

LWV Upper Mississippi River Region ILO Annual Members Meeting (virtual via ZOOM) 6:00 – 7:00 pm, Monday, May 29, 2024

Elected Board Officers

Chair Mary Ellen Miller (IA-Metro Des Moines)
Co-Vice-Chair Nancy-Porter (IA-Johnson County)
Co-Vice-Chair (Vacant)
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-Jo Daviess County)
By-Laws: Nancy Porter (IA-Johnson County)
Audit: Catherine Franczyk (IL-Wheaton)
Program: Mary Ellen Miller/Board
MRN Liaison: Nancy Porter (IA-Johnson County)

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State Appointed Board Members

Iowa: E. J. Gallagher (Blackhawk-Bremer)
Illinois: Lee Ekstrom (McHenry County)
Minnesota: Kay Slama (Willmar)
Missouri: Michelle Croyle (St. Louis)
Wisconsin: Carolyn Mahlum-Jenkins (La Crosse)

State Appointed Alternates/Provisional

Iowa: vacant
Iowa: tba
Illinois: Paula Ekstrom (McHenry County)
Illinois: tba
Minnesota: Megan Benage (New Ulm)
Minnesota: Colleen Werdien (ABC)
Missouri: Sheryl Eufinger (Kansas City/JCP)
Missouri: tba
Wisconsin: Nancy Hill (La Crosse)
Wisconsin: tba

ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING AGENDA

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| 5:30 pm | ZOOM opens for social time among delegates. | |
| 5:55 pm | Certification of Delegates | Sabel |
| 6:00 pm | Call to Order/Introduction of 2023-24 UMRR Board
In Memoriam:
Lonnie McCauley, MN (Founder/Action Committee Chair)
Deborah Ann Turner, IA (LWV US President) | Miller |
| 6:10 pm | Minutes from May 22, 2023 (<i>requires vote</i>) | Prenosil |
| 6:13 pm | Finance Reports (<i>filed for audit</i>): May 2024 Balance Sheet
2023-24 Revenues/Expenses (<i>to date</i>)
2024-25 Proposed Budget (<i>requires vote</i>) | Franczyk |
| 6:21 pm | By-Laws Revisions (<i>requires vote</i>)
<i>If adopted, each state Board is asked to fill three board positions by July 1st.</i> | Board |

- 6:30 pm** **Board Nominations** (*requires vote*) Committee
 Secretary: *two year term*
 Treasurer: *two year term*
 Co-Vice-Chair: *one year term*
 Nominations Chair: *one year term*
- 6:17 pm** **2024-25 Program for Action** (*attached, requires vote*) Board
- 6:55 pm** **General Announcements**
 MRN Mini-Grant to tour Pop Art Clean Water Exhibit
 Exhibit available to all UMRR member Leagues
 June 27-30 LWV US Convention, Washington, D.C.
 100th Anniversary Upper MS River Wildlife & Fish Refuge
 <https://uppermiss100.com>
 June 1-15 MRN/1Mississippi “Days on the River”
- 7:00 pm** **Steven Marking, Riverlorian “A Visit from Will Dilg”**

2023-24 Program Schedule

- August 7, “2023 Farm Bill Update,”
 Duane Hvorka, Nat’l Wildlife Federation
- November 6, “Clean Water Act Implementation after Sackett Decision”
 Rob Lee, Midwest Environmental Advocates
- December 4, “CO2 Pipelines: Activism, Coalitions, Legislative Action”
 Peg Furshong (CURE, MN), Pam Richert (Eco-Justice Collaborative
 IL), and Jan Norris, (Pipeline Opponent, IA)
- February 3, “The Swine Republic” Chris Jones, author
- February 5, “St. Cloud Minnesota’s Circular Energy Economy,”
 Tracy Hodel, City Public Works Director
- March 2, “The River Knows,” Neil Hamilton, author
- April 4, “Clean Water Forever” Robert Hirschfeld, Prairie River Network