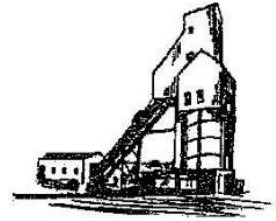


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## LWVCC Calendar

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| <b>May 7</b><br>Tuesday, 7am-8pm | Millage elections for Baraga and Houghton County<br>Baraga County -Arvon and L'Anse Houghton County – Adams, Elm River, Hancock Public Schools, Quincy | <b>May 17-19</b>               | 2019 LWVMI State Convention<br>Livonia, MI<br>Celebrate the LWVMI 100th Year! |
| <b>May 12</b><br>Sunday, 10:30am | Constitutional Convention Movement<br>Poses Threat by Liz Hakola<br>BHK Child Development Board Head Start Center, Houghton                            | <b>July 4</b>                  | Voter Registration at Gay Parade<br>Gay, Michigan                             |
|                                  |  | <b>Aug 15</b><br>Thursday, 4pm | Summer Board Meeting<br>Barry Fink's house - 22083 Royalwood Dr.<br>Houghton  |

### **League of Women Voters of the Copper Country Annual Meeting of Members**

**Minutes**  
**4/27/19**

#### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by president Leah Bectel at 12:42 p.m. with 31 members present. Bectel briefly outlined the considerable activities of the League of Women Voters of the Copper Country since the 2018 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:**

Bectel appointed Fink to serve as Parliamentarian for the meeting.

#### **Appointment of Committee to Approve 2019**

##### **Minutes :**

Bectel asked for volunteers to review and approve the minutes of the annual meeting. Faith Morrison, Valorie Troesch and Kristine Bradof agreed to serve as the Committee to review and approve the Minutes from the 2019 Annual Meeting.

A motion was made by Morrison to approve the 2018 Annual Meeting minutes that were printed in the May 2018 Voter, seconded by Nancy Herck. Motion passed.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer's report was presented by treasurer Mary Marchaterre. Linda Belote moved to accept the report and Candy Peterson seconded the motion. The report was accepted and placed on file.

#### **Auditor's Report:**

Travis Howard conducted a financial review and submitted his report (found at the bottom of the budget page of the meeting booklet) that the financial records for the fiscal year 2018 -2019 were in good order. Howard reviewed the financial records in the presence of Treasurer Marchaterre. Howard signed a statement as to the status of these records.

#### **Budget Committee Report:**

The Budget Committee represented by Marchaterre presented its recommended budget for fiscal year 2019-2020. It was moved by Elizabeth Benyi and seconded by Troesch and passed that the proposed Budget be adopted.

#### **Adoption of Programs:**

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

No new study was proposed.

#### **Bylaw amendments**

The bylaws were subjected to regular review in 2019. Mason briefly discussed the proposed changes to the

current by-laws. The changes are primarily grammatical and aligning the bylaws to current practice. The bylaws committee included Mason, Morrison, and Marchaterre. Moved by Fink to adopt the proposed changes to the bylaws seconded by Carolyn Weissbach. Motion passed.

### **Nominations and Elections:**

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

#### **Nominees for one-year term (2019-2020) are:**

President: Barry Elizabeth Fink/shared governance

#### **Nominees for two-year terms (2019-2021) are:**

2<sup>nd</sup> VP Kristine Bradof  
Secretary Taryn Mason  
Directors Faith Morrison, Barb Turuc

Respectfully submitted by 2019 Nominating Committee:  
Chair Barry Fink and Mary Marchaterre.

The Report of the Committee was accepted by Bectel.

#### **Continuing members (2018-2020) - Elected**

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

#### **Serving Appointed off Board**

Voter Editor Linda Ott  
Webmaster Shellie Crisman  
Education Martha Sloan

Bectel 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 Benyi, seconded by Bill Fink that the slate of nominees for Officers and Directors be elected. Motion passed.

#### **Nominating Committee for 2020:**

Bectel called for one volunteer from the floor to serve on the nominating committee. Liz Hakola volunteered to serve on the nominating committee next year. She will join board members Mason (chairperson) and Turuc.

#### **Introductions:**

Bectel passed the gavel to incoming president Fink.

Board members 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.

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

Announcements were made about upcoming educational events and the board meeting Monday night. Bectel

talked about the Observer Corps to encourage more volunteers to become involved in observing local board meetings. There is a need for observing of local school boards (Hancock, Dollar Bay).

Hakola and Donna Cole will be our delegates to the state LWV convention. At a future date we will have a meeting to hear from them about their experiences.

Morrison talked about RISE UP, a group of individuals from the Upper Peninsula, planning events to celebrate 100 years of women's suffrage in the United States. All are invited to become involved.

Benyi talked about the recent court decision on gerrymandering. A federal district court 3-judge panel found Michigan districts to be unconstitutionally gerrymandered and will need to be redrawn before the 2020 election.

Fink brought up possibly having ranked voting as an educational topic.

#### **Adjournment:**

Fink adjourned the 59th annual meeting of the LWVCC at 1:28 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Mason.

#### **An Invitation! Join RISE UP and Celebrate Women's Suffrage**

The 100th anniversary of Women's Suffrage is in 2020, and a local grassroots group has formed to celebrate. The name of the group is **Recognizing the Importance Women's Suffrage Everywhere, UP Keweenaw Chapter / RISE UP**. The scope is UP-wide and will celebrate many elements of women's expanded empowerment during those hundred years, will promote voting, and will celebrate the full rights of citizenship arriving to all. Everyone is invited to join RISE UP—there are many committees, from those creating events to taking care of publicity. Evoking the 1913 Women's Suffrage Parade, RISE UP is planning a 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary parade, which is slated for August 15, 2020. RISE UP Meetings of the whole are on the third Saturday of each month, 1:00-2:45pm at Portage Lake District Library Houghton and participants can join over the internet by Zoom. Contact Faith Morrison [fmorriso9@yahoo.com](mailto:fmorriso9@yahoo.com).

The LWVCC board has already committed to underwrite the expenses involved and coordinate the logistics to bring the 18-panel museum display *Petticoat Patriots: How Michigan Women Won the Vote* from the MI Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame in Lansing. The exhibit will be displayed at the Carnegie Museum, Houghton in March 2020 as part of Women's History Month and will kick-off the nine months of RISE UP activity. Watch your Voter for event updates throughout the coming year.

**A tremendous thank you to our friends and members.  
Your time, energy, and donations are forever appreciated.**

Judith Albee  
Steve Albee  
Allan's Realty  
Glenn Anderson  
Anonymous  
David Bach  
Susan Bagley  
Leah Bectel  
Linda Belote  
Elizabeth Benyi  
Leonard Bohmann  
Book Concern Printers  
Kristine Bradof  
Roy Britz  
Erin Burkett  
Calumet High School  
Julie Carlson  
Carnegie Museum of the Keweenaw  
Thomas Co  
Karin Cooper  
Copper Island Printing & Graphics Services  
Country Inn & Suites  
Shellie Crisman  
Melissa Davis  
Keith DeForge  
Mark Dennis  
Scott Dianda  
Carol Evers  
Lawrence Evers  
Barry Fink  
William Fink  
Finlandia University

Kathryn Flagstad  
Beth Flynn  
Eric Forsberg  
Marlene Gilpin  
Elizabeth Hakola  
Viola Halkola  
Hancock Schools  
Cynthia Harrison  
Geoffrey Harrison  
Patricia Heiden  
Nancy Herck  
Houghton-Keweenaw 4-H  
Karen Hubbard  
Doaa Sarah Hussein  
Ben Jaehnig  
Gretchen Janssen  
Phyllis Johnson  
Kangas Café  
Steve Karpiak  
Jennifer Kelly  
Keweenaw Now  
Keweenaw Peninsula Chamber of Commerce  
Keweenaw Report  
Keweenaw Roller Girls  
Keweenaw Unitarian Universalist Fellowship  
Sue Ellen Kingsley  
Joseph Kirkish  
Wanda Kolb  
Al Koskela  
Joyce Koskenmaki



Our Equity Payday event on MTU Campus April 10<sup>th</sup> reached about 200 people in the two cold hours we spent at the Husky Statue. photo by L. Belote

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Karleigh Krieg  
Pam La Rue  
Sharon Lahti  
Laird Township Board  
Diana Langdon  
Rachel Lankton  
L'Anse Sentinel  
Sharon Levine  
Gilbert Lewis  
Kelly Luck  
Mary Marchaterre  
Greg Markkanen  
Taryn Mason  
Alex Mayer  
Ed McBroom  
Brian McLean  
Memorial Chapel Funeral Homes, Inc.  
Michigan Technological University  
Ruth Miller  
Mining Journal Marquette  
Michelle Morgan  
Phil Morgan  
Faith Morrison  
Pushpa Murthy  
David Nitz  
O'Neill-Dennis Funeral Home  
Ontonagon Herald  
Linda Ott  
Carolyn Peterson  
James B. Pickens

Portage Lake District Library  
Ramada Inn  
Dana Richter  
Nanno Rose  
Martha Sloan  
Alice Soldan  
Ted Soldan  
Theresa Spence  
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Janeen Stephenson  
Sharon Stoll  
John Sullivan  
Ken Summers  
Krissy Sundstrom  
The Daily Mining Gazette  
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Alyce Thorpe  
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Valorie Troesch  
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Barb Turuc  
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Carolyn Weissbach  
Richelle Winkler  
Sherry Zoars  
Tony Zoars



Steve Karpiak, Osceola township supervisor, presented an in-depth look at township governance to a small but engrossed audience at the Carnegie Museum of the Keweenaw on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Lifetime LWVCC Members Recognized

LWVCC had the honor of recognizing nine individuals who received lifetime member status awards at the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, meaning they have held membership for fifty or more years. We were fortunate to have three of those women attend and speak to the audience about recollections of the early days of LWVCC. All three had served as president. Vi Halkola was part of the group that did the work to obtain provisional status in 1959 and then was the 1<sup>st</sup> vice president when recognition of the LWVCC as a local league was awarded in 1960. Vi announced that she is now 93 years old and gave a witty account of her experience. She shared memories of researching and publishing the Know Your Towns, Houghton and Hancock booklet required by national. A copy of that document was on display on one of the history posters in the room. Vi was president in 1964. Karen Hubbard was an early member in 1969 drawn in by the first Earth Day and her interest was in the environment. She served for many years on the board. She was co-president in 1997. Alyce Thorpe also joined in the 60s, served many years on the board, including as secretary and was president in 1989. A recording of the remarks by those three women is now housed in the LWVCC file in the MTU Copper Country Archives. Other awardees included Norma Lee Stuart, Ruth Ann Ruehr. Carol Kurz, Ruth Miller and Sherry and Tony (since men were admitted) Zoars.



Our three lifetime award recipients for 50 years of League of Women Voters membership each spoke about the early years of the Copper Country chapter formation. Left to right: Karen Hubbard, Alyce Thorpe, Vi Halkola. photo by L. Belote

### A Friendly Reminder

Our League membership year runs from April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>. 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.

## LWVCC Board for 2019 - 2020

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| <b>President</b>                                       |                     |
| <b>Barry Fink</b>                                      | <b>906-482-4632</b> |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Observer Corps</b>    |                     |
| <b>Linda Belote</b>                                    | <b>906-483-0552</b> |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Natural Resources</b> |                     |
| <b>Kristine Bradof</b>                                 | <b>906-482-0446</b> |
| <b>Treasurer</b>                                       |                     |
| <b>Mary Marchaterre</b>                                | <b>906-483-2291</b> |
| <b>Secretary/Voter Services</b>                        |                     |
| <b>Taryn Mason</b>                                     | <b>906-231-1713</b> |
| <b>Electoral Process</b>                               |                     |
| <b>Faith Morrison</b>                                  | <b>906-487-9703</b> |
| <b>Director at Large</b>                               |                     |
| <b>Barb Turec</b>                                      | <b>906-370-5496</b> |
| <b>Off Board</b>                                       |                     |
| <b>Education</b>                                       |                     |
| <b>Martha Sloan</b>                                    | <b>906-369-4184</b> |
| <b>Voter Editor</b>                                    |                     |
| <b>Linda Ott</b>                                       | <b>906-281-2512</b> |
| <b>Website Editor</b>                                  |                     |
| <b>Shellie Crisman</b>                                 | <b>906-523-6299</b> |

## **New or Returning Members**

|                  |                     |
|------------------|---------------------|
| Elizabeth Benyi  | David Nitz          |
| Kristine Bradof  | Carolyn Peterson    |
| Donna Cole       | Lora Repp           |
| Tom Cole         | Laurel Roehm        |
| Barry Fink       | Bruce Seely         |
| Bill Fink        | Nancy Seely         |
| Elizabeth Hakola | Michele Southerland |
| Nancy Herck      | Kristina Sundstrom  |
| Mary Marchaterre | Katie Torrey        |
| Taryn Mason      | Carolyn Weissbach   |



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

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

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