



VOTER

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Anne Simmons, President • Cindy Rogers, Vice President • Ellen Chinn, Treasurer • Susan Welsh, Secretary
Donna Cashdollar • Peggy Eyer • Linda Gwinn • Barb Hauge • Joyce Rizzo • Aida Shotts • Kay Smith • Kay Snyder • Sandra Whitson

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF INDIANA COUNTY



FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2021

5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

PAVILION #1, BLUE SPRUCE COUNTY PARK

Please join us at the Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Indiana County on Friday, May 14, 2021 at Blue Spruce Park. Please wear a mask for our outdoor event.

- I. Business Meeting**
- II. Presentation: Peggy Clark Grassroots Environmental Leadership Awards**
- III. Report: Civics Education Subcommittee**

★ AGENDA ★

I. BUSINESS MEETING

A. SECRETARY'S REPORT

B. TREASURER'S REPORT

C. PROGRAM FOR 2021–2022

1. Child Advocacy Committee on Education (CACE)
2. Environmental Issues Committee
3. Voter Services Committee and Fair Districts PA
4. Additional program items for 2021–2022 recommended by members



D. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

1. Recommended Changes

The following recommended changes to the bylaws have been discussed by the Nominations Committee and the Board of Directors for the past year. The change is presented for review and vote at the Annual Meeting on May 14, 2021.

- a. The first recommended change is to increase the number of elected Board Directors from seven to twelve.
- b. The second recommended change is to add the position of an Administrative Vice President to the Board of Directors and to change the title of the second Vice President to Program Vice President. The Administrative Vice President shall be elected in odd-numbered years and the Program Vice President shall be elected in even-numbered years.

2. Rationale

- a. Increasing the Board of Directors to twelve elected Directors will strengthen the organization by providing additional leadership for projects and ad hoc committees.
- b. An Administrative Vice President would assist the President of a large, active, engaged organization.
- c. An Administrative Vice President would strengthen the organization by enhancing the line of succession to the Presidency.
- d. An Administrative Vice President would have an opportunity to learn the responsibilities of the Presidency.

3. Proposed Amendment: Article IV. Board of Directors

Sec. 1. Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office.

The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers of the League, up to *twelve* elected Directors, and not more than seven appointed Directors. At least two elected Directors shall be elected by the general membership at each Annual Meeting and shall serve for a term of two years, or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The elected members shall appoint such additional Directors, not exceeding seven, as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The term of office of the appointed Directors shall be one year and shall expire at the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting.

4. Proposed Amendment: Article V. Officers

Sec. 3. Administrative Vice President.

The Administrative Vice President shall assist and advise the President and contribute to efforts to raise awareness of the League's positions and projects. The Administrative Vice President shall perform such other duties as the President and Board may designate. In the event of absence of the President, the Administrative Vice President shall possess all the powers and perform all the duties of that office, until such time as the Board of Directors shall select one of its members to fill the vacancy.

Sec. 4. Program Vice President.

The Program Vice President shall assist and advise the President and oversee local and state-level program activities. The Program Vice President will coordinate the committee work of League members and contribute to annual program planning. The Program Vice President shall perform such other duties as the President and Board may designate.

E. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

The slate of candidates for Officer and Board Director positions are the following:

PRESIDENT	Anne Simmons	Re-election; two-year term
SECRETARY	Susan Welsh	Re-election; two-year term
BOARD DIRECTOR	Donna Cashdollar	Re-election; two-year term
BOARD DIRECTOR	Linda Gwinn	Re-election; two-year term
BOARD DIRECTOR	Aida Shotts	Re-election; two-year term
BOARD DIRECTOR	Kay Snyder	Re-election; two-year term
BOARD DIRECTOR	Susan Kovaleski	Two-year term
BOARD DIRECTOR	Lizanne Porter	Two-year term
BOARD DIRECTOR	Deanne Snavelly	Two-year term

II. PRESENTATION

PEGGY CLARK GRASSROOTS ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS

INDIVIDUAL AWARD: **MR. JOHN SOMONICK**

ORGANIZATION AWARD: **THE ALLEGHENY ARBORETUM AT IUP**

John Somonick is the recipient of the Peggy Clark Grassroots Environmental Leadership Award for an individual. Many of us know John Somonick for his authorship of a book on raccoon trapping titled, *Coon Come Easy*, as well as his leadership in preserving our natural resources and service as a board member in numerous Indiana County organizations including Ducks Unlimited, Indiana County Solid Waste Authority Board, Indiana County Parks and Trails, and White Township Farmland Preservation Board. He was a founder of the following organizations: PA Cleanways in Indiana County in 1997, Aultman Watershed Association in 2000, Indiana County Fur Harvesters in 2001, and Indiana County Evergreen Conservancy in 2004.



The organization receiving the Peggy Clark Grassroots Environmental Leadership Award is the Allegheny Arboretum at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. The award will be presented to Dr. Jerry Pickering, Chair of the Allegheny Arboretum, who led the establishment of the arboretum and continues to spearhead the continued growth of the arboretum. The Allegheny Arboretum demonstrates grassroots leadership by the collective action of community leaders and Indiana University of Pennsylvania professors in their efforts to effectively change how our regional flora is preserved and protected by educating others about local environmental conditions and the need to protect natural resources.

III. REPORT

CIVICS EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE

The Citizen Education Subcommittee is improving and expanding our current programs and developing new programs for school-age students.

