

Nominating Committee Report

2017 - 2019 LWVOK Board

Officers:

CoPresidents: **Karen Cárdenas (Tulsa)** and **Jan Largent (Stillwater)**

Vice President: **Erica Mackey (Member at Large - Oklahoma City)**

Secretary: **Sheila Swearingen (Tulsa)**

Treasurer: **Kathleen Kastelic (Tulsa)**

Directors/Trustees:

Joyce Collard (Norman)

Roger Elmore (Bartlesville)

Mary Jane Lindaman (Tulsa)

Teri McGrath (Lawton)

Martha McMillian (Stillwater)

Ron Wilkinson (Tulsa)

2017 - 2019 Nominating Committee:

Chair - **Jacqueline Achong (Lawton)**

Gladeen Allred (Stillwater)

Cheri Spears (Norman)

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Chair - **Mary Jo Neal, off-board (Tulsa)**

Barbara Wilson, off-board (Member at Large - Ada)

Deborah Langley, off-board (Bartlesville)

Jan Largent, on board (Stillwater)

Erica Mackey (Member at Large - Oklahoma City)

Note: All officers, directors and the nominating committee serve two-year terms beginning July 1st of the convention year through June 30th of the following convention year. The board will appoint two members to the nominating committee.

Biographies of Board Nominees

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Karen Cárdenas (Tulsa) Co-President: Karen Hardy Cárdenas was born and raised in Pryor, Oklahoma. She received a B.A. from Grinnell College and a Ph.D. from the University of Kansas, both in Spanish. Karen spent almost all her professional life in South Dakota teaching at two state universities. She returned to Oklahoma in 2010 and became active in the LWV in 2012. Karen is currently on the LWVMT Board where she serves as Program Chair; she also serves as Program Chair for the LWVOK. She is a volunteer with the Red Cross and the Salvation Army where she works as a Spanish language interpreter.

Jan Largent (Stillwater Co-President): Jan grew up in Chelsea, Oklahoma, and earned a BS in Special Education at OSU. She taught in Ponca City with one year in Broken Arrow. Jan and her husband Rex moved to Stillwater five years ago, and often visit family in Houston. Her hobbies include reading, exercising, and volunteering with various organizations. She has been a League of Women Voters member for four years, serving on and off board and working with Voter Services in the area of voter registration. She has served as a director of the League of Women Voters of Oklahoma for the last two years.

Erica Mackey (Member at Large - Oklahoma City) Vice President: Erica Mackey is an attorney in Oklahoma City at Shelton Walkley Mackey. She is passionate about justice and civil engagement. She was admitted to the Oklahoma State Bar in September 2014. She received her Juris Doctor from the Oklahoma City University School of Law with a Certificate in American Indian Law. Ms. Mackey grew up in Plano, Texas. She is a Phi Alpha Delta Alum, and a member of the American Bar Association and the Federal Bar Association.

Sheila Swearingen (Tulsa) Secretary: Sheila Swearingen is a full-time community volunteer who served as president of the League of Women Voters of Oklahoma from 2013 to 2017, and co-president of the League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Tulsa from 2007 to 2009. Her professional experience includes video production and writing, teaching at Undercroft Montessori School, and serving as Director of Religious Education at Hope Unitarian Church. Her volunteer work includes the Voting is Power coalition, All Souls Green Team, and The United League for Social Action. She received a B.A. in Art from Long Beach State University.

Kathleen Kastelic (Tulsa) Treasurer: Kathleen Kastelic graduated from the University of Tulsa with BSBA with an accounting major then spent the first eight years of her career as an auditor with one of the major public accounting firms. She has held financial managerial positions since leaving public accounting, currently with The Mabee Foundation. She has served on the Friends of the Tulsa Libraries and The Tulsa Garden Center boards. Kathleen joined the LWV/MT board in 2010 as Treasurer and served as President from July 2013 to June 2015, is currently the chair of the Education Fund and joined the LWV/OK board as Treasurer in 2015.

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Joyce Collard (Norman): Ms. Collard is the Treasurer of the LWV Norman Board, has served on their Board for the past twenty years, and served two terms on the LWVOK Board.. She volunteered on an application and receipt of a federal DHS Promoting Safe and Stable Families Grant for a coalition of neighborhood centers and is active in her non-mandatory neighborhood association and past City of Norman committees. She retired as a long-time Administrative Assistant for two professional associations, both 501 (c) (3)s, relating to health and welfare, editing newsletters and other publications, accounting and payroll reports, arrangements for annual conferences of 600+ attendees, and monitored committees and volunteers.

Roger Elmore (Bartlesville): Roger W. Elmore is from Bartlesville, Oklahoma and earned a bachelors degree in Sociology with a minor in Public Administration from the University of Central Oklahoma. He has worked at the Bartlesville Public Library as a Library Specialist since January 2016, and is currently working towards completing a state certification in public librarianship. Mr. Elmore previously worked for the Metropolitan Library System at the Del City Branch, and he is also a member of the Oklahoma Library Association and its Young Professionals Discussion Group. He joined the League of Women Voters in December 2016.

Mary Jane Lindaman (Tulsa): Mary Jane has lived in Tulsa since 1976. She retired in 2006 from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma. serving as Manager of the Oklahoma Caring Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation. She serves both the LWVMT and LWVOK Boards as Voter Services chair. She previously chaired the Program Committee for the Tulsa League, facilitated the Water Study for LWVOK, and the Focu\$ on Education coalition project. She helped organize the Voting is Power coalition, has worked with Junior Achievement, served on the board of the Tulsa Immunization Coalition, on the Tulsa Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure Survivors Committee, and as President and Chairman of the Board of the Tulsa Downtown Lions Club. She and her husband, Gary have two children and four grandchildren. She has a B. A. degree from the University of Oklahoma in Speech Communication.

Teri McGrath (Lawton) Teri McGrath graduated from Cameron University in Lawton, Oklahoma with a degree in English and went on to earn her MFA in Creative Writing from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. She returned to Lawton and taught English Composition at Cameron for several years, during which she was very involved in the Lawton community and in Oklahoma advocacy. She wrote for *Okie* magazine, highlighting local talent and organizations, was a founding member of Oklahoma Coalition for Reproductive Justice, and has led several groups of Lawtonians to the capitol for various rallies and marches for women's rights, immigrant rights, workers rights, and environmental protections, and has organized many events in Lawton. For the last two years she has organized the International Day of Peace celebration. This year's speakers were members of Comanches on the Move--a local group involved in the Standing Rock protest--and Sheri Dickerson, a chief organizer of the Black Lives Matter OKC rally. Teri's goal is to promote dialogue, education, and meaningful action among voters, especially women.

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Martha McMillian (Stillwater): Dr. Martha McMillian is a long-time member of the Stillwater League of Women Voters and has served most recently as Vice-President/Programs Chair and Co-President. She has a Bachelors, Masters, and Doctorate from Oklahoma State University and recently retired after 35+ years, predominately in an Academic Advising Administration role. She was elected to two terms on the Stillwater City Commission, including one as Vice Mayor. She has been married for 47 years to attorney Roger McMillian, former mayor of Stillwater, and has two daughters, Michol Ecklund, attorney in Houston, TX and Morgan McMillian, Head Librarian in Lake Travis, Austin TX.

Ron Wilkinson (Tulsa): Ron Wilkinson has served on the LWVOK board since June, 2014. He is an attorney engaged primarily in public interest law. After growing up “all over,” he graduated from Oklahoma State University with an M.S. in Economics (and is still a major fan of OSU football), and received his J.D. from University of Tulsa College of Law.. His most recent project for the LWVOK has been to lead the initiative to transition the organization from a 501(c)4 nonprofit corporation with a 501(c)3 Education Fund to a single-entity 501(c)3 organization.