

15:58:49 From Meredith Donaldson To All Panelists : Greeting from Meredith Columbia-Boone County Missouri LWV

15:59:19 From Sheila Durkin To All Panelists : Hi from Sheila Durkin LWV Alameda CA

15:59:37 From Lara Taylor To All Panelists : Hi Melissa! Good luck! You'll be great!

15:59:52 From Melissa Lieb : thank you Lara!!!!

16:00:47 From Katharine Miller To All Panelists : You are muted

16:01:42 From Meredith Donaldson To All Panelists : How are leagues handling their candidate forums when some candidates decline to show up/participate.

16:09:43 From Marcia Litzenberg To All Panelists : Is there a technical problem at your end?

16:11:48 From Elizabeth Bennion To All Panelists : What do you mean by "never give your opinion"? Can the League spokesperson make it clear that the League encourages all candidate to participate because we believe that candidate debates and forums provide voters with a valuable opportunity to compare the candidates side-by-side during an issue-based public forum?

16:12:33 From Elizabeth Bennion To All Panelists : Do you co-sponsor with other civic organizations? With local universities?

16:14:41 From Elizabeth Bennion : Great map! We'll have to ask our League to create a map like this! The email directory of local Leagues in your state is great, too!

16:15:11 From Jane Colvin To All Panelists : Agree!

16:15:13 From Deborah Tidwell To All Panelists : Or you could partner with your local PTA, who is also a Non-Partisan group

16:15:40 From Nancy Welts To All Panelists : Do all state Leagues have this for map or similar for their local Leagues and ILOs

16:15:49 From Elizabeth Bennion To All Panelists : What if non-partisan groups (e.g. Chamber of Commerce) endorse candidates?

16:16:34 From Susan Sferas To All Panelists : Will the recording of this webinar be sent to all the attendees?

16:17:45 From Trudy Josephson To All Panelists : Won't these forums be difficult to have during times of COVID?

16:17:52 From Judith Brown To All Panelists : Hope you will be covering online forums this year

16:18:03 From Karin Bricker To All Panelists : There will probably still be restrictions on gatherings. Are you going to cover virtual forums?

16:18:44 From Veda Florez To All Panelists : what's your position of letting candidates stand when speaking?

16:19:14 From Debra Cronmiller : Does LWVIL co-sponsor local League candidate forums for state level and state-wide races? If so, what does that co-sponsorship entail?

16:19:57 From Elizabeth Bennion To All Panelists : If it is NOT a federal office, can the LWV create clips from a forum (focused on each candidate or each issue discussion) to share via You Tube and social media?

16:20:09 From Robbie Davis To All Panelists : Will you discuss your

response to an audience member who wants to record the event on their phone? Is there any way to control this?

16:20:09 From MaryLee Moulton To All Panelists : Has IL (or any one in the audience) done a Zoom forum with candidates?

16:20:38 From Shirley McCormick To All Panelists : How do you prevent attendees from filming the forum on their phones and then showing only portions of it on FB or other venues?

16:20:47 From Debra Barger : May we get the specific FCC regulation reference about the posting only the full, unedited recording

16:20:55 From Judith Brown To All Panelists : About venues -- are houses of worship okay?

16:22:10 From Carolyn Buppert : This presentation is so well-done and helpful. Thank you Melissa.

16:22:16 From Susan Guilford To All Panelists : We once set up a candidate forum, reviewed the site ahead of time, but discovered the evening of the event that the sponsors (a high school band coordination group representing several high schools) had failed to formally reserve the room. Never again will we be too embarrassed to ask if the room has been formally reserved.

16:22:45 From Rebecca Moye To All Panelists : Will we be able to obtain this PP at the end?

16:22:48 From Jennifer Oliver To All Panelists : Yes, it is! I'm going to save it for local League training.

16:22:55 From Ardith Talbott To All Panelists : RSVP is hard to get. They avoid answering at all.

16:23:22 From April Secura To All Panelists : Everything our new Voter Services Chair needs! Thank you Thank you!

16:23:32 From Janice Schieffer : Do you have any suggestions for having an online forum, e.g., using Zoom, instead of in-person?

16:23:36 From susan weisfeld To All Panelists : Your RSVP requirements are not always respected, unfortunately. Sometimes you have to ask two or even three times, especially those not running for the first time.

16:24:02 From Elizabeth Bennion To All Panelists : Our candidates have never had a problem with the moderator being a constituent. Can you talk more about why you think this is important?

16:24:03 From Syeda Inamdar : Thank you for a well organized presentation. We would like to use it for training new Voter Service committee members.

16:24:05 From Veda Florez To All Panelists : what your position on candidates having notes?

16:24:08 From Janet Koch To All Panelists : Why must the moderator not be a constituent?

16:24:12 From Kate Coon To All Panelists : can you share the candidate sign/date form?

16:24:24 From Karen Vanderwerken To All Panelists : please give additional time to virtual forums

16:24:40 From Robbie Davis To All Panelists : For a League that covers only one city, how can you have a moderator who is not a constituent for (for example) a city council forum?

16:24:55 From Marcia Goldberg To All Panelists : We are interested also in what to do during Covid-19.

16:25:00 From Stephanie Wright To All Panelists : do you have a ground rules template/sample to share?

16:25:17 From Sylvia Bernstein : Do you ever do ballot measure forums?

16:25:17 From Susan Guilford To All Panelists : Given that everyone has a video recorder, how can LWV enforce the rule to not use images from the forum in an ad?

16:26:12 From Kathy Meany To All Panelists : Do you plan on reviewing virtual forums? We ran 16 of them in Westchester County, but I'd like to hear others' feedback and best practices.

16:26:41 From Robin Davidov : Can you please post copies of the broadcast agreement and other letters? Thank you.

16:26:51 From Debbie Nuss To All Panelists : The Manhattan/Riley County League of Women Voters has sponsored issue forums (ballot measures).

16:26:57 From Becky Sayler To All Panelists : Will this powerpoint be made available? Good presentation. This is a good summary.

16:27:19 From Ardith Talbott To All Panelists : Would you use certified mail for invite?

16:27:38 From Lara Taylor To All Panelists : Is the League liable if audience members take video (like on their cell phones) and post parts on personal FB pages?

16:27:39 From Jane Colvin To All Panelists : Is that a Fed requirement not to use candidates' Office email addresses?

16:28:07 From Sheila Durkin : Will your power point be posted on your website? Would love to share with my local league. Thanks!

16:28:22 From Patti Rogers To All Panelists : What if the candidates want a non-league moderator?

16:28:25 From Katharine Biele To All Panelists : Is there a LWV moderator training?

16:28:29 From VIVIAN HARTE To All Panelists : If it's a state office, how can you have a moderator who is not a constituent?

16:28:40 From Jeanne Kearby To All Panelists : Can we discuss options for a forum during the pandemic? Any ideas would be helpful.

16:28:47 From Lynn Foster : Please share the powerpoint, thank you! Also, for statewide offices do you get a moderator from out of state?

16:29:28 From Paula Lee : Sylvia, We do ballot issue forums. 2 speakers on each side Pro and Con. Opening. And closing remarks and q&a. Paula Lee Sacramento, CA

16:29:43 From Sandy Mory : Suggestions for Zoom Forums

16:29:51 From Mary Austin-Palmer : What about using a local news anchor to moderate?

16:29:52 From Elizabeth Bennion : Vote411.org will list candidate forums and debates, too!

16:31:03 From Veronika Lieb : Suggestions for zoom forums are near the end of the presentation

16:31:10 From Debbie Nuss To All Panelists : We have used local news people to moderate forums, on occasion. We also have offered the media the opportunity to ask a couple of questions before we ask

audience questions. Our local radio station airs our candidate forums live and then rebroadcasts them later. In recent years we have been broadcasting our forums via Facebook Live.

16:31:34 From Judith Brown To All Panelists : If we are joining with other organizations to plan and sponsor a forum, do we still use all the League banners, etc.?

16:31:46 From Sally Grubb To All Panelists : Zoom or socially distanced Forum seem likely this Fall.

16:31:57 From Ron Bandes : LWV of Greater Pittsburgh conducted 5 very successful candidate forums over Zoom for the 2020 primary.

16:33:04 From Karen Vanderwerken To All Panelists : How can we get a listing of Leagues already doing virtual forum and pro/con?

16:33:05 From Elizabeth Bennion To All Panelists : Do you allow everybody to clap at the end for ALL candidates?

16:33:58 From Jackie Derrow To All Panelists : Best practice ideas for judicial candidate forums - in both a face-to-face setting and in a virtual format

16:35:10 From Michael Baron To All Panelists : for zoom forums how do you make sure that all candidates have "equal" tech i.e. visuals and sound? what happens if a candidate loses their connection?

16:35:17 From Trudy Josephson To All Panelists : What is the penalty for breaking the Ground Rules?

16:35:36 From Elizabeth Bennion To All Panelists : The Indiana Debate Commission gave up on the rules r.e. using clips to make ads because it was so difficult (and expensive) to enforce. Have you ever required legal counsel to enforce the restriction?

16:35:57 From Judy Esterquest To All Panelists : Long Island leagues conducted 3 candidate forums over Zoom, 2 live streamed to FaceBook ... whereas 2 of the races would usually net fewer than 50 in the audience ... the virtual forums netted as many as 2300

16:35:57 From Ron Bandes : Sometimes incumbents decide it is strategic for them to deny the challenger a forum. What should we do about that?

16:36:01 From Veda Florez To All Panelists : Note: Youtube is great about deleting video-just dispute the video.

16:37:10 From MaryLee Moulton To All Panelists : Can you give us a Pittsburg contact to talk to about your experience?

16:37:10 From Deborah Tidwell : Good to know Ron Bandes, we would like to know how you did this.

16:37:35 From Elizabeth Bennion : We move ahead with the challenger and the Libertarian if a major party incumbent refuses to participate. Minor party candidates can be helpful in not allowing the incumbent to deny the challenger an opportunity to debate.

16:37:44 From Michael Baron : to Ron Bands and all: for zoom forums how do you make sure that all candidates have "equal" tech i.e. visuals and sound? what happens if a candidate loses their connection?

16:38:07 From Anne Cohen To All Panelists : how and what needs to be adjusted for online forum

16:38:37 From Ardith Talbott To All Panelists : What if the event cosponsor doesn't want to let the press know that a candidate is

unwilling to participate

16:38:41 From Trudy Josephson To All Panelists : No social distancing here.

16:39:23 From Ron Bandes : Not all candidates had equal tech, i.e., some used computers, some tablets, and some smartphones. We advised candidates not to use phones, but some did. We did provide a document of Zoom settings and other advice to optimize their appearance in the forum.

16:39:28 From Suzanne Kavic : We did 2 Zoom forums in Westchester, NY. We did a "practice" with the candidates the morning of the forum, just to check A/V, etc

16:40:56 From MaryLee Moulton To All Panelists : Suzanne - separate practice or together?

16:41:45 From Suzanne Kavic : That's also when we drew lots with the moderator that we recorded. If a candidate couldn't attend, they knew we would be doing this and agreed to the process

16:41:46 From Deborah Tidwell : Good to know

16:42:07 From Patricia Hawkins : How or where can a moderator be trained by the LWV?

16:42:11 From Judy Weinstein : Make sure you have a "best" cell phone number for each candidate.

16:42:42 From Deborah McComber To All Panelists : can candidates display lit in bldg. outside of forum room?

16:42:43 From Elizabeth Bennion To All Panelists : We allow all candidates to have information tables outside the venue (in the hallway). Do you allow that? Why or why not? (We want people to volunteer for campaigns and we want all candidates to have an opportunity to recruit volunteers, as long as it is clear that we are not endorsing any candidate).

16:43:04 From Kathy Meany To All Panelists : We held 30 min. virtual practice sessions with all candidates to review presentation skills, backgrounds, and bandwidth. We advised all to close out of all apps and emails, and to ensure the family stays offline during the forum timing. This helps bandwidth issues.

16:43:10 From susan weisfeld : moderator training is done by your County League. If you don't have one, ask your state League.

16:44:40 From joanne moore To All Panelists : How can timers do their job on zoom?

16:44:50 From Katharine Miller To All Panelists : I think your plan to interview the candidates individually violates some of the legal issues raised in the documents you provided.

16:45:50 From Elizabeth Bennion : How about these? Option 3: No audience, taped debate with social distancing (at a large venue in at a TV studio). Option 4: Partner with TV station(s) to live broadcast debates with moderator in the studio and candidates joining by Zoom.

16:45:53 From Kathy Meany To All Panelists : We used the Zoom webinar add-on so that Attendees had no Video or Audio. We did not use Chat or Q&A as all questions were collected prior to the event through another process. We also live-streamed to our LWV FB account.

16:46:29 From Sandy Mory : how do you handle question sorting if

questions submitted by viewers

16:46:30 From Anne Mathews To All Panelists : we are hoping for option three like bennion.

16:46:55 From Ron Bandes : We used a Zoom meeting with only the moderator, timekeeper, and candidates. We posted the recording of the meeting on Facebook.

16:47:03 From Judy Weinstein : Not all candidates are willing to go into a TV studio at this time.

16:47:24 From Ardith Talbott To All Panelists : Zoom webinar streamed to Facebook, so you don't have to send Zoom link to audience.

16:47:25 From Janet Koch To All Panelists : Sandy, you would still need screeners for the questions, e.g. questions submitted by chat and after screened submitted to the moderator.

16:47:33 From Kathy Meany To All Panelists : One person was assigned the role of "producer" as a co-host to handle all the tech behind the scenes. We could text the moderator during the forum.

16:47:35 From Judy Esterquest To All Panelists : We ran a small meeting zoom for just the candidates, moderator, timer, tech ... and live streamed to either Facebook or YouTube ... with as many as 900 watching live ... and submitting real time questions to an email address ... we harvested questions for the moderator real time

16:47:46 From Michael Baron : it may be easier to get the candidates to show up if they can do it in their own home

16:48:08 From Susan Bell To All Panelists : Would you please include a transcript of the chat with the recording? There are some really good comments and I don't see a way to save it myself.

16:48:12 From Elizabeth Bennion To All Panelists : How do you handle the tight time limits for your teleconference debates? Do you advise the candidates to have their own time keepers so that the moderator is not always cutting them off in the middle of an answer?

16:48:19 From Ron Bandes : We actually had two more people in the meeting, whose images were not displayed: a host and a co-host. The host controls which image goes to the recording. The co-host controlled muting of microphones.

16:48:21 From Natalya Zernitskaya To All Panelists : other benefit is accessibility- more people might be able to log on to watch if travel/parking/accessibility/etc. is not an issue

16:48:22 From Judy Esterquest To All Panelists : Our candidates did it in their own homes ... as did all League volunteers working the forum

16:48:34 From Katharine Miller To All Panelists : Single candidate appearances or consecutive candidate interviews may be considered as contributions subject to campaign finance limitations, or as illegal corporate contributions to a federal candidate. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Regulations - regulates radio and television broadcasts

16:48:35 From Susan Swaringen To All Panelists : Pls be sure to record this chat before you close your presentation. Great comments and suggestions included.

16:48:48 From Judy Weinstein : In one Zoom webinar one person screened and put them in googledoc for moderator; in another the screened

questions were texted to moderator. We also had a timekeeper on screen with moderator and candidates.

16:48:58 From Mary Hobein To All Panelists : Illinois goes to phase 4 this week. this could change before the fall, of course. Do you think we should still do virtual meetings or will the candidates prefer to do in-person?

16:49:04 From Suzanne Kavic : All of our questions were submitted ahead of time and reviewed by a panel of League members. We did not allow questions during the live-streamed events

16:49:22 From Kathy Meany To All Panelists : We collected questions through another app - just like registering. And then our VS questions committee vetted the public questions and developed several league questions.

16:49:38 From Katharine Biele To All Panelists : I know our state league does not have a moderator training module. Does this come from the LWVUS

16:50:08 From Sandy Mory : Thanks! Want to have those in attendance have the opportunity to ask questions.

16:50:32 From Stephanie Wright To All Panelists : Are we bound by the regulations if we are partnering with other organizations to conduct a candidate forum?

16:50:41 From susan weisfeld : I didn't like white background on zoom fourm. Candidates kept disappearing into them when moving a little back. . .looked like marshmallow blankets.

16:50:52 From Karin Bricker To All Panelists : Thinking about hybrid with local cable, candidates and few League members live streamed on youtube in Library meeting room.

16:51:07 From Effie Kallas To All Panelists : We conducted a Zoom candidate forum for the primary and asked, specifically, for candidates to post their yard sign behind them so that the audience had a visual cue of who was speaking. We thought this was just like a name plate in a live forum.

16:51:18 From Judy Esterquest To All Panelists : Like Judy Weinstein's league, sorting live questions to a shared google doc worked really well for our moderators ... who toggled between the zoom screen and google doc. We also had a phone text group for those working the forum so we could chat among ourselves without it being obvious to candidates or public

16:51:40 From Susan Raybuck To All Panelists : Will we be able to access your powerpoint?

16:52:34 From Gisela Meier To All Panelists : Can we please get a copy of these remarks. Looks like there's some good ideas.

16:52:38 From Bernadette Brooks To All Panelists : We have questions submitted via email before day of forums as well as at site (pre COVID-19)

16:53:17 From Anne Cohen To All Panelists : This is excellent information. A lot to take in. Hope info will be accessible online!

16:54:00 From Veda Florez To All Panelists : Idea: Create a google email account to ask the public for questions. You can use your list of questions in advance. Something like lwvilinoisquestions@gmail

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16:54:34 From Natalya Zernitskaya To All Panelists : is there a way to change a participant's background if a candidate refuses to change their background from something promotional? (we've had disruptive/challenging candidates in past forums)

16:55:22 From Carrie Diamond To All Panelists : How do you ensure accessibility for people with vision impairments or other disabilities? I see closed caption is available if someone enters the captions. Do you offer a closed caption service?

16:56:42 From Elizabeth Bennion To All Panelists : I sent several questions to panelists only. If you get an opportunity to reply, please email (ebennion@iu.edu). THIS WAS A WONDERFUL PRESENTATION! I have hosted & moderated over 50 forums, but I still found this useful because it was so clearly organized. I could use something like this to train volunteers in the future! A copy of the Power Point would be terrific, if available.

16:57:03 From Suzanne Niemi To All Panelists : This has been extremely helpful, informative and organized

16:57:11 From Lisa Hyder To All Panelists : The chat seems to be a part of the meeting for attendees. Chat can get crazy, though. How would you moderate it?

16:57:11 From Judy Weinstein : I don't think Zoom allows you to shut off Q&A for panelists. I asked them to not look at it.

16:57:28 From joanne moore To All Panelists : How do you time candidates answers and let them know time they have left.

16:57:38 From Katharine Miller To All Panelists : For people who register for the Zoom Webinar, we plan to offer an opportunity to submit questions in advance. But we also want to take some live questions (in the Webinar Q/A) because it results in a more dynamic event.

16:57:49 From Kim Knox To All Panelists : Judy, I think you're right. The candidates could see the questions in the Q&A box before the question sorters screen them.

16:58:01 From Kim Knox : Judy, I think you're right. The candidates could see the questions in the Q&A box before the question sorters screen them.

16:58:39 From Judy Esterquest : Zoom meeting doesn't let you... agree. That's why we used an email account for questions, advertised with the forum ... and shared google docs for sorting/vetting the questions ... only the LWV team saw the google doc

16:59:21 From Suzanne Kavic : That's why we only had questions submitted prior to the event, and not during.

16:59:30 From Natalya Zernitskaya To All Panelists : I think you can also set up a google forms document that can automatically populate to

a google sheets doc

16:59:52 From Allyson Haut : Thank you!

17:00:13 From Kathleen Kenny To All Panelists : Thank you, Melissa!

17:00:17 From Karen Price : Thanks.

17:00:19 From Deb Knight To All Panelists : Thank you; this was very informative!

17:00:22 From susan weisfeld : Wow – this was terrific!! Thank you!

17:00:34 From judie gorenstein To All Panelists : LWV Westchester ILO only had questions submitted prior to event. worked really well

17:00:38 From Sylvia Bernstein : Outstanding presentation! Thank you!!

17:00:42 From Ron Bandes : thank you so much. Very organized presentation.

17:00:48 From Jay Emery : Great info. Thank you!

17:00:51 From Judy Esterquest : Thank you!

17:00:52 From Anna Hobson Sato To All Panelists : Thank you! Sorry have to move to next one! Look forward to seeing copies to follow?

17:00:53 From Jennifer Oliver To All Panelists : Thank you so much!

17:00:54 From Barb Hykes To All Panelists : This was really helpful

17:00:58 From Paula Brighton To All Panelists : Thank you! Great info!

17:01:06 From Anne Mosakowski To All Panelists : Are you sharing the slides? Very helpful Thanks

17:01:17 From carol moon goldberg To All Panelists : Thanks for the thorough discussion of Videoconferencing forums. Nicely done.

17:01:19 From Natalya Zernitskaya To All Panelists : thank you so much! That was incredibly helpful. I have to jump to the next caucus.

Would it be possible to get a copy of the powerpoint presentation?

17:01:26 From Debra Barger To All Panelists : Thank you! I look forward to seeing a shared PPT or recording.

17:02:01 From Mary Louise Winter To All Panelists : Thanks for all the info on the online forum everyone and especially Melissa!

17:02:12 From Judy Esterquest : I believe that if there are more than 2 candidates, you can have the forum without one or more ... so long as you have at least 2 candidates.

17:02:12 From Susan Bell : How/where will this presentation be shared? Great info! Thanks so much. Would really appreciate you including a transcript of the chat with the ppt and recording if possible.

17:02:19 From Denise Hartsough To All Panelists : Appreciated all of the information and the lessons learned from your forum experiences!

17:03:31 From Ardith Talbott To All Panelists : Will there be online moderator training by LWV US??

17:03:34 From Rebecca Moyer To All Panelists : This has been a fabulous presentation! Cudos!!

17:03:34 From Sally Grubb To All Panelists : Will you be sharing your powerpoint presentation as well as the recording?

17:03:36 From Judy Esterquest : Thank you so much. Lots of valuable info.

17:04:00 From Veda Florez To All Panelists : Thank you, this has been terrific. Please send follow up with attachments again, I just

registered. Thanks!

17:04:27 From Judy Weinstein : This was a great presentation! I urge everyone to ask LWVUS to do a webinar on Zoom candidate forums. We're still going to be having them for the general election.

17:04:32 From Ardith Talbott To All Panelists : What's your email address?

17:04:39 From Martha Kleinfelter To All Panelists : great job, thank you

17:04:51 From Sally Grubb To All Panelists : Attachments amazing. Thank you so much.

17:04:55 From Ron Bandes : thanks again. Wonderful!

17:05:09 From Karin Bricker To All Panelists : Perfect. Thanks so much.

17:05:10 From Kate Coon To All Panelists : Great presentation. Thank you!

17:05:12 From Trudy Josephson To All Panelists : Thank you, Melissa. Excellent presentation. You ROCK!

17:05:15 From Robin Diederich To All Panelists : Great session!!

17:05:18 From Kim Knox To All Panelists : What did she say about if a candidate uses our video, it needs to say on screen "LWV is non-partisan..."?

17:05:29 From Dee Buckstaff To All Panelists : Thank you!

17:05:30 From Gisela Meier To All Panelists : -Thank you! Lots of good info ghmstein@aol.com

17:05:31 From Mary Hobein To All Panelists : Thank you so much

17:05:47 From Judy Weinstein To All Panelists : How did you record your talk in advance?

17:05:49 From Ardith Talbott To All Panelists : Outstanding!

17:05:53 From Deborah Tidwell : Thank you!

17:06:00 From Judy Esterquest To All Panelists : Thank you... I don't know if my registration went through. esterquest@gmail.com