

DECEMBER 2020

WYOMING VOTER

Increasing Our Impact

Margaret Brown and Susan Simpson

The state board voted to continue LWVWY's focus on Voting Rights during the coming year. There are several bills expected to be introduced that will affect voting access in the upcoming legislative session. In addition, there will be bills and committee hearings on other issues where the League has relevant positions. Our lobbyist Marguerite Herman cannot follow all of these issues alone.

It's time to bring back a legislative committee.

With the improved access to the Legislative Service Office website and Zoomed meetings, LWV members from around the state are no longer geographically barred from participating. One suggestion is that each Local League have at least one person to work on a Legislative Action Committee. Name your area of interest in a message to info@wyominglwv.org. Meanwhile, log on the LSO website (wyoleg.gov) to get familiar with the committee meeting list and how one can easily get the agenda and then supporting materials for legislative committee meetings. As of 12/30/2020, there are 36 House Bills and 23 Senate Files filed, all but two are the result of Joint Committee work. There will be many more to come.

Education and organization would be the first priorities. Margaret suggests remote meetings perhaps weekly until the decision is made about a 2021 Session calendar. During the Session, the meetings would be more frequent.

Consider these options:

Observer Corps: At every level, League members attend governmental meetings, wearing LWV buttons, observe, and report back to the League. Attending board, council, or commission meetings is a good way to learn what's going on in the community, particularly in these days of reduced newspaper staffs. Observers do not speak during meetings. At the state level, we need folks who will monitor (observe) a given legislative committee or a specific issue. Since the legislature will continue to be meeting remotely, this can be done from home.

Lobby Corps: League members lobby legislators, commissioners, councilors, and board members on issues based on LWV positions. There is a national Lobby Corps; volunteers from the D.C. area meet face to face with legislators, or more commonly legislative staff, from states like ours, far from D.C. Lobby Days are set up before national convention or council. Lynne Ipiña and Simpson participated in an on-line Lobby Day via Tweet in June. Our lobbyist in Washington is Carole Conors. National Lobby corps members keep state presidents informed about meetings and activities and the states keep them informed.

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Know What's Happening

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| Jan. 11 | Tech team meets by Zoom - 5:15 pm |
| Jan. 12 | Legislative general session convenes for constitutionally required events. The legislative session does NOT continue; its resumption is TBD. |
| Feb. 14 | 101st anniversary of founding League of Women Voters |
| Late April | The state board voted to hold the state convention virtually again this year. |
| May 15 | First Day of legislative session (tentative) |
| June ?? | LWV National Council. Staff, state presidents and paid staff will meet virtually. In the past, an additional representative from each state could attend. |

The state board meets by Zoom on the fourth Thursday of the month this fiscal year, but not every month. Dates are announced at <http://wyominglwv.org/news/>, and materials posted at https://www.wyominglwv.org/private/state_private/ under the meeting date. Materials are also emailed to board members and interested observers (who can and do speak up). All members are welcome. Email info@wyominglwv.org for access codes.

Retired Brig. Gen. Kathy Wright of Cheyenne receives Wyoming League of Women Voters' 2019 Making Democracy Work Award

Roz Schliske

The League of Women Voters of Wyoming has named retired Brig. Gen. Kathy J. Wright, of Cheyenne as the recipient of the 2019 Making Democracy Work Award. With this statewide award, the LWV honors her primarily for her longtime work with Wyoming Girls State as a leader who is safeguarding democracy in our community, state and nation.

The in-person awards presentation, originally planned April 1, was as a Zoom webinar, with Diana Enzi, wife of Sen. Mike Enzi, making remarks, on Thursday, December 10. The new date is the Wyoming Women's Suffrage Day when suffrage legislation was signed 151 years ago.

In nominating Wright for the state award, the Cheyenne League of Women Voters wrote, "Encouraging young women to be involved with government...how could that not be a match made in heaven for the Making Democracy Work Award?" In her more than 25 years in a leadership role as director in 2007 and 2010 and a committee member for Girls State, Wright said she was immensely proud of the transformation that has taken place in hundreds of young Wyoming women. Under her watch, they began to understand the work involved in "making democracy work," the LWV noted.

Started in 1937 by the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA), Girls State has become one of the most respected and coveted experiential learning programs in the United States. Nationwide, each summer, approximately 16,000 young women participate in the weeklong, nonpartisan curriculum in which the students assume the roles of government leaders from the city to county to state levels. The immersive learning experience is made possible by the young women living in "cities" in a dormitory-like

setting. One of Wright's achievements was to actively support the bid process to move Wyoming's Girls State to Cheyenne and Laramie County Community College in order for the young women to have closer proximity to the Wyoming Capitol and state elected officials.

As Girls State legislative coordinator, Wright is at the heart of providing the hands-on experience of writing and passing a bill through the Legislature by enlisting the support of Wyoming legislators, which is the key to success of the program. Early on, she works with current and former lawmakers as they help assist prior to the session with drafting bills in their home communities. Then in mid-June she ensures legislators are available in Cheyenne to mentor these future leaders during an initial joint session. She and her legislative mentors assist the delegates in committee work, chamber leadership election, House/Senate leadership selection, committee debate, passage of bills and conference committees. She coordinates the joint session for the Girls State governor to sign or veto bills as well as a follow-up panel discussion. Overall, she has said working with Girls State is an opportunity to watch young women grow and develop in confidence and skills.

Further information about Wright and the MDW award is on the LWVWY website.



The League Update

The League Update is a biweekly newsletter from LWVUS President Deborah Turner. It's full of news, events, opportunities and information about league programs. Sign up to receive it at http://participate.lwv.org/signup_page/league-update. **Please note that this is an internal communication that provides information meant for your members and Local Leagues only.**

Action Alerts go to members and friends.

You can read past updates at this link:

http://participate.lwv.org/c/10065/blastContent.jsp?email_blast

In League Notes

ADDITIONAL NOTES FROM THE NOVEMBER STATE BOARD MEETING AND AROUND

Online payments of donations to the state league and dues through Square and PayPal are now enabled.

If you want to ask the state board a question, there is a distribution list you can use instead of knowing all board members' names and emails: board@wyominglww.org.

LWVWY received a generous contribution of \$2,000 from a Jackson resident. Thank you.

Remember donations to the Education Fund (the 501(c)(3)) must be paid separately from dues. The funds are deposited in different accounts with different tax implications. Checks must specify Ed Fund (either LWV Wyoming or the local league Ed Fund, i.e. LWV Laramie Ed Fund). You can donate to the LWV Wyoming Ed Fund online using the state web site. You can donate to the national Education Fund on the national website, lww.org.

Letters to national and state legislators are posted at <https://www.wyominglww.org/Positions/positions.html>

The LWV voices opinions on issues based on LWV principles (Impact on Issues 2018-2020, p. 6), downloadable pdf at <https://www.lww.org/impact-issues>, positions (Impact on Issues), the state's positions (<https://www.wyominglww.org/StateMaterials/ProgramRecord/ProgramRecord2019.pdf>), and your local league's (are they posted on the website so they're accessible to all?). (Local League Presidents: Is your local program posted where it can be found?) All are reached after study, discussion, and consensus. We personally have opinions not supported by positions, but we don't mention the LWV when expressing those.

The national LWV has withdrawn its recognition from the Nevada state league. LWVUS is working with local leagues and members to "rebuild the state presence." This is an almost unheard of step, taken after months of discussion with Nevada about perceived violations of the nonpartisan policy and ways to restore the brand. Materials on the issue include LWV's (<https://www.lww.org/newsroom/press-releases/lwvus-board-directors-statement-recognition-status-lwv-nevada>) and the former LWVNV's president's (<https://vote-nevada-blog.org/2020/11/27/why-is-the-league-of-women-voters-us-disbanding-the-league-of-women-voters-of-nevada/>). The Wyoming league expressed its concern but offered no solutions in an email to LWVUS president Deborah Turner during the December president's webinar. There's more, so tell info@wyominglww.org if you would like additional links.

State convention will be online again in 2021. The date is not yet firm. Email info@wyominglww.org if you have suggestions for programs or workshops.

LWVWY has 162 members. Good for us. Congratulations, Fremont County, for having the most members as of 12-24-2020. See the chart at p. 4. Each league has an identifying number assigned by national: Campbell County, 309; Casper, 300; Cheyenne, 310; Fremont County, 311; Laramie, 303; and 310 for Members at Large.

There's even more information in the articles on the "League Update," VOTER GIRL and "Increasing Our Impact."



Diana Enzi joined the Making Democracy Work Award Ceremony by Zoom from Arkansas and spoke about her work informing the public about Wyoming's role in women's suffrage.

Tech Report

Robin Hill

More members are taking an interest in the LWVWY website (and its pages for Local Leagues), which is all to the good. A Web Design Team, headed by Linda Barton, will work the appearance with an eye to marketing appeal. Local Leagues, remember that the League Tech Team will change your page on request, and that you can easily post your own news and announcements on the News tab, a WordPress site. Help, passwords, and instructions are all available on the private site or from info@wyominglww.org.

The League Tech Team can help you set up online payment for dues and donations. Various free services can be used. Local Leagues who wish to set up payment via Square should work with State Treasurer Katie Morgan for the bank access. She will connect Square to your League's bank account. Then, at your request, the League Tech Team will place payment buttons on your Local League's web page. You can see how this works from the public side by looking at the Laramie League page on our website, wyominglww.org (go to Local Leagues).

The League Tech Team continues to deepen its bench. A few members have participated in our meetings and learned a great deal about the website, the email accounts, the LWVUS roster interface, and online transactions. All are welcome to join us; we have been meeting over Zoom, and sharing screens to demonstrate operations, on alternate Mondays at 5:15. The next meeting is at January 11. Agendas are announced before the meeting. Email info@wyominglww.org to get on the distribution list.

Planning for 2021!

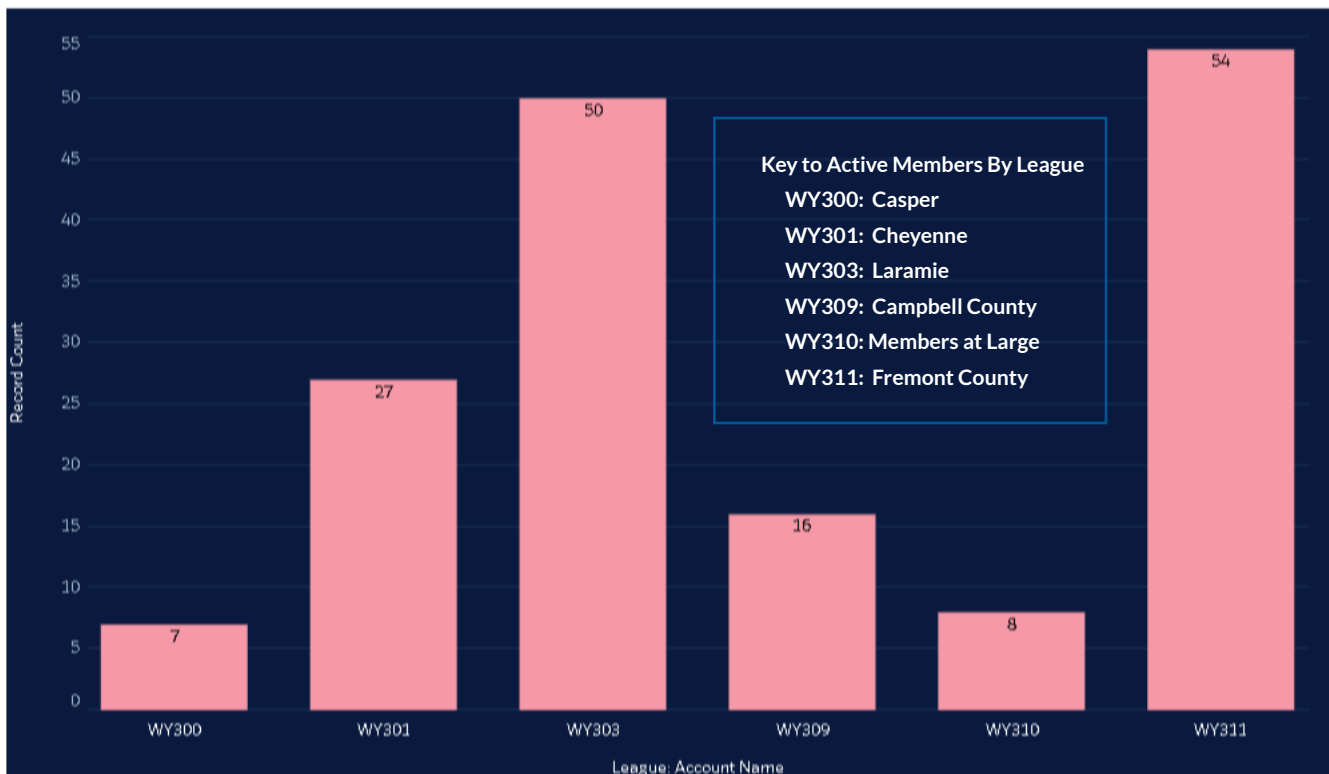
As local leagues catch their breath and think about activities in 2021, there will be a program planning and an annual meeting when you elect officers and delegates to convention, consider dues, and adopt your program.

Think about adding activities or issues that reach out beyond your usual demographic. What could you do to attract members who aren't the stereotypical LWV member? This isn't looking for tokens' it's thinking about possible partners. There are a lot of people in Wyoming who aren't White, college educated, middle aged or older, middle class women. In fact, the census estimates that there are 578,759 Wyoming residents (7-1-2019 estimates). Of them,

- 48.9% are men. That's 283,013.
- 59.8% are between 18 and 65 years of age. That's 346,098.
- 10.1% live in poverty. That's 58,436.
- 14.8% have no health insurance. That's 85,656.
- 7.5% are nonwhite. That's 56,906.
- 72.6% have less than a bachelor's degree. That's 420,179.

Imagine how we could increase our impact if we broadened and deepened our voice! Who will be the active members/leaders when we are too tired or gone? Think with the diversity, inclusion, and equity lens. Look beyond your comfortable 'circle' to expand the reach and abilities of your League!

Active LWVWY Members by Local League



70 YEARS

Septuagennials or Septuagenaries ?

Celebrations Are Coming for Cheyenne, Laramie, and Casper

Those long words means a 70th anniversary. Cheyenne (1951) has found materials at the Wyoming State Archives. We await further word. Laramie and Casper both were founded in 1952.

Carrie Chapman Catt came to Laramie several times, including November 11, 1919, for activities connected with a precursor of the LWV, the National American Woman Suffrage Association (<https://www.wyohistory.org/encyclopedia/wyoming-ratifies-19th-amendment>, downloaded 12/22/2020).

Membership Directory Coming

Local League treasurers have received rosters from state treasurer Katie Morgan. She will be updating the membership information in the national roster preparatory to PMP (Per Member Payment) calculation, the once a year assessment for all state and local leagues, based on membership on January 31.

A state-wide directory will be published after February 1. Local leagues vary in their membership year. Some use 364 days after the dues are paid; others use a calendar year. Of your dues, \$32 go to the national organization for primary

members, \$16 for family additional members, and a flat \$15 per all member categories (except students) go to the state. The balance stays with the local league. Students are not charged dues at the state and national levels as a way to encourage their joining the League.

State league emails go to members; lapsed members receive messages for several months as we hope they will rejoin.

The state membership directory is a biennial publication and is for members only.

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At the state level, check the committee membership lists for the 2021 Legislature. Who is your Representative? Your Senator? What are their committee assignments? Are you willing to contact them about issues? Perhaps you have already had conversations with them about League issues?

Action Alerts: These are emails to members and friends throughout the state when quick action is required in support of a LWV position. Your observations could result in calls for action at the local or state level.

As a small league, we don't have many members or any paid staff, but we do have internet access and many times we know our legislators and they know us. Minnesota has a web page that gives more information about both observing and lobbying: <https://www.lwvmn.org/observer-lobby-corps>. Other states with active corps are Alabama, Maine, Ohio, Texas, and Washington. There are many local leagues too. Just Google LWV Lobby Observer Corps for examples of manuals, guidelines, etc. We can take the best of these ideas and shape them to Wyoming.

This is a great opportunity to make a difference and to learn more about the legislative process and our state. We have volunteers already: At the board meeting, Jim Brown volunteered to follow Senator Jim Anderson; Margaret Brown volunteered to help with navigating the LSO site, and Dee Buckstaff (welcome to our newest board member by the way) volunteered to recruit a Teton County resident.

Email info@wyominglwv.org to get involved.



Thank You

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Campbell County League's Leader! Thank you, Sue

Sherry Lowell, current CCLWV President, Gillette

Following in the footsteps of Campbell County League's past president, Sue Knesel, is a challenge. Her energy and commitment know no boundaries. Thanks to her extensive networking, our League developed collective strength, knowledge, and use of resources, writes Sherry Lowell, the current president.



Sue Knesel

Sue Knesel shares her story: Professional life -We have lived in Campbell County since 1983. Mining brought us to Gillette from Grand Junction, CO. I have also lived in Rock Springs and Casper. My husband ended up in a mining career from working in a copper mine in Arizona. I started my library career as a

page for the NYC library system, where I worked as a clerk after HS graduation. We moved a lot until 1983 when we came to Gillette. I was hired as staff at the old downtown branch library (now GAMB building) and ended up as Youth Services Librarian at Campbell County Public Library after 33 years. I am a proud graduate of the University of Wyoming, 1992, five states and seven colleges later. Thank goodness for distance learning coming to the state.

Career highlights

Served as President of the Wyoming Library Association, on Legislative committee, published Libraries Lead to Learning in support of school libraries for the basket of goods, chair of the Youth Services Section twice, Awards committee, nominating committee, Wyoming Book Award Committee fifteen years. Developed space in the library for teens three different times before we settled in the current space downstairs. Represented Wyoming at the national Cooperative Library Summer Reading Program for four years.

My involvement in League

I lived in Casper 1977-80 and admired the candidate forums that Casper's League filmed in the library. I did not join because I had a three-year-old and one year old, plus a ten-year-old playing soccer and basketball. When we moved to Grand Junction in 1980, I joined League in Grand Junction. Really learned the basics of League and found intelligent and interesting women to know. I think that I have been a League member for at least 39 or 40 years. We moved to Gillette in 1983 and I joined CCLWV 1984. This saved my life. I really didn't want to live in Gil-

lette. I was able to meet a great group of diverse women active in the community. I took over Presidency in 2000.

My take as president

I am proud of the CC League. We have been a small but mighty group over the years. We have been able to form alliances with local groups and agencies to develop community programs. Highlights include the partnership with the GPA-TV. The City of Gillette supports the partnership. We did a couple of successful programs with the Department of Workforce Services; Friends of the Library and League were asked to facilitate community input by the working group for the quarter penny tax. My experience with the national/state League program that hosted four women from Uganda was very rewarding.

State League involvement

I managed three distributions of LOOK editions. The first two were successful-- the second one needing a second printing; the last time, not so. The information age was changing and the use of our book in classrooms dropped to schools getting one CD and one book instead of classroom sets of books. I have to share that I got involved with the LOOK project because I admired Sandra Donovan, a longtime Cheyenne League member. I knew her as a librarian and I felt that I should do something for state; she said this was a manageable contribution. And it mostly was. I held a few portfolios over the years and did outreach to At-Large-Members and I enjoyed that. It was mostly phone calls and correspondence.

Local League Early History

According to Knesel, CCLWV collected its first member dues in the Fall 1979. Some of the first founding members were Judith Kraushaar, Dorothy O'Brien, Olive White, Ruby Fulkerson, Doris Wagensen, and Helen Fitch. However, it was not recognized by LWVUS as an official league for almost 20 years (see Margaret Brown's story about why below). Around 1987, Knesel published a CC League newsletter using mimeograph machines.

Elaine Roth, an active local CC League member, admires Knesel's "absolutely tenacious efforts to sustain a local League chapter. As a result, the community and state have benefited. The candidate forums have been so essential. The speakers and special programs have helped the community develop a higher level of understanding regarding many issues. Our local League meetings have provided for an opportunity to exchange many ideas amongst its membership."

Susan McKay, also an active local CC League member, shares her recollections of election forums when "in 2010 Sue Knesel, Linda Jennings, and Judith Semple were all going to be gone traveling for much of the summer and so

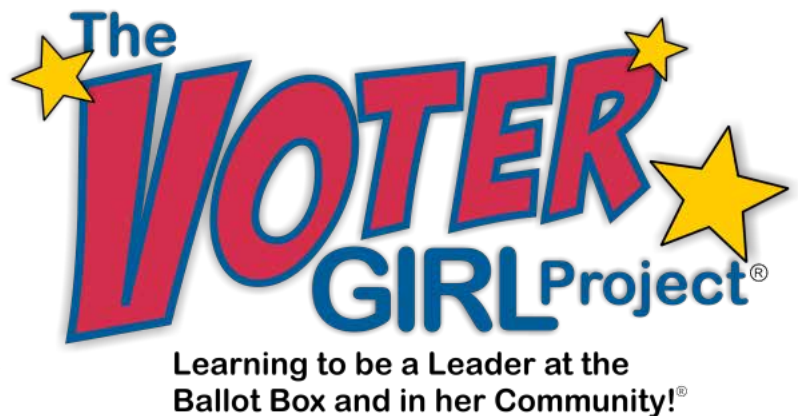
VOTER GIRL: A cooperative effort between LWVWY, LWVMT, and Wyoming Girl Scouts

The state board approved the purchase of a VOTER GIRL license at its November meeting. Once COVID is over, participating local leagues can work together to present a state-wide or regional VOTER GIRL program. The Montana Wyoming Girl Scout Council will advertise it to scout leaders and scouts. Information on the program was presented at workshops at the two most recent national conventions.

This program started with LWV Kent OH as a Scout council-wide opportunity. The material is shared in a 2 ½ hour fun and educational program for Girl Scouts, grades 6-12. League members present the program as formulated by the Kent LWV. The scouts earn a Citizenship badge after completion. Local officials may be invited to participate. A small section of the event is state specific. The majority of the material, including crafts and exercises, applies across the country.

If you're interested in participating, contact info@wyominglww.org. Watch this newsletter for more information. Planning is going on now among Wyoming and Montana

League members for holding a program in each state. It turns out that many LWV members have been Girl Scouts or leaders and are enthusiastic about working with the Girl Scouts to further their Citizenship badge achievement and introduce scouts to the LWV.



Campbell County League's Leader! continued

I took over as president from Sue that May. Now at that point I had been involved in writing the questions and moderating for several years but I had never had to do the planning and contacting. I developed a healthy respect for Sue's ability to keep our small but dedicated team on task and making progress, and I learned how much work it can be to put on the forums."

McKay continued, "Knesel has led our little group for decades, pushing to make sure deadlines were met. She knew the strengths and weaknesses in the League team and how to keep the overall goal of providing those brave people who step forward to run for office in our community an opportunity to be heard."

Margaret Brown, LWVWY State Board Director, recalled being on the national LWVUS board from 1998-2002 when the issue of CCLWV being charged PMP (Per Member Payment) for many more members than it had remained unresolved. Knesel and Judith Semple's repeated messages, faxes and letters to LWVUS that they didn't have that many members were ignored—I think for years. Knesel wrote and called, still the PMP bill kept coming out the same high number/amount. Brown carried the copies of their many letters, rosters, and amounts/dates that they had paid PMP, with her to a national board meeting, hunted down a few folks and finally got them to get on the computer system and fix it (and told them how disappoint-

ed she was that they had been ignoring a League which was trying to pay the correct amount for PMP...meanwhile, the National Board spent much board time dealing with the New York City League which was NOT paying most of the PMP owed 'because they had other things that they spent the \$\$ on!'). Margaret noted that 'it was only because I was at the LWVUS office for board meetings that I was able to track down the appropriate staff members, and I was glad to do it. At the time, even in the League office, there was sometimes an attitude by some staff that "those folks are so far away, this doesn't matter."

Amy Williamson, past president of State LWVWY (2005-17), as well as her local Laramie League, recalls Knesel's decade long work on marketing LOOK. Williamson also remembers that Knesel was heavily involved in the successful LWVWY State Convention when it was held in Gillette. In Williamson's words, "Knesel is very practical--having creative ideas that can be implemented. Persistent. Always enthusiastic. Active member of state League board for many years."

Susan Simpson, current LWVWY president and librarian, adds to the praise, "Sue gets things done in a sensible, timely way. It's always a pleasure to see her and hear what she has to say."

Suffrage Celebration Closing Report

Robin Hill

The Wyoming Women's Suffrage Celebration got off to a good early start, fortuitously as things turned out, because most of our nominal time period was affected, with activities precluded, by the coronavirus precautions of 2020.

The Governor's Council, which turned out to be the umbrella organization, was formed under Governor Mead in mid-2016, and I represented the League of Women Voters of Wyoming. Other members assisted in large and small ways. Most of the other seats were occupied by representatives of state agencies such as the state library, archives, departments of education, parks and cultural resources, tourism, Secretary of State, Wyoming Humanities, county clerks, and UW's American Heritage Center and History Department. We met quarterly throughout four years, to make plans, share news, and examine ideas. Our last meeting was a lovely luncheon at the Governor's Residence in Cheyenne, at the invitation of the First Lady's office.

The Program Committee of the Governor's Council reviewed proposals for official status and granted those that had suffrage connections and public delivery. Via the proposal form that was mounted on the website, we received a total of 59 proposals, 43 granted. Of course, the stream dried up in March.

Our other call for submissions got no traction at all: No one submitted historical documents -- except me! I was hoping for letters or other written material with contemporary observations from ancestors of state residents. But even this may reveal significant history. My own great-grandmother and her daughters recorded a New York parade and made a couple of references to the vote, but much more of my great-grandmother's time and energy was occupied with temperance.

Many activities took place across the state. Among the projects that the League helped to complete were several submissions to an online biographical dictionary of the suffrage movement, which can be viewed at <https://documents.alexanderstreet.com/VOTESforWOMEN>, and a presentation on different methods of casting and tallying votes, which did not boast high attendance at the state venues where it was presented, but is quite educational.

December 10th was a success. In Cheyenne, Mary Guthrie spoke about prominent suffragists; the Cheyenne League performed "Wonderful Wyoming Women Voters," archives and state library had special exhibits, and there were tours of the newly-renovated Capitol Building with speakers throughout the day. At an evening event, the Bel Canto Choir from UW sang "Circle of Light," an original composition, by Anne Guzzo, with text by Ann McCutchan, and Wyoming Public TV premiered its documentary *The State of Equality: Wyoming Women's Suffrage*. That marked the official opening of the Celebration, with

all of us hoping for momentum that would inspire interest and participation throughout the state, nation, and world--grand ambitions. There were a variety of events across the state, sticker and limerick contests, a coloring book for third graders, and a commemorative coin in bronze, silver, or gold. And t shirts. The final occasion commemorated Louisa Swain's vote in Laramie, the first under Wyoming's pioneering suffrage statute. This was the culmination of a series of events held as a tractor-trailer made its way across the country from Virginia to Washington, under the auspices of the American Trucking Association and the Louisa Swain Foundation. The talks held around its appearance, especially in Cheyenne and Laramie, were enjoyed by all. Not only were our Congressional representatives and other dignitaries on hand, with Diana Enzi, the Senator's wife, playing the part of Louisa Swain at the voting reenactment, but the four female truck drivers were impressive and their stories, fascinating.

Suffrage Celebration Closing Report continued next page



Council members attending final event at Governor's Mansion
Jennifer Trabing, Kodi Gerhold, Debra Lee, Shannon Smith, Andrea Sun Zink, Renée Leag Reid, Kari Eakins, Robin Hill, Jean Garrison, Trista Ostrom, Diane Shober. Photo courtesy of Hill.

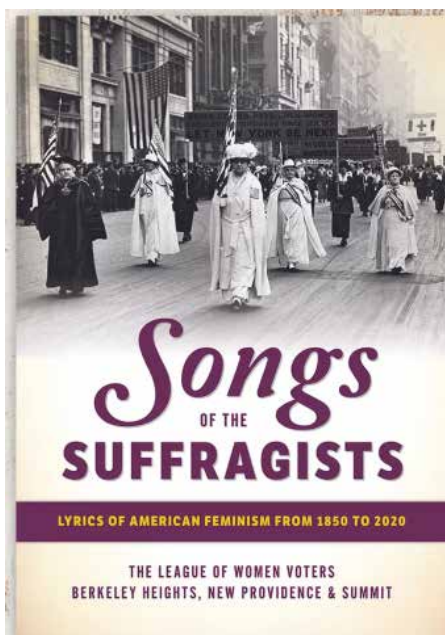
Suffrage Celebration Closing Report *continued*

The Wyoming Women's Suffrage Celebration never got the national coverage for which we (at least, I) had hoped. Many of us received several invitations to take part in some sort of project on a national scale that overlooked or misconstrued our state's history. As a case in point, one of the last I received listed Wyoming in the middle of a suffrage-granting calendar, among failed attempts in other states, marking our suffrage at 1889 (presumably because that year saw it written into the original state Constitution). Because 2020 was the centennial of the 19th Amendment, attention has (reasonably) been drawn to more comprehensive and enlightened views of the

history of national suffrage. We are finally learning the stories of women who had devoted much work to the vote, under adverse conditions, but had been passed over in the record promulgated by the big names.

We still have a few posters, along with the banners made from the poster image, available for League events. All of us who participated have gained from the discussions and contacts with others on the Council and in other groups and contexts as well. All have learned a great deal about the quirks and complications of suffrage in Wyoming and beyond. And we are all proud of Wyoming's accomplishment.

Louisa Swain Truck,
courtesy of the Wyoming
Tribune Eagle 9.5.20



INTERESTED IN SUFFRAGIST SONGS?

A New Jersey League has published a compilation with brief profiles of the lyrists as a fund raiser. There's more information on Amazon. Paperbacks are \$23.45 and Kindles are \$9.99. Amazon Prime benefits apply.

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Notes

Each local league president is a voting member of state board. If that League has no president, a member from that League can become that League's representative or a vacancy is declared when the role is taken.

1. One vote per local league, co-presidents each get ½ vote if both attend, 1 vote if only one is present
2. If a president is also an elected director or officer, a representative from that League may substitute as a voting member at any given meeting or on a permanent basis.
3. Quorum is figured by voting directors and Local League representatives expected. If a position is vacant at the start of the meeting, that slot does not figure in the total. (Example: for the 10-21-2020 meeting, the Quorum is 8, a majority of 15 members present, not counting 2 vacancies)
4. The address board@wyominglww.org reaches all officers and board members as well as observers.

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DIRECTIONS TO THE BOARD AND OTHER BOARD PROJECTS IN FY 21

AREA	CHARGE	MEMBERS	REPORT DATE	COMMENTS
Finance				
Audit FY 20 books		Volunteer Please	When COVID restrictions end	
Reading Committee	Read and prepare convention minutes for approval	M.B. Guthrie, Lowell	Before September 2020 board meeting	Approved and posted
Budget	Prepare FY 21 Budget.	Executive Committee Morgan	Named 2 months before convention and draft distributed one month before.	FY21 budget revised to reflect changes in WY and US conventions
Fundraising				
Names and reasons to donate for corporations	Help create an effective mailing list	All members	Ongoing	As we increase our activities, we need additional funding to support them. Fundraising is increasingly important.
Letter to corporations	Send targeted letters to corps.in the state	M. Brown,* Knesel, Simpson, and Walter.	This project continues to need support.	Consider inducements (Leg. Update, Choosing a Candidate in Wyoming).
Publications/Public Awareness				
LOOK Study	Examine more feasible approach for LOOK	Katie Morgan, Robin Hill, Lynne Ipiña and Susan Simpson	Ongoing	Board reactivated this committee in February 2020
LOOK Revision/ Editing	After recommendations, Revise LOOK	Ask for volunteers in	TBD	No volunteers have come forward.
Publication policy	Develop policy on public/private publications, social media, etc. legislative report, email, Action alerts from US and WY, state message, guidelines for posting.	Knesel, Walter (Hill to post)	1. Posted on Google Docs for comment by item number. 2. Report next board meeting after 2-4-20 Postponed	IT Team has list of retentions for email.
MDW Award	Present award to Kathy Wright and publicize	Kelley Pelissier and Roz Schliske	Spring 2020-When COVID permits, in Cheyenne	
Membership				
Encourage new leagues		All members	Ongoing	

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Voter Services				
Letter re campaign finance reform HB67		Susan Simpson		
Write media re election issues—procedures, machines, etc.		Susan Simpson		
Fighting voter suppression	Keep abreast of and oppose any proposed legislation which would make voting (by mail, absentee, or at polling places) more difficult for anyone in Wyoming, including showing ID at the polls even if one is on the list of registered voters, limiting registration times/access, or limiting polling places.”	All Members	Ongoing	
Observe interim meetings	Observe meeting in locations other than Casper, Cheyenne, Laramie or as Herman requests.	Ask for volunteers to report to Herman.	Ongoing	LSO has made it easy to learn about and to view committee meetings. This is no longer limited to people in the cities where the meeting is.
State Convention				
April 2020	Identify hotel, speaker, banquet etc.	Cheyenne	Totally revamped per COVID	Board has approved registration fee, contracts not signed.

Cancelled

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Projects				
WWSC (Wyoming Women's Suffrage Celebration)	To develop and coordinate LWWY events	Hill,*Kirkbride and Brand. Additional volunteers welcome.	Ongoing—COVID stopped most activities. The year ends with celebrating Swain's vote in September.	Contact Robin Hill
Study on state boards and commissions		Anderson, Brown, Hill, Jennings, Simpson *were contacts in 2015 minutes Ask for volunteers		Suspended.
Programs on constitution convention issue		Any volunteers?		On hold until more public interest
State study on presidential caucus Vs. primary		Keren Meister-Emerich		
People Powered Fair Maps	Participate in the LWWUS education project	Lynne Ipiña	Final report due May 15, 2020, to LWWUS	
Standing Rules	Review former standing rules for updates	Knight, Walter	2020 Convention--delayed	These were last discussed in 2012 and need to be up dated.
Campaign Principles Revision	Modify to provide room for name and date, create consistent format	TBD	2020 convention—delayed, will take to board.	
Possible DEI Actions	Local leagues		2020 Convention—postponed until 2021	M. Beal workshop at 2019 convention to be reported on in 2021