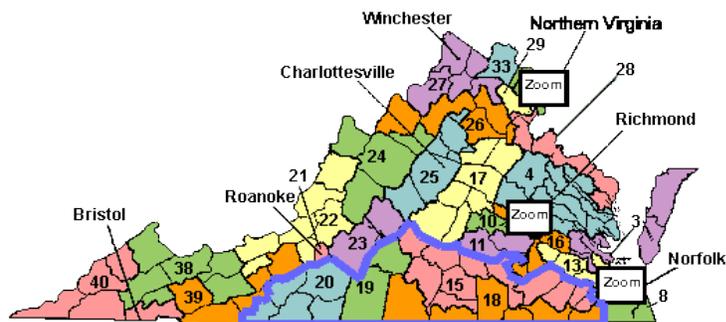


League of Women Voters of Virginia 37th Biennial Convention

*“Redistricting Reform:
What it is, Why it is needed, and How you can help.”*



*Holiday Inn University Area
Charlottesville, Virginia
May 30 - May 31, 2015*

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Schedule at a Glance

Saturday, May 30, 2015

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Breakfast – Included in registration fee
8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Convention Registration and Delegate check in
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Plenary Session
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Lunch on your own
2:00 p.m. -- 3:00 p.m.	Message from LWVUS Liaison, Peggy Appler
3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Introduction of Leadership Institute
3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Redistricting Reform: <u>What</u> it is, <u>Why</u> it is needed, and <u>How</u> you can help Panel Discussion – Kristin Goss, Moderator; David Bailey, Ellen Buchman, Nicholas Mueller Overview of Took Kit – Material and Techniques for Local Advocacy
4:40 p.m. – 5:20 p.m.	Restoration of Voting Rights for Felons - Levar Stoney, Secretary of the Commonwealth
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Reception - Cash Bar
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Banquet and honoring Virginia Gwaltney-Young's Support
8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Speaker: Attorney Greg Buppert, SELC; Topic: Fracking
9:30 p.m.	Caucuses: Gun Safety, Redistricting, Issues Concerning LWV-VA Budget Concerns and Others as Needed
10:00 p.m.	Resolutions Deadline

Sunday, May 31, 2015

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Caucus: Fracking and Others as Needed
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast - On your own
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Registration and Delegate check in
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Closing Plenary Session

Proposed Rules & Procedures

Proposed Rules & Procedures

A motion to adopt these rules will be made at the opening plenary session. Amendments may be offered at this time and require a majority vote to adopt.

The rules, as proposed or amended, require a two-thirds (2/3) vote for adoption. To suspend a rule at a later time requires a two-thirds vote (2/3).

1. Admission to the Convention shall be limited to persons displaying official badges, which must be worn at all meetings of the Convention.
2. Delegates, non-voting members and visitors shall sit in designated areas.
3. Only accredited delegates representing local Leagues, MAL Units and ILO and LWV-VA Board members may vote.
4. Only delegates and those authorized by the chair or the delegate body may address the Convention.
5. In debate, no person shall speak more than once until all others who wish to speak have done so; no person shall speak more than twice on the same motion, debate shall be limited to two minutes per speaker unless other procedure limits take precedence.
6. Each speaker shall use a microphone and announce their name and League when addressing the Convention.
7. Main motions and amendments of substantial length must be in writing on paper included in the folders or obtained from the ushers. One copy shall be sent to the presiding officer and one copy shall be retained by the maker of the motion.
8. When a vote is in progress, the doors to the meeting room shall be closed and no one may enter or leave.
9. Only announcements that relate to the business of the Convention or the welfare of the participants shall be made.
10. The procedure for program adoption shall be as follows:

A program item that is submitted by a local League at least three months before convention, but not proposed by the state board, may be adopted only if its consideration is ordered by majority vote of the convention at the first plenary session and the proposal receives a three-fifths (3/5) vote at a subsequent session (this is considered a "not-recommended" program item)

- A motion to consider any concurrence statements must receive a majority vote by delegates on the first day and two-thirds (2/3) vote to amend or adopt a state League position by concurrence on the floor of convention on the second day during program consideration.
- At the plenary meeting on Saturday, the proposed [recommended] LWV-VA program for 2011-2013 shall be presented by an LWV-VA Board member. Questions for clarification only will be in order. No motions or debate are in order at this time. Delegates may move for consideration of not-recommended issues received by the deadline with their presentation limited to three minutes. A delegate may request a statement from a LWV-VA board member as to why an item was not recommended, with a limit of two minutes for the answer.
- Proposals for concurrence consideration may be presented at this time. In order to make such a motion, a League must have met the conditions required for concurrence prior to convention.

- After all of the not-recommended items have been offered, the vote for consideration of each item will be taken in the order in which the items were presented for consideration. Announcement of the vote result shall be made immediately after the vote on each item.
 - Debate and action on not-recommended program items and the proposed program will take place at the Sunday plenary session. A three-fifths (3/5) vote is required to adopt not-recommended items, except that adoption of an item for concurrence requires a two-thirds vote (2/3). A simple majority vote is required to adopt recommended program items.
11. The minutes of the Convention shall be approved by the LWV-VA Board after review by a committee appointed by the chair to review and correct the minutes.
 12. Voting Procedures during Plenary Sessions. Each delegate receives vote cards at the credentials table. The red and green vote cards are numbered 1-4, with green=yes and red=no. Generally, the first vote on an issue is a voice vote or sometimes a standing vote. If the outcome is not clear, then there may be a vote where delegates count off person by person. If the outcome still remains unclear, then there will be a card vote. The president will indicate the number of the card to be used and will announce the instructions for the vote. The appropriately numbered card must be used or your vote will be invalidated. The Elections Committee appointed at the first plenary session is responsible for collecting the voting cards, counting them and reporting the results to the president.
 13. Each delegate representing a local League, or Member-At-Large (MAL) unit shall be entitled to vote only if that League has met its per member payment responsibilities. Representatives from Leagues not paid in full will not have the privilege of the floor, the right to vote or the right to make motions unless a special consideration is given by the Convention. The convention shall be the sole judge of whether a delegate is qualified to vote.
 14. Thirty percent of the possible number of voting delegates, other than members of state board, shall constitute a quorum provided that a majority of local Leagues are represented.
 15. Announcements shall be made only by persons designated to do so.
 16. No smoking in Convention meeting rooms.
 17. Cell phones shall be turned off or muted during plenary, workshops, caucuses and the banquet.



Basic Parliamentary Procedures Guide

Putting A Motion on the Floor

To make a motion or amend a motion, a delegate must go to the microphone, be recognized by the presiding officer, state his/her name and local League, then state the motion (or amendment to the motion). The motion (or amendment) is seconded from the floor. The presiding officer then places the motion before the assembly for discussion. The delegate may speak to the motion (or amendment) first. Note: Once a motion is placed before the assembly by the presiding officer, it is under the control of the assembly and does not belong to the delegate making the motion. For example, it cannot be withdrawn later without permission of the assembly.

Seconds to Motions

It is not necessary to agree with a motion to second it. A second only implies that there is more than one person who wishes to discuss the motion. Therefore, if a motion is coming from the Board or committee, it does not need a second from the floor.

Amendments to Motions

A motion that is on the floor may have two amendments pending at one time. However, the first amendment must relate to the main motion and the second amendment must relate to the first amendment to the motion.

Refer or Postpone

A motion to postpone or refer to a committee can be made while a main motion or an amendment to a main motion is pending.

Close Debate

A delegate must go to a microphone and move to close debate (call previous question). The motion needs a second. There is no discussion, and it takes a two-third (2/3) vote of the delegates present and voting to pass. After the motion to close debate is approved, there will be an immediate vote on the pending motion.

Table a Motion

A motion to table ("lay on the table") should not be used to kill the motion on the floor and should not be used to postpone consideration of the motion.

Point of Order

If a delegate believes there was a breach of parliamentary procedure, she/he may rise to a point of order. If the point of order refers to an action made by someone other than the presiding officer, the delegate should give the presiding officer time to correct the problem before interrupting with the point of order. If a delegate wishes to make a motion and is not sure how to proceed, the delegate should ask the presiding officer.

To Limit or Extend Debate (debatable, two thirds vote [2/3])

This motion is used when debate needs to be limited as to time or number who wish to be heard, or extended in time, etc.

I move that debate: be limited to one minute per speaker, be limited to five speakers pro and five speakers con, be extended to ten more speakers, one minute each etc.

Miscellaneous Motions

The following motions have no rank and are usually "incidental" to the business pending or to Convention operations. Some may interrupt other business. There is no debate or vote, and motions are usually ruled upon by the chair.

- **Question of Privilege** - this motion relates to the comfort of the delegates or operation of the assembly.
- **Parliamentary Inquiry** - this motion is used to ask for direction or procedure to accomplish a parliamentary maneuver.
- **Point of information** - this motion is used to seek urgent information necessary before decisions can be made
- **Division of the Assembly**- This requires a standing vote if the voice vote seems inconclusive. A single delegate "calls for a division" and does not need to use a microphone but must be heard. If a counted vote seems necessary, the delegate makes such a motion, which requires a second and a majority vote.
- **To Reconsider a Vote** - This motion can be made only by a delegate who voted on the prevailing side and on the same or next day as the vote it proposes to reconsider. The motion can be moved within the time limits, although the vote on the motion may be delayed until a more appropriate time if other business is pending. This motion is usually debatable and requires a majority vote. If the motion to reconsider is adopted, the original motion is again before the delegate body as though a decision had not been reached. A vote can only be reconsidered once. Approved bylaw amendments may not be reconsidered.

The Principles of Parliamentary Law
Justice to all
Courtesy to all
One thing at a time
The rule of the majority
The rights of the minority



Proposed Order of Business

Plenary Session
Saturday, May 30, 2015
9:30 A.M. - 12:00 Noon

Call to Order	Anne Sterling, President
Introductions and Recognitions	Anne Sterling
Welcome	The Honorable Satyendra Huja, Mayor of Charlottesville
State Convention Chair	Sue Lewis
Local League President	Kerin Yates
Parliamentarian	Martha Rollins
Introduction of State Board Members	Ron Page
Roll Call of Local Leagues	Sue Lewis
Each local League President will respond by introducing herself and stating how many delegates and visitors are present from her local League	
Appointment of Committees	Anne Sterling
Credentials	
Resolutions	
Elections	
Reading	
Report of Convention 2011 Reading Committee	TBA
Credentials Report	Elaine Head
Adopt Rules and Procedures of Convention	Anne Sterling
A motion to adopt will be made at the opening plenary meeting. Amendments may be offered at this time and require a majority vote to adopt. The rules, as proposed or amended, require a two-thirds vote for adoption. To suspend a rule at a later time requires a two-thirds vote.	
Adopt Order of Business - a majority vote is required	Anne Sterling
Treasurer's Report	Elaine Head
Presentation of the Nominees	Mary Houska
Nominations may be made from the floor provided the consent of the nominee has been secured. If more than one person is nominated for an office, the Elections Committee will be in charge and paper ballots will be used.	

Presentation of the Proposed LWV-VA Operating Fund Budget

Bill Thomas

Questions for clarification will be answered. No amendments will be in order at this time. Delegates wishing additional information and an opportunity for further discussion should consult the Budget Chair and Treasurer before 10:00 PM.

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Presentation of Recommended Program

Linda Rice

Refer to Rules for Program Management; questions for clarification will be answered. No amendments will be in order at this time.

Presentation of Not-Recommended Program

Linda Rice

Refer to rules for program. Not-recommended program items may be moved for consideration at this time. A majority vote is required for consideration.

Remarks by President on Health of League

Anne Sterling

Announcements

Sue Lewis

Recess 12 Noon

9:00 p.m. – Caucuses: Gun Safety, Redistricting, LWV-VA Budget Concerns and Others as Needed.

***Plenary Session
Sunday, May 31, 2015
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM***

8:00 a.m. -- Caucus: Fracking

Call to Order

Anne Sterling, President

Credentials Report

Elaine Head

Adoption of 2016-12 Operating Fund Budget

Bill Thomas

Adoption LWV-VA Program, Recommended & Not-Recommended

Linda Rice

Report of Resolutions Committee

Sue Lewi3

Election of Officers and Directors

Anne Sterling

Guidance to the New Board

From Delegates

Incoming President’s Remarks

Incoming President

Announcements

Sue Lewis

12:00 Closing Plenary Session Ends

Drive Home Safely!

2013 Convention Minutes

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF VIRGINIA
MINUTES OF THE 36TH CONVENTION
JUNE 1 AND 2, 2013

Crowne Plaza – Fort Magruder Hotel
Williamsburg, Virginia

Plenary Session – Saturday, June 1, 2013, 2:30 p.m.

Call to Order

LWV-VA President Lynn Gordon called to order the 36th LWV-VA Convention at 2:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza-Fort Magruder Hotel, 6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, Virginia, 23185. The theme of the 2013 Convention was “Looking Forward Together.”

Introductions and Recognitions

President Gordon introduced Williamsburg Mayor, **The Honorable Clyde Haulman**, who welcomed the Convention attendees to Williamsburg and recognized the efforts and commitment of the LWV.

President Gordon recognized **Ann Kahn**, former President of LWV-US, 1985-87, member of the LWV-US Board of Directors for ten years prior to her term as President and member of the LWV Williamsburg Area.

President Gordon recognized **Molly McClenon** as the State Convention Chair. McClenon welcomed the attendees to the 36th State Convention and noted the theme of the Convention, “Looking Forward Together,” combining business, fun and inspiration. McClenon recognized the members of the 2013 Convention Committee, Sue Lewis, Elaine Head, Brenda Carswell, Meda Humphreys and Nancy Hummel and expressed appreciation to Carol Lindstrom and Megan Dorsett for their assistance with the 2013 Convention Workbook and promotional materials.

Williamsburg Area LWV President **Almeda Humphreys** welcomed the Convention attendees to Williamsburg and thanked the many members of the local league who volunteered to assist with the Convention.

Local Arrangements Chair **Nancy Hummel** was recognized and welcomed the attendees, noting that the attendance for the Convention was the largest for any LWV-VA State Convention to date.

LWV-US Liaison to LWV-VA **Anne Schink** conveyed greetings from LWV-US President Elizabeth McNamara and gratitude for the hard work of the LWV-VA, particularly in the area of voter protection. Schink spoke on the importance of sustaining the LWV.

President Gordon introduced **Martha Rollins** as the Parliamentarian for Convention. LWV-VA Board Member and Event Planner **Molly McClenon** introduced the LWV-VA board members present.

Roll Call of Local Leagues

Sue Lewis led the Roll Call of the Leagues; the local League President or her representative by introducing herself and stating how many delegates and visitors were present from her local League, as follows:

Alexandria LWV (LWVA): **Sue Worden**, one delegate; Arlington LWV (LWVAR): **President Mary Finger**, one delegate; Charlottesville Area LWV (LWVCA): **Anne Linden**, eight delegates and one state board member; Falls Church LWV (LWVFC): **Linda Garvelink**, three delegates; Fairfax LWV (LWVFA): **President Helen Kelly**, eight delegates; Loudoun LWV (LWVLC): no members in attendance; Lynchburg LWV (LWVLY): **Joan MacCallum**, two delegates and one visitor; Montgomery County LWV (LWVVMC): **Co-President Elaine Head**, six delegates; Richmond Area LWV (LWVRMA): **Vice President Evelyn Glazier**, five delegates, six additional members and one

state board member; South Hampton Roads LWV (LWVSHR): **President Kaye Tice**, five delegates, one additional member, President Gordon, and Parliamentarian Rollins; Williamsburg Area (LWVWA): **President Almeda Humphreys**, 6 delegates, 7 members serving as Convention volunteers and one state board member; Prince William MAL Unit (PWA MAL): **Chair Carol Noggle**, 3 delegates and 1 additional member; Virginia Peninsula MAL Unit (VP MAL): **Herta Okonkwo**, LWVSHR, (for the Chair) 1 delegate; Washington County MAL Unit (WC MAL): **James Jones**, PWA MAL (for the Chair), 1 delegate; National Capital Area LWV (LWVNCA): **Vice President Andrea Brunell** (for the President), 1 delegate

Appointment of Committees

Committees were appointed as follows:

Credentials Committee: **Elaine Head** (Chair), **Sue Worden**

Resolutions: **Sue Lewis** (Chair), **Carol Noggle**, **Linda Garvelink**

Elections: **Molly McClenon** (Chair), **Ellen Salisbury**, **Mary Louise Zumwalt**

Reading Committee for the 2013 Convention Minutes: **Evelyn Glazier** (Chair)
(LWVRMA), **Joan McCallum** (LWVLY), **Mary Finger** (LWVAR)

Credentials Report

Chair **Elaine Head** reported that **58 delegates, (51 local and MAL members and 7 state board members) were present**, thus establishing a quorum (70% of 74 possible delegates).

Adopt Rules and Procedures of Convention

Margaret Hardy moved, at the direction of the state board, for adoption of the Proposed Rules and Procedures as set out on pages 3-4 of the LWV-VA 2013 Convention Workbook (hereafter "Convention Workbook" and made a part of these minutes); motion passed.

Adopt Order of Business

President Gordon moved for the adoption of the Proposed Order of Business as set out on pages 8-9 of the Convention Workbook; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Elaine Head presented the Statements of Financial Position as of April 30, 2013 for the Operating Fund (OF) and Education Fund (EF) (copy of report attached). As of April 30, 2013 the checking and saving account balance for the OF was \$53,968.20 and for the EF was \$15,112.03. Head also presented the OF and EF Actual vs. Budget Statement YTD as of April 30, 2013 (copy of report attached). Head noted that all local Leagues are paid in full for PMP. She further noted that the Women's Roundtable Pre-session lunch was very successful with gross revenue of \$2,675.00.

Presentation of the Nominees

Chair of the Nominating Committee **Mary Houska** presented the Nominating Committee Report and read the slate of nominees for Officers and Directors of the LWV-VA for 2013-15 as shown on page 24 of the Convention, noting that while there are positions for six directors on the board, the committee has submitted five nominations. President Gordon called for nominations from the floor; **Bobbie Littlefield** (LWVMC) nominated **Nancy Warren** (LWVMC) who agreed to be nominated. In making the nomination, Littlefield noted that Warren has served as membership chair for LWVMC for ten years and has served as an officer on the board of LWVMC and LWVLY.

Presentation of Bylaws Amendments

Bylaws Committee Chair Therese Martin presented the proposed bylaws amendments set out in redlined form on pages 63 – 71 of the Convention Workbook. Martin noted that most of the amendments are housekeeping edits. The amendments clarify the board's ability to hold meetings electronically, thereby removing the need for a separate bylaw provision permitting the board to make decisions electronically. The delegate number representing local Leagues and

MAL units is clarified by the amendments. The amendments expand the program adoption provisions to include adoption at Council, thereby consolidating all methods of program adoption. It was pointed out that the term “honorary” should be deleted from Article XII, Section 2(b). A question was raised regarding the keeping of minutes of electronic meetings. It was noted that the position description of Secretary includes the responsibility for such minutes. Martin expressed thanks to Bylaws Committee members Sue Lewis, Martha Rollins, Betsy Lawson, Mary Grace Linz.

Presentation of the Proposed LWV-VA Operating Fund Budget

Budget Chair Bill Thomas presented the proposed budget for 2013-14 as set out on pages 22 and 22 of the Convention Workbook. Thomas noted the reduction in the budgeted amount for board administrative expenses due to the potential for a President from Richmond. The proposed budget includes projected revenues and expenses for a special event during the year. Thomas noted that the budget anticipates a \$3,000.00 transfer from reserves, but because there is a budgeted net operating income of \$150.00, the net transfer from reserves is \$2,850.00. Thomas stated that, while reliance upon reserves is not a feasible long range plan, the OF typically comes in under budget each year, making a budgeted transfer from reserves appropriate. Thomas thanked the members of the Budget Committee: Penelope Anderson (LWVRMA) and Shirley White (PWA MAL).

Presentation of the Proposed LWV-VA EF 2013-14 Budget

Budget Chair Bill Thomas presented the proposed EF 2013-14 Budget (copy attached). Thomas noted that the Virginia Young Memorial restricted funds are accumulating and recommended that the League produce a legislative directory or propose an alternative activity for those funds. Thomas noted that the budget includes a learning experience/activity with a net income of \$1,200 for participation primarily by League members, but including others as well. Thomas noted that the \$8,000.00 budgeting for the gubernatorial candidate debate is the maximum amount for which the EF could be responsible, pursuant to the agreement with the League’s sponsorship partners for the debate. The proposed budget includes a placeholder amount of \$2,000.00 for Vote 411; there is no budgeted amount for a legislative directory. The \$50.00 budgeted for wares are for the expenses associated with the sale and postage of wares on hand. It was noted that the EF Board must approve the budget; Convention attendees may ask questions, seek clarification, or provide guidance to the Board regarding the budget. It was noted that the Young Memorial funds can be used for projects other than the legislative directory; members may offer suggestions or provide guidance regarding other projects. A question was raised regarding the funding for using Constant Contact to distribute The Voter electronically. Webmaster Carol Lindstrom noted that Constant Contact is not used to distribute The Voter electronically, just to announce that it is available online. A question was raised as to the need to reflect the restricted Virginia G. Young Memorial funds in expenses as restricted funds, not just as revenue.

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Presentation of Recommended Program

Program Director Linda Rice moved for the adoption of the Recommended Program or 2013-2015 as set out on pages 33 – 62 in the Convention Workshop and summarized on pages 30 – 31. Rice noted that the Program Task Force reviewed the government, natural resources, and social policy categories, which include 19 positions. The Task Force’s recommendations include minor editing, expansion and deletion for specific positions. Rice thanked Therese Martin and Sherry Zachary for their work on the Government Position, which resulted in simple edits intended to make the position more concise with updated wording. Rice expressed concern the Natural Resources Position is very outdated and recommended archiving the current position and adopting the LWV-US position as an umbrella for advocacy. Comments included concern that archiving the position would take it out of view and remove a position that focuses on concerns of particular concern in Virginia. Others encouraged the review and adoption of national position because of the expansive scope of the position and because the LWV-VA does not have the resources to study and create a separate position. Rice noted the task force recommended simple edits to the Social Policy Position. A commenter noted that Standards of Quality and Standards of Learning are not equivalent and should not have been used interchangeably. Rice noted that the revised Justice Position is recommended for concurrence. The recommendation includes a reorganization of the categories. Restorative justice has been integrated into the Adult and Juvenile Positions and each have been reworked to make them more current and clear. Rice thanked the members of the Task Force who worked on the Justice Position, Therese Martin, Guntis Shraders, Doris Tillman, Judith Clarke, and Margaret Hardy.

Rice noted the revised Child Care and Children At Risk Position expands and emphasizes mandatory reporting of child abuse and neglect. Also presented for concurrence was the addition of a statement in support of vote centers to the Election Law Position, which Rice noted was authored entirely by Therese Martin. The vote centers are similar to the satellite voting offices currently used in Fairfax, are supported by the electoral boards, and result in tremendous cost savings.

Presentation of Not Recommended Programs

Program Director Linda Rice noted the Summary of Responses by Position Title submitted by nine Leagues and one MAL Unit set out on page 32 of the Convention Workbook. Rice reported that the State Board does not recommend any new studies or extensive updates for the next biennium because of the lack of time and resources, primarily volunteers. Rice noted that Leagues can undertake informational studies to provide information about current issues for use as a resource for the local League which could be shared state-wide. No not-recommended items were moved by the delegates.

[Remarks of President were rescheduled for the June 2 Plenary Session]

Announcements

Sue Lewis, 1st Vice President and Chair of the Resolutions Committee, announced that written resolutions could be submitted the members of the Committee (Lewis, Carol Noggle and Linda Garvelink) until 10:00 p.m. Lewis announced that caucuses would be held at 9:30 p.m. this evening, 6/1/13, and at 7:30 a.m. tomorrow, 6/2/13.

Recess: The Saturday, June 1, 2013 Plenary Session was recessed at 5:30 p.m.

Plenary Session – Sunday, June 2, 2013

Call To Order

President Gordon called the Sunday Plenary Session to order at 9:12 a.m. on June 2, 2013.

Credentials Report

Elaine Head reported **47 delegates** present at 9:10 a.m., constituting a quorum. Head moved for the adoption of the official roll of voting delegates, motion passed.

Adoption of Bylaws Amendments

The proposed LWV-VA Bylaws Amendments were approved as written on pages 63 – 71 of the Convention Workbook with the removal of the word “honorary” from Article XII, Section 2(b) by unanimous vote.

Adoption of 2013-14 Operating Fund Budget

The LWV-VA OF Budget for FY2013-15 was approved as presented on pages 22 – 23 of the Convention Workbook by unanimous vote.

Adoption of LWV-VA Program, recommended and not recommended

- LWV-VA Social Policy Positions for Concurrence: Child Care. Motion made to amend the proposed amendment to reference professionals employed by licensed daycare facilities, motion seconded, discussion ensued under question called, motion defeated unanimously.
- LWV-VA Natural Resources Policies, 2013. Motion made and seconded to delete current position rather than archive it, followed by extended debate on meaning and implications of archiving. Motion defeated. Motion made to archive only the sections concerning smoking in public, seconded, motion passed. Motion made to accept simple edits as amended, seconded, passed unanimously.
- Concurrences as presented and set out on pages 30-31 of the Convention Workbook approved unanimously without discussion.

Report of Resolutions Committee

Sue Lewis reported that one action resolution was timely received by the Committee. The Committee was prepared to not recommend the resolution; it was withdrawn by the maker.

Accepted and Approved

- Courtesy Resolution expressing appreciation and gratitude to **Lynn Gordon** as she completes her term as President of the LWV-VA Board of Directors. Lynn has served with distinction as both President and Director. Heartfelt thanks to Lynn for her dedication and contributions to the LWV-VA.
- Courtesy Resolution expressing appreciation and gratitude to the following as they leave the LWV-VA Board of Directors. These women have served the LWV-VA and their local leagues with distinction, energy, strength, knowledge and experience. Heartfelt thanks to: Betsy Mayr, LWV-VA Voter Service (LWVLC), Molly McClenon, LWV-VA Events Planner (LWVLY), and Carol Lindstrom, LWV-VA Action & Webmaster (LWVMC).
- Courtesy Resolution thanking **Molly McClenon**, Events Planner and Convention Chair, for her incredible attention to the details of this Convention, and her tireless efforts to make it the success it has been turned out to be.
- Courtesy Resolution thanking **Ann Schink**, LWV-US liaison, for her attendance at this convention, her enthusiastic presentation on membership and leadership, and her guidance and support.
- Courtesy Resolution thanking Parliamentarian **Martha Rollins** for her cheerful guidance in all things parliamentary.
- Courtesy Resolution thanking the amazingly talented **Meghan Dorset**, who designed the convention cover and did all of the layout for the workbook.
- Courtesy Resolution recognizing the commitment, dedication, hard work, good nature, creativity and thoughtfulness of the LWV-Williamsburg and expressing sincere appreciation to the leaders and volunteers of the League.

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Remarks of President

President Gordon thanked the members of the state board for their hard work. Evelyn Glazier was thanked for her work during the General Assembly sessions for the last two years in promoting the Women's Roundtable. Therese Martin was thanked for her invaluable service, serving as a wonderful resource on League matters and particularly on election laws and PAVP. Meghan Dorset was thanked for her work on the workbook and designing the DIA logo. Those who served as state coaches, Sue Lewis, Rona Ackerman (member and Executive Director of the LWVFA), and Kay Tice (President of the LWVSHR). Those who served as off-board liaisons were thanked: Ellen Salisbury, Olga Hernandez, Sherry Zachery, Sue Worden, and Therese Martin. Gordon noted the many achievements of the LWV-VA in recent years, including an improved website, increased recognition as a resource for advocacy and lobbying, and the Democracy in Action awards. Gordon noted the increasing age of the League membership and the need to attract and bring in younger members and leaders.

Sue Lewis was granted a point of personal privilege to recognize Lynn Gordon for taking the LWV-VA in new directions, with intentional development, initiation of the Democracy in Action awards, and the introduction of an educational excursion. Gordon was presented with gifts from the board, including a necklace featuring the dogwood, the state flower of Virginia, and a bottle of sparkling Virginia wine to celebrate her recent engagement and relocation to Florida.

Election of Officers and Directors

The following were unanimously elected as LWV-VA Officers and Directors for 2013-2015:

Officers:

President	Anne Sterling (LWVRMA)
1 st Vice President	Sue Lewis (LWVCA)
2 nd Vice President	Linda Rice (LWVWA)
Secretary	Margaret Hardy (LWVRMA)
Treasurer	Elaine Head (LWVMC)

Directors

Brenda Carswell (PWA MAL)
Carol Noggle (PWA MAL)
Sue Worden (LWVA)
Lois Page (LWVFA)
Olga Hernandez (LWVFA)
Nancy Warren (LWVMC)

2015 Nominating Committee

Mary Houska, Chair (LWVMC)
Dianne Blais (LWVFA)
Ellen Salisbury (LWVFC)

Incoming President's Remarks

President Elect Anne Sterling thanked Lynn Gordon for setting the example for how a transition should take place by involving the nominees for President, Officers and Directors. She expressed special thanks to Evelyn Glazier, Virginia Cowles and the LWVRMA for their support. Sterling noted that the LWV has served as the conscience of the Nation, keeping the government on track, and providing information and registration assistance to voters and the mission of the LWV is as relevant today as when it was formed. Sterling emphasized the need to pay attention to each of the local Leagues, all of whom face challenges and can learn from each other. Sterling's wish list includes having the LWV-VA initiate a legislative bill, obtaining a sponsor and gaining bipartisan support. The focus of Sterling's presidency will be to increase membership numbers, identifying areas across the state without a local League and finding ways to fill those gaps, and an emphasis on transparency for state board activities, actively encouraging attendance of local League members at state board meetings.

Guidance to the New Board

Six delegates submitted written guidance to the new board, copies of which are attached.

- Ask for volunteers to update the various sections of the Natural Resources Policy. [Ackerman-Fairfax]
- Move out on fund raising immediately so the budget can reflect income.
- Growing and retaining members is critical; stress we are action oriented and no partisan. [Ackerman-Fairfax, Martin-Fairfax]
- Support VOTE411 in 2013 statewide elections; improve it and encourage more Leagues to use it. [Glazier-Richmond] Support VOTE411 and explore the use Young Memorial funds for this. [Finger-Arlington]
- Consider the cost/benefit ration in raising funds. Involve LLs at least 60 days in advance so they can do their own planning for the coming year. [Garvelink-Falls Church]
- Use LWVUS position on violence prevention to support the celebration of the Season of Non-violence on School Grounds as outlined on www.ipetitions.com/petitions/promotetheseasonfornonviolence. [Okankwo- South Hampton Roads]

Announcements

- The LWVSHR announced plans to hold a workshop on the restoration of voting rights.
- Members of the newly elected board will meet briefly immediately after adjournment.

- Virginia Cowles, LWVRMA, announced that wares are still available for sale.
- Molly McClenon announced that draft press releases are available for local Leagues to take home and modify for use.
- Nancy Hummel announced that an edited version of Not For Ourselves Alone: The Story of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony, a documentary by Ken Burns and Paul Barnes, is available free for use by local Leagues. Doris Tillman is the contact for more information.

Adjourn

The Plenary Session of the LWV-VA 36th Convention was adjourned at 12:00 p.m., June 2, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Hardy, LWV-VA Secretary

Reviewed by 2013 Reading Committee:

Evelyn Glazier, Chair (LWVRMA)

Mary Finger (LWVAR)

Joan McCallum (LWVLY)

Attachments:

- 36th Convention Workbook, June 1 and 2, 2013
- Supporting documents:
 - Treasurer's Report for 3rd Quarter FY2012-13 OF
 - Resolutions, Action and Courtesy
 - Guidance to the Board forms
 - List of Convention attendees and participants

Proposed Operating Fund Budget for 2015-2016

	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16	Comments
	Budget	Actuals	Budget	Actuals thru March	Proposed Budget	
REVENUES	\$	\$	\$			
Affiliations						
MAL Dues	3,746	2,488.00	964	1,924.50	1,800	Note 1
PMP	13,200	13,200.00	15,056	14,904.00	13,376	Note 2
Shared Insurance	395	220.00	500	424.00	371	\$53 per part. local League
Dissolution of Local League				8,314.91		
Contributions & Development						
Contributions from Members	3,600	5,865.00	16,000	13,790.00	6,000	
Special Events	20,000	13,494.00	10,000	0.00	10,000	
Other persons or businesses	2,500	0.00	500	250.00	250	Includes grants
Interest	100		200	295.45	0	
Statewide Meetings						
Convention LWV-VA	0	150.00	6,000	0.00	0	Held in odd numbered years
Council LWV-VA	2,000	2,001.00	0	0.00	2,000	Held in even numbered years
Workshops LWV-VA	2,700	1,650.00	2,100	0.00	2,000	Note 3
WRT Pre-session Lunch	2,450	3,855.00	3,700	3,340.00	3,340	Note 4
LWV-VA Ed Fund Expense Reimb.	4,359	7,562.72	2,960	73.21	1,662	Note 5
Miscellaneous	100	362.44	200	349.01	100	
Total Revenues	55,150	50,848.16	58,180	43,665.08	40,899	
Transfer from Reserves	3,000		2,830	0.00	3,555	
Revenues and Transfers	58,150	50,848.16	61,010	43,665.08	44,454	
EXPENSES						
Board & Administration						
Administrative Committees	400	221.60	400	413.94	400	Fin. Review, Nominating, Budget
Liaisons	750	1,341.02	1,200	227.24	1,000	Travel to local LWVs
Membership & Organization	600	341.53	600	88.20	600	
Meetings - BOD	7,000	6,259.91	7,500	4,484.37	6,000	Hotel & Mileage
President	250	210.00	250	0.00	250	Discretionary expenditures
Public Rel & Representation	750	38.40	500	200.00	500	Media, Incl Pres. Travel
Secretary & Treasurer	250	150.71	150	57.59	100	Checks, Copying, Postage
Tools & Membership Directory	500	453.52	500	238.17	500	
Subtotal:	10,500	9,016.69	11,100	5,709.51	9,350	
Development						
Member Contributions Solicitation	300	228.71	300	478.54	500	Finance letter
Postage	250	200.00	200	100.00		
Special Events	10,000	5,242.44	7,500	0.00	7,500	Assumes \$2,500 net gain
Other	1,600	332.41	400	0.00	200	Paypal fees; travel & mileage
Subtotal	12,150	6,003.56	8,400	578.54	8,200	
Office Operations						
Bookkeeper	2,400	150.00	0	0.00	0	
Equip Purch, Use & Repair	800	42.38	800	0.00	0	
Equip Supplies & Software	300	17.48	300	0.00	100	Printer ink, software
General Copying/Printing	150	8.32	150	0.00	50	
General Supplies & Postage	800	678.08	800	51.99	200	
Insurance	1,100	2,597.26	1,250	680.00	1,325	Liability and Directors & Officers
Information Services	600	523.77	800	604.89	700	Web costs, Constant Contact
Internet Service & ISP Reimb	840	210.00	0	0.00	0	Included in Office Rent
Office Assistance	2,340	619.62	8,750	0.00	0	
Office Rent & Facilities Use		4,625.00	5,400	3,307.50	4,620	
Permit Bulk Mail	200	200.00	200	220.00	220	
State Corporation Fee/Solicitation Fee	25	55.00	55	55.00	55	
Telephone	540	75.00	0	0.00	0	Included in Office Rent
Virtual Office	1,200	0.00	0	0.00	0	
Subtotal:	11,295	9,801.91	18,505	4,919.38	7,270	
Total Admin Expenses	21,795	18,819	29,605	10,629	16,620	

	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16	Comments
	Budget	Actuals	Budget	Actuals thru March	Proposed Budget	
Meetings (LWV)						
LWV-VA Convention/Council	1,800	2,036.88	6,000	386.80	2,000	
LWV-VA Presidents' Summit				3,359.17		
LWV-VA Workshops	2,700	2,187.42	2,100	0.00	2,000	Assumed equal to income
LWVUS Convention/Council	3,900	1,953.73	1,600	0.00	3,900	Convention in 2016
Subtotal	8,400	6,178.03	9,700	3,745.97	7,900	
Position Support						
Action Coordination & Expenses	550	0.00	300	0.00	200	Incl travel
Advocacy Activities	500	102.29	250	166.65	250	
Coalition Support and Meetings	800	669.37	800	215.05	500	Coalition Dues & Meeting Travel
League Day at Gen'l Assembly	350	329.49	350	0.00	350	
Legislative Coordinator/Lobbyist	3,000	345.37	1,500	403.95	1,000	
Lobby Expenses	1,200	725.00	1,000	703.06	1,000	
Support Publications	300	595.00	300	0.00	300	Position bklt.; Positions in Brief
Women's Roundtable Meetings	2,500	3,242.92	3,000	1,472.53	2,500	Note 7
WRT Pre-session Lunch	2,200	3,150.29	3,150	2,476.63	2,500	
Subtotal	11,400	9,159.73	10,650	5,437.87	8,600	
Voter & Other Publications						
Mailing	200	0.00		0.00		Now included in Printer Invoice
Printing	1,500	2,021.21	1,850	801.51	1,800	Note 8
Other			70	0.00	50	
Subtotal	1,700	2,021.21	1,920	801.51	1,850	
Miscellaneous	200	204.00	100	469.82	100	
TOTAL EXPENSES	58,000	44,741.13	61,010	22,298.10	44,454	
Net Operating Income	150	6,107.03	0	21,366.98	0	
Transfer to Reserves	150				0	
NET FUNDS	150	6,107.30	0	21,366.98	0	
Note 1: MAL Dues: 25 full @ \$48, 1 half @ \$24, 11 full unaffiliated @50, and 1 half unaffiliated @25						
Note 2: PMP for 949 persons: 773 @ \$16, 126 @ \$8, 50 @ \$0						
Note 3: Fall Workshop: @\$50						
Note 4: WRT Pre-session Lunch @ \$40						
Note 5: Transfer from Ed Fund: Based on 10% of Expenses for Office Operations and Board & Admin						
Note 6: 36 full and 2 half: 36 x \$32=\$1152+ 2 x \$16 =\$32. Total \$1184						
Note 7: Includes funds to assist up to four members with local accomodations.						
Note 8: 6 issues of The Voter (201 printed copies per issue)						

Nominating Committee Report

2015-2017

The following nominations for LWV-VA Board are submitted for League member consideration and approval during the LWV-VA 2015 State Convention:

Officers:

Co-Presidents	Diane Blais	LWV of Fairfax
	Lois Page	LWV of Fairfax
1st Vice President*	Sue Lewis	LWV of Charlottesville Area
2nd Vice President**	Carol Noggle	LWV of Prince William Area
Secretary	Rebecca Shankman	LWV of Montgomery County
Treasurer	Pat Hurst	LWV of Charlottesville Area

Directors:

Arrangements	Lynn Johnston	LWV of Richmond Area
Communications	Ron Page	LWV of Fairfax
Membership	Linda Garvelink	LWV of Falls Church
Program	Frances Schutz	LWV of Charlottesville Area
Public Relations	Adarsh Trehan	LWV of Fairfax
Voter Services	Maggi Luca	LWV of Fairfax

Nominating Committee:

Chair	TBA	LWV of
Member	Mileva Hartman	LWV of Arlington
Member	Carol Linker	LWV of Montgomery County

* Leadership Development

** Legislative Coordinator

Respectfully Submitted,

2015 Nominating Committee - Mary Houska, Diane Blais, Ellen Salisbury, Sue Lewis, Margaret Hardy; 5/29/15

Nominee Biographies

Officers

Dianne Blais, Co-President



Dianne has been active in the League for 15 years. She served on the Fairfax LWV Board for several years. She chaired the Redistricting Committee for the Fairfax LWV and then she chaired the LWV-VA Redistricting Study. She has served on the LWV-VA Board. Dianne, a mother of four, was a church organist, PTA president, Girl Scout leader and an emergency foster mother to over 100 children. She served as the Virginia state Co-President of AAUW 2008-10, and she has been an AAUW branch President numerous times. She ran as an independent candidate for the Virginia House of Delegates in 2011 and for the United States Congress in 2014.

Lois Page, Co-President



Lois Page is a graduate of Dickinson College (B.A.) and West Virginia University (M.A.) and has spent many years in the education field, most recently with Fairfax County Public Schools. Upon retiring in 2001, Lois worked part time for GWU's Graduate School of Education and Human Development doing teacher training, and later with a program in GWU's School of Media and Public Affairs assisting scholastic media programs, principally in the District. She retired last year. Lois first joined the League in Harrisburg, PA, and has been a member also in Syracuse, NY, and Hightstown, NJ. She has served as chair for the Fairfax Station Unit of the LWV Fairfax Area for a number of years, Program Chair for 5 years, and just completed her fourth year as Secretary to the LWVFA Board. She has served on the Board of LWV-VA for two years as *Virginia Voter* Coordinator.

1st Vice President, Sue Lewis (Leadership Development)



Sue Lewis has been a League member since 1967 (joined in Arkansas), retired Financial Advisor (UBS, PaineWebber and A. G. Edwards). LWV State Board in Arkansas and Virginia (served as Voter Service Director, Action Director, Membership Director), 1st VP (2011-2015); State Coordinator for LWVUS MLD (Membership and Leadership Development) program; past local league President, (LWV-Charlottesville/Albemarle County and Camden, Arkansas); current VP Charlottesville Area League. Her interests include Membership & Organization, Voter Service, Budgets, By-laws, Education and Women's Issues. Former Charlottesville Planning Commission chair; Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership fellow, graduate of the Leadership Charlottesville program, JABA Board, active member of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, member of several United Methodist Church boards.

2nd Vice President: Carol Noggle (Legislative Coordinator)



Carol has lived in Gainesville, Prince William County, since 2004 and, previously, in other parts of Virginia and the U.S. depending upon her husband's U. S. Marine Corps assignments. A Registered Nurse several decades ago; she is a graduate of American University and taught elementary school for 10 years in Arlington County. She has been a leader in local, state-wide, and national positions in a youth equestrian group (U.S. Pony Clubs) for 30 years, receiving the USPC Founders' Award in 2013. She is a Charter member in the Virginia Prostate Cancer Coalition and she has worked as a Red Cross volunteer for ten years in an oncology clinic at the Bethesda Navy Hospital. Carol has served as the LWV-VA Legislative Coordinator at the General Assembly for the 2011, 2014 and 2015 sessions. She was Chair of the Prince William Area MAL Unit from July 2011 to July 2013. The Prince William MAL converted to League status in 2013 and

Carol has been its president since then.

Secretary: Rebecca Shankman



Rebecca Shankman is a retired elementary school teacher. She volunteers as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) in Pulaski and Montgomery Counties as well as Radford City. Rebecca has been active in politics for several years representing Radford City at the state and local levels. She is a member of the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County. Rebecca moved to Roanoke in the summer of 2014. She wholeheartedly supports the nonpartisan goals and ambitions of the League of Women Voters. She is dedicated to promoting the ideals of this organization and hopes to work with others to reestablish a previous LWV in Roanoke.

Treasurer: Patricia Hurst



Pat has been a member of the LWV of the Charlottesville Area for six years. During that time, she has served as President, Treasurer, and Secretary for the local league. She retired from a 40-year career in computer software engineering which began at NASA Langley in Virginia and ended with the SBA in Washington D.C. In between she worked for various companies in California, Georgia, New York, and London. As an instructor in software engineering, she travelled extensively in the US and other countries. For the past fourteen years, she has owned and actively managed multifamily properties. Pat has two daughters who live in upstate New York and five grandchildren.

Directors

Lynn Johnston (Arrangements)



Lynn Johnston served two previous terms as Arrangements Chair, in 2009-2011, under President Olga Hernandez and in 2011-12, under President Lynn Gordon. Both terms were demanding but exciting years and because of this greater involved experience, I look forward to working with the new slate of officers on the upcoming term. My bio includes a rich family life, a marriage of 48 years, with 3 grown children and 6 grandchildren. My paid profession has always been in Eye Clinics as an ophthalmic tech, and now I am an active volunteer at the CrossOver Ministries Clinic for uninsured and I have done other urban and overseas missions. My other big volunteer hat is for the Interfaith Council, as former president, and now an active board member. I remain deeply involved in the activities of the League of Women Voters, Richmond Metro Area, and now serve as Healthcare Chair and also on the Healthcare for All Virginians Coalition. We are also involved in the many activities of our church and community.

Ron Page (Communications)



Ron joined the Fairfax Area League in 2007 and has been the editor of the *Fairfax VOTER* for seven years. In September of 2013 he took over as the editor of *The Virginia Voter*. For the past two years he has been coordinating the materials posted on the LWV-VA website and ConstantContact. After 38 years with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service he retired to become a volunteer with several nonprofit organizations. A graduate of Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa and West Virginia with degrees in geology, Ron worked on flood control, rural development and disaster recovery activities. He is married with three girls and seven grandchildren ranging in age from 5 to 21 years of age. Besides volunteering, his hobbies include golfing, kayaking, crossword puzzling, and reading.

Linda Garvelink (Membership)



Linda Garvelink is an active volunteer and dedicated to the mission of the League of Women Voters. She currently serves as vice president for the League of Women Voters of Falls Church; she chaired the LWVFC's Privatization (2012) and the Agriculture Update (2013) Consensus study groups. From 2012-2014, she was the LWNCA director of programs; she currently serves on the LWNCA nominating committee (2015-2016). In 2014, she served on the LWV-VA committee that established the criteria for the Democracy in Action Awards program. She is a LWV-VA Membership & Leadership Development (MLD) State Coach for LWV-Prince William County (2014-present) and for LWV-Loudoun County (2013-present). Linda holds BBA and MBA degrees in finance from George Washington University. After a 30+ year career in banking, she retired to serve as the spouse of the U.S. Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Congo (2007-2010). Linda and her husband Bill have called Virginia home since 1976 and have lived in Falls Church City since 1979.

Frances Schutz (Program)



I joined the LWV in 1972, after moving to Michigan from graduate school and teaching in the Lehigh Valley of PA. I was a member of Michigan Leagues until we moved to Virginia in 1981 and I ‘transferred’ my membership to the Charlottesville/Albemarle County LWV. When we moved to Fluvanna, I was among the early joiners of the LWV Fluvanna County, which later merged with the LWVCA to become the LWV of the Charlottesville Area. I have held many different League ‘hats’ both when I was in the smaller Leagues and when I’ve been in the larger ones including co-president, secretary, treasurer, newsletter editor, voter service chair, membership chair, and finance chair. I have been active on these committees: Natural Resources, International Relations, and Women’s Issues. I was an employee of the LWVCA for 16 years [1993-2009], and of the LWV-VA for four [2003-2007]. Other interests & activities include Society of Friends; Charlottesville Women’s Choir; past Assistant Voter Registrar in Fluvanna Co., currently volunteering in that office; gardening; sewing; reading; being out-of-doors [including being an Adopt-A-Highway volunteer]; grand-parenting.

Adarsch Trehan (Public Relations)



Adarsch Trehan is currently serving as the Publicity Co-Chair of the Fairfax Area League and has been a LWVFA member for a few years. She is a member of: the Kennedy Center International Committee for the Arts, the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy Advisory Committee of the University of Michigan, and the American Association of University Women. Her previous volunteer experience includes working with Head Start and kindergarten students and with hospice patients. Her work experience includes stints as a college professor, research analyst at the MITRE Corporation, and information technology planner. She is a graduate of Philippine Women’s University, (B.A in Social Work), University of the Philippines, (M.A. in Public Administration), and the University of Michigan (M.A. Political Science).

Margaret (Maggi) Luca (Voter Service)



Maggi Luca has been a member of the LWV since 1965. Joining the League, first in Williamsburg, VA, moving to Leagues in Maryland, California, and then, finally, to Fairfax in 1978. She feels the LWV was, and is, the most important way to be involved in your community. Maggi was the Secretary of the Fairfax County Electoral Board from 2002-2011. When she retired from Fairfax County Government, she again became an active member of LWV-FA and chose to edit Facts for Voters because she valued the publication so much as an election official. Maggi grew up on Long Island in Lynbrook, NY, graduated from Lynbrook High School, and from Duquesne University with a Bachelor of Education. She taught school for over 20 years. She served as Chief of Staff on the Hill and as a legislative aide for two Senators in the General Assembly. She has been on several State and

County Boards and Commissions.

Nominating Committee

Mileva Hartman



Mileva Hartman is a 30-year active member of the Arlington League. She has served as Secretary, Vice-President, Publicity Chair, and a National Convention Delegate, as well, as on several Nomination Committees for the local league. She is a retired Navy Captain, and a recently retired Program Analyst from the National Science Foundation. Mileva enjoys reading, traveling, cooking, as well as being active in civic affairs.

Carol Linker



Carol was born in Los Angeles, CA, the daughter, granddaughter and niece of Leaguers, thus my activism comes naturally. However, due to raising two children and frequent moving, I didn't become a member of the LWV until moving to Vienna, VA. There, I became active in Voters Service, registering voters, Condo Elections, and various Studies. I was privileged to serve on their Board, but was forced to resign due to my husband's illness and subsequent move to Blacksburg, VA. Following the loss of my husband I became a member of the Blacksburg League, serving on its Board and on the Voter Service Committee.

Chair: *We do not have a nominee for Chair of the Nominating Committee. We hope to find a nominee before the Convention.*



LWV-VA ByLaws Dealing with Program

ARTICLE X. Principles and Program

Sec. 1. Principles. The governmental Principles adopted by the national convention and supported by the League as a whole constitute the authorization for the adoption of program.

Sec. 2. Program. The program of the LWV-VA shall consist of action to implement the Principles and those state governmental issues chosen for concerted study or concurrence and action by the convention or, if recommended by the board, the council. Information on governmental issues designed for member information and education may be prepared and disseminated by the board at any time.

Sec 3. Program Adoption.

a. LWV-VA committees and task forces, local League boards, and voting members of the LWV-VA may make recommendations for new issues for study, amendment or elimination of current LWV-VA positions, or concurrence with a new support position. Recommendations must be submitted to the state board at least three months before convention or council.

b. Any such League board, LWV-VA study committee, task force or voting member shall send to the board accompanying background information on the issue proposed for study, concurrence, amendment or action, including the timing, need and importance of the issue for study or action, and the rationale for seeking the proposed form of obtaining member agreement.

c. The board shall consider all properly submitted recommendations and formulate a proposed program, which shall be sent to the presidents of local Leagues and ILOs and to the chairs of member-at-large units at least four weeks before convention or, if the board recommends, the council.

d. The convention or council shall adopt or amend the program proposed by the board by a majority vote of those present and voting.

e. A program recommendation properly submitted by the deadline but not proposed by the board may be adopted by the convention only if its consideration is ordered by a majority vote of the convention and the proposal receives approval by a three-fifths vote of the convention delegates present and voting at a subsequent session of the same meeting.

Sec. 4. LWV-VA Program Support Positions. After the LWV-VA board approves new or amended positions for inclusion in LWV-VA program, they become the LWV-VA's positions and the basis for action on the issue. Changes to the positions may be made by the convention or council according to the procedures and limitations described in this Article.

Sec. 5. Program Action. Local Leagues may act only in conformity with, not contrary to, the positions taken by the LWVUS or the LWV-VA. Action on state governmental matters on the basis of local positions should be undertaken only after consultation with the state board. Members may act in the name of the LWV-VA only when authorized to do so by the state board.

(From LWV-VA Bylaws (as amended on June 2, 2013))



Recommended and Non-Recommended Programs for 2015-2016

Local League Response

Program proposals were received from Charlottesville, Fairfax, Falls Church, Lynchburg, Prince William, Richmond, and Williamsburg local Leagues. The local league(s) making the proposal is identified in parenthesis.

Recommended

A study items suggested by more than one league:

Proposed Study of Impacts of Fracking in Virginia

Reason for Study of Fracking: The current LWVVA natural resource positions do not address recent developments in Virginia of hydraulic fracturing ("fracking") and energy pipelines. Fracking affects health as well as natural resources. Fracking and pipeline effects go beyond the current LWVVA positions. The effects should be included in Virginia positions and in the background/history.

The scope of the study may include: Impacts of water withdrawal on ground water and surface water supplies; impacts of inadequate treatment of wastewater from fracking on drinking water; health, safety and ecological effects of natural gas pipeline and/or rail transport of shale oil through Virginia

Members from Charlottesville and Williamsburg local Leagues were identified to serve on committee to work on fracking. Motion passed unanimously. Proposed Committee Members: (LWV-CVA: Lena Seville, Sharon Beeler, Susan Roberts. LWV-WA: Doug Wood, Sue Delos)

Not Recommended

- (1) Major expansion or restudy - Women's Rights. **Reason:** Members of a study committee were not identified.
Comment PW: Review the definition of marriage, review current trends in marriage and marriage laws, determine whether or not equal rights and non-discrimination (e.g. in jobs and housing) are mandated in VA law. Review adoption practices and laws. Comments CVA: Review current national trends which expand the definition of marriage and civil unions between same sex couples. Position should be expanded to support policies that address prevention of sexual assault, support/treatment for victims of sexual assault, and treatment/education for perpetrators of sexual assault. (LWV-CVA and PW)
- (2) Major /minor expansion – Mental Health. **Reason:** Members of a study committee were not identified. (LWV-CVA, Fairfax, Falls Church, and WA)

- (3) Reapportionment/redistricting - passed over. **Reasons:** Proposals appeared to be more action oriented than position oriented. Moreover, pending Court cases may change the potential alternatives. (LWV-Fairfax and WA)
- (4) Election laws – passed over for minor expansion. **Reason:** the proposals were action oriented toward advocacy, rather than program change. (LWV-CVA and Lynchburg) **Comment Lynchburg:** Election Laws: to allow for lobbying in favor of wider opportunities to get photo ID ; **Comment CVA:** Support measures to ensure the availability of voter registration and to encourage and facilitate increased voter participation in elections, including: ... an adequate number of voting machines ...
- (5) Vote centers – **Reason:** issue identified by local league is a program editing issue, rather than a position change. However, reference to vote centers was added to full position –see minor edits below. (LWV-CVA)
- (6) Adult domestic violence – passed over. **Reason:** narrow subject more appropriate for edit of current position. (LWV-CVA)
- (7) Uranium mining – **Reason:** was already considered, discussed, and voted upon at 2014 Council. (LWV-RMA). See Appendix 1 for the comparison between the adopted position and the position recommended by LWV-RMA.

Minor Edits

- (1) Election Laws – proposed reference to Department of Elections and State Board of Elections in position. **Action:** Therese Martin reviewed Election Laws position and concluded that the position should mention both Department of Elections and State Board of Elections. Vote Centers were also cited in both positions. Edits to full position and position in brief were completed in April 2015. (LWV-CVA)
- (2) Fiscal Policy –proposed minor edit to remove “opposition to constitutional or statutory limits on state/local government spending or revenue sources.” **Comment CVA:** Other bullets are affirmative items, this is negative. We did not think a fiscal policy would include what the policy would be opposed to but would include only items that are part of policy. **Action:** Passed over. **Reason:** current position is consistent with state and national program language. (LWV-CVA)



Updated Election Law Positions for 2015

In Brief

Government

Election Laws

Support measures to ensure the availability of voter registration and to encourage and facilitate increased voter participation in elections, including: absentee voting by mail and in-person without a reason; an adequate number of voting machines and trained election officers; the use of satellite voting; split shifts for election officers when needed; and measures that take advantage of technological advances such as online voter registration and the use of electronic poll books. The League also supports the shared funding of statewide registration and voting systems by the localities and the Commonwealth; providing adequate authority and resources to the Department of Elections and the State Board of Elections for oversight and enforcement of laws and standards for registration and elections uniformly throughout the Commonwealth; and the use of secure electronic means to facilitate voter registration and absentee voting for Virginia’s military and overseas voters. If a pilot program for vote centers is successful, LWV-VA supports the authorization of these at the option of localities. May 2015

Updated Election Law Positions for 2015

Full, With History

Government

Election Laws

Position in Brief: The League of Women Voters of Virginia believes that democratic government depends on the informed and active participation of its citizens; that voting is a right and responsibility; and that election laws, regulations and administrative procedures should be uniformly designed and applied, and adequately funded to facilitate and increase voter participation throughout Virginia.

Specifically, the League supports measures to ensure the availability of voter registration and to encourage and facilitate increased voter participation in elections, including: absentee voting by mail and in-person without a reason; an adequate number of voting machines and trained election officers; the use of satellite voting; split shifts for election officers when needed; and measures that take advantage of technological advances such as online voter registration and the use of electronic poll books. The League also supports the shared funding of statewide registration and voting systems by the localities and the Commonwealth; providing adequate authority and resources to the Department of Elections and the State Board of Elections for oversight and enforcement of laws and standards for registration and elections uniformly throughout the Commonwealth; and the use of secure electronic means to facilitate voter registration and absentee voting for Virginia's military and overseas voters.

The League's History

When it was reestablished as a state League in 1947, the LWV-VA adopted as its first study, "simplification and improvement of election laws to facilitate and increase registration and voting". Virginia required a poll tax as a prerequisite for voting at that time. During the 1940s, the League opposed the poll tax and other restrictive voting procedures.

In 1965, the League arrived at a position in opposition to the Freeholder Amendment to the Virginia Constitution, which would have limited voting on bond issues to property owners. Virginia had come under Section 5 of the Federal Voting Rights Act in 1965 because the state had a literacy requirement and less than 50% of its voting age population had voted in the 1964 presidential election. The League modified its position in 1967 to seek elimination of the literacy requirement, calling instead for some other means of identification for those unable to sign.

LWV-VA decided to restudy election laws in 1973. The study considered both voter registration and absentee voting (position adopted in 1975). Arguing against the notion that expanding registration opportunities constituted an illegal "solicitation" of voters, the League asked that Virginia law require election officials to make available and publicize expanded voter registration opportunities throughout their communities and the state. It also asked that election officials carry out a voter outreach program, consider other systems of voter registration, and administer election laws uniformly across the state, including the interpretation of domicile and abode for voter registration. The League stated that the emphasis of absentee voting provisions should be the expansion of opportunities to vote and supported what was later called "no-excuse absentee voting". Although the League recognized the need to prevent fraud, it believed it is best prevented by proper administration of the law rather than by tightening the law to restrict voting opportunities. Later in the decade, concurrence was taken on two topics: party identification of all candidates on the ballot (1977), and payment by the state of the costs of a recount in a close election (1979). Legislation was subsequently adopted by the Virginia General Assembly on these two issues, and League members did not indicate a need for further change during the 2009-11 study.

In May 1993, Early Voting was adopted as a state study to determine the feasibility of extending the voting period in

Virginia. With the imminent introduction of the National Voter Registration Act, popularly known as “motor voter”, it seemed an opportune time to consider other methods to make voting easier. Early voting was defined as a procedure used to permit voting by mail or in person on days other than Election Day. As a result of the study, the League adopted positions supporting the extension of the voting period up to one month, the ability of qualified voters to vote on Saturdays and Sundays, and early voting in person without specifying a reason. The State Board recommended a review of current state positions during the 1999-2001 biennium, at which time it combined the Election Laws and Early Voting positions.

The 2009 Convention adopted a restudy of election laws, particularly because of the enactment of national legislation, such as the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), Help America Vote Act (HAVA), Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), and the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (MOVE), since the League’s earlier studies. The study was handled in two parts, with voter registration and management considered during the first year and elections during the second year. Two lengthy studies were prepared and posted on the League’s web site so that the same information would be available to all League members in Virginia. Due to confusion about the relationship of “early voting” to “absentee voting” and the Virginia Code and General Assembly’s use of the latter term, it was used in the study’s consensus questions and materials. The LWVUS has national positions on issues such as opposition to requirements for photo identification and other measures that restrict access to registration and voting, and support of voting systems that are secure, accurate, re-countable, accessible, and provide a voter verifiable paper trail. Therefore, those topics were not covered in the study and are not specifically addressed in the current LWV-VA positions. In 2013, the LWVFA proposed a concurrence statement of support for vote centers, which was adopted at the LWV-VA convention that year.

The League’s Position

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Role of the Commonwealth

Funding the cost of maintaining a statewide system of voter registration, and providing equal and easy access for voting throughout Virginia, are responsibilities shared by the Commonwealth and local governments. The Commonwealth should provide additional funding where localities are financially unable to support an accessible and well-managed election system.

The Department of Elections and the State Board of Elections must be given adequate authority and resources to: enforce election laws and mandatory standards for local election offices; encourage best practices in registration and elections management, especially in training election officers and officials; provide adequate oversight of registration and elections at locality and precinct levels; and oversee implementation of election laws, regulations and policies to ensure their consistent application across the Commonwealth.

Registration

Because the system of voter registration affects voter turnout, and because federal legislation has extended the availability and ease of voter registration in Virginia,

- Voter registration opportunities must be available, by mail and in person, consistently throughout the Commonwealth;
- A uniform system of voter registration is required to facilitate voting and prevent fraud; and
- Additional measures should be adopted to increase the availability of voter registration, especially those that utilize technological advances or provide cost savings, including:
 - Online voter registration,
 - Reducing the interval between the registration deadline and Election Day to the smallest number of days consistent with effective elections management, and

- Same-day registration at county and city central election offices.

In defining domicile and abode to determine residency for purposes of registration, a statewide policy should be applied and enforced to ensure:

- Uniform interpretation
- Broad construction
- Presumption of intent
- Consistent application.

Voter registration by political party should not be adopted in the Commonwealth.

Elections

Election laws must be designed to facilitate voting and encourage participation of a large percentage of citizens in all elections. To this end, laws, policies and procedures affecting the voting process should be applied consistently in all parts of the Commonwealth, both prior to the election and at the polls on Election Day.

Prior to the Election

The LWV-VA supports:

- Legislation to allow all registered voters to vote absentee prior to Election Day without specifying a reason. Both choices-- voting in person or by mail-- should be offered. (This no-excuse absentee voting is sometimes called "early voting".)
- The use of satellite voting facilities, in areas where distance or inadequate transportation make it difficult for voters to reach a central election office for in-person absentee voting;
- The provision by all localities of evening and weekend voting hours at central and satellite offices, for several weeks before general elections;
- The use of electronic means for submitting absentee ballots by military and overseas voters if it can be accomplished while maintaining ballot security and integrity; and
- A pilot program of all-mail voting to test its use in some elections.

At the Polls

The following should be required throughout Virginia to ensure an efficient voting process:

- Electronic poll books, with back-up paper copies for emergencies;
- Appropriate precinct sizes and numbers of voting machines to minimize voting delays;
- Well-trained officers of election; and
- Polling places selected to maximize voter participation and near public transportation, wherever possible.

The LWV-VA is concerned that Virginia's polling hours might not be optimal for all areas of the Commonwealth, especially those close to adjacent states, and is concerned about the effect of long hours on officers of election. Split shifts and poll closing specialists should be used in all localities to ease the burden on officers of election, help in their recruitment, and ensure well-managed elections.

Legislation should be enacted to provide authority to the Courts to extend the polling hours in case of disasters and other emergencies that prevent the voters from getting to the polls, and include the provisions needed to ensure fair access to the polls throughout the Commonwealth. (2011)

The LWV-VA supports pilot programs authorizing Virginia's local governing bodies to use vote centers in conducting local (not statewide) primary, special, and May elections when warranted and implemented pursuant to regulations and policies established by the Department of Elections and the State Board of Elections, especially those requiring a determination that using vote centers will not serve to restrict access to the polls or further decrease voter turnout. If proven efficient and effective, the League would support their authorization for continued use at the option of local governing bodies. (2013)

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Resolutions Policy

Resolutions, other than of a courtesy nature, may be offered by any registered delegate to an LWV-VA state Convention. Delegates are strongly encouraged to submit proposed resolutions together with background material at least three weeks prior to the start of Convention. Submitted material shall include:

- Wording for the proposed resolution;
- Background material, including both pros and cons for the issue addressed in the resolution;
- Explanation of rationale for this form of member understanding and agreement.

If material is not received in time for inclusion in Convention packets, it shall be the responsibility of the proposer to provide review copies for the Resolutions Committee by 2:00 p.m. on the afternoon of the first day of Convention, plus sufficient copies for all delegates, by the start of the Sunday plenary session of the two-day Convention.

Resolutions Committee

Two weeks prior to Convention, the President of the LWV-VA shall appoint a Resolutions Committee consisting of one member of the LWV-VA Board of Directors and two registered Convention delegates with local or state board experience. The LWV-VA President will name the chair.

Action by Resolutions Committee

The Resolutions Committee shall meet between the two plenary sessions of the Convention to consider whether the proposed resolutions meet the following criteria:

- The resolution is consistent with League Principles and with LWV-VA and LWVUS positions,
- The resolution does not circumvent normal League program processes,
- The resolution addresses a single, topical issue pertinent to Virginia,
- The resolution either (a) requires governmental action at the state level, or (b) pertains to the internal administration of the League, and
- The resolution can be implemented using existing League resources.

The maker of the resolution may make a presentation to the committee.

The Resolutions Committee shall make an advisory report of its findings. The chair of the Resolutions Committee shall announce the committee's findings to the Convention at the outset of the Sunday plenary. The committee shall provide a written report to the Secretary.

Action by Convention

Motions to adopt resolutions shall be made at the Sunday plenary, following debate and action on proposed program. Any resolution that has been properly presented to the Resolutions Committee may be moved at that time. The President may rule a motion out of order. The delegates may override, by a two-thirds vote, the decisions of the President regarding the motions. A majority vote is required to adopt a resolution.

Samples of Courtesy Resolutions

First Example

Whereas, After 20 years of wise and diligent services in the headquarters office and in the field for The League of Women Voters, Jane Smith is retiring at the end of this convention; and
Whereas, Her patience, dependability, and dedication have endeared her to all who have worked with her; and
Whereas, She has been the source of information for programs of the League for all of us;
Therefore: be it resolved, That the League of Women Voters hereby publicly thank our friend and employee, Jane Smith, for her many worthwhile contributions to the League.

Second Example

Whereas, The League of Women Voters has held a most successful convention; and
Whereas, The success of this convention has been brought about by careful planning and effective execution by our officers, committee chairmen, and hostess clubs;
Therefore:

Be it resolved, That this convention go on record as expressing its sincere appreciation to the officers, committee chairmen, and the host League for making this convention a most educational and rewarding experience



Resolutions

LWVFA Firearms Safety Resolution March, 2015

Whereas the League of Women Voters of the United States supports regulating firearms for consumer safety;

Whereas studies show that the risk of homicide in a domestic violence situation increases by 500% when a firearm is present;

Whereas Virginia laws lack key measures to help protect victims of domestic violence from firearm injury or death at the hands of their abusers;

Whereas an analysis of publicly reported firearms deaths in the twelve months after the mass shooting in Newtown, Connecticut, showed that at least 100 children across the United States were killed in unintentional shootings and that 2/3 of these unintended deaths took place in a home or a vehicle that belonged to the victim's family most often with guns that were legally owned but not secured;

Whereas analysis of school shootings in the 14 months since the mass shooting in Newtown, Connecticut perpetrated by minors and where the source of the firearm was known, showed that in 75 percent of the shootings the attacker obtained their guns from home, and

Whereas research shows Child Access Prevention Laws are effective at reducing firearm deaths among children;

Therefore, be it resolved that we the representatives of the League of Women Voters of Virginia assembled at the 2015 League of Women Voters of Virginia Convention call upon the board of the League of Women Voters of Virginia to advocate strongly for laws at the state level that more effectively prevent domestic abusers and stalkers from purchasing, accessing or possessing firearms and laws that require adults to bear the burden for the injury, death and damage that results when a child accesses an unsecured or improperly secured firearm.



Concurrence Policy and Procedures

Concurrence is the act of agreeing with a statement or position. A decision-making technique used by the League for some time, concurrence can work in several ways. Groups of League members or League boards can concur with (1) recommendations of a resource committee, task force or unit group; (2) decision statements formulated by League boards; or (3) positions reached by another League or Leagues. (League Basics 9-17.)

Concurrence Process for Convention:

1. A local League or MAL Unit that wishes to propose an item for concurrence on the floor of convention must begin by submitting its recommendation to the state board at least three months before convention, as part of the program-planning process.
2. Any League Board or LWV-VA study committee or task force that plans to propose the adoption or amendment of a state League position by concurrence on the floor of convention shall give notice to the state board of its intention to do so at least three months before convention.
3. Background information, including pros and cons and the rationale for using this method, must be submitted to the state board with the proposal.
4. A two-thirds vote is required to amend or adopt a state League position by concurrence on the floor of convention.

Concurrence Procedures:

In order for concurrence to be considered at convention, the following steps must be taken:

- a. The item must be listed among either the recommended or non-recommended program items for the convention; i.e. it must have been proposed as part of the program planning process.
- b. The LWV-VA Board decides to either recommend or disapprove the item, using the criteria established for program adoption, and approves the wording of the concurrence statement.
- c. Background information, including pros and cons, and the rationale for using this method, must be sent out to local Leagues and MAL Units or to the general membership at least six weeks before convention.
- d. Only members of the League can approve or disapprove the concurrence statement, and the LWV-VA Board will determine whether concurrence has been reached, based on its evaluation of the reports from local Leagues and/or participating members.

Adopted 5/3/96, 6/99, 3/08, 4/11, 8/11, 7/12



Social Policy Position for Concurrence

Removing Barriers to Employment Proposed by the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area

Statement. The League of Women Voters of Virginia supports the removal of barriers to employment for persons with criminal records. This includes support of what are known colloquially as “Ban the Box” efforts.

What does this mean? Most employment applications, including those for local and state governments, ask the applicant to check a box or somehow state that he/she, either within a certain period of years back or at any time, has been arrested and/or pled guilty and/or was convicted of any criminal offense. This allows the prospective employer to immediately take this person out of consideration for employment, no matter the circumstances of the situation or how long ago the matter happened.

The question most of the “Ban the Box” proposals and ordinances in Virginia and other states and localities raise is: should they apply only to public-sector employment or should they include coverage of private employers as well? Our proposed wording will enable each League to make this decision based on its unique circumstances.

Background. Prior to this year’s Virginia General Assembly gathering, at which relevant bills were introduced, some localities in Virginia had already considered and passed regulations that address this issue. Local governments in Arlington County, Alexandria, Newport News, Norfolk, Petersburg, Portsmouth and Richmond may

not ask this question of job applicants except for positions that involve public safety. At this time Virginia state government regulates private employment.

This year companion bills were introduced into the House and Senate: SB 1017 by Sen. Rosalyn Dance (D-Petersburg) and Del. Betsy Carr (D-Richmond). Both bills would have prohibited state agencies from including on any employment application a question asking whether or not the prospective employee has ever been arrested or charged with, or convicted of, any crime, subject to certain exceptions. The prospective employee may not be asked if he (she) has ever been convicted of any crime unless the inquiry takes place after the prospective employee has received a conditional offer of employment, which offer may be withdrawn if the prospective employee has a conviction record that bears a rational relationship to the duties and responsibilities of the position. The prospective employee may not be asked if he (she) has ever been arrested or charged with a crime unless the inquiry takes place after the prospective employee has received a conditional offer of employment, which offer may be withdrawn if (i) the prospective employee's criminal arrest or charge results in the prospective employee's conviction of a crime and (ii) the crime of which he (she) was convicted bears a rational relationship to the duties and responsibilities of the position. The prohibition does not apply to applications for employment with law-enforcement agencies, fire departments, and emergency medical services agencies. The bills also authorized localities to prohibit such inquiries.

Neither bill passed, due mainly to concerns that were expressed by or on behalf of employers. However, both the Senate and House bills were carried over to the 2016 session so that some procedural issues which had been identified but not acted upon could be addressed by some changes in the wording.

Among those testifying in support of the bills were Carol Noggle of the Prince William LWV, speaking as an individual. She told the Delegates about what the Prince William Re-entry Council does to help felons just being released into the community when they need to find housing, transportation, workforce training, and a job. Also testifying in support were the Bridging the Gap in Virginia group, which is a non-profit organization that helps ex-offenders, Virginia Organizing, and Social Action Linked Together (SALT).

According to an article in the Nov. 4, 2014, issue of the Washington Post, more than 60 local governments and 13 states, including Montgomery County, MD, and the District of Columbia, have passed such measures. Prince George's County was scheduled to consider something similar this winter. The article also said that many of the laws apply to private employers. It also states that about 65 million Americans, or one in four adults, have a criminal record, according to the National Employment Law Project. And, according to a Washington Post article from October 29, 2014, each year about 700,000 people return to their communities from prison, adding that their success in finding employment is considered a key factor in preventing recidivism.

Other Leagues' Positions. Some Leagues in the United States have already gone on record as supporting these types of bills. They include the Illinois League, whose position is that "(T)he LWV-IL supports the removal of barriers to employment for persons with criminal records". That League also said that another name for these proposals is "The Best Candidate for the Job Act". Their proposed bill provides that an employer may not inquire into or require disclosure of a job applicant's criminal record or criminal history before the candidate has been notified that the candidate has been selected for a job interview or has been offered a conditional offer of employment. The DE League's President testified in support of a bill during the 2014 legislative session that would ban the question for public employers in that state. Among other things, she stated "(W)e support policies that provide opportunities for offenders to be able to function as responsible citizens and be integrated into the law-abiding community...(such a ban) is considered a best practice by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)."

Pros and Cons of using concurrence to adopt this position:

PRO:

- The position could be adopted quickly to be in place by the next General Assembly session and by local Leagues to advocate for "Ban the Box" (and similar) efforts at the local level.
- The position could be adopted without requiring formation of a committee, preparation of a lengthy study and

consensus questions, and local League meetings on the topic.

- Because of the efforts of other Virginia organizations, many members are already familiar with this issue.

CON:

- Some members may question the use of concurrence in arriving at positions.
- Some important aspects of the issue may be overlooked without more extensive study.

April 1, 2015



Speaker Information

Peggy Appler, LWVUS Liaison



Peggy Appler is presently serving a second term as a member of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) and the Board of Trustees of the League of Women Voters Education Fund (LWVEF). She was re-elected in June 2012. She chairs the Convention and Council Committee, is a member of the Diversity, Education, and Governance/Bylaws Committees, and serves as Board Support for the Money In Politics Study Committee.

Peggy served two terms as vice president for Community Relations on the League of Women Voters South Carolina State Board (LWVSC). She coordinated conventions (2009 and 2011) and councils (2008 and 2010), developed and conducted training programs for local Leagues, developed and produced a *Presidents Manual*, conducted regional meetings with local League presidents, and coordinated the *Know Your State* publication. Peggy was President of the League of Women Voters of Miami-Dade County and also served on the League of Women of Florida State League.

A retired Organizational Development Trainer with over 20 years of extensive experience in governmental and business program development, implementation and evaluation, she developed and conducted training programs for public and private sectors.

Banquet - Greg Buppert



Greg Buppert is a senior attorney with the Southern Environmental Law Center in Charlottesville. His practice is focused on the disposal of coal ash, the regulation of natural gas drilling, and interstate pipeline development in Virginia. Greg joined SELC in 2013 after working for Defenders of Wildlife in Washington, DC, and a private law firm in Nashville, Tennessee.

Panel Chair - Kristin Goss



Kristin Goss is president of the League of Women Voters of Arlington. She has served on the board for 11 years in a variety of roles, including program, voter services co-chair, and Bulletin editor. In her day job, Kristin is an associate professor of public policy and political science at Duke University (to which she commutes) and director of the Duke in DC semester-away program. Her research focuses on women’s organizations, gun politics, philanthropy, and the civic engagement of everyday Americans.

Panelist - Ellen Buchman



Ellen Buchman is Vice-President for Field Operations for the Leadership Conference, “the nations premier civil and human rights coalition.” The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights Field Department (the field team) provides grassroots consultation, advocacy coordination, support, and assistance to national, state, and local organizations regarding field campaigns around important civil and human rights issues. The team is based in Washington, D.C., with a satellite office in Atlanta, Georgia.

Nationally, the field team convenes and provides field outreach and guidance to the coalition’s more than 200 national civil and human rights organizations on a broad range of issues. With that focus, the field team provides field outreach and advocacy, and public education campaign guidance, on a broad range of issues.

The Education Fund arm of the organization offers a tool kit for advocacy. “Our goal is to provide you with the basic structure and strategies needed to plan and carry out an effective grassroots public education or advocacy campaign.”

Panelist - Nicholas Mueller



Nick Mueller is an attorney in northern Virginia who specializes in election law, including redistricting law. He is a graduate of Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio and the William & Mary School of Law in Williamsburg, Virginia. While at William and Mary he drew the winning map in the 2011 Virginia College and University Redistricting Competition. After law school, he served as a law fellow at the National Education Association and has since consulted with organizations advocating for redistricting reform.

Panelist - TBA

Appendix

Uranium Mining

Not Recommended Program 2015-2016

LWV-VA Position
Adopted July 2014
Environment
Water Supply and Distribution Section
Uranium Mining Position:

The League supports the moratorium on uranium mining. The Commonwealth must establish modern, enforceable, and proven effective best practices to protect the health and safety of workers, the public, and the environment before uranium mining, processing, and reclamation occurs. The Commonwealth must ensure that tangible economic benefits exist even if industry can develop modern best practices specific to the unique environment of Virginia. Further, if the Commonwealth adopts best practices approved by an independent assessment team such as the National Academy of Science (NAS) or other independent scientific organization, it must also provide the staff and funds needed by the Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Virginia Department of Health, and other state agencies to thoroughly monitor and regulate uranium mining.

According to the December 2012 NAS report “the waste from mining and milling if not adequately controlled may contaminate the local environment by seeping into water sources.” Some high population centers would most likely be affected if contaminants were inadequately isolated. Further, because Virginia is at risk of hurricanes and intense rainfall, concern exists about the effectiveness of the uranium tailings repositories to prevent surface and groundwater contamination. Tourism and agriculture, important economic drivers for the Commonwealth, depend on clean water which could be compromised by uranium mining. (Position adopted in 2014)

LWV-RMA Recommended Changes:

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The League supports the moratorium on uranium mining. According to the December 2012 NAS report “the waste from mining and milling if not adequately controlled may contaminate the local environment by seeping into water sources.” Some high population centers would most likely be affected if contaminants were inadequately isolated. Further, because Virginia is at risk of hurricanes and intense rainfall, concern exists about the effectiveness of the uranium tailings repositories to prevent surface and groundwater contamination. Tourism and agriculture, important economic drivers for the Commonwealth, depend on clean water which could be compromised by uranium mining.

Rationale:

1. There is no mining in Virginia for uranium at present, nor has there been in the past.
2. By wishing to set up best practices, the League would be doing what the mining company wishes. There are no best practices now. A long fight which included the environmental groups, citizen groups, and many local governments was won that defeated the plan to set up best practices.
3. The League should endeavor to be on the side of protecting the health and welfare of those who could be affected, should an accident occur. In this case, refraining from setting up any best practices or studies on economic benefits is the best course.

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