

# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MARYLAND STATE CONVENTION 2019

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## **A Brief History of Montgomery County and the LWVMC**

Montgomery County was created in 1776, divided off from Frederick County of which it had previously been a part. It was named for Revolutionary War General Richard Montgomery who died leading the American attack on Quebec – and seems never to have been in the area that became Montgomery County.

Originally home to tobacco plantations, by 1920 it was still largely agricultural with an economy dominated by dairy farming and corn production, plus a few thousand suburbanites living around the DC boundary. There were about 35,000 people in the county, including more than 8,000 African Americans. With the growth of the federal government and the extension of streetcar lines, the population increased by 40% during the 1930s concentrated in Takoma Park, Silver Spring, Chevy Chase and Bethesda.

The LWVMC was established in April 1920 with the goal of encouraging women to vote – and preparing them to do that. In 1921, we offered a course in citizenship with evening classes at a public library. Having been dormant during the Depression years, the LWVMC was reactivated in 1938 and announced its support for a proposed change to a county manager form of county government and the adoption of a home rule charter. The County Commissioners (then in charge of county government) reluctantly agreed to contract with Brookings Institution for a study that led to a 1941 report. After studying the report, the LWVMC endorsed its major recommendations. When a charter committee was organized in 1942, about half of its members came from the League. League members gathered petition signatures, staffed a Speakers Bureau, produced and distributed fliers – and helped to win the first election (in which the League president was chosen as a member of the charter writing board).

A draft charter was produced in 1943 and set to be voted on in 1944. The League produced an 8-page booklet explaining the charter and worked hard to get out the vote. Anti-charter forces, led by the current commissioners and leaders who had dominated local politics for many years, succeeded in defeating the charter. Undeterred, the home rule forces started over, won an election in 1946, and wrote another charter which was approved - and Montgomery County became the first county in the state to achieve home rule.

After the Supreme Court's decision in 1954, the League was an active supporter of integration. League observers attended meetings of the County Council, School Board, and Park & Planning Commission. Also in 1954, we published our first Know Your County, which was sold in many local bookstores for a quarter.

In 1967, the League supported the election of delegates to a State Constitutional Convention to replace Maryland's antiquated 1867 document – and then supported the campaign to ratify the new constitution, but voters did not ratify it. Also during the 1960's, the League was involved in a campaign to amend the County Charter to provide for a county government lead by a County Executive. Those changes were approved by the voters and the position was established in 1968.

The League continues to register voters, produce Voters' Guides and hold candidate forums. We have nearly 500 members and study committees focusing on Agriculture, Child Care & Education, Economic Development, Health Care, International Relations, Land Use Planning & Transportation

and Natural Resources. We have an extremely active Making Democracy Work/Voters Services committee and plan to have a Voters' Guide in Spanish for the 2020 elections (to be published in a Spanish language newspaper). We reach out to students in high schools and Montgomery College and the Universities at Shady Grove.

Montgomery County has 1,085,000 residents with an extremely diverse population. Since 2010, it has been a minority majority county; students in the ESOL classes of MCPS speak more than 140 different languages at home. Although it has many affluent residents, it also has many Title I schools and large numbers of students who qualify for FARMS (free and reduced-price meals). More than 1/4 of its acreage is included in an Agricultural Reserve where crops vary from hay and grains to fruits and vegetables – and the local Revenue Authority is beginning a program to encourage a grape and wine industry.

Much of the material above is based on “A History of the Montgomery County League of Women Voters”, compiled by Bill Offutt for the Montgomery County Historical Society, and we appreciate his permission to quote from it.

# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MARYLAND

## PAST PRESIDENTS

|         |                            |           |   |
|---------|----------------------------|-----------|---|
| 1920-39 | Madeleine Lemoyne Ellicott | 1977-81   | Lois Stoner                             |
| 1939-41 | Virginia Williamson        | 1981-83   | Marjorie Johnson                        |
| 1941-43 | Alice Hostetler            | 1983-85   | Kathleen Ellett                         |
| 1943-45 | Irene Sandifer             | 1985-86   | Betsy Cullen                            |
| 1945-47 | Gladys Barber              | 1986-87   | Millie Tyssowski                        |
| 1947-49 | Betty Downs                | 1987-91   | Priscilla Hart                          |
| 1949-53 | Ruth Hirschmann            | 1991-95   | Patty Pollard                           |
| 1953-55 | Gratia Woods               | 1995-99   | Joan Paik                               |
| 1955-59 | Caroline Wood              | 1999-2001 | Joan Trafton                            |
| 1959-63 | Marion Satterthwaite       | 2001-2005 | Judith Morenoff                         |
| 1963-67 | Helen Koss                 | 2005-2009 | Lu Pierson                              |
| 1967-69 | Ilse Darling               | 2009-2013 | Nancy Soreng                            |
| 1969-73 | Gloria Cole                | 2013-2015 | Susan Cochran                           |
| 1973-74 | Bert Booth                 | 2015-2017 | Barbara Schnackenberg &<br>Nancy Soreng |
| 1974-77 | Dale Balfour               | 2017-2019 | Elaine Apter & Richard<br>Willson       |

## LOCAL LEAGUE PRESIDENTS 2018-2019

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| ANNE ARUNDEL          | Niecy Chambers                                      |
| BALTIMORE CITY        | Lois Hybl and Flo Valentine (Co-Presidents)         |
| BALTIMORE CO.         | Camille Marx and Camille Wheeler (Co-Presidents)    |
| CALVERT               | Sharron Bickel and Krista Boughey (Co-Presidents)   |
| CARROLL               | Marty Hankins and Carolyn Hetterick (Co-Presidents) |
| FREDERICK             | Sarah Matthews and Betty Mayfield (Co-Presidents)   |
| HARFORD               | Theresa Freligh                                     |
| HOWARD                | Betsy Grater and Beth Hufnagel (Co-Presidents)      |
| KENT                  | Linda Reed and Jane Hardy (Co-Presidents)           |
| MID-SHORE*            | Pat Comella   |
| MONTGOMERY            | Nancy Bliss   |
| NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA | Kathy McGuire                                       |
| PRINCE GEORGE'S       | Joyce Duckett and Deborah Mitchell (Co-Presidents)  |
| QUEEN ANNE'S          | Barbara Sharkey                                     |
| ST. MARY'S            | Kathleen Werner, Vice President                     |
| WASHINGTON            | Richard Willson                                     |

\* Caroline, Dorchester and Talbot counties.

# STATE BOARD 2017-2019

## Officers:

|  |                                |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Co-Presidents                                      | Elaine Apter & Richard Willson |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President/Action Chair        | Lois Hybl                      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Membership Chair    | Niecy Chambers                 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President/Voter Service Chair | Ralph Watkins                  |
| Secretary  | Theresa Freligh                |
| Treasurer  | Carolyn Hetterick              |

## Directors:

|                                    |                                  |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Program                            | Melanie Cox                      |
| Voter Service                      | Barbara Crain                    |
| Constitution Day/NCA Liaison       | Andrea Gruhl                     |
| State Board Letter/MD Voter Editor | Elizabeth Demulling              |
| Fundraising & Wares                | Joyce Duckett and Joyce Woodford |
| Advocacy Team - Environment        | Betsy Singer                     |
| Online Services                    | Deborah Mitchell                 |
|                                    | Patricia Gordon                  |

## Off Board:

|                      |                             |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| RSC Editor           | Judith Heimann/Ruth Crystal |
| Social Media Manager | Linda Rittelmann            |
| Graphic Design       | Karen Heppen                |

## Nominating Committee:

Nancy Soreng, Chair  
John Perryman  
Sandra Bjork

## LWVUS Liaison to Maryland Leagues:

Gayle McCluskey

## PROPOSED RULES FOR CONVENTION

1. Admission to the Convention shall be limited to persons displaying authorized badges as delegates, observers (members who are not delegates), or visitors.
2. Any League member in attendance shall have the privilege of the floor. Only delegates shall be permitted to vote. If necessary, during a vote count, visitors and observers may be asked to sit in an area designated for them.
3. Individuals wishing to speak shall raise their hands and, when recognized, stand (as they are able) and state their name and the League or State Board portfolio they represent.
4. During debate, no person may speak more than once on a given question until all who desire to speak have been heard. No one may speak more than three minutes without permission of the meeting. The Chair may shorten the time allotted each speaker if the agenda is behind schedule.
5. All motions, except simple motions such as those to close debate, shall be written, signed, and delivered to a scribe who will type them into a computer so that they can be projected for all to see.
6. The procedure for program adoption shall be:
  - a) The proposed program shall be presented and moved for adoption by a member of the Board of Directors. Only brief questions for clarification shall be allowed at this time.
  - b) Non-recommended program items may be moved for consideration immediately following the presentation of the proposed program. The member moving consideration may give a 5-minute explanation. Brief questions for clarification are allowed, but no debate. Any delegate may ask the State Board to give its reason for not recommending the item. Such explanation is not to exceed 3 minutes. The vote for consideration is taken immediately and requires a simple majority.
  - c) The proposed program and the non-recommended items voted for consideration will be taken up for debate, possible amendment and vote in the same order as presented. Non-recommended items require a 3/5 vote for adoption; recommended items require a majority vote.
7. All motions proposing legislative or administrative action on League program shall be delivered to the Action Motions Committee (appointed by the Chair during the Plenary Session I) before 8 a.m. on Sunday, June 9th for consideration. The Committee shall report upon such motions during the Plenary Session II and they will be voted on at this time.
8. There shall be no resolutions except of a courtesy nature.
9. The minutes of this Convention shall be approved by the Board of Directors upon recommendation of a committee appointed by the president to review and correct the minutes.
10. These rules may be amended, rescinded or suspended by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting.

## TIPS ON PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

All business at the Convention is accomplished by making, debating, and acting upon motions. Once a topic has been introduced, by a main motion, seconded and stated by the Chair, it must normally be disposed of before the Convention can proceed. Exceptions to this general rule occur when the Order of Business provides for introduction of particular motions at one meeting while action on them is postponed to a later time. This is the case with League program and budget.

To amend a main motion say, "I move to amend by: (either) striking out or adding  
(or) inserting  
(or) substituting  
(or) striking out and inserting."

When debate does not seem to be shedding additional light, you may move to end it by saying, "I move the previous question." You must be recognized by the Chair to make this motion. The motion must be seconded; it is not debatable and will be voted on at once. Adoption requires a two-thirds vote. If it is adopted, a vote is taken immediately on the question under consideration.

To reconsider a vote say, "I move to reconsider." This motion can only be made by a delegate who voted on the prevailing side, but can be seconded by any delegate. It can be made at any time, but the vote on it may be postponed to an appropriate time. The motion requires a majority vote to pass, and if it does, the original motion is then before the Convention again.

**VOTING:** If you are not satisfied with a voice vote, you may request a standing vote. Stand up immediately after the Chair announces the result of the voice vote and say, "I call for a division." If you want a counted vote, stand up and say, "I move that this vote be counted." This motion must be seconded and is then voted on. It requires a simple majority.

**MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS:** These motions are not necessarily related to the main motion and do not fall within the order of precedence. They do not need a second and may be made as necessary or appropriate.

**Parliamentary Inquiry:** This is a request by a delegate for the Chair to provide information on a question of parliamentary procedure. It does not need a second and may be made as necessary or appropriate.

**Point of Information:** This is a request for information which is relevant to the pending business. The request is directed to the Chair, who may answer it or request someone else to answer it.

**Point of Order:** This is a request to the Chair to rule on whether or not there has been a breach of the rules. The Chair must make a ruling. (The ruling of the Chair may be appealed)

**Points of Personal Privilege:** This is a request relating to the rights and privileges of the Convention. For example, it may relate to excessive noise, or heat or similar matters.

# AGENDA - 2019 LWVMD CONVENTION – Gaithersburg, MD

## Friday, June 7, 2019

3:00 pm Registration

6:00 pm Happy Hour and Dine-Around with LWVMC

## Saturday, June 8, 2019

8:00 am - 10:00 am Registration

10:30 am - Noon Plenary Session I

|   |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Call to Order                                 | Apter                         |
| Montgomery County Welcome                     | Marc Elrich, County Executive |
| Credentials Report                            | Reynolds                      |
| Adoption of Agenda                            | Apter                         |
| Presentation/Adoption of Convention Rules     | Barnes/Apter                  |
| Approval of 2017 Convention Minutes           | Apter                         |
| Appointment of Reading Committee 2019 minutes | Apter                         |
| Appointment of Action Motions Committee       | Apter                         |
| Membership Report                             | Chambers                      |
| Treasurer's Report                            | Hetterick                     |
| Presentation of Merger Proposal/By Laws       | Willson                       |

Noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunch (on your own)

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 pm Workshop -

*"Organizing for Dollars: How to Ask for What You Want."* Amy Hjerstedt, LWVUS

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Plenary Session II

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Report of Credential Committee  |              |
| Nominating Committee Report & Introduction of Nominees                | Nancy Soreng |
| Presentation of 2019-21 Proposed State Program and<br>Motion to Adopt | Melanie Cox  |
| Motions for Consideration of Non-Recommended Items:                   | Apter        |
| Discussion and Debate (no motions)                                    |              |
| Presentation of the 2019-20 Budget:                                   | Russell      |
| Budget Discussion (No motions]  |              |

Call for Action Motions: Willson  
Announcements Willson

**5:30 p.m. Happy Hour**

**6:00 p.m.** Remarks by Dr. William "Brit" Kirwan chair: The Kirwan Commission  
Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education

**7:00 p.m. Banquet**

Additional Remarks by Craig Rice, Member of the Kirwan Commission and member of the  
Montgomery County Council.

Merger and Bylaw caucus following dinner. Location TBD

**Sunday, June 9, 2019**

**8-9:30 Check-out**

**9-9:30 Registration**

**9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Concurrent Workshops**

Forums

Nancy Smith

Webinars and Conference Calls

Linda Rittelmann

**11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Plenary Session III**

Report of Credentials Committee

Discussion/motions/Adoption of 2019 -21 Program

Apter

Discussion/Motions/Vote By-Laws

Willson

**11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Networking Lunch**

**1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. PLENARY SESSION IV**

Report of Credentials Committee

Chasson

Discussion, Motions and Vote on Budget for 2019-2020:

Willson

Election of 2019-21 New Board

Willson

New Business:

Willson/Hybl

Directions to the Board:

Willson/Hybl

Announcements:

Willson/Hybl

**2:30 p.m. CONVENTION ADJOURNS**

# REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

## **BOARD OFFICERS**

President

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

## **2017-2019**

Elaine Apter &

Richard Willson

Lois Hybl

Niecy Chambers

Ralph Watkins

Theresa Freligh

Carolyn Hetterick

## **2019-21 NOMINEES**

Richard Willson, Washington Co.

Lois Hybl, Baltimore City

Elaine Apter, Montgomery Co.

Niecy Chambers, Anne Arundel Co.

Alice Giles, Howard Co.

Theresa Freligh, Harford Co.

Carolyn Hetterick, Carroll Co.

## **BOARD MEMBERS**

Director

Director

Director

Director

Director

Director

Director

Director

Director

## **2017-2019**

Melanie Cox

Barbara Crain

Elizabeth Demulling

Joyce Duckett

Pat Gordon

Andrea Gruhl

Deborah Mitchell

Betsy Singer

Joyce Woodford

## **2019-21 NOMINEES**

Nancy Smith, Kent Co.

Barbara Crain, Baltimore Co.

Linda Rittelmann, Baltimore City

Kimberly Scott, Frederick Co.

Andrea Gruhl, Howard Co.

Joyce Duckett, Prince George's Co.

Deborah Mitchell, Prince George's Co.

Roy Appletree, Howard Co.

Pat Pease, Calvert Co.

## **NOMINATING**

Elected Member

Elected Member

Elected Member

Appointed Member

## **2017-2019**

Nancy Soreng, Chair

John Perryman

Sandy Bjork

## **2019-21 NOMINEES**

Ralph Watkins, Chair, Montgomery Co.

Ruth Crystal, Baltimore City

Jane Hardy, Kent Co.

**NOTE:** The bylaws define the officers that shall be nominated for election at convention and also state that nine directors shall be nominated. The by-laws do not define the portfolios for the elected directors. That will be determined at the LWVMD Board retreat. The by-laws provide for the appointment of up to nine additional directors by the elected Board as necessary to carry out the work of the League. The Nominating Committee recommends appointing Nancy Soreng for one year so she can assist Roy Appletree as he learns the Action Director Portfolio.

## BIOGRAPHIES – NEW AND CONTINUING LWVMD BOARD MEMBERS



### **LOIS HYBL (CO-PRESIDENT)**

Lois is a transplant from Iowa who joined the League in the 1960's. As a parent of Baltimore City Public School students, she became especially interested in financing education and participated in education studies with the Baltimore City League. She worked first as an education research assistant at Johns Hopkins University and then as a first-grade reading curriculum specialist for Success for All, a non-profit foundation working with schools with a high percentage of at-risk students. When she retired, she became more active in the Baltimore City League, serving as president, co-president, treasurer and representative to the Baltimore Education Coalition. She has been the Education Reporter for Report from State Circle and represents the LWVMD on the steering committee of the Maryland Education Coalition (MEC). She joined the LWVMD Board in 2016 and chaired the November program on Police-Community Relations at the University of Baltimore. For the past two years, she has served as First Vice-President for Action. She is active in the Czech and Slovak Heritage Association and the Towson Unitarian Universalist Church Social Action Committee. She and her husband, Albert, enjoy Irish social dancing and ballroom dancing.



### **RICHARD WILLSON (CO-PRESIDENT)**

Richard B. Willson was the Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Washington County from 1989 to 2015. He is a current board member, serving as one of our Co-Presidents, having first joined the State Board in 2015 as Webmaster for the new LWVMD website. Richard is an active member of John Wesley United Methodist Church, serving in various positions at the District and Conference level. He is on the Board of Directors of REACH, the Religious Effort to Assist and Care for the Homeless, Inc. He was the founding member and Secretary of Western Maryland Interfaith Housing Development Corporation from 1990 to 1994. He volunteers at Ten Thousand Villages and is a Chamber of Commerce representative. Finally, Richard has been the President of the League of Women Voters of Washington County from 2010 to the present.



### **ELAINE APTER (1<sup>ST</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT)**

Elaine has been a member of the League of Women Voters since 1974, serving in various capacities in several geographic areas. For the past two years Elaine has been privileged to serve as co-President of LWVMD along with her counterpart, Richard Willson. Before joining the State Board, she was co-President of the Montgomery County LWV for four years. Elaine has belonged to small as well as large local Leagues. She served as officers in Seminole County Florida LWV and Los Angeles City LWV, where she held the position of Executive VP. Elaine is also a member of the LWVUS Lobby Corps and has served as the Credentials Chair for the last three National Conventions held in Washington, D.C. By profession Elaine is a librarian and a

teacher.



**NIECY CHAMBERS (2<sup>nd</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT)**

A 3rd generation Leaguer, Niecy first joined the LWV in Mountain Lakes, NJ in 1993. She reconnected with the League after the family moved to Annapolis in 2004, and has served as LWVAAC archivist, voters' guide editor, webmaster, vice president, co-president and president. In 2017, she was elected to the LWVMD Board as VP-Membership. Since leaving a position in finance to help raise their three daughters, Niecy has volunteered wherever her family has lived and worked part-time as an office administrator. She filled in as LWVMD office manager from January 2013 to July 2014, and greatly enjoyed the opportunity to meet Leaguers from across the state.



**ALICE GILES (3<sup>rd</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT)**

Alice Giles is a member of the League of Women Voters of Howard County, where she has served as Director of Advocacy, Voter Service, and Co-President. She was also a member of the LWVUS Nominating Committee. Currently, she's a member of a number of Boards and Commissions in the County, including those focused on sexual assault, philanthropy, and public transportation.



**THERESA FRELIGH (SECRETARY)**

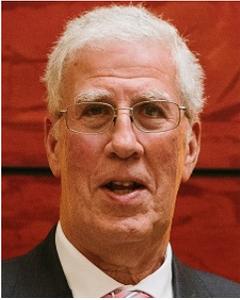
Theresa is a retired Special Education Teacher from Saugerties High School in Saugerties, NY. She taught for thirty years in New York State. Theresa is the Past President of the Ulster County Transition Council and the current President of Harford County League of Women Voters and Secretary of Maryland League of Women Voters State Board. She has been a Harford County resident for the past nine years and is an active volunteer at Eden Mill Nature Center and a member of AAUW.



**CAROLYN HETTERICK (TREASURER)**

Carolyn Hetterick was born and lived most of her life in central Maryland. After graduation from high school, she married and raised three children. She worked in her family's business for many years, and was founder and President of Ridge Business Forms, Inc. Later, as a single parent, Carolyn earned a BS degree from the University of Baltimore and became a Certified Public Accountant. Prior to focusing on her own accounting business, she served fifteen years as the Controller for a mid-sized conglomerate of privately held insurance firms. Carolyn has volunteered and worked with many organizations. She has also served as treasurer for multiple church and civic organizations and as the Treasurer of the League of Women Voters of Carroll County

and for past four years as Treasurer for the LWVMD.



**ROY APPLETREE (DIRECTOR)**

Roy is a long-time member of the Howard County League. He has been active in their Study Groups on Housing and Immigration; he has chaired recent Budget Committees; and he has routinely performed Poll Observation. Roy's academic background includes a Master's and a Doctorate of Public Administration. He has applied these studies as a practitioner in federal, state, local and non-profit organizations. Now retired, his professional career focused on affordable housing and drug-addiction prevention. In retirement, Roy has served on the boards of many local non-profits. He has a keen interest in public policy and has served on the public policy committees of the Maryland Association of Non-Profits and the Howard County Association of Community Services. Roy looks forward to serving on the board of the League of Women Voters of Maryland.



**BARBARA CRAIN (DIRECTOR)**

Barbara moved to Baltimore County in 1993 and has been on the Board of Directors for LWV in her county since 2015. She chaired their Voters' Guide Committee for the 2016 and 2018 elections and helped prepare Voters' Guides. She joined the Board of Directors for the State League in 2017. She has coordinated volunteers for voter registration of new citizens at US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) since 2016 and has recently assumed responsibility for the New Citizens Voter Registration Grant for Maryland. She was the State Board's coordinator for statewide forums in 2018. Barbara is a retired pathologist from Johns Hopkins and still teaches in the medical school. During her career she held multiple offices in professional societies. She enjoys reading, working in her garden, and spending time with her family.



**JOYCE DUCKETT (DIRECTOR)**

Joyce Duckett recently retired from Fredericks of Hollywood after being employed for fifteen years. She advanced in her career, starting as a manger trainee then becoming a regional manager. Before joining the Fredericks of Hollywood team Joyce worked as a Regional Manager for Draper's and Damon's and Fashion Bug. Joyce Duckett worked in the retail industry for over twenty years.

Joyce Duckett is the past President of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. Prince George's County Maryland Chapter. She served two terms as the President. During her tenure she raised the Coalition's visibility in the county, increased the membership by 50%, and promoted the chapter to a Model Chapter within the National Level. Prior to being President, she served as the treasurer and chair of the Health Committee. She has been a member for eighteen years.

Joyce is the past President of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. Prince George's County, Maryland. She served two terms as President. She promoted the chapter in the community and raised the membership. She served as Membership Chair and Fashion Show Chair for several years. During her tenure as the Membership chair, she had the largest number of members join as life members to the organization. She is still an active member of the organization and has been for the last twenty- five years.

Joyce Duckett is currently the President of the St John's International Ladies Auxiliary of St. John's Catholic Church in Clinton, Maryland. She has been a member for twenty-four years.

Joyce Duckett is currently the Co-President of the League of Women Voters, Prince George's County. She has been a member for several years. She has increased the membership by 40% and promoted the organization within the community. Joyce attended Morgan State University and Strayer University, combining the two to achieve a BA in Business Administration.



**ANDREA MORRIS GRUHL (DIRECTOR)**

A "Pioneer" in new town Columbia, MD; moved 2016 to Miller's Grant, Ellicott City, MD. LWVHC: Co-President, Director, Secretary and Liaison. LWVMD: Director for Homeland Security/Civil Liberties, Director for Constitution Day and LWVNCA Liaison. LWVNCA: Vice President, Director, Liaison. LWVUS: Task Force on Civil Liberties, Homeland Security Portfolio. Vice President/Secretary, United Nations Association of the National Capital Area. President, Beta Phi Mu International Library and Information Studies Honor Society (Washington, DC. Area). President, District of Columbia Library Association. President, Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Round Table. Council Member, Council Caucus Co-Chair, American Library Association. President, Maryland Library Association Trustee Division. Trustee, Howard Community College. Trustee, Howard County Public Library System. Executive Board, Baltimore Regional Planning Council Library Committee. President, Friends of the Howard County Public Library. Librarian, PG & HoCo PL's, Univ. of MD, LC, GPO. Andrea has a husband, 2 daughters, 2 grandsons, son-in-law. Educated at Wesleyan, University of Maryland, Johns Hopkins University, and Oxford University.



**DEBORAH MITCHELL (DIRECTOR)**

Deborah is currently Co-President of the League of Women Voters Prince George's County. As a LWVPGC member, she has coordinated and staffed local candidates' forums, organized local primary and general election polling place evaluations, co-produced the 2018 LWVPGC Primary and General Election Voters Guide and serves as the LWVPGC website editor. In addition, Deborah is a Report from State Circle (RSC) reporter and a LWVNCA liaison.

Deborah is a retired National Education Association (NEA) Research Analyst. She has been a Prince George's County resident for over 30 years, residing in the Bowie-Mitchellville area for almost 20 years. She is a divorced mother of two children and has three grandchildren. Deborah received a B.S. degree from the University of Maryland

System, College Park, MD and holds an M.A. in Sociology from American University, Washington, DC.

**PAT PEASE (DIRECTOR)**

Pat was privileged to spend her early years growing up in the "wild west" of Washington State. In those formative years she was nurtured by parents, school and church to love the earth and all its people. With those messages imbedded, she has spent her years as mother, grandmother, educator and community activist.

As a resident of Calvert County for 40 years, her efforts have assisted the development of services for those experiencing traumatic events in relationships with family and community. With the support of the county Commission for Women and concerned citizens the Crisis Intervention Center was established within the Health Department, which worked in collaboration with the offices of behavioral health and substance abuse services as well as the local hospital. Community Education with regard to domestic violence and sexual assault was extended to the schools, social services, law enforcement and the courts.

Pat has served on various organizational boards including the Bowie LWV, Human Relations Commission (1970's), the National Capital Presbytery Commission for Women, Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence, Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women, and Calvert County Commission for Women, the Collaborative for Children and Youth, the Calvert Mediation Center, the LWV Calvert, and #Our Common Calvert, an interfaith, multiracial sponsored youth leadership development and community activism group.



**LINDA RITTELMANN (DIRECTOR)**

Linda Rittelmann has been active in the League of Women Voters of Baltimore City ever since she moved to Maryland 25 years ago, and has served in a variety of League positions, including President of the Baltimore City League in 2014-2016. Linda is currently Communications Director for Consumer Health First, a Healthcare Advocacy non-profit which advances the notion that healthcare is a human right and should be affordable and accessible for all Marylanders. She has held numerous leadership positions in hospital administration in Baltimore at Johns Hopkins, Sinai, and GBMC. She received her BS in biochemistry and molecular biology from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and her MHA and MBA from the University of Pittsburgh. She lives in the Bolton Hill neighborhood of Baltimore City, and was most recently President of the Bolton Hill Community Association and on the Board of Directors for the Midtown Development Corporation. She loves to cook and travel.



**KIMBERLY SCOTT (DIRECTOR)**

Kimberly Scott has been a member of the LWV Frederick for a year and is currently an LWV Frederick member at Large board member. She has been a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for 28 years and serves as Frederick County Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc Social Action Chairperson. Kimberly's professional background is being a Human Resource manager for Sodexo Marriott for seventeen years. She is committed to being active and engaged in her civic responsibility to her community of Frederick, Maryland. She serves on the Education ministry at Hope Christian Fellowship

Church in Adamstown, Maryland where she is a dedicated member. She has been married to her husband, Astley, for 16 years and they have two children, Astley Henry Scott II and Ashley Margaret Scott and her baby Shi Tzu, Pepper Scott. Kimberly loves spending time with her family and extended family, planning events, travelling, cooking, collecting stamps and playing golf.



**NANCY SMITH (DIRECTOR)**

Nancy grew up in South Carolina. She has degrees from the University of South Carolina in history/political science (1967) and from the University of Georgia in applied art (1999.) Her professional life spanned thirty years during which she worked for real estate development companies and resorts. After that, she established her own firm which developed work procedure systems, did business reorganizations and formulated land analyses for major lenders.

She has lived in Rock Hall for seventeen years during which time she has continuously served on the Kent County League Board as President, Voter Service Chair and Events Coordinator.

# PORTFOLIO REPORTS

## Co-Presidents' Report

We are proud to report that the past two years have been very productive and rewarding.

Our number one priority for the Maryland 2019 legislative session was redistricting. LWVMD signed on to an amicus brief in the Supreme Court case *Lamone v. Benisek* against gerrymandering of Maryland's 6th Congressional District. We were proud to have our Administrative Director, Ashley Oleson appointed to Governor Hogan's independent redistricting commission to redraw the 6th congressional district map. We continued working on educating the public about redistricting through a grant from LWVUS.

During the 2019 Maryland Legislative session we wrote close to 100 pieces of testimony, up from just over 80 in 2018.

LWVMD held two successful workshops, a Legislative Day, and a Day on Capitol Hill along with completing two studies: Death with Dignity and Corrections and Bail. We have a continuing study on Civic Education that is expected to conclude next year.

As for membership, Maryland placed in the top five Leagues across the US in new student members. We also added a new local League in Carroll County.

For the general election, with the help of local League members and volunteers, we created a Vote 411 guide for all counties in Maryland, including those without local Leagues. We also mailed postcards to all voters who had requested absentee ballots announcing that candidate information was available on VOTE411.org. We continue to register voters at Naturalization Ceremonies and in 2018 we were invited to the Baltimore Ravens Training Facility to get the players and staff ready to vote!

Our League has shared its work on an international scale this year as well. In November 2018, our Administrative Director, Ashley Oleson, and LWV Anne Arundel County's Vice-President spent time with a delegation from the country of Georgia to share information on our structure and processes for civic engagement. In February 2019, our co-President, Elaine Apter and Action Chair, Lois Hybl spent an afternoon with women elected officials from Costa Rica, comparing information about elections, women's issues and the experiences of women in politics. We were pleased that our two office interns got to share the experience.

Ashley also mentored two office interns during the 2019 legislative session, Colleen Herrmann of UMD – College Park and Nadia Monnier of Hood College.

The League of Women Voters of Maryland was proud to be a recipient of the Frederick and Diana Prince Livable Communities Leadership Award for our efforts to secure first-ever dedicated funding for the DC Metro system. This award was given by the Coalition for Smarter Growth. We would like to recognize Nancy Soreng and Bee Ditzler for their leadership in this project.

This was all done thanks to the support of our wonderful State Board members and our Administrative Director.

*Elaine Apter & Richard Willson*

## ACTION

Advocating on the state level for policy and legislation that supports state and national LWV positions is a major portion of our activity and a responsibility and privilege of every League member. Each fall local Leagues submit their consensus of what the important issues are, and the state League develops our annual “Legislative and Budget Priorities” for the upcoming legislative session in Annapolis (90 days - January through April). Here I have summarized the fate of the priorities we established for Legislative Day. However, LWVMD testified on many other bills and had other wins and losses. As of the late April deadline, most bills which passed had not yet been signed by the Governor.

### Making Democracy Work

- In spite of an intensive lobbying campaign and excellent testimony from our partners and even a group from California, for **Legislative and Congressional Redistricting and Apportionment – Commission and Process, SB 90** died in committee and **HB 43** received an unfavorable report in the House Rules Committee. **SB 110/HB 463 Congressional Districts – Standards** which called for a state constitutional amendment mandating that map drawers use the same standards for Congressional districts that are in place for legislative districts: districts that are compact, contiguous, and give due regard to natural boundaries and political subdivisions (like county lines), met the same fate.
- **SB 449 Election Law - Election Day Voter Registration** passed. It implements the Constitutional amendment passed in 2018 which allows individuals to register to vote on Election Day at any precinct polling place within their county of residence, with appropriate documentation.
- However, **SB 489/HB 530 Ballot Access - Voter Registration - Affiliating With a Party** did not get out of committee. It would have allowed voters who chose not to affiliate with a political party to change to a party affiliation at any time that individuals may register to vote.
- **HB 676 Campaign Finance – Judges of the Circuit Court** did not get out of committee. It would have done two things. First, it set up a public campaign finance program for candidates for Judge of the Circuit Court. Secondly, it prohibited candidates for Circuit Court Judge who choose not to participate in, or did not qualify for the public funding program, from accepting any donations from lawyers or law firms.

### Protecting the Environment

- **SB 516 Clean Energy Jobs Act** passed. It raises the amount of energy Maryland is required to derive from renewable energy sources to 50% by the year 2030; dedicates funding to workforce development programs, especially women owned, minority-owned, and veteran-owned businesses; expands incentives for solar and wind-energy projects; and establishes the requirement for a plan to reach 100% clean energy by the year 2040. However, advocates were disappointed that trash incinerators still “count” as renewable energy in this law.
- **HB 109/SB 285 Environment - Expanded Polystyrene Food Service Products – Prohibition** passed. After July 1, 2020, sales in Maryland of polystyrene food service products – whether already containing food or not – will be banned.

## Promoting Social and Economic Justice

- **SB 1030 The Blueprint for Maryland's Future** passed. It provides \$1 billion in new funding for Maryland public schools over the next three school years. The new funds will cover conversion of more half-day preschool programs to full-day, intensive tutoring to make sure students can read on grade level by 3rd grade, extra supports for schools with concentrated poverty, additional funding to provide special education services, salary increases for teachers, and a strong accountability system.
- **HB 166/SB 280 Minimum Wage and Enforcement - "Fight for Fifteen"** passed, was vetoed by the governor, and the veto was over-riden. It will increase the state minimum wage to \$15 dollars an hour by 2025 with a longer phase-in for employers with fourteen or fewer employees and other exceptions. Advocates were disappointed with the two-year delay in phase-in and the exceptions for young people and agricultural workers.
- **HB 923 Task Force to Study Transportation Access** passed. It requires a study resulting in recommendations to improve access to employment, training and education opportunities, health and rehabilitation services, and other social services for individuals and families in the State without access to public transportation or the ability to use personal motor vehicles.
- **HB 771/SB 630 Transportation – Regional Transportation Authority Study** did not get out of committee. It would have authorized a study of regional transportation throughout Maryland. Transportation systems coordinate with others in various ways and deliver a variety of services to different populations sometimes dependent on locality.

There were 2,481 bills and 16 resolutions introduced this year, of which only 864 bills passed both houses and each house passed one resolution. The League either submitted testimony or signed onto other testimony nearly 100 times. We especially thank Elaine Apter, Nancy Soreng and Dona Sauerburger for doing much of the in-person testimony and Ashley Oleson for her leadership on the gerrymandering issue. Ashley helped track legislation, made sure testimony was produced and delivered on time, and coordinated much communication about our legislative activities. In addition, she guided our interns, Colleen Herrmann and Nadia Monnier, in their many helpful tasks and activities such as revising *When You Go to Annapolis*.

The LWVMD produces six issues of Report from State Circle (RSC) to inform our members and other subscribers about these bills and how they are progressing through the legislative process. Legislative activity was tracked by 22 League members who each followed a specific subject area. The RSC was edited and produced by our wonderful editor Ruth Crystal, with the assistance of our Administrative Director Ashley Oleson, Niecy Chambers, and our interns. This year's reporters included: Neilson Andrews, Elaine Apter, Susan Cochran, Marlene Cohn, Carole Conors, Ruth Crystal, Bee Ditzler, Shari Glenn, Pat Gordon, Chris Hager, Barbara Hankins, Lois Hybl, Deborah Mitchell, Judy Morenoff, Jill Muth, Ashley Oleson, Gloria Salas Kos, Dona Sauerburger, Linda Silversmith, Betsy Singer and Nancy Soreng.

Our advocacy includes both written and oral testimony on bills the League has a position for or against (often written by the reporters), sign-ons to coalition letters compatible with our positions, action alerts that go out to all League members urging them to contact legislators on specific issues they are about to vote on, and work with coalitions of advocates working on governmental, environmental and social issues we are concerned about.

Each year the League holds a Legislative Day in Annapolis for our members to talk personally with

their legislators, hear about the state budget and get updates on our priorities from RSC reporters. For the budget briefing, we heard from Victoria Gruber, Executive Director of Legislative Services. Rachel Hise, Education Workgroup Leader, Department of Legislative Services gave an overview of the budget implications of SB 1030, The Blueprint for Maryland's Future, the bill implementing the first two years of recommendations of the Kirwan Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education. She also provided copies of the commission report for attendees. Our luncheon speaker was Josh Tulkin, Director of the Sierra Club. Those who made appointments to visit their legislators were given background information on the key bills the League is focusing on. Seventy-two people attended the event.

While the legislative session is over, our work with coalitions continues throughout the year. They include Citizens' Campaign for the Environment, Everyone Votes Maryland, Maryland Alliance for the Poor, Maryland Nonprofits, ACTivate Maryland, The Maryland Climate Coalition, Maryland Education Coalition, Marylanders for Open Government, Tame the Gerrymander, Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, Students Learn Students Vote, Maryland Clean Agriculture Coalition (MCAC), and Choose Clean Water Coalition.

*Lois Hybl*

## **PROGRAM**

### **SUMMARY PROGRAM PLANNING 2019-2021**

All comments from local Leagues were reviewed and considered by the LWVMD Board. It is recommended that all current positions be retained. There are two new positions that will be added assuming approval by membership at the 2019 Convention. These additions are:

#### **GOVERNMENT:**

The Bail/Corrections position is recommended by the LWVMD Board for approval. (See the position statement)

#### **SOCIAL POLICY:**

The Death with Dignity concurrence position is recommended by the LWVMD Board for approval. (See the concurrence position statement)

Based on a recommendation from local Leagues the LWVMD Board is recommending the following editorial change:

#### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:**

Reword item a) to read "Counseling for EVERYONE AFFECTED BY ABUSE. (formerly Counseling for abused women, children and batterers.)

### **CONCURRENCE POSITION STATEMENT—DEATH WITH DIGNITY**

*The League of Women Voters of Maryland believes state laws should grant the option for a terminally ill person to request medical assistance from a relevant, licensed physician to end one's life.*

*The League of Women Voters of Maryland believes such legislation should include safeguards against abuse for the dying and/or medical personnel.*

### **FINAL POSITION BAIL AND PRETRIAL RELEASE**

*(IF APPROVED AT CONVENTION)*

Suggest that this position go under A Government: 1. Administration of Justice: and become b) moving "Sentencing" and all following items down two:

b) Heading would be **Bail (2019)**

A person accused of a crime should be released awaiting trial without bail if a risk assessment tool indicates that the defendant is likely to appear in court, the defendant does not pose a threat to victims, others or the community and the jurisdiction has pretrial services to monitor and/or treat the defendant.

Bail bond agents should be closely regulated, monitored and subject to recourse for abuse.

c) Heading would now be ***Pretrial Release (2019)***

Conditions for pretrial release should be determined based on a validated, evidence based, race neutral risk scoring instrument; information presented at the initial appearance and bail review hearing and an in-person assessment of the defendant whenever possible.

Pretrial services should be required in all jurisdictions, provide supervision and use automated means of ensuring court appearances and include a range of services including treatment programs.

(2019) There was no consensus on the general statement that bail should be abolished or on the role of judicial discretion in determining pretrial release. There was no consensus on the source of funding for pretrial services. Any position on funding would require additional study by the League. There was no consensus on the statement that bail bond agents should be utilized to supervise released defendants and track down any who fail to appear.

## **NEW STUDIES FOR 2019-2021**

### **RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD**

1. **Study of Civic Education in Schools:** Development and implementation of a curriculum to provide means for students to be knowledgeable and informed and encourage active engagement in the democratic process. This study is continuing into 2019-2020. **Readopt**
2. **Study of the Citizen Initiatives Process:** Consider experiences of other states, both negative and positive, and of the possible paths to allow citizens to initiate legislation or Constitutional Amendments.

### **NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD**

**Title: Study of All Mail-In Voting:** Purpose: A study to examine the potential for “All Mail-In Voting”, also known as vote-by-mail as an election method, which would enable all registered voters to receive a ballot by mail and return it by mail rather than going to an in-person voting center. While Maryland allows people to vote by mail via an absentee ballot, this approach would make all mail-in voting the method used by all registered voters.

*Melanie Cox*

## MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to the efforts of LWVMD Treasurer Carolyn Hetterick, a strong League presence has been reestablished in Carroll County. When the local League suspended operations in 2014, Carolyn remained active as a Member-at-Large (MAL) representing Carroll County on the state Board. She recognized that last year's election provided a good opportunity to reacquaint locals with the League's voter services and advocacy. Through her diligence and persuasiveness, LWVMD welcomed 17 additional MALs from Carroll County in 2018, more than enough to form a MAL Unit. To facilitate the process for organizing and operating MAL Units in Carroll County and other counties without a local League, the state Board has revised its policies and also created a new name of Affiliate. Congratulations to the Carroll County Affiliate!

In April 2018, LWVUS announced an initiative to engage young people in the League's work. As a key first step, the LWVUS Board voted to waive student Per Member Payments (PMP) at the national level through January 2021. LWVMD followed suit, with our Board voting not to charge PMP for any student members as long as the LWVUS program is in effect. The state Board further voted to define student members as "anyone between 16 and 30 years of age attending an accredited institution full- or part-time."

To support our local Leagues that are working to connect with students, LWVMD has organized a monthly conference call and set up a Google folder to facilitate the sharing of ideas and materials. The state League also joined the Students Learn Students Vote (SLSV) coalition, a national partnership of organizations with the common goal of integrating democratic engagement into campus culture countrywide. Our SLSV participation aligns LWVMD with a youth-driven initiative to empower student voters, and offers both useful resources and networking opportunities for our local Leagues.

Innovative efforts by a number of our local Leagues have resulted in an increase in student members from 9 to 51 statewide this year. Frederick County not only added 26 student members, it formed an LWV chapter at Hood College with a written constitution and a League member serving as faculty advisor. Queen Anne's County is working to develop a similar program at Chesapeake College. Baltimore County's strong relationship with Towson University has resulted in two student interns and a case study on improving the League's visibility. Montgomery County has long maintained an active presence at all three Montgomery College campuses and The Universities at Shady Grove. Other Leagues collaborate regularly with their local colleges on programs and voter registration.

The Montgomery and Calvert County Leagues have also successfully enlisted high school students in LWV-related activities. Megan Pankiewicz, an AP Language teacher and LWVMC member, developed and implemented a curriculum using League methods that she has been invited to present at the national 2019 Advanced Placement Annual Convention this summer. The state Board greatly appreciates the contribution of all of our talented and dedicated members in introducing younger generations to the League.

Historically, each member of the LWVMD Board has served as a liaison to a different local League than their own. The purpose of the liaison program is to ensure good two-way communications between local Leagues and the state Board. Because the 2017-19 Board included elected representatives from all but three local Leagues, the Board decided to have Board members share information with their own Leagues. For the Leagues not represented, Ralph Watkins continued as

liaison to Mid-Shore, Liz Demulling served as liaison to St. Mary's County and Joyce Woodford to Kent County. Subsequently, Liz and Joyce both resigned from the Board for personal reasons, and Elaine Apter became liaison to Kent County, Niecy Chambers to Queen Anne's, Ralph Watkins to Calvert and Deborah Mitchell to St. Mary's.

*Niecy Chambers*

| <b>LWVMD MEMBERSHIP CHART 2018-19</b> |                        |                        |                      |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>League/Affiliate</b>               | <b>1/31/2019 Total</b> | <b>1/31/2018 Total</b> | <b>% incr./decr.</b> |
| LWVMD MAL                             | 5                      | 3                      | 66.7%                |
| Anne Arundel                          | 85                     | 70                     | 21.4%                |
| Baltimore City                        | 89                     | 84                     | 6.0%                 |
| Baltimore County                      | 167                    | 150                    | 11.3%                |
| Calvert                               | 76                     | 94                     | -19.1%               |
| Carroll                               | 20                     | 3                      | 566.7%               |
| Frederick                             | 122                    | 95                     | 28.4%                |
| Harford                               | 21                     | 32                     | -34.4%               |
| Howard                                | 135                    | 124                    | 8.9%                 |
| Kent                                  | 59                     | 57                     | 3.5%                 |
| Mid-Shore*                            | 23                     | 22                     | 4.5%                 |
| Montgomery                            | 478                    | 417                    | 14.6%                |
| Prince George's                       | 46                     | 45                     | 2.2%                 |
| Queen Anne's                          | 33                     | 42                     | -21.4%               |
| St. Mary's                            | 29                     | 22                     | 31.8%                |
| Washington                            | 12                     | 11                     | 9.1%                 |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                         | <b>1400</b>            | <b>1271</b>            | <b>10.1%</b>         |
| Primary                               | 1144                   | 1052                   | 8.7%                 |
| Household                             | 136                    | 139                    | -2.2%                |
| Life                                  | 69                     | 71                     | -2.8%                |
| Student                               | 51                     | 9                      | 466.7%               |

## ONLINE DIRECTOR REPORT

During the 2017-2019 program period, LWVMD provided both technical and material resources to increase Online Services' capacity to help local leagues to more effectively communicate with their members and other stakeholders through the development, refinement and maintenance of a variety of Nation Builder, Google and other social media website, communication and database applications and tools.

### Online Services Highlights:

- LWVMD utilization of ClickMeeting to conduct league online training and hold Board and other types of League meetings.
- Creation of a Facebook-generated LWVMD workgroup.
- Revitalization of LWVMD Wares page.
- Local League (without the capacity) "free" access to LWVMD's online payment technology to offer their members an online join option.
- Development of strategies to maximize the utility of Nation Builder profiles to organize targeted populations for political actions (petition signatures, contacting state and local leaders, fundraising, etc.).

*Deborah Mitchell*

## VOTER SERVICE

We tend to think of Voter Service as occurring in an election year, but the League's work begins with voter registration. One of our largest voter registration activities is conducted at naturalization ceremonies at the United States courthouses in Baltimore and Greenbelt and also at the Baltimore offices of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service. In 2017, there were almost 1,500 new citizens who registered to vote with the assistance of League volunteers. In 2018, there were approximately 1,000 more new citizens enrolled by the League. Hundreds more voters are registered by League members each year in high schools, on college campuses, at festivals, and other locations.

As most Maryland League members know, a gubernatorial election year requires a lot of volunteer hours to produce the Voters' Guide and candidate forums because nearly every elected office is on the ballot. Thanks to the Voter Service coordinators in our local Leagues and volunteers who were recruited through our Annapolis office, we were able to produce a Voters' Guide for each county and to invite candidates for all offices to submit their views on the issues. Local Leagues published 188,000 copies of their Voters' Guides and these were distributed through newspapers, libraries and other public locations, and mailed to requesters in many counties. More than 95,000 Marylanders visited VOTE411.org before the general election, bringing the total number of visitors to that website to almost 147,000 for the year. In addition, tens of thousands visited the Voters' Guide page of the

LWVMD website.

Our 2018 Winter Workshop included a session on conducting candidate forums which featured model materials developed by Leagues in Maryland. Thanks to Nancy Smith, Niecy Chambers, Nancy Soreng, and other members of the planning committee for producing a great workshop. During the year, Leagues hosted a large number of candidate forums for candidates for state, federal, and local offices. These were publicized on the LWVMD website as well as through VOTE411.org. Many of the forums were video-recorded and links were posted on both websites as well.

From the moment a person becomes eligible to vote to when they actually walk into the voting booth, League volunteers are there to help them understand the process and provide unbiased information. It has been a pleasure to work with so many dedicated volunteers around the state. I have been continually amazed by the number and quality of events organized by small groups of men and women dedicated to making democracy work. Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of these efforts.

*Ralph Watkins*

## CONSTITUTION DAY

The annual **Constitution Day Program** at the University of Maryland Carey School of Law's Ceremonial Court Room in Baltimore sponsored and co-founded by League of Women Voters of Maryland twelve years ago was last year on the national holiday Constitution Day, September 17. Other sponsors were the law school, the University of Maryland-Baltimore, and the MLAW Program at the University of Maryland--College Park. The panel program addressed the topic, "**The Changing Make Up of the Supreme Court.**" Although selected months earlier, the topic could not have been timelier as the raging controversy over Judge Brett Kavanaugh's nomination to the Supreme Court was at the national news forefront that day. Richard Willson, Co-President of LWVMD, welcomed the audience. Professor of Law Michael Pappas, the new Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development at the law school, welcomed the assemblage, introduced the panelists, and moderated the program. Panelists were University of Maryland Professors of Law Leslie Meltzer Henry, Lee Kovarsky and Robert Percival. After the stimulating presentations of the panel the audience participated in a vigorous question and answer session. A reception in the law school's Atrium followed. The University of Maryland-Baltimore provided a cake decorated atop with the Preamble of the US Constitution. Abundant pizzas for the students were also provided by the university. The law school provided beverages. LWVMD members donated appetizers and desserts. LWVMD volunteers serving as ushers, reception hostesses, greeters or displayers at the program were Ralph Watkins, Lois Hybl, Barbara Crain, Carole Conors, Renate Soulen, Sally Hunt, Deborah Mitchell, Rosalind Kipping, Jennifer Haire, Eileen Robier, and Karen Brooks. Andrea Gruhl chaired the event for LWVMD for the 12<sup>th</sup> year in succession.

*Andrea Gruhl*

## LWVNCA

The LWVNCA Board's first monthly meeting after the 2018 Convention was June 1 in the LWVUS Board Room at LWV Headquarters in DC. The calendar for the League year was set. The Annual Board Retreat was held on July 20. LWVNCA on Saturday, August 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. had the "**Creating Strong Leagues: A Leadership Membership Workshop**" at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center in Bethesda. Starting in September monthly board meetings resumed on the first Friday of each month usually in the LWVUS Board Room but sometimes via conference call. LWVNCA collaborated with the LWVDC initiative to honor **National Voter Registration Day** at National Stadium by registering voters at a ball game on "*The Day*," September 25. The October LWVNCA Board meeting was also the annual **LWVNCA Presidents' Luncheon**. Local and State League presidents or representatives were our guests for a catered lunch, shared what each League was doing, and heard new LWVUS Executive Director Virginia Kase speak. The **LWVNCA Reception for the LWVUS Board and Senior Staff** was January 25 from 6-8 p.m. at Beacon Hotel near LWVUS Headquarters. The **League of Women Voters of the National Capital Area Convention** was Saturday, May 4, 2019 at Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Almost 60 people registered and about 41 were delegates from local and the two state Leagues. Page Harrington was the Guest Speaker on the topic, **Women's Suffrage and Race Relations: A Divided Legacy.** The 2019-2020 Budget was approved and the 2019-2021 Program was discussed and decided. The Board Election yielded Co-Presidents Linda Softli (LWVDC) and Joyce Starks (LWVPGC); Secretary, Nancy Soreng (LWVMC); 3 Directors, Sarah Matthews (LWVFR), Barbara Lipsky (LWVFC), Carole Conors (LWVHC); 2019-2020 Nominating Committee: Chair, Priscilla Godfrey (LWVLC), Betty Mayfield (LWVFR) and Geraldine Whitley (LWVDC).

*Andrea Gruhl*

**2017 LWVMD Convention Minutes**  
**League of Women Voters of Maryland Convention Minutes**  
**June 9-11, 2017**  
**Washington College, Chestertown, Maryland**

**Plenary Session I – Saturday, June 10, 2017**

**Call to Order**

Co-President Barbara Schnackenberg called the meeting to order at 10:13 am.

Welcome to Kent County

Barbara welcomed all to Washington College and Kent County. She introduced *William Pickrum*, President of Kent County Commissioners. He gave a brief history of Kent County and its present-day situation. Although it is a small county, it is active. He stressed that we must be honest, "*Our democracy is under assault.*" Mr. Pickrum then read a proclamation recognizing the contributions and the valuable work of the LWVMD.

**Credentials Report and Rules for the Convention**

Elaine Apter presented the Credentials Report. There were 31 Delegates, 12 Board Members, representing 11 Leagues with a total of 43 Delegates.

Diane Hibino, Parliamentarian, reviewed the rules on page 8 of the Convention booklet.

Andrea Gruhl moved to adopt the Convention Rules. Seconded and passed.

Ralph Watkins moved to adopt the Order of Business. Seconded and passed.

Lu Pierson, Carol Blackburn and Andrea Gruhl will serve as Minutes Readers.

Barbara Schnackenberg, Niecy Chambers and Lois Hybl will serve as Action Motions Committee. Motions must align with LWV positions and should be submitted in writing or by email by 8:30 a.m. on Sunday. Email address: [bayroot5@comcast.net](mailto:bayroot5@comcast.net).

**Approval of Minutes**

Ralph Watkins moved to approve the Minutes from LWVMD 2015 Convention as submitted. Seconded and passed.

**President's Report**

Barbara and Nancy expressed their gratitude to the LWVMD Board of Directors and Local League LWV members.

**Treasurer's Report**

Carolyn Hetterick presented a detailed Treasurer's Report. The report was reserved for Audit. There was a discussion about the benefits of becoming a 501(c)(3) organization. Carolyn will continue to look into this matter. Susan Cochran wanted to be sure that donors be adequately recognized.

## **Nominating Committee**

Ralph Watkins moved to amend the agenda to move the Nominating Committee Report and Proposed Program to the 1<sup>st</sup> Plenary Session. Seconded and passed.

Betsy Sexton presented the Slate of Officers from page 12 of the Convention Booklet. The nominating committee did a great job. Thanks for all their hard work.

## **Program**

Joann Ross, Program Chair, presented the three recommended programs for study as well as the non-recommended studies as presented on page 50 of the Convention Workbook:

Corrections and Bail, Civic Education, Services for the Aging in Maryland (recommended)

Death with Dignity, Impaired Driving, Housing, Foster Care (non-recommended)

Studies will be considered provided there is a Program Chair can be found for each study. A discussion ensued about how studies were narrowed down.

## **Plenary Session I adjourned at 11:30 am.**

## **Workshop: Creating a Sustainable Future for the League**

Nancy Soreng presented a video on creating a blueprint for the Future of the LWV. There are many challenges facing local leagues. We need to address many issues such as; programs for all, attendance at programs, engaging members, recruiting younger members, fund raising, and aging membership. The State Board of Directors would like to assist with many of these issues. This can be done by lessening the administrative burden on local Leagues, having a single platform on the Web, coordination of fundraising as well as knowledge and support for local Leagues. Together we can accomplish much.

## **Plenary Session II**

Nancy Soreng called session to order at 2:56 pm.

## **Credentials Report**

Elaine Apter presented the Credentials Report. There were 39 Delegates, 14 Board Members, 12 Leagues represented with a total of 53 Delegates.

## **Program**

Betsy Grater moved to adopt the recommended program as described on page 50 in the convention workbook. Seconded

A discussion ensued about non-recommended studies. Since the Maryland Legislature has been addressing Death with Dignity and there is no current National or Maryland position on the issue, it was deemed an important topic to study.

Sandy Bjork moved consideration of the non-recommended **Death with Dignity** study. Seconded. Passed.

Susan Cochran moved to divide the recommended program for individual consideration and vote. Seconded. Passed.

There was a discussion on each proposed program.

**Corrections and Bail** has recently been reviewed by the Maryland Legislature. The Bail Bondsman's Lobby is VERY strong and active. There is a wealth of information out there for a study.

**Civic Education** is and always has been a priority for the League. We need to find out what is being done already and how we can improve the information in the schools and for the general public.

**Services for the Aging** will be chaired by Melanie Cox. There is much inconsistency within the state for services for the aging population.

### **Budget**

Melanie Cox, Chair of the Budget Committee, presented a fabulous report on the budget as laid out in the Convention Workbook on page 51 and 52. This proposed budget is a planning tool and can be a guide for our resources.

**Plenary Session II was adjourned at 4:05 pm.**

## **Sunday, June 11, 2017**

### **Plenary Session III**

Convened at 11:15 am

### **Credentials**

Elaine Apter presented the credentials. There were 36 Delegates representing 12 Leagues with 12 Board Members which gave a total of 48 Delegates

### **President's Report**

Nancy Soreng got the session off to a good start stating that if we moved along efficiently we might be able to adjourn early. She stated that the LWV Positions presented on page 47 of the Convention Workbook were the same as for the last convention and were sufficient for our needs.

JoAnn Ross moved to adopt the current LWVMD positions. Seconded and passed.

### **Adoption of Proposed Studies**

**Death with Dignity** will be chaired by Sandra Bjork. It has been proposed in Annapolis twice already and the League should develop a position on such an important matter. Non-recommended study on Death with Dignity passed.

**Civic Education** is an important issue for both students and the general population. The League needs to discover just what is being done presently and how we can assist in improving communication about Civic Education. There were many members interested in serving on this study but no present chairperson. The Study on Civic Education passed.

**Corrections and Bail** has lots of written testimony both pro and con which will prove valuable while researching this topic. Several people were interested in working on this study which presently does not have a chairperson. The Study on Corrections and Bail passed.

**Services for the Aging** will be chaired by Melanie Cox. There were three local Leagues interested in this study which could end up with a list of best practices throughout the state. The Study on Services for the Aging passed.

## **Budget**

Richard Willson commented on the wonderful job Melanie did presenting the budget yesterday. Richard Willson moved to adopt the 2017-2019 LWVMD Budget as described on pages 51-53 of the convention workbook. Seconded and passed.

## **Action Items**

### **Action Motion on Education Funding**

Lois Hybl presented the following Action for the Board to consider: Because the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education (Kirwan Commission) is scheduled to make recommendations in December to the General Assembly to replace the Bridge to Excellence (Thornton Formula), I move that we make a special effort to testify before the commission and General Assembly in support of raising the foundation formula to an adequate level with appropriate weights for compensatory education, special education, and English Language Learners, the adoption of a method of determining a county's wealth that reflects its ability to raise funds to support education, the inclusion of pre-school in the formula, and support of programs to address concentrated poverty. The Action Motion on Education passed.

### **Action Motion on Racism**

2017 LWVMD Convention – Action Motion Proposed by League of Women Voters of Anne Arundel County. A principle of the League of Women Voters states that responsible government...should share in the solution of social problems that affect the general welfare. Hate crimes and other demonstrations of racial bias terrorize and destabilize our communities, and contradict the fundamental premise of human equality in our Declaration of Independence. We request that LWVMD press our elected officials and educators to publicly condemn racism and acts of hate, and actively support efforts to eliminate bias and improve understanding and tolerance, particularly among our youth. The Action Motion on Racism passed.

### **Election of Officers and Board**

Betsy Sexton moved election of the slate of LWVMD Officers and Directors and Nominating Committee as submitted by the nominating committee and presented on page 12 of the convention workbook. Passed.

### **New President's Remarks**

Newly elected Co-Presidents Elaine Apter and Richard Willson gave brief talks to the Convention members. Elaine stressed the importance of effective communication. On that same note, Richard reviewed the positives of *Nation Builder* and how it will improve communication and reduce the stress on Local Leagues

## **Directions to the Board**

- Lois Hybl asked that we have a workshop or speaker, preferably in January, to help members understand the recommendations for improving the financing of public K-12 education.
- We should seriously think about increasing the number of hours the administrative assistant works since the duties and responsibilities have grown.
- For the next Convention, we should adopt the Red Card System to improve efficiency.
- We might also offer new members a First Time to Convention topic.
- We should be cognizant of religious services when scheduling Sunday morning sessions.
- Is it possible to open the sale of wares to all local Leagues at LWV events?
- Carole Connors reiterated the importance of the Lobby Corps and asked anyone interested in assisting in this worthwhile program to see her.
- It was noted that this was a very success Convention and perhaps the Kent County Workbook could be used as a model for future Conventions.

## **Convention Adjourned**

Submitted by Theresa Freligh, Secretary

## The Proposed Merger

In the February issue of State Board Letter we explained that the LWVMD Board has been discussing a proposal to amend our bylaws so that the State League would have 501(c)(3) status under federal tax law. At the 2019 Convention, we are asking members to consider and approve merging the LWVMD Education Fund (the 501(c)(3) organization) and LWVMD (our 501(c)(4) entity). The result of this merger will be a single 501(c)(3) organization called the League of Women Voters of Maryland, Inc.

Your board believes this merger will strengthen the State League in several ways. It will greatly streamline our internal operations; having two separate organizations requires our volunteer treasurer to maintain two sets of books and bank accounts. A single public entity will reduce confusion about the League among outside organizations and individuals and may facilitate partnerships and grant opportunities. Members and other donors will benefit because all contributions to the League will be tax deductible.

This merging of our two corporate entities into one operating as a 501(c)(3) will not affect the way the League does business. The IRS allows charitable organizations to measure their engagement in direct advocacy on the basis of expenditures and not on the basis of time invested by paid or non-paid volunteers. Most of the advocacy efforts of LWVMD are carried out by our members, not by paid staff. Current IRS regulations allow organizations whose budgets fall under \$500,000 to expend up to 20% of annual revenues on influencing legislation, i.e. direct lobbying. Our largest expenditure on advocacy occurs during the three-month Maryland legislative session. During that time frame Ashley Oleson, our paid Administrative Director, has estimated that she works no more than 27% of her time on advocacy support. If we apply this same percentage to the costs of maintaining our office during session, and spread both over the full year, the State League spends less than 7% on direct lobbying annually. Should an issue arise that requires a higher level of advocacy in one particular year, IRS regulations offer the option of averaging our effort over a three-year period.

The proposed merger requires approval of a merger agreement and adoption of restated bylaws at the LWVMD Convention. Within the merged entity, we intend to establish restricted funds that can only be used for a specified purpose, such as to support VOTE411.org and the *Voters' Guide*, so that our advocacy efforts do not dampen giving to these efforts.

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### Proposed Motions:

- A. I move that we approve the consolidation and conversion of the League of Women Voters of Maryland, Inc. and the League of Women Voters of Maryland Education Fund, Inc. as outlined in the Agreement of Merger on page 34 of this 2019 Convention booklet.
- B. I move that we approve and adopt the LWVMD Amended and Restated Bylaws adopted by the Education Fund at their May 6, 2019 meeting, as found on page 35 of the Convention Workbook.

**AGREEMENT OF MERGER**

This Agreement of Merger is entered into between League of Women Voters of Maryland Education Fund Inc., a Maryland Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation (herein "Surviving Corporation") and League of Women Voters of Maryland Inc., a Maryland Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation (herein "Merging Corporation").

1. Merging Corporation shall be merged into Surviving Corporation.
2. Each membership of Merging Corporation shall be converted into one membership of Surviving Corporation.
3. Merging Corporation shall from time to time, as and when requested by Surviving Corporation, execute and deliver all such documents and instruments and take all such action necessary or desirable to evidence or carry out this merger.
4. Surviving Corporation will continue to use its existing Articles of Incorporation and will Amend and Restate its Bylaws to include the membership provisions in item 2 above, and add League provisions regarding program and meetings.
5. Surviving Corporation will change its name to League of Women Voters of Maryland Inc.
6. The officers and the Board of Directors of Surviving Corporation will remain in place following the merger.
7. The effect of the merger and the effective date of the merger are as prescribed by law.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the parties have executed this Agreement as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

**League of Women Voters of Maryland Inc.**

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Elaine Apter, Co-President

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Richard Willson, Co-President

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Theresa Freligh, Secretary

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# LWVMD AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS

## ARTICLE I, NAME

The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters of Maryland, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as the LWVMD). The LWVMD is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States, (hereinafter referred to as the LWVUS.) Where the words "League" or "Leagues" are used, the words shall refer to the League of Women Voters or the Leagues of Women Voters respectively.

## ARTICLE II, PURPOSE AND POLICY

**Section 1, Purpose.** The purposes of the LWVMD shall be, among other things, to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government and to act on selected governmental issues in accordance with member-adopted positions, protecting voters, educating and engaging voters, reforming campaign finance rules, defending the environment, and performing other activities permitted of corporations under the General Laws of the State of Maryland, to the extent such activities are permitted of organizations which are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) and contributions to which are deductible under sections 170(c)(2), 2055(a)(2) and 2522(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), including the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) and also including the making of distributions to states, territories, or possessions of the United States, any political subdivision of any of the foregoing, or to the United States or the District of Columbia, but only for charitable purposes.

**Section 2, Political Policy.** No substantial part of the activities of LWVMD shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and LWVMD shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. The LWVMD shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.

## ARTICLE III, MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1, Eligibility.** Any person who subscribes to the purposes and policy of the LWVUS shall be eligible for membership.

**Section 2, Types of Membership.** The membership of the League shall be composed of voting members and associate members.

- a. **Voting members.** Persons at least 16 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of the LWVUS, the LWVMD, the local League to which the member belongs, and any regional League to which that local League belongs:
  1. Individuals who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League.
  2. Those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be LWVMD members-at-large.

3. Those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues.
- b. **Associate Members.** All others who join the League shall be associate members.

**Section 3, Member Action.** Members may act in the name of the League of Women Voters only when authorized to do so by the appropriate LWVUS or LWVMD Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE IV, ENUMERATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Section 1, Officers.** Officers of the LWVMD shall be president or co-presidents, first vice-president, second vice-president, third vice-president, secretary and treasurer. They shall be elected by the convention and they shall hold office for a term of two years until the conclusion of the next biennial convention or until such time as successors have been named by the Board. They shall take office upon conclusion of the convention at which they are elected, except the treasurer, who shall take office on the first day of the next fiscal year.

**Section 2, President or Co-presidents.** The president or a co-president shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the board of directors. The president or a co-president may, in the absence or disability of the treasurer, sign or endorse checks, drafts and notes; shall, with the secretary or treasurer, sign all contracts and other instruments when authorized by the board; shall be a member, *ex officio*, of all committees except the nominating committee; shall have the usual powers of supervision and management that pertain to the office of the president and perform such other duties as may be designated by the board.

**Section 3, Vice-Presidents.** The three vice-presidents in the order of their rank, in the event of absence, resignation, disability or death of the president or co-presidents, shall possess the powers and perform the duties of that office. In the event that none of the vice-presidents is able to serve as president or co-president, the board of directors shall elect by majority vote one of its members to fill the vacancy. The vice-presidents shall perform such other duties as the president or a co-president and the board may designate.

**Section 4, Secretary.** The secretary shall keep the minutes of the convention, the council, and of the meetings of the board of directors; shall notify the officers and directors of their election; may sign with the president or a co-president contracts and other instruments when authorized by the board; and shall perform other duties as designated by the president or co-presidents or board.

**Section 5, Treasurer.** The treasurer or delegated assistant shall collect and receive all moneys due; shall be the custodian of these moneys, shall deposit them in a bank or banks designated by the board of directors, and shall disburse the same in accordance with the budget or upon the order of the board of directors. The treasurer may sign with the president or co-president contracts and other instruments when authorized by the board. The treasurer shall present statements to the board and its regular meetings, and an annual report to the convention or council. The books of the treasurer shall be ~~audited~~ reviewed annually within ninety days after the fiscal year ends.

## **ARTICLE V, BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 1, Composition.** The board of directors shall consist of the officers, nine (9) elected directors and not more than nine (9) appointed directors. Directors elected by the convention shall serve for a term of two years until the conclusion of the next regular biennial convention or until their

successors have been elected. The board shall appoint such additional directors not exceeding nine (9) as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The terms of office of the appointed directors shall expire with the terms of office of the elected directors.

**Section 2, Qualifications.** No person shall be elected or appointed or continue to serve as an officer or director unless this person is a voting member of the LWVUS, enrolled in a local League or enrolled as a member-at-large of the LWVMD.

**Section 3, Vacancies.** Any vacancy in the board of directors may be filled, until the next convention, by a majority vote of the board. Unexcused absence of any board member from three (3) consecutive meetings shall be deemed resignation from the board. Thereupon, the board shall be authorized to fill the vacancy. The board of directors shall have the power to remove any director or officer with due process and such action shall be conclusive.

**Section 4, Powers and Duties.** The board of directors shall have charge of the property and business of the organization with the power and authority to manage and conduct the same, subject to the instructions of the convention. The board shall create and designate committees as it may deem necessary. The board shall plan and direct work necessary to carry out the Program, as defined in Article X. It shall accept responsibility delegated to it by the LWVUS board (a) for the organization and development of local Leagues, (b) for carrying out Program, (c) for promoting fundraising in the local Leagues to further the work of the state and national Leagues as a whole, and (d) for transmission of funds toward the support of adequate state and national budgets.

**Section 5, Regular meetings.** There shall be at least six (6) regular meetings of the board of directors annually. The president or co-president shall notify each member of the board of directors of all regular meetings, giving the time and place of the meeting. Action taken at any regular board meeting attended by a majority of the board members shall not be invalidated because of the failure of any board member(s) to receive any notice that has been properly sent or because of any irregularity in any notice if the notice was actually received by the board member(s).

**Section 6, Executive committee.** The executive committee, consisting of the officers of the board, shall exercise such power and authority as may be delegated to it by the LWVMD board and shall report to the LWVMD board on all actions taken by it between regular meetings of the board.

**Section 7, Special meetings.** The president or co-president may call special meetings of the board of directors and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five (5) board members. Board members, except during convention, shall be notified of the time and place of special meetings. The board shall approve by majority vote a mechanism to assure that board members receive notification. During a convention the president or co-president may call a special meeting of the board. A special meeting during convention shall also be called upon written request by five (5) board members.

**Section 8. Conference Telephone Call Meetings.** Board members may participate in meetings by means of conference telephone calls or similar communication equipment allowing all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting. Such meetings shall follow the prescriptions of in-person board meetings. Notification of conference call meetings must be in a timely manner.

**Section 9. Email Meetings.** Board meetings may be held by email to deal with specific matters

which arise between in-person or conference call board meetings. For an email meeting to occur the president must send an agenda to all board members with no more than three items to be commented on or voted upon and a deadline for closing the email meeting. Participants can vote at any time during the period that the vote is open but before the deadline. If a quorum of members responds within the time period designated, the meeting is valid.

**Section 10. Quorum.** A majority of the board members shall constitute a quorum.

## **ARTICLE VI, RECOGNITION OF LOCAL LEAGUES AND MEMBER-AT-LARGE UNITS**

### ***Section 1, Obtaining recognition.***

The LWVMD board may organize a group of members in a community where no local League exists and assist it in fulfilling LWVMD requirements for recognition as a member-at-large (MAL) unit. When the group fulfills those requirements, the LWVMD board shall recognize the group as a MAL unit. Its monies are handled by the treasurer of the LWVMD. When a MAL unit fulfills the LWVUS requirements to become a local League and the MAL unit fulfills the LWVMD requirements for recommendation by the LWVMD to LWVUS to become a local League, the LWVMD board shall recommend to the LWVUS that it recognize the MAL unit as a local League.

### ***Section 2, Withdrawing recognition.***

- a. **Local League of Women Voters.** In the event a local League repeatedly fails to fulfill LWVUS or LWVMD requirements, the LWVMD board shall call a meeting of the membership of the local League in question. The letter of notification of the meeting to the local League's membership shall be in conformance with LWVUS requirements and shall relate to the members that the meeting is called for their discussion and vote on disbandment of their local League. If that membership votes for disbandment, the LWVMD shall prepare documents in conformity with LWVUS procedure. When disbandment is accepted by LWVUS, the membership will become members-at-large of the LWVMD and shall be serviced by the LWVMD. All funds held by such local League shall become the property of the LWVMD.
- b. **Member-at-Large Unit.** When a Member-at-Large Unit fails to fulfill its requirements, LWVMD may call a meeting of its membership to discuss disbandment. If the members vote for disbandment, the members will be serviced by the LWVMD.

## **ARTICLE VII, CONVENTION**

**Section 1, Place, date and call.** A convention of the LWVMD shall be held in odd-numbered years at a time and place to be determined by the board of directors. The president or co-president shall send a first call for the convention to the presidents or co-presidents of local Leagues and inter-League organizations not less than four months before the opening date of the convention. Thereafter the board of directors may advance or postpone the opening date of the convention up to two weeks. A final call for the convention shall be sent to the presidents or co-presidents of local Leagues, MAL units, members-at-large, and inter-League organizations at least two months before convention.

**Section 2, Composition.** The convention shall consist of the delegates chosen by the boards of

directors of the local Leagues, MAL units, and Inter-League organizations in the number provided in Section 4 of this Article; the presidents or co-presidents of the local League and MAL units (or alternates); and the LWVMD board members.

**Section 3, Qualifications of delegates and voting.** Each delegate shall be a voting member enrolled in a recognized local League, MAL unit, or inter-League organization. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote only at the convention even though the delegate may be attending in two or more capacities. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted. The convention shall be the sole judge of whether a delegate is qualified to vote.

**Section 4, Representation.** Every local League shall be entitled to at least three delegates including the president or co-presidents. Local Leagues having more than fifty (50) voting members shall be entitled to one additional delegate for each additional fifty (50) members, or major fraction thereof, belonging to said local League on January 31st of the current year. Every MAL unit shall be entitled to one delegate in addition to the president or alternate. The record in the state office of paid voting members as of January 31st of the current year shall determine the official membership count for this purpose. No League may be allocated more than one-third of the total possible delegates accredited to the convention. Any inter-League organization that includes local Leagues in Maryland shall be entitled to one delegate.

**Section 5, Powers.** The convention shall consider and authorize for action a Program as defined in Article X, shall elect officers and directors and the chairman and two members of the nominating committee, shall adopt a budget for the ensuing year, and shall transact such other business as may properly come before it.

**Section 6, Quorum.** Twenty five (25) delegates other than the board of directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of convention business, provided that there is representation from a majority of local Leagues.

## **ARTICLE VIII, COUNCIL**

**Section 1, Place, date and call.** A meeting of the council shall be held in even-numbered years, approximately twelve months after the preceding convention, at a time and place determined by the board of directors. A formal call shall be sent by the president or co-president to the presidents or co-presidents of the local Leagues, MAL units, and inter-League organizations at least sixty days before a council meeting.

**Section 2, Composition.** The council shall be composed of the LWVMD board, two representatives from each local League, and one from each MAL unit and inter-League organization.

**Section 3, Powers.** The council shall give guidance to the board on Program as defined in Article X, methods of operation, and proposed budget as submitted by the board of directors. The council shall be authorized to change the Program only in the event of an emergency or altered condition, provided that notice of proposed modifications of the Program shall have been sent to the presidents or co-presidents of the local Leagues, MAL units, and inter-League organizations at least one month in advance of the meeting of the council, and provided also that a two-thirds vote of the members of the council present and voting shall be required to adopt a modification. The council shall adopt a budget for the ensuing year and shall transact other business as presented by the board.

**Section 4, Quorum.** Twelve (12) delegates other than the board of directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at council provided that there is representation from at least a majority of the local Leagues.

**Section 5, Special Councils and meetings.** The president or a co-president may call a special council meeting in the event of emergency, or shall call a special meeting at the request of six local League presidents or six LWVMD board members.

## **ARTICLE IX, NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

**Section 1, Nominating committee.** The nominating committee shall consist of five members. The chairman and two members – none from the board of directors – shall be nominated by the current nominating committee and elected by the convention. The other two members shall be elected by the board of directors from its membership after the convention. Vacancies in the nominating committee shall be appointed by the board of directors. The president or co-president of the LWVMD shall send the name and address of the chairman of the nominating committee to the president or co-presidents of each local League and MAL unit.

**Section 2, Suggestions for nominations.** The chairman of the nominating committee shall request, through each local League and MAL unit, suggestions for nominations for positions to be filled. Suggestions for nominations by local Leagues and MAL units shall be sent to the chairman of the nominating committee at least four months before convention.

**Section 3, Report of the nominating committee and nomination from the floor.** The report of the nominating committee for officers, directors and the chairman and two members of the succeeding nominating committee shall be sent to the local Leagues and MAL units at least one month before the date of convention. Immediately following the presentation of the report to the delegates assembled at Convention, nominations may be made from the floor by any delegate to the convention provided that the consent of the nominee shall have been obtained.

**Section 4, Election.** The election shall be by ballot, providing that when there is but one nominee for each office, it shall be by voice vote. A majority vote of those qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

## **ARTICLE X, PRINCIPLES AND PROGRAM**

**Section 1, Principles.** The Principles are concepts of government adopted by the national convention and supported by the League as a whole. They are the authorization for the adoption of national, state and local Program.

**Section 2, Program.** The Program of the LWVMD shall consist of:

- a. Action to implement the principles and positions, and
- b. Those state governmental issues chosen by the Convention for concerted study and action.

**Section 3, Convention Action.** The convention shall act upon the proposed Program, using the following procedures:

- a. Local League and MAL unit boards may make recommendations for state Program to the board of directors at least ~~three~~ two (32) months before convention.

- b. The board of directors shall consider the recommendations and formulate a proposed Program, which shall be submitted to the local Leagues, MAL units and members-at-large at least ~~two-one~~ month before convention.
- c. A majority vote of delegates shall be required for the adoption of Program proposed by the board of directors.
- d. Any recommendations for the Program submitted to the board of directors at least ~~three-two~~ months before the Convention, but not proposed by the board, may be adopted by the convention provided consideration is ordered by a majority vote and on a following day the proposal for adoption receives a three- fifths vote.

**Section 4, Council action.** The Council may change the Program, as provided in Article VIII.

**Section 5, Local League and MAL unit action.** Local Leagues and MAL units may take action on state governmental issues only when authorized to do so by the board of directors of the LWVMD. Local Leagues and MAL units may act only in conformity with, not contrary to, the Positions taken by the LWVMD and/or LWVUS.

**Section 6, Member action.** Members may act in the name of the LWVMD only when authorized to do so by the LWVMD board.

## **ARTICLE XI, FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION**

**Section 1, Fiscal year.** The fiscal year of the LWVMD shall be from July 1 through June 30.

**Section 2, Financial support.** Financial responsibility for the work of the LWVMD shall be assumed annually by the local Leagues, MAL units and members-at-large.

- a. Each local League shall make a per-member payment to the LWVMD in accordance with the adopted budget.
- b. Local Leagues that provide a reduced rate for family members living in the same household shall make a payment for each subsequent family member as determined by the convention or council.
- c. Members-at-large shall pay annual dues to the LWVMD in an amount set by the state board of directors. Any Member-at-large who fails to pay her or his dues within three (3) months after they come due may be dropped from the membership rolls.
- d. The ~~Council or Convention~~ board may establish different per-member payment and member-at-large dues requirements for student members.

**Section 3, Budget.** A budget for the fiscal year shall be submitted by the board to the convention or council for adoption. The budget shall provide for the support of the state League. The proposed budget shall be sent to each local League, MAL unit, and inter-League organization at least one month in advance of the convention or council.

**Section 4, Budget committee.** A budget committee shall be appointed by the board of directors at least five (5) months in advance of the convention or council. This committee shall submit a budget to the board for review before submission to the convention or council. The treasurer and finance chairman shall not be eligible to serve as chairman of the budget committee but shall be members *ex officio*.

**Section 5, Distribution of funds on dissolution.** In the event of a dissolution for any cause of the LWVMD, all moneys and securities which may at the time be owned by or under the absolute control of the LWVMD shall be paid to the LWVUS, provided that LWVUS is an organization exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code at that time, and then only after the board of directors has paid or made provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the LWVMD. All other property of whatsoever nature, whether real, personal or mixed, which may at the time be owned by or under the control of the LWVMD shall be disposed of by any officer or employee of the organization having possession of same to such person, organization or corporation as shall at the time qualify as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, for such public, charitable, or education uses and purposes as may be designated by the board of directors of the LWVMD.

## **ARTICLE XII, NATIONAL CONVENTION AND COUNCIL**

**Section 1, LWVUS convention.** The board of directors, at a meeting before the dates on which names of delegates must be sent to the national office, shall elect delegates to that convention in the number allowed the LWVMD under the provision of the bylaws of the LWVUS.

**Section 2, LWVUS council.** One month before the meeting of the council of the LWVUS, the board of directors shall elect delegates to the council in the number allowed the LWVMD under the provisions of the bylaws of the LWVUS.

## **ARTICLE XIII, PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.

## **ARTICLE XIV, OFFICER INDEMNIFICATION**

The LWVMD shall indemnify and hold harmless its officers and directors to the fullest extent of the law as provided in the Maryland Code of Corporations and Associations as amended from time to time. Indemnification shall extend to all judgments, penalties, fines, settlements, and reasonable expenses actually incurred by any director or officer if that director or officer was, is or is threatened with suit in his capacity as a director or officer. No director or officer shall be entitled to indemnification if the Director or Officer received an improper personal benefit from his or her action for which he or she seeks indemnification.

## **ARTICLE XV, AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1, Amendments.** Amendments to these bylaws may be proposed by the LWVMD board or by any local League board, provided such proposed changes shall be submitted to the LWVMD board at least ~~three~~ two months before a convention. All such proposed amendments shall be sent by the LWVMD board, to all local Leagues, MAL units and MALs at least one month before a convention, together with the recommendations of the LWVMD board of directors. The presidents or

co-presidents of all local Leagues and MAL units shall make the proposed amendments available to their members. Amendments to these bylaws shall be adopted by a two- thirds vote at the convention and shall be effective at the conclusion of the convention unless otherwise stated.

*This "Amended and Restated" set of Bylaws is a compilation of provisions from LWVMD and our Education Fund bylaws. Because it is an entirely new document, the Board felt that delineating all of the changes or providing copies of the predecessor documents would not bring clarity to the current discussion. However, there are a number of places where editorial improvements have been made in this document where new text is underlined and the former text is ~~struck through~~.*

# LWVMD POSITIONS 2017-2019 – SUMMARY

Following is a summary of LWVMD Action. The complete LWVMD Positions and Summary of Actions can be found at: <https://www.lwvmd.org/positions>

## I. GOVERNMENT

**ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE:** Action to secure an effective, nonpartisan judiciary; and to promote fair and appropriate sentencing, including abolition of the death penalty; and a correctional system, including probation and other alternatives to incarceration, that protects society and prepares offenders for successful reintegration to the community. Action to support access by indigent criminal defendants to legal counsel at every decisional stage of the judicial process, including bail hearings. (1963, 1964, 1967, 1970, 1987, 1989, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2015)

**ELECTION PROCESS:** Action to assure fair campaigns and elections. Action to institute elections to fill vacancies in the General Assembly. Action to support a closed primary election, a mix of single and multi-member legislative districts and coterminous boundaries. Action to oppose term limits for members of the General Assembly. Action to assure an election system that is equitable, accessible, fiscally responsible, accountable and enforceable. Opposition to a requirement for uniform voting systems unless funded by the state. (1972, 1985, 1993, 1997, 2001, 2013, 2014, 2018)

**FIREARMS CONTROL:** Action to strengthen gun laws (1991, 2013)

**FISCAL POLICY:** Action to promote an equitable and efficient fiscal structure for Maryland and to improve the fiscal relationships between the state and its political subdivisions. Action to support or oppose proposed changes to Maryland's revenue structure, using certain principles to analyze and evaluate the proposed changes. Action to increase the budgetary authority of the legislature and to achieve a more effective budget process. (1976, 1981, 1999, 2004)

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** Action to support county home rule, with preference for charter. (1967, 1983, 1985)

**REDISTRICTING:** Action to assure a state redistricting process and standards that promote fair and effective representation in the state legislature and House of Representatives with maximum opportunity for public scrutiny. (2004, 2015, 2018, 2019) In 2019 the League of Women Voters of Maryland joined as amici on a brief filed with the United States Supreme Court challenging the practice of drawing district lines to favor a political party as unconstitutional and stressing the importance of representative districts as a measure of a healthy democracy.

**STATE CONSTITUTION:** Action to secure a constitution that is clear, concise and confined to fundamentals. Action to strengthen gun control laws. (1962)

## II. NATURAL RESOURCES

**COAL:** Action to oppose the granting of eminent domain for, and the construction of, a coal slurry pipeline through Maryland. Action to support the collection of taxes and fees from the coal industry for costs to the collection of taxes and fees from the coal industry for costs to strip mining on slopes steeper than 20 degrees. (1986, 1987, 1993)

**HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT:** Action to promote the environmentally sound management of hazardous waste and to educate the public on safe disposal procedures. (1984, 2006, 2009, 2015, 2018)

**LAND USE/GROWTH MANAGEMENT:** Action to encourage the State to establish goals, guidelines, and standards for land use, with local implementation of land use policies. (1975, 1979, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2013)

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT:** Action to promote informed decisions affecting solid waste management. (1995)

**TRANSPORTATION:** Action to support an integrated transportation system and mass transit systems which are efficient, safe, clean and accessible. Support for adequate and equitable funding and cooperative regional programs is necessary to achieve these goals. (2001, 2005, 2007, 2013, 2016)

## III. SOCIAL POLICY

**ADULT LITERACY:** Action to ensure availability of free or low cost basic English language instruction for adult Maryland residents who are not proficient in reading writing, speaking and understanding English. (2009)

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES:** Action to support a comprehensive range of child-centered services to ensure all children a chance to grow toward stable, productive adulthood. (1995, 2006, 2007, 2018)

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:** Action to support preventing initial and repeat occurrence of violence against spouses, domestic partners, the elderly, and children. Action to support a strong statewide response to violence that is integrated, interdisciplinary, and adequately funded, involving all segments of the law-enforcement and judicial systems, the medical community, the schools, social services, animal care and control agencies, and the private sector, with a primary focus on the safety of victims. (2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2009)

**DRUG AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ABUSE, POLICIES AND LAWS IN MARYLAND:**

Action to legalize the use of marijuana for any use, including medicinal, subject to restrictions on production and distribution (2012)

**DRUNK DRIVING:** Action to promote strong governmental measures and educational programs to address the problem of the drinking driver. Position modified in 2001. (1983, 2001)

**EDUCATION:** Action to support measures which recognize the primary responsibility for funding public elementary and secondary education lies with the state. (1972, 1975) Action to support the state aiding local school systems in attracting and retaining competent teachers. (1989) Action to oppose using public funding for vouchers to enable parents to send their children to private elementary and secondary schools. Action to encourage the inclusion of certain criteria in any legislation or regulations governing the establishment of Public Charter Schools. (2001) Action to insure students have an opportunity to pass high school graduation tests. (2005) Action in (2009, 2013, 2016, 2018)

**EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY:** Action to ensure that Maryland law does not discriminate in its recognition of all marriages/civil unions on the basis of gender or religious definitions of marriage. (2007, 2013)

**HEALTH CARE APPEALS:** Action to ensure a health care appeals system which protects patients, makes insurers accountable, and objectively addresses patients' concerns. (1999, 2011)

**HEALTH CARE CHOICE:** In 2019 the League of Women Voters of Maryland, following extensive study, concurred with the League of Women Voters of Utah position regarding death with dignity. The position statements of the League of Women Voters of Maryland are: state laws should grant the option for a terminally ill person to request medical assistance from a relevant, licensed physician to end one's life and such legislation should include safeguards against abuse for the dying and/or medical personnel. (Action 2019)

**HOUSING:** Action to develop a state housing policy responsive to the need for more affordable housing and to clarify landlord/tenant relationships. (1982, 1983, 2006, 2009)

**MEETING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS:** Relied on LWVUS positions: One of the goals of social policy should be to reduce poverty and promote self-sufficiency for individuals and families; increasing emphasis on cash assistance; Benefit levels should be sufficient to provide adequate food; and Pay equity. (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016)



May 8, 2019

LWVMD Members:

This year's meetings of the Budget Committee were different in two ways: 1) because of the proposed merger of the LWVMD and the LWVMDEF, we created a first ever Combined Budget for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year (as well as separate budgets to use if the merger is not approved); and 2) we met with the Personnel Committee (which added Nancy Soreng and Melanie Cox to the conversation) to discuss whether a change in the job description and responsibilities for the current position of Administrative Director to a new and broader title of State Director, as well as the appropriate increase in salary and other benefits, would be both advisable and affordable.

As an all-volunteer body, the State Board relies on the Administrative Director for coordination and support. Board members are often stretched meeting the routine requirements of their portfolios and have little time to explore new opportunities. The State Director position acknowledges additional outreach activities that the AD has already undertaken, including establishing and overseeing internship and volunteer programs. In addition, the State Director will serve as an advisor to the State Board, as well as an official LWVMD representative, participating in state and national League meetings and pursuing outside opportunities for collaboration and advancement.

The State Board has long recognized the value of a State Director. However, until recently the LWVMD's only stable source of revenue was PMP and the Board could not task local Leagues with the additional expense. The establishment of the Madeleine Ellicott Endowment Fund in 2016 and the extraordinary generosity of our donors has provided the League with a second steady income stream (*Realized Investment Income*), which the Budget Committee deems adequate to support the expanded State Director position.

**In addition, the 2019-2020 budget includes a reduction in State PMP to \$14 for individual members and \$7 for household members.** Student members remain free.

With that in mind, we hope you will agree to approve the Proposed Combined Budget for 2019-2020 as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Russell, LWV Howard County (Chair), Carolyn Hetterick, Richard Willson

| <b>League of Women Voters of Maryland Inc</b> |                     |  |           |
|---|---------------------|--|-----------|
| Proposed Budget for Merged Entity             |                     |  |           |
| July 2019- June 2020                          |                     |  |           |
|   |                     |  |           |
| <b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>                |                     |  |           |
|   | <b>Income</b>       |  |           |
|   |                     | <b>Nonprofit Organization Grants</b>   | 10,000.00 |
|   |                     | <b>Contributions</b>                   | 25,000.00 |
|   |                     | <b>Endowment Fund Contributions</b>    | 2,000.00  |
|   |                     | <b>Local League PMP</b>                | 17,805.00 |
|   |                     | <b>MAL Dues</b>                        | 1,000.00  |
|   |                     | <b>Interest-Savings, Short-term CD</b> | 50.00     |
|   |                     | <b>Realized Investment Income</b>      | 6,971.00  |
|   |                     | <b>Event Income</b>                    |           |
|   |                     | <b>Convention/Council</b>              | 2,500.00  |
|   |                     | <b>Fall Event</b>                      | 2,000.00  |
|   |                     | <b>Legislative Day</b>                 | 2,500.00  |
|   |                     | <b>Spring Event</b>                    | 5,000.00  |
|   |                     | <b>Total Event Income</b>              | 12,000.00 |
|   |                     | <b>Other Types of Income</b>           |           |
|   |                     | <b>Gift Memberships</b>                | 300.00    |
|   |                     | <b>LWV Wares</b>                       | 1,000.00  |
|   |                     | <b>Outside Agency Contribution</b>     | 2,000.00  |
|   |                     | <b>Printing for Others</b>             | 3,000.00  |
|   |                     | <b>Publication Income</b>              | 1,050.00  |
|   |                     | <b>Total Other Types of Income</b>     | 7,350.00  |
|   |                     | <b>Program Income</b>                  |           |
|   |                     | <b>Fall Workshop</b>                   | 1,800.00  |
|   |                     | <b>Winter Workshop</b>                 | 2,500.00  |
|   |                     | <b>Total Program Income</b>            | 4,300.00  |
|   |                     | <b>Transfer from/to Reserves</b>       | 9,879.75  |
|   | <b>Total Income</b> |  | 96,355.75 |
|   | <b>Expense</b>      |  |           |
|   |                     | <b>Vote 411 License Fee</b>            | 3,000.00  |
|   |                     | <b>Grant Expenses</b>                  | 6,500.00  |
|   |                     | <b>Event Expenses</b>                  |           |
|   |                     | <b>Fall Event Expense</b>              | 1,500.00  |
|   |                     | <b>Spring Event Expenses</b>           | 2,500.00  |
|   |                     | <b>Legislative Day Expenses</b>        | 1,100.00  |
|   |                     | <b>Total Event Expenses</b>            | 5,100.00  |

|  |  |   |                  |
|--|--|---|------------------|
|  |  |   |                  |
|  |  | <b>Facilities and Equipment</b>           |                  |
|  |  | Equipment Lease                           | 3,300.00         |
|  |  | Rent                                      | 10,100.00        |
|  |  | <b>Total Facilities and Equipment</b>     | <b>13,400.00</b> |
|  |  |   |                  |
|  |  | <b>Operations</b>                         |                  |
|  |  | Annual Financial Review                   | 350.00           |
|  |  | Bank charges, Fees                        | 150.00           |
|  |  | E-Commerce Fees                           | 1,200.00         |
|  |  | Postage, Mailing Service                  | 2,000.00         |
|  |  | Supplies                                  | 1,500.00         |
|  |  | Telephone, Internet                       | 2,100.00         |
|  |  | Website Expenses                          | 3,000.00         |
|  |  | <b>Total Operations</b>                   | <b>10,300.00</b> |
|  |  |   |                  |
|  |  | <b>Other Types of Expenses</b>            |                  |
|  |  | Insurance - Liability, D and O            | 2,500.00         |
|  |  | Memberships and Dues                      | 839.00           |
|  |  | Sales Tax Expense                         | 45.00            |
|  |  | Social Media Advertising                  | 500.00           |
|  |  | Wares Expense                             | 400.00           |
|  |  | <b>Total Other Types of Expenses</b>      | <b>4,284.00</b>  |
|  |  |   |                  |
|  |  | <b>Payroll Expenses</b>                   |                  |
|  |  | Payroll Salary                            | 39,500.00        |
|  |  | Payroll Tax Expense                       | 3,021.75         |
|  |  | Professional Development/per diem         | 1,600.00         |
|  |  | Parking                                   | 1,500.00         |
|  |  | Workers Compensation Insurance            | 250.00           |
|  |  | <b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>             | <b>45,871.75</b> |
|  |  |   |                  |
|  |  | <b>State/Local League Relations</b>       |                  |
|  |  | LWVMD Confer, Convent, Meetings 2,000.00  | 2,000.00         |
|  |  | Fall Workshop                             | 1,000.00         |
|  |  | Winter Workshop Expense                   | 1,000.00         |
|  |  | <b>Total State/Local League Relations</b> | <b>4,000.00</b>  |
|  |  | <b>Board and Committee Expenses</b>       |                  |
|  |  | LWVUS Convention/ Council Deleg           | 3,000.00         |
|  |  | Materials and Supplies                    | 500.00           |
|  |  | Room Rental Contribution                  | 400.00           |
|  |  | <b>Total Board and Committee Expenses</b> | <b>3,900.00</b>  |

|  |                   |                                    |               |
|--|-------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
|  |                   |                                    |               |
|  |                   | <b>Total Expense</b>               | 96,355.75     |
|  |                   |                                    |               |
|  |                   | <b>Net Ordinary Income</b>         | 0.00          |
|  |                   | <b>Other Income/Expense</b>        |               |
|  |                   | <b>Other Income</b>                |               |
|  |                   | <b>Unrealized Gains and Losses</b> |               |
|  |                   | <b>Total Other Income</b>          |               |
|  |                   | <b>Net Other Income</b>            |               |
|  | <b>Net Income</b> |                                    | 0.00          |
|  |                   |                                    |               |
|  |                   |                                    | Rev. 5/6/2019 |

**League of Women Voters of Maryland Education Fund, Inc.**  
**FY 2019-20 Proposed Budget**

|                                 | 2018-19<br>Actual to date<br>4/19/19 | 2018-19<br>Budget | 2019-20<br>Proposed<br>Budget |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                   |                                      |                   |                               |
| <b>Contributions</b>            |                                      |                   |                               |
| Member Contributions            | 12,187.98                            | 8,000.00          | 10,000.00                     |
| Non-member Contributions        | 10,915.49                            | 1,000.00          | 9,800.00                      |
| Endowment Fund Contributions    |                                      | 2,000.00          | 2,000.00                      |
| <b>Total Contributions</b>      | <b>23,103.47</b>                     | <b>11,000.00</b>  | <b>21,800.00</b>              |
| <b>Other Income</b>             |                                      |                   |                               |
| Income from Reserves            |                                      | 11,811.50         | 4,339.87                      |
| Publication Donations           | 1,065.00                             | 0.00              | 1,000.00                      |
| Grant Income                    | 3,350.00                             | 3,000.00          | 10,000.00                     |
| Reimbursement from LWVMD        |                                      | 17,583.50         | 22,935.88                     |
| Realized Investment Income      | 392.99                               | 0.00              | 6,971.00                      |
| <b>Total Other Income</b>       | <b>4,807.99</b>                      | <b>32,395.00</b>  | <b>45,246.75</b>              |
| <b>Total Income</b>             | <b>27,911.46</b>                     | <b>43,395.00</b>  | <b>67,046.75</b>              |
| <b>Expense</b>                  |                                      |                   |                               |
| Office Expense                  | 195.66                               | 10,050.00         | 10,925.00                     |
| <b>Payroll Expenses</b>         |                                      |                   |                               |
| Payroll Salary                  | 28,230.66                            | 28,500.00         | 39,500.00                     |
| Payroll Bonus                   | 1,082.84                             |                   |                               |
| Payroll Tax Expense             | 2,269.13                             | 2,260.00          | 3,021.75                      |
| Other Payroll                   |                                      | 2,177.00          |                               |
| Professional Development        |                                      |                   | 1,600.00                      |
| Workers Compensation Ins        |                                      | 250.00            | 250.00                        |
| Parking                         |                                      | 1,980.00          | 1,500.00                      |
| <b>Total Payroll Expense</b>    | <b>31,582.63</b>                     | <b>35,167.00</b>  | <b>45,871.75</b>              |
| <b>Fees</b>                     |                                      |                   |                               |
| Grant Expense                   | 1,887.44                             |                   | 6,500.00                      |
| Public Info, Voter Svc, Publica |                                      | 500.00            |                               |
| Bank Charges                    | 38.00                                | 78.00             | 100.00                        |
| e-Commerce fees                 | 511.29                               | 100.00            | 500.00                        |
| Coalitions and Memberships      | 150.00                               | 100.00            | 150.00                        |
| Voter Service                   | 5,042.08                             | 3,000.00          | 3,000.00                      |
| <b>Total Expense</b>            | <b>39,407.10</b>                     | <b>48,995.00</b>  | <b>67,046.75</b>              |
| <b>Net Ordinary Income</b>      | <b>-11,495.64</b>                    | <b>-5,600.00</b>  | <b>0.00</b>                   |
| Unrealized Investment Gain/Loss | 7193.32                              | 5600.00           | 7,000.00                      |
| <b>Net Other Income</b>         | <b>-4302.32</b>                      | <b>0.00</b>       | <b>7,000.00</b>               |
| <b>Rev 5/5/19</b>               |                                      |                   |                               |

**League of Women Voters of Maryland**  
**Proposed FY 2019-20 Budget**

|                                  | 2018-19<br>Actual to date<br>4/19/2019 | 2018-19<br>Budget | 2019-20<br>Proposed<br>Budget |
|----------------------------------|--|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                    |  |                   |                               |
| <b>Contributions</b>             |  |                   |                               |
| Member Contributions             | 5,012.00                               | 4,000.00          | 5,000.00                      |
| Non-member Contributions         | 106.00                                 |                   |                               |
| Contributions - Other            | 0.00                                   |                   |                               |
| <b>Total Contributions</b>       | <b>5,118.00</b>                        | <b>4,000.00</b>   | <b>5,000.00</b>               |
| Tame the Gerrymander Donations   | 697.80                                 | 500.00            | 200.00                        |
| Gift Memberships                 | -55.00                                 | 700.00            | 300.00                        |
| Local League PMP                 | 11,917.02                              | 16,740.00         | 17,805.00                     |
| MAL dues                         | 1,000.00                               | 400.00            | 1,000.00                      |
| <b>Events</b>                    |  |                   |                               |
| Convention/Council               | 564.00                                 | 6,000.00          | 2,500.00                      |
| Legislative Day                  | 2,415.00                               | 2,500.00          | 2,500.00                      |
| Fall Event                       | 0.00                                   | 2,000.00          | 2,000.00                      |
| Spring Event                     | 0.00                                   | 2,500.00          | 5,000.00                      |
| Fall Workshop                    | 1,800.00                               | 1,500.00          | 1,800.00                      |
| Winter Workshop                  | 2,500.00                               | 1,500.00          | 2,500.00                      |
| <b>Total Events</b>              | <b>7,279.00</b>                        | <b>16,000.00</b>  | <b>16,300.00</b>              |
| <b>Other Income</b>              |  |                   |                               |
| Dividend & Interest              | 2.43                                   |                   | 50.00                         |
| Local League Printing            | 510.25                                 | 400.00            | 3,000.00                      |
| Outside Agency Contributions     | 0.00                                   | 2,000.00          | 2,000.00                      |
| LWV Wares                        | 902.55                                 | 500.00            | 1,000.00                      |
| LWV Publications                 | 50.00                                  | 25.00             | 50.00                         |
| <b>Total Other Income</b>        | <b>1,465.23</b>                        | <b>2,925.00</b>   | <b>6,100.00</b>               |
| <b>Projects</b>                  |  |                   |                               |
| Report from State Circle         | 0.00                                   | 50.00             | 0.00                          |
| <b>Total Projects</b>            | <b>0.00</b>                            | <b>50.00</b>      | <b>0.00</b>                   |
| Board & Committee                | 100.00                                 |                   |                               |
| Reimbursement from LWVMDDED Fund | 0.00                                   | 10,050.00         | 10,925.00                     |
| <b>Total Income</b>              | <b>27,522.05</b>                       | <b>51,365.00</b>  | <b>57,630.00</b>              |
| <b>Expense</b>                   |  |                   |                               |
| <b>Action Expense</b>            |  |                   |                               |
| Coalitions & Membership          | 65.00                                  | 450.00            | 65.00                         |
| Legislative Day                  | 1,002.00                               | 1,500.00          | 1,100.00                      |
| <b>Total Action Expense</b>      | <b>1,067.00</b>                        | <b>1,950.00</b>   | <b>1,165.00</b>               |

**League of Women Voters of Maryland**  
**Proposed FY 2019-20 Budget**

|  |  |  |  | 2018-19          | 2018-19          | 2019-20          |
|--|--|--|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|  |  |  |  | Actual to date   | Budget           | Proposed         |
|  |  |  |  | 4/19/2019        |                  | Budget           |
| <b>Income</b>                              |  |  |  |                  |                  |                  |
| <b>Board &amp; Committee Expense</b>       |  |  |  |                  |                  |                  |
|  |  |  | Room Rental Contribution                         | 400.00           | 400.00           | 400.00           |
|  |  |  | Other Board & Committee Expense                  | 143.61           | 500.00           | 500.00           |
|  |  |  | <b>Board &amp; Committee Expense</b>             | <b>543.61</b>    | <b>900.00</b>    | <b>900.00</b>    |
| <b>Delegate Expense</b>                    |  |  |  |                  |                  |                  |
|  |  |  | LWVUS Convention/Council                         | 820.00           | 1,000.00         | 3,000.00         |
|  |  |  | <b>Total Delegate Expense</b>                    | <b>820.00</b>    | <b>1,000.00</b>  | <b>3,000.00</b>  |
| <b>Fundraising Expense</b>                 |  |  |  |                  |                  |                  |
|  |  |  | Spring Event                                     | 0.00             | 2,000.00         | 2,500.00         |
|  |  |  | Fall Event                                       | 200.00           | 1,500.00         | 1,500.00         |
|  |  |  | Wares Expense                                    | 3,075.07         | 300.00           | 400.00           |
|  |  |  | <b>Total Fundraising Expense</b>                 | <b>3,275.07</b>  | <b>3,800.00</b>  | <b>4,400.00</b>  |
|  |  |  | Tame the Gerrymander Event Exp                   | 713.20           | 500.00           |                  |
| <b>Information &amp; Education Expense</b> |  |  |  |                  |                  |                  |
|  |  |  | Social Media Advertising                         | 264.12           |                  | 500.00           |
|  |  |  | E-Commerce Fees                                  | 384.87           | 500.00           | 700.00           |
|  |  |  | Website  | 1,864.60         | 2,500.00         | 3,000.00         |
|  |  |  | <b>Total Information &amp; Education Expense</b> | <b>2,513.59</b>  | <b>3,000.00</b>  | <b>4,200.00</b>  |
|  |  |  | LWVUS PMP (MALS)                                 | 176.00           | 225.00           | 624.00           |
| <b>Office Expense</b>                      |  |  |  |                  |                  |                  |
|  |  |  | Audit  | 0.00             | 350.00           | 350.00           |
|  |  |  | Insurance  | 2,355.00         | 2,300.00         | 2,500.00         |
|  |  |  | Rent   | 8,250.00         | 10,000.00        | 10,100.00        |
|  |  |  | Equipment Maintenance                            | 2,593.63         | 3,200.00         | 3,300.00         |
|  |  |  | Supplies   | 1,325.83         | 1,500.00         | 1,500.00         |
|  |  |  | Telephone & Internet Expense                     | 1,923.57         | 2,000.00         | 2,100.00         |
|  |  |  | Postage  | 3,123.37         | 750.00           | 2,000.00         |
|  |  |  | <b>Total Office Expense</b>                      | <b>19,571.40</b> | <b>20,100.00</b> | <b>21,850.00</b> |
| <b>Payroll Expense</b>                     |  |  |  |                  |                  |                  |
|  |  |  | Payroll Salary                                   | 0.00             | 0.00             |                  |
|  |  |  | Payroll Bonus                                    | 0.00             | 0.00             |                  |
|  |  |  | Payroll Taxes                                    | 0.00             | 0.00             |                  |
|  |  |  | Other Payroll                                    | 15.46            | 0.00             |                  |
|  |  |  | Workers' Compensation                            | 0.00             | 0.00             |                  |
|  |  |  | Parking  | 1,575.00         | 0.00             |                  |
|  |  |  | Reimbursement to LWVMDED Fund                    | 0.00             | 17,583.50        | 22,935.88        |
|  |  |  | <b>Total Payroll Expense</b>                     | <b>1,590.46</b>  | <b>17,583.50</b> | <b>22,935.88</b> |

**League of Women Voters of Maryland  
Proposed FY 2019-20 Budget**

|               |   | 2018-19<br>Actual to date<br>4/19/2019 | 2018-19<br>Budget  | 2019-20<br>Proposed<br>Budget |
|---------------|---|--|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Income</b> |   |  |                    |                               |
|               | <b>Bank Charges</b>                       | 10.50                                  | 10.00              | 50.00                         |
|               | <b>Sales Tax Expense</b>                  | 0.00                                   | 30.00              | 45.00                         |
|               | <b>State/Local League Relations</b>       |  |                    |                               |
|               | <b>Council/Convention</b>                 | 0.00                                   | 5,800.00           | 2,000.00                      |
|               | <b>Winter Workshop</b>                    | 1,148.57                               | 1,000.00           | 1,000.00                      |
|               | <b>Fall Workshop</b>                      | 1,082.40                               | 1,000.00           | 1,000.00                      |
|               | <b>Total State/Local League Relations</b> | <u>2,230.97</u>                        | <u>7,800.00</u>    | <u>4,000.00</u>               |
|               | <b>Total Expense</b>                      | <u>32,511.80</u>                       | <u>51,365.00</u>   | <u>63,169.88</u>              |
|               | <b>Transfer to/from Reserve Fund</b>      | <u>0.00</u>                            | <u>-5,533.50</u>   | <u>-5,539.88</u>              |
|               | <b>Net Income</b>                         | <u><b>-4,989.75</b></u>                | <u><b>0.00</b></u> | <u><b>\$0.00</b></u>          |
|               |   |  |                    | <b>Rev 5/5/19</b>             |