

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR THE 2021-2023 BIENNIUM

LAURIE ROSE (LWV LAKE FOREST/LAKE BLUFF) VICE PRESIDENT, GOVERNANCE

Throughout her professional career and for more than twenty years in public and community service, Laurie Rose has led and listened to clients, constituents and peers with compassion and integrity. Laurie has served the LWWIL for several years on the Bylaws, 501(c)3 and Centennial Committees. As President of the LWV Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Area, Laurie implemented diversity, conflict of interest and committee policies and created Centennial, fundraising and membership initiatives. As one of three attorneys in the National Office of the March of Dimes, Laurie developed considerable familiarity with the governance and other challenges facing national chapter based non-profit organizations. As a member/officer of the Lake Forest Board of Education for eight years, Laurie led and worked with consensus-based teams on a broad variety of projects and initiatives. As a member of the Representative Town Meeting (municipal legislature) in Greenwich, CT, she facilitated the creation of a Scenic Roads Ordinance. Laurie's community service also includes the Tri Con Child Care Center, the LF/LB Newcomers Club, Applause, Spirit of 67, Piven Theater, the Psychiatry Advisory Council for Northwestern Memorial Hospital, and the Yale Alumni Schools Committee. She currently serves on the Zoning Board of Appeals in Lake Forest.

WHY I WANT TO SERVE ON THE LWWIL BOARD

We are living in an historic time in which the very definition of democracy is subject to debate. As other non-profits emerge to defend voting rights and League positions, I believe that the unique LWWIL mission and non-partisan voice are vital to the defense of democracy. I welcome the opportunity to assist the LWWIL in celebrating successes as it evolves and meets the challenges posed by newer, nimble, partisan groups. After several decades of leadership in corporate, non-profit and governance settings, I hope to expand and enhance the LWWIL mission by contributing my time and varied skill sets. My training and experience as a Yale educated corporate attorney is a valuable asset. It fosters my ability to understand arguments on all sides of the issues I consider. It enables me to analyze and evaluate complex fact-based policies and suggest creative, innovative and consensus-based solutions. My work with other Leagues has also been both inspirational and rewarding; I have learned a great deal from League members throughout the state. These valuable interactions have enabled me to understand the varied ways in which I can draw upon my life experience to enhance the presence of the LWWIL during its second century.

MY GOALS FOR THE 2021-2023 BIENNIUM

Like Susan B. Anthony, I have family roots in Rochester, NY. Growing up in the land of the former Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) nation with its model of women listening in the longhouse, I believe that respectful dialogue is an essential element of effective governance. As a member of the LWWIL Board, I hope to strengthen the bond between LWWIL and its member Leagues through respectful and attentive communication. The pandemic and resulting consequences have taught us that we must prepare to face a future of unexpected events and rapidly evolving change- both in society and within our Leagues. As we approach the hiring of an Executive Director during a time of evolving financial and public health uncertainty, sustained and ongoing strategic planning is vital to the success of the LWWIL. Sound fiscal policy and planning for LWWIL is imperative. Enhancing service and support to local Leagues should be prioritized along with the development of a more clearly articulated and unified approach to governance and oversight. Increased opportunities for self-reflection and metrics for assessment could be implemented along with a comprehensive review of policy. Monthly opportunities for learning finance, governance, and technical skills could take place via webinars and in person meetings.