

LWV Upper Mississippi River Region ILO Annual Members Meeting (virtual via ZOOM)

6:00 – 7:00 pm, Tuesday, June 9, 2026

Elected Board Officers

Chair Mary Ellen Miller (IA-Metro Des Moines)
Co-Vice-Chair Sheila Weigman (MN-MPLS)
Co-Vice-Chair Nancy-Porter (IA-Johnson County)
Secretary **Vacant**
Treasurer Catherine Franczyk (IL- Naperville)
Past Chair Mary Ploeser (WI-Dane County)
Communications Director Gretchen Sabel (MN-ABC)

Board Appointed Committee Chairs

Action: Kay Slama (MN-Willmar)
Nominating: Sue Wilson (IA-Dubuque)
By-Laws: Steve Paulsrud (IA-Muscatine)
Audit: Catherine Franczyk (IL-Wheaton)
Program: The Board

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State Appointed Board Members

Iowa: Tamara Prenosil (Dubuque)
Iowa: Steve Paulsrud (Muscatine)
Iowa: Diane Duncan-Goldsmith (Johnson County)
Illinois: Lee Ekstrom (McHenry County)
Illinois: Paula Ekstrom (McHenry County)
Illinois: Chris Krusa (Edwardsville)
Minnesota: Kay Slama (Willmar)
Minnesota: Colleen Werdien (ABC)
Minnesota: Megan Benage (New Ulm)
Missouri: Michelle Croyle (St. Louis)
Missouri: Sheryl Eufinger (Kansas City/JCP)
Missouri: **Vacant**
Wisconsin: Carolyn Mahlum-Jenkins (La Crosse)
Wisconsin: Patty Sotirin (La Crosse)
Wisconsin: Becky Hoag (Milwaukee)

JUNE 9, 2026, 11th ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING AGENDA

- 5:30 pm** ZOOM opens for social time among delegates and board members
- 5:59 pm** **Certification of Delegates** Sabel
Quorum: 20% of potential delegates, representing each ILO state
Delegates: Share your local League and position in the Chat
- 6:00 pm** **Call to Order/Introduction of 2025-26 UMRR Board** Miller
Name, position, state & local League, years on the board
Retired Board Member: E.J. Gallagher (IA)
Deceased Board Members: Steve Ploeser (WI) & Susan Adams (WI)
Appointment of Parliamentarian Rosemary Heilemann
- 6:10 pm** **Adoption of the Agenda** (*requires vote*) Miller
- 6:11 pm** **Minutes** from June 3, 2025 (*requires vote*) *Highlights* Prenosil
- 6:13 pm** **Finance Reports** (*filed for audit*): Franczyk
April 30, 2026 Balance Sheet
2025-26 Revenues/Expenses (*to date*)

6:55 pm General Announcements

Aug 7-10, 2026, **Board Annual Retreat** (in person), Winona, MN

Clean Water Exhibit (available to all UMRR member Leagues)

One Mississippi 2026 **“River Days”** first two weeks in June

June 2nd National Mississippi River Day in Dubuque

June 5th Lock and Dam #16 Tour, Muscatine, IA; details:

10:30 am tour of Stanley Center for Peace and Security

lunch at Boonies, next door, then across the river to

Lock and Dam 16 for an amazing tour. Join for any of the

activities. Contact Nancy Porter 319.331.8088 for Boonies

reservation and car pool from Iowa City request. Free and

open to all League members!

Board Vacancy: Missouri (1)

For the good of the order:

6: 59 pm Adjournment

7:00 pm Program via ZOOM: “The Wetlands Initiative, Then, Now and Next”

Paul Botts, President & Executive Director, Wetlands Initiative

Reports Attached: minutes, finance reports, program for action, action committee, by-laws changes, nominations slate. Chair’s annual report sent after this meeting.