

LWVOR President's Report 2021 01 08

December was not a sleepy month. I expect board member reports for the LWVOR 2021 Convention, the Day at the Legislature, "cyber study" position for board acceptance, Nominating Committee observers today, Vote411 options for 2021, etc. Here are questions to the board, state leaders' chat, president's activities last month.

Local League questions:

Corvallis asks: How is the "Cides" study coming? There is concern for partisan messaging ([Register](#) for the January 26th LWVUS Community Call to discuss how to remain nonpartisan in hyper partisan times.

Portland asks: When will the LWVOR board consider and decide upon PMP?

State leaders chat:

- Bylaws review, [Wisconsin DEI & Bylaws](#), Texas bylaws template for local Leagues.
- Alternative governing structures, to be included in proposed bylaws revisions (job-sharing).
- Recording volunteer hours is helpful, LWVC (California) board timesheet template attached.
"Responding to the LWVUS Semi-Annual Survey revealed a need for LWV Nebraska and its 4 local Leagues to have a better way of tracking volunteer hours."

From LWVUS

Several leaders commented on difficulty keeping up with message traffic and LWV staff are aware, say there is just a great deal going on right now. [Sign up for Dr. Deb Turner's newsletter here](#), often listing useful webinars offered. I have asked, haven't heard anything further on the LWV Nevada state board members.

LWVOR President's month:

- **Election transition violence concern** OR Coalition Against Hate Crimes reports thin resources with increased hate crimes, spike in homicides. Transgender and BIPOC violence in Portland, harassment of the "global cast" in Ashland (and discussion of Aidan Ellison's murder), antisemitic crime in Eugene. We hope for a reconvening of the Department of Homeland Security Regional Community Roundtable.
- **Election messaging** with LWV and partner around election disruption and violence concerns, People Powered Fair Maps Redistricting check-ins, including grant updates, a redistricting app introduction.
- **Local League Leaders** with slim attendance, we discussed concern for the Nevada League, but no news. We need a local League Leaders' Whip to coordinate and convene group calls, with LWVOR ZOOM access.
- **Coalition calls** Weekly campaign calls for Honest Elections (campaign finance reform), now with Sen Golden, who invited us to a direct call with him. We have fewer calls with the People Not Politicians Redistricting PAC, did send a year-end fundraising message in their behalf.
- **Vote411 geospatial information** The Oregon Geospatial Officer invited us to the NSGIC annual conference and we coordinated to include Jeanette Senecal to speak for League geospatial information use with Vote411, "*LWV and NSGIC Geo-Enabled Elections*".
- **E-Portal Government Advisory Board** quarterly meeting. Business as usual, note, elections websites and software are not administered by this board.
- **Local Leagues** distance meetings, notably learning about Wildfires, the Environment and Public Health in Oregon (pyrogeography on a Corvallis League call. We need to coordinate listings of local League meetings to improve sharing information publicly!
- **Capitol building access** The Capitol Club Annual meeting raised Capitol access questions, awareness of concern, but no directions.
- **Privacy and Cybersecurity position draft** We met frequently, thanks to the committee.
- **Staff check-in calls** see the office report. We're looking forward to website improvements, a large project.
- **Swearing-in for the Secretary of State**, a distance meeting.
- **LWVOR Committees**, including 11 action letters. Thank you to volunteers on all of our Committees!

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