



THE VOTER

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April Unit Meetings

Thursday, April 12, 11:45 a.m. Luncheon
Reservations are required
Wyndham Hotel, 2910 Yale SE
Speaker: Raúl E. Burciaga
Topic: The Legislative Process

Mr. Burciaga will explain how the Legislature functions and how to work effectively with the Legislature. There will be special emphasis on the Interim Committees that meet when the Legislature is not in session.

Raúl E. Burciaga, Assistant Director for Drafting Services, Legislative Council Services (LCS), joined the LCS in 2000 after graduating from the UNM School of Law. While in law school, Mr. Burciaga clerked for the Legal Aid Society of Albuquerque and for the New Mexico Attorney General's Office. Before attending law school, he worked for 15 years in the administration of federal health care programs, specifically Medicare and the Indian Health Service, and also served as a Medicare consultant for several companies. He served on the Latino Coalition on Health, now known as the National Hispanic Medical Association.

As assistant director for drafting services, Mr. Burciaga is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the LCS drafting operation and for most of the interim committee staffing functions, as well as programs for training and development of bill drafting and research and writing skills for LCS staff.

The LCS undertakes, upon request, research, bill drafting and other services for the legislature, legislative standing and interim committees and individual legislators. The LCS provides similar services for the executive and judicial branches as well as information services to the public.

Monday, April 16, 1:30 p.m. Midtown
Manzano del Sol, 5201 Roma, Hobby Room
Speakers: Dee Watkins and Dick Mason
Topic: The 2007 Session of the
New Mexico Legislature

Dee Watkins and Dick Mason, co-Chairs of the Action Committee of the LWVNM, will talk about the legislative session, with special emphasis on legislation that was supported by the LWV.

Tuesday, April 17, 6 p.m. Evening
Cherry Hills Library, 6901 Barstow Street NE
Speaker: Representative Mimi Stewart
Topic: The 2007 Session
of the New Mexico Legislature

Representative Mimi Stewart, from District 21, will tell us about her experiences in the 2007 Legislature and talk about the bills she supported as well as the legislation the League has supported. She will also help us understand the process of following our legislation during the Interim period.

Wednesday, April 18, 12:30 p.m. West Side
Destiny Center, 2003 Southern Blvd. Rio Rancho*
Speaker: Representative Tom Swisstack
Topic: The 2007 Session
of the New Mexico Legislature

Representative Swisstack will discuss the legislation that was prioritized by the LWV. He will also discuss working with the county and cities/towns to meet their priorities. The three-term legislator is a member of the Judiciary and Education Committees. Mr. Swisstack is a former Mayor of Rio Rancho.

* Destiny Center is in a strip mall at the intersection of Unser and Southern.

Call to Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 5, 2007
Wyndham Hotel, 2910 Yale SE

Speaker: James Scarantino, Attorney-at-Law
Topic: Voter ID: The Inside Story

Schedule of Events

Registration	9:00-9:30 a.m.
Business Meeting	9:30-11:00 a.m.
Brunch	11:00 a.m. *

Your Annual Meeting packet is included in this *VOTER*.

* Please make your reservations by Monday, April 30.

Reservation information is inside this issue.

**LEAGUE
OF WOMEN VOTERS
ALBUQUERQUE/
BERNALILLO COUNTY**

Board Meeting

1st Thursday of each month
5:30 p.m.
Offices of
Sutin, Thayer & Browne
6565 Americas Parkway NE

Program Committees

Check with the following
League members about
community activities:

Action

Delores Watkins
823-2308

Drug Policy

Delores Watkins
823-2308

Genetic Issues

Dede Eckles
823-9120

Natural Resources

JoAnne Ramponi
298-2716
Includes transportation,
land use, air quality,
water and energy

All League members
are welcome at all
unit meetings,
committee, and
board meetings.

The *VOTER* is published
each month by the
League of Women Voters
of Albuquerque/
Bernalillo County.

President's Corner

Time goes by so quickly! It is already time for another Call to Annual Meeting. Our bylaws require that the call be issued at least 30 days in advance of our Annual Meeting in May. Please look over this issue of the *VOTER* carefully and bring it and your *Member Handbook* with you to the May meeting. We will elect new officers, consider changes in the bylaws and decide if we will undertake new studies.

The official call to the LWVUS Council has also been received. The national council is composed of two delegates chosen by the board of each state League. An invitation is issued to other members to attend as well. It will be held in Washington, DC from June 9 through June 11.

And Donna Hill and her committee deserve a big hand for a delightful afternoon at the Adobe Theater in February. Besides the play, we had good food and made money to boot! The celebration of the League's birthday party has become a most enjoyable annual event.

Watch your mail for your invitation to this year's "Non-Event" to benefit the LWV/ABC Education Fund.

Diane Goldfarb

Board Highlights

LWV/ABC Board: ❖ Recommendations for state and local studies/or changes in position statements were approved. ❖ Bylaws revisions were approved. ❖ One hundred thirteen (113) members are currently on our ListServe. ❖ Our current membership count is 307. ❖ A membership event is planned in Placitas featuring State Representative Kathy McCoy. ❖ The Drug Policy Study Committee will develop consensus questions for next year.

LWV/ABC Education Fund Board: ❖ Copies of the *Who's Who* were delivered to every NM State Legislator.

Fair Representation Committee. In February, the LWV/ABC Board recommended a state study of reapportionment, redistricting, and representation in New Mexico, titled "Fair Representation." The committee is preparing a presentation for the State Board and hopes to be able to submit the study to the membership at Convention in May. The committee has expanded from five Albuquerque members to include three Los Alamos members and plans to add members around the state.

Cheryl Haaker, Chair

Action Committee. Next meeting: Wednesday, April 4. Erna Fergusson Library Community Room, 3700 San Mateo NE, 1-3 p.m. Agenda items: Voter ID and Voter Registration Confusion.

Delores Watkins, Chair

Drug Policy Study Committee. Next meeting: Thursday, April 26, Manzano del Sol, sixth floor lounge, 1-3 p.m. Agenda items: update and follow through on Drug Policy legislative needs and finalize scope and objectives for Drug Policy Study 2007-08. You are always welcome. For more information, call 823-2308.

Delores Watkins, Chair

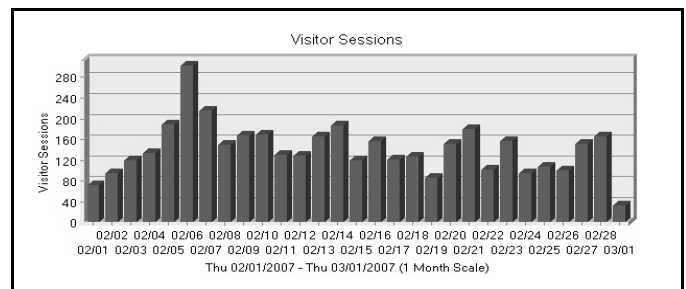
Natural Resources Committee. Next meeting: Tuesday, April 10, 1521 Muriel NE (one block west of Juan Tabo and one block north of Princess Jeanne), 5:30 p.m. The meeting usually lasts an hour and a half. All members of League are invited to join. For more information call 298-2716.

JoAnne Ramponi

Webtrends Statistics™. Thanks to the February 6 School Board election, accesses to the www.lwvabc.org were up again. Here is a comparison with January and the daily graph which peaks February 6. Go to www.lwvabc.org/stats/ for complete statistics.

Cheryl Haaker, Technology Chair

Hits	Jan 2007	Feb 2007
Total	7,542	8,151
Home Page	1,132	1,265
Visitors		
Total	3,282	4,072
Avg Length	8m4s	6m33s
Unique	1,078	1,111
More than once	400	383



Call to Annual Meeting 2007
League of Women Voters of Albuquerque/ Bernalillo County

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Attorney-at-Law

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* The cost of the brunch is \$15. Please make your reservation(s) with the League office--by phone, 884-8441, or by sending your check-- so your reservation(s) are received by Monday, April 30. You are responsible for the cost of any reservations that you make, and you will be billed for the cost if you do not attend and have not cancelled by the April 30 deadline.

Annual Meeting
Agenda

Adoption of Agenda
Roll of Honor
Adoption of Rules for Annual Meeting
Minutes of 2006 Annual Meeting
Appoint Readers for 2007 Annual Meeting Minutes
Treasurer's Report
Finance Report
Adoption of LWV/ABC Program for 2007-2008
Adoption of Budget for 2007-2008
Nominating Committee Report
Bylaws Changes
Election of Officers and Directors
Other Business
Announcements
Directions to the Board

Rules for
Annual Meeting

1. No person may speak twice to the same motion until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity to do so.
2. Each speaker is limited to two minutes.
3. All motions must be made in writing and a copy given to the secretary.
4. Only members in good standing will be allowed to speak or vote on a motion.

Annual Reports

Program Planning Report from the Board of Directors

State Program

RECOMMENDED:

Government. A study on Fair Representation
Education. That the LWVNM Education Committee review education positions

Local Program

RECOMMENDED:

Education. A study on school governance.
Drug Policy Study. Changing "treatment for drug-dependent persons including jail based treatment for drug-dependent prisoners" to "treatment for all persons with drug addictions" in the Drug Policy Position.

by the Board. Such members may be deemed disqualified to hold office by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors. Three consecutive absences from a Board meeting of any member without a reason acceptable to the Board of Directors shall be deemed a resignation.

Additional text as suggested by legal counsel.

4. Article V Officers

Sec 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers. The officers of LWV/ABC shall be a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Third Vice-President, a **Fourth Vice-President**, a Secretary, and a Treasurer who shall be elected for terms of two years by the general members at an Annual Meeting, and take office immediately. The President, the First Vice President, **the Fourth Vice-President**, and the Secretary shall be elected in odd-numbered years. The Second Vice-President, the Third-Vice President, and the Treasurer shall be elected in even-numbered years.

Changes implementing the 2005 decision by the Board to add a Fourth VP.

Sec. 5. The Vice Presidents

The four vice-presidents, in the order of that rank, shall, in the event of the absence, disability, or death of the President, possess all the powers and perform all the duties of that office.

Deletion for clarity suggested by the By-Laws Committee.

Sec. 6. The Treasurer. ...(Second sentence) The treasurer shall present statements to the Board at its regular meetings, and a Treasurer's report to the Annual Meeting. The books of the treasurer shall be **audited reviewed** annually, at the end of the fiscal year or at the time that the Treasurer leaves office, whichever occurs first, by a **Audit Financial Review** Committee of two (2) League members or an accountant appointed by the Board of Directors.

Modification suggested by By-Laws Committee after consultation with CPA regarding strict formal requirements for an official audit.

7. ARTICLE VI Financial Administration

Sec. 4. Budget Committee. A Budget Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least ~~two~~ **three** months prior to the Annual Meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing fiscal year.

Modification suggested by the By-Laws Committee to allow adequate time for printing in Voter and dissemination to Board Members.

By-laws Committee:

Margaret Krahenbuhl Myra Lynch Meg Wente

The Board of Directors recommends approval of these changes to the By-Laws.

By-Laws Committee

RECOMMENDED BY-LAWS CHANGES:

1. ARTICLE II Purposes and Policy

Sec 1. Purposes: The purposes of the LWV/ABC are to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation ~~of citizens~~ in government and to act on selected government issues.

Deletion as directed by League of Women Voters/US.

2. ARTICLE III

Sec. 2 Types of Membership.

a. Voting Members: Citizens at least 18 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local Leagues, state Leagues, and of the League of Women Voters/US (LWVUS); **(1) individuals who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League; (2) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large; (3) those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be honorary life members excused from the payment of dues.**

Additional text as directed by LWVUS.

3. ARTICLE IV Board of Directors

Section 3. Vacancies. Any vacancy, other than in the office of President, occurring in the Board of Directors by reason of resignation, death, or disqualification, may be filled, until the expiration of the term, by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors. **Disqualification may occur in the event that any member of the Board of Directors becomes unable or unwilling to perform the duties set forth in Article V below, or as may otherwise have been properly directed**

President

In writing an Annual Report I believe it is the duty of the President to look at the overall health of the organization during the previous year. I can safely report that in 2006-2007 our organization has been robust. Our long-standing activities continued, thanks to our dedicated members. The programs for our unit and general meetings have, as usual, been excellent. Our units are operating well and have good attendance. Our study groups, though few in number, have been active and hardworking. Our web page is impressive. Those people working on voter services and other educational activities have been busy with voter registration, moderating and timekeeping for forums, staffing the office, producing our outstanding *Voters' Guide* and *Who's Who*. Our fund raising for both the Education Fund and operating fund have gone very well. We are sending out monthly press releases and getting on the calendars of several publications.

But there were a number of new activities that should be highlighted. While many of them are mentioned in the annual reports that follow, I want to look at them in the context of the entire organization.

The Membership Committee sponsored a social event in July so that new members could meet the Board, an activity that is likely to be repeated annually. The publication date for the *Member Handbook* was moved up to more closely reflect the membership year. A new membership brochure was produced by our Publications Coordinator, with assistance from the Membership Committee and others.

There were a couple of League-sponsored forums. The Natural Resources Committee held such a forum for the candidates for NM Commissioner of Public Lands in September. Under the auspices of our recently established Voter Education Series we held an October forum on the proposed Quality-of-Life Tax.

A "Meet the Legislators" open house in January was the first LWV/ABC had held in several years. Its success ensured that it will continue. The Natural Resources Committee held another activity for members--the riding of the new Rail Runner train.

In May we ran a union election for City transportation workers. From that experience we have developed materials that should enable us to run more elections in the future.

Elsewhere in this issue of the *VOTER* you will see an article on the success of our involvement in a lawsuit against the City of Albuquerque because of its voter identification requirements.

Our Action Committee has established a Constituent/Legislator Project so that members can be effective in lobbying their representatives.

Several of our administrative goals have been completed this year. The expectation is that these accomplishments will enable LWV/ABC to function more smoothly and allow for the further expansion of our activities:

- Those who run our office not only held some training sessions for office workers but also developed a new manual for the workers to follow.
- We held a one-day retreat in August for our Board and Committee Chairs, the beginning of a goal-setting

process.

- The adoption of a two-year plan in December was the culmination of that process and should provide a tool for planning on a continuing basis.
- The writing of new job descriptions is proceeding slowly but should be completed within a couple of months.
- In order to provide further continuity for our volunteers we are beginning to establish written procedures for some of our activities.
- A process for acknowledging contributions was established, and a member has taken the responsibility for that important duty.

Yes, we have done a lot of which we can be proud! Thanks to a wonderful Board of Directors, Committee Chairs and League Members, the League of Women Voters of Albuquerque/Bernalillo County is a healthy and vital organization.

Diane Goldfarb

Action Committee

Committee development continued this year with regular meetings, status reports on issues and support of LWVABC LWVNM Board action activities. These included the development of the two-year plan for advocacy goals and the open house for legislators. Other activities have included as follows:

- Each month the Action Corner in the *VOTER* detailed important happenings and basic facts about League action and positions.
- Action Alerts for education and advocacy were announced at Board and Unit meetings.
- An increased number of members attended LWVNM Day at the Legislature and a lobbying workshop held in Santa Fe.
- A new effort to involve and inform members is in process. This is the Constituent/ Legislator program involving a League Leader to organize members who reside in individual legislative districts and encourage them to speak regularly with the legislators.

Finally, the name of the committee will be changed to Advocacy Committee. The aim is to indicate the two parts of the committee work: the education needed for members to act and the advocacy done to influence government officials.

Dee Watkins, Chair

Technology

The Technology Chair is responsible for the lwvabc.org website and the *LWVABC Topics* Listserve.

Website. This year, the website was updated at least monthly to include information from the most recent *VOTER*: calendar updates, the month's unit meetings, President's Corner, study groups, and news. League publications, such as the *Voters' Guide*, *Who's Who*, and our new membership brochure, were posted in PDF format. A web version of the *Voters' Guide for the 2006 General Election* was also created.

Near the end of October, we contracted with our hosting service, New Mexico Internet Access (www.nmia.com) to provide Webtrends™ analysis of access statistics each month. These showed that people definitely were using www.lwvabc.org for election information. You can view our web stats online at www.lwvabc.org/stats/.

Listserves. There are now over 110 members on

LWVABCTopics. Every six months the list is compared against the most current list of email addresses of the membership, and those not on, invited to join. The *LWVABCTopics* list was modified to permit attachments.

Cheryl Haaker, Chair

Office

Thanks to all the volunteers the LWV/ABC office has been running smoothly all year. Three new volunteers were added this year with a fourth to be trained this month.

We are grateful for the regulars, faithful and dependable to the schedule, and the substitutes who always step in when needed. They were especially helpful and needed for the elections in November and also the recent APS/CNM election when we added hours to the schedule.

Our regulars and substitutes were:

MONDAY: Jo Porter, Margaret Krahenbuhl, Carol Steeves
TUESDAY: Frances Barbour, Vivian Boyle, JoAnne Ramponi
WEDNESDAY: Clara Moore, Barbara Shiller
THURSDAY: Susan McKinstry, Meg Wentz (also available for office protocol questions)
FRIDAY: Marilyn Morgan, Marilyn Hunter-Torburn
SUBSTITUTES: Linda Cotton, Karen Gatlin, Anne Letherer, Frances Leiding, Dick Mason, Terry Quinn, Andrea Targhetta, Helen Wright, Sandra Browne, Barbara Shiller, Norma Murchison.

Thank you again!

Office staff refresher training was held in January for our volunteers and, with some new notebooks and office signs (thanks to Therese Barts), the sessions worked well. New volunteers, of course, are always welcome.

Susan McKinstry, Office Manager

Public Relations

In August, 2006, I became the Public Relations Coordinator. The role of this position is to maintain contact with the media to promote LWV activities. The major regular activities are the General Meetings, the monthly meetings of the Units, and the Annual Meeting. During the election season, press releases and media advisories were sent to announce all candidate events sponsored by the League and the publication of the *Voters' Guide*.

Some outstanding events for the year were the August General Meeting with Mary Wilson, newly elected President of the LWVUS, the candidates' forum for New Mexico Commissioner of Public Lands in September (covered by radio, TV, and print media), the forum on the Quality of Life Tax in October, the "Meet the Legislators" event in January, the press Conference on the Death Penalty-HB 190 in February.

Carolyn Devore-Parks

First Vice-President Community/ Voter Service

This has been a very exciting past two years with our national and state elections.

Our Speakers Bureau has filled speaking engagements using our excellent speakers who included Marilyn Morgan, Diane Goldfarb, Josephine Porter, and JoAnne Ramponi. They spoke on election and voting processes.

Marilyn Hunter-Torburn

Publications

A primary responsibility of the Publications Coordinator is the revision and updating of various League publications, such as the *Who's Who Directory of Elected Officials for Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties*. The *Who's Who* for 2007 was distributed to members of the State Legislature soon after its opening session.

A new membership solicitation brochure has been designed, printed, and widely distributed. In addition, the brochure is made available at any League meeting or discussion to encourage new members to join.

Margaret Krahenbuhl

Voters' Guide

The 2006 LWV/ABC General Election Voters' Guide was once again the premier voter information source for the 2006 election. We printed 60,000 copies and distributed these throughout Bernalillo and Sandoval County. The *Voters' Guide* was also a highlight of the www.lwvabc.org website with thousands and thousands of hits on the web version.

The 2006 General Election Voters' Guide was a full 36 pages of election information, covering races for statewide, county and local offices and all judicial and legislative races for Bernalillo and Sandoval County. We provided the pros and cons on the state constitutional amendments and a detailed breakdown of state and county bond questions. The League's *Voters' Guide* remains the most sought after voting resource and a publication that is the pride of LWV/ABC.

Your co-editors, Josephine Porter and Andrea Targhetta, thank all of the League volunteers and donors to the Education Fund who helped with make this premier voter education publication possible.

Josephine Porter Andrea Targhetta

Voter Services

Moderators and timekeepers were assigned for several candidate forums. We answered many requests for registrars, especially from YDI, who wanted their young parents and staff to get registered properly. At our request, Cheryl Haaker made new signs for the timekeepers

A training session was arranged on the latest registration procedures with the County Clerk's office. The training session was held at the Clubhouse. At another training session Mary Wilson gave members necessary insights into moderating candidate forums and a brief section on timekeeping. There are 18 copies left of the blue booklets, "The ABC's of Conducting and Managing a Forum."

Arrangements have been made to have at least one League member attend the Naturalization Services held in Albuquerque. There are about five or six of these yearly and many civic organizations send their own representatives. All shake hands with the new citizens and the respective organization is announced.

I was the initial contact for a union election for the City transportation workers. I assigned three shifts of two people each shift to be at the voting venue. We held planning meetings to arrange for this election, conducted the election, and counted the ballots.

Barbara Shiller

Second Vice-President

Membership/ Development

Hats off to members who have worked hard to make our monthly newsletter, membership activities, and unit meetings successful this year.

Pat Freeman edited the monthly *VOTER* and the annual *Member Handbook*. Kathleen Kimler Altobelli furnished the directory information in the *Member Handbook* and the mailing labels for all these publications. Louise and Bill Prowell handled all the bulk mailing. Thank you to each one of them for these contributions.

The four units, in diverse parts of the metro area, all have strong core groups, with attendance on a par with or better than last year's. Participants listen, come up with probing questions, and discuss the issue of the month and League positions. Units are the basic building blocks of the League, and participation at this level often leads to lobbying in support of League positions. Kudos are due to the unit leaders and unit membership chairs.

The Membership Committee introduced dynamic new activities this year. An expanded report from the Membership Chair follows.

Helen Wright

Membership

As of the January 31, 2007, reporting date, we have 202 single-person house-holds, 35 first- person in multi-person households with 38 additional members in those households, 17 national members, 2 student members and 11 50-year members. Since that report, we have added several new members.

Kathy Kimler Altobelli has kept our computer database up-to-date and has worked with the national office to see that nationally recruited members are processed into the local League in a timely manner.

The membership year for LWV/ABC is October to September. Dues for 2006-2007 are \$50. When you join through the local League you become a member of LWVUS, LWVNM and LWV/ABC. Your dues money is split between the three entities. \$26.30 goes to national, \$12.00 goes to state and the remaining \$11.70 stays with the local League. If you join through the national office, the local League gets only \$5.00. When you join after October, we prorate your dues when we send out the next renewal notice. Please do not prorate your dues yourself.

The new *Member Handbook* (hot pink) was mailed to members in December. (If you joined since then, a *Member Handbook*, welcome letter, and profile sheet will be sent to you. Please return the profile sheet to the League office.) Members need to check the handbook to see if the information we have on file is correct. Please contact me at 298-2716 or Kumquat152@aol.com with any corrections. We will include your updated information in the next *VOTER*.

The Membership Committee is developing a program to reach out to communities to encourage membership growth. In March we invited Representative Kathy McCoy to meet with our members and other interested individuals in Placitas. This gave us an opportunity to get together with our members, their friends and others in the community. We are planning to do another activity in Placitas in the summer and would like to start something in Valencia

County, too. This is not a unit, but rather an effort to find individuals who would like to become part of the league and bring a special program to their community.

If you are interested in participating on the Membership Committee just contact me. We have some ideas that we hope to implement starting this fall and would like you to be part of our growth and retention activities.

JoAnne Ramponi

Third Vice-President

Member Education

I have appreciated the assistance of Anne Letherer, Unit Meetings Coordinator, Pauline Esquivel, General Meetings Coordinator, Dee Watkins, Drug Policy Study Committee Chair, and JoAnne Ramponi, Natural Resources Committee Chair. In addition, I would like to thank Dorothy Reynolds, Unit Coordinator, and those who were coordinators of the individual Unit meetings.

Program Planning. In the year leading up to the LWV State Convention, the LWV/ABC Program Planning meeting reviewed the local and state issue positions and decided whether to recommend new studies, review existing positions, and/or endorse proposed changes to existing LWVNM positions. The Program Planning meeting was held on December 9. Helen Wright took notes. The results were as follows:

LOCAL PROGRAM:

EDUCATION. Jan Bray offered to chair a committee to review models of school governance in large districts.

DRUG POLICY. Dee Watkins, chair, and the committee will review positions. Treatment courts, addiction as a health problem, and pain management are being discussed. The possibility of including Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) within the framework of this committee's work will be explored.

STATE PROGRAM:

EDUCATION. Recommended that the LWVNM Education Committee review education positions; some are not up to date.

GOVERNMENT. Cheryl Haaker proposed a review of the reapportionment process, looking at the work that LWV Arizona has done, Jo Porter to assist. A request for a study will be forwarded to LWVNM.

Richard Mason

Unit Meetings

Each of the four LWV/ABC Units meets once a month-- in September, October, November, January, February, March, and April. Unit meetings' locations, days and times are set to allow everyone an opportunity to attend at least one. The themes and speakers for this year follow.

SEPTEMBER: "Representative Government: What makes it work?" The speakers included Max Brix, Executive Director of Common Cause NM, Josephine Porter, and Lonna Atkeson, Professor of Political Science at UNM. Dee Watkins arranged for the program.

OCTOBER: "Solving the Health Care Crisis." Speakers were Senator Dede Feldman, Steve Moffat, of the Governor's Health Care for New Mexicans Committee, Nandini Kuehn, health care consultant, and Dick Mason.

NOVEMBER: "Alleviating Pain and Reducing Substance Abuse." At our Luncheon Unit, Dr. Walter Forman spoke. Other Units' programs were presented by the LWV/ABC Drug Study Committee, Dee Watkins, Chair.

JANUARY: "Sustainability." The Natural Resources Committee led the consensus group discussions.

FEBRUARY: "Potpourri." At the Luncheon Unit Douglas Brown spoke about his experiences as Interim State Treasurer. Other Units' programs were: the history and success of the Juvenile/ Family Drug Court was described by Terry Brown, Program Director; Judi Caruso and Juan Roberto Melendez spoke on repeal of the death penalty; and the services of Community Services for Sandoval County were described by Peggy Folk Cote, Director.

MARCH: "Sunshine Week." Speaking on the focus of our national Sunshine Week-- the importance of open government and the public's right to know--were: Martin R. Esquivel, an attorney, at the Luncheon Unit; Mary H. Smith, an attorney, at the Midtown Unit; and Phill Casaus, Editor of the *Tribune*, at the Evening Unit. At the West Side Unit, speakers were Toni Beatty, the Rio Rancho Librarian, about the USA Patriot Act, and George Bach, a staff attorney for the ACLU. Marilyn Morgan planned meetings for all four Units.

APRIL: "Legislative Wrap Up". Raúl Burciaga, Assistant Director of the Legislative Council Services, speaks on the Legislative Process and what happens when the Legislature is not in session. Speaking about the current Legislative session are Dick Mason and Dee Watkins at the Midtown Unit, Rep. Tom Swisstack at the West Side Unit, and Rep. Mimi Stewart at the Evening Unit.

General Meetings

General Meetings are held in June, July, August and December. For this past year, these luncheon programs have been as follows:

JUNE: David Iglesias, formerly U.S. Attorney for the District of New Mexico, spoke on changes in the Patriot Act.

JULY: Lorenzo Garcia, Chief Magistrate Judge of the U.S. District Court, spoke on issues related to the naturalization of immigrants.

AUGUST: Mary Wilson, LWV/ABC member and the first New Mexican to become President of the LWVUS, gave us a national perspective on issues of concern to the LWV.

DECEMBER: New Mexico Supreme Court Justice Edward L. Chavez spoke on "Judicial Independence" and the role of our courts in the present political climate.

STUDY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Drug Policy Study Committee (DPSC)

Recommendation: To change wording of position statement. The Drug Policy Study Committee has spent the year studying addiction and has presented information to members clarifying the difference between addiction and physical dependency. A change in wording about treatment programs is recommended to reflect current definitions and information gathered since 2003. An updated position statement is essential to effective advocacy education and

action. Adding the dates the position is adopted is also recommended.

LWV/ABC Drug Policy Position Statement

*Deletions: ~~lined through~~. Additions: **boldface***

The League of Women Voters of Albuquerque/ Bernalillo county supports drug court programs; ~~treatment for drug dependent persons including jail-based treatment for drug-dependent prisoners~~ **treatment for all persons with drug addiction**; and syringe exchange programs in Bernalillo County. These programs should be prudently and appropriately funded. **(2002, rev. 2003, 2007)**

For background information supporting the above recommendation see the article "Times Are Changing" in this issue.

Recommendation to Continue Study. The Drug Policy Study Committee recommends continuing the Drug Policy Study with the following focus:

Review the scope of the Drug Policy Study and develop consensus questions to consider adding to the position statement based on the last three years of study.

Carry out Outreach Activities through community coalition building:

Share study information and conduct discussions about pain management topics with community groups;
Identify other groups with concerns about drug policy in order to break the impasse of strongly held opposing opinions; and

Advocate for expansion of drug courts.

Include in the study component the following:

Treatment programs for addiction;

Facts about marijuana and other high profile community concerns such as methamphetamine;

Updates on pain management, syringe exchange and drug courts.

This will be a good year to join this committee. Materials are available in a hard copy to catch up with the committee work. This will be a year of consensus taking which is always an interesting discussion. The committee is considering the use of fact sheets, quizzes, web site surveys and phone communication to accomplish this task. Let the committee know of your interest to either read materials or actively participate. *Dee Watkins*

Natural Resources

The Natural Resources committee is open to all members of League. Meetings are the second Tuesday of the month. Meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. and are over by 7:00 p.m. This committee meets to discuss transportation, land use, water, air quality, growth and related issues.

The committee is always looking for members and welcomes new people to attend any of the monthly meetings.

This year we were responsible for the January units that dealt with the state's sustainability position. We provided training for the facilitators and the note takers. The results of the four units were forwarded to the state sustainability committee who will report the results for the state convention to act upon in May.

Notice of committee meetings are in each month's *VOTER* and, if speakers are invited, that will be noted. If you have any questions, call 298-2716.

JoAnne Ramponi, Chair

Fourth Vice President

Planning / Communications

In this second year of the Fourth Vice President position, we have made significant progress planning and laying the groundwork for the continued success of LWV/ABC.

Long Range Planning: Under the guidance and leadership of our President, Diane Goldfarb, the board designed and adopted a two-year plan for LWV/ABC outlining goals, objectives within those goals and assigning timelines and responsibilities for completion of the objectives. It was a noteworthy accomplishment. The two-year plan will provide the groundwork to move the League forward within an organized structure.

Job Descriptions and Portfolios: For the past two years the board and others holding leadership positions in the League have been providing our long range planning chair, Clara Moore, with up-to-date job descriptions, activity schedules and resource outlines for each position in the organization. Ultimately each position will have a portfolio notebook so that our successors will have the pertinent information needed to do the job. The position portfolios will be updated as needed and will be invaluable tools to pass the "institutional" memory of the individuals on to those who follow.

Voter Education Series: The Voter Education series evolved from the League's Luncheon Colloquium "Good Government" series to continue to provide the community with discussions and information on controversial issues. This past year the League organized a successful panel discussion on the proposed Quality of Life Tax.

Donor Appreciation: We have created the position of Donor Appreciation Coordinator to respond promptly to all donations to the Education Fund and the Operating Fund with a personalized thank you letter. Margaret Krahenbuhl, as our first Donor Appreciation Coordinator, has done an admirable job institutionalizing this essential "thank you" process.

Memorial Fund: For many years Betty Burnett has been our Memorial Fund Coordinator sending out hand written thank you notes to all donors to our Memorial Fund. This is a difficult position and Betty has done a commendable job communicating the League's appreciation to Memorial Fund donors.
Josephine Porter

Finance Committee

Fund raising projects for the Operating Budget occur during most of the LWV/ABC year. Entertainment Books were sold September-November. Consulting/election services were provided for city transportation workers (see information under Voter Services). Your *Member Handbook* includes advertisements purchased by supporters. The finale: the League's 87th Birthday celebrated at Adobe Theater. Dee Watkins, Dick Mason and JoAnne Ramponi sold *Entertainment Books* at Unit Meetings; Terry Quinn, Cheryl Haaker and Board Members helped make the Theater Party a success.

Your membership dues and additional contributions from members and friends continue to be the financial base of the Operating Fund. This fund supports office expenses including equipment, supplies, phone, insurance and mailings.

The Education Fund, a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, provides voter services and education. In the fall, members and supporters were asked to contribute to publication expenses of the *Voters' Guide*. The Finance Committee, under the leadership of Josephine Porter, met in March to plan the Non-Event held on alternate years from the Salute to Albuquerque. Letters were designed to encourage generous contributions to the Education Fund's 2007 Non-Event. Both the fall and spring solicitations are necessary to produce publications, and provide member and outreach services to our ever-expanding community. LWV/ABC needs member commitment to keep our local organization solvent.
Donna Hill, Chair



ITEMS NEEDED FOR SILENT AUCTION

A silent Auction will be held at the LWVNM Convention on May 19-20 in Las Cruces. The money raised will help with State League expenses. Quality items that are donated are needed at the Convention on Saturday morning. If you will not attend, please send your item with a local League member who is attending. Include a note bearing your name, address, suggested starting bid, and value, so we can send appropriate thank you notes and recognize your donation. Thank you for your participation.

Shelly Shepherd

LWVNM Silent Auction Coordinator

Proposed Study of School Governance

Jan Bray

Main Question: Does the form of governance affect school (education) results?

Second Question: Who (what entity or entities) should be held accountable for school results?

Rationale: Education is of prime importance both economically in preparing workers and professionals and civically in preparing people for citizenship responsibilities.

There have been many attempts over a long period of time to improve school results. One of the latest theories is that school governance may be a big factor. Much recent legislative activity has been based on this assumption and directed at this idea. Our education position does not speak in any way to this possibility. We, as a League (state and local), should not be on the sidelines of this important issue.

Possible hypotheses are: (1) results are independent of the district's governance model; (2) certain governance model(s) produce better results than others; (3) certain governance models produce worse results than others; or (4) certain governance models at the school (rather than at the district) level produce better results than others.

Local Positions

DRUG POLICY

The League of Women Voters of Albuquerque/Bernalillo County supports drug court programs, treatment for drug-dependent persons including jail-based treatment for drug-dependent prisoners and syringe exchange programs in Bernalillo County. These programs should be prudently and appropriately funded.

EDUCATION

Support of a requirement that functional competence in basic skills be demonstrated before a high school diploma is awarded by Albuquerque Public Schools (APS).

Emphasis on basic skills which should include the fine arts (including music, art, and drama) and ongoing technological developments. Identification of children at risk should begin early in the educational process and continue through high school. Remediation should be provided as early as possible.

An alternative path to a high school diploma should be available.

Support a community college in Albuquerque which should offer certificates and associates degrees for a variety of careers. Such degrees could be terminal or transferable toward a four-year program.

Support for the protection of the First Amendment rights of public school students and library patrons.

Support for a selection policy for APS school libraries and the Albuquerque Public Library which allows for access to a wide variety of materials.

Support for a purchase and distribution system of instructional materials for public schools that is timely and cost effective.

Support for the selection of basic instructional materials for the

Albuquerque Public Schools by a committee which consists of administrators, teachers, and parents and which represents a cross section of the ethnic, geographic and economic population of the community. In addition, resource persons who have expertise in the subject under consideration will serve in an advisory capacity.

Support for a selection procedure which includes:

- a. A fair and thorough evaluation of materials;
- b. A method for public examination and input;
- c. A strong conflict of interest policy.

Support for a policy which allows for informal resolution of controversy and a systematic reconsideration procedure for textbook and library materials.

HEALTH CARE

LWV/ABC supports health care, mental health care, preventive and educational health programs, comprehensive reproductive health care (which includes abortion), and home health care.

LWV/ABC believes society has a responsibility to provide comprehensive health care for the indigent of Bernalillo County and supports a mill levy as a means of funding such health care.

HOUSING

The City has primary responsibility for making available, facilitating, and coordinating provision of affordable, decent, and safe housing using federal, state, county, or city funds. This may also be done by coordination with private builders, nonprofit organizations, and/or foundations. We support the following guidelines for City government assisted housing:

- a. City assistance for private affordable housing projects under the following conditions:

1. The surrounding neighborhood has been involved early in the planning for the project;
 2. Regulatory variances which may be granted do not permit unsafe or unsightly conditions.
- b. Design review by a qualified panel.
 - c. A variety of home ownership and rental opportunities in public or private affordable housing projects.
 - d. An adequate maintenance system in all affordable housing projects. This system should include education and training for residents in maintenance skills.
 - e. Encouragement of the formation of tenant organizations.
 - f. Long Range planning, accountability, and neighborhood involvement in expenditure of federal Community Development Block Grant funds for housing rehabilitation.
 - g. City leadership in assistance for homeless programs which provide both shelter and services for targeted populations, particularly families and the mentally ill.
 - h. Boarding houses as a way of meeting housing needs.
 - i. Community-based residential care for the mentally ill.

INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

The LWV/ABC supports the Initiative & Referendum process. However, we have reached a consensus on the need for revision of four specific sections of the City Charter. We support the appointment of a Charter Revision Committee to study the process for qualifying Initiative and Referenda, with a view to revising Article 3, Sections & 3a of the Albuquerque City Charter that would:

- a. Increase the number of initiators needed to start the process;
- b. Increase the number of signatures required to compel an election;
- c. Refine the process of reviewing the petition title and summary; and
- d. Eliminate the requirement that the election must be held within 90 days after the date of filing the

petition with appropriate signatures.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Support for the development by Albuquerque and Bernalillo County of budgets that provide for long-range planning and evaluation programs.

Support for the city and county officials providing the media and citizens' groups with simplified budget information. This should occur prior to public hearings as a means of preparing citizens for the budget process.

Support for assessing the cost and effectiveness of programs supported by federal funds in Albuquerque and Bernalillo County.

Support for the City of Albuquerque to share in the New Mexico personal income tax as the most effective and equitable source of revenue.

Support of combined form of government for the city and county.

Support for coordinating village, city, and county government with joint use of record.

Support for:

- a. The present Mayor/Council form of government;
- b. Nonpartisan city elections;
- c. A significant increase in the

number of signatures required on a petition before a person can be placed on the ballot as a candidate for mayor. Preferably, the number of signatures should be based on either a percentage of voters having voted in the last mayoral election, or of registered voters, or of population of the city.

LAND USE

Land use decisions must be made with consideration to economic, environmental and social factors. We believe that it is possible to incorporate the principles of conservation of resources, to relate the use of land to its inherent characteristics and carrying capacities and still achieve an optimum balance between economic and social needs and environmental quality.

Support of development that protects natural resources and promotes the equal right of all to an environment beneficial to life.

Support of land use policies and techniques which promote orderly growth of Albuquerque/ Bernalillo County. These shall include:

- a. Infill, to include residential building in downtown and midcity areas;
- b. Acquisition appropriate use of open space;
- c. Preservation of agricultural lands as such;

- d. Utilization of mixed use in new development and in redevelopment;
- e. Revitalization of blighted sections of the community;
- f. Composition of neighborhoods to include a diversity of types of housing and of socioeconomic groups.

Support for coordinated city/ county and regional planning and zoning.

Support for coordinated regional land use and transportation planning.

TRANSPORTATION

Support for coordinated regional land use and transportation planning.

This planning shall include:

- a. Consideration of the impact of traffic congestion;
- b. The provision of viable transportation choices.

Support for a regional public transit system with a policy-making board which includes citizens with voting powers.

WATER

Support for coordinated regional water planning.



2007-2008 Nominees for the LWV/ABC Board

Officers

President	Diane Goldfarb	(07-09)
First Vice President	Josephine Porter	(07-09)
Fourth Vice President*	Dorothy Reynolds	(07-09)
Secretary	Ellen Evans	(07-09)

Directors

Lisa Franzen	(07-08)
Cheryl Haaker	(07-09)
Dolores Waller	(07-09)
Shirley Ash	(07-09)
Michelle MacDonald	(07-08)

Nominating Committee

Chair	Therese Barts	(07-08)
Member	Carolyn Lindberg	(07-08)
Member	Marilyn Morgan	(07-08)

Submitted by the 2006-2007 Nominating Committee

Chair	Mary Mulvany
Members	Vivian Boyle
	Karen Gatlin
	Donna Hill
	JoAnne Ramponi

* Contingent on approval of the amended by-laws

My Day at the Roundhouse

The alarm goes off. It can't be 5 a.m. already. No one will know if I don't go to Santa Fe today. I will just put my head down again and go back to sleep. Wait ...I said that I would get the new *Who's Who* delivered to all the Senate and House members and the letter Diane wrote has today's date on it.

While the sun has yet to clear the Sandias, I head for Santa Fe. It is really dark, but to get that handicapped parking place next to Capitol north you need to be there by seven a.m. I follow a red taillights as far as I can see in front of me and in the rearview mirror I see the lights of cars following me. Only when I start that long climb up I-25 does the sun begin to show and the beauty of the mountains covered with snow beckons me. In the solitude of the early morning, I am overwhelmed at the beauty of this day. It has been overcast with big dark clouds that now open to show the yellow and blue with a touch of pink that make the morning sky so beautiful. It was worth getting up early to see this.

I find a parking space, take my walker from the trunk of my car, load the box with the *Who's Who* and set off to the Roundhouse. In the meeting room for the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee, I sit down to hear what is before them today. Interesting information on proposed to building requirements that would be more "green" friendly. Using the sun's energy to heat and cool new construction and some retrofitting of structures that are being remodeled.

After the meeting, I go to my represent-ative's office. I drop off the letter and several copies of the *Who's Who* with a reminder that he and the other representatives sharing that office space are welcome to as many as they wish to hand out to their constituents. Now I head for the House side of the second floor to hand everything out.

Next stop is the third floor where there are a lot of offices and meeting rooms. According to the *Legislative Almanac* I have gotten almost everyone on the floor and now go to the fourth floor. Governor's office, Legislative Finance Library (I get some copies of their publications for our office), senators' and representatives' offices and finally the Lt. Governor's office.

I missed several offices and need to do Capitol north, but I have no more energy so I promise myself to be back on Wednesday to finish. Because one of the wonderful unexpected snows hit during the night, I could not return on Wednesday. I did get everything delivered the following week.

JoAnne Ramponi

In Memoriam: Josephine Hillman

When longtime league member Josephine (Josie) Hillman died February 11 at 91, she left a long history of community involvement. Josie was born in Philadelphia, moved to New York City where she met her husband Abe. They moved around the country while he held positions in university math departments.

They relocated to Albuquerque in the late 60's when Abe accepted a position at UNM. Monna Utter remembers that in the 70's Josie volunteered to help with typing materials for the Day Care committee. Josie said that, since she had done all of the typing for Abe's math books at Washington State University and at Santa Clara State, this is what she could do. Monna also remembers Josie telling her that she had been in League in all the places they had lived and had served in every major board position. Josie was also involved in Hadassah and several other community organizations. She was inducted into the Senior Hall of Fame in 1989.

She will be remembered for her quick smile, her warm personality and her knowledge of the issues. She was well read and would let you know what she felt about an issue. In 1992 Josie was one of the first seven women inducted into the LWV/ABC Roll of Honor.

The family can be contacted through Rhonda Backinoff, 6518 Lafving NE, 87109. *JoAnne Ramponi*

Memorial Gift to the LWV/ABC Education Fund

In memory of James Walton from Frank W. and Maurine B. Ikle
In memory of Rosemary Bingham from Julia White

Membership Update

Welcome, New and Returning Members:

Sarah Belle Brown

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345-6010

DeAnza Valencia

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301-9202

Barbara Griffith

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Corrales 87048
897-3122

Change

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Hurricane UT 84737-1803

New email addresses are available from the office or JoAnne Ramponi for Clara Moore, Meg Wente, Barbara Griffith, and DeAnza Valencia. *Kathleen Kimler Altobelli*

For Fun and Operating Fund

The Apple Tree musical at the Adobe Theater was a delight! Socializing afterwards with Board-contributed hors d'oeuvres, cake and beverages was also an enjoyable way to celebrate the League's 87th Birthday. Special thanks to the 55 who bought tickets, 12 who donated food, everyone who helped set up, and all who treasure camaraderie. Additional recognition to Terry Quinn of the committee of two, and Cheryl Haaker who designed the handsome name tags.

Donna Hill, Finance Chair

Times are Changing; Catch Up with the Drug Policy Study Committee Recommendations

This is a summary of information, definitions and resources which are the basis for the recommended changes to the Drug Policy position.

Everyone using an opioid does not become addicted--this seldom happens. Patients can become physically dependent on opioids for pain relief. Physical dependency is not addiction. Dependency can be overcome in a few days when the cause of the pain is gone. The distinction between physical dependence and addiction is important in order for consumers, healthcare professionals and caregivers to understand and adequately treat pain. Current knowledge and personal beliefs are a major barrier to adequate pain treatment.

Definitions:

ADDICTION: a complex, chronic disease, with genetic, psychosocial and environmental factors with behaviors including craving, compulsive use, loss of control, and continued use despite harm.

PHYSICAL DEPENDENCE: a condition of unpleasant withdrawal symptoms produced when some drugs are stopped or the blood level is decreased.

TOLERANCE: physical adaptation in which one requires more of the drug to get the same effect over time.

Concepts:

"Patients develop tolerance to all kinds of drugs that are in no way habit forming."

"Physical dependence and tolerance are also often confused with addiction. But, according to the consensus paper, both of these are normal responses to regular use of some prescribed medications (including opioids), and are not evidence of an addictive disorder."

"Physical dependence refers to the fact that when some drugs are stopped or the blood level of the drug is decreased, withdrawal symptoms emerge. Withdrawal symptoms can occur from a number of drugs (e.g. beta blockers and antidepressants as well as opioids)."

The *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management* indicates "physical dependence occurs in addiction but...is not inevitable. Physical dependence often occurs without addiction."

"Some addictive drugs--alcohol is a good example--disturb behavior in a way that threatens the safety of others even when used occasionally and compulsively....Others...for instance, nicotine--are powerfully addictive but do not disturb behavior significantly...To think rationally about drugs, we need to understand...how each one affects the user's health and the public health."

Resources:

"Addiction, Physical Dependence, Tolerance. Confused? Together, Pain and Addiction Organizations Recommend New Definitions" *Pain Community News*, Spring 2001 ©2001 American Pain Foundation

"Definitions Related to the Medical Use of Opioids: Evolution Towards Universal Agreement," *Journal of Pain Symptom Management*, Vol. 25, No. 1 July, 2003

ADDICTION From Biology to Drug Policy, Avram Goldstein, M.D. Second Edition, Oxford University Press, 2001

Delores Watkins, Chair

We Won the Lawsuit!

By now most of you know that the Voter ID lawsuit in which LWV/ABC participated against the City of Albuquerque has been decided. And you know that we won the case.

In October 2005 the Albuquerque City Council, on a 7-2 vote, put the issue of a Voter ID amendment to the Albuquerque Election Code before the public. Voters overwhelmingly approved the requirement that anyone voting in person in a municipal election be required to present a photo ID. While this was obviously a very popular decision, the problem was that the photo ID requirement was required only for in-person voters, not those who voted by absentee ballot.

LWV/ABC was asked to join the ACLU and other plaintiffs in a federal court challenge to this new law. Because it was in keeping with League principles and positions, and because other Leagues have been parties to similar lawsuits in other states, our Board of Directors voted to join the lawsuit in December 2005. The lawsuit alleged that the Voter ID amendment was an unconstitutional violation of the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution because it created an unfair, unequal system of voting, holding people who vote in person to a higher standard of identification from those who voted absentee.

Our involvement meant the LWV/ABC President had to give a deposition and file an affidavit on behalf of the League. Some of you helped by responding to an e-mail asking if you generally voted in person or absentee and if you felt your driver's license photo was a good likeness.

On February 12 U.S. District Court Judge M. Christine Armijo struck down the photo ID requirement finding that it violated the Equal Protection Clause "because it imposes a significant burden on the fundamental right to vote, and because that burden is not narrowly tailored to meet the City's interest in preventing voter impersonation at the polls." In her ruling, Judge Armijo found that the City of Albuquerque failed to present "evidence of voter fraud or voting irregularities among Albuquerque voters who vote in person at their precinct polling place on election day." Instead, she determined that the most convincing evidence of voter fraud presented to the court lay with absentee voting that was not included in the photo ID requirement.

This case will very likely be appealed to the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals and may eventually go to the U.S. Supreme Court. The ACLU will continue to provide representation for the plaintiffs, including the League.

Our thanks go to all of you who responded to that early e-mail and for your interest and support. The League's input contributed to the court's decision. Our Board is proud to have been part of this important decision, and we know that our membership will agree.

James Scarantino, the attorney who handled this case for the ACLU, will be the speaker at our Annual Meeting on May 5. We know you will be interested in hearing some of the details of this case and asking questions of him.

Diane Goldfarb and Josephine Porter

LWV/ABC Operating Fund Budget**Fiscal Year
05/01/07 to 04/30/08****Income:**

Dues		
Received Local Members	\$13,000.00	
Total Dues		\$13,000.00
Contributions:		
Members	1,000.00	
Organizations	<u>0.00</u>	
Total Contributions		1,000.00
Fund Raiser Income		3,800.00
Handbook Advertisement Income		400.00
Consulting		200.00
Miscellaneous		0.00
Allocation from Education Fund		<u>4,047.00</u>

Total Income**\$22,447.00****Expenses**

State and National Dues		
National Dues (75%)	\$4,990.00	
State Dues	<u>3,036.00</u>	
Total Dues		\$8,026.00
Operating:		
Equipment Maint.	\$100.00	
Insurance	500.00	
Postage	300.00	
Rent	3,300.00	
Supplies	150.00	
Copying	50.00	
Telephone	1,200.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>200.00</u>	
Total Operating		\$5,800.00
Administration:		
President	\$500.00	
Board of Directors	200.00	
Public Relations	100.00	
Committee Expenses	<u>500.00</u>	
Total Administration		\$1,300.00
Fund Raising Expenses		\$1,800.00
Voter:		
Printing	\$2,500.00	
Bulk Mail	<u>600.00</u>	
* Total Voter		\$3,100.00
Conventions:		
* LWVUS Council Expenses	\$600.00	
* LWVUS Convention Regis.	750.00	
* LWVNM Council Regis.	<u>50.00</u>	
Total Conventions		\$1,400.00
* Action		325.00
* Technology		20.00
* Member Handbook		<u>800.00</u>

Total Expenses**\$22,571.00****Net Income (Expense)****(\$124.00)**

LWV/ABC Education Fund Budget**Fiscal Year
05/01/07 to 04/30/08****Income:**

Contributions	\$6,500.00
Memorial Donations	300.00
2008 Salute to Albuquerque	15,000.00
Interest Income	0.00
Miscellaneous	<u>100.00</u>

Total Income**\$21,900.00****Expenses**

2008 Salute to Albuquerque Expenses	\$5,000.00
Operating:	
Miscellaneous	100.00
Equipment	0.00
Publications	
* Voters' Guide	5,000.00
* Who's Who	1,400.00
* Misc.	50.00
* Voter Service/Education	1,000.00
Forums/ Meetings	
Election Reform	
General	
Allowable 25% PMP National Portion	1,664.00
Allocation to Operating Fund	4,047.00
Carry Forward to 2008-2009	3,639.00

Total Expenses**\$21,900.00****Net Income (Expense)****\$0.00**

* Activities included in base for determining proper operating and administrative cost allocations
Basis for Allocation:

Activity cost-member functions	\$5,645.00	43%
Activity cost-Education Functions	<u>7,450.00</u>	57%
Total	\$13,095.00	
Cost to be Allocated	\$7,100.00	
Calculation: 57% O & A Expenses	\$4,047.00	

2006-2007 Budget Committee

Josephine Porter, Chair
Carolyn Lindberg
Dixie Prowell
Terry Quinn, Ex-Officio

April Calendar

UNIT	LOCATION	LEADER	MEMBERSHIP
Luncheon 2 nd Thursday 11:45 a.m.	Wyndham Hotel 2910 Yale SE Reservations required \$15 *	Marilyn Morgan 266-5131	Vivian Boyle 266-1417
Midtown 3 rd Monday 1:30 p.m.	Manzano del Sol 5201 Roma NE Hobby Room (on the first floor)	JoAnne Ramponi 298-2716	
Evening 3 rd Tuesday 6:00 p.m.	Cherry Hills Library 6901 Barstow NE Optional dinner after meeting	Jan Bray 292-7270	Delores Watkins 823-2308
West Side 3 rd Wednesday 12 noon	Destiny Center 2003 Southern Blvd. ** Rio Rancho Brown bag lunch	Marie Ross 771-0103 Mary Mulvany 792-9287	Janet Kelbley 898-4123

* Luncheon Unit reservations: call the League office by 10:00 a.m. the preceding Monday.
If you do not attend and have not canceled by the deadline, you will be billed for the cost.

** See first page of this issue for directions.

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You can join LWV
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