

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR THE 2021-2023 BIENNIUM

KATHY KENNY (LWV NAPERVILLE) VICE PRESIDENT, VOTER SERVICES

Kathy Kenny joined LWV because she believes the best way to affect any and all issues is to educate voters and increase voter turnout, and the non-partisan LWV does that best. She has been on the board for 2 years, serving as the voter service committee co-chair, member of the finance committee and development committee, as well as the board representative on the 100 year anniversary committee. Kathy is a member of LWV Naperville, where she was a board member and event coordinator from 2018-2020. She spearheaded the Stroll to the Polls events that consistently increased voter turnout in low turnout precincts. She continues the effort to educate voters by co-coordinating the LWWIL Illinoisvoterguide.org for the last 3 elections. Kathy has been an accounting manager with experience in corporate, private, non-profit and startup entities. A mother of 5 grown children, and a new grandmother, she and her husband, Tom, have lived in the Naperville/Lisle area for the past 32 years. Kathy enjoys biking for exercise and exploration and misses family parties.

WHY I WANT TO SERVE ON THE LWWIL BOARD

Serving on the LWWIL is much different than being a local League leader. Local Leagues are the grassroots voter educators. They are constantly adjusting to their area's needs and can do so swiftly. The state League is tasked with acting as a resource to those 40+ uniquely changing local Leagues and works with those Leagues where they are. I would like to continue our voter service coordination with local Leagues so we can amplify the LWV voice in voter education. The state League has financial reporting and regulatory compliance, as well as communication and development responsibilities, that I am familiar with. I believe I can continue to be an effective steward for the state League.

MY GOALS FOR THE 2021-2023 BIENNIUM

The current state board has done tremendous work addressing the accounting and legal requirements of LWWIL's complex corporate structure and updating most League policies and bylaws, as well as celebrating 100 years of our organization, educating for 3 elections and completing a criminal justice study, amongst other issues foci. I would like to continue our progress. Covid19 may have disrupted our ability to work in person, but zoom allowed us to meet more frequently and probably more productively, considering the workload. I would like to help complete the important work that is positioning this organization to focus on its mission supported by a strong organizational structure.