

Annual Report & Meeting Materials

**Coco & Blu Cafe
Arlington Heights**

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Annual Meeting Structure

ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Meeting Chair		Miel Johnson
Meeting Secretary		Nancy Shocket
Budget		Sarah Wojtowicz
Bylaws		Gilda Karu
Nominating		Karine Fiore Miel Johnson
Annual Meeting Booklet		Tracy McGonagle
Credentials		Barb Sabaj
Meeting Coordinator		Karine Fiore Miel Johnson Tracy McGonagle

PROPOSED ANNUAL MEETING RULES

1. **Privileges:** Only members may vote and have the privilege of the floor.
2. **Rules:** Rules may be amended and suspended by a two-thirds vote.
3. **Debate:** Debate shall be limited to two minutes per speaker. No one shall speak more than once to a question until all who desire the privilege of the floor have spoken.
4. **Consideration of Program:** Recommended items shall be presented first. Non-recommended items shall be presented immediately after the recommended program. A motion for consideration on non-recommended items is necessary. After the motion has been moved and seconded, the sponsor presenting the item makes up to a three-minute statement in explanation of the reason for asking consideration. This motion is not debatable and requires a majority vote. Only questions for clarification are entertained at this time.
5. **Discussion of Program Items:** Each item shall be addressed separately in order of presentation.
6. **Adoption of Program:** The program will be adopted by a vote taken on each item in the order in which it was presented. Non-recommended items require a two-thirds majority.
7. **Guide:** Robert's Rules of Order (latest edition) shall be the guide for the Annual Meeting procedures, except where bylaws and adopted meeting rules direct otherwise.
8. **Voting:** The chair, unless otherwise directed by the voting members, shall decide which method of voting should be employed: 1) by voice, where members vote by saying aye or no; or, 2) by raising hand, where members vote by clicking Raise Hand in the online meeting.
9. **Miscellaneous Procedural Rules:** A member may click Raise Hand in the online meeting to request a point of order, a point of information, a parliamentary inquiry, or a question of privilege.
10. **Elections:** The credential chairperson shall present a final report to the membership before the election procedure begins.

ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

Part 1, Main Motions. These motions are listed in order of precedence. A motion can be introduced if it is higher on the chart than the pending motion.
§ indicates the section from Robert's Rules.

§	PURPOSE:	YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
§21	Close meeting	I move to adjourn	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
§20	Take break	I move to recess for ...	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
§19	Register complaint	I rise to a question of privilege	Yes	No	No	No	None
§18	Make follow agenda	I call for the orders of the day	Yes	No	No	No	None
§17	Lay aside temporarily	I move to lay the question on the table	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
§16	Close debate	I move the previous question	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
§15	Limit or extend debate	I move that debate be limited to ...	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3
§14	Postpone to a certain time	I move to postpone the motion to ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§13	Refer to committee	I move to refer the motion to ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§12	Modify wording of motion	I move to amend the motion by ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§11	Kill main motion	I move that the motion be postponed indefinitely	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
§10	Bring business before assembly (a main motion)	I move that [or "to"] ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority

Part 2, Incidental Motions. No order of precedence. These motions arise incidentally and are decided immediately.

§	PURPOSE:	YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
§23	Enforce rules	Point of Order	Yes	No	No	No	None
§24	Submit matter to assembly	I appeal from the decision of the chair	Yes	Yes	Varies	No	Majority
§25	Suspend rules	I move to suspend the rules	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
§26	Avoid main motion altogether	I object to the consideration of the question	Yes	No	No	No	2/3
§27	Divide motion	I move to divide the question	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
§29	Demand a rising vote	I move for a rising vote	Yes	No	No	No	None
§33	Parliamentary law question	Parliamentary inquiry	Yes if urgent	No	No	No	None
§33	Request for information	Point of information	Yes if urgent	No	No	No	None

Part 3, Motions That Bring a Question Again Before the Assembly.
No order of precedence. Introduce only when nothing else is pending.

§	PURPOSE:	YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
§34	Take matter from table	I move to take from the table ...	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
§35	Cancel previous action	I move to rescind ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3 or Majority with notice
§37	Reconsider motion	I move to reconsider ...	No	Yes	Varies	No	Majority

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2023 ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Sunday, May 21, 2023 4:30 PM

Coco & Blu Cafe

Call to Order

Special Recognition of Members

Credentials

Annual Meeting Rules

Discussion / Adoption

Presentation of 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes

Correction / Acceptance

Proposed Local Bylaws Amendments

NONE RECOMMENDED

Proposed Budget

Discussion / Adoption

Nominating Committee Report

Floor Nominations

Election

Introduction of 2023-2024 Leaders

Proposed Program

Discussion / Adoption

LWVCC

New Business

NONE

Announcements

Adjourn

2023 SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS

League Gem: Given to a member with ten or more years of continuous membership who has consistently shown dedication and leadership within League.

2023 League Gem Award: Shannon Silverman

Previous Recipients:

2022 Robin LaBedz and Anne Budin

2021 Cathy Duoba

2020 Gilda Karu

2019 Connie Weissman

League Rough Cut: Given to a member with fewer than ten years of continuous membership who has consistently shown a desire to grow as a leader within League.

2023 League Rough Cut Award: Karen Thomas

Previous Recipients:

2022 Madeline McCarren and Cynthia Riesing

2021 Diane King and Barb Sabaj

2020 Tracy McGonagle

2019 Bill Slankard

Emerging Leaders Award: Given to a member under the age of twenty-six who has consistently shown a desire to grow as a leader within League.

2023 Emerging Leader Award: Luc Neacy

Previous Recipients:

2022 Eryn Nelken, Luke Sparreo, and Madeline Moloney

2021 Luc Neacy and Maya Kusalovic

Pat Lindner Award: Given to a member in good standing who works on a core mission or issue, attracts new members, and creates new partnerships that benefit our League chapter.

2023 Pat Lindner Award: Lorri Grainawi and Mary Hahn

Previous Recipients:

2022 Lorri Grainawi

2021 Mary Hahn, Cindy Kemp, and Tom Smith (Stroll to the Polls team)

2020 Regina Gomez

2022 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday May 12, 2022
Continental Restaurant, Buffalo Grove

Called to Order 7:25pm

2021-2022 Highlights by Heidi kicked off the meeting

Special Recognition of Members:

- League Gem Award was bestowed upon Robin LaBedz and Anne Budin
- League Rough Cut Award was bestowed upon Madeline McCarren and Cindy Reising
- Emerging Leaders Award was bestowed upon Madelyne Moloney, Eryn Nelken and Luke Sparreo
- Pat Linder Award was bestowed upon Lorri Grainawi

Quorum of voters was confirmed by Barb Sabaj

- 26 voting members present in-person plus 5 present via Zoom.

Rules highlights were covered by Connie Weisman; motion to approve was accepted.

2021 Annual Meeting Minutes were certified by Nancy and accepted by the membership.

Proposed 2022-2023 budget was accepted.

- It was noted that we are the only league with a \$0.00 membership level.
- It was noted that our 501c3 application is over 80% completed.
- It was noted that we do have funds to cover the LWV Cook County dues.
- It was noted that while we have a substantial cash reserve due to an unnamed donor, we will need more funds to support activities for the next election cycle.
- Proposed amendment to add \$200 to the budget to cover LWV Cook County dues was passed.

Motion to approve 2022-2023 Budget as proposed was accepted.

Motion to review the policy at the 2022 Annual Meeting was accepted.

2021-2022 Program/events were highlighted by Karine.

Heidi recognized Karine for her complete reorganization of our league's program interests, with responsible individuals listed within sections of the Portfolio of Programs she created.

Committees slate presented with: Nominating committee of Madeline M, Jean F, Bylaws committee Gilda K and Robin L, Budget committee Cynthia R and Ted M. Motion made to accept by Jane B, seconded by Barb S. Motion passes.

2021-2022 planned events were highlighted by Heidi
Meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Shocket, Secretary

2023-2024 PROPOSED BUDGET

League Of Women Voters AH/MP/BG						
2022 Monthly Report						
						Est
					Preliminary	2022
					2023 Budget	YTD
Opening Bank Balance						
Receipts						
	Dues 150 @ Ave \$48				7,200	7,097
	Birthday Packet Sponsors		0		1,800	1,800
	Cash Donations				6,500	11,348
	Membership Variance				1,500	1,420
	New Membership				1,200	1,445
	Party Fundraiser				0	4,033
	Merchandise sa Fundraisers				0	0
Total Receipts					\$ 18,200	\$ 27,143
Disbursements						
	Organizational Dues 130 Members/22 Student					
		Cook County			160	160
		Illinois			5,184	5,184
		LMR/umr			75	25
		National			4,200	4,192
Total Organization Dues					9,619	9,561
Operating Costs						
x		Website			228	0
		Newsletter Design			0	0
		Candidate Forums			200	0
		Stroll to the polls			0	2,952
		Social Media/PR/comm			500	0
		Political Action			0	0
		Membership-Swag			600	529
		Insurance			155	0
		Voter Services			250	0
		High School Birthday Packets			3,000	2,160
		Mock Elections			140	
		Club Express			500	\$ 420.00
		Scholarship			0	0
		Zoom Meetings			700	700
		Interpreting Service			1,500	970
		Convert tax status			0	600
		Misc Expense			500	1,889
Total Operating Costs					8,273	10,220
Meeting Costs						
		Annual Meeting			1,500	1,050
		National Convention			100	0
Total Convention Costs					1,600	1,050
Total Disbursements					\$ 19,492	\$ 20,831
Ending Balance					\$ (1,292)	\$ 6,312

2023 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of candidates for election:

OFFICERS:

President	Shannon Silverman	(2023-2025)
Secretary	Nancy Shocket	(2022-2024)
Treasurer	Sarah Wojtowicz	(2023-2025)

DIRECTORS:

Mary Hahn	(2022-2024)
Cyndi Kemp	(2022-2024)
Margaret Doyle	(2023-2025)
Tracy McGonagle	(2023-2025)
Lorri Grainawi	(2023-2025)
Linda Waycie	(2023-2025)
Theresa Chiramel	(2023-2025)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Chair: Karine Fiore

Members: Barb Sabaj

Board Member Appointed by the Board: TBD

BYLAWS COMMITTEE:

Chair: Gilda Karu

Member: Robin LaBedz

Board Member Appointed by the Board: TBD

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

Chair: Cynthia Riesing

Member: TBD

Treasurer (ex officio): Sarah Wojtowicz

2023–2024 PROGRAM PROPOSAL

According to the League of Women Voters of the Arlington Heights-Mount Prospect-Buffalo Grove Area (“LWV-AH-MP-BG”) bylaws, **program shall consist of action to implement the principles of the League of Women Voters of the United States (“LWVUS”) and those governmental issues chosen for study and action.**

The LWVUS public policy positions are described in *Impact on Issues* available online at the following URL: <https://www.lwv.org/impact-issues>. The principles are “concepts of government” supported by the LWVUS and are described on page 10.

The League of Women Voters of Illinois (“LWVIL”) public policy positions are described in *Where We Stand 2021-2023* available online at the following URL: <https://www.lwvil.org/where-we-stand>.

Together, *Impact on Issues* and *Where We Stand* provide guidance and structure to action that League may take. Our program / action must be consistent with LWVUS and LWVIL positions. LWV-AH-MP-BG action can include educational programs and advocacy in the form of:

- testimony before state and local government,
- letter or postcard-writing campaigns,
- letters to the editor,
- press releases,
- getting out the vote on a ballot issue,
- questionnaires,
- collecting signatures on initiative petitions, etc.

The Program Committee invited LWV-AH-MP-BG members to participate in program planning via an online survey.

Therefore, the LWV-AH-MP-BG Board of Directors recommends the 2023-2024 program shall consist of action related to the issues listed below.

Affordable Housing

Environmental Initiatives, including, but not limited to, natural resources, solid waste, climate change, and water resources.

Mental Health and Healthcare

Additionally, LWV-AH-MP-BG will continue to focus on its core mission to encourage active, informed participation by all voters in the democratic process. 2023-2024 programs will focus on three primary areas: voter education, including but not limited to, candidate fora and mock elections; voter turnout, including but not limited to, Stroll to the Polls; and voter registration, including but not limited to, the Birthday Envelope Program with School District 214. Additionally LWV-AH-MP-BG will continue to advocate

for open and transparent government through its observer corps program and will advocate as needed for positions aligned with the 2023-2024 program foci.

All programming and actions of LWV-AH-MP-BG will consider Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI.) DEI is not a separate initiative for League but rather the lens through which we view everything we do.

Proposed 2023-2024 Programs

Representative Government		
Voter Education (includes candidate forums)	Voter Turnout (includes Stroll to the Polls)	Voter Registration (includes Birthday Envelopes and voter registration efforts)
Social Policy		Environment
Basic Human Needs (includes Affordable Housing)	Mental Health	Environment – Natural Resources

PROPOSED MOTION:
The League of Women Voters of the Arlington Heights-Mount Prospect-Buffalo Grove Area adopts the 2023-2024 program as presented.

LWV-AH-MP-BG Structure

AFFILIATIONS

League of Women Voters of the US

President: Deborah Turner
1730 M Street NW, Suite 1000
Washington, DC 20036-4508
Phone: 202-429-1965

<https://www.lwv.org>

Positions can be found at: <https://www.lwv.org/impact-issues>

League of Women Voters of Illinois

President: Allyson Haut
332 South Michigan Ave, #634
Chicago, IL 60604-4422
Phone: 312-939-5935

<https://www.lwvil.org>

Positions can be found at: <https://www.lwvil.org/where-we-stand>

League of Women Voters of Cook County

President: Cynthia Schilsky
332 South Michigan Ave, #634
Chicago, IL 60604-4422
Phone: 312-939-5935, x7

<https://www.lwvcookcounty.org>

info@lwvcookcounty.org

Positions can be found at: <https://www.lwvcookcounty.org/lwvcc-positions.html>

Inter League Organizations (ILO) are formal LWV organizations recognized by the League of Women Voters of the US. They operate under the Natural Resources positions of the national LWV. ILOs are established because their members recognize the need to work together at the regional level to most effectively and responsibly solve problems that transcend political boundaries.

League of Women Voters of Lake Michigan Region

President: Elizabeth "Joy" Guscott-Mueller
332 S. Michigan Ave, # 634
Chicago IL 60604-4422

<https://www.lwvlmr.org>

lwvlakemichigan@gmail.com

League of Women Voters of Upper Mississippi River Region

Chair: Mary Ellen Miller
P.O. Box 258106
Madison, WI 53725-8106

<https://www.lwvumrr.org>

lwvumrr@lwvmn.org

LWV-AH-MP-BG PORTFOLIOS

WHY LEAGUE MATTERS *100 Years and Counting*

The League of Women Voters of the United States encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Mission: Empowering voters. Defending democracy.

Vision: We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge and the confidence to participate.

Value: We believe in the power of women to create a more perfect democracy.

League of Women Voters, in our 100 year history, has never endorsed a political party or candidate for office.

LWV-AH-MP-BG BOARD MEMBERS

(BYLAWS LIMIT BOARD MEMBERS TO 11)

President: info.lwvah@gmail.com

Vice President: VP@lwvah.org

Treasurer: Sarah Wojtowicz, treasurer@lwvah.org

Secretary: Nancy Shocket, secretary@lwvah.org

Director of Technology Services: Tracy McGonagle, technology@lwvah.org

Director of Voter Services #1: Mary Hahn, VoterServices1@lwvah.org

Director of Voter Services #2: Cyndi Kemp, VoterServices2@lwvah.org

Director of Voter Services #3: Margaret Doyle, VoterServices3@lwvah.org

Director of Social Policy (Mental Health): Lorri Grainawi, mentalhealth@lwvah.org

Director of Social Policy (Affordable Housing): Linda Waycie,
affordablehousing@lwvah.org

Emerging Leader: Theresa Chiramel, emergingleader@lwvah.org

COMMUNICATIONS, MEMBERSHIP, and FUNDRAISING

LWV-AH-MP-BG works through many outlets to communicate our mission.

BOARD DIRECTOR: TBD

Public Relations: pr@lwwah.org

Social Media: social@lwwah.org

Newsletter: newsletter@lwwah.org

Submit any newsletter articles by the end of the month for inclusion in the following month.

Membership: membership@lwwah.org

Meetings are on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7 PM. *Membership manages and plans the Annual Meeting*

Recruiting and Appreciation: membership@lwwah.org

Onboarding: onboarding@lwwah.org

Roster: rostermanager@lwwah.org

Fundraising:

League reaches out to various sources to gather the financial resources to support itself. These include galas and events; as well as ongoing initiatives such as grant writing, ad sales, and sponsorships.

PROGRAMMING

LWV-AH-MP-BG provides programmatic opportunities in the furtherance of our annual program priorities. All events are free and open to all.

BOARD DIRECTOR: TBD

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: DEI@lwwah.org

All programming and actions of LWV-AH-MP-BG will consider Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI.) DEI is not a separate initiative for League but rather the lens through which we view everything we do.

Environment: environment@lwwah.org

LWV-AH-MP-BG educates and advocates on behalf of the environment. Meetings Third Tuesday of each month..

Mental Health: mentalhealth@lwwah.org

LWV-AH-MP-BG educates and advocates on issues surrounding healthcare, specifically, mental health. Meetings TBD.

Speaker Series:

LWV-AH-MP-BG will host speakers and events related to our core Program of Environment, Mental Health, Affordable Housing and various other topical issues. The goal of the Speaker Series is to encourage active, informed participation by all voters in the democratic process.

FINANCE

LWV-AH-MP-BG is a 100 percent volunteer organization; we are fiscally responsible with the funds we collect from members and the community.

BOARD DIRECTOR: Treasurer Sarah Wojtowicz, treasurer@lwvah.org

Scholarship Committee: scholarship@lwvah.org

LWV-AH-MP-BG is currently working towards a yearly scholarship. Meeting schedule TBD.

Budget Committee:

LWV-AH-MP-BG creates an annual budget to be approved by the membership and serves to guide the board and interest committees in being a fiscally sound organization. Cyclical January through March.

Fundraising:

League reaches out to various sources to gather the financial resources to support itself. These include galas and events; as well as ongoing initiatives such as grant writing, ad sales, and sponsorships.

TECHNOLOGY

LWV-AH-MP-BG utilizes technology and social activities to further our mission.

BOARD DIRECTOR: Tracy McGonagle, technology@lwvah.org

Technology

League maintains the www.lwvah.org website with a calendar of upcoming events, voter information, descriptions of our activities and Interest Groups, and League news. League also manages its files and collaborates on Google. League hosts various meetings and webinars via Zoom.

League Leaders produce reports for the Board the fourth Monday every month.

Book Discussion: bookclub@lwvah.org

LWV-AH-MP-BG selects books that challenge our thinking about critical issues. The discussion is always friendly, lively, and enlightening. Year round approximately every 6 weeks.

VOTER SERVICES

A core mission of LWV-AH-MP-BG is to encourage active, informed participation by all voters in the democratic process.

BOARD DIRECTOR: Mary Hahn, Voterservices1@lwwah.org

BOARD DIRECTOR: Cyndi Kemp, Voterservices2@lwwah.org

BOARD DIRECTOR: Margaret Doyle, Voterservices3@lwwah.org

Birthday Envelopes: birthdayenvelopes@lwwah.org

LWV-AH-MP-BG ensures every student turning 18 years old in all area high schools receives a gift congratulating them on their right to vote! Cyclical prep May-July and then envelopes are created in August, November, and February and delivered to schools.

Candidate Forums: forums@lwwah.org

LWV-AH-MP-BG hosts impartial forums that are free and open to the public to allow the community to hear directly from candidates in upcoming elections. Cyclical with elections; busiest time is for local elections.

Mock Elections: mockelections@lwwah.org

Mock elections are designed to mimic real elections and are used to teach students or new voters about the election process. Cyclical from January to March and September to October.

Stroll to the Polls: stroll@lwwah.org

LWV-AH-MP-BG goes door to door with high school students to encourage the community to get out and vote. Cyclical with elections.

Voter Registration: voterregistration@lwwah.org

LWV-AH-MP-BG plans voter registration and training throughout the year in partnership with area libraries, churches, schools, and other places where individuals gather. Cyclical from January to March and September to October.

Get Out The Vote: INACTIVE

LWV-AH-MP-BG plans activities designed to get our communities excited about voting. Year round activities.

Ready to Run: INACTIVE

LWV-AH-MP-BG encourages citizens to run for local offices and provides education about the process. Cyclical July-October.

POLITICAL ACTION

LWV-AH-MP-BG provides opportunities for action in the furtherance of our political goals as an organization.

BOARD DIRECTOR: TBD

Political Action: politicalaction@lwwah.org

LWV-AH-MP-BG crafts Time for Action (TFA) alerts on a variety of topics relevant to our members. Year round.

Legislative Interviews: legislative@lwwah.org

LWV-AH-MP-BG conducts interviews with area legislators to determine their position on key issues.

Observer Corp: observer@lwwah.org

LWV-AH-MP-BG monitors local government meetings, a long-established practice of the LWV. Year round.

EMERGING LEADERS

LWV-AH-MP-BG provides leadership opportunities for student and younger members to harness their voices for impact.

BOARD DIRECTOR: Theresa Chiramel, emergingleader@lwwah.org

LWV-AH-MP-BG is dedicated to engaging youth in our Democratic process. We host civics clubs at area schools in D214 and D25 as well as award civics badges to Girl Scout meetings.

Our Emerging leaders also have the opportunity to support other league initiatives such as: Candidates Forums, Birthday Envelopes, Social Media, newsletters, and Stroll to the Polls. Year round.

BYLAWS OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
of the
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS - MOUNT PROSPECT - BUFFALO GROVE AREA
Including Prospect Heights, Wheeling, & Elk Grove Village

As Amended May 2021; no amendments 2022, 2023

ARTICLE I

Name

Section 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters of the Arlington Heights-Mount Prospect-Buffalo Grove Area. This local League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States, of the League of Women Voters of Illinois, and of the League of Women Voters of Cook County.

ARTICLE II

Purpose, Policy, and Jurisdiction

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of the League of Women Voters of the Arlington Heights-Mount Prospect-Buffalo Grove Area shall be to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.

Section 2. Policy. The League of Women Voters of the Arlington Heights-Mount Prospect-Buffalo Grove Area may take action on local governmental measures and policies in the public interest on which the League of Women Voters has a position. It shall neither support nor oppose any political party or any candidate.

Section 3. Jurisdiction. The areas of jurisdiction shall be those municipalities in which a "Know Your Town Government" study has been completed. Those municipalities currently are Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect, and Buffalo Grove. In addition, as an area League, jurisdiction shall extend to other adjoining communities not currently affiliated to another League. They include but are not necessarily limited to Elk Grove Village, Prospect Heights, and Wheeling.

Section 4. Tax Exempt Status. The League is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the League shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under such provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. No substantial part of the activities of the League shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. Eligibility.

- a. Any person who subscribes to the purpose and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership.

- b. Membership is contingent on having paid dues or having been excused from doing so by the League.

Section 2. Types of Membership.

- c. Voting Members. Persons at least 16 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local Leagues, state Leagues, and of the LWVUS; (1) those who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League; (2) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large; (3) those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues.
- d. Associate Members. All others who join the League shall be associate members.

ARTICLE IV

Board of Directors

Section 1. Number, Manner of Selection, and Term of Office. The Board of Directors shall consist of up to ~~four~~ eight officers of the League, and up to six elected directors for an elected board total not to exceed eleven. Should there be co-officers in more than one position, the number of elected directors will be reduced correspondingly. Elected directors shall serve for two years. The elected Board members may appoint such additional directors, not exceeding the number of elected directors, as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. Appointed directors shall serve for one year, that year expiring at the conclusion of the next annual meeting. The Board should seek representation from members living in all governmental units included in the area of jurisdiction, if practical.

Section 2. Qualifications. All persons serving as elected or appointed officers or directors of this organization shall be voting members of the League of Women Voters of the Arlington Heights-Mount Prospect-Buffalo Grove Area.

Section 3. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors by an officer or elected member, may be filled until the next annual meeting by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors from candidates supplied by the nominating committee. Three absences from a board meeting of any member without prior notification to the president or other designated Board member shall be deemed a resignation.

Section 4. Powers and Duties. The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the organization, with full power to manage and conduct same, in planning and directing the work necessary to carry out the programs as adopted by the National Convention, the State Convention, the County Convention, and the Annual Meeting. On new subjects, which have not been presented to the membership, the Board of Directors shall be subject to further instruction by the general membership. The Board shall designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.

Section 5. Meetings.

- a. There shall be at least four regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The President may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of a majority of the members of the Board. All Board members shall be notified prior to such special meetings.
- b. Meetings may be held in person, by telephone conference call, or by means of technology that enables participation by all board members.

- c. If needed, rather than calling a meeting, a vote on an urgent matter can be taken by using technology such as texting, e-mailing, or other means.

Section 6. Quorum. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE V

Officers and Duties

Section 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers. The officers of the League of Women Voters of the Arlington Heights-Mount Prospect-Buffalo Grove Area shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer who shall be elected for terms of two years by the general membership at the Annual Meeting and assume office immediately following the Annual Meeting. The president and secretary shall be elected in even-numbered years, and the vice-president and treasurer in odd-numbered years. Co-officers may be elected if no one is willing or able to fill a position alone. In the case of co-officers, the people elected shall agree to how duties will be shared and advise the membership within a month of election about each person's responsibilities.

Section 2. The President. The president shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the Board of Directors. The president may, in the absence or disability of the treasurer, sign or endorse checks, drafts, and notes. The president shall be, ex officio, a member of all committees except the nominating committee. The president shall have the usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to that office and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board.

Section 3. The Vice-President. The vice-president shall in the event of absence, disability, or death of the president, possess all the powers and perform all the duties of that office. The vice-president shall perform such other duties as the president and the Board of Directors may designate. If neither the Vice-President, nor any other Board member, is willing to assume the duties of the President, then those duties shall be divided by the Board members among themselves.

Section 4. The Secretary. The secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors, the Annual Meeting, and all other general meetings of the League. When necessary the secretary shall tabulate election results and notify all officers and directors of their election. When so authorized by the Board, the secretary shall sign, with the president all contracts and other instruments and shall perform such other functions as may be incident to the office.

Section 5. The Treasurer. The treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due. The treasurer shall be the custodian of these monies, shall deposit them in a bank designated by the Board of Directors, and shall dispense the same only upon order of the board. The treasurer shall present statements to the board at their regular meetings and an annual report to the annual meeting. When so authorized by the Board, the treasurer shall perform such other functions as may be incident to the office.

Section 6. Vacant Officers' Positions. In the event that no one in the League is willing to run for and/or to accept the position of any of the officers, the Board of Directors shall allocate the duties of the officer(s) among Board members until such time as the position(s) can be filled.

ARTICLE VI

Financial Administration

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the League of Women Voters of the Arlington Heights-Mount Prospect-Buffalo Grove Area shall conform to that of the League of Women Voters of the United States and the League of Women Voters of Illinois.

Section 2. Membership Dues. Annual dues shall be recommended by the Board and determined by a vote of the membership at the annual meeting. First payment of dues shall determine the member's anniversary date. Each succeeding year, the member's dues shall be payable on or before the anniversary date. Except that, for the first year that this amendment is implemented (May 2021), existing members shall use January as their anniversary date. The due date for dues shall be January 31 each year. Other policies related to dues and the dues structure shall be recommended by the Board and will be determined by a vote of the membership at the annual meeting. It shall be included as an appendix to these bylaws and will show when the structure and dues amounts were adopted.

Section 3. Budget. The Board of Directors shall submit a budget for the ensuing year to all members at least one month before the Annual Meeting.

Section 4. Distribution of Funds on Dissolution. In the event of the merger or dissolution of the League of Women Voters of Arlington Heights-Mount Prospect-Buffalo Grove Area for any reason, all money and securities or other property of whatsoever nature which at the time be owned or under the absolute control of the League shall be distributed at the discretion of the board, or such other persons as shall be charged by law with the liquidation or winding up of the League and its affairs, to any member organization of the League of Women Voters national organization which is exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code; or if none of the organizations are then in existence or exempt under those tax provisions, then, at the discretion of the board, to another organization which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under such designated tax provisions.

ARTICLE VII

Meetings

Section 1. Membership Meetings. There shall be at least one meeting of the general membership each year. The time and place shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Such meeting(s) should be held in person, but virtual meetings using telephones or technology to connect attendees may be used as circumstances warrant.

Section 2. Annual Meeting. An Annual Meeting shall be held between May first and May thirty-first, the exact date to be determined by the Board of Directors. The Annual Meeting shall:

- Adopt a local program for the ensuing one or two year period.
- Elect officers, directors, and members of the nominating, bylaws, and budget committees.
- Adopt an annual budget.
- Review and affirm the political activity policy.
- Transact such other business as may properly come before it.

Section 3. Quorum.

- a. One-fifth of the membership shall constitute a quorum at all business meetings of the League of Women Voters, of the Arlington Heights-Mount Prospect-Buffalo Grove Area.
- b. In the absence of a quorum, votes will be advisory but new or changed policies cannot be implemented.

ARTICLE VIII

Elected Committees, Nominations, Elections, and Bylaws

Section 1. Nominating Committee. The nominating committee shall consist of two or more members.

- a. Elected Members. A chairperson and one member, who shall not be members of the Board of Directors, shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current nominating committee.
- b. Appointed Members. One board member may be appointed to this committee by the Board of Directors following the Annual Meeting.
- c. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in the elected or appointed membership of this committee shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors.
- d. Responsibilities. The Nominating Committee will contact members in good standing to see if they would be willing to stand for election to a board position. To the extent possible, the committee members will try to match skill sets and positions and be cognizant of the benefits of having diversity. The nominating committee will prepare a report of nominations and send it to all members at least one month before the annual meeting that occurs in May.

Section 2. Bylaws Committee. The bylaws committee shall consist of two or more members.

- a. Elected Members. A chairperson and one member, who shall not be members of the Board of Directors, shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current nominating committee.
- b. Appointed Member. One board member may be appointed to this committee by the Board of Directors following the Annual Meeting.
- c. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in the elected or appointed membership of this committee shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors.
- d. Responsibilities. The Bylaws Committee will review bylaws for consistency with national and state League mandates and operational requirements and realities of the League and consider recommendations from members and the Board of Directors for changes. As much as possible, the Bylaws Committee will attempt to ensure that bylaws conform to standards mandated by all levels of the LWV and do not violate any laws. The bylaws committee will prepare and submit proposed by-laws changes to the Board of Directors by no later than March 31 so that recommended changes can be shared with all members a month before the annual meeting that occurs in May.

Section 3. Budget Committee. The budget committee shall consist of three members.

- a. Elected Members. A chairperson and one member, who shall not be members of the Board of Directors, shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current nominating committee.
- b. Appointed Member. The treasurer shall be appointed to this committee.
- c. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in the elected or appointed membership of this committee shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors.

- d. Responsibilities. The Budget Committee shall prepare and submit the proposed budget to the Board of Directors at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting.

Section 4. Nominations.

- a. Report of the Nominating Committee. The report of the nominating committee of its nominations for officers, directors, and members of the nominating, bylaws, and budget committees shall be sent to all members at least one month before the date of the Annual Meeting.
- b. Nominations from the floor. Immediately following the presentation by the nominating committee at the Annual Meeting, nominations may be made from the floor by any member provided that the consent of the nominee has been secured.
- c. Vacancies. The nominating committee may make recommendations to the Board of Directors to fill vacancies on the board occurring during the year.

Section 5. Elections. The elections shall be by ballot, with the provision that when there is but one nominee for each office, it shall be in order to move the election by voice. A majority vote of those qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

Section 6. Bylaws Amendments. These bylaws may be amended by two-thirds of the voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting, providing that the amendments were submitted by the bylaws committee to the membership in writing (including electronically) at least one month in advance of the meeting.

ARTICLE IX

Program

Section 1. Authorization. The governing principles adopted by the national convention and supported by the League as a whole constitute the authorization for adoption of program.

Section 2. Program. The program of the League of Women Voters of the Arlington Heights-Mount Prospect-Buffalo Grove Area shall consist of:

- a. Action to implement the principles of the League of Women Voters of the United States.
- b. Those governmental issues chosen for study and action.

Section 3. Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting shall act on the program using the following procedures:

- a. The Board of Directors shall consider the recommendations for new program items submitted by the voting members at least two months prior to the annual meeting and shall recommend a program for the upcoming year.
- b. Both the proposed program and non-recommended items shall be sent to all members at least one month prior to the annual meeting.
- c. A majority of voting members present and voting at the annual meeting shall be required for adoption of subjects in the proposed program as presented to the annual meeting by the Board of Directors.
- d. Program items not recommended by the Board of Directors may be adopted by the Annual meeting provided that (1) the Annual Meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote, and (2) the Annual Meeting shall adopt the item by a two-thirds vote.
- e. Changes in the program may be made by the Board of Directors. The membership must be informed of the change in the bulletin preceding action, and given an opportunity to respond at either a general or board meeting. Members present at

said meeting may then vote on the proposed change. Membership will then be informed of the results.

Section 4. Member Action. Members may act in the name of the League of Women Voters only when authorized to do so by the Board of Directors. Members may take positions and act on their own but shall not identify themselves as League members unless authorized to do so by the Board of Directors. High profile League leaders who regularly speak for the League in the media should consult with the Board and make sure they clearly say the views being expressed are their own if they publicly speak or take action on matters not authorized by the Board.

Section 5. Local League Action. The League of Women Voters of the Arlington Heights-Mount Prospect-Buffalo Grove Area may act only in conformity with, or not contrary to, the principles of the League of Women Voters of the United States, League of Women Voters of Illinois, League of Women Voters of Cook County, and our local League.

ARTICLE X

Conventions and Council

Section 1. National Convention. The Board of Directors, at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the national office, shall select delegates to that convention in the number allotted to the League of Women Voters of the Arlington Heights-Mount Prospect-Buffalo Grove Area under the provisions of the bylaws of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Section 2. State Convention. The Board of Directors, at a meeting before the date on which the names of the delegates must be sent to the state office, shall select delegates to that convention in the number allotted to the League of Women Voters of the Arlington Heights-Mount Prospect-Buffalo Grove Area under the provisions of the bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Illinois.

Section 3. State Council. The president, or a designated proxy, shall be the delegate to the state council under the provisions of the bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Illinois.

Section 4. County Convention. The Board of Directors, at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the County League office, shall select delegates to that convention in the number allotted to the League of Women Voters of the Arlington Heights-Mount Prospect-Buffalo Grove Area under the provisions of the bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Cook County.

ARTICLE XI

Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. Parliamentary Authority. The rules contained in Roberts' Rules of Order (revised) shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are consistent with these bylaws. The president may appoint a parliamentarian should the need arise.

DUES APPENDIX

Adopted May 2019

LEADER - \$80

ACTIVIST - \$100 (Includes a T-Shirt or Visor)

DISSENTER - \$150 (Includes a Hat or Visor and T-shirt)

SUFFRAGIST - \$300 (Includes a T-shirt, Hat or Visor, and a Sweatshirt or Polo)

SPONSORED - \$0

Emerging Leader (16-26) - \$10

Associate Members-under 16 - \$0 (Non-voting)

DIVERSITY POLICY

League of Women Voters of the Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect, Buffalo Grove Area

(adopted May 2018)

The League of Women Voters of the Arlington Heights-Mount Prospect-Buffalo Grove Area, in both its values and practices, affirms its belief and commitment to diversity and pluralism, which means there shall be no barriers to participation in any activity of the League of Women Voters of the Arlington Heights-Mount Prospect-Buffalo Grove Area on the basis of gender, race, color, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability.

The League of Women Voters of the Arlington Heights-Mount Prospect-Buffalo Grove Area recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision-making. The League of Women Voters of the Arlington Heights-Mount Prospect-Buffalo Grove Area subscribes to the belief that diversity and pluralism are fundamental to the values it upholds and that this inclusiveness enhances the organization's ability to respond more effectively to changing conditions and needs.

The League of Women Voters of the Arlington Heights-Mount Prospect-Buffalo Grove Area affirms its commitment to reflecting the diversity of the local area in its board and programs.

NONPARTISAN POLICY

League of Women Voters of the Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect, Buffalo Grove Area

(adopted May 2018)

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, does not support or oppose any party or candidate, but may act on governmental measures and policies in the public interest. Members are cautioned not to reference their League affiliation when expressing personal political viewpoints or promoting political agendas in any forum, including Social Media.

The League of Women Voters of the Arlington Heights-Mount Prospect-Buffalo Grove Area ("League") Board values the many skills and types of experience that individual board members bring to the League, including those learned in public life through elective or appointive office. Nevertheless, basic limitations must be placed on current board members' political activity to protect the nonpartisan nature of the organization.

Elected Office. The presiding officer shall not run for any partisan elective office, but may run for any nonpartisan elective office with board approval. Other board members shall not run for national or state partisan elective office, but may run for local partisan elective office with board approval.

Appointed Office. Any board member may accept appointment to national, state, or local commissions, boards or committees where such service would not conflict with League positions.

Political Party or Local Caucus. Neither the presiding officer nor any member leading (e.g. chair, co-chair, vice chair) voter service activities shall serve in any position in a political party or local caucus. Other board members may serve in political party or local caucus with board approval.

Resignations to Run for Office. In the event a board member resigns to run for government office, the League will release a carefully worded public notice to avoid the appearance of endorsing the candidate.

Political Campaigns. Neither the presiding officer nor any member leading (e.g. chair, co-chair, vice chair) voter service activities shall chair a political campaign or administer fundraising for a political campaign, chair a campaign event, or be a spokesperson for the campaign of a candidate for a partisan office at any level of government. Other board members may serve in partisan political campaigns with board approval.

Campaign Contributions. Neither the presiding officer nor any member leading (e.g. chair, co-chair, vice chair) voter service activities shall make campaign contributions to campaigns or candidates for any federal office or to political parties or other entities contributing to such federal races.

Additional Clarification. Board members shall present questions about specific situations to the League board where the foregoing policies do not resolve the question.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

League of Women Voters of the Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect, Buffalo Grove Area

(adopted May 2022)

ARTICLE I

Purpose

The purpose of the conflict of interest policy is to protect this tax-exempt organization's (League of Women Voters of the Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect, Buffalo Grove Area) interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or director of the Organization or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

ARTICLE II

Definitions

1. Interested Person

Any director, principal officer, or member of a committee with governing board delegated powers, who has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined below, is an interested person. If a person is an interested person with respect to any entity in the system of which the organization is a part, he or she is an interested person with respect to all entities in the system.

2. Financial Interest

A person has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family:

- a.** An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement,
- b.** A compensation arrangement with the Organization or with any entity or individual with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement, or
- c.** A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the Organization is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.

Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not insubstantial. A financial interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. Under Article III, Section 2, a person who has a financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the appropriate governing board or committee decides that a conflict of interest exists.

ARTICLE III

Procedures

1. Duty to Disclose

In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of the financial interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the directors and members of committees with governing board delegated powers considering the proposed transaction or arrangement.

2. Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists

After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, he/she shall leave the governing board or committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining board or committee members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.

3. Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest

a. An interested person may make a presentation at the governing board or committee meeting, but after the presentation, he/she shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.

b. The chairperson of the governing board or committee shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.

c. After exercising due diligence, the governing board or committee shall determine whether the Organization can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.

d. If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the governing board or committee shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in the Organization's best interest, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. In conformity with the above determination it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.

4. Violations of the Conflicts of Interest Policy

a. If the governing board or committee has reasonable cause to believe a member has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the member of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.

b. If, after hearing the member's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the governing board or committee determines the member has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.

ARTICLE IV

Records of Proceedings

The minutes of the governing board and all committees with board delegated powers shall contain:

a. The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a financial interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the

financial interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the governing board's or committee's decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.

b. The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

ARTICLE V

Compensation

a. A voting member of the governing board who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.

b. A voting member of any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.

c. No voting member of the governing board or any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization, either individually or collectively, is prohibited from providing information to any committee regarding compensation.

ARTICLE VI

Annual Statements

Each director, principal officer and member of a committee with governing board delegated powers shall annually sign a statement which affirms such person:

a. Has received a copy of the conflicts of interest policy,

b. Has read and understands the policy,

c. Has agreed to comply with the policy, and

d. Understands the Organization is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

ARTICLE VII

Periodic Reviews

To ensure the Organization operates in a manner consistent with charitable purposes and doesn't engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status, periodic reviews shall be conducted. The periodic reviews shall, at a minimum, include the following subjects:

a. Whether compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable, based on competent survey information, and the result of arm's length bargaining.

b. Whether partnerships, joint ventures, and arrangements with management organizations conform to the Organization's written policies, are properly recorded, reflect reasonable investment or payments for goods and services, further charitable

purposes and do not result in inurement, impermissible private benefit, or in an excess benefit transaction.

ARTICLE VIII

Use of Outside Experts

When conducting the periodic reviews as provided for in Article VII, the Organization may, but need not, use outside advisors. If outside experts are used, their use shall not relieve the governing board of its responsibility for ensuring periodic reviews are conducted.

Action and Advocacy

HOW LEAGUE FORMULATES A POSITION

The Basics

1. League never ever supports a political candidate or party. However, it is basic to League to take action, to support or oppose legislation and/or governmental policy or actions whenever our positions are involved. League never takes a position on an issue unless League has first studied that issue.
2. The idea for a study comes from the grassroots, from member suggestions, and is proposed and adopted by the members in convention. A study is conducted by members of the individual Leagues and, after a study and discussion of the pros and cons, a consensus is reached by members of the individual Leagues.
3. When League speaks of “program,” we do not mean the playbill at a theater or the presentation at one of our monthly meetings. The League’s program consists of those governmental issues that the League has chosen for concerted study and action at the national, state or local level. The program process is specified in the bylaws and includes the following steps:
 - Formal adoption (by members at an annual meeting or by state/national convention delegates) of an issue for study.
 - Member study and agreement on broad concepts.
 - Formulation of a position by the appropriate board of directors.
 - Action as directed by the board of directors.
 - Annual or biennial re-adoption of the position.
4. Local Leagues may work simultaneously on local, state, national and (if applicable) regional program issues, but action may be taken only in those areas where there is member understanding and agreement. Issues reflect community concerns and range from local park facilities to election reform, from childcare to nuclear waste disposal, from air pollution to international trade, from mental health to energy policy. (The national League’s positions on issues can be found in Impact on Issues at lwv.org and the state League’s positions in Where We Stand at lwvil.org)

Studies and Program Adoption

League program arises from the suggestions of members. At every level of the League, the board of directors is responsible for reviewing and discussing these suggestions, formulating them in appropriate language, and recommending all or some of them for adoption according to procedures specified in the bylaws. A local League’s “action” or advocacy program is determined by members at its annual meeting; state and national programs are voted upon by delegates at state and national League conventions. In the course of the program adoption discussion, members often give suggestions to the board on scope of inquiry, timing, emphasis and ways to handle the study and/or action phases.

Reaching Member Agreement

Before the League can take action, members must agree in broad terms on what they think about various aspects of the policy issue. The nature of the issue will affect how it is studied and how positions are reached. The board usually selects the method to be used: consensus (where agreement is reached using League responses to specific questions) or concurrence (where agreement or a vote on a position, already studied and adopted by another League, is required).

The technique most often used in the League for reaching member agreement is consensus by group discussion. It is not a simple majority, nor is it unanimity; rather it is the *overall sense of the group* as expressed through the exchange of ideas and opinions, whether in a meeting of the full membership or a series of smaller discussion meetings. During discussion, everyone has an opportunity to express their viewpoints, and the issue is examined from all sides. Consensus questions, created by the appropriate study committee and approved by the Board, provide structure for the meeting. Members discuss the pros and cons until it becomes apparent that consensus has/has not been reached on each question.

Regardless of the method used, it is essential that members have an opportunity to become informed before being asked to make decisions on the issue under consideration. It is through this process that League members become educated on a given issue, and this is what makes subsequent League action on that issue uniquely credible and respected. During the study phase, members have an opportunity to examine the facts and key pro/con points. They are encouraged to discuss the political realities of action and to contribute ideas for the board to consider when it formulates an action strategy after a position is reached. If the League has a position on a given issue, action can be taken as appropriate. The issue does not need to be studied each time action is thought to be necessary.

Formulating League Positions

A League's position reflects membership understanding and agreement on a particular public policy issue. In formulating a position, either prior to seeking member agreement through concurrence or following member agreement through consensus, the board must keep in mind the importance of wording the position in terms broad enough to enable the League to initiate, support or oppose a variety of specific legislative and executive proposals over a period of time.

Determining whether consensus has been achieved and how it should be expressed is the responsibility of the board. Through an interpretive process, the board first evaluates the reports of member views and then determines the broad areas of agreement and disagreement that emerge.

Once a League board has finalized a position on an issue, it is announced to members and can be shared with the public. It becomes part of the League's position statements, and the board can begin taking action on it immediately. Like all statements of position, it must be readopted each year by League members at the annual meeting (or biennial convention) in order to remain on the program of issues for possible action.

A local League's views during a regional, state or national study do not constitute a final League position and should not be publicized, either to members or to the public. In this case, each local board's responsibility is to report its members' areas of agreement and its level of member participation to the regional, state or national board. In turn, the appropriate board analyzes the member agreement reports from local Leagues, develops a position statement that reflects member thinking and announces the position to members and the public. That position is then available immediately to be used as the basis for action.

TAKE POLITICAL ACTION

The purpose of the League of Women Voters of the Arlington Heights-Mount Prospect-Buffalo Grove Area shall be to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.

-- Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of the Arlington Heights - Mount Prospect – Buffalo Grove Area

One of the ways we express our active participation in government is by reaching out to our representatives and urging them to vote for or against certain pieces of legislation or asking them to take action on a particular issue.

Calling a representative is easy and takes little time. Rarely if ever will the representative answer the phone. An intern or office staff member will take your call, and that person is trained to record whether you oppose or support a bill. All you have to do is identify yourself and say how you want the representative to vote. You may be asked for your ZIP code, or even your address, so the staff can verify that you are in the representative's district. Most representatives only tally calls if made by a constituent.

Here's a sample of how a call can be done:

"Hello. This is Jane Doe from Arlington Heights. I'm calling to ask Representative Smith to support HB 1234, the Anti-Corruption in Government Act."

That's all it takes for most legislation.

You can also write to your representative, using a postcard for a short message similar to the sample phone call above. Letters are usually reserved for if and when you want to lay out reasons why you want support or opposition for a particular bill, or why you want the representative to take action on an issue for which there is no current legislation in the works. In our current era when various substances have been sent in letters to representatives, it sometimes takes a while for letters to get passed along as they undergo verification.

Information on your U.S. Congressional representatives and Illinois elected officials can be found by going to the League's website (www.lwvah.org). From there, go to your Member Profile and then click on Additional Member Data.

DEMYSTIFYING TESTIFYING

(by Sann Knipple)

I recently testified on behalf of our League before the Illinois House Committee on Redistricting. It was very last minute and a little scary, but in the end absolutely marvelous! I am sharing my experience to encourage you to use your voice in this very personal interaction with elected representatives.

It started with an email from IL Rep. Mark Walker informing constituents about a hearing on redistricting for our area and inviting us to email input or testify at the hearing. I had no idea what testifying involved, so I sent an email. I also reached out to Heidi asking her to spread the word to our League so more of us could make our opinions heard.

On a Tuesday, Heidi called me to ask if I would testify at the hearing on behalf of our League. I wasn't nervous about what to say because I knew I could lean on the [redistricting issues site of LWVIL](#). But I had to figure out the process of testifying. And it's actually easy with the hearings being on Zoom! I truly hope they'll keep remote testifying post-pandemic because I think there is nothing better than representatives seeing and hearing people advocate because it's more personal than an email or submitting written testimony.

Signing up to Testify (this is harder than actually testifying)

- Go to <https://my.ilga.gov> and create an account.
- On the left menu, click on House or Senate and then on Committees or Committee Hearings - this is where you can go down a rabbit hole of the different committees at both the House and Senate levels and when they are meeting. I encourage you to just find an upcoming meeting on a topic you care about and commit to testifying just to see how this works! You don't have to testify on behalf of the League (in fact, if it is a League issue and you'd like to testify on behalf of League, we need prior approval); you can just testify on behalf of yourself. It's so empowering, really!
- Click on the icon to the right of the hearing, the View Hearing Details icon.
 - If it's a subject matter hearing, you'll see a Create Witness Slip button at the top. Click that to complete the Witness Slip so they know you want to testify. Be sure to check the Oral button at the bottom so they know you want to speak. Once you submit the Witness Slip, you'll receive an email with the Zoom link to the meeting.
 - If they are discussing legislation at the hearing, you'll see a list of the bills. Click the Create Witness Slip icon to the right of the bill that you're interested in weighing in on.

Testifying (this was the easy part!)

- At the time of the hearing, click on the Zoom link that they sent you. You'll see several elected reps that are on the committee and their staffers plus the people who are testifying. I was saddened that there were only 5 of us testifying on a topic as important as redistricting!
- At my hearing, the chairperson rep gave a brief intro, a staffer gave an informative presentation on the redistricting process, and then each witness was called upon to

testify. Four of us testified on behalf of organizations, but one woman testified on behalf of herself as a constituent. A couple of the reps asked questions or made comments and then it was over. And I felt empowered and heard!

- Because I was testifying on behalf of the League, I had to stick to League talking points. I emailed issues@lwvil.org and asked if they had anything additional beyond the LWVIL website. I received an excellent email that I was able to read from nearly verbatim when I testified! But if you testify on behalf of yourself, you can just speak your mind.

The biggest lesson for me is that we ask our reps to hold public hearings, but if no one attends to speak, what's the point? The Redistricting Committee has held at least a dozen hearings and when I looked at the Witness Slips submitted for each one, there's only a handful and almost none were marked as Oral testimony. So our reps are not hearing from us. These Zoom committee hearings are the perfect opportunity for them to see and hear from more of us! I am happy to help anyone through the sign up process, and staff at your reps' offices will help you as well.

LEAGUE LINGO

ACTION: Promoting the League's positions on local, state, and national public policy issues to government officials, the media, and the public.

ACTION ALERT: Request from the LWVUS or LWVIL for League members and friends to take action at a specific time in support of a League position. Members respond as individuals. Only the president or designated representative speaks officially for a League.

ACTION with Advocacy: Promoting a League position not connected to specific legislation; Advocacy activities can sometimes be funded with tax-deductible monies (501(c)(3)), even when only one side of an issue is presented, as long as no call to action on a particular piece of legislation is issued.

ACTION with Lobbying: Contacting government officials, media or the public, either in support of or against, specific legislation, using a League position as the basis for the action (a 501(c)(4) activity). Action in the name of the League is taken only by the League president or designee. League members take action as individuals ONLY and do not mention the League.

ANNUAL MEETING: Local year-end business meeting to elect officers and directors, vote on bylaws changes, and adopt a budget and program of work for the next year. LWVDC holds its Annual Meeting in April.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: A non-voting member of the League, such as a person under 16 years of age.

CONCURRENCE: Agreement by League members with a position by another League.

CONSENSUS: Collective opinion of a substantial number of League members, representative of the membership as a whole, after objective study of an issue.

CONVENTION: National League meetings held in even numbered years. Delegates adopt program, elect officers, adopt a budget for the coming year, and act on proposed bylaws changes. Local and state leagues send delegates (number of delegates is based on membership) to national. State conventions are held in odd-numbered years; national conventions in even-numbered years.

COUNCIL: A national assembly of delegates held in alternate years to adopt a budget and assess program developments. State leagues, including DC, send delegates to the national Council held in odd numbered years.

DATABASE: League membership list maintained online via the LWVUS website.

DEBATE/FORUM: A public event convened to discuss public issues, or an event to question candidates for public office in a structured format. Our League typically hosts FORUMS where each candidate or representative is given a set amount of time for opening and closing statements, is asked the same questions which are largely drawn from the audience, and given equal time to answer those questions, and is a set number of timed rebuttals.

DELEGATE: A member appointed by a LWV board to vote at Convention or Council.

EDUCATION FUND (aka Ed Fund): The tax-deductible arm of national, state and large LLs, handling funds to be used only for educational purposes, not for lobbying action on issues (Ed Fund is a 501(c) 3 organization).

EMERGING LEADERS (EL): Members 26 years old and younger. Membership rate for EL is free or reduced because we do not pay PMP to LWVUS and only pay ½ to LWVIL. Members over the age of 16 are voting members.

ILO: Acronym for Inter-League Organization. Leagues in a geographic area may join together to work on activities. An ILO has a governing board. LWV-AH-MP-BG belongs to two ILOs: LWV Lake Michigan Region (LWV-LMR) and LWV Upper Mississippi River Region (LWV-UMRR).

ITEM: An issue selected for study.

LL: Acronym for Local League, e.g., LWV of the Arlington Heights-Mount Prospect-Buffalo Grove Area (LWV-AH-MP-BG)

LWVUS: Acronym for League of Women Voters of the United States (the national League)

LWVIL: Acronym for League of Women Voters of Illinois

LWV CC: Acronym for League of Women Voters of Cook County

LWV-UMRR: Acronym for League of Women Voters of the Upper Mississippi River Region (an ILO)

LWV-LMR: Acronym for League of Women Voters of the Lake Michigan Region (an ILO)

LIFE MEMBER: A person who has been a member for 50 years or more. Life members are excused from dues payment and their Leagues pay no per member payment (PMP) for them to the National League.

MAL UNIT: A state-recognized group of Members at Large, in an area where there is no LL. They may become a full League when they meet specific criteria.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE (MAL): A member who resides outside the area of, and is not enrolled in, a LL; groups of MAL members in the same geographic area can form a MAL Unit of the state League.

PMP: Acronym for Per Member Payment, the amount of money paid to the LWVUS on behalf of each member.

PORTFOLIO: The particular job assigned to a board member, chairperson, or off-board member e.g. membership, treasurer, secretary, etc.

POSITION: A formal statement of the League's point of view on an issue, arrived at through member study and agreement (consensus or concurrence) and used as a basis for League action.

PRINCIPLES: Governmental standards and policies supported by the League as a whole. They constitute the authorization for adoption of program at all levels.

PROGRAM: Selected governmental issues chosen by members at the local, state and national levels for study and action. Program is for a two-year period (biennium) and adopted by delegates at annual meetings or state and national conventions. Our League submits a Program plan to LWVUS annually.

PROGRAMS: Plans for speakers, discussion or other activities for League meetings.

RESOURCE PERSON: The person serving as a “background expert” for a discussion topic – helps the discussion leader with questions about the subject under discussion – is usually a member of the study committee. Our League currently has no issues under study.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Media portals to help communicate League interest and activities between Leagues and the public online. Our League utilizes many platforms: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube. We are currently exploring SnapChat for our Emerging Leaders.

STUDY (RE STUDY): The process (two years normally) of research and educating ourselves on an issue prior to taking consensus and arriving at a formal position.

TASK FORCE: Group of members working on a particular project.

VIRTUAL MEETING: Meeting of a League board where a decision is recorded via email or other electronic or conference method.

VOTERS GUIDE: Nonpartisan publication giving candidates’ qualifications and positions on selected issues. LWVIL utilizes an online platform powered by CivicEngine and available at <https://illinoisvoterguide.org>. LWVUS utilizes www.vote411.org.

VOTER SERVICE: Year-round activity to help citizens be politically effective and to encourage their participation in the political process. Registering voters and presenting factual non-partisan information on candidates and election issues are basic voters service activities. Our League has several voter services committees: Birthday Envelopes, Candidates’ Forums, Mock Elections, Stroll to the Polls, and Voter Registration.

VOTING MEMBER: League members 16 or older who are current in their dues.

LEAGUE IN ACTION

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Mission Statement: Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.

Vision Statement: We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge and the confidence to participate.

Value Statement: We believe in the power of women to create a more perfect democracy.

LWVUS Legislative Guidance

1. Campaign for Making Democracy Work™ (MDW) – election administration reforms, voter protection, redistricting, and money in politics.
2. Other Urgent Issues – climate change, Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), justice reform, National Popular Vote (NPV), and reproductive choice.

LWV Lake Michigan Region (LWVLMR)

Serving 42 local and 4 state (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin) Leagues

[LWVLMR](#) promotes political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and acts on selected governmental issues affecting the Lake Michigan watershed.

HISTORY

On May 4, 1966, a meeting was called by LWV of Highland Park, IL at the LWVUS National Convention in Denver to discuss the possibility of forming an inter-League Lake Michigan Basin Group. Definite interest was expressed by 24 Lake Michigan leagues and a temporary Chairman, Jeanne Bonyne of Wilmette, IL, was appointed. She was asked to write the State Boards of Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin to inform them of this interest, to ask their cooperation, and to request names of their local leagues in the Lake Michigan Basin. A Procedural Agreement was adopted in June, 1967.

After 37 years of working together as a "Group", Lake Michigan area Leagues adopted bylaws under revised LWVUS guidelines that created the Lake Michigan Inter-League Organization in 2004 at a meeting in Chesterton, Indiana. The October, 2007 annual convention voted to change the name to Lake Michigan League of Women Voters to provide clarity that the organization was associated with the national League of Women Voters. The current name, League of Women Voters Lake Michigan Region, was adopted at a meeting in Sheboygan, WI in October, 2013.

LWV Upper Mississippi River Region (LWVUMRR ILO)

Serving 58 local and 4 state (Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin) Leagues

LWVUMRR ILO consists of local leagues in the states of Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin that are located within the Upper Mississippi River Region - a USGS defined region of the US. All the leagues have at least part of their membership living in this large watershed. At this time, the several leagues in Missouri who are also part of this watershed, are not member leagues.

FOCUS

The first focus of the UMRR ILO is working to reduce nutrient pollution - preventing 'too much of a good thing'. How can the UMRR ILO help fix such a problem?

- By educating ourselves and our fellow citizens in over 75 different communities in 4 states to learn what we can do on an individual, community, regional, and national level to fix the problem
- By capitalizing on the LWV relationships we have made with the legislators and regulators at every level of government to advocate for the legislation and/or regulations needed to fix the problem
- By using the 501.c.3 status and pooling time and resources to apply for grants to help support our educational efforts and projects
- By facilitating dialogue and collaborative efforts with LWVs in other sections of the country and along the Middle and Lower Mississippi River Regions through our mutual connections to the LWV-US.
- By facilitating discussion, study and action among pairs or groups of LWVs in particular water sheds (as an example, the LWV of Jo Daviess County, IL and the LWV-Dubuque share the Apple Plum Water Shed)
- By creating opportunities and means to exchange information
- By capitalizing on our ability to develop regional positions on river resource issues and serve as an advocate of the Upper Mississippi River states' collective interests before Congress and federal agencies.
- By facilitating and fostering cooperative planning and coordinated management of the region's water resources
- By encouraging our governmental and educational institutions to share data and collaborate

LWVIL 2021-2023 Action Foci

Adopted by delegates at the June 2021 Convention

- Voting Rights and Election Processes - protecting vote by mail, voter access, voter registration, and election security and working to standardize best practices and processes across election authorities
- Climate Change Crisis - advocate for the Clean Energy Jobs Act and other initiatives promoting renewable energy sources, opposing reliance on fossil fuels, and supporting clean air and water policies and fighting for environmental justice
- Equitably Meeting Basic Human Needs - advocate for policies which meet basic human needs including healthcare, economic support, housing, safety, justice, and education for all residents

LWV Cook County (LWVCC)

[LWVCC](#) serves local Leagues in Cook County, Illinois.

Focus on Interest Groups

Much of our work is accomplished through our Interest Groups:

- Budget & Structure
- Criminal Justice
- Cook County Health
- Housing Affordability and Residential Desegregation (HARD)

The Groups provide an opportunity for members to get involved, focused on the area of policy that most interests them. All four Interest Groups welcome new members to learn more about Cook County and how government works. The Groups determine key issues and common interests of volunteers and create their own work plans.

Action and Testimony

<https://www.lwvcookcounty.org/lwvcc-action-and-testimony.html>

COOK COUNTY REDISTRICTING

April 14, 2021 - LWVCC has sent testimony regarding the redistricting of Cook County commissioner districts. We advocated that public meetings be held both before and after maps are drawn as well as transparency on use of data sources due to the census not being completed on time. See the testimony for more recommendations/detail.

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

March 15, 2021 - "Observations and Recommendations" for the 2020 Performance Management program for the Offices under the President were sent by the League to the Chief of the Bureau of Administration and the Director of the Office of Research, Operations, and Innovations, under whose auspices the program was revamped and is administered. The League reviewed the program (specifically the measures and goals and the form of the data provided) in light of the League's position on performance management, and not the departments' performances. The web site for viewing the missions, measures, goals, and actual reported performances of the departments under the President can be found [here](#).

PROPOSED RULES CHANGE

February 15, 2021 - Letter sent to the Cook County Rules Committee and sponsors of a proposed change to the Board's rules that would allow "Subject Matter Reports" to originate in a Committee, rather than first being introduced at a Board meeting before then being referred to Committee. The League is concerned that eliminating the time between the Board meeting and Committee meeting would result in the public not having sufficient time to express thoughts on any issues raised by such "Subject Matter Reports." (Item 21-1273)

2021 COOK COUNTY BUDGET PROCESS

January 19, 2021 - Letter sent to the Chair of the Cook County Board Finance Committee, the Cook County Chief Financial Officer, and the Cook County Budget Director providing suggestions for improving the process and the budget books in the future, as well as thanking them for practices adopted as a result of past suggestions.

CLERK'S PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET REFLECTING THE ASSUMPTION OF THE RECORDER'S DUTIES

October 30, 2020 - Letter sent to the Finance Committee of the Cook County Board providing observations and questions regarding the Clerk's proposed 2021 budget in light of the Final Plan for assuming the duties of the Recorder of Deeds. The League is asking the Commissioners to follow-up during the November 6 meeting on the Clerk's budget.

HEALTH SYSTEM MEETINGS

The League of Women Voters of Cook County and the Civic Federation collaborated on a joint letter to the Cook County Health Board and interim CEO to continue broadcasting health system meetings on the Internet after the current COVID-19 emergency ends. To expand public access to its deliberations, we also called on the Board to begin posting recordings of completed meetings at a convenient online location. The letter was delivered by email on October 15, 2020. This joint request reiterates separate recommendations on live streaming made by the LWVCC and the Civic Federation beginning in January 2018.

2021 BUDGET

September 10, 2020 - Letter sent to the Cook County President, Board, Chief Financial Officer, and Budget Director providing some suggestions at areas to look at as preparations continue in preparing the proposed 2021 budget for Cook County government.

SAFEGUARDS TO PREVENT VOTER FRAUD

September 4, 2020 - The League sent a letter to the editor to the Sun-Times explaining that the election systems in Chicago and Suburban Cook County have safeguards to prevent someone from voting by mail and then also voting in person on election day.

BOARD OF REVIEW

November 17, 2020 - Letter sent as a public comment for Item 20-5462 on the November 19 Cook County Board Meeting agenda. The League is urging the Board to take appropriate steps to ensure the Board of Review both addresses and adopts each of the recommendations of the Independent Inspector General as detailed in both the 2nd and 3rd Quarter Reports. See the entry dated September 2, 2020 under "Board of Review" below.

September 2, 2020 - Letter to the Cook County Board of Review Commissioners urging that they adopt all the recommendations made by the Office of the Independent Inspector General ("OIIG") regarding employment practices and practices related to soliciting employees to help with campaigns, as detailed in the OIIG's 2nd Quarterly Report dated July 15, 2020.

INSPECTOR GENERAL ORDINANCE

UPDATE on August 25, 2020 action: SUCCESS! The Cook County Board approved an amendment to the Inspector General ("IG") ordinance on September 24 (Item 20-0016) which includes a requirement that the IG's quarterly reports be submitted to the Board as an agenda item. This was the recommendation contained in the League's August 25 letter.

August 25, 2020 - Letter to the members of the Cook County Legislation & Intergovernmental Relations Committee suggesting that the Inspector General Ordinance be amended to require that the Inspector General's quarterly reports be formally submitted to the Board for review and possible follow-up action. The letter provides an example of an item that would seem to require possible follow-up action, the 2nd Quarterly Report for 2020 which contains a summary of the investigation into the Board of Review's hiring practices.

MWRD ROLL-CALL VOTING

August 17, 2020 - A letter was sent to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District's Board President, Commissioners, and Executive Director regarding its interpretation of the Illinois Public Act 101-9640. The act was signed by Governor Pritzker three months ago requiring a roll-call vote on agenda items during the Covid-19 pandemic when boards meet remotely. The League noted that all other county-wide boards and committees that it observes adhere to the roll-call vote requirement, but bundle a number of items together for each roll-call vote or votes. The MWRD does not bundle but requires a roll-call vote on anywhere from 30 to 60 individual items before the board. This practice has added 45-60 minutes to each of the last three monthly board meetings. LWVCC also followed up on its suggestion that the MWRD board schedule executive sessions near the end of the board meetings but before it adjourns.

VOTER ADVOCACY

July 8, 2020 - A letter was sent to the members of the Cook County Board's Rules Committee requesting that representatives of the Chicago Board of Elections be invited to participate in the hearing the Committee will be having with the Cook County Clerk's Office on voter equity and the upcoming November election. The League wants both election authorities that cover all voters in Cook County to participate. Item 20-2906.

June 16, 2020 - An email was sent to the Cook County Deputy Clerk for Elections, Edmund Michalowski, with suggestions regarding Vote By Mail Ballot (VBM) applications.

MERGER OF THE COOK COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS' OFFICE INTO THE COOK COUNTY CLERK'S

July 24, 2020 - A letter was sent to the Cook County Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee regarding the "Final Recommended Implementation Plan for the Assumption of Duties of the Cook County Recorder of Deeds by the Cook County Clerk" ("Plan"), Item 20-2745 on the Committee's July 29, 2020 Meeting Agenda. The League resent the questions previously provided on June 15 (see below) and stated that this meeting would provide an opportunity for the Clerk and Recorder to answer the over-arching questions as to how this Plan will result in reduced costs and improved services for the people of Cook County.

June 15, 2020 - A letter was sent to the Cook County Board regarding the "Final Recommended Implementation Plan for the Assumption of Duties of the Cook County Recorder of Deeds by the Cook County Clerk" ("Plan"), Item 20-2745 on the Board's June 18, 2020 Meeting Agenda. The League urged that the Plan be referred to Committee so the Commissioners and the public would have additional time to review the Plan and so the Clerk and Recorder would have a forum to clarify the Plan and answer questions such as those submitted by the League with this letter.

LWV Arlington Heights–Mount Prospect–Buffalo Grove Area **Including Prospect Heights, Wheeling, & Elk Grove Village**

The following, incomplete list was developed from information found in the League files stored with Pat Lindner. Further investigation may yield additional information, e.g. a study of solid waste and landfill locations, adopted May 1982, is referenced in the files without further details. We are currently in the process of creating a digital archive of our historical documents.

POSITIONS IN BRIEF

Title	Adopted	Consensus
After-School Day Care	May 1977	Jan 1978
• Support of quality after-school day care where need has been determined.		
Home Day Care	May 1979	Mar 1980
• Support of quality home day care as a permitted use with an established licensing and complaint procedure.		
Condominium Conversion Ordinance	May 1979	Dec 1980
• Support of a condominium conversion ordinance with provisions to make information available to potential buyers, provide a warranty on common elements, and involve local staff in enforcing and updating provisions.		
Senior Day Care	May 1981	Apr 1982
• Support for the establishment of day care alternatives for seniors with concerns about programs and services offered, financial consideration, and regulatory procedures.		
Emergency Housing Needs in Elk Grove & Wheeling Townships	May 1982	1983
• Shelter should be available to all who need it, recognizing the special needs of abused women and their children, with a variety of emergency housing options including multi-service shelter and scattered site apartments.		
Library Study (Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect, and Indian Trails)	May 1988	1989
• Support for local libraries and for regional sharing of resources. (Apparently no position reached on local library referendum.)		

Historical Action Items Under Various LWV Positions

Housing for Families of Low to Moderate Income	
LWVUS Human Resources	
Support of the Need for Housing for Lower-Income Families	Winter 1969-1970
Support for the specific proposal "Lincoln Green"	Spring-Summer 1972
Filing an <i>amicus curiae</i> brief supporting the challenge before the Supreme Court to Arlington Heights Village Board denial of zoning for "Lincoln Green"	Argued October 1976 Decided January 1977
Water Conservation	
LWVUS Natural Resources, LWVIL Land Use	May 1981
Support of various measures to conserve water usage	
Compass Northwest, formerly CEDA	
LWVUS Human Resources, various LWVIL positions	May 1981
Support of human services for poor and disadvantaged in the northwest suburbs currently being provided by Compass Northwest, formerly known as CEDA Northwest	
Recycling	
LWVUS Natural Resources, LWVIL Land Use	May 1989
LWVIL Social Policy: Mental Health	
Supportive Housing for Persons with Mental Illness	2012
Heart's Place	2018
LWVIL Social Policy: Gun Violence Prevention	
Gun Dealer Licensing ILGA SB1657	2018
LWVUS Social Policy: Equality of Opportunity	
ERA Lobbying	2018
LWVIL Social Policy: State Fiscal Policies	
Fair Tax Lobbying	2018
LWVIL Government Positions: State Redistricting	
Fair Maps Lobbying	2018

Our website has many resources for our community and members. Please bookmark our site at <http://lwvah.org>