

Upcoming Events

Coffee and Conversation 2020:

Wednesday, February 05, Night Heron Books and Coffee House, 107 E. Iverson, (please check the Laramie League Facebook page and website for reminders/further information) *

Energy Innovation And Carbon Dividend Act – presentation (details on Pages 4 and 11 of this newsletter) **and Citizens Climate Lobby:**

February 9 and 10, Albany County Public Library, Laramie, WY

Voting Methods – a presentation:

Thursday, February 13, 2020, 7 pm, Albany County Public Library, Laramie, WY (details on Page 3 of this document).

Program Planning Meeting:

Sunday, February 23, 3 pm, 2527 Overland Drive, Laramie, WY (details on Pages 1 and 9 of this newsletter)

Board Meeting/s (tentative schedules):

Mondays, March 02, 6:30 pm, Law Offices of Pence and MacMillan, 501 Garfield, Laramie. Office and conference room are handicap accessible. All members are welcome*

Case Study Method – a presentation by Meaghan Todd

Date TBD – tentative date - Monday, March 30, 2020, 7 pm, Albany County Public Library (details on Page 3)

Annual Meeting 2020:

Saturday, April 25, 8:00 am, Methodist Church, 1215 E. Gibbons, Laramie, WY (includes breakfast hosted by Board (details on Page 4 of this newsletter)

LWV-WY State Convention 2020:

Saturday and Sunday, May 2 and 3, hosted by Cheyenne LWV in Cheyenne. Details in LWV-WY newsletter / website / next issue of this VOTER newsletter

LWV-US 54th National Convention 2020:

June 25 – 28, Washington DC

***Recurring events:**

Board meetings every first Monday of the month at 6:30 pm, Law Offices of Pence and Macmillan, Laramie WY

Coffee and Conversation every Wednesday 5 to 7 pm at Night Heron Books and Coffee House, 107 E. Iverson. Laramie, WY

Program Planning Meeting

Sunday, February 23, 2020, 3:00 PM
2527 Overland Dr., Laramie, WY

At this meeting we review our positions on local issues as presented in the “League of Women Voters of Laramie Program- 2019-2020” (Page 9 of this newsletter) and suggest any changes, additions, or deletions to those positions that we think are appropriate. We vote on the changes at our annual business meeting on Saturday, April 25. At the Program Planning meeting, we also discuss ideas for proposed study items, to be brought forward to the members for consideration at the annual meeting.

The program planning meeting is a great time to discuss in depth issues of concern to us, to learn more about the league, and get to know other members.

Following the Program planning discussion, we will adjourn to an informal member meeting, to discuss other items of business and interest. If action on a motion is needed, we will convene a short board meeting for this purpose.

This is also the meeting to confirm nominations for positions on the LWV-Laramie board – to appoint new members or renew existing ones (Page 3 of this newsletter)

We welcome all Laramie League members and friends to come participate. If you’d like to bring a snack to share with others, this is appreciated.

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Contact Verification

Please contact Katie Morgan if you have any changes to your phone (like adding a cell phone), physical address, or email in the past year or so. She is updating the roster information. If nothing has changed, you don't need to respond. Thanks!

Katie can be contacted at pksmorgan@msn.com

2019 LWVWY Annual Fund Campaign

Your annual membership renewal dues are always appreciated – the dues you pay to the Laramie League are shared with the state and national leagues. You also support the Laramie League through your attendance at our annual fall luncheon and silent auction, or support the state by attending the yearly Wyoming League State Convention. But please remember, you can always include the League of Women Voters in your charitable giving plans. The Wyoming League does an Annual Giving campaign every spring, so you can support the League then through a donation to the Wyoming League general operating fund, or a tax-deductible donation to the Wyoming League Education Fund. The Laramie League also has a tax deductible Education Fund you can donate go. Plus, don't forget you can donate directly to the local, state or national league when you are doing a mandatory withdrawal from an IRA and avoid some tax liabilities (consult your accountant or tax expert). However you help, it is always welcome! Contact me at pksmorgan@msn.com if you have questions.

Katie Morgan
LWVL Treasurer

Wyoming State Legislative Session

Meets February through March 2020

For a Legislative Handout and Reference
please see Pages 5 of this document

LWV-WY participated at the Women's March
2020 in Cheyenne
on January 18, 2020



March was from Depot Plaza to State Capitol

Panel Discussion: Moving From Marching to
Mobilizing

Workshop led by Marguerite Herman on Activism 101
More Info: LWV WY website

More Information: LWVWY website: www.wyominglww.org
Or Facebook at www.facebook.com/wyolwv

Nominating committee members needed

The board is looking for two or more members (one must be an off-board member) to join Sid Walter on this committee. The nominating committee needs to be appointed by the board on or before the date of our February 23 Program Planning meeting.

The nominating committee's job is to provide the board with a list of candidates for board vacancies at least one month before the annual meeting (in this case this would be around March 25). **Please contact Nancy Lockwood and Lynne Ipina if you would like to serve on the nominating committee.**

Board Positions to be filled (all are 2-year terms beginning at the April 25, 2020 Annual Meeting and ending at the 2022 Annual Meeting unless otherwise indicated):

Co-president (Lynne Ipina's term is ending)
Treasurer (Katie Morgan's term is ending)
Secretary (one-year term to fill the unexpired term of the existing vacancy)
Up to 3 Directors (Cindy Elrod's and Martha Pheneger's terms are ending and there is one vacancy)

Case Study event

**Date: TBD – tentative date is Monday March 30, 2020
7:00 PM – location Albany County Public Library, Laramie, WY**

In 2019, 50 League chapters in 22 states nominated nearly 80 outstanding high school teachers to attend an all-expenses paid professional development workshop at Harvard Business School led by award-winning Professor David Moss, a pioneer in the use of the case method to teach US history, government and civics. The Wyoming League nominated Laramie High School social studies teacher, Meaghan Todd for this opportunity and she was accepted and attended this workshop.

Meaghan has implemented the Case Study method in her teaching this year, surveying the history of women's suffrage in the United States, and the history over the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. The League is pleased to host Meaghan as she engages the community in this process too.

This community based event will employ the Harvard Case Study Method* to survey the history of women's suffrage in the United States and critically discuss the history and conflict over the passage of the Equal Right Amendment (ERA). Participants will pre-read a case study provided by Harvard Case Study Method Project titled *Democracy and Women's Rights in America: The Fight over the ERA (1982)* - <https://hbp.app.box.com/s/2juazadd13m6ai636fdpu572bdaupb9>, then engage in a guided discussion to evaluate the actions, decisions, costs and benefits of decisions regarding gender equality. The ultimate goal of the event is to engage the larger community in civil dialog about critical and important issues that have defined our nation in an environment that is non-partisan and conducive to civil discussions and will encourage participants to apply the same critical thinking and questioning processes to current and continuing issues within our democratic-republic.

*<https://www.hbs.edu/case-method-project/about/Pages/default.aspx>

Voting Methods – A Presentation

“100 Years of Empowering Voters: Considering Alternative Voting Methods to Enhance Democracy”, with the League of Women Voters

Free Public Education Forum, Thursday, February 13, 7 – 9 pm, Albany County Public Library

Contact: Katie Morgan, 307-399-3881 or Nancy Lockwood, 307-721-2081/307-399-9080

-----Are you curious about ranked-choice voting, or Borda count voting methods? You can try these methods and more by joining the League of Women Voters (LWV) of Laramie at a free education program, *“100 Years of Empowering Voters: Considering Alternative Voting Methods to Enhance Democracy”*, Thursday, February 13, 7 pm, Albany County Public Library. This presentation shows how better voting might improve democracy, explains why voting methods matter, gives an explanation of several different voting methods, and provides a chance for people to try them out. This program is being offered as we begin the 2020 election

year, and observe the 100-year anniversary of the founding of the League of Women Voters of the United States. Carrie Chapman Catt, a suffragist and national League organizer, visited Wyoming 100 years ago to assist our citizens in establishing the League of Women Voters of Wyoming. LWV Laramie member and UW Graduate Student, Matthew Link will be the lead presenter and facilitator. Additionally, Stacey Harvey, Albany County Election Clerk will be on hand to answer additional questions about current election procedures after Link's presentation. This program is free and open to the public, and co-hosted by the Albany County Public Library. For more information email laramie@wyominglwv.org.

Citizen's Climate Lobby announces upcoming speaker:

Join Citizens' Climate Lobby Intermountain West States Coordinator Bill Barron to find out what we can do - together - to address climate challenges.

Coming to Laramie on February 9 and 10 is the regional coordinator for Citizens' Climate Lobby, Bill Barron. He will have just finished a tour of Cody, Sheridan, and Gillette, having met with local climate volunteers and their local newspapers editors, educators, and community leaders. He will update us about local and state climate actions in Wyoming and neighboring states and their effect on Washington D.C. politics.

February 9, Sunday:

Albany County Public Library from three to 4:30 PM on Sunday February 9, 2020. Presenting on the bipartisan "Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act" H.R. 763, and the way Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) engages with people.

Bill will discuss how climate efforts such as CCL's work with community leaders and local climate resolutions in nearby states and cities have been changing the politics. He can also tell us how CCL is successfully partnering with other groups and organization.

Annual Meeting LWV-Laramie

**Saturday, April 25, 8:00 am
1215 E. Gibbons, Laramie, WY**

Includes hot breakfast @ 8:00 am hosted by
LWV-Laramie board

Open to all members of League of Women Voters

Tasks during Meeting Include:

- Adopting new Program Plan** for the fiscal year 2020 – 2021 (a draft of the Proposed Program Plan is developed during the Program Plan meeting in February (Page 1 of this newsletter))
- Review and adopt new budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 (handouts provided during meeting)
- Elect/re-elect and Appoint/re-appoint officers of the Board***
- Discuss any other issues relevant to the mission of the League of Women Voters of Laramie

** A copy of last years adopted plan is included on Page 9 of this document

*** More on this on Page 3 of this document

Wyoming Legislative Process:
A brief overview
By Marguerite Herman, Wyoming LWV

Wyoming Legislative Service Office Website www.wyoleg.gov
State statutes and Constitution

Legislators, their committee assignments and contact information, leadership
Bills from current and previous sessions. Each bill's information includes, action to date, all amendments proposed and any action on them, roll call votes, fiscal notes, conference committee action.
During sessions: floor calendars and committee meeting schedules, seating charts
During interims: committee meeting schedules, agendas, materials and streaming opportunities.
Requirements and suggestions for appearing before committees
How to "read a bill:" guide to deciphering the code for bills and amendments Manual of Legislative Procedures

Sessions of Wyoming Legislature

General and Budget (General odd years, max 40 days. Two-year session max 60 days.) 2020 Budget Session convenes Feb 10.

Session schedules are set by leadership shortly before sessions begin, including deadlines for bill action. (Miss a deadline, and it is dead.)

Organization

60 House Districts of about 9,500 residents each, "nested" into 30 Senate Districts. Legislature redraws district lines after decennial census to ensure "one man, one vote" representation. House traditionally seated geographically, Senate by party affiliation.

Legislators are identified by district number, e.g., Sen. Stephan Pappas, S7.

65th Legislature Leadership Senate: 27 R, 3D

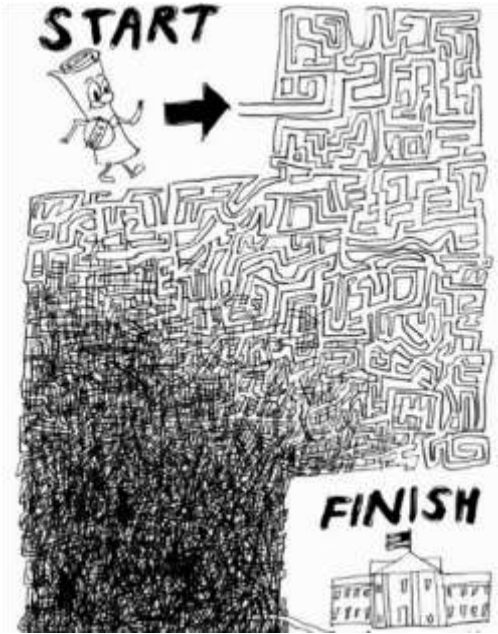
President Drew Perkins, Casper
Majority Floor Leader Dan Dockstader, Afton
Vice President Ogden Driskill, Sundance
Minority Floor Leader Chris Rothfuss, Laramie
Minority Whip Liisa Anselmi-Dalton, Rock Springs
Minority Caucus Chairman Mike Gierau, Jackson
House: 51 R, 9 D, 1I
Speaker Steve Harshman, Casper
Majority Floor Leader Eric Barlow, Gillette
Speaker Pro Tempore Albert Sommers
Majority Floor Leader Tyler Lindholm, Sundance
Minority Floor Leader Cathy Connolly, Laramie
Minority Whip Charles Pelkey, Laramie
Minority Caucus Chairman John Freeman, Green River

Committee System

Rationale, Organization, Function, Participation by public (you)
Management Council Standing & Select, Task Force, Commissions

1. Judiciary
2. Appropriations
3. Revenue
4. Education

5. Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources
6. Travel, Recreations, Wildlife & Cultural Resources
7. Corporations, Elections & Political Subdivisions
8. Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs
9. Minerals, Business & Economic Development
10. Labor, Health & Social Services
11. Journal
12. Rules & Procedures



How a Bill Becomes a Law (maybe)

Legislator submits bill proposal to LSO for drafting. Draft circulated for sponsors. Or bill is written by interim committee, termed a “committee bill.” Bill is filed for introduction, and information appears on LSO Website for public view.

And then begins the proposal’s parlous progress through the Wyoming legislative process

HOUSE OF ORIGIN

Budget Sessions: Non-budget measures must gain a 2/3 vote to proceed. Revenue raising bills must start in House.

First Reading - Bill introduced by presiding officer, who refers to committee.

Committee chair schedules bill for hearing. Committee hears testimony, amends, refines and may vote to 1) recommend pass, 2) recommend do not pass, 3) not report out at all (effectively kill).

Bill that wins committee vote is placed on “General File” for consideration of the chamber sitting as “Committee of the Whole.” MFL and presiding officer decide if and when the bill is heard. Bill may be amended by adopting committee amendments and others offered from the floor and then may be passed by voice vote to Second Reading. COW debate is unlimited.

Second Reading debate limited. May further amend. Passed usually “without objection” to Third Reading.

Third Reading debate is limited. Final vote is roll call. Must pass by majority of those elected to the chamber. If approved, sent to second house for same process. As bills move from house to the other, termed “cross over.”

SECOND HOUSE

First Reading (introduction) **Committee**

Committee of the Whole

Second Reading

Third Reading (final passage)

CONCURRENCE

Bill RETURNS to chamber of origin for acceptance of amendments.

Yes – bill signed by presiding officers and sent to governor for signature

No – bill goes to conference committee to write a version acceptable to both chambers

Where/when is committee meeting? Who's on the committee? What does the conference report say?

Yes – bill signed by presiding officers and sent to governor for signature

No – bill goes to a second conference committee (if appointed)

Same questions about committee, meeting and report.

Yes – bill signed by presiding officers and sent to governor for signature

No – bill could go to third (free) conference committee

Oh, no. What will they do? What deals are being struck?

GOVERNOR

Signs, permits to become law without signature or vetoes.

Legislature may veto override. Requires 2/3 vote both houses.

Lobbying:

Registration and financial reports to Wyoming Secretary of State's Office

Capitol Club (lobbying the lobbyists)

Opportunities during sessions, interim, receptions

Remember:

Mind the calendar and the clock

Every desk has drawer

Committees – be there and bring friends

Folly of assumptions

Know latest actions

Be cautious about using roll call votes

Interim work

Talk to legislators before, during and after sessions and any other time

Take legislation ideas to committees or individual legislators, then work.

Schedule for 2020 Wyoming Legislature

(can be changed by leadership without notice)

Day 1 – Monday, February 10	Session convenes with Joint Session at 10:00 a.m.
Day 3 – Wednesday, February 12	Noon deadline for all bill drafts to be in final form at LSO.
Day 5 -- Friday, February 14	Last day bill introductions.
Day 11 -- Monday, February 24	Last day bills to be reported out of Committee in House of Origin.
Day 12 -- Tuesday, February 25	Last day Committee of the Whole in House of Origin.
Day 13 -- Wednesday, February 26	Last day for 2nd Reading in House of Origin.
Day 14 -- Thursday, February 27	Last day for 3rd Reading on bills in House of Origin.

[CROSS-OVER]

Day 19 -- Thursday, March 5	Last day bills to be reported out of Committee in second house.
Day 20 -- Friday, March 6	Last day for Committee of Whole on bills in second house.
Day 21 -- Monday, March 9	Last day for 2nd Reading on bills in second house.
Day 22 -- Tuesday, March 10	Last day for 3rd Reading on bills in second house.
Day 23 -- Wednesday, March 11	Concurrence on Amendments/Joint Conference Committee Reports.
Day 24 -- Thursday, March 12	Joint Conference Committee Reports
	All JCC Reports due to Front Desk by 2:00 p.m.
	Adjourn by midnight.

LWV of Laramie Program 2019-2020

Adopted at the April 2019 annual meeting

Planning

- a. Support a master plan for the city. (adopted c. 1985, reworded 2019)
- b. Support a master plan for the county. (reworded 2019)
- c. Support cooperative city and county planning. (added 2019)
- d. Support adequately funded, diverse recreational activities and open space. (reworded 2010)

Government

- a. Support city council/manager form of government. (added 2019)
- b. Support election of Laramie City Council members from the three wards of three councilors each. (adopted 2011)
- c. Support measures to identify and report potential conflicts of interest by elected and appointed officials. (reworded 2010, 2017)
- d. Support a process of filling vacancies on both appointed and elected boards and commissions in Albany County which includes and open application and interview process, a choice from the applications submitted, materials and training to prepare them to server. In addition, for elected boards, support a process that ensures voter choice even in the case of unexpected vacancies. (reworded 2014)
- e. Support efforts to secure adequate funding to maintain city and county government with a possible emphasis on approaching the legislature. (restored 2015, reworded 2017)
- f. Support emergency preparedness policies and programs to ensure that people in Albany County can be adequately notified and aided in the event of local emergencies in order to assure their health and safety. (adopted 2008, reworded 2010, 2011, 2019)
- g. Support diversity, equity, and inclusion in make-up of all appointed boards and commissions. (adopted 2017, reworded 2019)

Human Resources

- a. Support comprehensive physical and mental health care and planning for community health needs. (reworded 2011)
- b. Support education efforts in areas including, but no limited to, stewardship of democracy, affirming diversity, equity, and inclusion, disability awareness, literacy, parenting/life skills, discipline/respect, health care and sexuality, conflict resolution, suicide-prevention, antibullying, anti-violence, and effects of substance abuse. (reworded 2010, 2016, 2019)
- c. Support affordable full-time, after school, drop-in and sick-child care for preschool and primary school age children in Albany County. (adopted 2000)
- d. Support income-sensitive housing in Albany County, with an emphasis on needs of the very low income and special needs populations. (reworded 2019)
- e. Support the development of minimum standards of health, sanitation, and safety in rental housing. (adopted 2002, "income sensitive" added 2008, reworded 2011, 2019)
- f. Support efforts to provide shelter and services for Albany County homeless population. (added 2019)
- g. Support smoke-free workplaces in the community. (adopted 2004)
- h. Support employment and housing practices that do not allow discrimination.

Crime

- a. Encourage the coordination of local service efforts in the areas of crime prevention, early intervention and treatment services. (adopted 1994)
- b. Encourage community efforts to address the connection between the effects of mental health issues, substance abuse, personal injury, accidental death, and crime in Albany County. (reworded 2011)
- c. Encourage and support gun safety measures and legislation.

Transportation

- a. Support adequate transportation service to meet the needs of the community. Support adequate funding to maintain this service. (reworded 2019)
- b. Support multi-modal transportation in Albany County, with adequate provisions and enforcement for safe pedestrian, bicycle, bus and automobile traffic. Support bike path marking and maintenance. (adopted 2006; reworded 2010, 2011)
- c. Support convenient and reliable public access to interstate and intra-state transportation by public carriers. (adopted 2005)
- d. Support a transportation master plan for Laramie and Albany County with annual review and provision for adequate input by local citizens. (adopted 2006, reworded 2011)

Immigration

- a. Support equitable treatment and opportunities to include education, scholarships, driver's licenses, bank accounts, employment, housing, and social services for all residents of Wyoming regardless of immigration status. (adopted 2018)
- b. We respect safe zones. (adopted 2018)



Join Citizens' Climate Lobby Intermountain West States Coordinator Bill Barron to find out what we can do - together - to address climate challenges.

Wyoming Voices for Workable Solutions



Date: Sunday, February 9, 2020
Where: Albany County Public Library
Time: 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Date: Monday, February 10, 2020
Where: UW Business College, Room TBD
Time: 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM



Bill Barron, Regional Coordinator for Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL), will discuss the 'Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act' (HR 763), and local, Wyoming, and regional actions affecting the Washington D.C. political landscape. Learn and how action on climate can be a way to bring our country together. Bill has been a Regional Coordinator for CCL since 2013 covering MT, WY, UT, CO, NM, AZ and NV.

Citizens' Climate Lobby is a volunteer, non-profit, non-partisan, grassroots advocacy organization focused on national policies to address climate change.

Office	Member (term end)	Portfolio and/or other appointment	Observer Corp. Assignment
Co-President	Lynne Ipiña (2020)	Education	ACSB#1 School Board
Co-President	Nancy Lockwood (2021)	Voter Service Committee	
Vice President	Devon O'Connell (2021)		
Treasurer	Katie Morgan (2020)**		Hospital Board, Tourism Board
Secretary	Vacant		
Elected Directors	Jamie Egolf (2021)	Natural Resources	
	Cindy Elrod (2020)	Immigration, Local MLD coach	
	Robin Hill (2021)	Web Master, Membership	
	Sid Walter (2020)		
	Martha Pheneger (2020)	Human Resources	
Appointed Directors (one year appointments)	Judy Snoke (2020)		City Council
Off-Board Appointments	Margaret Brown****	State MLD Coach	School Board
	Mandira Sanyal, Lynne Ipiña	Laramie Voter newsletter editor	
	Susan Simpson*	Backup secretary, Tech Committee	
	Catherine Ryan	Mental health issues	
	Judy Knight***	Voter Service, Backup secretary, Membership committee	
	Robin Hill Sue Simpson Matt Link Mandira Sanyal Lynne Ipiña	Tech Committee	
	Jo Carol Ropp	Human Resources	

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BECOME A MEMBER OF THE LARAMIE LWV

If you receive this newsletter and are not already a LWV member, we welcome you to join. Fill in the information below and mail it to Katie Morgan, Treasurer, to begin your annual membership. When you join the Laramie LWV, you are also joining the LWV of Wyoming and LWVUS, which connects you with members all over the country and you will receive their publications. Check out the Laramie and Wyoming LWV [at www.wyominglwv.org](http://www.wyominglwv.org) and LWVUS at www.LWV.org.

LWV Laramie Membership form (Membership open to any person ~~Citizen of voting age,~~ 16 years or older)

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

☐ Renewing Member ☐ New Member ☐ Returning/Lapsed Member ☐ Household ☐ Student

CIRCLE AMOUNT ENCLOSED

\$60.00 (single person annual membership), \$90.00 (household annual membership),
Students get complimentary membership (a limited time offer)

If you wish to use a credit card, fill out the part below and mail or email to Katie Morgan:

Name on Card _____ Credit Card Co: AX MC Visa Credit Card Number _____
Expiration Date _____

Mail to: Laramie LWV Treasurer Katie Morgan
412 S. 10th St., A, Laramie, WY 82070

Questions? Email treasurer@wyominglwv.org