



# VOTER

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HAWAII COUNTY  
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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

**The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.**

## **NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING**

The Hawai'i County League of Women Voters will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at Tex Drive-in, Honoka'a. The general membership meeting begins promptly at 10:00 a.m. Kathy Frankovic, retired CBS news pollster, will speak at 11:00 a.m. A no-host luncheon follows at 12:00. The board meeting wraps up the day, beginning around 1:00 p.m.

## **Proposed Agenda**

League of Women Voters of Hawai'i County (LWVHC) Annual Meeting  
Saturday, April 16, 2011 \*\*\* Tex Drive-in, Honokaa, HI  
**10:00 a.m., promptly**

Welcome and Introductions – President, Members, and Guests -- 10 a.m.  
Call to Order of Annual Meeting – at 10:00 a.m. Sue Dursin or Helen Hemmes, Co-presidents  
Minutes for the 2010 Annual Meeting - Margaret Drake  
Treasurer's Report - Sue Irvine  
Other Reports  
    Membership - Donna Oba  
    Annual Report - Co-presidents  
Unfinished Business  
New Business  
    Action on the Nominating Committee Report  
    Proposed Program for 2011-2012  
    Adoption of the 2011-2012 Budget  
    Delegates to the State Convention  
Program - Speaker, Kathy Frankovic - 11 a.m.  
Announcements  
Adjournment

**League of Women Voters-Hawaii County**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**4-10-10**  
**Corrected Minutes**

**Attending:** Helen Hemmes, Sue Irvine, Jean Aoki, Alberta Lindsay, Leilani Bronson-Crelly, Helene Hale, Marianna Scheffer, Margaret Drake, Sue Dursin, Gail Laros, Sandy Wexler (guest), Marni Herkes, Sara Burgess, Saramae Landers, Ann Gomez, Gia Almeida (guest), Michael Rohr, Donna Oba, Marian Wilkins, George Wilkins, Ramona Gamayo, Anne Field-Gomes, Eden Marie Peart.

President Helen Hemmes started the meeting at 11:00 am with a unison reading of:

**Our Mission of Statement:** The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy through education and advocacy.

Helen Hemmes introduced our **speaker's presentation** "Reflections on 90 Years LWV" by Jean Aoki, former Hawaii State LWV president in 1997-1998, and long time state board member. She joined LWV in 1978. She discussed past events as well as our current events such as State Elections Office Commissioner, Scott Nago and the Reapportionment Commission.

Helen Hemmes presented an **award** to Jean Aoki for her work as a citizenship advocate.

The meeting business was officially **called to order** at 12:30.

**REPORTS:**

The unofficial **minutes** of the last year's meeting were presented. Marni Herkes moved to approve the unofficial minutes. Alberta seconded the motion. They were approved unanimously.

The **Treasurer's** report was presented as a paper copy by Sue Irvine, treasurer. Our present total assets are \$10,195.62. A motion to receive and file the report subject to audit was made by Marni & seconded by Gail Laros. They were unanimously accepted.

**President's** report was presented as a paper copy as well as electronically. It included topics of speakers at meetings and workshops, testimony to governing bodies, fund raising, and attendees to the state meeting.

The **membership** report was given by Donna Oba. As of January 30, we had 50 members. Two new members joined today; Sandy Wexler and Ramona Gamayo. Other new members this year are Nina Buchanan, Betty Collett, Mavis Cook, Margaret Elcock, Dwayne & Marjorie Erway, Julie Goettsch, Gail Mullen, Eden Pearl, Lynne Penek-Holden, Ruth Robison, & Rosalind Smith.

Leilani Crelly-Bronson asked about a change in our dues.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None was noted.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Maiden Temple formulated our **bylaws changes**. Sue Dursin moved that they be approved and the motion was seconded by George Wilkins. The president explained the amendment. Sue Irvine spoke to it. Sue Dursin spoke as well. They were unanimously approved

The **Nominating Committee** Chair George Wilkins presented the slate of officers and directors. A motion to accept slate was made by Marian Wilkins and seconded by Sandy Wexler. The slate was unanimously accepted. It is:

Co-president - Helen Hemmes (2011)

Co-president - Sue Dursin ((2010-2012)

1<sup>st</sup> VP - Marianna Scheffer ((2011)

2<sup>nd</sup> VP - Vacant

Secretary - Margaret Drake (2011)

Assistant - Secretary Jaurene Judy (2011)

Treasurer - Sue Irvine (2012)

**DIRECTORS:**

Donna Oba (2011)

Gail Laros (2011)

Leilani Bronson-Crelly (2011)

Sara Burgess (2012)

Michael Rohr (2012)

Marni Herkes (2012)

Helen Hemmes thanked the Nominating Committee (George Wilkins, Chair, Margaret Drake, and Patricia Stolfa) on behalf of the LWVHC for a job well done. George thanked his wife, Marian, for her assistance.

**Proposed Programs.** Three topics for our focus for this coming year - Voter Education, Voter Access & Sunshine in Government were presented electronically and in paper form. A motion to approve them was made by Marni Herkes and seconded by Donna Oba. They were unanimously accepted.

Marni Herkes spoke about our participation in encouraging voter education.

**BUDGET:**

Marni made motion to adopt the 2010-2011 budget with \$12,533.25 in Total Income plus Carryover and \$2387.63 in Expenses to Carryover in the amount of \$10, 145.62. George Wilkins seconded it. After discussion, it was approved by majority vote. Marni Herkes voted "no" and requested inclusion of this vote in the minutes. (See attachment)

Donna Oba made a motion that our annual **dues** be raised from \$35 to \$43. Leilani seconded this motion.

Donna explained why we should increase the \$35 dues by \$8 and then incrementally increase one dollar a year. Sue Dursin suggested raising it to \$45. A friendly amendment was made to raise dues to \$45 effective immediately. This was seconded by Sandy Wexler and approved unanimously.

The president asked if there were any other business. Leilani made a motion that the annual meeting never again conflict with the Merry Monarch Festival. The bylaws specify that the annual meeting be held between March 1<sup>st</sup> & April 30<sup>th</sup>. Marianna seconded this motion. The vote was 6 for and 6 against the motion. The president broke the tie by voting to not pass the motion. The rationale was to allow ourselves future flexibility.

Donna made a plug for the tax deductible Education Fund. She listed some of our costs.

Marian Wilkins announced that she and George Wilkins are retiring from chairing the vote counts for West Hawaii.

Sue Irvine made an announcement June 5<sup>th</sup>. The Hawaiian Paradise Park Community Association vote count will probably occur about that date.

Respectfully submitted by Margaret Drake

\*Attachments:

President's Report  
Draft Text of the Amendment  
Budget for 2010-2011

**Marian Wilkins**      **Date: March 25, 2011, as corrected**

**Donna Oba**            **Date: March 25, 2011, as corrected**

\*NOTE: *Attachments are not included herein.*

***PLEASE PRINT AND BRING ALL THIS INFORMATION  
TO THE ANNUAL MEETING***

## LWV OF HAWAII COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT/ PROPOSED BUDGET 2011-12

March 19, 2011

	<b>Actual 2010-11</b>	<b>Budget 2011-12</b>
<b>CARRYOVER INCOME</b>	\$ 10,195.62	<b>\$ 12,665.62</b>
Dues @ \$45	\$ 1,487.50	\$ 2,025.00 (45 members @ \$45)
Fundraising	\$ -	\$ -
Interest Earned	\$ 4.71	\$ 10.00
Member Donation	\$ 307.50	\$ 100.00
Vote Counts	\$ 3,886.22	\$ 2,000.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 15,881.55</b>	<b>\$ 16,800.62</b>
 <b>EXPENSES</b>		
Co-presidents, Board	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Delegate Expense	\$ 60.00	\$ 2,000.00
Membership	\$ -	\$ 125.00
P.O. Box	\$ 192.00	\$ 192.00
Program		
Elections-Forums	\$ 566.92	\$ -
Environment	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Government	\$ -	\$ 500.00
International Relations	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Social Policy	\$ 395.41	\$ 200.00
Public Relations	\$ 53.20	\$ 200.00
Publications	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Support		
National PMP @ 29.70	\$ 1,173.15	\$ 1,336.50
State PMP @ 11.50	\$ 569.25	\$ 517.50
Unit Expense		
Hilo	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Joint Meetings	\$ 201.00	\$ 300.00
Kona	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Voter	\$ 5.00	\$ 100.00
Voter Service	\$ -	\$ 500.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 3,215.93</b>	<b>\$ 7,171.00</b>
 <b>CARRYOVER</b>	 <b>\$ 12,665.62</b>	 <b>\$ 22,295.24</b>
 <b>Net Worth - As of 3/19/2011</b>		
LWV Checking	\$ 3,391.46	
LWV Savings	\$ 8,069.16	
LWV National Ed Fund	\$ 1,205.00	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 12,665.62</b>	

## REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

March 24, 2011

<b>Office</b>	<b>Term Ends 2011</b>	<b>Terms 2012, 2013</b>
Co Pres. (East) Co-Pres. (West)	Helen Hemmes	<b>Donna Oba (2013)</b> Susan Dursin (2012)
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Marianna Scheffer	<b>Marianna Scheffer (2013)</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Vacant	Vacant
Secretary	Margaret Drake	<b>Margaret Drake (2013)</b>
Assistant Secretary	Jaurene Judy	<b>Michael Rohr (2013)</b>
Treasurer		Susan Irvine (2012)

### **Elected Directors**

#### **Outgoing**

<b>Term Ends 2011</b>	<b>Term Ends 2012</b>	<b>Term Ends 2013</b>
Donna Oba	Sara Burgess	<b>Gail Laros</b>
Gail Laros*	<b>Karin Hazelhoff**</b>	<b>Maiden Temple</b>
Leilani Bronson-Crelly	Marni Herkes	<b>Marian Wilkins</b>

\*Gail Laros was nominated to fill for one year the director seat left vacant by Susan Dursin who was nominated for Co-President.

\*\*Nominated to replace Michael Rohr, who has been nominated to serve as Assistant Secretary.

### **Directors to be appointed by the Board** (not more than 6):

Action to be taken at the Board meeting on April 16

**Nominating Committee** (three members, the chairperson and one member who shall not be members of the Board of Directors, nominated by the nominating committee and to be elected at the Annual Meeting).

To Be Announced:

1. \_\_\_\_\_, Chair
2. Alberta Lindsey (agreed)
3. Sue Irvine (To be elected by the Board of Directors immediately after the Annual Meeting)

Submitted by the 2011 Nominating Committee: Karin Hazelhoff, Chair, Alberta Lindsay, and Jaurene Judy

## **BYLAWS**

### **ARTICLE IX PROGRAM**

#### **Section 1 Authorization.**

The governmental principles adopted by the National Convention and supported by the League as a whole constitute the authorization for the adoption of the Program.

#### **Section 2 Program.**

The Program of the League shall consist of:

- (a) Action to protect the right to vote of every citizen;
- (b) Those local governmental issues chosen for concerted study and action; and
- (c) Action to implement Principles of LWVUS.

#### **Section 3 Action by the Annual Meeting.**

The Annual Meeting shall act upon the Program using the following procedures:

- (a) The Board of Directors shall consider the recommendations sent in by the voting members two months prior to the Annual Meeting and shall formulate a Proposed Program;
- (b) The Proposed Program shall be sent to all members one month before the Annual Meeting;
- (c) A majority vote of voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting shall be required for adoption of subjects in the Proposed Program as presented to the Annual Meeting by the Board of Directors;

## **PROPOSED PROGRAM**

League of Women Voters Hawaii County FY 2012/2012

Presented at its Annual Meeting on April 16, 2011

(Listed in Random Order)

1. **VOTER EDUCATION:** Action to support the dissemination of information concerning election deadlines, issues, and candidates.  
Point Person: TBD
2. **VOTER ACCESS:** Action to support registration, ballot privacy and safety, access for all and vote-by-mail.  
Point Person: TBD
3. **SUNSHINE IN GOVERNMENT:** Action to support transparency in government decision-making and public records.  
Point Person: TBD