

# Democracy Maine Boards of Directors Meetings

Saturday May 18th, 2019 ♦ 3:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Governors Hill Mansion, Augusta, Maine

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**Present:** Jill Ward (chair), Chris Hafford, Jamie Kilbreth, Ann Luther, Mason Morfit, Alison Smith, Polly Ward, and Linda Washburn.

**Apologies:** Cameron Fegers and Penelope Hamblin.

**Also present:** Beth Basham, Board Nominee, Anna Kellar, Executive Director and Nadya Mullen, Operations Manager

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## *League of Women Voters of Maine*

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The League of Women Voters of Maine Board was called to order at 3:30 pm.

### **Nominated Slate**

Polly Ward presented the slate of Board appointees, Beth Basham, Pamela Cox and Susana Hancock. She briefed the Board on the Governance Committee's approach to the recruitment process noting that all proposed members fully satisfied the identified set of skills and characteristics needed. Further recruitment efforts will aim to expand the Board's geographic, gender and age diversity.

- **VOTE:** Alison Smith moved to appoint the nominated slate of Board members. Jamie Kilbreth seconded. **All voted in favor.**

### **Board Appointments**

- **VOTE:** Jamie Kilbreth moved to appoint the LWVME board members to the LWVME Education Fund Board. Ann Luther seconded. **All voted in favor.**

### **Non Partisan Policy**

- The Board reviewed the Non Partisan Policy. Members confirmed that they had read and understood the non partisan policy. The Board discussed the point at which a member's involvement on a campaign would bar them from membership of the Board. Such situations will be addressed as they arise.

### **Meeting Dates**

- Anna Kellar briefed the Board on the plan to hold a retreat this summer bringing staff and board members together to undertake planning, conduct limited business and get to know each other. It will be held in the Portland area in a non-office location. The proposed dates circulated did not result in a viable date and further work will be done to select the date.

## **Budget Decisions**

- Anna Kellar reminded the Board that whilst the C4 budget had been approved by the membership at Convention today, the C3 budget would need to be approved before the end of June. Anna will provide a more detailed budget and will host a phone meeting to discuss following which an email vote will be conducted.

## **LWVUS Council Meeting (June 20-23)**

- Anna Kellar and Nadya Mullen will attend. This meeting on the off year between national conventions brings senior leadership, including many executive directors together to focus on training, strategic planning, fundraising and membership diversity themes. Board members are also welcome to attend, if they wish.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.

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### ***MCCE Action***

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Ann Luther, Acting President convened the board at 3:56 pm.

## **Board Appointments**

- **VOTE:** Jamie Kilbreth moved to appoint the LWVME board members to the MCCE Board. Mason Morfit seconded. **All voted in favor.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nadya Mullen, Operations Manager