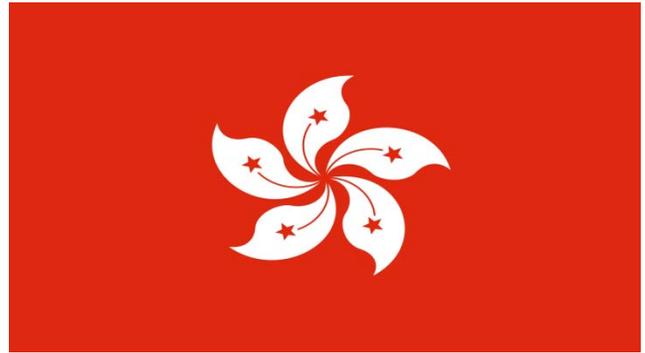


**Hong Kong Overseas Unit  
of the  
League of Women Voters  
of the United States**



**40<sup>th</sup> Annual Report  
2016 – 2017**

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Call to Order of the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

Hong Kong Unit of the League of Women Voters

of the United States

Thursday, May 11, 2017

US Consul General's Residence, The Peak

**2016-2017 Board of Directors**

**President** Jane Buck

**Vice President** Rosann Kao

**Recording Secretary** Barbara Iannozzone

**Treasurer** Lisa Strunin

**Membership** Sandra Collins-de Lange

**Voter Services** Beth Hall

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**Meeting Agenda**

Welcome

Minutes reviewed from 39<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

President's Report

Treasurer's Report

Presentation of the 2017-2018 Slate of Officers

Proposed Budget

Proposed Programs (40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

Adjourn

## **Minutes of the League of Women Voters of Hong Kong**

### **39<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

Tuesday, May 10, 2016  
Kowloon Cricket Club

The May meeting of the Hong Kong Unit of the League of Women Voters was held at the Kowloon Cricket Club on May 10, 2016. Susan Trebach called the meeting to order at 11:35 am.

Susan asked the membership to look over the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held the previous year. The minutes were approved as read.

Sandra Collins-de-Lange discussed the budget and announced that there is no longer a \$70 monthly charge from HSBC to our account. We will continue to receive a monthly statement, costing \$20. She also announced that our membership consists of 28 ladies. While discussing the upcoming budget, Carol Gosart raised a question regarding the large surplus the unit continues to keep. While a suggestion was made to use a portion of the surplus towards members' dues, in the end, it was decided to keep the money available as it may be needed for next years programs dealing with the upcoming Presidential election.

Beth Hall motioned to reduce the amount of \$1500 to \$500 for refreshments at the September Counsel General's meeting. That motion passed and the 2017 budget was then approved and passed.

Susan briefly reviewed her President's Report, highlighting the past years programs.

Beth Hall reviewed and introduced the Board nominees for 2016-17.

President	Jane Buck
Vice President	Rosann Kao
Treasurer	Lisa Strunin
Secretary	Barbara Iannazzone
Membership	Sandra Collins-de-Lange
Voter Services	Beth Hall

No additional nominations were offered from the floor, and the slate of officers was voted on and passed.

Upcoming President and Vice President, Jane Buck and Rosanne Kao respectively, spoke of upcoming programs and venues for next year.

A gift of appreciation was presented to outgoing President, Susan Trebach. The meeting was adjourned at 12:24 and lunch was served.

Submitted by

Carol Lampard, Secretary



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS - HONG KONG UNIT**  
**Treasurer's Report FY June 1, 2016 - May 31, 2017**

<b>Balance Sheet</b>	HK\$	HK\$
<u>Assets FY 2014-2015</u>		
Cash: HSBC Checking Account #567-888201-001		\$ 17,897.10
<b>TOTAL ASSETS as of FY ending May 31, 2015</b>		<b>\$ 17,897.10</b>
 <u>Assets FY 2015-2016</u>		
Cash: HSBC Checking Account #567-888201-001 (Thru 3/31/16)		\$ 22,417.37
<b>TOTAL ASSETS as of FY ending May 31, 2016</b>		<b>\$ 22,267.37</b>
 <u>Assets FY 2016-2017</u>		
Cash: HSBC Checking Account #567-888201-001 (Thru 3/31/17)		\$ 37,597.37
<b>TOTAL ASSETS as of FY ending May 31, 2017</b>		<b>\$ 27,867.48</b>

**Income Statement for FY Ending May 31, 2017**

**Income:**

Membership Dues: 21 members @ HK\$500 each	\$	10,500.00
Fundraising "Holiday Party" December 9, 2016	\$	5,000.00
Presidential Debate Sponsor	\$	50,000.00
Presidential Debate Sponsor	\$	2,180.00
Presidential Debate Sponsor (Program Printing)	\$	830.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>68,510.00</b>

**Expense Statement for FY Ending May 31, 2017**

**Expenses:**

Post Office Box Rental	\$	680.00
HSBC Account Service Charge	\$	150.00
HSBC Statement Charge	\$	240.00
Donation to HKAF Student Ticket Scheme	\$	5,000.00
National Dues (PMP) 21 members @ US\$32 = US\$672.00	\$	5,232.11
Website domain name 5 yr renewal US\$100.85	\$	778.00
Debate Venue (HKU)	\$	22,820.00
Debate Interactive Media System	\$	25,000.00
Debate Liability Insurance	\$	2,000.00
Debate Flyers and Event Brochures	\$	830.00
Debate LWV Banner	\$	180.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>62,910.11</b>

<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,600.11</b>
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## **President's Report for 2016-2017**

### **Programs**

We began our year with a focus on the 2016 US Presidential election and its processes.

With many thanks to our member Celine O'Connor, our September meeting took place at the Irish Consulate in Hong Kong. Deputy Consul Isobel O'Connor presented an overview of the Irish voting system, which was surely an eye-opener for our members in attendance. The presentation generated much discussion comparing the Irish system with that of the US, including the pros and cons of both. We hope that the Hong Kong League continues with at least one annual visit to other Consulate(s) in the future.

The League HK also coordinated, with assistance from Democrats Abroad HK and Republicans Overseas HK, a mock US Presidential Debate in which representatives of DAHK and ROHK took the positions of their respective candidates and engaged in a spirited debate on some of the most important issues in this election. The Debate was moderated by Ms. Heather Timmons, Senior Asia Correspondent for Atlantic Media's Quartz (Asia), and Mr. Randal Phillips, Managing Partner for Asia of the Mintz Group.<sup>1</sup> Dr. Tim Gruenewald, Director of HKU's American Studies Program, acted as Debate administrator, with Ms. Heather Timmons, the Senior Asia Correspondent for Atlantic Media's Quartz (Hong Kong) and Mr. Randal Phillips, Managing Partner for Asia of the Mintz Group, acting as event Moderators. The Debate took place at the Grand Hall of Hong Kong University's Lee Shau Kee Lecture Centre. Due to the extreme generosity of our Debate sponsor who wishes to remain anonymous, nearly 600 people including many students from both secondary and tertiary institutions were able to attend this event at no charge. Many thanks to all those League members who volunteered their time both before, during and after the event – we could not have done this without you!

Many thanks must go to the American Women's Association of Hong Kong, Ltd., which permitted the League HK to hold the balance of its monthly meetings at the AWA office, at no charge. By opening meetings on a "one time only" basis to AWA members who are not yet League members, the League was able to increase its membership due to the interest generated by our monthly programs.

In October, Dr. Howard Wong, Executive Director, School of Veterinary Medicine & Director, Centre for Animal Welfare, City University of Hong Kong, joined us for a fascinating talk on "One Health" – what it is and how it impacts food safety, infectious diseases and public health.

There was no meeting in November.

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<sup>1</sup> Ms. Tara Joseph, Chief Correspondent – Reuters TV Asia, was originally scheduled to act as moderator, but had to cancel at the last minute. Ms. Timmons graciously agreed to take her place.

Our annual holiday dinner in December was held at the Kowloon Cricket Club, where Board member Dr. Rosann Kao organized a private room. Spouses were invited to this event, which was very successful. Our guest speaker, Ms. Tisa Ho, the Executive Director of and force behind the Hong Kong Arts Festival gave us the inside scoop on the upcoming 2017 festival & what it takes to make it happen. Through the generosity of League HK members, we were able to donate HK \$5,000 to the HKAF's Student Ticket Scheme, which provides reduced rate tickets to students who could not otherwise afford to partake of the HKAF's excellent and varied programs.

In January, we welcomed back returning speaker Ms. Christine Loh, Hong Kong's Under-Secretary for the Environment, who provided an excellent discussion of Hong Kong's current waste management endeavors. Many of our members were very interested to learn the details of Hong Kong's recycling efforts as well as how its waste treatment plants function.

In February, the League went to the theatre. We were fortunate to obtain a 50% discount on the cost of front and second row tickets to the Hong Kong Arts Festival's production of "Women of a Certain Age" from "The Gabriels – Election Year in the Life of One Family". It was felt that a play based on the events of the 2016 US Presidential election was both timely and appropriate; sadly, the play turned out to be more of "One Family Discussion of Things Not Really Related to the Election." Nevertheless, our members and many of their spouses did enjoy the outing.

In March, our guest speaker Ms. Xu Xi, renowned Hong Kong English language writer, activist and author of *The Unwalled City*, *Hong Kong Rose*, *Habit of a Foreign Sky* and many others, treated us to her take on Hong Kong in the modern world as she sees it.

The League HK did not meet in April due to the myriad of holidays and travel plans of our members, but we picked right back up in May with the kick-off to our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Many thanks to member Beth Hall who worked tirelessly to research and create a presentation, and to member Rehana Sheikh whose knowledge of the League's beginnings in Hong Kong proved to be invaluable. This meeting was held at the residence of the US Consul General at The Peak, with the Consul General in attendance.

As with my predecessor last year, I must highlight the work of our Vice President Dr. Rosann Kao who developed and coordinated most of this year's programs. Rosann has got to be our most well-connected Board member, very much to the League's benefit, and we certainly did benefit this year from her ideas and her connections.

### **Other**

The League's Board decided to renew our website domain name for 5 years, with the assistance of Amy Van Laak, at a cost of HK \$778. The website will be updated but maintained as a static site where basic information about the Hong Kong Unit may be found. The League will create a Facebook page which can be easily updated to act as a source of information for members with respect to the League's on-going activities.

I would also like to give my thanks, on behalf of the League HK and from myself personally, to member Ms. Beth Hall, whose knowledge of the League, Hong Kong's laws and regulations and League administration, in conjunction with her unfailing willingness to help out in any way possible, made this year so much easier and so much more pleasurable for me. If you ever need to deal with the Hong Kong police, take Beth with you – she's brilliant!

Many thanks also to our members, who are an enormously exciting group of intelligent, interested and interesting women. You have made the League HK what it is, and it is my fervent hope that you will continue to do so in the future.

Jane Buck



# US PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE 2016 IN HONG KONG

**When: Monday, 26 September**

**6:45 PM – 8:20 PM (Doors open at 6:30 PM)**

**Venue: Grand Hall, Lee Shau Kee Lecture Centre, Hong Kong University  
(HKU MTR Station Exit C-1)**

**Cost: No Charge**

**How to attend: Register online at <https://www.eventbrite.hk/e/us-presidential-debate-in-hong-kong-tickets-26793486038>**

**Questions? Please email [lwwhk.info@gmail.com](mailto:lwwhk.info@gmail.com)**

**This year's US presidential election will impact people around the world, including people of all nationalities. If you are a US citizen and can vote in the election, you will want to make sure that your decision is an informed one. If you are not a US citizen, you will still want to learn about the candidates, their platforms and their potential impact on world politics. Bring your families and friends and come listen as representatives of Democrats Abroad and Republicans Overseas take the positions of their respective candidates and engage in a spirited debate on some of the most important issues in this election, at no charge to you! The Debate will be moderated by Ms. Tara Joseph, Chief Correspondent, Reuters TV - Asia and Mr. Randal Phillips, Managing Partner for Asia of the Mintz Group. Dr. Tim Gruenewald, Director of HKU's American Studies Program, will act as Debate administrator.**

**Event organized jointly by the League of Women Voters® - Hong Kong Unit, Democrats Abroad Hong Kong and Republicans Overseas Hong Kong.**



## **League of Women Voters – Hong Kong Unit**

### Nominating Committee Report for 2017-2018

The 2017-2018 Nominating Committee has put in place the following nominees for Officers of the League of Women Voters – Hong Kong Unit:

President	Open
Vice President	Jane Fong
Treasurer	Lisa Strunin
Secretary	Barbara Iannazzone
Voter Services	Kym Kettler-Paddock
Membership	Sandra Collins-de Lange

Thank you to the League members who accepted the nomination to serve on the Board. The League appreciates your support and leadership.

Lisa Strunin

Nominating Committee Chair

**League of Women Voters – Hong Kong Unit**

**2017 – 2018 Proposed Budget**

**Income**

Membership dues: 25 members paid dues X \$500	\$12,500
TOTAL INCOME \$ 12,500	

**Expenses**

President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership, Voter Services (\$ 100 each)	\$600
Post Office Box Rental	\$680
Venue Expenses	\$500
Events	\$2000
Gifts for Speakers	\$900
HSBC Monthly Paper Statement Charge (\$20.00 per month)	\$240
National Dues (Per Member Payment US \$32.00 X 25)	\$6175
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$11095
NET INCOME HK\$	\$1405