

National Women's Political Caucus of Virginia

Meeting minutes for the 2020 Annual Meeting
7:00 PM, via Zoom conference, August 26, 2020

Agenda items

Women's Equality Legislative Summit Update

Presentation of the 2021 Slate for Board of Directors, Carol Medawar, 2020
Nominating Chair

Presentation of Updated Bylaws, Jane Newell, Organizing VP-Finance

Voting guidelines, Andrea Miller

Meeting Opens

Andrea Miller, Organizing President, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the first Annual Meeting for NWPC-VA.

Surprise / Special Guest #1

Kati Hornung, Organizing VP-Records, introduced the first surprise / special guest for the evening. Senator Jennifer McClellan (VA SD-9) joined the meeting to congratulate NWPC-VA on getting organized.

Women's Equality Legislative Summit Update

Evie Florek presented updates from the 2020 Women's Equality Legislative Summit hosted jointly by VAratifyERA and NWPC-VA on January 7, 2020. Evie addressed each bill that was presented on January 7th and how it had fared during the 2020 General Assembly session.

- * HB 8, elimination of "disorderly contact in public places" misdemeanor on K-12 properties, **incorporated into HB 256 and passed into law**
- * HB 286, raising felony threshold from \$500 to \$1,500, **HB 995 was similar (but raised limited the new threshold to \$1,000) and was passed into law**
- * HB 338, required domestic workers to be paid minimum wage, **SB 804 was similar and was passed into law**
- * HB 405, requires school boards to make tampons and pads available to students, **passed into law**
- * HB 652, eliminated cash bail for misdemeanors with some exceptions (stalking) **was NOT passed into law**
- * SB 50, outlaw hair discrimination, **passed into law**
- * SB 76, "red flag" law to ban gun possession by individuals for whom a protective order has been ordered, **SB 479 (also a "red flag" law) was passed into law**
- * SB 231, eliminated the tampon tax, **passed the Senate but was killed in the House Appropriations Committee**

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Surprise / Special Guests #2 & #3

Kati Hornung informed the membership that Representatives Abigail Spanberger and Jennifer Wexton each sent in a congratulatory video for the members of NWPC-VA for getting operations underway in Virginia. Both videos were played for the members.

Presentation of the 2021 Slate for Board of Directors

Holly Huddle, a 2020 Nominating Committee member, presented the 2021 slate for the Board of Directors.

Regional Representatives:

- * Northern - Karen Campblin
- * West-Southwest - Deb Snarr
- * Central - Kati Hornung
- * Tidewater - Catherine Anson

Officers with an odd year election (thus a single year term)

- * VP Membership - Johanna Gusman
- * VP Development - Jess Kujala
- * VP Endorsements - Candy Graham
- * VP Policy - Tonja Roberts

Officers with an even year election (standard two year term)

- * VP Records - Laurie Buchwald
- * VP Finance - Robbin Warner
- * VP Communications - Jennifer Gaylor
- * President - Krysta Jones

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Report from Vice President Finance

Jane Newell, Organizing VP - Finance, gave an overview of the Bylaws to be approved by the membership. Jane highlighted that NWPC-VA is intended to be an organization that works hard for all members all around the state. She acknowledged that of course, the Bylaws will be updated as things change.

Jane also mentioned that the NWPC-VA standing rules are currently available / completed only for the Nominating Committee. The rest of the committees will develop standing rules in 2021.

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Jane reported the NWPC-VA membership is up to 89 members eligible to vote during the 2020 NWPC-VA Election so quorum for voting will be 45 members.

Jane confirmed that NWPC-VA is formally incorporated in Virginia and has a Federal EIN (2019 tax return is already filed) and is recognized as a 501(c)(4).

Meeting Closes

Kati Hornung and Andrea Miller posted links for an informal meet and greet / happy hour after the Annual Meeting. Andrea Miller closed the meeting and members adjourned to a separate Zoom to chat (or logged off entirely).

ADDITIONAL NOTES FROM AFTER THE MEETING

The Annual Meeting was recorded and put on the NWPC-VA YouTube Channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F85l27yITz8>

Members were sent a link to the meeting and a second link with which to vote for the 2021 Board of Directors, Bylaws, and 2021 Membership Dues. Voting was originally due within a week of the Annual Meeting, but extended until after Labor Day weekend to ensure quorum would be met.

The 2021 Slate for the Board of Directors and 2021 Membership Dues were confirmed with 57 of 89 eligible members voting.