# LWVMI DEI Training for Nominating Committees: Panel Notes February 21, 2024 Regena Nelson

#### Mission

- YWCA Eliminating Racism, Empowering Women
- Interfaith Strategies for Advocacy and Action in the Community (ISAAC) –
  Changing systems through equitable policies and practices
- Credible and trustworthy
- Harmful not helpful
- Policies and Accountability
  - YWCA The majority of the board must be BIPOC
  - o ISAAC Task force co-leaders, at least one must be BIPOC
  - Remove barriers to leadership co-chairs, evening meetings, hybrid, fees for memberships and events; avoid cliques- make people feel welcome

## Partnerships

- Social justice organizations racial justice, gender equity, economic justice, environmental justice, criminal justice
- Community service organizations sororities, fraternities, KIWANIS, Rotary, Junior league
- Neighborhood associations
- Universities and Community colleges
- Co-sponsor events, attend their events and network

## • Member Recruitment

- Email list for events speakers form their groups
- o Membership-invite them to be a member
- Volunteer- find ways to engage them, give them a job

## • Leadership Pipeline

- Committee member
- Committee Chair
- Board position- use a board matrix to track expertise related to organizational needs, age, race, experience

Avoid tokenism- Read about this here https://blog.boardsource.org/blog/recruiting-for-board-diversity-with-respect