

# LWV Upper Mississippi River Region ILO Governing Board Meeting (virtual)

**10:00 am - NOON, Monday, August 2, 2021**

## 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** Jeri McGinley (WI-Stevens Point)

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

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

## Committee Chairs

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

**Nominating:** Rosemary Heilemann (IL-Buffalo Grove)

## 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)

## Connect to Zoom Meeting

**Topic: LWV UMRR Board Meeting - Business Session**

Time: June 7, 2021 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85637914607?pwd=ejVEMndXc0N0RjRJTGt1ZVRvNndzUT09>

Meeting ID: 856 3791 4607

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## MEETING AGENDA

10:00 am	Call to Order	
	Board Check-In/Updates	Miller
10:24 am	Minutes from June 7, 2021	Prenosil
10:25 am	Finance report: Balance Sheet	McGinley
	Budget vs Actuals	
	Revenues/Expenses	
10:30 am	Board positions to be filled: Iowa (alternate)	Iowa Reps
10:31 am	Website Updates	Sabel
	Board Roster with bios, how are we doing?	

Communications with our four state Leagues Miller/Sabel  
IA contracted Communications professional: Melissa Gesing  
IL what/who is the avenue?  
MN what/who is the avenue?  
WI what/who is the avenue?

10:40 am **2021 Program Schedule:**  
August 2, 1:00 pm (virtual) Sustainable Dubuque (Tam)  
October 4, 6 – 7:30 pm (virtual) Wisconsin Work on PFAS (Jeri)  
December 6 **TBA**

10:43 am **Visioning Our Future UMRR Work 2022**  
*“If the plan doesn’t work, change the plan; but, never the goal.”*

A brief review of our May board visioning time.  
UMRR niche topics: water quality, soil health, climate change.  
Develop a registry of websites relative to these topics:  
Plan for LWV US 2022  
Select 2022 six program topics  
Strengthen our organizational processes:  
Communications with our four ILO state/local Leagues  
Communications with LWV US  
Communications with non-League organizations  
New board member orientation (needs development)  
Support of non-UMRR initiatives  
Better use of our “advisory” group

Lessons learned re MRRRI UMRR official support/how improve?  
Clarify our role vis-à-vis state Leagues & local Leagues.  
What is our authority to speak on their behalf, if any?

How do we want to be represented at the LWV US 2022 meeting?  
If virtual, how? If in person, how?  
Do we exhibit at either? Present a program?

Given the uncertainty of Covid infection, how do we wish to proceed?  
October board meet: virtual/in-person? If the latter, where?  
Do we support board member travel costs?

How are we doing with our four state League connections  
Are we on each state League annual meeting agenda?  
Do we exhibit at each state League meeting?

Do we have UMRR updates in state League Voters?  
Are we filling our pipeline for future UMRR board members?

Could we partner future programs to enlarge our reach?  
With whom and how?

What of our UMRR issues are the most pressing?  
2022 program ideas? Topics? Presenters?

Other topics for discussion:  
Registry of websites relative to our niche topics  
How best use our “advisory” group  
New board member orientation program

11:45 am RoundTable: your “take-away” from today’s discussion

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