



Featured October and November 2019 Project Updates

Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission

The WSCC team has made substantial progress on several WSCC projects, campaigns, partnerships, and initiatives since the WSCC's meeting on October 3, 2019, including:

- Donating two statues to the **Lucy Burns Museum**.
- Establishing the **Forward Into Light Campaign** as the WSCC's signature event for Aug. 26, 2020
- Publishing our first article as a part of our new partnership with the **Smithsonian Magazine**.
- Finalizing our **webstore** contract with Chip Forbes, Inc, designing all webstore merchandise, and keeping the project on track for a Black Friday (November 29) launch date.
- Finalizing our contract with **Edelman**, a leading media firm in the United States, to provide media, PR, and communications support to the WSCC from November 2019 through September 2020.
- Finalizing plans for "**Women's Suffrage Week**" for May 10-17 2020, bringing together all of our federal and national partners for a shared week of suffrage history public programming.
- Hiring an additional **Staff Assistant** to provide critical support on all 2020 projects.
- Traveling to Memphis, Tennessee and meeting with the **Tennessee Woman's Suffrage Heritage Trail** to discuss and solidify possible partnership opportunities. As a result of that trip, the WSCC will now be providing \$80,000 to that initiative for the purchase of two statues.
- Sending official partnership letters to the four major celebrity **Book Clubs** in the US.
- Reallocating \$10,000 in the Multi-Media Subcommittee budget for a **historian blog post series** to be published on the WSCC website.
- Finalizing our partnership with the **Berkshire Conference**, the largest gathering of women's history historians in the US.
- Finalizing our partnership with **Pasadena Celebrates 2020** to be a featured supporter of the suffrage themed parade float in the Rose Bowl Parade.
- Providing critical support to the commemorative **coin bill**, ensuring its passage in the House. (When the WSCC began its outreach, the bill had just over 100 cosponsors. As a result of our outreach, the bill has over 300 cosponsors). The bill is now on the President's desk to be signed into law.
- Finalizing our partnership with the National Park Service to work together on our **children's history podcast and adult history podcast**, to be released in 2020.
- Creating a shared **google folder** to better enable Commissioners to access all WSCC documents.
- Submitting our **Fifth Report** to Congress and the President.
- Finalizing our individualized **Centennial Planning Toolkits** for all states, territories, and DC.
- Presenting our Centennial Planning Toolkits at the **Women in Government** Conference in Washington, DC
- Updating the **WSCC website** to include a News section and Kids' Corner.

In addition, because of considerable progress made by WSCC staff since the October 3, 2019 meeting, we are in the final stages of signing MOUs and contracts for the following national partnerships:

- Votes for Women Trail
- National Panhellenic Council
- Kappa Delta Sorority
- Girl Scouts of the USA
- PBS, One Woman One Vote, and AMC
- National Foundation of Women Legislators
- American Library Association/Public Library Association
- Hermitage Hotel and the TN State Suffrage Commission

And finally, thanks in large part to the work of Commissioners Carranza, Combs, and Shogan, the **commemorative suffrage medal** is now in the final design review process and is expected to be struck in early 2020 and on sale and available to the American public in spring/summer 2020.