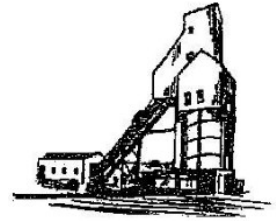


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## LWVCC Calendar

<b>May 1</b> Tuesday, 7:00pm	Board Meeting Country Inn & Suites, Houghton	<b>August 24 – 26</b>	Houghton County Fair Booth
<b>June 14 – 17</b>	Bridgefest	<b>September 1</b> Saturday, 11:00 am	Info for MTU students “Afternoon on the Town” table TBD
<b>June 28 – July 1</b>	League of Women Voters' 53 <sup>rd</sup> National Convention 2018 Creating a more perfect democracy Chicago, IL	<b>September 8</b> Saturday, 5pm	LWVCC Featured Organization at Keweenaw Roller Girls Solar System Smackdown Mixer Calumet Colosseum, Calumet
<b>August 14</b> Tuesday, 4:00pm	Potluck Summer Board Meeting Marchaterre, 1216 E Lakeshore Dr, Houghton		

### LWVCC Study Topic for 18-19

This study topic for next program year was adopted at the annual meeting.

The Article V Constitutional Convention of States movement is dangerously close to reaching the two-thirds (34) of the states needed to open the U.S. Constitution for amendment. Since there are no rules or parameters for conducting a convention of states, the U.S. Constitution could be open to an entire rewrite. This could threaten peoples' current civil rights and liberties. Super wealthy special interest groups and individuals are the leaders and driving force behind the Convention of States, and their influence on any convention could be disastrous for our democracy. Please consider joining me on the study committee to prepare a public program on this issue.

Liz Hakola, committee chairperson, [ehakola@up.net](mailto:ehakola@up.net)

LWVUS said the following in a press release one year ago: “The League believes that a constitutional convention under Article V of the U.S. Constitution is a threat to every American’s constitutional rights and civil liberties.”

### League of Women Voters of the Copper Country Annual Meeting of Members, Minutes 4/14/18

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by First Vice-President Fink at 12:30 p.m. Fink briefly outlined the considerable activities of the League of Women Voters of the Copper Country since the 2017 Annual Meeting. Linda Belote gave an update on the Jail Study Committee activities.

**Quorum:** Secretary Taryn Mason confirmed that a quorum of the membership was present.

**Appointment of Parliamentarian:** Fink appointed Belote to serve as Parliamentarian for the meeting.

#### **Appointment of Committee to Approve 2018**

**Minutes :** Fink asked for volunteers to review and approve the minutes of the annual meeting. Faith Morrison, Belote and Valorie Troesch agreed to serve as the Committee to review and approve the Minutes from the 2018 Annual Meeting.

**Treasurer’s Report:** The Treasurer’s report was presented by Treasurer Mary Marchaterre. Morrison moved to accept the report and Kristine Bradof seconded the motion. The report was accepted and placed on file.

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**Auditor's Report:** Travis Howard conducted a financial review and submitted his report (found at the bottom of the budget page) that the financial records for the fiscal year 2017 -2018 were in good order. Howard reviewed the financial records in the presence of Treasurer Marchatarre. Howard signed a statement as to the status of these records.

**Budget Committee Report:** The Budget Committee represented by Morrison presented its recommended Budget for fiscal year 20013-20014. It was moved by Morrison and seconded by Leah Bectel and passed that the proposed Budget be adopted.

**Adoption of Programs:** Morrison spoke briefly on the role of programs in the League of Women Voters. It was moved by Morrison and seconded by Mason that the current position on Houghton Co. Government, Education, Keweenaw Waterway, Land Use, Election Procedures, Fluoridation, and Transportation be continued unchanged. Motion passed.

There was a discussion of the need to modify the position on the Houghton County Jail. The board recommends broadening this program to include needed updates to the courthouse and the sheriff's offices.

It was moved by Donna Cole and seconded by Marchaterre to adapt the wording change to the position on Houghton County Jail Facility to include the Courthouse and Sheriff's Office. Motion passed. The board recommended a proposed new study on the Article V Constitutional Convention of States Initiative. Moved by Bectel, seconded by Marchaterre. Motion passed.

### **Nominations and Elections:**

**Report of Nominating Committee:** Mason presented the Nominating Committee report, as follows:

Nominees for the Board of Director for one-year terms (2018-2019)

President	Leah Bectel (finishing Rhianna Williams term; she has left the area.)
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Nominees for the Board of Director for two-year terms (2018-2020)

1 <sup>st</sup> VP	Linda Belote
Treasurer	Mary Marchaterre
Director	Barry Fink

Respectfully submitted by 2018 Nominating Committee:  
Chair Carol Kreher and Taryn Mason

Continuing members of the Board of Directors 2017-2019-Elected

2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Kristine Bradof
Secretary	Taryn Mason
Director	Faith Morrison

Continuing Appointed Off Board

Voter Editor	Linda Ott
Voter Service	Kathy Flagstadt
Web Master	Shellie Crisman
Education	Martha Sloan

The Report of the Committee was accepted by Fink.

Fink called three times for nominations from the floor (must have the consent of the member to be nominated.) No nominations from the floor were made.

**Election of Officers and Directors:** It was moved by Mason, seconded by Morrison that the slate of nominees for Officers and Directors be elected. Motion passed.

**Introductions:** Board members, members, and guests introduced themselves. Board members finishing current terms were thanked for their service. Fink thanked all those individuals who helped prepare for the annual meeting and served the League during the year.

Carol Kreher and Carolyn Weissbach updated the membership on the activities of the local Girls Up chapter; it was awarded a ranking of 9<sup>th</sup> place worldwide among 65 countries. The local Girls Up provides education in leadership and more to help support United Nations programs promoting the health, safety, education, and leadership of girls in developing countries.

Fink passed the gavel to incoming president Bectel.

Bectel briefly described her background and her recent activities with the League. Bectel brought to the attention of the membership and guests a prepared list of League activities. Members are asked to see if anything on the list might be something they would like to be involved in. If so, please contact a board member.

President Bectel will be our representative at the LWV National Conference in Chicago this summer.

### **Other Business and/or Directions to the Board from the Membership:**

**Directions to the Board:** Marchaterre indicated the need to conduct candidate forums this year. Planning will begin in August.

**Adjournment:** Bectel adjourned the meeting at 1:22.

Minutes respectfully submitted by, Secretary Mason.

## Equal Pay Day

Women earn less, on average, than do men. This difference, the gender wage gap, is 20% (2017), on average, across all workers. The gap is even larger for women of color. The problem is present even just one year from graduation.

A Tuesday early in April is Equal Pay Day, a day that symbolizes the extra days women work, on average, to catch up to what the average man earned the previous year. Red is worn on this day as a symbol of how far women and minorities are “in the red.” The LWVCC marked Equal Pay day Tuesday, April 10, 2018 by giving out literature and cookies at the Husky Statue on Michigan Tech's campus. The event was covered by Channels 3, 6, and 10. League Board member Faith Morrison wrote a letter to the editor that appeared in the Daily Mining Gazette on April 7, 2018.

(<http://www.mininggazette.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/2018/04/gender-biases-create-pay-gap/>).

Links to the television coverage may be found on this page:

<http://pages.mtu.edu/~fmorriso/misc/genderpaygap.html>.

We look forward to the day that this event is not needed.



## New or Renewing Members

Heather Bean	Doaa Sarah Hussein	Carolyn Peterson
Leah Bectel	Biruta Lowther	Anne Roberts
Linda Belote	Mary Marchaterre	Bruce Seely
Kristine Bradof	David Nitz	Nancy Seely
Donna Cole	Ganaa Omar	Kristina Sundstrom
Thomas Cole	Linda Ott	

## Keweenaw Roller Girls feature LWVCC

On September 8 at the Calumet Coliseum the League of Women Voters of the Copper Country will be the featured guest organization at the Annual Solar System Smackdown and receive the proceeds from the 50/50 raffle. The Keweenaw Roller Girls (KRG) is a flat track roller derby league based out of Hancock that formed in September of 2012 for women over the age of 18. The league accepts those who are willing to work hard and have fun regardless of shape, size, orientation, and level of athleticism. Please join us for some high energy fun with the Roller Girls.

## LWVCC Board for 2018 - 2019

<b>President</b> <b>Leah Bectel</b>	<b>616-719-6085</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</b> <b>Linda Belote</b>	<b>483-0552</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Natural Resources</b> <b>Kristine Bradof</b>	<b>482-0446</b>
<b>Treasurer</b> <b>Mary Marchaterre</b>	<b>483-2291</b>
<b>Secretary</b> <b>Tayrn Mason</b>	<b>231-1713</b>
<b>Electoral Process</b> <b>Faith Morrison</b>	<b>487-9703</b>
<b>Director at Large</b> <b>Barry Fink</b>	<b>482-4632</b>
<b><u>Off Board</u></b>	
<b>Education</b> <b>Martha Sloan</b>	<b>369-4184</b>
<b>Voter Editor</b> <b>Linda Ott</b>	<b>487-2315</b>
<b>Voter Service</b> <b>Kathy Flagstadt</b>	<b>399-0721</b>
<b>Website Editor</b> <b>Shellie Crisman</b>	<b>523-6299</b>

## A Friendly Reminder

Our League membership year runs from April to March. If you haven't yet renewed, now is the time. Please consider adding an additional donation when paying your dues. Tax-deductible donations to the Education Fund still benefit LWVCC. If you are interested in volunteering, call Mary Marchaterre 483-2291.



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**Membership**

Individual Dues (\$60)

Household Dues (\$90)

Student Dues (\$30)

**Suggested Donation of \$10**

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Kay LaRue Scholarship (\$\_\_\_\_)

Education Fund {\$\_\_\_\_}