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May Presidents Message,
by Alyce Prudden

With April in the rear-view mirror, I say good riddance to its capricious weather, not to mention tax day. On the other hand, April offered much to celebrate at League, including a successful candidate forum – our first in-person forum since the start of the pandemic!

The LWVCC Candidates' Forum took place on April 27th at the Curry Public Library in Gold Beach. It featured all three candidates for our county's sole contested primary race, Curry County Commissioner Position 1.

April also brought LWVCC's usual third-Thursday all-member meeting. We met via Zoom, starting at 5:30 pm, to hear Norman Turrill's expert presentation on current governance issues in Oregon.

Now the calendar page has turned to May, with its lovely weather and diverse events. During May, we celebrate both Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month *and* Jewish American Heritage Month. These annual celebrations recognize the two groups' many contributions to our nation. And of course, as May concludes, we also mark Memorial Day, which allows us to honor our military heroes while celebrating the freedoms won by their sacrifices. (May is American Cheese Month, too, but that's a different newsletter.)

Near and dear to the hearts of all good citizens, the month of May brings primary elections. Make sure to get your ballot in by May 17th!

Finally, May finds your LWVCC board busy gearing up for next month's Annual Meeting. After two years of meeting virtually, we're very excited to hold this year's meeting in person! The date is Saturday, June 4, 2022; the time is 10 am to 1 pm; and the place is Curry Public Library in Gold Beach. Mark your calendar, bring a bag lunch, and prepare to greet members old and new, while we get important league business done. I hope to see you all there.

Meanwhile, here's an ode to May.

*What's there to say about lovely May
that hasn't already been said?
Oh, sure, we make hay, and we go out and play,
and we're grateful that gray skies have fled.

But on the down-low, how many know
of Maia, who gave May its name?
She nourishes earth, and also gave birth
to Zeus, of lightning bolt fame!

But what's the chance that this myth or romance
has something germane to impart?
Could it offer a clue about what to do –
and how we can each play our part?

While we open our arms to May's gracious charms,
and bask in its majestic finery,
Keep freedom afloat – please remember to vote –
take part in the upcoming primary!*

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Board Meeting Summary

The April LWVCC board meeting was held via Zoom on April 11, 2022, starting at noon.

- ✓ All board members were present, except Dennis Triglia who was traveling in Greece.
- ✓ The April meeting was a tri-state affair – likely a first for LWVCC.
- ✓ Alyce Prudden presided from California, while Colleen Bunn zoomed in from Alabama.
- ✓ Meanwhile, the Oregon participants braved wind, rain, hail, and Wi-Fi problems to attend virtually.

The following motions were presented and passed unanimously:

1. Motion to approve the financial statements for March 2022, as submitted by the treasurer;
2. Motion to approve the board meeting minutes for March 2022, as submitted by the secretary.

Other business included the following:

- 🇺🇸 **Voter services** – Continuing planning and preparation for the Candidate Forum on 4/27/22.
- 🇺🇸 **Membership** – LWVCC's roster stands at 38 members.
- 🇺🇸 **Unit meetings** – The April meeting will feature Norman Turrill discussing Redistricting; by consensus, there will be no May unit meeting.

The next board meeting will be held via zoom on Monday, May 9th, from noon to 2pm.



- 🇺🇸 **Saturday, June 4, 2022**
- 🇺🇸 **10 am to 1 pm**
- 🇺🇸 **Curry Public Library, Gold Beach**
- 🇺🇸 **Bring a bag lunch**
- 🇺🇸 **Greet members old and new, face to face**
- 🇺🇸 **Help get important league business done**
- 🇺🇸 **We hope to see you there!**

Quote

"The League never supports or opposes candidates or political parties. Sometimes, we support or oppose ballot measures based on our studied, nonpartisan positions."



**Norman Turrill spoke at our all-member unit meeting on April 21, 2022,
which met via Zoom starting at 5:30 pm.**



The Speaker:

- Norman Turrill holds MS degrees in Chemistry and Computer Science from the University of Washington. He has worked as a teacher in the Peace Corps in Somalia and as a computer software engineer. He has been active in Common Cause for many years, serving at different times as state president in both Nebraska and Washington and as a state Board member in both New York and Oregon.
- Mr. Turrill's history with the League of Women Voters runs long and deep. He joined the Seattle League in the 1970s, shortly after it first began to accept male members.
- He was a member of the LWVUS Board between 2008 and 2014 – the first and only man to ever serve on the national board.
- In Oregon, Mr. Turrill served as LWVOR President from 2015 to 2019. Currently, he is the LWVOR Action Committee Governance Coordinator. Mr. Turrill was a Chief Petitioner for Initiative Petition 57 on redistricting, and he is still Chair of People Not Politicians, which is active in current redistricting efforts. He brings rich experience and knowledge on governance issues, which he generously shared with the LWVCC members in attendance.

The Presentation:

- The topic of discussion was redistricting and other governance issues. Mr. Turrill updated us on some of the current legislative issues. A short legislative session (35 days) just ended for the Oregon legislature. The session did not address redistricting or campaign finance reform.
- He noted that districts are typically designed to favor incumbents and the dominant political party at the time redistricting occurs. The original plan was for districts to generally follow physical barriers, but that is not currently followed in most cases of redistricting.

Topic 1 - Redistricting:

- In 2019, Initiative Petition (IP) 57 was promoted by People Not Politicians, which is a statewide coalition of Oregonians and organizations concerned about good government. IP 57 was a ballot initiative to change the way legislative and congressional districts are drawn by amending the state constitution. The initiative proposed replacing the current redistricting process controlled by partisan politicians with an independent citizen redistricting commission comprised of impartial Oregon voters. However not enough signatures were obtained to get IP 57 on the ballot.
- More recently, IP 34 has been filed to get on a future ballot and it currently is being reviewed in court. It is hoped that IP 34 will be ready for the 2024 ballot.

Here is the website for People Not Politicians: <https://www.peoplenotpoliticiansoregon.com/>

- In Mr. Turrill's view, it has been very encouraging to see California successfully go through two cycles of voting with an independent redistricting commission in place.





Topic 2 – Campaign Finance Reform:

- In 2020, Oregon voters passed Ballot Measure (BM) 107, which allows the Oregon Legislature to place limits on political campaign contributions. However, the legislature has not taken up the issue thus far.
- More recently, three initiatives addressing campaign finance reform (IP 43, 44, and 45) have been submitted to Oregon's Secretary of State, but she concluded that the initiatives do not comply with the formatting rules. Therefore, these initiatives will not be on this year's ballot.
- Mr. Turrill noted that the LWV does not support or oppose any issue until it is on the ballot. Here is a website where you can find out more information about these initiatives: <https://www.honest-elections.com/>.

Topic 3 – Items from the Last Legislative Session:

- Mr. Turrill reviewed a half-dozen bills, all but one successful.
- Oregon Senate Bill 1584 will provide compensation for those wrongly incarcerated: \$65,000 per year of wrongful imprisonment, with an additional compensation of up to \$25,000 for years wrongfully spent on parole, post-prison, or on the sex offender registry.
- Oregon House Bill 4092, Broadband Omnibus, establishes a framework for broadband investment. It will support new infrastructure projects, fund libraries providing free internet access, and work to expand bill assistance programs for customers.
- Oregon House Bill 4133 contains a relatively simple remedy to allow people who don't have state-issued IDs such as a driver's license to register to vote online using the last part of their social security number.
- Oregon House Bill 4144 is intended to deter threats to county and state elections workers while they are performing their duties.
- Lastly among the successful bills, under Senate Bill 1527, secrecy sleeves are no longer required for mail-in ballots.
- The unsuccessful legislation included Oregon House Bill 4155, which would have established a Cybersecurity Center of Excellence at Portland State University.

 **Mr. Turrill's presentation, and his insightful responses to participants' questions, were well-received and greatly appreciated.** 

Welcome
Back!

LWVCC welcomes returning
members, Philip & Pamela Dickson.
We're happy to have you back!



News From National League

What:

55th National Convention

Where:

Sheraton Downtown, Denver, Colorado & on-line

When:

June 23 – June 26, 2022

"We invite our League members to save these dates and plan to join fellow passionate and engaged League leaders for our biennial national gathering to be held in Denver, CO and online in 2022."

For more information, see <https://www.lwv.org/manage-your-league/council-convention>

vote!



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**Don't forget to vote in the
primary, May 17th!**

vote!



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News From State League

What:

LWVOR Council 2022

Where:

Virtual, via Zoom

When:

May 13-15, 2022

If you're interested in participating in LWVOR Council 2022 as a delegate or observer, please contact Alyce Prudden at aeprudden@aol.com.

Information about Council 2022 is available at
<https://www.lwvor.org/lwvorcouncil2022>





Voter Service Report: April Candidates' Forum for Curry County Commission Position 1

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The LWVCC Candidates' Forum took place on April 27th, from 6 pm to 8 pm, at the Curry Public Library in Gold Beach.

LWVCC presented the forum in advance of the upcoming May 17th primary election as a service to the voters of Curry County, with the goal of increasing citizen awareness and encouraging more informed choices. The forum was planned and implemented by the League's Voter Service Team, Dennis Triglia and Susan Barke.

This is the first time since the start of the pandemic that we were able to hold a forum in person, and we fully embraced the opportunity! In addition to providing an important community service in a face-to-face setting, the event marked the debut of our new public address system, nicknamed "Hope." With the exception of one glitchy microphone, the system worked well, thanks to the skills and persistence of Louise and Jim Abbott.

The forum featured all three candidates for the county's sole contested primary race, Curry County Commissioner Position 1: Brad Alcorn, Beth Barker-Hidalgo, and George Rhodes.

Consistent with LWVCC's long-standing practice, the forum was conducted as a moderated question-and-answer session.

It started with candidate opening statements (up to three minutes each). Moderator Philip Dickson then presented audience questions, giving each candidate an opportunity to respond (up to one and a half minutes each per answer). As is customary with league forums, there were no closing statements by the candidates.

Audience questions (all anonymous) ran the gamut. Many of the questions focused on policy issues, such as county revenue shortfalls; housing shortages and homelessness; the loss of local public health and behavioral health programs; the cost of delivery of medical services to south county; and whether the candidate would favor a five-member commission. Other questions were more personal, including what experience, education, skills, and perspective each candidate would bring to the position.

Carl King of Curry County Voices recorded the forum. The video can be accessed at the league's website (lwvcurry.org) and at the Curry County Voices website (currycountyvoices.com/programs).

The event was a success, with all the hallmarks of a good voter education program: it was well-attended, informative, civil, and worthwhile.

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who made the forum a success, including:

-  **Organization & Planning: Dennis Triglia & Susan Barke**
-  **Candidates: Brad Alcorn, Beth Barker-Hidalgo & George Rhodes**
-  **Moderator: Philip Dickson**
-  **Videographer: Carl King**
-  **Sound Engineers: Louise & Jim Abbott**
-  **Greeter: Mary LaVille**
-  **Timer: Susan Barke**
-  **Question Monitors: Mary Jane LaBelle & Alyce Prudden**
-  **Question Runners: Deb Worth & Phoebe Skinner**



We also express our gratitude to Jeremy Skinner and Rebecca Marcus of the Curry Public Library in Gold Beach for providing the venue for the forum.





League of Women Voters of Curry County
Calendar
Spring – Summer 2022

Month	Day	Events	Place	Time
May	9	LWVCC Board Meeting	Zoom	12:00-2:00 pm
	17	Oregon Primary Election	County Clerk's Office; Official Ballot Dropsites	7:00 am - 8:00 pm; Until 8:00 pm
	19	<i>No all- member meeting this month</i>		
	25	LWVOR Local League Leaders	Zoom	5:00 pm
June	4	Annual Meeting of Members	Gold Beach Library	10:00 am - 1:00 pm
	6	Old/New Board Meeting	Alyce Prudden's home	12:00 pm



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