

**LWVMT
Program Committee
Annual Report 2018-2019**

Monthly Meet Up

LWVOK Restudy on Education

The LWVMT reviewed the LWVOK report on education to consider modifications to current positions and adoption of new positions. Monthly meet-ups focused on the five key areas presented in the state's re-study of education devoting five months (September, October, November, December, and January) to complete the review in anticipation of the LWVMT consensus meeting.

Joining LWVMT in review of Charter Schools was Melissa Abdo; in review of Virtual Schools was Dixie Spears.

Recommendations to the LWVOK were delivered.

Immigration

The program committee initiated discussions on the general topic of immigration. While LWV national has an official position, neither LWVOK nor LWVMT have adopted an official position.

Joining LWVMT in the discussion: Diane Contreras, Director for YWCA Immigration & Refugee Services and Lorena Rivas, Esq., Fry & Elder.

Recommendation: Continue to investigate and make recommendations to LWVMT for positions on immigration.

Consensus Meeting – LWVOK positions on education

January 26, 2019

The program committee hosted the LWVMT's consensus meeting on state positions on education. 14 attended including 3 non-members. The LWVMT's final report was submitted to LWVOK for their consideration.

Comment: The inclusion of non-members allowed for additional input and considered valuable.

Hot Topic Lunch – SQ 793 / Opticians in retail establishments

October 24, 2018

The program committee hosted a luncheon to review state question 793 in advance of the general election.

Guest presenters: Joel Robinson, Executive Director of Oklahoma Association of Optometric Physicians and David Tackett, representing Oklahoma for Consumer Freedom.

Recommendation: Continue to investigate and make recommendations to LWVMT for Hot Topic luncheons.

Happy Hour Meet-Up “Cocktails & Council”

April 18, 2019

The program committee launched a first-time event aimed at garnering the interest of members who are unable to attend the lunch or breakfast Meet Ups. Tulsa City Council Member Cass Fahler attended, and the event proved successful. We hope this will continue as a monthly meet-up option.

Recommendation: Continue to schedule Cocktails and Council and a new program initiative.

2019-2020 Program Recommendations

- Continue to host Happy Hour meet-ups at a regularly established schedule / standing date
- Hot Topic Lunches: possible topic of Voter Suppression
- Recommendation for Study: Restudy/modify LWVMT position on Public Trusts
 - Formation of a study group has been initiated.
- Recommendation for Study: Restudy/modification of Land Use and Transportation positions.
 - This is a carryover from 2018-2019 and needs to be pursued.

Respectfully submitted by committee June 2019:

Melissa Acton, Ivy Griffey, Julie Gustafson, Patti Mullen (Chair), and Lynn Staggs