNM study of alcohol abuse in our community has gathered information indicating this issue needs LWVNM backing to effectively support any needed policy changes. A state study proposal has been written including scope objectives and consensus questions and will be presented to the next meeting of the LWVNM Board.

This committee meets regularly the fourth Thursday of the month at the League office; 1-3 p.m. Now is a good time to join or visit. You will probably be surprised at the facts we have uncovered and find many thought provoking. Join us as we continue in March and monthly through the summer.

-- Dee Watkins

## Membership Committee

### April Report

Welcome to new members:

**Judy Boles**, 2908 Trellis Dr NW 87107,  
342-1946

**Elizabeth A. Galligan**, 10724 Central Park Dr  
NE 87123, 275-6343

**Pamela Harris**, 1731 Hermosa NE 87110  
255-1222

**Peggy Howell**, 6300 Torreon Dr NE 87109  
503-7800

## Condolences

Our condolences go to the family of  
Stephanie Kruse, who passed away on Nov. 27,  
2010.

Our condolences also go to Kathy Altobelli  
and family on the loss of her grandson, Luke.

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