



## Leadership

### 2020-2021 Board of Directors

President	<a href="#">Linsey Grove</a>
1st Vice President	<a href="#">Robin Davidov</a>
2nd Vice President	<a href="#">Amy Keith</a>
Treasurer	<a href="#">Gina Gallo</a>
Secretary	<a href="#">K.W. (Ken) Wrede</a>
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Director	<a href="#">Beate Marston</a>
Director	<a href="#">Nita Carroll</a>
Director	<a href="#">Ann Dieterle</a>

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Operations Director [Julia Sharp](#)

The Board meets on the first Tuesday of each month. On a quarterly basis, the Board meetings with Action Team and Committee chairs for a "Team Leads" meeting. A strategic planning session is held early in the summer, attended by Board members and Action Team and Committee chairs.

### Standing Committees

#### **Membership**

[Amy Weintraub](#), chair

Purpose: Recruits new members, works to retain current members, provides orientation for new members and maintains membership records, all with the aim of promoting opportunities for members to deepen their understanding of governmental policy and legislation at the local, state and national levels.

#### **Media & Publicity**

TBD, chair

This committee works together to keep the membership informed of League events and activities and to promote the League and its activities to the general public. Internal communication channels include a monthly newsletter and a weekly update. External tools include the LWVSPA website, traditional media, and social media.

## **Nominating**

[Amy Weintraub](#), chair

Purpose: The charge of the committee is to meaningfully identify and engage potential leaders for board roles, and present recommendations for nominations to ensure a full slate and functioning board at the annual meeting. This committee reports directly to the membership.

## **Audit**

Appointed by the Board, this committee examines the books of the Treasurer prior to each Annual Meeting for its report to the members at the Annual Meeting.

## **Bylaws**

Appointed by the Board, this committee reviews the bylaws annually and makes recommended changes for consideration of the membership at the Annual Meeting.

## **Education Action Teams**

### **Voter Guide**

[Marti Moorefield](#), chair

Develops an online nonpartisan Voter Guide to educate the community on basic registration and voting information, providing key election dates and deadlines, informing the public about changes in election law. The team also surveys local and state candidates for their responses to issue-based questions and researches all sides of local ballot issues and creating "yes vote" and "no vote" analysis statements for publication in the Voter Guide.

### **Voter Registration**

[Maryellen Gordon](#), chair

The LWVSPA's Voter Registration team shows up at events all over the county in an effort to make sure every person who is eligible to vote has the opportunity to register to vote.

### **Voter Education and Outreach & Candidate Forums**

[Robin Davidov](#), chair

Identifies other community organizations and individuals interested in promoting an informed and active electorate. Promotes voter turnout on Election Day, with special focus on groups with historically low turnout. Partners with community organizations to Get Out The Vote (GOTV). Conducts candidate forums, observing state and national League guidelines to assure fairness and impartiality.

### **International Relations**

[Judy McSwine](#), chair



Purpose: The International Relations Group organizes a speaker series based on the Foreign Policy Association's Great Decisions series. In partnership with the North Pinellas League, group members rotate organizing the events and facilitating the discussion.

## Advocacy Action Teams

### Census

[Gina Gallo](#), chair

Purpose: to support the community's efforts to ensure a fair and accurate Census in 2020. Activities include educating groups about the importance of the census, encouraging citizens to complete the census, participating in community events about the census, serving on subcommittees of the Pinellas County Complete Count Committee, developing and implementing outreach strategies for hard-to-count communities and volunteering at mobile census completion sites.

### Election & Voter Protection

[Caitlin Constantine](#), co-chair

[Amy Keith](#), co-chair

Purpose: to advocate for the rights of voters and to ensure that no registered voter is turned away from the polls without being able to cast a ballot. This action team trains volunteer poll monitors to work outside of polling places and advocates on behalf of voters with local administrative agencies.

### Immigration

[Karen Coale](#), chair

Purpose: to be a nucleus of informed members, ready to act and to educate regarding the *LWW Position on Immigration*. Immigration, and in particular Constitutional and human rights violations towards migrants, remains an important topic in our national dialogue. By providing factual information we educate the public and direct them to take action with their elected officials in Congress and/or the Florida Legislature regarding immigrant impacting laws.

### National Popular Vote

[Deb Mazzaferro](#), co-chair

[Marty Shapiro](#), co-chair

Purpose: to educate legislators, influencers and the community about the interstate compact that ensures the candidates with the most national votes are elected as President and Vice President. Team members are trained as subject matter experts to speak to local community groups.

### Food Politics

[Julie Kessel](#), co-chair

[Jen Underhill](#), co-chair

Purpose: to educate people about the impact of their food choices on the corrupting influence of money in politics, personal health and environmental impacts; to find like-minded people and organizations, to empower individuals to take personal action, and perhaps most importantly, to have fun and eat good food.

### **Social Justice**

[Stacey Kroto](#), co-chair

[Linsey Grove](#), co-chair

Purpose: to address emerging and ongoing local social justice issues. A top priority for 2020-2021 is to further diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) efforts internally and externally in the League. This includes internal DEI training and education for members and teams, partnership events in the community to further racial and social justice, and providing the DEI lens to all League work in the community. Another current priority is the equal and safe access to the full range of reproductive health care, including abortion, birth control, and evidence based sex education.

### **Sustainability**

[Laura Crabtree](#), chair

Purpose: to educate our members and the public on personal steps that will reduce waste and decrease our carbon footprint. The team advocates for better policies and practices at the local and state level, while working in partnership with other St. Pete environmental groups to multiply our efforts, reach and effectiveness.

**Advocacy Action Team led by our sister chapter in North Pinellas**

### **Poverty/Health Care/Juvenile Justice**

[Beth Hovind](#), co-chair

Note: This action team is led by Beth Hovind, who is a member of LWV North Pinellas County. Interested LWVSPA members should contact her using the information listed above.

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