**LWV Upper Mississippi River Region ILO**

**Governing Board Meeting (virtual)**

**10:30 – NOON, Monday, February 6, 2023**

**Board Officers**

**Chair** Mary Ellen Miller (IA-Metro Des Moines)

**Co-Vice-Chairs** Nancy-Porter (IA-Johnson County) & Shawn Stacey-Choinard (IL-Rockford)

**Secretary** Tamara Prenosil (IA-Dubuque)

**Treasurer** Catherine Franczyk (IL- Wheaton)

**Past Co-Chairs** Mary & Steve Ploeser (WI-Dane County)

**Communications Director** Gretchen Sabel (MN-ABC)

**Committee Chairs**

**Action:** Kay Slama (MN-Willmar)

**Nominating:** Bonnie Cox (IL-Galena)

**State Appointed Board Members**

**Iowa**: Sue Wilson (IA – Dubuque)

**Illinois:** Lee Ekstrom (MN - McHenry County)

**Minnesota:** Kay Slama (MN-Willmar)

**Wisconsin:** Carolyn Mahlum-Jenkins (WI – La Crosse)

**State Appointed Board Alternates**

**Iowa:**

**Illinois:** Paula Ekstrom (IL-McHenry County)

**Minnesota:** Lonnie McCauley (MN-ABC)

**Wisconsin:** Nancy Hill (WI – La Crosse)

**MEETING AGENDA**

10:30 am Call to Order/Board Check-In Miller

10:50 am Minutes from December 6, 2022 highlights Prenosil

10:55 am Finance reports (*filed for audit*): Balance Sheet Franczyk

Budget vs Actuals

Revenues/Expenses

11:05 am Update on Action Committee Slama

Meets monthly on 4th Monday, 4:00 pm ZOOM

LWVUS advocacy agreement update Mahlum-Jenkins

CO2 Pipeline status report: IA, IL, MN

Review 2022-23 Program For Action *(attached)*

11:20 am MRN Update River Days plans, dates Porter/Sabel///

11:30 am May 22 8th Annual Meeting (*virtual*) 6:00 pm Business 7:00 pm Program Budget 2023-34 (*note ByLaws*) Franczyk

Nominating Committee (*note ByLaws*) Cox

Miller/Porter/Stacey-Choinard/Sabel/Franczyk\*/IA Alternate\* Proposed Program for Action 2023-24 Slama

2020 ByLaws *(attached)* Committee: need a Chair ???

Notice to local leagues to appoint delegates Prenosil

Invite Jessica Rohloff, new LWVUS regional rep

LWVUS Transition Plan/UMRR dues impact?

**Section 3:** **Annual Meeting Action.**

1. At least five (5) months in advance of the annual meeting the board shall send to the presidents of local and state Leagues a status report of the current positions with explanations of activities taken under each position, and a request for program recommendations for the next year. The board shall ask for evaluation of the current positions, may ask for suggestions for study and/or focus and may make its own suggestions for study and/or focus.
2. Local and state League boards may make recommendations for a program to the board at

least three (3) months prior to the annual meeting.

1. The board shall consider these recommendations and formulate a proposed program, which

shall be sent to the members at a minimum of two (2) months before the annual meeting.

1. The annual meeting shall be given a list of all program items submitted to the board but not

selected by the board in addition to the board proposed program. The annual meeting may amend or modify the board proposed program by adopting a program item by a two-thirds vote of those present, which must include that of delegates from all four (4) state Leagues

1. The annual meeting shall adopt a program by a majority vote of those present, which must

include that of delegates from all four (4) state Leagues.

1. Between annual meetings the board may choose to pursue an issue not selected at the

previous annual meeting.

11:45 am June ~~4-5~~ 11-12 Planning Retreat Onalaska, hybrid, housing, meals

Bill Crews, Upper MS River Basin Association history?

Presenters??? MRN Farm Bill Update? Schedule?

Board Orientation: Bonnie Cox re UMRR history/website/

ByLaws/Officers/Directors/Program of Action/etc.

**2022-23** **Program Schedule:**

August 1, MRN webinar on 2023 Farm Bill via UTube ZOOM Discussion

October 3, CO2 Pipelines IA Sierra Club 6:00 pm Miller

December 5, SMRT Mahlum-Jenkins

February 6, Clean Water For All Sabel

April 3, Ground Water/Aquifer Geology/Bloody Run Sabel/Miller

May 22, 8th Annual Meeting (virtual) evening start time? Program?

June 11-12, retreat Upper MS River Nat’l Wildlife & Fish Refuge,

N5727 Co Rd Z, Onalaska, WS

June 2-3 MN annual convention

June 9-10 IA & WS annual convention

June 9-11 IL annual convention (virtual)

June 22-25 LWV US annual council (virtual)

11:55 am Other Business

LWV St. Louis, MO, membership

LWV KC MO interested in UMRR, MEM will follow-up

11:59 am Next board meeting April 3 (virtual) 10:30 am - NOON

NOON Adjourn

**Connect to Zoom Meeting  
Topic: LWV UMRR Board Meeting - Business Session**  
Time: February 6, 2022 10:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)  
  
Join Zoom Meeting

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