**LWV Upper Mississippi River Region ILO**

**Governing Board Meeting (virtual)**

**10:00 am - NOON, Monday, October 4, 2021**

**Board Officers**

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

**Co-Vice-Chairs** Nancy-Porter (IA-Johnson County) & Shawn Stacey-Choinard (IL-Rockford)

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

**Treasurer** Jeri McGinley (WI-Stevens Point)

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

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

**Committee Chairs**

**Action:** Lonnie McCauley (MN-ABC)

**Nominating:** Rosemary Heilemann (IL-Buffalo Grove)

**State Appointed Board Members**

**Iowa**: Sue Wilson – (IA – Dubuque)

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

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

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

**State Appointed Board Alternates**

**Iowa:**

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

**Minnesota:** Lonnie McCauley (MN-ABC)

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

**Topic: LWV UMRR Board Meeting**

**Time: Oct 4, 2021 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86840744039?pwd=SlRZSjA3YXA5ZCt6TUNCK1hHSzVQdz09>

**Meeting ID: 868 4074 4039**

**Passcode: 851403**

Phone in on: 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

**MEETING AGENDA**

10:00 am Call to Order

Board Check-In/Updates Miller

10:24 am Minutes from August 2, 2021 Prenosil

10:25 am Finance report: Balance Sheet McGinley

Budget vs Actuals

Revenues/Expenses

Dues Notices Update

10:30 am Alan Guebert $300 stipend

10:30 am Board positions to be filled: Iowa (alternate) Iowa Reps

10:31 am Website Updates Sabel

Board Roster with bios, how are we doing?

Communications with our four state Leagues Miller/Sabel

IA contracted Communications professional: Melissa Gesing

IL what/who is the avenue?

MN what/who is the avenue?

WI what/who is the avenue?

10:40 am **2021** **Program Schedule:**

August 2, 1:00 pm (virtual) Sustainable Dubuque (Tam)

October 4, 6 – 7:30 pm (virtual) PFAS in our Water and Us (Jeri)

December 6, 1:00 pm (virtual) How Federal Farm Policy Ended Up Polluting our Waters and Creating the Dead Zone in the Gulf of Mexico, Alan Guebert (Mary Ellen)

February 7, En-Roads Climate Change Simulator,

Jackie Armstrong (Mary Ellen)

April (need program topic/presenter ideas)

May Annual Meeting

June LWV UW Convention (date to be determined)

10:43 am **Visioning Our Future UMRR Work 2021-22**

*“If the plan doesn’t work, change the plan; but, never the goal.”*

A brief review of our May board visioning time.

UMRR niche topics: water quality, soil health, climate change.

(develop a registry of websites relative to these topics)

Do we want to be represented at the LWV US 2022 June convention?

Date has not yet been set.

If virtual, how? If in person, how?

Do we exhibit at either? Present a program?

How are we doing with our four state League communications Are we on each state League annual meeting agenda?

Do we exhibit at each state League meeting?

Do we have UMRR updates in state League Voters?

Are we filling our pipeline for future UMRR board members?

Other topics for discussion:

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