**LWV Upper Mississippi River Region ILO**

**Governing Board Meeting (virtual)**

**10:30 – NOON, Monday, October 2, 2023**

**Board Officers**

**Chair** Mary Ellen Miller (IA-Metro Des Moines)

**Co-Vice-Chairs** Nancy-Porter (IA-Johnson County) +Vacant

**Secretary** Tamara Prenosil (IA-Dubuque)

**Treasurer** Catherine Franczyk (IL- Wheaton)

**Past Co-Chairs** Mary & Steve Ploeser (WI-Dane County)

**Communications Director** Gretchen Sabel (MN-ABC)

**Committee Chairs**

**Action:** Kay Slama

**Nominating:** Bonnie Cox (IL-Galena)

**By-Laws:** Kay Slama

**Audit:** Catherine Franczyk

**Program:** Mary Ellen Miller

**State Appointed Board Members**

**Iowa**: Vacant

**Illinois:** Lee Ekstrom (MN - McHenry County)

**Minnesota:** Kay Slama (MN-Willmar)

**Missouri:** Michelle Croyle (local League?)

**Wisconsin:** Carolyn Mahlum-Jenkins (WI – La Crosse)

**State Appointed Board Alternates**

**Iowa:** E. J. Gallagher (IA-Blackhawk-Bremer)

**Illinois:** Paula Ekstrom (IL-McHenry County)

**Minnesota:** Vacant

**Missouri:** Vacant

**Wisconsin:** Nancy Hill (WI – La Crosse)

**MEETING AGENDA**

10:30 am Call to Order/Board Check-In Miller

10:50 am Minutes from August 7, 2023, highlights Prenosil

10:55 am Finance reports (*filed for audit*): Balance Sheet Franczyk

Budget vs Actuals

Revenues/Expenses

11:05 am Action Committee Update Slama

Meets monthly on 4th Monday, 4:00 pm ZOOM

2023 Farm Bill advocacy plan

CO2 Pipeline status Report

Call to Action process steps

Other Key Issues

11:15 am Annual Meeting Committee Appointments Miller

Nominating: Bonnie Cox, (who else?)

By-Laws: EJ Gallagher, Nancy Porter, Tam Prenosil, Kay Slama

Audit: Catherine Franczyk, (who else?)

2024-25 Program Planning: All Board Members

11:20 am 2024 By-Laws Committee Report Slama

Increase Number of Voting Directors (eliminate Alternates)

Term Limits/Reappointments every two years

Co-Vice Chair vacancy/Succession Planning

Change Date of Notice of Program Recommendations

At least five (5) months in advance of the annual meeting the board shall send to

the presidents of local and state Leagues a status report of the current positions

with explanations of activities taken under each position, and a request for program

recommendations for the next year. The board shall ask for evaluation of the

current positions, may ask for suggestions for study and/or focus and may make its

own suggestions for study and/or focus.

1. Local and state League boards may make recommendations for a program to the board at

least three (3) months prior to the annual meeting.

1. The board shall consider these recommendations and formulate a proposed program, which

shall be sent to the members at a minimum of two (2) months before the annual meeting.

1. The annual meeting shall be given a list of all program items submitted to the board but not

selected by the board in addition to the board proposed program. The annual meeting may amend or modify the board proposed program by adopting a program item by a two-thirds vote of those present, which must include that of delegates from all four (4) state Leagues

1. The annual meeting shall adopt a program by a majority vote of those present, which must

include that of delegates from all four (4) state Leagues.

1. Between annual meetings the board may choose to pursue an issue not selected at the

previous annual meeting.

11:35 am Status Reports:

Adding Missouri Process/Timeline Croyle

Annual Report to all Supporting Leagues

Invite Each State Chair to attend an UMRR Board meeting?

Exhibit Opportunities:

IA Water Conference, Sept 18-20, Altoona Report Prenosil/Miller

2024 Each State’s Council Meeting

June 2024 LWV US Convention

11:45 am **2023-24** **Program Schedule:**

August 7, Duane Hvorka, NWF, 2023 Farm Bill Process (IA/WS)

October TBD, Sacket Decision (who)

December 4, CO2 Pipeline (Illinois)

February 5, Circular Economy (MN St. Cloud)

February TBD, Book Discussions with LWV Metro DSM

Neil Hamilton’s “The River Knows” Chris Jones “The Swine Republic” April 1, Mississippi Compact (who)

May 25?? UMRR Annual Meeting (virtual) SMRT, MRRRI, Farm Bill

June ???, 2024 Board Retreat, (in person) where?

May 31 -June 1? MN annual convention

June 7-8? IA & WS annual convention

June 8-9? IL annual convention

June 20-23? LWV US Biennial Convention

2025 Upper MS River National Wildlife Refuge 100th Celebration

11:55 am Other Business:

11:59 am Next board meeting 10:30 am, December 4, 2023 (virtual)

NOON Adjourn

**Connect to Zoom Meeting  
Topic: LWV UMRR Board Meeting - Business Session**  
Time: October 2, 2023 10:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)  
Join Zoom Meeting

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