

HISTORY

The League of Women Voters of Howard County was founded in 1946 and was originally centered in the ElkrIDGE area. The emphasis of this new League was education and community issues, focused on women, children and citizen participation.

Between 1963 and 1967, the League played a key role in the establishment of charter government in Howard County and in the formative years of the New Town of Columbia. League members actively supported the development of Columbia by serving as community speakers, canvassing various communities, and operating a very active Speakers Bureau which promoted the concept of Columbia to Howard County residents and to other Maryland communities.

While the county has changed dramatically since those early years, the League's commitment to community continues on every level of government. Whether on issues of education, environment, the budget, planning and zoning, health and human services, election reform or civil rights, the Howard County League plays a leadership role.

The proud tradition continues today in the Howard County League as we meet the challenges of the twenty-first century.

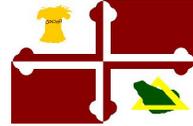
League of Women Voters of Howard County – List of Presidents

1946 - 1949 Jeanette Smith
1949 - 1950 Nora Reynolds
1950 (First name unknown) Sulkie
1950 - 1951 Frances Neubauer
1951 - 1953 Berta Hopkins Taylor
1953 - 1955 Etta Southard
1955 - 1957 Ida Curtis
1957 - 1959 Frances Neubauer
1959 Gertrude Crist
1959 - 1960 Ida Cromwell
1960 - 1961 Thelma Romoser
1961 - 1963 Nell Harness
1963 - 1964 Anita M. Iribe
1964 - 1965 Peggy Whyte
1965 - 1967 Anita M. Iribe
1965 - 1968 Pati Reich
1968 - 1973 Ginny Higgins
1973 - 1975 Margo Garner
1975 - 1976 Marjorie Burk
1976 - 1977 Helen Ruther
1977 - 1978 Lynne Salisbury
1978 - 1980 Priscilla Hart
1980 - 1981 Donna Ballard

1981 - 1982 Roz Kirk
1982 - 1983 Mary Lou Shippe
1983 - 1985 Eileen Molinaro
1985 - 1987 Joan Paik
1987 - 1990 Betty Harries
1990 - 1995 Anita M. Iribe
1995 - 1997 Rosemary E.S. Mortimer
1997 - 1999 Alice P. Gretsck
1999 - 2001 Carole M. Conors
2001 - 2003 Susan R. Buswell, Co-President
2001 - 2005 Betsy Grater, Co-President
2003 - 2004 Sharon Wissel, Co-President
2004 - 2005 Andrea Morris Gruhl, Co-President
2005 - 2008 Barbara Russell, Co-President
2005 - 2009 Grace Kubofcik, Co-President
2008 - 2009 Barbara Schnackenberg, Co-Pres.
2009 - 2011 Grace Kubofcik, President
2011 - 2013 Betsy Grater, Co-President
2011 - 2015 Alice Giles, Co-President
2013 - 2015 Lillie Gallant, Co-President
2015 - 2017 Lillie Gallant, President
2017 - 2018 Barbara Russell, Co-President
2017 - 2019 Betsy Grater, Co-President
2019 - Current Beth Hufnagel, President



League of Women Voters of Howard County



TAKE ACTION! DEMOCRACY IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT!

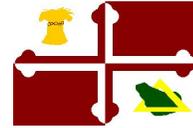
The League program does not stop with attaining member agreement. The next step is to change government policy to reflect the values and aims of LWV positions. The official positions of the League are presented by the President or designated members, but all members are encouraged to speak or write as individuals in support of positions held by the League. Independent action by members is encouraged regarding any issue.

GUIDELINES FOR WRITING E-MAILS OR LETTERS TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

Start your communication with what you support or oppose in a short caption and include the words "support" or "oppose." Identify both the bill number, if you know it, and topic because your topic may also be on a different bill. Write about only one issue per communication. Write as an individual and use your own words. Write to express agreement and support, not just when you oppose. Include your address so that it is clear that you are a constituent and so that you can receive a response.

PUBLICATIONS

All members receive The LWVMD VOTER, The Howard County VOTER (monthly), an Annual Meeting WORKBOOK (in March) and the local League's HANDBOOK (in September).



LEAGUE PRINCIPLES

The League of Women Voters believes in representative government and in the individual liberties established in the Constitution of the United States. The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that all powers of the U.S. government should be exercised within the constitutional framework of a balance among the three branches of government: legislative, executive, and judicial. (2008 National Convention) The League of Women Voters believes that democratic government depends upon the informed and active participation of its citizens and requires that governmental bodies protect the citizen's right to know by giving adequate notice of proposed actions, holding open meetings and making public records accessible. The League of Women Voters believes that every citizen should be protected in the right to vote; that every person should have access to free public education that provides equal opportunity for all; and that no person or group should suffer legal, economic or administrative discrimination. The League of Women Voters believes that efficient and economical government requires competent personnel, the clear assignment of responsibility, adequate financing, and coordination among the different agencies and levels of government. The League of Women Voters believes that responsible government should be responsive to the will of the people; that government should maintain an equitable and flexible system of taxation, promote the conservation and development of natural resources in the public interest, share in the solution of economic and social problems that affect the general welfare, promote a sound economy and adopt domestic policies that facilitate the solution of international problems. The League of Women Voters believes that cooperation with other nations is essential in the search for solutions to world problems and that development of international organization and international law is imperative in the promotion of world peace.

LEAGUE STRUCTURE

The League functions on four levels – local, state, regional and national. Each level focuses on issues appropriate to its area's governance. The local League's members are automatically members of the state, regional and national bodies, receive their literature, may attend their workshops and forums, and are eligible to sit

on their Boards and be named delegates to their conventions and councils. The League of Women Voters believes its strength and influence derives from a dedication to consensus building on grassroots initiatives and on careful preparation before acting.

OBJECTIVES

- To provide opportunities to be informed on public matters
- To encourage participation in federal, state and local decisions
- To establish positions on public policy through grassroots member participation and agreement
- To advocate League grassroots positions

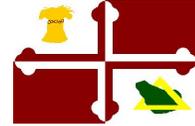
MEMBERSHIP

is open to all citizens of voting age who subscribe to the purpose and policies of the League. By joining the local League of Women Voters, one also becomes a member of the National League, the State League, and the National Capital Area League. A person may become a member of any one local League in the United States regardless of place of residence. Important local leadership opportunities exist for members in many areas including Nominating, Budget, Program Studies, Action committees and the Speakers Bureau.

Membership dues partially support our activities. Since the major portion of those dues is allocated to support the state, regional and national Leagues, additional funds must be raised through activities as well as through donations to the League's Voters Education Fund.

THE UNITS

historically are the 'heart'; of the League. The Units are small groups of local members who meet for discussion and study of various issues of interest in Howard County, Maryland, the region, and the nation. The purpose of Units is to facilitate discussion and understanding and are held to best meet the League goal "to promote informed and active participation in government." Units are where **LWV grassroots positions** are developed. Local program items are adopted by the membership at the yearly annual



meeting and are usually dealt with in the Units, where the consensus of each Unit is

forwarded to the local Board. Once consensus is reached, a position on an issue is identified and the LWV uses these positions to advocate (take action) at all levels of government.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

is composed of officers and as many as 13 Directors, six of whom are elected and as many as seven more who may be appointed. The two-year terms for the elected directors are staggered. Directors serve in a variety of leadership roles depending on the needs of the local League; the current list is on page 4.

MEETINGS

In addition to scheduled Unit and general membership meetings, our League's Annual Meeting is where members elect officers and discuss and vote on the coming year's Program. At our Annual Legislative event, locally elected members of the Maryland General Assembly are featured. In election years, our Candidate Forums are where the community may hear those who would represent them on local, state and national bodies. Occasional public meetings are held on other issues of concern to the community.

COMMITTEES

League members volunteer on committees to do the work of the League. Each member is encouraged to get involved. We encourage you to reach out to the Director whose portfolio best suits your interests. This is a sample of what each traditional Director does.

ACTION

Help research and prepare testimony for the Howard County Council and other Howard County boards and agencies in line with League of Women Voters member-adopted positions. Monitor and track legislation and hearings. Advocacy in action!

COMMUNICATIONS

Edit the monthly member newsletter. Facilitate the social media presence of the League. Maintain the website.

MEMBERSHIP

Connect new members with League activities. Recruit new members at community events. Write about members for the newsletter. Annual holiday party and summer picnic to bring members together. Program: Identify issues and develop and update League positions using the process of studies.

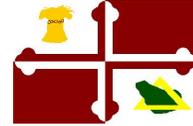
VOTER SERVICE

Register high school seniors and residents to vote. Produce the League's "Voter's Guide" which is used by voters to make informed decisions. Organize the Candidate Forums in election years. During elections, evaluate how polling locations are operating and report to the Maryland Board of Elections: A full listing of the current Board appears on page 4.

WHO REPRESENTS THE LEAGUE

Most League action consists of working to influence governmental decisions based on the consensus statements adopted at all levels of the League. An official League position is publicly presented only by the President (or designated member). Members are encouraged to speak or write, as individuals, in support of positions held by the League.

In League terms, 'consensus' refers to agreement by a substantial number of a representative group of members, reached after study and discussion. It is not a simple majority and is not reached by vote. Consensus is a prerequisite to any position the League takes on issues. It determines what action can be taken. It is meant to assure that members are not only informed but in basic agreement.



LWVHC CANDIDATE RECOGNITION POLICY, COMMENCING JULY 2000

The League of Women Voters® of Howard County, Inc. established the following criteria for candidate recognition:

1. Non-Partisan Local Elections. With regard to non-partisan local elections, those candidates registered with the Howard County Board of Education including those certified by the Board of Elections as certified write-in candidates shall be considered candidates by the LWVHC.
2. Partisan Local Elections. With regard to partisan elections, those candidates who represent a party which is a recognized party by the State of Maryland shall be considered candidates by the LWVHC.
3. Voters Guides. For Voters Guides, schedules are established to meet publishing deadlines. Candidate materials received after deadlines because of a candidate's late entry into the field cannot be included.
4. Candidate Forums. Candidates will be included in Candidate Forums if their meeting of points 1. and/or 2. is established by the Board of Elections prior to the Forum.

DUES and FISCAL YEAR

Our fiscal year begins May 1. The new dues year also begins on May 1. All memberships expire on April 30. Those who join between January 1 and April 30 are members until April 30 of the following year. Members who have not renewed by July 31 are reluctantly dropped from membership and will be reinstated upon receipt of dues. Lapsed members do not receive League publications.

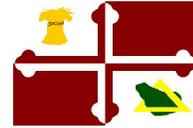
Dues may be tax deductible, depending on the individual's tax situation, as are all contributions to 501(c)(3) entities. Dues and/or contributions can be made at any time by sending a check to the LWVHC office (5430 Vantage Point Road, Suite C, Columbia, MD 21044) or through paypal at www.howard.lwvmd.org Individual membership dues are \$70.00. Each additional household member is \$22.50. Student membership dues are free.

BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETINGS are held the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Oakland Manor Library. All members are invited to attend.

EVENTS for the entire membership, friends, family members and the public are scheduled to further provide opportunities for people to be informed. Please see the Calendar page above. These meetings are also clearly indicated in the newsletters.

SNOW POLICY

If the Howard County Public School System cancels or delays classes due to weather conditions, the LWVHC and the LWVHCEF will also cancel their events.



NONPARTISAN AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICIES FOR BOARD MEMBERS

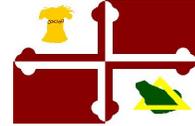
The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization of men and women whose purpose is to promote the informed and active participation of citizens in government. As an organization, the League does not support or oppose candidates for public office, but acts only on those issues chosen by the membership for study and action.

The League believes that political parties are essential to the American system of government and that participation of informed citizens is beneficial to the political parties and to the system. Consequently, the League encourages its members as individuals to be active in the political parties, in finding and supporting candidates for public office and in seeking election to public office.

The purpose of this policy is to assure the credibility of the League of Women Voters of Howard County as a nonpartisan organization which does not support or oppose any political party or candidate; only to the extent that the public and its elected officials are convinced of the League's genuine nonpartisanship will the League be able to render effective voter service activities and gain a wide base of support for its positions on government issues.

The League of Women Voters of Howard County, Inc. complies with the nonpartisan policy of the League of Women Voters of Maryland, Inc.

1. Elective Office. Board members shall not run for or hold elective office; elective office shall mean an election run by the Howard County Board of Elections.
2. Political Party Office. Board members shall not serve in any position in a political party.
3. Political Club. Board members shall not serve in a visible position in a political club, as interpreted by consultation with the board.
4. Campaign Contributions. Board members may attend campaign fundraising events and make campaign contributions.
5. Political Campaigns. Board members may not chair or administer fundraising or political campaigns, chair a campaign event, or work in a visible way in the campaign of a candidate for office or for a party.
6. Additional Clarification. Board members shall present questions about specific situations to the board where the foregoing policies do not resolve the question.
7. Securing Appointments. The board may encourage and assist LWV members to secure appointment to government boards, commissions and committees. However, the board should be aware of and protect against the charge that the LWV is being used by a political faction. Unless clearly designated by the League, appointees are not official representatives of the League.
8. Serving on Boards. Board members may serve on advisory boards except in cases where a dual identity may cause problems or confusion. If a serious conflict arises between the two entities, it should be brought to the attention of the League board, and the board member must make a choice between the two.
9. Lobbying. Board members shall not lobby for a position in opposition to or in conflict with a LWV position.
10. Employment. If a conflict of interest problem arises from employment, it should be brought to the attention of the board.
11. Stipends. Board members may not accept stipends or grants for League projects while sitting on the policy-making board that is responsible for administering the grant.
12. Honoraria. Board members may accept honoraria.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HOWARD COUNTY EDUCATION FUND, INC.
AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS APRIL 23, 2019

ARTICLE I
Name and Office

SECTION 1. NAME.

The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters of Howard Education Fund, Inc. (LWVHCEF). The LWVHCEF is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of Maryland (LWVMD) and the League of Women Voters of the US (LWVUS). The LWVHCEF shall from time to time cooperate with other groups, including the League of Women Voters of the National Capital Area (LWVNCA).

SECTION 2. PRINCIPAL OFFICE.

The principal office of the LWVHCEF shall be in Howard County, Maryland.

ARTICLE II
Purpose and Policy

SECTION 1. PURPOSE.

The purpose of the LWVHCEF is to, among other things, promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government, to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and to influence public policy on specific issues as decided by the Board of Directors, and to perform 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 (the Code) (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 Code (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 Code (or the corresponding provisions 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 LWVHCEF shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and LWVHCEF 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.

SECTION 3. UNITY.

All purposes and policies of the LWVHCEF shall be in accord with those of the LWVMD and the LWVUS and the 501(c)(3) section of the Code.

ARTICLE III
Membership

SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY.

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

SECTION 2. TYPES OF MEMBERSHIPS.

- (a) Individuals at least sixteen (16) years of age who join the LWVHCEF shall be voting members of the LWVMD, the LWVUS, and any regional League to which the LWVHCEF belongs.
i. Individuals who live within the area of a local League may join that League or any other local League.
ii. Those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or be state members-at-large.

(b) Special Classes of Membership.

- i. Those who have been members of the League for fifty (50) years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues.
ii. Individuals sixteen (16) and over in the above categories, who are enrolled in an educational program leading to a degree or certification, may be designated as "Student Members" and pay no annual membership dues.

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 LWVHCEF, LWVMD, or LWVUS.

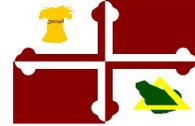
ARTICLE IV
Membership Meetings

SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS.

There shall be at least three (3) meetings of the membership each year that should be related to program or other important issues. The time and place of such meetings shall be determined by the Board of Directors (the Board). Notice shall be sent to all members at least thirty (30) in advance of the date of the meeting.

SECTION 2. ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting shall be held during the month of April, the exact date to be determined by the Board. The membership:
(a) may adopt a local program for the ensuing year,
(b) shall elect required officers, and directors, and chair and two non-Board members of the nominating committee,
(c) shall adopt an adequate budget, and
(d) may transact such other business as may properly come before it.



SECTION 3. SPECIAL MEETINGS.

The President may call a special meeting or, at the request of at least ten (10) members, it may be called by the Board. When a special meeting is called, a notice shall be sent to all members at least seven (7) days in advance of the date the meeting is to be held. The reason for calling a special meeting shall be clearly stated in the notice provided to the membership. The meeting shall only include the subject(s) for which the special meeting has been called.

SECTION 4. QUORUM.

Fifteen percent (15%) of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum.

**ARTICLE V
Officers**

SECTION 1. ENUMERATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The officers of the LWVHCEF shall be President or Co-presidents (the term "President" shall be understood to include Co-presidents), Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer who shall be elected by the general membership at the Annual Meeting. Officers shall take office at the close of the Annual Meeting and shall serve for a term of two years or until their successors are elected. The President and Treasurer shall be elected in odd years; the Vice-president and Secretary shall be elected in even years.

SECTION 2. THE PRESIDENT.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the Board. The President may, in the absence or disability of the Treasurer, sign or endorse checks, drafts and notes. The president shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. The President shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board.

SECTION 3. THE VICE-PRESIDENT.

The Vice-president shall perform such duties as the President or Board shall designate. In the event of the absence, disability, resignation, or death of the President, the Vice-president shall possess all the powers and perform all the duties of that office. The Board shall select a member to fill the vacancy of Vice-president.

SECTION 4. THE SECRETARY. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all annual and special membership meetings of the LWVHCEF, and of all meetings of the Board or any other such meeting that may be called under these Bylaws. The Secretary shall also be responsible for any correspondence as may be designated by the President or Board and shall assist such other work as the President requests. The Secretary shall submit final, corrected archival minutes as directed by the President.

SECTION 5. THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due to the LWVHCEF. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of these monies, shall

deposit them in a bank designated by the Board and shall disburse the same guided by the budget and availability of income. The Treasurer shall present financial statements to the Board at its regular meetings and an annual report to the membership at the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall cosign, with the President, all disbursements in excess of \$1000 and contracts or other instruments when directed by the Board. The books of the Treasurer shall be reviewed annually.

**ARTICLE VI
Board of Directors**

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION, NUMBER, MANNER OF SELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE.

The Board shall consist of the officers of the LWVHCEF, six (6) to twelve (12) elected directors and up to twelve (12) appointed directors, all of whom shall be voting members. Directors elected by the voting membership at each Annual Meeting shall serve for a term of one year, or until their successors shall be elected. The terms of office of the appointed directors shall not exceed one (1) year and shall expire at the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting.

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 LWVHCEF, and is deemed to be in compliance with the LWVHCEF's Conflict of Interest Bylaws (Article VII).

SECTION 3. VACANCIES.

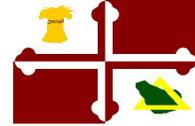
Any vacancy occurring on the Board may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board. Three consecutive absences from Board meetings by any Board member without a valid reason may be deemed a resignation.

SECTION 4. POWER AND DUTIES.

The Board shall have full charge of the property and business of the organization, with full power and authority to manage and conduct the same, subject to the instructions of the voting membership. It shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the programs adopted by the LWVUS, LWVMD, and LWVNCA conventions and the LWVHCEF Annual Meeting. The Board shall create and designate special committees as it may deem necessary. The Board shall provide for an annual financial review.

SECTION 5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee, consisting of the officers of the LWVHCEF, shall exercise such powers and authority as may be delegated to it by the Board and shall report to the Board on all actions taken by it between regular meetings of the Board.



SECTION 6. MEETINGS.

(a) Regular Meetings. There shall be at least nine (9) regular meetings of the Board annually. The President shall notify each member of the Board of all meetings.

(b) Special Meetings. The President may call special meetings of the Board and/or the Executive Committee and shall call a special meeting of the Board upon the written request of three (3) members of the Board.

(c) Conference Telephone Call Meetings. The Board members may participate in meetings by means of conference telephone calls or similar communication allowing all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time. The president shall give due notice to the board members prior to the meeting with instructions. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting. Such meetings shall follow the prescription of in-person Board meetings. A quorum must call in for decision- making. Meeting material and an agenda must be available to all participants.

(d) Email Meetings. Board meetings may be held by email to deal with specific matters that arise between in-person or conference call Board meetings. Such email meetings can take place provided that all Board members have access to email on a personal computer. For an email meeting to occur, the President must notify all Board members of the starting and ending time of the meeting and have acknowledgement by a quorum of all Board members that they have received notice of the meeting. The President would provide an agenda which would contain no more than three (3) matters. The meeting should not contain minutes of a previous meeting nor treasurer or committee reports. Those participating must do so by assuring that all participants are included in order for their comments and votes to be considered and valid by selecting 'reply all.' At the termination time of the meeting, all input, discussion and voting would cease.

(e) Polling between Board Meetings. Polling of all Board members may be used between regularly scheduled meetings by telephone, electronic media, or mail. Any activity as a result of the polling will be confirmed at the next scheduled Board meeting.

SECTION 7. QUORUM.

A majority of the elected members of the Board shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at every meeting of the Board. If a quorum is present at the commencement of a meeting, a quorum shall be deemed present throughout the meeting.

SECTION 8. REMOVAL.

The Board shall have the power to remove any director or officer with due process and such action shall be conclusive.

**ARTICLE VII
Conflict of Interest**

SECTION 1. INTEREST IN CONTRACT OR TRANSACTION.

Board members, officers or committee members having an interest in a contract or other transaction presented to the Board shall give prompt, full and frank disclosure of their interest to the Board prior to the Board acting on such contract or transaction.

SECTION 2. DETERMINATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

The Board shall determine, by majority vote, whether the disclosure shows that a conflict of interest exists or can reasonably be construed to exist. If a conflict is found to exist, such persons shall not vote on, nor use their personal influence on, nor participate in the discussion of the issue. These persons may not be counted in determining the existence of a quorum at any meeting where the contract, transaction, or determination is under discussion or is being voted upon.

SECTION 3. MINUTES.

The minutes of the meeting shall reflect the disclosure made, the vote thereon, and where applicable, the abstention from voting and participation, and whether a quorum was present.

**ARTICLE VIII
National Convention, State Convention and Council and
Inter-League Organization Convention**

SECTION 1. NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The Board shall select delegates to the LWVUS National Convention in the number allotted the LWVHCEF under the provisions of the By-laws of the LWVUS at a meeting before the date on which the names of the delegates must be sent to the LWVUS.

SECTION 2. STATE CONVENTION.

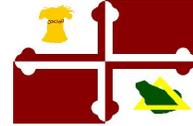
The Board shall select delegates to the LWVMD State Convention in the number allotted the LWVHCEF under the provisions of the By-laws of the LWVMD at a meeting before the date on which names of delegates must be sent to the LWVMD.

SECTION 3. STATE COUNCIL.

The Board shall select delegates to the LWVMD Council in the number allotted the LWVHCEF under the provisions of the By-laws of the LWVMD at a meeting before the date on which names of delegates must be sent to the LWVMD.

SECTION 4. INTER-LEAGUE ORGANIZATION CONVENTION.

The Board shall select delegates to the Convention in the number allotted the LWVHCEF under the provision of the By-laws of the Inter-League Organization at a meeting before the date on which the names of the delegates must be sent to the organization.



ARTICLE IX
Nominating Committee and Elections

SECTION 1. NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

The Nominating Committee shall consist of five (5) voting members, two (2) of whom shall be members of the Board. The Chairman and two members, who shall not be members of the Board, shall be nominated annually by the Nominating Committee and elected at the Annual Meeting. The Board shall appoint the two Board members of the Committee prior to the first meeting of the Nominating Committee.

Any vacancy on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board. Suggestions for the nominations of Officers and Directors may be sent to this Committee by any voting member.

SECTION 2. REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR.

The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for Officers, Directors and the members of the succeeding Nominating Committee shall be sent to all members one month before the date of the Annual Meeting. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be presented at the Annual Meeting. Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member provided the consent of the nominee shall have been obtained.

SECTION 3. ELECTIONS.

The election shall be by ballot, provided that when there is but one nominee for each office, the secretary may be instructed to cast the ballot for every member. 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 Programs

SECTION 1. PRINCIPLES.

The governmental principles adopted by the National Convention of the LWVUS, and supported by the League as a whole, constitute the authorization for the Principles and Programs of the LWVHCEF.

SECTION 2. PROGRAM.

The program consists of action to protect the right to vote of every citizen and those governmental issues chosen for concerted study and action by the members at the Annual Meeting. The members shall act upon the proposed program in the following manner:

(a) The Board shall consider suggestions developed at a meeting on program planning or any suggestions submitted by a voting member two months prior to the Annual Meeting and shall formulate a recommended program.

(b) The recommended program shall be sent to all voting members one month before the Annual Meeting.

(c) At the Annual Meeting a majority of voting members present and voting shall be required for adoption of items in the recommended program.

(d) Items submitted to the Board by voting members at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting, but not recommended by the Board, may be considered at the Annual Meeting provided that a majority vote requests consideration. Such items may be adopted by a two-thirds majority of voting members present and voting.

(e) In the case of altered conditions, changes in the Program may be made provided that information concerning any proposed change has been sent to all members at least two weeks prior to the general membership meeting at which the change is to be discussed and acted upon.

ARTICLE XI
Financial Administration

SECTION 1. FISCAL YEAR.

The fiscal year of the LWVHCEF shall commence on the first day of May each year.

SECTION 2. DUES.

Annual dues for the following fiscal year shall be payable on or before May 1 each year. The amount of these dues should be recommended by the Board and approved by the voting membership at the Annual Meeting. The Board shall adopt appropriate procedures regarding delinquencies including suspending membership status.

SECTION 3. GIFTS AND DONATIONS.

The Board may receive and accept gifts and donations from the members, the general public or any other source for the League's operational and educational activities. The Board, at its absolute discretion, may decline gifts it deems inappropriate.

SECTION 4. BUDGET.

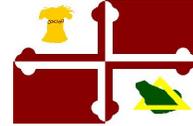
A budget for the ensuing fiscal year shall be submitted by the Board to the Annual Meeting for adoption. The budget shall include support for the work of the League as a whole.

SECTION 5. BUDGET COMMITTEE.

A Budget Committee shall be appointed by the Board at least four (4) months prior to the Annual Meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing fiscal year. Two (2) members of the Board and three (3) members from the voting membership (one of these three being designated as chair), and the Treasurer and President shall be ex-officio members of the committee. This committee shall submit a budget to the Board for review before submission to the Annual Meeting. The proposed budget shall be sent to all voting members one month before the Annual Meeting.

SECTION 6. TRANSFER OF PROPERTY.

Two (2) of the following officers; the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, shall have the authority to assign, endorse, transfer, and deliver in the name and on behalf of the LWVHCEF, any



certificate of stock, bond, note, or other security or property belonging to the LWVHCEF.

SECTION 7. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS ON DISSOLUTION.

In the event of dissolution for any cause of the LWVHCEF, all assets which may at the time be owned by or under the absolute control of the LWVHCEF shall be paid to the LWVMD, provided that LWVMD is an organization exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Code at that time, after the Board has paid or made provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the LWVHCEF. In the event that LWVMD does not qualify as a tax-exempt organization, then the person designated by the Board shall dispose of all of the assets of the LWVHCEF exclusively for the purposes of the LWVHCEF to an organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

**ARTICLE XII
Parliamentary Authority**

SECTION 1. 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 By-laws.

**ARTICLE XIII
Officer Indemnification**

The LWVHCEF 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 directors or officers if they were or are threatened with suit in their capacity as a director or officer. No directors or officers shall be entitled to indemnification if they received an improper personal benefit from the action for which they seek indemnification.

**ARTICLE XIV
Bylaws**

SECTION 1. BYLAWS REVIEW.

The bylaws shall be reviewed every other year.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to these By-laws may be proposed by the Board or any individual voting member of the LWVHCEF. These By-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the voting members present at the Annual Meeting provided the amendments were submitted to the membership in writing at least two (2) months in advance of the meeting. Any amendments shall go into effect the first day of the following fiscal year unless otherwise specified in the amendment.