

# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS<sup>®</sup> OF MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL

**Frederick County  
Saturday, May 21, 2016**



*Hood College*

*Frederick County, Maryland*



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### PROPOSED RULES FOR COUNCIL

1. Any League member in attendance shall have the privilege of the floor. Only delegates shall be permitted to vote.
2. Individuals wishing to speak shall raise their hands and, when recognized, stand and state their name and the League or State Board portfolio they represent.
3. 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.

### Cover Image: Hood College

*Hood is an independent liberal arts college known for its outstanding faculty, research opportunities and experiential learning. Located in historic Frederick, Md. (the third-largest city in the state), Hood is an hour from Washington, D.C., an hour from Baltimore and 30 minutes from the I-270 technology corridor.*

## HISTORY OF FREDERICK COUNTY

Frederick County and its county seat, Frederick City, are steeped in history originating in colonial times at the crossroads of a north, south Indian trail and the route between the Chesapeake Bay and the Ohio watershed. The earliest European settlement was in 1730 and Frederick City, designated as the county seat in 1745, now the second largest incorporated city in Maryland. Key events of both the Revolutionary War and the Civil War took place in and around Frederick. History enthusiasts comprise a large part of the almost one million visitors per year to the area.

Frederick City survived the threat of being burned down by the Confederate army by paying the ransom demanded. This debt was not paid off until late in the 20th century. It also survived repeated devastating floods that destroyed homes, buildings and businesses. In the 1970's the city launched a flood control system that has led to a vibrant park like environment downtown, energizing businesses, housing, art and tourism. The faux painted Community bridge alone draws multiple visitors each year with each asking "is it real"? The final leg of this extensive project is nearing completion, extending the tourist area and development. The National Museum of Civil War located in the center, or downtown, is also a major draw for tourists and is another example of our history supporting our future.

Fort Detrick is the largest employer in the county and is also steeped in history with a vision into the future. It was the scene of multiple demonstrations during the Vietnam War against its chemical and biological warfare research and is now the location of a large cancer research center. Anthrax, Ebola and Zika research are just a few of examples of other research taking place within the confines of the secure military facility.

Sites of interest outside of the city include Camp David, The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, covered bridges, multiple historic architecturally significant homes and barns, Civil War battlefields, Catocin furnace and several large state parks including part of the Appalachian Trail.

Hood College, one of the three institutions of higher learning in the County, was originally The Women's College of Frederick, founded in 1893 with the mission to prepare women for roles in both the home and work place. As with the city in which it is located, there is a history but also a vision for the future. In 1971 it started to admit male commuter students with the start of The Graduate School, and in 2001 decided to admit residential male students. There are now 13 graduate programs, study abroad programs, an honors program and multiple internships for approximately 2400 students with 1400 of those being undergraduates. There are over 23,000 graduates living throughout United States and the world.

Hood's commitment to the community in which it is located is strong and continues to grow. Hood shares its lovely campus, building and facilities for meetings and presentations. In addition, faculty participates in organizations and guest lecturing, faculty and student concerts, guest concerts, and speaker series. The League of Women Voters of Frederick County is very grateful and appreciative to Hood for its support of our League in registering students to vote, providing interns, partnering in debates and providing meeting sites. It is truly a community partner.

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MARYLAND PAST PRESIDENTS

1922-39	Mrs. Charles Ellis Ellicott	1974-77	Dale Balfour
1939-41	Virginia Williamson	1977-81	Lois Stoner
1941-43	Alice Hostetler	1981-83	Marjorie Johnson
1943-45	Irene Sandifer	1983-85	Kathleen Ellett
1945-47	Gladys Barber	1985-86	Betsy Cullen
1947-49	Betty Downs	1986-87	Millie Tyssowski
1949-53	Ruth Hirschmann	1987-91	Priscilla Hart
1953-55	Gratia Woods	1991-95	Patty Pollard
1955-59	Caroline Wood	1995-99	Joan Paik
1959-63	Marion Satterthwaite	1999-2001	Joan Trafton
1963-67	Helen Koss	2001-2005	Judith Morenoff
1967-69	Ilse Darling	2005-2009	Lu Pierson
1969-73	Gloria Cole	2009-2013	Nancy Soreng
1973-74	Bert Booth	2013- 2015	Susan Cochran
		2015-	Barbara Schnackenberg, Co-President
			Nancy Soreng, Co-President

## LOCAL LEAGUE PRESIDENTS 2015-2016

ANNE ARUNDEL	Susan Elson, Co-President
	Niecy Chambers, Co-President
BALTIMORE CITY	Diedre Badejo, Co-President
	Linda Rittelmann, Co-President
BALTIMORE COUNTY	Camille Marx, Co-President
	Caroline Seamon, Co-President
CALVERT	John Perryman, Co-President
	Annette Funn, Co-President
FREDERICK	Melanie Cox, President
HARFORD	Stephanie Hallock, President
HOWARD	Lillie Gallant, President
KENT	Sandra Bjork, President
MID SHORE	Patricia Comella, Spokesperson/Convener
MONTGOMERY	Linna Barnes, President
PRINCE GEORGE'S	Joyce Starks, Co-President
	Atari Muhammad, Co-President
QUEEN ANNE'S	Barbara Sharkey, President
ST. MARY'S	Kathleen Werner, Vice President
WASHINGTON	Richard Willson, President

## STATE BOARD 2015-2017

### Board of Directors:

Co-President	Nancy Soreng
Co- President	Barbara Schnackenberg
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	JoAnn Ross (Program)
2nd Vice President	Ruth Crystal (Action)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Ralph Watkins (Voter Service)
Secretary	Elaine Apter
Treasurer	Carolyn Hetterick

### Directors:

Wares/Arrangements	Melanie Cox
Constitution Day/ NCA Liaison	Andrea Gruhl
MLD Coordinator	Betsy Grater
LWVMD Voter	John Perryman
State Board Letter	Jane Hardy
Advocacy Team – Environment	Betsy Singer
On-Line Services	Richard Willson

### Off-Board:

<i>Report from State Circle</i> Editor	Judith Heimann
Co-Chair, Elections Primary Study	Lu Pierson
Co-Chair, Elections Primary Study	Barbara Sanders
Chair, Community Police	Lois Hybl
Relations Study	
Chair, DRRRA Study	Margaret Hindman
Social Media	Linda Rittelmann

### Nominating Committee 2015 - 2017:

Chair	Betsy Sexton
Member	Rebecca Goode
Member	Anne Mychalus
Appointed by the Board	Andrea Gruhl

**LWVUS Liaison to Maryland Leagues:** Barbara Zia

**It is with great sadness that we announce the loss of Betty Harries who was serving as Membership Chair on the LWVMD Board.**

**Her warm personality and devotion to the League will be missed.**

**Contributions in her memory may be made to The League of Women Voters of Howard County at <https://lwwhc.wordpress.com/>**

## AGENDA

9:30	Registration	
10:00	Call to Order Welcome to Frederick County Introduction of State Board Roll Call of Local Leagues	Barbara Schnackenberg Hoda Zaki, Professor at Hood College Barbara Schnackenberg Elaine Apter
10:10	Adoption of the Rules for State Council Adoption of the Agenda	Nancy Soreng
10:15	Treasurer's Report	Carolyn Hetterick
10:20	Budget Presentation, Discussion, Adoption	Ruth Crystal
10:25	Recognition of RSC Reporters	Ruth Crystal
10:30	Workshop 1 - Membership Engagement Primer Using Best Practices Recruit, Engage Retain Food for Thought: Backpack Program for Homeless Students Reaching out to the Community	JoAnn Ross  Kathy Larrabee, Anne Arundel Monica Butta, Co-Founder Food for Thought Program Vicki Stella, Montgomery
11:00	Workshop 2 - Making NationBuilder Work for Your League	Richard Willson & Ralph Watkins
12:00	Lunch	
12:30	Status of Health Care Delivery in Maryland	Barbara A. Brookmyer, MD, MPH Health Officer, Frederick County Health Department
1:15	Directions to the Board and Questions	Barbara Schnackenberg
1:20	Announcements Madeleine Ellicott Founders Fund Invitation to LWVMD Convention 2017	Barbara Schnackenberg Nancy Soreng Jane Hardy
1:30	Adjourn	
1:35	LWVUS Convention Discussion	

NOTE: In order to have time to hold workshops, portfolio reports from the President, Action Chair, Program Chair, and Voter Service Chair will be in writing instead of oral as at previous Councils. They are included in this workbook.

# LWVMD MEMBERSHIP

## Local Leagues and MAL Members As of February 1, 2016

LWVMD/LWVUS Annual Membership Report			
February 1, 2016			
		2016	2015
League ID	League Name	Total Members	Total Members
MD000	LWV of Maryland	1	9
MD100	LWV of Anne Arundel County	57	62
MD101	LWV of Baltimore City	86	94
MD102	<b>LWV of Baltimore County</b>	136	150
MD103	LWV of Howard County	129	144
MD104	LWV of Montgomery County	351	350
MD105	<b>LWV of Prince George's County</b>	57	54
MD106	<b>LWV of Harford County, Inc.</b>	29	27
MD009	LWV of Frederick County	61	56
MD111	LWV of Washington County	12	16
MD114	LWV of Calvert County	92	82
MD117	<b>LWV of Mid-Shore, Inc.</b>	39	42
MD118	LWV of Kent County	57	48
MD119	LWV of St. Mary's County	38	33
MD120	LWV of Queen Anne's County	41	56
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>1186</b>	<b>1223</b>
<b>Leagues listed in bold participate in the MLD Program</b>			

## **PORTFOLIO REPORTS**

### **CO-PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

At our convention in May 2015, we adopted three studies to take place over the next two years. One is a study of our primary election system, headed by **Barbara Sanders** of the Montgomery County League and **Lu Pierson** of the Baltimore City League. Another is a study of Developmental Rights and Responsibilities Agreements, a land use management tool authorized by the legislature in 1995 being led by **Margaret Hindman** from the Frederick County League. The third is a study of police community relations being led by **Lois Hybl** from the Baltimore City League. All of these studies are well underway.

Fortunately for us, **Richard Willson** agreed to serve on the State Board in the role of webmaster to get us up and running on NationBuilder, our new web platform, and to help all of us learn to use it and transition from our former platform which was no longer working for us. We are all grateful to Richard who has trained us not only on our new web platform but also on Google Drive, where we can collaborate on documents for our Board meetings.

In September 2015, we once again collaborated with the Francis King Carey School of Law at the University of Maryland to celebrate our Constitution. The program presented was titled "Love and Death on the Supreme Court", a review of the Court's decisions on same sex marriage and state executions. For some years, **Andrea Gruhl** of the Howard County League has worked with Maxwell Stearns, Professor of Law and Marbury Research Professor, to provide programs which make our Constitution live.

Through a program developed by **Ruth Crystal**, State Board Action Chair, for our Legislative Day on March 1<sup>st</sup>, we met with our legislators about our priorities, provided a tour of our legislative complex, heard once again from the Executive Director of the Department of Legislative Services Warren Deschenaux, our favorite speaker who gives us a humorous view of the budget. **Betsy Singer** arranged for us to hear also from Maryland's Secretary of the Environment Benjamin Grumbles. Following the expressed views of our local leagues, our legislative efforts for 2016 included new environmental legislation which the Governor recently signed into law to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 40% below 2006 levels by 2030. 17 volunteer reporters covered more than 230 pieces of legislation on a wide variety of topics for Report from State Circle. For the first time, we asked the 526 non-members who receive RSC to make a contribution to help support this effort. We don't know yet if it will yield any results.

To improve our democracy, we worked for the recommendation of Governor Hogan's Redistricting Reform Commission for the legislature to adopt an independent redistricting commission. **Ashley Oleson**, a member of the Anne Arundel League, served on this commission. In advance of legislative sessions both in Maryland and Virginia, **Nancy Soreng** worked with Lois Page and Dianne Blais, co-presidents of LWVVA on an op ed in the *Washington Post* urging legislators to do the right thing for the citizens of both states to adopt an independent redistricting commission legislation. Unfortunately both legislatures failed the citizens of their states.

Our superb Voter Service Chair **Ralph Watkins** has worked tirelessly with the voter service chairs of our local leagues by conducting training on Vote411 and providing guidance on all matters pertaining to election information, including conducting forums. He has led voter registration efforts statewide including registering new naturalized citizens while local leagues have done superb service to our citizens by conducting voter registration at high schools, colleges and many community events. Local leagues



have collaborated with various publications or have raised the money themselves to produce print voters guides. Ultimately information on every race in every Maryland is up on Vote411.

For our spring event, we will hear from Karen Tumulty, national political reporter for the Washington Post, on April 30th. Through the good offices of **Klaus Zwilsky** and **Roberta Safer** (members of our Calvert County League), we are able to hold this event at the Cosmos Club in Washington, D.C. They will also lead a tour of the Thompson House, the home of the Cosmos Club which is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Our year concludes with State Council at Hood College in Frederick, MD on May 21<sup>st</sup> when we will hear about very successful member recruitment efforts by several of our local leagues and learn about the current status of health care in Maryland.

*Barbara Schnackenberg & Nancy Soreng*

## **PROGRAM**

Delegates at the 2015 State Convention ~~in~~ adopted the following two-year State Studies:

**State Study of the Primary System employed to select candidates for elected office in Maryland:** Chairs, Barbara Sanders, LWV Montgomery County and Lu Pierson, LWV Baltimore City Committee members are in the process of preparing facts sheets on the various issues. Tentative plans are to have Fact sheets completed in the Fall of 2016 relating to the issue of single-member districts. Additional issues in the study will not have facts sheets ready until close to the time of the 2017 LWVMD Convention.

**Study of Developmental Rights and Responsibilities Agreements (DRRA's) in the state of Maryland:** Chair, Margaret Hindman, LWV Frederick County

This will be a study leading to Consensus with the aid of LWV Frederick County members who recently completed the study for their county. This study will focus on a little-known but important land -planning tool: the 1995 state law authorizing local governments and land developers to enter into DRRA's. Tentative plans are to have Fact Sheets and consensus questions for this study completed by Fall of ~~1016~~2016.

**Study of Police and Community Relations:** Chair, Lois Hybl, LWV Baltimore City

This study will include a review of current state laws that affect police-community Relations and ability to hold police accountable for their interactions with all members of the community. Specifically, this could include the Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights (LEOBR) Maryland law and practices would be compared with other states. Committee members are in the process of researching materials to ensure a thorough and balanced presentation of all issues.

**LWVMD conducted the following workshops for members:**

Winter Workshop: Two concurrent sessions were held. a. How to do a presentation on redistricting reform in your community b. Using the new website

Fall workshop: Briefings on the LWVUS studies: Money in Politics and the Constitutional Amendment

**Update on LWVUS Studies:** The new Constitutional amendment positions were approved by the LWVUS Board in January 2016. The money in Politics position was approved at the LWVUS April 2016 board meeting. The new positions will be readopted at the LWVUS convention in June.

*JoAnn Ross*

## **ACTION REPORT**

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). This year our priorities were: Making democracy work, Protecting the environment, and Adequate resources to meet the basic human needs of our citizens.

There were 2,817 bills introduced this year (of which only 834 passed both houses). The LWVMD produces six issues of “Report from State Circle” to inform our members and other subscribers what these bills concern and how they are progressing through the legislative process. Legislative activity is tracked by eighteen League members who each follow a specific subject area. The Report is edited and produced by our wonderful editor Judith Heimann, with the assistance of our office manager Linda Hamm. This year’s reporters include: Neilson Andrews, Marlene Cohn, Ruth Crystal, Bee Ditzler, Barbara Hankins, Lois Hybl, Susan Knisely, Judy Morenoff, Ashley Olson, Alyce Ortuzar, Lu Pierson, Doreen Rosenthal, Barbara Schnackenberg, Betsy Sexton, Linda Silversmith, Betsy Singer, Nancy Soreng, and Ruth Alice White.

Our advocacy includes both written and oral testimony on bills the League has a position for or against (often written by the reporters), 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 hold 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. Those who make appointments to visit their Legislators are given background information on the key bills the League is focusing our attention on. This year we added a tour of the State House and Senate and House buildings. Fifty Leaguers attended this year’s event.

While the legislative session is over, our work with coalitions continues throughout the year.

*Ruth Crystal*

## VOTER SERVICE REPORT

**VOTE411 and Voters' Guides** – Following the May 2015 LWVMD Convention, Voters Service volunteers across Maryland began preparations to publish our main voter education resource, the *Voters' Guide* and its online version, VOTE411.org@:

- Workshops were conducted in Columbia and Centreville to train volunteers in the use of VOTE411 to prepare descriptions of offices and invite candidates to respond to questions;
- Questions for candidates for U.S. Senate, House of Representatives, and judicial offices, as well as suggested questions for local offices were approved by the LWVMD Board;
- Candidate information was transferred from the State Board of Elections website to the VOTE411 database and candidates were then invited to respond to our questions;
- Several local Leagues published Voters' Guides for the primary election - noteworthy developments:
- Baltimore County published its Voters' Guide in the Beacon, greatly expanding its distribution;
- Montgomery County contracted with a graphic designer to develop a new format, color-coding sections for each of its 3 congressional districts;
- VOTE411 was published online on March 10 and publicity regarding its availability was sent to newspapers around the state.

**Voter Registration at Naturalization Ceremonies** – Volunteers are now conducting voter registration following naturalization ceremonies at the United States courthouses in Baltimore and Greenbelt. Since the May 2015 Convention, we have registered 159 new citizens to vote.

**Registration of Ex-Felons** – At its May 2015 Convention, LWVMD voted to support an amendment to Maryland election law to permit a person convicted of a felony to register to vote immediately upon completion of their prison sentence. The legislature overrode the Governor's veto of this bill and the new provision took effect March 10. LWVMD reached out to the Division of Parole and Probation to request their cooperation in conducting voter registration for these newly enfranchised citizens and the Division provided information on local offices that was forwarded to Voters Service volunteers in all local leagues.

**State Board of Elections** – As part of its regular monitoring of the State Board of Elections (SBE), LWVMD urged the Board of Public Works to provide sufficient funding to SBE to educate voters about the new voting system. The funding was not approved, but Voters Service volunteers in local Leagues worked with their local Boards of Elections in conducting public outreach about the new system. LWVMD also commented on the controversy that arose regarding the new ballot marking machines, urging SBE to ensure that a sufficient number of voters used the new machines to protect the privacy of disabled voters who would be the primary users of the machines while also providing clear instructions to all voters on the use of the machines.

*Ralph Watkins*

## **MEMBERSHIP & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (MLD)**

The Membership Leadership Development (MLD) program aims to help local Leagues intentionally focus on strengthening and growing the League and the League's impact, with the help of state and national coaches (also known as Ruth S. Shur Fellows) to provide guidance, mentoring and support to local Leagues in tried -and-true techniques proven to recruit new members, develop new leaders and reach beyond the League to engage others.

The 2015 membership report, county by county can be viewed under Membership. Please note that seven Leagues had a small gain in membership with Calvert and Kent showing the greatest increase. Overall, Maryland showed only a loss of 37 members statewide.

In October we held a MLD statewide training day in Columbia, with seven Leagues and 27 participants. Cheryl Graeve, Senior Director, Membership/Field Support conducted the training with Liz Santeramo, our Shur Fellow National Coach, assisting.

Coaches have participated in monthly calls with our Shur Fellow, Liz. The calls not only share information about the Leagues they coach, but receive helpful suggestions from each other and the Shur Fellow. At other times, Guidance suggestions such as *Using the Grow Me Model* and *Coaching The Mind Set*, offer coaches ideas for guiding their Leagues in the process of growing membership and developing leadership.

Our goal remains to grow membership and develop leadership. This is a daunting task in this changing world. With the help of all League members, our goal can be achieved.

*Betsy Grater*

## **Announcing the Establishment of the Madeleine Ellicott Founders Fund**

Do you want the League of Women Voters in Maryland to be here in the future? To be here for future voters? If so, we need to plan for that future.

The Board of the League of Women Voters of Maryland has established the Madeleine Ellicott Founders Fund for the ongoing support of our organization. We will be actively seeking contributions through planned giving which could include giving during one's life-time or as a bequest in a will. We will be accepting donations in any form. Donating appreciated stocks can yield significant tax advantages to the donor.



**Madeleine Ellicott 1857-1945**

We decided to name the fund after our founder Mrs. Charles Ellicott (Madeleine), who in February of 1920 represented the state of Maryland at the organization of the National League of Women Voters in Chicago. After her return, the Maryland League of Women Voters was organized and she served as president from 1920-1939.

In a message to the members of the Women's Suffrage League of Maryland, Mrs. Charles Ellicott said, "We come therefore to the end of our activities as a suffrage league. We have done what we could to promote a just cause. The defeat of that cause in this state has not prevented triumph throughout the country and we have reason to join the other states in rejoicing." She went on to say, "We take great pleasure in announcing that the League of Women Voters is organized and the officers are chosen. They will rely upon suffragists for the same faithful support which has been given the suffrage cause. Please embrace the opportunity which will soon be given to you to join the League of Women Voters."

# LWVMD PROPOSED FY2015-16 BUDGET

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS MARYLAND 2017 PROPOSED BUDGET

	2015-16 Actual *	2015-16 Budget	2016-17 Budget
<b>Income</b>			
<b>Contributions</b>			
Member Contributions	2,185.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Non-member Contributions	0.00	300.00	100.00
In-Kind Contribution	0.00	0.00	
Contributions - Other	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>2,185.00</b>	<b>2,300.00</b>	<b>2,100.00</b>
<b>PMP</b>			
Local League PMP	15,750.02	16,740.00	15,644.00
PMP - Other	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total PMP</b>	<b>15,750.02</b>	<b>16,740.00</b>	<b>15,644.00</b>
<b>MAL Dues</b>			
MAL PMP	0.00	0.00	
MAL Dues	161.00	90.00	185.00
<b>Total MAL Dues</b>	<b>161.00</b>	<b>90.00</b>	<b>185.00</b>
<b>Events</b>			
Convention/Council	0.00	2,500.00	4,000.00
Legislative Day	2,135.00	1,700.00	2,000.00
Fall Event	2,960.00	1,800.00	1,500.00
Spring Event	750.00	1,704.00	1,500.00
Advocacy Course	0.00	1,000.00	
Fall Workshop	1,275.00	1,500.00	1,000.00
Winter Workshop	930.00	1,800.00	1,000.00
Workshop - Other	0.00	1,700.00	
Events - Other	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Events</b>	<b>8,050.00</b>	<b>13,704.00</b>	<b>11,000.00</b>
<b>Other Income</b>			
Dividend & Interest		25.00	
Liability Insurance Premiums	1,168.94	1,000.00	1,000.00
Local League Printing	103.90	100.00	100.00
Outside Agency Contributions	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
LWV Wares	318.00	1,300.00	700.00
LWV Publications	11.00	100.00	25.00
Other Income	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>1,601.84</b>	<b>3,725.00</b>	<b>3,025.00</b>
<b>Projects</b>			
Report from State Circle	70.00	200.00	75.00
Special Projects			
<b>Total Projects</b>	<b>70.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>75.00</b>

Reimbursement - LWV ED FUND	17,342.84	8,325.00	18,275.00
Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>45,160.70</b>	<b>45,084.00</b>	<b>50,304.00</b>

## Expense

<b>Action Expense</b>			
Coalitions & Membership	365.00	400.00	400.00
Legislative Day	1,078.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Advocacy	0.00	0.00	
Action Expense - Other	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Action Expense</b>	<b>1,443.00</b>	<b>1,400.00</b>	<b>1,400.00</b>
<b>Board &amp; Committee Expense</b>	<b>169.65</b>	<b>400.00</b>	<b>400.00</b>
(includes contrib. to church)			
<b>Delegate Expense</b>			
LWVUS Convention/Council	0.00	500.00	500.00
Delegate Expense - Other	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Delegate Expense</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>Fundraising Expense</b>			
Spring Event	0.00	750.00	1,000.00
Fall Event	2,818.00	750.00	1,000.00
Wares Expense	325.20	600.00	300.00
Fundraising Expense - Other	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Fundraising Expense</b>	<b>3,143.20</b>	<b>2,100.00</b>	<b>2,300.00</b>
<b>Information &amp; Education Expense</b>			
Website	1,804.02	1,900.00	800.00
E-Commerce Fees	119.08	0.00	200.00
Information & Education Expense - Other	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Information &amp; Education Expense</b>	<b>1,923.10</b>	<b>1,900.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>
<b>LWVUS PMP (MALS)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>130.00</b>
<b>Project Expense</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Office Expense</b>			
Audit	0.00	350.00	350.00
Insurance	1,049.00	1,300.00	1,150.00
Rent	9,539.25	9,500.00	9,600.00
Equipment Maintenance	3,078.69	2,400.00	3,000.00
Color Copies	0.00	100.00	
Supplies	814.37	750.00	900.00
Telephone	1,537.55	1,200.00	1,620.00
Postage	652.57	700.00	700.00
<b>Total Office Expense</b>	<b>16,671.43</b>	<b>16,300.00</b>	<b>17,320.00</b>
<b>Payroll Expense</b>			
Payroll Salary	15,859.00	15,000.00	16,500.00
Payroll Taxes	1,767.30	1,286.00	1,800.00

Workers' Compensation	250.00	268.00	250.00
Parking	127.00	750.00	750.00
<b>Total Payroll Expense</b>	<b>18,003.30</b>	<b>17,304.00</b>	<b>19,300.00</b>
<b>Bank Charges</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Sales Tax Expense</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>LWV Publications</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>80.00</b>	
<b>State/Local League Relations</b>			
Council/Convention	12.00	1,200.00	2,500.00
Liability Insurance Premium	969.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Field Service	0.00	100.00	
Advocacy Course Exp	0.00	500.00	
Winter Workshop	402.80	600.00	750.00
Fall Workshop	528.00	600.00	750.00
State Workshops-Other	0.00	1,000.00	
<b>Total State/Local League Relations</b>	<b>1,911.80</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>
<b>Transfer to Reserve Fund</b>			<b>2,904.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>43,265.48</b>	<b>45,084.00</b>	<b>50,304.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>1,895.22</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

\* some reflect actual, some projections to June 30



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MARYLAND EDUCATION FUND, INC**  
**FY 2017 PROPOSED BUDGET**

	2015-16 Actual *	2015-16 Budget	2016-17 Budget
<b>Income</b>			
<b>Contributions</b>			
Member Contributions	11,012.79	8,000.00	8,000.00
Non-member Contributions	778.81	1,000.00	500.00
Endowment Fund Contributions	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<u>11,791.60</u>	<u>9,000.00</u>	<u>10,500.00</u>
<b>Investments</b>	-5,584.11	4,665.00	1,000.00
<b>Other Income</b>			
Income from Reserves	0.00	0.00	7,152.5
Publication Sales	0.00	200.00	0.0
Grant Income	0.00	2,000.00	500.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,200.00</u>	<u>7,652.50</u>
Vote 411	0.00	500.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<u><u>6,207.49</u></u>	<u><u>16,365.00</u></u>	<u><u>19,152.50</u></u>
<b>Expense</b>			
Office Expense	8,341.19	4,150.00	8,617.50
Payroll Expenses	9,001.65	4,175.00	9,650.00
Grant Distribution	0.00	0.00	
Public Info, Voter Svc, Publication	475.00	1,415.00	
<b>Bank Charges</b>			
Paypal Charges	0.00	50.00	0.00
e-Commerce fees	49.18	0.00	75.00
Bank Charges - Other	0.85	50.00	10.00
<b>Total Bank Charges</b>	<u>50.03</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>85.00</u>
Publications	0.00	400.00	
Coalitions and Memberships	100.00	125.00	300.00
Voter Service	6,000.00	6,000.00	500.00
Charitable Contributions	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u><u>23,967.87</u></u>	<u><u>16,365.00</u></u>	<u><u>19,152.50</u></u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>-17,760.38</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>

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## **Minutes of the League of Women Voters of Maryland Biennial Council**

Saturday, May 10, 2014  
Linden Hall, Columbia, Maryland

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by LWVMD President Susan Cochran.

**Welcome:** Senator James N. Robey, District 13, welcomed the League to Howard County. He is planning to retire after being in public service for 48 years. He will consider joining the League of Women Voters. Alice Giles, Co-President of Howard County also welcomed the Council. Susan Cochran introduced the State League board members who were present. Neilson Andrews will resign after very capably taking over as action chair. Tracy Miller, Arrangements guru, has also resigned.

**Roll Call of Local Leagues:** Melpi Jeffries, board Secretary, called the roll of local Leagues. The following Leagues had delegates in attendance: Anne Arundel, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Calvert, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Kent, Montgomery and Prince Georges'. Absent were: Mid-Shore, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's and Washington County Leagues. Since a majority of the Leagues and more than 12 delegates who are not board members were in attendance, a quorum was achieved. Susan Cochran presented and welcomed Nancy Bliss, the representative and treasurer of the League of Women Voters of the National Capital Area.

**Adoption of the Rules of Council:** A motion to adopt the rules of Council was made by Alice Giles (Howard) and seconded by Tracy Miller (Baltimore County). The motion passed. The Agenda was accepted by acclaim.

**Approval of Minutes from 2012 Council:** Melpi Jeffries, board secretary moved, seconded by Betsy Grater (Howard), to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sherry Hyman, Treasurer, distributed LWVMD Profit and Loss Budget Performance Report as of May 9, 2014 and the LWVMD Balance sheet as of May 9, 2014. She suggested that members should compare the actual and budgeted figures.

**Budget Presentation, Discussion and Adoption:** Theresa Freligh, chair of the Budget Committee, presented the FY 2014 – 15 budget as found on pages 14 – 15 of the Council workbook. Theresa moved, seconded by Carol Blackburn (Carroll), to accept the budget as written. The FY 2014-15 Budget was accepted as written. The FY 2014 – 15 LWVMD Education Fund Budget is presented on pg. 16 of the Council Workbook. It will be approved by the LWVMD Education Fund Trustees at their first meeting of FY 2014 – 15.

**Adoption of Update to Election Process Position:** Elaine Apter, Program chair, presented the new consensus positions developed by the Election Process Study. Elaine noted that positions numbers were changed. The underlined positions were added and the crossed out word has been deleted.

## **VOTING RIGHTS AND ELECTION ADMINISTRATION:**

### **Support for:**

- 1) An election system that is equitable, accessible, fiscally responsible, accountable and enforceable. (1997 and 2001)
- 2) Mandatory training for all election judges with the state providing basic training instructions.
- 3) A minimum compensation level for election judges set by the state.
- 4) A restructured Maryland State Board of Elections (MSBE) – formerly the State Administrative Board of Election Laws (SABEL).
  - a. giving MSBE legal authority and adequate funding to enforce election laws and regulations;
  - b. giving MSBE legal authority and funding to develop and maintain a centralized, computerized voter registration list and a centralized, computerized campaign finance reporting system;
  - c. staggered terms for members of MSBE;
  - d. a professional administrator hired by MSBE.
- 5) Statewide uniformity of voting registration and registration records.
  - a. a change in Maryland law that would allow any eligible individual to register to vote online and complete the registration process at the polling place. (2013)
- 6) A uniform, simple system for accurate identification of voters at the polls.
- 7) A registration deadline set as close as possible to primary and general elections, consistent with technology that provides ballot security and makes the administration of the deadline cost-effective. (“Ballot security” assures ballot secrecy and prevents fraudulently cast ballots.)
- 8) Provisional ballots, with a strong preference that voters be notified if they are later found not eligible to vote. Provisional ballots allow a voter whose name is not listed on the polling place election register to vote a ballot which is sealed and segregated from regularly cast ballots until the election authority can confirm the voter’s eligibility. They provide ballot security, are convenient for the voter and avoid disenfranchisement of voters due to administrative error.
- 9) Support for early voting
  - a. State law should specify a minimum number of early voting days;
  - b. State law should specify that a Saturday and a Sunday be included in early voting days;
  - c. State law should give the State Board of Elections the authority to authorize additional early voting sites when such sites are requested and funded by a local election board.
  - d. Setting a deadline for write-in candidates to file a certificate of candidacy that occurs before early voting begins. (2013)
- 10) A permanent absentee list for absentee voters ~~who affirm that they have a permanent physical condition which necessitates absentee voting. Election authorities would then automatically send to those voters applications for absentee ballots. A permanent application list, restricted to those with disabling physical conditions, fosters access of the disabled to voting, and provides ballot security.~~
- 11) If security issues can be adequately addressed, support of online delivery of absentee ballots to all voters who request such delivery. (2013)
- 12) Study, research and pilot projects to determine the feasibility of Internet voting.
- 13) Support to assure voters’ access in the polling place to personally-procured [or provided] information and materials (e.g. sample ballots, voters’ guide, campaign literature) to assist in marking the ballot. (2014)

- 14) Support the option to use Instant Runoff Voting (IRV): (2014)
- for single seat or executive office elections, both at the county and local level. This would require the winner to receive a majority of the votes cast.
  - to fill vacancies in any county offices, when special elections are held, instead of conducting both special political party primaries and a special general election.
  - to be elected to a nonpartisan position. The election should be concurrent with the general election.
- 15) Support to require all voting equipment (hardware and software) for use in Maryland should allow alternative ways of casting and counting ballots and be usable for all county and municipal elections.

**Opposition to:**

- 16) A requirement for uniform voting systems unless funded by the state. (1997)

Nancy Soreng (Montgomery) moved, seconded by Barbara Russell (Howard), to amend Position 10 by adding: No consensus was reached as to whether the permanent absentee ballot list should be a list of voters who would receive an application for an absentee ballot or an absentee ballot via mail. The motion passed. Ralph Watkins (Montgomery) moved, seconded by Nancy Soreng (Montgomery), to add the following to Position 13: There was no consensus as to the format of materials allowed in the polling places. The motion passed. Carol Blackburn (Carroll) moved, seconded by Alice Giles (Howard), To adopt the entire new position as amended. The motion passed.

Elaine Apter moved, and Nancy Soreng (Montgomery) seconded, to continue the Coastal and Nearshore Maryland Study.

**Raise a Shout about our Voters' Guides: Promoting LWV Voters' Guide and VOTE411:**

Ralph Watkins, Voter Service chair, thanked voter service workers in our local Leagues. Much work was involved in obtaining information for VOTE 411, beginning with a good description of the positions to be filled. He thanked Nancy Soreng (Montgomery) and Alice Giles (Howard) for their assistance during his first year in service and called for a round of applause for all of the volunteers. Ralph suggested promoting VOTE 411 by buying and distributing bumper stickers and on Facebook and Twitter. Susan Cochran will call her local radio station to ask for a public service announcement (psa). Sherry Hyman (Baltimore County), announced that a 10 second PSA is being developed for the League as a whole. Baltimore County will share the PSA with other League for wherever it is needed. Nancy Soreng suggests your neighborhood list serve. Nancy Soreng reminded the group that MPT will present a Democratic gubernatorial debate and a Republican gubernatorial debate on June 2, 2014. We need to assemble 50 audience members for each, 2:30 pm for the Republican forum and 7:30 for the Democratic forum. Both Howard and Calvert County Leagues register high school students in schools. Montgomery County has incorporated registration into their curriculum.

Short break at 10:56 a.m.

Meeting called back to order at 11:11 a.m.

**Maryland's Coasts –Rising Seas and Rising Concern:** Claudia Lewis (Carroll) introduced Dr. Donald Boesch, President, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science.

Dr. Boesch opened by citing news reports of coastal flooding in Miami, Florida and near New Orleans where a highway to the Gulf oil depots is frequently under water. The Maryland Commission on Climate Change was established by Governor O'Malley and issued an update report in 2013 under the leadership of Dr. Boesch as chair. The Commission's report is online:

[www.dnr.maryland.gov/climate](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/climate) change. In the past 20 years, sea levels along the coast from Cape

Hatteras to Boston has risen at an annual rate three to four times faster than the global rate. Predictions are that Maryland will experience a greater sea level rise (2 – 5 inches) than the global mean sea level. The estimate is based upon all factors: thermal expansion, glacier melting, ice sheet downsizing, weakening of the Gulf Stream, ocean dynamics and vertical land movement. Dr Boesch will also put his talk online.

## **Lunch**

Barbara Schnackenberg singled out Judith Heiman (Montgomery Co), in absentia, for special recognition for her roll in editing *Report From State Circle*. In addition Barbara presented a bouquet of roses to Neilsen Andrews for stepping up to the task of acting as Action Chair during the absence of the elected official and assuring we had testimony on bills pertaining to our priorities and a successful Legislative Day 2014. Finally each RSC reporter present at State Council received a rose as an expression of the State Board's appreciation for their service to the League. Those were as follows: Lois Hybl, Nancy Soreng, Linda Silversmith, Betsy Singer, Susan Cochran, Ralph Watkins and Hugh Haskell (presented to Diana Haskell).

Welcome to Prince Georges' County LWV: Susan Cochran called Joyce Starks, Jaqueline Norris Baker, Thelma Boyd-Nash and Ellen Laponsky to the podium and congratulated them for their efforts to reinstate and revivify the Prince Georges' LWV. Ellen Laponsky was presented with a National 50 year certificate and life membership. Awards were given to Carole Conors, Nancy Soreng and Roberta Safer who worked with Prince Georges' on reinstating its League. Elaine Apter (Montgomery) presented a large cake to celebrate the reinstatement.

Finally Council 2014 was honored to greet Carole Conors (Chair Volunteer Lobby Corps LWVUS, Howard) guests: Moosho Imakando, Dr. Mwilola Imakando and their 10 year old son. Mrs. Imakando participated in the Calvert County League's guest program several years ago. Dr. and Mrs. Imakando talked about their busy and active lives in Zambia, and proudly stated that they had organized the League of Women Voters of Zambia.

Meeting called to order at 1:10 pm

**Growing Membership: Tips and Successes:** Susan Cochran introduced JoAnn Ross, Membership chair, Baltimore County, to lead a membership discussion. In 2012 Anne Arundel County, Baltimore County, Washington Co and Prince Georges' started in the MLD Program. JoAnn was helped by coaches Betsy Grater (Howard), Roberta Safer (Calvert), Lois Hybl (Baltimore City) and Nancy Soreng (Montgomery). Coaches had monthly phone calls. Prince Georges' has 70 members by having Joyce Stark invite individuals to join. Betsy Grater stated that early experience keeps members in the league. We must figure out how to engage new members even on a state-wide basis. Roberta safer feels that participating in MLD has helped her league. She stated that our biggest failure is not telling people how great the league is. Montgomery County has a 4 member membership committee that wears bright yellow T-shirts and mans a table with a banner cover at all league events. Diana Haskell has been a national coach since 2007. She urged members to ask people to join, work with other organizations, be visible, hold forums, zero in on your community. Susan Cochran suggested taking a strong position on a local issue, be vocal and membership will rise. Tracy Miller (Baltimore Co.) thanked JoAnn Ross and the Baltimore County MDL team for implementing strategies resulted in 24 new members.

**Program:** Elaine Apter, Program Chair, noted that there is a motion on the floor, made in the morning session, to extend the Coastal and Nearshore Maryland: Using and Protecting Our Natural Resources. Betsy Singer, Claudia Lewis, Nancy Soreng and Melpi Jeffries spoke in favor of the study. Elaine Apter, Program, explained that the study would involve a fact sheet and a forum or panel meeting. Susan Cochran stated that Pat Comella, MidShore League, is willing to be a co-chair. The motion to extend the study passed.

**Directions to the Board and Questions:** Annette Funn, on behalf of Calvert County, would like direction from the board as to concerns raised by citizens of Calvert County regarding Dominion Cove Point's application to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to add natural gas liquefaction and exportation capabilities to its existing Cove Point LNG Terminal located on the Chesapeake Bay in Lusby, MD.

**Announcements:**

Nancy Soreng (Montgomery) announced the following three events:

May 30, 2014 , 9:30 a.m. Press Conference to award prizes to political cartoon contest winners and honor legislative champions on redistricting reform in the Chinese Pavilion, Druid Hill Park, Baltimore City

July 17, 2014, 10:30 a.m. Elbridge Gerry's Birthday will be celebrated on lawyer's Mall in Annapolis, MD

Fall relay around District 3 and November forum on Redistricting

May 30, 2014, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. The League of Women Voters of Baltimore City present an information session: The Voting Rights of Ex-Offenders at the Empowerment Temple, 4217 Primrose Ave., Baltimore MD 21215.

**Thank you to Howard County:** Susan Cochran thanked the Howard County League, especially Co-President Alice Giles and Andrea Gruhl for hosting Council 2014.

**Invitation to LWVMD Convention 2015:** On behalf of Anne Arundel County League, Carol Sures invited the LWVMD to have its 2015 Convention on May 30 and 31, 2015 in Anne Arundel County, probably at O'Callaghan's Hotel, Irish owned. A Dine Around is planned for Friday evening.

The LWVMD Council 2014 meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melpi Jeffries, Board Secretary

HOOD COLLEGE CAMPUS MAP

- 1 Thomas Athletic Field
- 2 Nicodemus Athletic Complex
- 3 Hood College Athletic Center
- 4 Williams Observatory
- 5 Hodson Outdoor Theater
- 6 Coblenz Hall
- 7 Huntsinger Aquatic Center
- 8 Tennis Complex
- 9 German House
- 10 Meyran Hall
- 11 Coblenz Memorial Hall
- 12 Marx Center
- 13 Coffman Chapel
- 14 Truxal Pergola
- 15 Gambriell Gymnasium
- 16 Shriner Hall
- 17 Smith Hall
- 18 Carson Cottage
- 19 Brodbeck Music Hall
- 20 Alumnae Hall
- 21 Hodson Science and Technology Center
- 22 Biology Annex
- 23 Joseph Pastore Facilities Center
- 24 Whitaker Campus Center
- 25 Joseph Henry Apple Academic Resource Center
- 26 Tatem Arts Center
- 27 Strawn Cottage
- 28 Onica Prall Child Development Laboratory
- 29 President's House
- 30 Alumnae House
- 31 Beneficial-Hodson Library and Information Technology Center
- 32 Rosenstock Hall
- 33 Wellness Center
- 34 College House



**Location for the 2016 LWVMD Council meeting:**  
**Whitaker Campus Center (see #24 on map above)**  
**401 Rosemont Avenue**  
**Frederick, MD 21701**