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

# League of Women Voters of Virginia 2014 Biennial Council Meeting

Saturday, April 26, 2014  
Hilton Garden Inn, Fairfax, VA  
Host League: LWV Falls Church

## Proposed Council Order of Business

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. - Coffee and Registration

10:00 - Noon - Plenary Session

Call to Order: LWV-VA President  
Welcome by Catherine Hudgins, Hunter Mill District Representative,  
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors  
Credentials Report  
Adopt Rules & Procedures  
Adopt Order of Business  
Appoint reading committee  
Introduction of the LWV-VA Board  
Introduction of Local League delegation (1 minute per President)  
Treasurer 's Report  
Overview of Adopted FY 2014-15 Education Fund  
Budget Presentation of FY 2014-15 Operating Fund for Discussion  
Vote to Accept FY 2014-15 Operating Fund Budget  
Presentation and Discussion of Recommended Amendment (Uranium Mining)  
Vote to Accept Program Position Amendment  
Membership and Leadership Development Report  
Voters Service Report on VOTE411  
Legislative Coordinators Report on 2014 General Assembly  
Directions to the Board (must be submitted in writing to LWV-VA Secretary when presented)  
Adjournment

Noon - 1:00 p.m. - Luncheon: Deli buffet/soup du jour/vegan option

1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Panel Discussion:

***“Virginia’s Election Practices and the Presidential Commission On Election Administration  
Recommendations.”***

- Moderator: Leslie Reynolds, Executive Director, National Association of Secretaries of State
- Judy Brown, Loudoun County Registrar
- Kimball (Kim) Brace, President, Election Data Services and Member of the Prince William Bipartisan Commission on the Election Process
- Brian Schoeneman, Attorney, Secretary, Fairfax County Electoral Board and Member of the Fairfax Bi-partisan Election Process Improvement Commission.

2:30 - 2:45 p.m. – Break

2:45 - 3:15 p.m. LWVUS Convention Briefing

3:20 p.m. Adjournment

# Proposed Council Meeting Rules and Procedures

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

1. Admission to all council meetings and activities shall be limited to persons displaying official badges.
2. Only accredited delegates representing local Leagues, MAL Units, and ILO Chair, and members of the state board may vote.
3. Voting members, nonvoting members and guests shall sit in designated areas. Persons may enter the hall after a meeting has started but shall not be seated during a vote. The doors will be closed during a vote and no one will go in or out of the room.
4. Only voting members and those authorized by the chair or delegate body may address the council. Motions and amendments may only be made by voting members.
5. Debate shall be limited to two minutes for each speaker. No person may speak more than once until all others who wish to speak have done so. No person may speak more than twice on the same motion.
6. Main motions and amendments of substantial length must be in writing and signed by the mover.
7. No announcements shall be made that do not relate to the business of the Council or the welfare of the participants.
8. The Reading Committee shall approve the Council Minutes.
9. These rules may be amended, rescinded or suspended by a two-thirds vote of the Council.
10. Please turn your cell phones and electronic devices off or to a vibrate mode.
11. There will be no smoking.

# ByLaws Pertaining to Council Meetings

## ARTICLE VIII. Council

Sec. 1. Place, Date and Call. A meeting of the council shall be held biennially, approximately twelve months after each convention at a time and place to be determined by the board of directors. A formal call giving the exact time and place of the council shall be sent to the presidents of local Leagues and ILOs and to the chairs of member - at - large units at least six weeks before a council meeting. In the event of an emergency, the board may call a special council meeting.

Sec. 2. Composition. The council shall consist of the presidents of local Leagues and the chairs of member - at large units or an alternate in the event the president or chair is unable to attend; one delegate chosen by each local League and member - at - large unit; the members of the state board; and one delegate chosen by the board of each ILO.

Sec. 3. Delegates' Qualifications and Voting. All delegates shall be voting members of the League. Delegates of local Leagues that have failed to make a reasonable effort to meet the fiscal year's per member payment to the LWV - VA shall be denied voting privileges. The council shall be the sole judge of whether a delegate is qualified to vote.

Sec. 4. Powers. The council shall give guidance to the board on program and methods of work; adopt changes in the program, if recommended by the board, following the procedures described in Article X; adopt a budget for the next fiscal year; and transact such other business as may properly come before it.

Sec. 5. Quorum. Ten delegates, other than the members of the state board, shall constitute a quorum provided that a majority of local Leagues are represented

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# ByLaws Pertaining to Adopting a Position Amendment

## ARTICLE X. Principles and Program

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.



# The League of Women Voters of Virginia

## CONCURRENCE POLICY and PROCEDURES

Concurrence is the act of agreeing with or concurring 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, members or unit group; (2) decision statements formulated by League boards; or (3) positions reached by another League or Leagues. (*League Basics* 9-17.) The revised LWV-VA bylaws, adopted at the 2013 Convention, expanded the process by which concurrence can be used in adopting or amending program. *See Article X, Sec 3.* This change recognized the fact that the LWV-VA has many support positions which are due for updates, and which can most likely be achieved through a concurrence process. The new bylaws open the process of proposing and adopting updated positions, while retaining the oversight of the board and role of the membership.

### **Basic Concurrence Process:**

1. Any League Board, LWV-VA study committee, task force, or voting member that plans to propose the adoption, elimination, or amendment of a state League position by concurrence of the convention or council shall give notice to the state board of its intention to do so at least three months before the council or convention.
2. Background information on the issue, including the timing, need, and importance of the issue and rationale for using this method, must be submitted to the state board with the proposal. Copies of the material may be sent to local Leagues and members-at-large (MAL) units for their information.
3. The state board will consider the proposal and include or exclude it from the proposed program, which will be sent to the presidents of local Leagues and ILO's and to the chairs of MAL units at least four weeks before the council or convention.
4. A majority vote of those present and voting at the council or convention is required to amend, eliminate or adopt a state League position recommended by the state board for concurrence by the council or convention.
5. A properly submitted concurrence proposal not recommended by the board for consideration by delegates at state convention may be adopted if it is ordered for consideration by a majority vote and is approved by a three-fifths vote of the convention delegates present and voting at a subsequent session of the convention. (This allows time for the delegates to consider the proposal.) According to the bylaws, delegates to state council may consider only those proposals that are recommended by the state board.
6. There is the possibility that a LWV-VA board, study committee or task force will determine that a concurrence rather than consensus process is more appropriate to determine member support for a new or amended position. In such a situation, the board will seek the agreement, disagreement, technical edits and comments from local Leagues and MAL units regarding the proposals of the committee or group. Following receipt of aforementioned feedback, the state board will determine whether concurrence has been reached and approve the wording of the new or revised support position. Pursuant to Article X, Sec 4, the position is thereby adopted as a LWV-VA position upon which it may take action and can only be amended by following the procedures of Article X, Section 3.

Adopted/revised: 5/3/96, 6/99, 3/08, 4/11, 8/11, 7/12, and 7/13

# Basic Parliamentary Procedure 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.

## 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

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## President's Report

LWV-VA forged ahead this year in a number of directions, led by an awesomely capable board, and very active, engaged local Leagues. State events drew good attendance: September Workshops, Pre-Session Roundtable– a sellout, with the Governor Elect and eighteen speakers. Lobby Day, our first Awards Luncheon attracted wide support. Fundraising activities brought in a record amount, this year– all badly needed for our work..

Our newsletter, *The Voter*, has featured more photos and a wide number of stories. Our Constant Contact notices to individual members were well received. Our state website was completely revamped, and our Facebook presence increased. Reports from the Women's Legislative Round Table were posted within 24 hours, and insightful interim reports on the Session got favorable comment. We participated across Virginia, offering VOTE411 before the 2013 elections.

In the 2014 Session, we worked hard for Medicaid Expansion, against diminution of women's reproductive health options, for ERA, and for a number of bills featuring voting process improvements, plus other legislative priorities. LWV-VA worked with the HAV coalition, and became central to the new redistricting reform group, OneVA, introducing it with a press conference. Our Natural Resources Committee wrote a new position on Uranium Mining to be considered at Council. Staying close to the SBE, we tracked regulations concerning the Voter ID law. We also received a new Voter Protection Grant of \$9,000 from LWVUS.

As a state League, we wrote letters on key issues to the U.S. Census Bureau, the Governor, the *Washington Post*, *The Times Dispatch*, and a number of other publications. We welcomed our LWVUS Liaison Anne Schink at a dinner in Northern Virginia, and hosted National President Elizabeth Macnamara in Williamsburg, for its LWV 50<sup>th</sup>. We are now working with AARP to plan a U.S. Senate Debate in October on statewide television. And we're now seeking a part-time assistant for our new office in downtown Richmond.'

One aspect of LWV-VA will require serious new effort. We are down by five members, statewide– not the trend we are seeking. One MAL unit, Virginia Peninsula, has disbanded. Only a few local Leagues now have MLD coaches. This will change, next year. Working with Diana Haskell, our MLD liaison, we have committed to serious new efforts in member recruitment.

Given our momentum-- at both state and local levels– watch for progress in this direction. .



# LWV-VA Membership Report

As of February 1, 2014

League	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
100 - Charlottesville	177	139	134	133	128
101 - Alexandria	57	32	30	46	45
102 - Arlington	118	107	97	79	92
103 - Fairfax	298	211	190	202	209
104 - Loudoun	60	56	31	32	43
105 - Richmond	75	67	68	73	68
106 - Lynchburg	80	71	67	66	60
108 - Montgomery Co	99	77	75	89	94
112 - Falls Church	90	97	98	94	95
114 - South Hampton Rds	71	71	62	61	69
116 - Prince William*	31	35	35	30	36
121 - Williamsburg	143	118	107	100	108
128 - Fluvanna**	27	26	12	0	0
000 - MALs***	49	34	47	53	22
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1375</b>	<b>1141</b>	<b>1053</b>	<b>1058</b>	<b>1069</b>

\* Prince William was an MAL and became a full league in July 2013.

\*\* Fluvanna merged with Charlottesville in July 2012

\*\*\* Virginia Peninsula MAL was disbanded in 2014.

## Membership by Type 2014

As of February 1, 2014

League	Individuals	1st Household	2nd Household	Life	Student
100 - Charlottesville	92	15	15	6	0
101 - Alexandria	36	5	4	0	0
102 - Arlington	56	16	17	3	0
103 - Fairfax	167	14	13	15	0
104 - Loudoun	28	8	7	0	0
105 - Richmond	51	7	7	3	0
106 - Lynchburg	58	1	1	0	0
108 - Montgomery Co	63	14	15	2	0
112 - Falls Church	40	26	24	5	0
114 - South Hampton Rds	43	10	10	5	1
116 - Prince William	30	3	3	0	0
121 - Williamsburg	77	15	15	1	0
000 - Washington Co MAL	16	3	3	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1</b>



# Treasurer's Report - Statement of Financial Condition

<b>League of Women Voters of Virginia - Operating Fund</b>			
<b>Statement of Financial Condition as of March 31, 2014</b>			
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Beginning Balance 3/1/14</b>			<b>47,237.69</b>
Checking Account		36,976.01	
CD 0001 - 9/19/14		5,184.01	
CD 0002-11/7/14		5,000.00	
PayPal		7.67	
Petty Cash		70.00	
		47,237.69	
<b>Cash on Hand 3/31/14</b>			
Checking		43,781.71	
CD 0001-9/19/14		5,184.01	
CD 0002-11/7/14		5,000.00	
PayPal		7.67	
Petty Cash		70.00	
Operating Funds Balance		54,043.39	
<b>Beginning Balance</b>			<b>47,237.69</b>
<b>Net Activity</b>			<b>6,805.70</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>			<b>54,043.39</b>
<b>Other Assets:</b>			
Lease Deposit	350.00		
Prepaid Postage-Bulk Mail	253.03		
<b>League of Women Voters of Virginia Ed Fund</b>			
<b>Statement of Financial Condition as of March 31, 2014</b>			
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Beginning Balance 3/1/14</b>			<b>11,001.44</b>
Checking Account		10,947.64	
PayPal		3.80	
Petty Cash		50.00	
		11,001.44	
<b>Cash on Hand 3/31/14</b>			
Checking		8,720.23	
PayPal		3.80	
Petty Cash		50.00	
Education Funds Balance		8,774.03	
<b>Beginning Balance</b>			<b>11,001.44</b>
<b>Net Activity</b>			<b>-2,227.41</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>			<b>8,774.03</b>
<b>Restricted Assets</b>			
Virginia G. Young Memorial		341.00	

# Introduction to the 2014-15 Budget

“The Proposed Operating Budget was developed by the Budget Committee made up Chair Bill Thomas, Penny Anderson, Barb Worden, and Treasurer Elaine Head (ex officio). It envisions total operating expenses of \$61,010 financed by revenues of \$58,280 and a withdrawal from reserves of \$2,830. The proposed budget sets the PMP at \$16 and the dues paid by MAL Unit members at \$47. The MAL dues include \$16 per member plus \$31 that LWV-VA must pay in PMP to the LWVUS for members at large. The PMP for the second person in a household will be \$8, and the MAL dues for the second person in a household will be \$23.50. These figures reflect an increase of \$1.00 for individual members and a \$0.50 increase for the second person in a household.

The Proposed Operating Budget will be voted on by the Delegates to Council. It is the Board of Directors responsibility to approve the Education Fund Budget. It will not be voted on by the Delegates, but is included so that you have a total financial picture.”

## League of Women Voters of Virginia Operating Fund

	2012-2013		2013-14		2014-15	Comments
	Budget	Actual	Budget	As of 2-28-14	Budget	
<b>REVENUES</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
<b>Affiliations</b>						
MAL Dues	3,519	2,661.50	3,746	2,438.00	964	Note 1
PMP	13,162	13,230.00	13,200	11,718.76	15,056	Note 2
Shared Insurance		396.00	395	220.00	500	\$100 per participating local League
<b>Contributions &amp; Development</b>						
Contributions from Members	3,000	1,980.00	3,600	5,765.00	16,000	
Special Events	35,000	15,195.00	20,000	1,420.00	10,000	Making Democracy Work
Other	5,000	105.00	2,500	0.00	500	Non-members/businesses, grants
Interest	150	63.12	100		200	CDs maturing in 2014 (estimate)
<b>Statewide Meetings</b>						
Convention LWV-VA	5,550	5,225.00	0	150.00	6,000	Held in odd numberd years
Council LWV-VA	0	0.00	2,000	0.00	0	Held in even numberd years
Workshops LWV-VA	2,700	1,716.00	2,700	1,650.00	2,100	Note 3
WRT Pre-session Lunch	2,000	2,675.00	2,450	3,855.00	3,700	Note 4
LWV-VA Ed Fund Expense Reimb.	4,799	4,811.67	#REF!	3,693.53	2,960	Note 5
Miscellaneous	100	200.00	100	262.44	200	
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>74,980</b>	<b>48,258</b>	<b>#REF!</b>	<b>31,173</b>	<b>58,180</b>	
<b>Transfer from Reserves</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,848.60</b>	<b>3,000</b>		<b>2,830</b>	Amount of deficit
<b>Revenues and Transfers</b>	<b>74,980</b>	<b>56,107</b>	<b>#REF!</b>	<b>31,173</b>	<b>61,010</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
<b>Board &amp; Administration</b>						
Administrative Committees	400	498.01	400		400	Financial Review, Nominating, Budget
Liaisons	750	508.05	750	831.34	1,200	Travel to local LWVs, mileage only
Membership & Organization	600		600	198.36	600	
Meetings - BOD	9,000	4,586.96	7,000	5,264.37	7,500	Hotel & Mileage
President	250		250	210.00	250	Discretionary expenditures
Public Rel & Representation	750	453.76	750	38.40	500	Media, Incl Pres. travel to represent LWV
Secretary & Treasurer	250	49.22	250	101.71	150	Checks, Copying, Postage
Tools & Membership Directory	500	511.58	500	453.52	500	
Subtotal:	<b>12,500</b>	<b>6,607.58</b>	<b>10,500</b>	<b>7,097.70</b>	<b>11,100</b>	
<b>Development</b>						
Member Contributions Solicitation	350	280.76	300	228.71	300	Finance letter
Postage	300	158.11	250	200.00	200	Used for finance letter postage
Special Events	15,000	12,216.99	10,000	1,117.40	7,500	Assumes \$2,500 net gain
Other	2,900	413.04	1,600	332.41	400	Paypal fees; travel & mileage, Split Contrib.
Subtotal	<b>18,550</b>	<b>13,068.90</b>	<b>12,150</b>	<b>1,878.52</b>	<b>8,400</b>	
<b>Office Operations</b>						
Bookkeeper	2400	2,705.00	2,400	150.00	0	
Equip Purch, Use & Repair	1000	1,000.00	800	42.38	800	
Equip Supplies & Software	300		300	17.48	300	Printer ink, software
General Copying/Printing	150	1.10	150		150	
General Supplies & Postage	1,000	427.56	800	576.81	800	
Insurance	900	1,105.37	1,100	1,332.26	1,250	Liability and Directors & Officers

## League of Women Voters of Virginia Operating Fund

	2012-2013		2013-14		2014-15	Comments
	Budget	Actual	Budget	As of 2-28-14	Budget	
Information Services	600	523.35	600	229.77	800	Server and domain cost, Constant Contact
Internet Service & ISP Reimb	840	604.97	840	210.00	0	Included in Office Rent
Office Assistance	2340	2,236.00	2,340	562.98	8,750	Note 6
Office Rent & Facilities Use				3,225.00	5,400	
Permit Bulk Mail	200	190.00	200	200.00	200	
State Corporation Fee/Solicitation	25	25.00	25	55.00	55	
Telephone	540	260.00	540	75.00	0	Included in Office Rent
Virtual Office	1,200		1,200		0	Not needed
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>5,745</b>	<b>3,839.32</b>	<b>5,745</b>	<b>4,557.75</b>	<b>15,205</b>	
<b>MAL PMP TO LWVUS @ \$31</b>	<b>2372</b>	<b>2,371.50</b>	<b>2,355</b>	<b>2,356.00</b>	<b>635</b>	Note 7
<b>Meetings (LWV)</b>						
LWV-VA Convention/Council	6,000	7,414.22	1,800	16.00	6,000	Convention in 2015
LWV-VA Workshops	2,800	2,542.12	2,700	2,187.42	2,100	Assumed equal to income
LWVUS Convention/Council	1,600	1,600.00	3,900		1,600	Council in 2015
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>10,400</b>	<b>11,556.34</b>	<b>8,400</b>	<b>2,203.42</b>	<b>9,700</b>	
<b>Position Support</b>						
Action Coordination & Expenses	550	195.00	550	0.00	300	Incl travel
Advocacy Activities	500	415.00	500	102.29	250	
Coalition Support and Meetings	1,100	100.00	800	669.37	800	Coalition Memberships & Meeting Travel
League Day at Gen'l Assembly	350		350	200.33	350	
Legislative Coordinator/Lobbyist	2800	3,200.00	3,000	345.37	1,500	
Lobby Expenses	1,800	1,443.46	1,200	700.00	1,000	
Support Publications	300	189.63	300	595.00	300	Position booklet; Positions in Brief
Women's Roundtable Meetings	4,000	3,307.57	2,500	2,830.66	3,000	Note 8
WRT Pre-session Lunch	2,200	2,297.11	2,200	3,150.29	3,150	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>13,600</b>	<b>11,147.77</b>	<b>11,400</b>	<b>8,593.31</b>	<b>10,650</b>	
<b>Voter &amp; Other Publications</b>						
Mailing	200	74.28	200			Now included in Printer Invoice
Printing	1,500	1,694.67	1,500	927.89	1,850	Note 9
Other					70	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>1,768.95</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>927.89</b>	<b>1,920</b>	
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>507.50</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>86.00</b>	<b>100</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>70,767</b>	<b>56,106.89</b>	<b>58,000</b>	<b>29,819.52</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>4,213</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>1,353.21</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Transfer to Reserves</b>	<b>4,213</b>		<b>150</b>	<b>1,353.21</b>		
<b>NET FUNDS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>#REF!</b>	
MAL Dues for 22 persons: 19 full @ \$47 + 3 half @ \$23.50						
PMP @ \$16: 1047 local LWV members: (875 are full, 132 pay half, 40 honorary pay none)						
Fall Workshop: @\$50						
WRT Pre-session Lunch: 100 @ \$37						
Transfer from LWV-VA Ed Fund: Based on 10% of Expenses for Office Operations and Board & Admin						
Funds an office assistant at 1/4 time						
19 full and 3 half-members: 19 x \$31=\$589 + 3 x \$15.50=\$46.50 = Total \$635.50						
Includes funds to assist up to four members with local accomodations.						
The Voter: 4 issues (printing, mailing, supplies- 300 copies per issue)						

Approved by the Board on 3/23/2014

**LWV-VA Education Fund**

	2012-13		2013-14		2014-15	
	Budget	Act. Thru 6/30	Budget	As of 2/28/14	Budget	
<b>REVENUES</b>						
<b>Bequests &amp; Memorials</b>	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00		1,500.00	Virginia G. Young Mem'l Fund
<b>Contributions</b>						
Members	5,000.00	3,305.00	4,000.00	6,151.00	6,000.00	
Public	4,000.00	43.00	2,500.00	200.00	2,500.00	
Special Projects - Learning Experiences	3,000.00		3,000.00		0.00	
Special Projects - Wares	3,900.00	2,899.50	2,300.00	453.50	1,000.00	
<b>Grants</b>						
Public Advocacy for Voter Protection	500.00	500.00				New grant request has been made
Other Grants	6,000.00					
<b>Interest</b>	5.00	1.69	2.00	0.79	2.00	
<b>Reimbursements/Voters Service</b>	0.00					
<b>Transfer Prior Yr. Grants &amp; Reserves</b>						
Public Advocacy for Voter Protection	4,143.18	4,720.94	193.70	193.70		
Redistricting	1,046.73	1,046.73				
Virginia G. Young Bequest Projects	1,071.55		2,571.55	2,179.00	341.00	
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>30,166.46</b>	<b>14,016.86</b>	<b>16,067.25</b>	<b>9,177.99</b>	<b>11,343.00</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
<b>Administrative Expenses</b>						
Financial Coordination & Expenses	50.00	13.55	30.00	10.30	30.00	Includes Pay Pal Fees
Miscellaneous Admin. Expenses	75.00	22.50	50.00		50.00	
Reimburse Admin Expense to LWV-VA	4,800.00		4,359.00	3,693.53	2,960.00	*10% OF Office & Admin.2014-15
State Corp. Commission/Solicitation Fees	55.00	25.00	55.00	30.00	55.00	
<b>Development</b>						
Learning Experiences	2,000.00	663.80	1,800.00		0.00	
<b>Educational Activities</b>						
Redistricting	1,046.73	1,046.73				
LWV-VA Studies	300.00		500.00		300.00	
LWV-US Studies	800.00		300.00		100.00	
Other Projects	250.00					
Program Coordination	100.00					
<b>Public Advocacy for Voter Protection</b>	4,143.18	4,449.48	193.70	309.28	600.00	More, if new grant approved.
<b>Voters Service Activities</b>						
Congressional Home Office Brochure	500.00					
Informational Voters Service Handouts	500.00		250.00		250.00	
Ballot Issues	250.00					
Candidate Debates	8,000.00	2,873.42	8,000.00	243.47	6,000.00	2014 Senatorial Debate
Election Guides/Vote411		372.96	2,300.00	3,050.00	2,500.00	
Legislative Directory	1,200.00	195.00		2,179.00	341.00	
Voters Service Coordination	100.00	319.20	100.00	313.25	100.00	
Guide to VA Courts						
<b>Wares</b>	250.00	818.62	50.00		25.00	
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	100.00		100.00	99.00	100.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>24,519.91</b>	<b>10,800.26</b>	<b>18,087.70</b>	<b>9,927.83</b>	<b>13,411.00</b>	
<b>Inc(+)/Dec(-) in unrestricted funds bal.</b>	<b>5,646.55</b>	<b>3,216.60</b>	<b>-2,020.45</b>	<b>-749.84</b>	<b>-2,068.00</b>	<b>Total Revenue - Total Expenses</b>

# Program: Proposed Amendment to the Natural Resources Position

## Introduction

The Natural Resources Committee was established in response to a request by delegates to LWV-VA convention 2013 to develop a position on uranium mining. Over the past year the committee developed and concurred in a statement in regard to uranium mining. Their statement is proposed to be added at the end of the League's existing Natural Resource position shown below.

The Natural Resources Committee was composed of the following members:

- |                                     |  |              |
|-------------------------------------|--|--------------|
| ➤ Carole Garrison (Chair, LWV-SHR)  | <a href="mailto:carole.garrison@gmail.com">carole.garrison@gmail.com</a> | 757-727-7840 |
| ➤ Carolyn Caywood (LWV-SHR)         | <a href="mailto:cacaywood@cox.net">cacaywood@cox.net</a>                 | 757-499-9131 |
| ➤ Sue Delos (LWV-WA)                | <a href="mailto:sed7a@virginia.edu">sed7a@virginia.edu</a>               | 757-229-0902 |
| ➤ Muriel Grim (LWV-Charlottesville) | <a href="mailto:msgrim2012@gmail.com">msgrim2012@gmail.com</a>           | 740-818-7179 |
| ➤ Helen Kelly (LWV-Fairfax)         | <a href="mailto:hmkelly1@verizon.net">hmkelly1@verizon.net</a>           | 703-437-3087 |
| ➤ Tyla Matteson (LWV-Richmond)      | <a href="mailto:tmatteson1@mindspring.com">tmatteson1@mindspring.com</a> | 804-275-6476 |
| ➤ Linda Rice (LWV-VA)               | <a href="mailto:lindarice678@cox.net">lindarice678@cox.net</a>           | 757-566-1825 |

## Proposed Amendment on Uranium Mining

### URANIUM MINING

#### The League's Position

The League of Women Voters of Virginia 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 benefit exists 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 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 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.

Source: Uranium Mining in Virginia: Scientific, Technical, Environmental, Human Health and Safety, and Regulatory Aspects of Uranium Mining and Processing in Virginia (2012), National Academy of Science (NAS) Final Report.

# Natural Resources – LWV-VA September 2013

## **AIR QUALITY**

### **Position in Brief:**

Support for achieving and maintaining acceptable air quality through: adoption of strict vehicle emission standards, development of alternative fuels, and programs and regulations that foster efficient transportation modes.

### **The League's History**

Following adoption of this local position in 1992, the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area prepared and sent information packages to all the local Leagues in Virginia, to allow for concurrence to be taken at the 1993 State Convention. The delegates concurred with the following position on Air Quality. 2013 Note: The California standards have been superseded by stricter national standards and the Clean Air Act of 1990 has also been superseded by stricter regulations. Most of these recommendations have been accomplished (or exceeded) legislatively in Virginia and in the United States.

### **The League's Position**

In order to achieve and maintain acceptable air quality the League of Women Voters of Virginia believes Virginia should:

- Adopt the California Standards for low emission vehicles to achieve and maintain compliance with the Clean Air Act of 1990.
- Develop less polluting alternative fuels, a high priority with preference for compressed natural gas, reformulated gasoline, electricity and hydrogen. The State should consider total environmental impact of a fuel, including tail pipe emissions and pollution produced during manufacture and disposal.
- Change parking subsidies away from those favoring low occupancy vehicles to those favoring efficient transportation modes. Place greater emphasis on local program and regulations that encourage employers to institute transportation management systems which foster efficient transportation modes. (1993)

## **AIR QUALITY - Smoking in Public (Archived 2013)**

## **LAND USE**

### **Position in Brief:**

Support state policies that include creating state long-range comprehensive land use plan coordinated with local and regional plans, protecting of critical environmental areas through some land use controls, and assisting to and increasing flexibility for localities in land use planning and control.

### **The League's History**

In 1972, in response to a growing desire on the part of Leagues for a national focus on land, LWVUS convention delegates adopted land use as a new study. During the last year of the two-year study, the national League gave state Leagues the opportunity to add state land use study to their program agenda without going through the convention adoption method. Local Leagues used consensus questions formulated by the national board to reach consensus on state land use, some at the same meetings where they reached consensus on national land use, others had additional meetings to reach state consensus or mailed questionnaires to their members.

Action has focused on coastal resource preservation and planning, preservation of prime agricultural land and strip mining legislation. 2013 Note: Again, many of the recommendations of this position have been accomplished through legislation, nationally and in Virginia. Also, today's land use processes have become a function of government comprehensive planning. Thus, this position would be more appropriate in the Government positions' category with cross-reference to the Natural Resources' positions category.

### **The League's Position**

The League of Women Voters of Virginia believes that the Commonwealth should have a long range comprehensive plan reflecting the needs and interests of citizens and flexible enough to meet future needs. The plan should be a coordinated one including plans and policies of local, regional and state governments. Implementation should maximize local decision-making with some provisions subject to state established standards and review.

### **State Control of Land Use:**

We believe that the state should reassume certain elements of its legal authority to control the use of land. Stronger state control, with impact statements required as deemed necessary, is needed for land use activities of more than local impact (including the siting of energy facilities, large scale public or private development, major transportation facilities, and waste disposal facilities).



Increased state control is needed for certain land areas of statewide concern such as:

- Wetlands
- Crucial watersheds
- Flood plains
- Productive agricultural and forest lands
- Unique scenic and historic areas
- Shorelines of major waters and
- Unique wildlife habitats.

### **Regional Planning**

The League believes that the state should support increased regional planning on matters of regional concern.

### **State Assistance to Localities**

The League believes that the state should give assistance to localities for land use planning and control by:

- Increasing financial aid for research and technical assistance;
- Collecting, analyzing and disseminating economic, environmental and social data;
- Authorizing and encouraging innovative land use planning and regulatory techniques such as land banking, planned unit development, transfer of development rights, and timed development ordinances. (1975)

## **WATER SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION**

### **Position in Brief:**

Support for a comprehensive state effort to protect the water supplies, including recognition of the connection between ground and surface water, sharing in the use of ground water, state collection of information on water resources and planning for future use, and land use policies that guarantee protection of water resources.

### **The League's History**

In 1981, the League adopted a study of water supply and distribution in Virginia. Leagues were concerned about the ability of the state laws, regulations, and procedures to protect the water supply. There were also problems and conflicts between "water rich" and "water poor" users and concerns about whether Virginia had sufficient information and adequate laws and procedures to settle these issues.

Local Leagues studied the situation in their localities and then statewide. At the end of the study, the state League published a prize-winning publication explaining in clear layman's language the doctrines

governing Virginia's water laws and the complexities involved in finding solutions to the problems of supply and distribution. Consensus was reached in November 1983.

### **The League's Position**

The League of Women Voters of Virginia believes that modifications should be made to Virginia's water laws, based on the riparian doctrine and the Ground Water Act of 1973.

Specifically we believe that:

- The law should recognize the connection between ground and surface water;
- Decisions about reasonable use of ground water should include the concept of sharing, as in the riparian doctrine;
- Exemptions in the Ground Water Act of 1973 should be tightened; and
- If the resolution of conflicts is in the Courts, expert technical advice should be provided.

The League believes that the state must fulfill its responsibility for gathering information about Virginia's water resources, planning for future supply, and giving assistance to localities about their water supplies; and that:

- The designated agency must be strengthened and adequately funded;
- The state should have a strong land use policy that recognizes that water and land-use planning are indivisible; and
- The state should take the lead, both by education and by legislation, in promoting water conservation. (1983)



## Voters Services Report - Vote411

The major Voter Service activity in 2013 was LWV-VA's investment in VOTE411, the League's online Voters' Guide tool. The state board used Ed Fund money to cover the cost for all statewide offices as well as all General Assembly races to be covered. Over 180 candidates were contacted to answer local league derived questions, and to post those answers online on [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org). This was the 1st massive attempt to provide voter guides for all races in Virginia. Local leagues developed the questions to ask their candidates and the state board took the responsibility of contacting the candidates and inputting the data. The candidate response rate was about 50%, considered by LWVUS as credible for a first use effort. We expect a better response as candidates get used to this format. Many local leagues were able to download the responses and also provide voters with paper guides.

The second major Voter Service effort in 2013 was our attempt to produce a Gubernatorial debate with our partners, AARP, WTVR and WCVB Richmond. Unfortunately we were unable to get one candidate to agree to debate and therefore we were unable to produce "The Peoples Debate", a loss to the voters of Virginia. We will try again for a senatorial debate in 2014.

Local leagues were active doing voter registration projects, both at high schools and at citizenship events. Our Washington County MAL has been approached by various jurisdictions within its county for both voter service advice, and requests for local forums/debates for local elections and issues.

We hope to have an active 2014-2015 year with much work to do on the new voter photo id law with education and watchful oversight in these areas as well as continued registration and voter education activities.



# Legislative Coordinator's Report on 2014 General Assembly

General Assembly 2014: Delayed Completion

## Elections Matter, Coalitions Matter, You Matter

A noticeable feature of the 2014 GA and Capitol Square was change: 15 new Delegates, a new Governor, LG and AG, a new President of the Senate, then two new Senators, and then a new Delegate.

**Do elections matter?** Yes, with the seating of the two Democratic Senators mid-term there were swift changes in membership and majority on all Senate Committees each with a change in Chairman. Our Legislative Directory quickly needed revising.

Meanwhile, the legislators introduced and processed over 2,888 bills. This brief report is only an update of what was reported to League members in weekly emails from the Legislative Coordinator. With such a large quantity of bills the League can only track and lobby on a small percentage and thus chooses those best-supported by our Positions for Action.

**Do Coalitions Matter?** Yes, because we can share resources, expertise on specific issues, membership, data, strategies, and grassroots participation that produces synergy to achieve common goals.

Tracking the bills was enhanced by using the League's online Lobbyist-In-A-Box (LIAB). The Legislative Coordinator (LC) used LIAB to receive email notice of the status of selected bills daily and even hourly making it possible to quickly know which committee would hear the bills, which legislators to contact before the hearing, when to state the League's position in committees, when was a critical time to send Action Alerts to members or request talking points from members with special expertise. After the regular and special sessions ended LIAB still sends hourly messages to report the Governor's action -- sign, amend, veto, or no action -- on each bill he receives.

**Do You Matter?** Yes, because your response to Action Alerts provided the important messages from the grass roots to legislators and to the public with letters to the editor. Action alerts included support for Medicaid Expansion to close the coverage gap, support for the Civics Education Commission, support to require regulations for fracking, opposition to prohibition of funding for Planned Parenthood clinics, and support for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. Now if we could only accurately measure the effects.

Still unknown is the status of Medicaid Expansion that is dependent upon the ongoing budget negotiations. The Civics Education Commission is re-established if funds are available. League opposition to voter registration by party was successful. The ERA bill passed in the Senate and was heard in the House subcommittee -- a real accomplishment even though it was tabled there. The bill to increase regulations for fracking did not pass. Funding will continue for the Planned Parenthood clinics. Public notices will still be published in newspapers to continue our open government process. A safety measure to limit possession of firearms for five years by those with misdemeanor convictions related to domestic violence did not pass.

Several election and voting bills supported by the League failed including No-excuse absentee voting for the 10<sup>th</sup> year in a row, the request for a redistricting referendum, budget requests for more full-time Registrars and certain voting equipment, 17 year old election officers, pilot program for Vote Centers, and automatic restoration of felons' voting rights.

In addition to action on legislation the League signed on to a JustChildren letter to legislators to support juvenile justice by establishing programs that reduce out-of-school suspensions. An Action Alert urged members to submit public comment online regarding the application form for a voter's photo ID, required by 2013 legislation, because of our concern of the effect of the felony statement contained there.

Virginia League members' participation during this 2014 General Assembly session has been very significant and appreciated.

# Public Advocacy for Voter Protection is Back

The League of Women Voters (LWV) of Virginia has received another Public Advocacy for Voter Protection (PAVP) grant from the League of Women Voters Education Fund. The grant will provide \$9,000 to the LWV-VA to carry out advocacy projects designed to prevent the disenfranchisement of eligible citizens, particularly underserved populations such as minorities, the poor and the elderly. In contrast to our past PAVP grants, this will require us to complete our activities within one year -- by April 1, 2015.

Of the issues grantees were asked to address, the LWV-VA selected improvement of polling place management, extension (introduction) of early voting, increased access to voter registration at DSS agencies, and opposition to photo ID and documentary proof of citizenship. These are activities that all local LWVs are being asked to support and participate in. They should provide your voter advocacy program for the coming year and help support the work that you do in voter service.

I will be in touch with all local LWV presidents and any specific contacts they select during the year about the specifics of the plans and activities. This is just a brief summary:

1. The panel discussion at the Council on “Virginia’s election Practices and the Presidential Commission on Election Administration Recommendations” is the kick-off event for the grant and should provide a basis for local LWVs in monitoring and working with their Electoral Boards and Voter Registrars. A video and report of the discussion will be provided to help in this. It will also be used as a basis for our work and a follow-up meeting with the State Board of Elections and Virginia legislators in the fall to eliminate impediments to voting in Virginia law—whether there by design or effect.
2. The fall meeting will be designed to discuss suggestions of any legislative proposals that will come from the Council discussion and follow-up meetings – of both the local and State LWV.
3. LWV members will be asked to research and prepare a report and conduct advocacy meetings (prior to the 2015 General Assembly session) with state legislators on early voting issues.
4. I will seek assistance in compiling and reviewing voter registration statistics at the Virginia DSS agencies local LWVs visited in 2009 (and probably those in local LWV jurisdictions that were not visited at that time). We will participate in follow-up meetings with the SBE and DSS agencies based on our findings.
5. LWV members at both the state and local levels will monitor implementation and outreach plans for the current photo ID legislation at both state and local levels, and prepare and disseminate information on voting requirements, including photo ID. The LWV will join any photo ID amendment efforts initiated after the law becomes effective on July 1.

As the above list indicates, there will be many and varied activities that Virginia LWV members can undertake. We can also solicit the help of others, such as university professors and groups who are interested in elections and voting issues. I am anxious to meet and talk with all interested members from across the state who will be willing to share the lead on voter advocacy activities. This is not **my** grant but **our** grant and **the LWV’s** role and perception as a player in advocacy for voting and voter protection in Virginia. Please respond when asked.

Therese Martin, Coordinator

LWV-VA Voter Advocacy

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# Biographies of the Moderator and Panel Members



The League of Women Voters of Virginia (LWV-VA)

Education Fund Presents

## Virginia's Election Practices and the Presidential Commission on Election Administration Recommendations\*

*A panel discussion presented in conjunction with the LWV-VA State Council*

*Hilton Garden Inn, Fairfax, Virginia April 26, 2014, beginning at 1 p.m.*

**Moderator** **Leslie Reynolds, Executive Director of the National Association of Secretaries of State.** As NASS director since 2000, Ms. Reynolds oversees the day-to-day operations of the association and all aspects of its management, including member initiatives on election reform. She is routinely consulted by Congress, regulators and organizations about state election administration practices and, with other NASS staff, developed the [www.canivote](http://www.canivote) website. Ms. Reynolds is a graduate of Purdue University, lives in Northern Virginia with her husband and two sons -- and has served as an Arlington poll worker for 14 years.

**Panelists** **Kimball Brace, President of Election Data Services, Inc.** Mr. Brace heads a Manassas consulting firm that specializes in election administration and redistricting and has worked with federal, state and local agencies on election related issues. He directed development of a GIS based mapping system designed to help state and local governments create and update precinct boundaries in voter registration systems. Mr. Brace is a graduate of American University and has served as a poll worker, chief judge and acting General Registrar in Prince William County and was a member of its **Bipartisan Commission on the Election Process.**

**Judy Brown, General Registrar for Loudoun County.** Ms. Brown, a native of Loudoun County, has served as its General Registrar since 1991. She graduated from Washington Business School and has become certified as a Registered Election Official and an Elections/Registration Administrator through the Election Center. Ms. Brown has witnessed the increase in the number of registered voters in Loudoun County, one of the fastest growing counties in the U.S., from approximately 30,000 registrants in 1984 to over 211,000 today.

**Brian Schoeneman, Attorney and Secretary of the Fairfax County Electoral Board.** Mr. Schoeneman is a member of the Virginia bar and the political and legislative director for the Seafarers International Union of North America and General Counsel to Virginia Line Media LLC, which operates the political blog, Bearing Drift.com. He received his law degree from the Catholic University Columbus School of Law and an MA from George Washington University, and is a Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership graduate. Mr. Schoeneman is a member of the Fairfax County Economic Advisory Commission, active in the Fairfax Republican party, and was a member of the **Fairfax Bipartisan Election Process Improvement Commission.**

The program will be videotaped by James B. Southworth, Executive Producer of "The Inside Scoop" and a member of the Fairfax Public Access Board of Directors. It will be available to LWV members and the public on You-Tube, with a link on the LWV-VA website: [www.LWV-VA.org](http://www.LWV-VA.org). Alexander Read Bavelly, a student at George Mason University, will take notes and prepare a report on the program.

\*A limited number of the Commission Reports will be distributed at the Panel Discussion. You may also access it at: [www.supportthevoter.gov](http://www.supportthevoter.gov).

# Minutes From 2012 Council Meeting

LWV-VA 2012 Council Minutes  
Saturday, May 12, 2012  
Double Tree Hotel, Charlottesville, VA

**Call to Order:** LWV-VA President **Lynn Gordon** called to order the Plenary Session of the 2012 LWV-VA Council on May 12, 2012 at 2:45 PM in the ballroom of the Double Tree Hotel in Charlottesville, Virginia (990 Hilton Heights Road, 22901). President Gordon thanked the LWV of Charlottesville/Albemarle for hosting Council 2012 and introduced **LWV-C/A President Pat Hurst** who welcomed the delegates to Charlottesville and encouraged they explore some of the sights in and around Charlottesville.

*Note:* Plenary Session had been preceded in the morning and early afternoon by workshops on “Charting The Course” – the future of LWV-VA, “Powering the Vote” – voters service exchange based on LWVUS webinar, and a “Public Advocacy for Voter Protection” (PAVP) panel discussion about advocacy on election laws for polling place management on election day.

**Credentials Report:** Credentials Committee Chair **Sue Worden** reported that out of 41 potential delegates, **27 voting delegates** were present, consisting of 9 LWV-VA board members, 17 delegates from local Leagues and Members-At-Large (MAL) Units and 1 delegate from LWV of the National Capital Area (LWV-NCA) – an Inter-League Organization (ILO). Of 15 potential local Leagues and MAL Units in Virginia, **9** Leagues, two MAL Units and the LWV-NCA were represented. Total people in the room included five non-voting persons, for a **total of 32** people in attendance. (See attached Credentials Listing for delegate, League and observer names.)

**Adopt Rules & Procedures and Order of Business:** On a motion by **Sue Lewis** (LWV-VA board), Proposed Council Rules and Procedures (on page 3 of Council Workbook, hereinafter referred to as Workbook, a copy of which is part of these Minutes) were approved. The Proposed Order of Business (on page 2) was approved on a motion by **Virginia Cowles** (LWV-RMA).

**Appointments:** The following were appointed as the Reading Committee of these minutes: **Bonnie Franklin** (LWV-AR), **Evelyn Glazier** (LWV-RMA), and **Theresa Sellers** (VA Peninsula MAL Unit). **Martha Rollins** (LWV-SHR) served as Parliamentarian.

**Introduction of LWV-VA Board of Directors:** **President Gordon** introduced the following LWV-VA board members present: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President & Membership Director **Sue Lewis**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President & Voters service Director **Betsy Mayr**, Secretary **Sherry Zachry**, Treasurer **Elaine Head**, *Virginia Voter* Editor **Flo Marks**, Event Planner **Molly McClenon**, Legislative Coordinator **Carol Noggle**, and Program Director **Linda Rice**.

**Local League and MAL Unit representatives:** The following spoke, giving a brief report of their League’s accomplishments for the year (listed in alphabetical order by League name).

- **LWV of Alexandria (LWVA):** **Sue Worden**, representing the president, said that LWVA is “in transition” but did produce a voters guide for 2011 fall elections.
- **LWV of Arlington (LWVAR):** **President Mary Finger** mentioned candidates’ forum and online voters guide, panel discussion on Immigration and Path to Citizenship, and co-sponsorship (with Leagues of Alexandria and Falls Church) of a Reception honoring retired state Senators Mary Margaret Whipple and Patsy Ticer. LWVAR also participated in the two LWVUS consensus studies.
- **LWV of Charlottesville/Albemarle (LWVC/A):** **President Pat Hurst** said their focus had been on voters service activities and the potential merger with the LWV of Fluvanna County.
- **LWV of Fairfax Area (LWVFA):** **President Janey George** said that 99 candidates were on the 2011 November



ballot in Fairfax County area and that several voters service events co-sponsored by LWVFA included: 8 Candidate “Meet and Greet” meetings, 2 candidate debates, Voters Guide published in the newspaper *Fairfax Times* and online, including online formatted for mobile devices, “What’s On The Ballot,” and Super Saturday voter registration. In addition, 30,000 *Facts For Voters 2012* were published and distributed; a successful fundraiser was held at a local restaurant, General Meeting focused on voter processes, Annual Meeting focused on health care in Virginia and ten monthly newsletters (*Fairfax VOTER*) were published.

- **LWV of Falls Church (LWVFC): Edie Snyder** (representing the president and nominated to be president in 2012-13) mentioned voters service activities that included producing a voters guide for fall 2011 elections and a voters guide for city council elections in May 2012; educating the voters about changing city elections from May to November, and a candidates’ forum for city council candidates.
- **LWV of Fluvanna County (LWVFL): Co-President Frances Schutz** had to leave before Plenary started.
- **LWV of Lynchburg (LWVLY): President Joan MacCallum** mentioned that LWVLY had held candidate events for state senator in fall 2011 and for city council candidates.
- **LWV of Montgomery County (LWVMC): President Mary Houska** reported that LWVMC had held six candidate events, one of which the Republican candidate had backed out of at the last minute, completed the Great Decisions series and had a successful response to a fundraising/donation letter.
- **LWV of National Capital Area (LWVNCA): Bonnie Franklin** representing the National Capital Area ILO mentioned that LWVNCA was hosting the LWVUS 2012 Convention in D.C. and was still looking for volunteers to help; and had produced studies on the regional water supply and on the Metro (rapid transit system) funding process in the region.
- **Prince William Area MAL Unit (PWA MAL): Chair Carol Noggle** said that the PWA MAL Unit had registered over 1,900 high school seniors in Prince William County schools without help from the registrar’s office. The registrar had completely turned over the process to the League in the 2011-12 school year. PWA MAL also produced a government officials booklet called *They Represent You 2012*, along with the Prince William Co. Library and funding from NOVEC (Northern VA Electric Cooperative) and participated in the PAVP survey of Department of Social Services offices and agencies in the Prince William area.
- **LWV of the Richmond Metro Area (LWVRMA): Evelyn Glazier** representing LWVRMA said that the year had experienced a “rocky start” due to leadership issues, but that they had rallied to conduct voters service activities, take part in both LWVUS consensus meetings and in the PAVP survey of Department of Social Services offices and agencies in the Richmond area.
- **LWV of South Hampton Roads (LWV-SHR): President Virginia Armstrong** reported that LWV-SHR had focused on voters service through voter registration and educational meetings by working with like-minded organizations.
- **Virginia Peninsula MAL Unit (VP MAL): Chair Carole Garrison** pointed out the VP MAL Unit had held the first forum on uranium mining in the area, had held five candidate events for local elections and had effected a change in school board policy in Hampton Roads through advocacy for sunshine in government.

The following were not represented at 2012 Council: **LWV of Loudoun County, LWV of the Williamsburg Area, and Washington County MAL Unit.**

**Observers** in attendance were: Dianne Blais, Margaret Hardy, Therese Martin, Tyla Matteson and Kelly McFarland Stratman.

**LWV-VA Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Elaine Head** reported that as of May 11, 2012, the LWV-VA FY 2011-12 Operating Fund had assets of \$63,339.02 (see page 24 of Workbook); the balance incorporates amounts shown on the “Profit and Loss Statement” shown on pages 25 and 26.

**Proposed LWV-VA Operating Fund (OF) Budget for FY 2012-13: LWV-VA Budget Chair Pat Hurst** presented the proposed LWV-VA Budget for FY2012-13 as shown on pages 16 – 19 of the Workbook. Hurst noted that the reporting structure for future Treasurer’s Reports and Budget was being transitioned from a profit and loss accrual basis (Quick Books format) back to a line-item cash basis as had been the format in preceding years. Reading highlights of the pro-

posed budget from the Budget Committee's letter on page 16, Hurst pronounced the budget "solid, optimistic and tries new things." Commenting that LWV-VA PMP would remain at \$15 (the same as for the last ten years), Hurst said the proposed budget anticipates a multi-layered fundraising campaign to fund paid administrative help and more generous mileage allowances and free registration fees for LWV-VA board members.

Questions were asked about expenses for a "virtual office," proposed LWVUS PMP increase of \$1.00 per member and the proposed Ed Fund Budget (LWV-VA EF Budget is approved by the LWV-VA board—not the membership). Responding to a question about what would happen if the fundraising proposed in the OF Budget did not materialize, Hurst said that the LWV-VA board is responsible for prioritizing expenses that can be funded and for refocusing what the LWV-VA can do with available funds.

The **LWV-VA OF Budget for FY2012-13** was approved by the delegates as recommended by the Budget Committee and as shown on pages 17-19 of the Workbook.

**Membership update: 1<sup>st</sup> VP & Membership Director Sue Lewis** pointed out the loss of 322 League members in Virginia from 1,375 in 2010 to 1,053 in 2012 as shown on page 15 of the Workbook. Lewis explained that the major decrease occurred from 2010 to 2011 when membership dropped by 234, with an additional decrease of 88 from 2011 to 2012. Responding to a question, Lewis noted that LWVUS changed membership categories to eliminate "nationally recruited members" (NRMs) after December 31, 2010.

**Membership Challenge:** Lewis informed the delegates of a "membership challenge" approved by the LWV-VA board that would reward local Leagues and MAL Units that increase their members by the highest percentage gain in members, from current numbers (as of February 1, 2012) to numbers as of February 1, 2013. The award of one free registration to Fall Workshops 2013 would go to the League or MAL Unit with the highest percentage of increase that is currently participating in the MLD (Membership & Leadership Development) program; and one free registration to 2013 Workshops to the League or MAL Unit which is not participating in the MLD program that has the highest percentage increase. Winners will be announced at the 2013 LWV-VA Convention.

**Nominating Committee plea:** LWV-VA Nominating Committee Chair **Mary Houska** explained that the committee has been very busy this year searching for replacements for board and off-board members who have resigned during the 2011-12 League year. Noting that not all current vacancies have been filled (still needed are Organization, Action, and Publicity Directors) and that a new slate of officers and directors will be nominated for 2013-15 at the LWV-VA Convention in 2013, Houska encouraged people to recommend themselves or someone else, using the purple form in the Council folder (*copy of form attached*).

#### **Announcements:**

- **President Gordon** said that the LWV "Shining A Light" flashlights available at Council will be available at LWVUS Convention, along with a pen with flashlight with same logo, for a minimum donation to LWV-VA of \$7.50; donation for the flashlight pen will be \$5.00. In order to be tax-deductible, donation should be made to the LWV-VA Education Fund (approximately \$2.00 would be tax deductible to donor for each item)
- **President Gordon** reminded those attending LWVUS Convention in D.C. June 8 – 12, to stay for a delegates' briefing following adjournment of Plenary.
- **President Gordon** announced the upcoming U. S. Senatorial Debate in Richmond in October 2012, being co-sponsored by the LWV-VA, AARP and local television station affiliates for CBS and PBS.
- **President Gordon** reminded delegates to fill out Council Evaluation forms, website survey (*copies attached*) and turn in along with name badge holders in box provided.
- **Sue Lewis** announced she is selling tickets at \$35.00 each for the June 9 performance of "The Capitol Steps" – the LWVNCA fundraiser at LWVUS Convention – instructing people to fill out order form for tickets in the Council folder (*copy attached*) and give to her.



**Resolution:** **Molly McClenon** presented a Courtesy Resolution to the LWV of Charlottesville/Albemarle thanking them for the excellent accommodations, helpful and gracious volunteers and welcoming environment for Council 2012 (*copy of Resolution attached*).

**Direction to the Board:** (*copies attached*)

**Sue Worden (LWV Alexandria):** Make it easier for local Leagues and members to take action – building on action alerts. Develop ability to have “petitions” that members can electronically sign and send to government officials. Use “Skype” more.

**President Gordon adjourned** the Plenary Session of 2012 LWV-VA Council at 4:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry W. Zachry, LWV-VA Secretary  
May 15, 2012

And read by: Bonnie Franklin, Evelyn Glazier, Theresa Sellers

Attachments to these Minutes:

LWV-VA Council 2012 Workbook  
Credentials Committee Report of May 12, 2012  
Nominating Committee Challenge & Form  
LWV-VA Website Survey  
Council Evaluation Form  
Capitol Steps flyer  
Resolution to LWV of Charlottesville/Albemarle  
Direction to the Board from Sue Worden

