



LWVNAPA'S 2025 ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCH

For League Members & Their Guests

Saturday, June 7th, 2025

10:00am–12:00pm: Annual Meeting

12:00–1:00pm: Light Lunch & Social

Napa Senior Center, Oak Room, 1500 Jefferson Street, Napa

AGENDA

- 9:45–10:00am: Check In & Mingle; Coffee/Tea, Pastries/Fruit
- 10:00–10:05am: Call to Order & Welcome President's Message
Sheri Thomas, President
- 10:05–10:20am: Rules & Procedures
Yolanda Schonbrun, Vice President
- Appointment of Parliamentarian
- Credentials Report
- Appointment of Committee to Read & Approve 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes
- Adoption of Order of Business (per agenda, pp. 1–2)
- Adoption of Rules & Procedures (p. 3)
- 10:20–10:30am: Financial Reports
Kim Farmer, Treasurer
- Discussion of YTD Treasurer's Report (p. 4)
- Discussion & Vote to Adopt Proposed Budget for 2025–2026 (p. 5)
- 10:30–10:50am: Proposed Issues for Emphasis (Program) for 2025–2026
Bernie Brooks, Secretary
- Review of Current Issues for Emphasis
- Discussion & Vote to Adopt Issues for Emphasis 2025–2026 (p. 6)
- 10:50–11:20am: Guest Speaker – **Laura López Ledesma, IIBA, Napa County** (p. 7)
Introduction by Yolanda Schonbrun, Vice President
- 11:20–11:30am: Q&A

Agenda - Continued

- 11:30–11:40am: Bylaws Proposed Changes**
Kim Farmer, Treasurer
Review of Proposed Bylaws Changes (p. 8)
Discussion & Vote to Adopt Bylaws Changes
- 11:40–11:55am: Report of Board Nominations Committee (p.9)**
Linda Dietiker-Yolo, Nominations Committee Chair
Other Nominations from the Floor (p.3)
Vote to Elect Officers & Directors for 2025–2026 & 2027 (p. 9)
Vote to Elect Nominating Committee for 2025–2026 (p. 9)
- 11:55–12:00pm: Directions to New Board Members & Co-President Intro**
Yolanda Schonbrun and Bernie Brooks, Co-Presidents '25- '27
- 12:00pm: Meeting Adjourned**
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- 12:00pm–1:00pm: Light Lunch & Social**



PROPOSED RULES & PROCEDURES

Speakers from the Floor

Speakers will state their name and whether a member or nonmember, indicate the subject, and speak no longer than three (3) minutes. No one should speak twice to a question until everyone who wishes to speak has had an opportunity to do so.

Voting Procedures

Voting will proceed in the following manner according to Roberts Rules: (1) the chair calls for a motion, (2) a second is made, (3) discussion occurs, and (4) the chair closes discussion, repeats the motion, and calls for a vote. Quorum: Twenty percent (20%) of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

Required Votes

Voting on all matters, except as noted, requires a majority (50%+1) vote of the members present. Members are those whose annual dues have been active within the past three months.

Bylaw Revisions

LWV Napa County's Bylaws conform to its 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation status. This status allows tax deductibility for all membership dues and contributions needed for operations. The proposed revisions are recommended by LWVUS and are in keeping with current or predicted future practices.

Adoption of Local Program

A League's "local program" consists of issues chosen for a focus on education or action. It does not imply that LWVNC will be unconcerned about other local issues. After the local program recommended by the board has been presented, issues not recommended by the board may be proposed for consideration. We ask that non-recommended issues be emailed to LWVNapa@gmail.com at least 24 hours before the meeting begins. All issues must be presented for discussion before voting takes place. A majority (50%+1) vote is needed to adopt items recommended by the board. A three-fifths (3/5) vote is required to adopt other program items.

Adoption of Nominations to the Board

Nominations from the floor for Officers, Directors and the Nominating Committee may be made by LWVNC members attending the annual meeting, providing that the consent of the nominee has been secured in advance. We also ask that these nominations be emailed to LWVNapa@gmail.com at least 24 hours before the meeting begins.

TREASURER'S REPORT - YEAR TO DATE

July 1, 2024 - April 30, 2025

	2024-2025 Budget	Year to Date	March	Comments
1	INCOME			
2	\$1,000.00	\$1,075.00	\$90.00	2 renewals, 4 new members
3	Contributions:			
4	\$1,000.00	\$1,840.00		
5	\$4,000.00	\$3,317.14		
6	\$0.00	\$859.80		
7	\$600.00	\$677.30	\$60.90	CD and Savings
8	\$6,600.00	\$7,769.24	\$150.90	
9	\$9,576.00	\$3,943.64		
10	\$16,176.00	\$11,712.88	\$150.90	
11				
12	EXPENSES			
13	PMP (per member payment)			
14	\$156.00	\$156.00		
15	\$1,456.00	\$1,456.00		
16	\$1,664.00	\$1,664.00		
17	Admin/Board/Misc.			
18	\$280.00	\$256.00		
19	\$120.00	\$76.10	\$7.53	Stripe charges
20	\$100.00	\$72.00		
21	\$50.00	\$250.00		
22	\$1,000.00	\$554.90	\$39.50	MailChimp
23	\$100.00	\$99.00		
24	\$2,000.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	to LWVC to support convention
25	Membership & Programs			
26	\$500.00	\$892.70		
27	\$450.00	\$364.35	\$78.22	constitutions, brochure printing
28	\$500.00	\$575.08	\$45.00	booth fee for Earth Day
29	\$1,000.00	\$250.00		
30	Voter Service			
31	\$1,000.00	\$237.50		
32	\$750.00	\$730.30		
33	\$1,600.00	\$1,453.95		
34	\$3,000.00	\$2,100.00	\$450.00	Stipends for 5 students
35	\$400.00	\$400.00		
36	\$50.00			
37	\$16,176.00	\$11,712.88	\$745.25	
38	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$594.35	
	Dues Assistance balance at beginning of FY			
		\$482.00		
	Plus contributions to fund in this FY:			
		\$0.00		
	Minus scholarships this FY:			
		\$0.00		
	Balance in Dues Assistance today:			
		\$482.00		
	Balance at beginning of Fiscal Year, 7/1/24:			
		\$32,558.40		
	Plus Income this year:			
	\$11,712.88			
	Minus Expenses this year:			
	\$11,712.88			
	Balance at end of month:			
		\$28,614.76		

Account Balances	
Umpqua Checking:	\$ 4,918.10
Umpqua Savings:	\$ 3,530.19
CD:	\$ 20,131.89
PayPal:	\$ 34.58
TOTAL Bank Accounts:	\$28,614.76

PROPOSED BUDGET

July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

	24-25 Budget	PROPOSED	Comments
1	INCOME		
2	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	Equal to 67 regular memberships (see note 1 below)
3	Contributions:		
4	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	
5	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	
6		\$3,000.00	
7	\$600.00	\$500.00	CD and savings account
8	\$6,600.00	\$10,000.00	
9	\$9,576.00	\$4,502.00	
10	\$16,176.00	\$14,502.00	
11			
12	EXPENSES		
13	PMP (Per Member Payment)		See note 2 below
14	\$156.00	\$162.00	54 x \$3 = \$162
15	\$1,456.00	\$1,512.00	54 x \$28 = \$1,512
16	\$1,664.00	\$1,728.00	54 x \$32 = \$1,728
17	Admin/Board/Misc.		
18	\$280.00	\$280.00	
19	\$120.00	\$120.00	
20	\$100.00	\$100.00	
21	\$50.00	\$50.00	
22	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
23	\$100.00	\$100.00	
24	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	Expenses for 2026 Nat Conf reg.
25	Membership & Programs		
26	\$500.00	\$500.00	Includes printing, postage, venue, refreshments.
27	\$450.00	\$300.00	All other printing & postage to members or other.
28	\$500.00	\$500.00	Venue & other costs related to mtgs/events.
29	\$1,000.00	\$600.00	Support to Leagues or others we're in coalitions with.
30	Voter Service		
31	\$1,000.00	\$400.00	Translators for forums.
32	\$750.00	\$500.00	Venue and other costs related to forums.
33	\$1,600.00	\$1,200.00	Mostly printed materials.
34	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	Stipends to Youth Fellows.
35	\$400.00	\$400.00	
36	\$50.00	\$50.00	
37	\$16,176.00	\$14,502.00	

Note 1: Membership income is reduced because it is now collected by LWVUS. We receive a portion, \$15 for a \$75 membership.

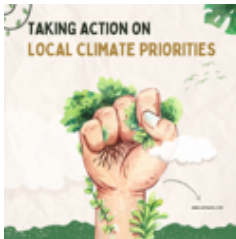
Note 2: Per Member Payment is based on our membership count on Jan. 31, 2025, which was 50 regular members and 8 household members (counted at half regular). This is the last year we will pay PMP. The new membership system began Feb. 2025

Account Balances on April 30, 2025	
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PROPOSED PROGRAM (ISSUES FOR EMPHASIS) FOR 2025-2026

Members attending a Program Planning meeting, chaired by Sheri Thomas, proposed three local issues on which to focus in the coming year, which were subsequently accepted by the Board of Directors. Once issues are adopted, committees are formed to educate about, take action on, or advocate about the chosen subject areas.

The proposed issues for the year July 1, 2025–June 30, 2026, on which members attending the Annual Meeting will be voting, are:



Climate Change, LWV of Napa County supports actions to mitigate and adapt to climate change to protect our county and state from the negative physical, economic, and public health effects. (a continuing issue)



Protecting Civil & Immigration Rights, Immigration is both a national and state League issue that greatly affects Napa County as an agricultural community. The League believes immigration policies should promote the reunification of immediate families, meet economic, business, and employment needs, and be responsive to those facing political persecution or humanitarian crises.



A Tradition of Stewardship
A Commitment to Service

Napa County's General Plan, including Housing and Transportation. Napa County's General Plan was last revised in the summer of 2008, and the forthcoming update is an opportunity for residents to get engaged, voice their views and participate in shaping this critically important document. Our league will be monitoring the process and providing input especially around the areas of Housing and Transportation.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER



Laura López Ledesma, originally from Guanajuato, Mexico, is a long-time advocate for the immigrant community. With a background in Latin American and Latino Studies and a law degree from Penn State, she has been actively supporting immigrants seeking legal relief since 2010. Recognized for her leadership and public interest work, Laura recently passed the California Bar Exam in February 2025 and is currently a Department of Justice Accredited Representative at the Immigration Institute of the Bay Area (IIBA) in Napa, where she provides affordable immigration law services.



BYLAWS CHANGES

Original language in black. Justification in red. New language in blue.

Article III

Membership

Section 1. Terms of Membership

- a. **Eligibility.** Membership is open to everyone 16 years and older, regardless of gender or citizenship status. Upon joining, members subscribe to the purposes and policies of the Leagues.
- b. **Dues.** Members become so by paying annual dues, as provided for in Article VII, Section 2. ~~Memberships are considered current when dues are paid within three months of the annual renewal date.~~ **replace with: Members who fail to renew within the period specified by LWWUS will be removed from the roster.**
- c. **Voting.** Members may vote whose dues are current.
- d. **Life Members.** Those who have been members of the LWWUS for 50 years or more shall be life members and are excused from the payment of dues.

~~Section 2. Termination of Membership.~~

- ~~a. Resignation. A member may resign at any time by delivering a written notice to the president or secretary. Resignation shall be effective upon receipt of such notice.~~
- ~~b. Death. Membership shall terminate upon the death of a member.~~
- ~~c. Termination or Suspension. The board may terminate a member for nonpayment of dues or may terminate or suspend a member for conduct that the board shall deem inimical to the best interests of the League. The board shall give such member 15 days prior notice, with reason, of the proposed termination or suspension. The member may submit a written statement to the board regarding the proposed termination or suspension no less than five days before the effective date of the proposed action. Prior to the effective date, the board shall review any submitted statement and shall determine the mitigating effect, if any, of the information in the statement on the proposed action. A suspended member shall not be entitled to exercise any of the voting rights set forth in these bylaws. Per the LWWUS Member Rights and Responsibilities Policy, only LWWUS can revoke membership. As Leagues are giving consideration to amending their bylaws regarding nonpayment of dues, language addressing the termination of membership for other reasons should also be removed.~~

Article VII

Financial Administration

~~Section 2. Dues. Annual dues shall be determined at the annual meeting by a majority vote of the local League members present. Such dues shall be payable on July 1. Any member who fails to pay dues within three months after they become payable shall be dropped from the membership rolls. Life members and students shall be exempt from payment of dues.~~

Replace with: "Members shall pay dues in accordance with LWWUS policy."

PROPOSED BOARD NOMINATIONS

The Nominations Committee for July 1, 2024–June 30, 2025, consists of the following members: Linda Dietiker-Yolo, Chair; Brad Wagenknecht, Board Member; and Pamela Ptacek Blatt, Member at-Large.

The Nominations Committee makes the following recommendations for election to the Board of Directors to serve for the 2025–2026 & 2027 terms and to the Nominations Committee to serve for the year 2025–2026. **Titles and names of nominees are shown in purple boldface.** Greyed-out text indicates continuing board names and positions, which require no vote and are included for informational purposes only.

Officers

Co-Presidents: Yolanda Schonbrun and Bernie Brooks,
for a term of two years, July 1, 2025–June 30, 2027

Secretary: Linda Dietiker-Yolo, for a term of one year, July 1, 2025– June 30, 2026

Treasurer: Kim Farmer, continuing a term of two years, July 1, 2024–June 30, 2026

At-Large Directors

Sheri Thomas, for a term of one year, July 1, 2025–June 30, 2026

Nancy Moore, for a term of two years, July 1, 2025–June 30, 2027

Cindy Watter, for a term of two years, July 1, 2025–June 30, 2027

Iris Barrie, for a term of one year, July 1, 2025–June 30, 2026

Nominating Committee, serving for one year from July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026:

Brad Wagenknecht – Chair

Jan Darter, member at large

Board Member: To be appointed by the board at its first regular meeting