

## *LWV CVA Sunday Seminar*

### "Child Care Policy Perspectives"

#### Guest Speakers:

**Corey Borgman**

Education & Outreach Director for  
UVA's Montessori Science Program  
and

**Andrew Pennock**

Associate Professor of Public Policy, UVA



**Sunday, April 10, 2022, 2 to 4 pm**

Free Virtual Zoom Meeting! To join, Click ON:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84901864553?pwd=QS90L2YwL3l1eUM0a3JqMXc0Z2FTUT09>

Each year, in different states, new policies are enacted that affect Early Childhood Care and Education. Last year, there was a big change in Virginia, as everything involving Early Childhood Care and Education was consolidated into the Department of Education. There are more changes on the horizon, with plans to expand Virginia's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) and also to improve child care regulations. At the Federal level, President Biden is calling for free universal pre-K.

However, there is also a call for child care pluralism, because American families vary greatly in their wants and needs for their children. As Virginia moves forward with policy plans, different stakeholders are working to make sure that policy changes will allow them to provide the kind of Early Childhood Care and Education they value.

This Sunday Seminar will feature two unique stakeholders of Early Childhood Care and Education – Montessori Education and Cooperative Preschools: **Corey Borgman, Education & Outreach Director of UVA's Montessori Science Program**, will inform us about advocacy for Montessori education; and **Andrew Pennock, Associate Professor of Public Policy, UVA**, will inform us about advocacy for Cooperative Preschools. Join us for this informative virtual zoom meeting starting promptly at 2 pm on Sunday, April 10, 2022. You will have the opportunity to address comments and questions to our speakers. For more information about this program, contact Beth Kariel, email: [bethkariel9@gmail.com](mailto:bethkariel9@gmail.com)

## **2022 LWV-US National Convention: “Women Power Democracy” June 23 through June 26, Denver, Colorado**

The biennial national gathering of *The League of Women Voters* will take place **June 23 through June 26, 2022, in Denver, Colorado**. Attendance at the Convention is an excellent way to learn about the League and participate as a “voting delegate” in its decision-making process or simply attend as an “observer.”

**This year the Convention will be offered as “in-person” or “virtual”.** Our League is entitled to **three voting delegates** (based on LWV CVA total membership of 137). We heartily urge long-time members and members new to our League to attend and represent our League! LWV CVA has a set amount of funds budgeted to support the registration fees as well as hotel and air flight.

If you are interested in this outstanding member event, please contact LWV CVA President Pat Cochran, email: [patcochranlwcva@gmail.com](mailto:patcochranlwcva@gmail.com). She will be delighted to send you the registration information for attending in person or virtually. **Registration deadline is June 6.**

## **LWV-VA Council 2022 – June 4, 2022, 9 am - 3 pm**

Among the planned program will be updates on all four Virginia program studies; environmental justice, childcare, education equity and campaign finance reform. Also there will be a report from the budget committee and the roll call of the Leagues.

Informative and educational breakouts are in the afternoon.

RSVP [here](#). Cost \$25 per delegate or observer—LWV CVA will reimburse for virtual participation of our members who attend Council.

## **LWV CVA Natural Resources Committee Meeting Report**

**By Muriel Grim, chair**

The Natural Resources Committee meeting was held virtually on March 22, 2022. We decided on the content of a “letter to the editor” that we will use to make people aware of the direct connection between economic growth and global warming. We will continue to advocate for the Growth Management section of the Albemarle Comprehensive Plan to address not just where growth occurs but the kind of growth that affects climate change. We decided to monitor the Albemarle Board of Supervisors meetings to see whether the effects of greenhouse gas emissions are being considered in land use decisions.

For more information about the LWV CVA Natural Resources Committee, contact Muriel Grim, email: msgrim2012@gmail.com.

## **LWV CVA Electoral Board Observer Corps Report**

**By Kerin Yates, Chair**

Karen Davenport’s statement in her notes of Louisa County’s Electoral Board Meeting held March 23 sums up what is happening there and in several of the other counties that we cover - “the meeting was the most confusing I have attended, not confusing just for me but it appeared confusing also for the members.” See page 4 for her complete report. The culprit – unresolved issues with regard to 2020 census driven redistricting and election laws that will be in place for the primaries and for November. Much is left to be decided in the General Assembly, the Courts, and by the Virginia Election Board. All this leaves the Registrars with less and less time to prepare to handle the elections. Citizens in new precincts, may find themselves in a “who? where? and what?” mode. This should signal the League that we have a real need to be present. Should you wish to read further on the current world of Virginia’s election problems click on the following link – this is a lawsuit to decide what offices should actually be up for election in November!

<https://www.virginiamercury.com/2022/03/21/setting-new-timetable-in-virginia-election-lawsuit-judge-rips-state-for-legal-mess/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=f0c8237f-6521-4cf5-a673-2f3eb2622ee5>

The Albemarle County Board of Supervisors settled some of these issues at its Board meeting on March 23. They approved new magisterial districts and a voting precinct map. For explanation of the new maps and the changes that were made, go the article in the March 24 *The Daily Progress*:

[https://dailyprogress.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/albemarle-supervisors-approve-redistricting-map/article\\_ecc3ee10-aae4-11ec-9590-6feb3ca27a6a.html](https://dailyprogress.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/albemarle-supervisors-approve-redistricting-map/article_ecc3ee10-aae4-11ec-9590-6feb3ca27a6a.html)

## **LWV CVA Electoral Board Corps: Louisa County Electoral Board Meeting**

**By Karen Davenport, LWV CVA Observer**

**March 23, 2022 10:00 - 1145 AM** - The Electoral Board members and County Registrar were in virtual attendance. Below are notes by LWV CVA Karen Davenport observer—they are not official minutes.

### Registrar's Report

- Office relocation is still on but slow. Possible by early 2023
- Cris, the General Registrar, renewed her certification
- A letter has been sent to all election workers to see if they will still work. Some will not be returning
- Re Democratic primary: May 6 early voting. 656 ballots to mail out. June 10-16 is training for the primary
- There seemed to be a question regarding what the new precincts will be. Nothing is fully clear regarding the changes in districts post census/redistricting.
- There is an issue re who is in which district now. Some have changed and some haven't. (to be clear - I was a bit confused about this. But they seemed a bit confused as well. There are some things that need to be clarified.)
- They are hoping to be able to use existing precincts for the June primary
- Regarding Security Policies and Procedures: they have been reviewed with no security incidents or cyber security training issues

### Chairman's Report

- Same day registration and voting starting in October. All votes will be provisional
- Pre-registration for 16 year olds will start in October
- Risk limiting audits were completed with no issues
- Deceased voter lists will be provided weekly
- Ranked choice voting: no issues at this time
- Assistant registrar will not be the Deputy registrar
- Their discussions about redistricting and precinct changes got a bit confusing. I hope their official notes will help. Added to the general problems post redistricting: there are 3 districts that are *not contiguous* with Louisa County. There is a weird Fluvanna line: the people there pay taxes in Fluvanna but vote in Louisa (to be honest, I did not even try to ask about that)

### Secretary's Report

- There is a list of ADA requirements for each precinct. The Secretary suggested they use that list to review all precincts. There was much discussion about all this.
- On March 7 there was an update of all firmware for tabulators: 1 machine was sent out for repair and one needed a new battery. All lanyards need to be reprogrammed so officers can open and close elections
- There was a candidates' forum set up by the Registrar's Office in 2019, and they are proposing to do that again for the 2021 elections.

### New Business

- Review of security standards is the same as last year. Any "not mets" will be reviewed in their closed session. I did not sense that there are many of those.
- There will be a new chief appointed for several precincts.
- The next meetings will be April 11 and May 11, 2022 at 10:00 AM.

**LWV CVA International Relations/Federal Government Committee resumes in-person meetings in April!**

The IR/FedGov't Committee will meet on **Wednesday, April 20 at 9:30 am**  
**at the home of Marguerite Cox, 514 Rosemont Dr, Charlottesville, VA 22903.**

Please respond to [margecox@gmail.com](mailto:margecox@gmail.com). Meeting is open to all vaccinated members.

**LWV CVA Editing Meetings for Children's Book on Voting**

**By Beth Alley** [email: [beth.alley@gmail.com](mailto:beth.alley@gmail.com)]

Note change of meeting date and time with the book consultant **Thursday, May 5 at 10 am** to explore and implement the next steps in the process. We will meet at Gerry Kruger's home address is: 989 Allendale Drive, Charlottesville.

***Welcome New Members!***

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***In Memoriam: Nancy Button***

1938 - 2022

Sadly, we share the announcement of the passing of Nancy Button, LWV CVA past president (2004-08). Nancy along with her husband Bob (who passed away in January) was a devoted League member. She not only served as president of our local League, but she and Bob prepared, edited, and organized the distribution of the LWV CVA *Voter's Guide* in the days when it was still being published as an insert to *The Daily Progress*. A service honoring her memory was held in Lynchburg on March 19. The obituary notes that in lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the League of Women Voters.

## **LWV CVA Finance Drive Update by Kerin Yates, LWV CVA Finance Drive Chair**

As of March 21, 2022 donations to the **Education Fund** totaled \$2679; contributions to the **Operating Fund** amounted to \$3176. We appreciate the continued support of members and friends in these challenging times. We wish to thank these Friends and Members of the League whose donations arrive after publication of the March newsletter:

### **Friends who have made contributions:**

Hope Pribram  
Great Eastern Management  
Timothy Michel  
Patrick Dolan  
Fay & Stephen Macko  
Charles & Sharon McCurdy  
Mary Amiss (in memory of  
Nancy Button)

We THANK YOU!

### **Members who have made contributions:**

Susan Seidler  
Lisa Hilgartner  
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Muriel Grim  
Peppy Linden  
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Rosalie Simar  
Jean Minehart  
Maggie & Michael Hoover  
Jean Hammond  
Becky Thomas  
Pat Cochran  
Susan Roberts  
Gerry Kruger

We THANK YOU!

### **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Stateswomen for Justice Luncheon and Issues Forum to be held March 31, Noon to 3 pm, at the National Press Club (Washington, DC).**

Anita Pilling, LWV CVA Membership Director, emails: "This annual event in Washington is a celebration of Black journalism in service to social justice, and every Black journalist from across the country will be there. They look forward to it every year. This year the guest keynote speaker is **Dr. Deborah Ann Turner, LWV US president.**" For more information about this event, and if you are interested in attending, contact Anita Pilling, email: [anitapilling.ap@gmail.com](mailto:anitapilling.ap@gmail.com)

**Meetings and Events for April/May/June 2022:**  
***Mark Your Calendars Now!***

Date/Time	Event	Place	Contact
Thurs., March 31, Noon – 3 pm	10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Stateswomen for Justice Luncheon & Issues Forum	Washington, DC	For further information, contact Anita Pilling, email: anitapilling.ap@gmail.com
<b>Sun., April 10, 2 – 4 pm</b>	<b>LWV CVA Sunday Seminar: “Child Care Policy Perspectives”</b>	Zoom Webinar	See page 1 of this newsletter for zoom link.
<b>Wed., April 13, 9 am to 2 pm</b>	<b>Monticello Founders Day Celebration</b>	Monticello	For further information, contact Pat Cochran, 434-326-7873
Wed. April 20, 3 – 5 pm	LWV CVA Board Meeting	Virtual Meeting	For further information, contact Pat Cochran, 434-326-7873
Tues., 10 am - TBD	LWV CVA Natural Resources Committee Meeting	Virtual Meeting	For further information, contact Muriel Grim, email: msgrim2012@gmail.com
Thurs. May 5, <b>10 am</b>	LWV CVA “Children’s Book Project Editing Meeting” - in-person meeting <b>with consultant</b>	Home of Gerry Kruger, 989 Allendale Dr. Charlottesville	For further information, contact Beth Alley, email: beth.alley@gmail.com
Thurs. May 12, 7 pm	LWV CVA Annual Meeting: Guest Speaker – David Toscano	Zoom Webinar	For further information, contact Pat Cochran, 434-326-7873
Sat. June 4, 9 am – 3 pm	LWV-VA Council	Virtual Meeting	To register, see page 6 of this newsletter.
Wed., June 15, 10 am to 2 pm	LWV CVA Board Retreat - 2022	Greencroft Club	For further information, contact Pat Cochran, 434-326-7873
Thurs. June 23 – Sun June 26	LWV US National Convention	Hybrid meeting	See page 6 of this newsletter for information.



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