

Minutes LWVBA
June 16, 2025
Via Zoom

Members in Attendance: Roma Dawson, Kathleen Cha, Madeliene Kronenberg, Jean Perry, Louise Rothman-Riemer, Marieanne Shovelin, Yolanda Schoenbrun, and Linda from Alameda League.

Members Absent: Raeena Lari, Sheri Thomas

Meeting called to order by Co-President, Marieann Shovelin

Minutes: As the minutes were sent rather late and board members had not had sufficient time to review them, it was agreed to approve the May Minutes and the July Board Meeting.

Co-Presidents Report: Marieann and Roma have spoken with thirteen of the twenty member Leagues. They have not heard back from a couple of the Leagues and with others they are looking for a compatible date, hopefully in July. These meetings are going very well, and the Leagues are quite receptive.

Monitor Notes: Publication will be the last weekend of the month and the deadline for article submission is the third week of the month.

Kathleen Cha said that she is now living full time in Vallejo and will be a member of the Solano County League.

Treasurer's Report as of May 31st: Citi Bank checking: \$28,080
Citi Bank Savings: \$29,379
All total accounts: \$57,459

Louise has submitted an application renewal form to our CA Non-Profit Insurance Carrier for our E & O coverage which renews on July 26th She is waiting for an invoice from CA Non-Profit Insurance Services and once she has it she will sign and send the premium, which is around \$1,911, a significant reduction in cost due to not having an office and no longer publishing The Monitor.

File storage at the LWVBAE office in Berkeley was again discussed with Kathleen noted that the BAE League would like to meet with the Bancroft Library to continue the discussion of records that the Bancroft might be interested in from both LWVBA and LWVBAE. The date is yet to be determined.

As for the scanner, BAE is interested, and Kathleen believes that other leagues will also be interested in sharing scanning expenses if we were to purchase a scanner and house it at the BAE office in Berkeley. BAE says they have volunteers who could help with the scanning.

Board Member Reports: Housing and Transportation

Roma gave an update on **SB 63** that is proposed for Santa Clara, San Mateo, San Francisco City and County, as well as Alameda-Contra Costa counties. She suggested that the League sponsor a Pro/Con discussion on the measure as an educational form making sure to present all sides. Her thought was that if we had clear ground rules for this discussion it could work best. An objective moderator would be best. Senator Weiner would be good to address the issue and to provide background as to why it is a good idea. Additionally, someone from MTC would also be a valuable addition to such an educational presentation.

SB 63 has been amended. San Mateo and Santa Clara to confirm participation by 8/11/25. It would be a Nov. 2026 ballot measure. Roma also said the Bay Area Council, with a membership of three hundred of the area's largest employers, is looking for cost-cutting and efficiency measures that can be taken.

In Solano County there is a group who is working with Smart to support enabling legislation. This will be a citizen initiative, and the League may be involved in supporting tax revenue returning to the County that raised the money.

Housing/Homelessness: there is a lot of interest in social housing, but there is a lot to figure out. San Diego League is working on an educational project on this issue. There was also a Bloomberg article that was relevant. Roma noted that MTA -ABAG is asking for a \$30 million set aside in the state budget to continue the work of BAHFA.

Study Group on Regional Issues

Kathleen reported that the next meeting of the Study Group to work on the Kit for the Consensus will be June 27th and that we want to have the kit out to leagues by August 1st.

CA League Convention

CA League Convention starts June 17 through 22nd and Board members are encouraged to participate virtually. It should be recorded for future reference.

“Suffs” in SF in Oct.

Reminder about the June 30th deadline for signing up for the play “Suffs” with your league for the October League night around the 27th. Alison Goh in San Francisco is coordinating this event.

Monitor Notes: Focus on the impact of Public Health Legislation. June 26th LWVBA Death Vs. Dollars a public health event on Nutrition at noon via zoom.

Website:

At the July meeting we will focus on the new website. Sheri will be back at that meeting.

The next meeting via zoom will be July 21st at 4 pm...

Respectfully Submitted,
Louise Rothman-Riemer, Secretary

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