**LWV Upper Mississippi River Region ILO**

**Annual Members Meeting (virtual via ZOOM)**

**6:00 – 7:00 pm, Monday, May 29, 2024**

**Elected Board Officers**

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

**Co-Vice-Chair** Nancy-Porter (IA-Johnson County) **Co-Vice-Chair** (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 (MN-Willmar)

**Nominating:** Bonnie Cox (IL-Jo Daviess County)

**By-Laws:** Nancy Porter (IA-Johnson County)

**Audit:** Catherine Franczyk (IL-Wheaton)

**Program:** Mary Ellen Miller/Board

**MRN Liaison:** Nancy Porter (IA-Johnson County)

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**State Appointed Board Members**

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

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

**Minnesota:** Kay Slama (Willmar)

**Missouri:** Michelle Croyle (St. Louis)

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

**State Appointed Alternates/Provisional**

**Iowa:** vacant

**Iowa:**  tba

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

**Illinois:**  tba

**Minnesota:** Megan Benage (New Ulm)

**Minnesota:** Colleen Werdien (ABC}

**Missouri:** Sheryl Eufinger (Kansas City/JCP)

**Misssouri:** tba

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

**Wisconsin:** tba

**ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING AGENDA**

**5:30 pm** ZOOM opens for social time among delegates.

**5:55 pm** **Certification of Delegates** Sabel

**6:00 pm** **Call to Order/**Introduction of 2023-24 UMRR Board Miller

In Memoriam:

Lonnie McCauley, MN (Founder/Action Committee Chair)

Deborah Ann Turner, IA (LWV US President)

**6:10 pm** **Minutes** from May 22, 2023 *(requires vote)*  Prenosil

**6:13 pm** **Finance** Reports (*filed for audit*): May 2024 Balance Sheet Franczyk

2023-24 Revenues/Expenses *(to date)*

2024-25 Proposed Budget *(requires vote)*

**6:21 pm** **By-Laws Revisions** *(requires vote)* Board

*If adopted, each state is asked to fill three board positions by August.*

**6:30 pm Board Nominations** *(two year terms, requires vote)*Committee

**Secretary:**

**Treasurer:**

**Co-Vice-Chair:**

**Nominations Chair:**

**6:17 pm** **2024-25 Program for Action** *(attached, requires vote)* Board

**6:55 pm General Announcements**

MRN Mini-Grant to tour Pop Art Clean Water Exhibit

Exhibit available to all UMRR member Leagues June 27-30 LWV US Convention, Washington, D.C.

100th Anniversary Upper MS River Wildlife & Fish Refuge

<https://uppermiss100.com>

June 1-15 MRN/1Mississippi “Days on the River”

**7:00 pm Maisah Khan, Mississippi River Network Policy Director**

**2023-24 Program Schedule**

August 7, “2023 Farm Bill Update,”

Duane Hvorka, Nat’l Wildlife Federation

November 6, “Clean Water Act Implementation after Sackett Decision”

Rob Lee, Midwest Environmental Advocates

December 4, “CO2 Pipelines: Activism, Coalitions, Legislative Action”

Peg Furshong (CURE MN), Pam Richert (Eco-Justice Collaborative

IL), and Jan Norris, (Pipeline Opponent, IA)

February 3, “The Swine Republic” Chris Jones, author

February 5, “St. Cloud Minnesota’s Circular Energy Economy,”

Tracy Hodel, City Public Works Director

March 2, “The River Knows,” Neil Hamilton, author

April TBD Prairie River Network