

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR THE 2021-2023 BIENNIUM

CATE WILLIAMS (LWV OF MCHENRY) SECRETARY

Catherine (Cate) Williams spent her career in the nonprofit credit counseling field, teaching consumers to manage and budget their money. With this as a career focus, Cate was innovative in delivering credit education programs directly to consumers in their workplace. She was President of Consumer Credit Counseling of Greater Chicago for six years, after having been a counselor and then Vice President of Community Education. As president, Cate developed a strong, well run, and innovative Board of Directors. In 2001 the industry was rapidly changing and Cate chose to merge with Money Management International. This move gave Cate the opportunity to be Corporate spokesperson for MMI; in the following decade she was interviewed by over 10,000 by major media outlets in the US. This career path gave Cate the opportunity to learn and apply better board management and governance, skills she has applied to her work with LWVIL, serving as board secretary. She has served on the Governance Committee and was selected to be the chair of the newly created Human Resources Committee.

WHY I WANT TO SERVE ON THE LWVIL BOARD

As a candidate for secretary, I look forward to continuing to build on the solid foundation that we have created over the past two years. As chair of the board's first human resource committee, I worked with board member Barbara Hayes to create an up to date employee handbook, standardized job descriptions, and begin a consistent objective annual review process. As board secretary, I have worked to make sure that meeting minutes have been standardized for each of our organizations (LWVIL and LWVILEF), so that we meet the requirements and best practices guided by Robert Rules of Order. As secretary, I am also a member of the Governance Committee, where we created a procedure to ensure the most up to date approved policies are posted on the website and that past copies of documents are archived. These roles give me the opportunity to contribute good business practices and to help guide LWVIL to having accurate records that are easy to find and contain pertinent details of our meetings.

MY GOALS FOR THE 2021-2023 BIENNIUM

I look forward to building on work that we began in 2019 and seeing our procedures implemented fully. I want to continue to improve LWVIL's record keeping and accuracy. Having worked to help create procedures, I want to help refine and adjust them as we put them into practice. I would like to use what I have learned as a consumer education professional to help guide our strategic development. I am especially interested in initiatives to provide training for local Leagues in essentials such as Robert's Rules of Order and record retention. I want to help LWVIL guide local Leagues as they figure out how to straddle the digital world and notebook/paper records. After the work our board has done for the past two years, I think we are in an excellent position to offer guidance and advice. I want to be a positive influence on LWVIL's strategic direction.