

Upcoming Events

Board Meeting via Zoom:

Monday, July 06, 6:30 pm, details will be emailed by Co-Presidents Nancy Lockwood and Lynne Ipiña

Candidate Forums in July 2020:

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Primary Election 2020:

August 18, 2020

General Election 2020:

November 03, 2020

Presidential Election 2020



VOTER GUIDE 2020

The election-guide is complete and will be published by Boomerang in the Sunday August 2 edition. Advance copies will be available soon on our website and at VOTE411 and we plan to send it out to our membership as a pdf file soon. We will also have a printed advance copy available at the Albany County Elections office at the Court House and a few other locations. Here are the links where you will find the guide in the coming days:

<https://www.wyominglwv.org/Elections/elections.html>

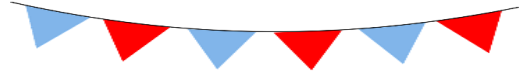
<https://www.vote411.org/wyoming>

League Of Women Voters maintains a [Face Book](#) page, a [Twitter](#) feed, and a [website](#). Follow us for election and League news. If you have some news to share, let us know.



Big Thank You to Judy Knight who guides the crafting of candidate questions (Primary election is done) AND conducts a weekly zoom meeting to organize all things Voter Services

Election 2020 Candidate Forums



Due to the pandemic and current public health orders related to COVID-19, the forums will not be open to the public. They will be recorded by the LWV and posted on the League's website.

(<https://www.wyominglww.org/Elections/elections.html>) and the ACPL's website (www.acplwy.org) and on our local cable channel 11.

We are asking the public, including our members to submit questions for the forums by sending them to:
laramie@wyominglww.org

The LWV of Laramie along with the Albany County Public Library (ACPL) will be hosting primary election forums at the meeting room in the ACPL (310 S 8th Street, Laramie, WY) for candidates as follows:

- Thursday July 9, 7:00 PM - Wyoming House Districts 13 and 45
- Thursday July 16, 7:00 PM - Wyoming House District 14
- Thursday July 23, 7:00 PM - Wyoming Senate District 10 and House District 46
- Thursday July 30, 4:00 PM – Wyoming House District 47 (includes parts of northern Albany County and parts of Carbon and Sweetwater Counties)
- Thursday August 6, 5-6 PM - City Council and Clerk of District Court - each to provide a statement, no more than 3 minutes in length as these are uncontested races; (there will be no questions)
- Thursday August 6, 7 PM - County Commission

We are limiting the number of persons at the forums to candidates plus one guest per candidate, and necessary League and Library staff to assist, due to COVID-19 public Health safety regulations. We will require all persons to wear masks.

We will need a timekeeper, so if you are interested in this for any or all forums, please let me know.

Call For Member Participation Voter Guide preparation

The deadline to file for most elected offices in Wyoming is just about a month away this year – May 29. Municipal, county, state and federal office candidates must have paid their filing fee and submitted the form required by then.

The League of Women Voters of Laramie is planning for nonpartisan candidate forums and Voter Guides for the Wyoming Primary Election on August 18. We still plan to provide voter services though they might have to be slightly different this year.

We invite you to help us select the best questions to ask candidates, both at the forums and in the Voter Guide(s). We will use some for the published guides and possibly save others for the candidate forums.

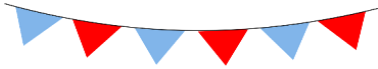
A good question is one that can't be answered with a "yes" or "no" response and a timely issue. It's best if it is an issue that a majority of the voters and candidates are familiar with already so that a long explanation is not required. Also, it's best if it's one that candidates are likely to have different positions upon, so the voter can distinguish between them.

Please email your ideas to Judy Knight, je.judy@gmail.com. Races that will be on the primary ballot are below. We do not know who or how many candidates there will be. In parentheses are the names of the incumbents for each race whose terms are ending in 2020—some may choose to run again, some may not.

If you want to discuss ideas with the Voter Service committee, they include ourselves (Nancy Lockwood and Lynne Ipiña), Judy Knight, Sidney Walter, Susan Simpson, Hollis Marriott, Jamie Egolf and Robin Hill. We urge you to talk it over with people you communicate with too, and feel free to share this information.

Races

- 5 for Laramie City Council (McKinney, Harrington, Shumway, Pearce, Gabriel)
- 1 for Albany County Commission (Jones)
- 5 for Wyoming House of Representatives (Connolly, Furphy, Haley, Pelkey, Paxton)
- 1 for Wyoming Senate (Moniz)
- 1 for US House (Cheney)
- 1 for US Senate (Enzi)



Invitation To Join LWV-Laramie Board

Dear Member of the Laramie League of Women Voters,

As a member you obviously support the mission of the League of Women Voters to promote an informed and responsible electorate, and you also have a keen interest in local, state and national issues. How do you express that interest and support the League? The Laramie League board of directors needs more participation in a variety of areas including :

- Serving as secretary. (Our #1 priority)
- Serving as a director on the Laramie or Wyoming State League board.
- Working on the election year Voter's Guides published in partnership with the Laramie Boomerang prior to each election.
- Organizing public meetings on topics of interest to the community.
- Something you think should be done but that isn't mentioned here? Tell us.

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laramie@wyominglwv.org

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www.acplwy.org

LWV-Laramie Board Meetings

First Monday of every month at 6:30 pm

Open to all LWV members

Guests and guest-speakers with prior approval, are welcome

Note: For the past few months we have been having the meetings online via Zoom

Election 2020 Voter Guide

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Posted on the website at:
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<https://www.vote411.org/wyoming>

LWV members are encouraged to participate in creating the Voter Guide (details on Page 2 of this document)

Presidents of our National Board, Part 1

Presidents who have restored confidence and respect for the League Of Women Voters

Deborah Turner became the 20th president for a two-year term. Deborah joined the Des Moines, Iowa league in 2010 and quickly assumed leadership roles at the local and state levels. She is particularly sensitive to changing cultural demographics that LWVUS faces.

Our 19th president, **Chris Carson** (2016-2020), served two terms and launched the Fair Maps Campaign. In her native California she was instrumental in drafting the redistricting reform legislation. Georgian **Elizabeth MacNamara** served three terms as the 18th LWVUS President (2010-2016). A lawyer, Elizabeth oversaw juvenile justice efforts and was active in public schools.

Attorney **Mary Wilson** was from New Mexico. She was the 17th President (2006-2010), and the voter services website VOTE411.org was implemented during her presidency.

At home in CT, **Kay Maxwell** was our 16th President (2002-2006). She had a BA in international relationships and a long list of international affiliations and visits. Her signature effort was to improve the “corporate image” of LWVUS.

Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins from Ohio is best known for her books about the role of Black suffragists in the US movement. She also called on the LWV to focus on local elections where the league could “most effectively carry out its programs.” She served two terms (1998-2002).

West Virginian **Rebecca “Becky” Cain-Ceperley** served three terms (1992-98). The league sought congressional actions during her tenure, most markedly the National Voter Registration Act. Known more commonly as The Motor Voter Law, its eventual passage is seen as a triumph for the league and evidence of the league’s tenacity. The initial work was done under the leadership of LWVUS President **Susan Lederer** (1990-1992) and **Nancy Neuman** (1986-90).

President Neuman is perhaps better known for her role in ending the league’s sponsorship of the US Presidential Debates. To quote President Neuman, “The LWV is withdrawing its sponsorship ... because demands of the two campaign organizations would perpetuate a fraud on the American voter.” She went on to say that the campaigns wanted debates lacking in “substance, spontaneity, and honest answers to tough questions.”

Susan Lederman was from New Jersey, although immigrated from Slovakia in 1948. She taught Public Administration at Kean College. After reviving the US Presidential debates, the LWV, to quote TV personality Charlie Rose, was “accused of bias and being dilettantes”, e.g., amateurs who dabbled in presidential politics. President Lederman (1990-1992) appeared on the Charlie Rose Show twice. On May 14, 1992 [she appeared to respond](#) to comments from Robert Ailes from FOX News: “... the LWV, they have nothing to do except every four years they get together and have these debates

Lynne Ipiña
LWV Co-President

Office	Member (term end)	Portfolio and/or other appointment	Observer Corp. Assignment
Co-President	Lynne Ipiña (2022)	Education	ACSB#1 School Board
Co-President	Nancy Lockwood (2022)	Voter Service Committee	
Vice President	Devon O'Connell (2021)		
Treasurer	Katie Morgan (2022)**		Hospital Board, Tourism Board
Secretary	Vacant		
Elected Directors	Jamie Egolf (2021)	Natural Resources	
	Amy Williamson (2022)		
	Cindy Elrod (2021)	Immigration, Local MLD coach	
	Robin Hill (2021)	Web Master, Membership	
	Sid Walter (2021)		
	Martha Pheneger (2021)	Human Resources	
Appointed Directors (one year appointments)	Judy Snoke (2021)		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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 **State League Treasurer
 ***State League Secretary
 ****State League

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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