

Nominations for Election

Colleen Moriarty - President Elect 2020-21



Colleen Moriarty follows in the footsteps of both her mother and her grandmother who were members of the League of Women Voters. Participation in democracy and organizing for change reflect her core beliefs. The vital role that LWV Minneapolis plays in community is needed now more than ever. Colleen says, "I am honored to be a part." Colleen currently serves as Executive Director at Hunger Solutions Minnesota. She has served as an elected member of the Minneapolis School Board, Chief of Staff to Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton and Executive Director of The Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board.

Carrie Lichtenberg — Treasurer 2020-22

Carrie is being nominated for re-election for a second term



Carrie joined LWVMpls in 2017 and was quickly recruited to work on the organization's financial audit. She has served as Treasurer since July of 2018 with additional responsibilities for Operations and the Personnel committee this past year. Carrie has a BBA in Accounting from the University of WI – Eau Claire, an MBA in Finance from the University of MN, and is a CPA (retired). Carrie began her career in public accounting with Ernst & Young and continued through numerous leadership positions in accounting and finance at Target, Pillsbury, General Mills and Cargill. Since retiring after 35 years in business, Carrie has enjoyed spending more time with her husband and two daughters as well the opportunity to have more time for volunteer activities.

Judith Preston — Secretary 2020-22



Judith first joined LWV Unit 53 in the early 1970s but had to leave around 1980 due to work obligations. She rejoined in 2003 as an at-large member and more recently rejoined Unit 53. Judith participated in a recent fundraising effort and volunteered during the LWVMpls 100th Anniversary Celebration activities. A primary concern of hers is the increasing efforts to suppress the vote.

Nancy Albrecht - Director 2020-22: Membership



Nancy has been an LWVMpls member for nearly 30 years. She is Unit Leader for Unit 48, has served on the membership committee and volunteers for election returns. Nancy has previously served two terms on the LWVMpls board. This will be her third term as Membership Director. Nancy is involved in many community activities including: volunteer coordinator and facilitator of Grief Group at Plymouth Congregational church; currently head of Cuba Connect at Plymouth Congregational church; serving on the Board of Directors at Neighborhood Health Services; member of the WCA Foundation, and is on the Writer's and Program Committee for the Woman's Club of Minneapolis.

Rebecca Thoman - Director 2020-22: Development



Rebecca Thoman has been an on-and-off member of the League for decades, but recommitted last year over her deep concerns for recent threats to our Democracy. Rebecca helped organize and fundraise for the 100th Anniversary Celebration last year and has agreed to take on the Development Chair position to help stabilize and grow LWVMpls' capacity. Dr. Thoman has more than two decades of experience in the realm of health care and public health policy advocating for such issues as tobacco control, access to health care, cancer prevention, gun violence prevention and currently works on end-of-life advocacy. She was a candidate for the Minnesota House of Representatives in 2000.

Marilyn Cantisano — Director 2020-22: Voter Services



Marilyn moved to Minneapolis in summer 2019 from Oak Park, IL to be closer to grandchildren and quickly joined LWV Minneapolis. She had been a member of LWV Oak Park-River Forest since 1997 and had served as a Board Member, Vice President, and Co-Chair of the Voter Services and Membership Committees. She feels League has allowed her the privilege of meeting some of the brightest, most compassionate, and politically active women in the area. Marilyn was educated and worked as a LCSW social worker for many years in school and family support center settings. In 1998 she co-founded a travel business in Oak Park called City Ventures Tours, which provided local and out of town travelers with full day and multi-day tours. Marilyn looks forward to serving as a Board Member and Voter Services Chair and working with LWV Minneapolis on educating voters and advocating for local and state League issues.

Saralyn Romanishan - Director: Community Engagement

Saralyn, appointed to the board after the 2019 Annual Meeting, is nominated for election for a continuing term



Saralyn joined LWVMpls in the summer of 2018 and jumped right into our Voter Services efforts by taking on the coordination of our Neighborhood Elections portfolio. She joined the Board as the Community Engagement Director in November of 2019. Saralyn is the North Loop Campus Facilities Support Coordinator at Metro Transit a service of Metropolitan Council. She is active in amalgamated transit union local 1005 as the Education Committee Chair.

Board Directors continuing in 2020-21

Anita Newhouse - President



Anita joined LWVMpls in 2017 after inquiring about doing voter registration at her kids' high school. As the voter service chair during the 2018 election cycle, she developed training and engagement opportunities that drew members of the league and community members into this vital and mission-driven work. She pursued new organizational partnerships and worked collaboratively to secure grant funding for voter service activities. As LWVMpls co-president, Anita's priorities have been organizational sustainability and board process, policies and actions that bring diversity, equity and inclusion to our goals and activities. Outside of league Anita works part-time as an occupational therapist, while working toward a dual graduate degree in Social Work and Public Policy. She is an avid Airbnb host and spends much time at South High School, where her children attended and sits on the Site Council, advocating for educational equity.

Alice King Moormann - Past President 2020-21



Alice King Moormann currently serves as Co-President and will serve as Past President in 2020-21. Alice has been a member since 1968 and belongs to Unit One. She has served on various committees and in Board of Directors' positions. Alice is the 'go to person' for practically any question on LWV policies and procedures or LWVMpls by-laws.

Anne McLaughlin - Director: Program



Anne has been a member of LWVMpls for two years. She joined League because she wanted to get more involved in the area voting rights and responsibilities. She is impressed with the special work of the League and its bipartisan commitment to voting services and the civic education that it offers its membership and the public. Prior to joining LWVMpls, she directed the Early Childhood Center at St. Catherine University from October 2008 until December 2017. Anne has a Masters of Social Work and has worked in intergenerational early childhood education since 1991. From 1974-1986 she did Community Mental Health Clinical Social Work.

Dyan Venters - Director: Program



Dyan Venters moved to Minneapolis 4 1/2 years ago after a 31-year career with ConAgra Foods in Sales Management. She served on the Board of Directors of the Museum of Teaching and Learning in California. She is a graduate of the University of San Francisco. In addition to serving on the LWVMpls Board as Co-Chair for Programming, Dyan volunteers at Longfellow Alternative School.

Katie Heit Gardner - Director: Communications



Katie joined the Board as Communications Director in 2019. She is a co-founder and creative director of a graphic design studio called [Hi, Hello](#) in Minneapolis. For 2/3's of her graphic design career she lived in Chicago and San Francisco, and then moved to Minneapolis in 2013 to be closer to family. She began volunteering for LWVMpls in 2013 by designing communication materials such as the annual report, banners and civic buzz logo. She now uses her communication and design expertise to elevate the presence for LWVMpls online, in social media, and beyond. She lives in the Nokomis area with her husband and children (6y and 8y), and also volunteers with the Moms Demand Action organization.