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League of Women Voters of Loudoun County

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Join us at the

LWV Loudoun County Annual Meeting

*Sunday, June 28, 2009
12:00 - 2:00 p.m.*

*National Conference Center
Leesburg, VA*

*Speaker to be Announced
Light Buffet will be served*

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The National Conference Center is on the North side of U.S. Route 7 at the intersection of Belmont Ridge Road and Upper Belmont Place, four miles East of Leesburg.

President's Column

Another League year is about to conclude with the Annual Meeting on June 28. Please plan to attend. We are working on a dynamic speaker for this year's program. In order to get the word out to everyone, this issue of *The Voter* is being mailed to all members as well as being distributed electronically.

We have almost concluded high school voter registration. Thanks to Jean Brown and the many volunteers who assisted with registering nearly 2,000 student to vote.

On Election Day 2008, Hatsy Cutshall and I were interviewed on camera for a documentary, *Pink State Politics: A New Virginia*. The film will air on WHUT-TV/Howard University on June 21 at 8:00 pm. Be sure to watch it!

Marla McIntyre

President

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CALENDAR

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| Friday, June 5
10:30 am -12:30 pm | LWVNCA Board Meeting
LWVUS Office, 10th Floor, 1730 M Street NW, Washington, DC 20036 |
| Saturday, June 13
1:00 - 5:00 pm | LWVUS Council (via Conference Call) |
| Monday, June 15
7:00 - 9:00 pm | LWVLC Board Meeting - Leesburg Airport.
For agenda and information, contact Marla McIntyre at 703-932-5068 |
| Sunday, June 28
Noon - 2:00 pm | LWVLC Annual Meeting - National Conference Center
18980 Upper Belmont Place, Lansdowne, VA 20176. |
| Monday, July 20
7:00 - 9:00 pm | LWVLC Board Meeting - location to be announced
For agenda and information, contact Marla McIntyre at 703-932-5068. |
| Monday, August 17
7:00 - 9:00 pm | LWVLC Board Meeting - location to be announced
For agenda and information, contact Marla McIntyre at 703-932-5068. |

League Web Sites

LWV US - www.lwv.org

www.vote411.org

NCA - www.lwvnca.org

LWV VA - www.lwv-va.org

LWVLC - www.loudoun.va.lwvnet.org

LWVLC Webmaster e-mail - wm@loudoun.va.lwvnet.org

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State News

LWV-VA Convention Summary

May 1, 2009

Sheraton Hotel, Reston, Virginia

- Plans for “The Peoples’ Debate” of gubernatorial candidates will be announced at a May 4 News Conference in Richmond’s Jefferson Hotel with the Thomas Jefferson statue in the background.
- LWV-VA Statewide Debate Guidelines were amended to clarify that a candidate must poll at least 15% support “from the time of declared candidacy to within 30 days” of the event to be eligible to participate.
- Voter guide questions for the statewide candidates were selected. Local Leagues must use the following question in their voter guides for House of Delegate candidates: “*What measures would you support to make the redistricting process less partisan?*”
- LWV-VA will provide a brochure template Local Leagues can use to explain the process for the restoration of a felon’s civil rights. Money is available for an initial supply.
- Fall workshops are set for Saturday, August 29, in Charlottesville.
- President Olga Hernandez was appointed to the Residency Task Force of the State Board of Elections to make recommendations for consistent voter registration policy and practice for students at college.
- Plans for the 100th Anniversary of the women’s suffrage movement in Virginia are continuing with a commemorative book and a reception in November at VCU’s historic Crenshaw House.
- Lynn Gordon and Anne Sterling will represent LWV-VA at LWVUS’s June 13, 2009 Virtual Council.
- As of 4/28/09, LWV-VA has 1,628 members.

Leadership for the Next 100 Years

LWV-VA Convention 2009

By Betsy Mayr

The convention opened with 52 members in attendance and 11 of 12 units represented. Loudoun, Montgomery, and Richmond Metro had increased membership from 2008. Over all membership declined statewide from 1,747 in 2008 to 1,606 in 2009. Betsy Mayr, Shelley Tamres, and Glenda Parsons attended from the Loudoun League.

LWVUS Board Member Marcia Merrins led the Leadership Workshop on transitioning from member to leadership. Succession can be painful for members; however, we can not grow without new leadership and new ideas. She also did a calendaring event to explain the importance of a year long calendar.

During the plenary session all convention rules, procedures, order of business and all reports were given. Shelley Tamres introduced Instant Run off Voting, but only 20 of 26 needed votes to progress to the floor on Sunday were recorded. The recommended program of an update to Election Law received enough votes to study this issue; Betsy Mayr will chair the study.

President Olga Hernandez gave the health of the League report, noting we are in good shape financially. Upcoming activities include a “People’s Debate” in October for the governors office, in partnership with the AARP and in November a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Suffragist movement which began in Richmond in partnership with VCU.

Saturday evening Lynn Garvey Hodge entertained us as “Suffragist Mrs. Walker.” Her performance reminded us that the Suffragist movement in Virginia is 100 years old and was the forerunner of the LWV-VA. There was a display of all past presidents of the LWV-VA; Beatrice Foster was a past president of the Loudoun League and the State League. It was a pleasure of meeting her daughter, Baba Freeman, who is active in the Fairfax League.

Sunday business concluded with the election of officers for the next two years. All items on the agenda passed.



League of Women Voters of Loudoun County

CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, June 28, 2009, 12:00 - 2:00 pm
National Conference Center, Leesburg VA

Speaker to be Announced

Invited Guests - Women of the Loudoun Board of Supervisors

Susan Buckley ✿ Kelly Burk ✿ Andrea McGimsey ✿ Sally Kurtz ✿ Lori Waters

Name _____ **Phone** _____ **e-mail** _____

Please send this form to:

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RSVP Deadline: June 23, 2008



Registration fee is \$28 and includes a light buffet lunch

If you have not done so already, send in your dues with your Annual Meeting Registration. Your dues must be current to be able to vote at the meeting.

RENEW my dues today!

Name _____

Street _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Telephone _____ **E-mail** _____

Check One:

\$60.00

Individual

\$90.00

Household

Please make dues check payable to LWVLC.



LWVLC ANNUAL MEETING 2009

June 28, 2009, Noon - 2:00 p.m.
National Conference Center
Leesburg VA

- 11:45 - 12:15 Registration
- 12:15 President's Welcome
 ☞ Buffet
 ☞ Keynote Speaker
- 1:15 Annual Meeting Call to Order
 ☞ Adoption of Rules of Procedure
 ☞ Adoption of Agenda
 ☞ Treasurer's Report
 ☞ Presentation & Adoption of Proposed Budget
 ☞ Adoption of Program
 ☞ Report of Nominating Committee
 ☞ Election of Officers & Directors
 ☞ Membership Direction to the Board
- 2:00 Adjourn

League of Women Voters of Loudoun County Financial Report and Proposed Budget

	Jul 1, '08 - May 1	08 - 09 Annual Budget	Proposed FY 2009 - 2010
Ordinary Income/Expense Income			
Annual Meeting Income	0.00	450.00	450.00
Contributions			
Annual Meeting	0.00	500.00	500.00
Fundraising	250.00	1,500.00	300.00
Member	515.00	1,000.00	750.00
Non-Member	800.00	350.00	800.00
Contributions - Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Contributions	1,565.00	3,350.00	2,350.00
Dues	<u>2,130.00</u>	<u>4,710.00</u>	<u>2,750.00</u>
Total Income	3,695.00	8,510.00	5,550.00

Expense

Board & Administrative Costs			
Board Meetings	80.00	0.00	-
Finance Committee	0.00	100.00	-
Membership Committee	0.00	250.00	-
President	0.00	100.00	100.00
Public Relations	0.00	100.00	25.00
Secretary	0.00	50.00	50.00
Treasurer	0.00	50.00	50.00
Website Maintenance	<u>160.00</u>	<u>160.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
Total Board & Administrative Costs	240.00	810.00	425.00
Conventions & Meetings			
Local Annual Meeting	0.00	450.00	450.00
National Convention	0.00	0.00	-
NCA Annual Meeting	40.00	50.00	50.00
State Council/Convention	0.00	300.00	300.00
Unit Meetings	40.00	150.00	75.00
Workshops/Training	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>
Total Conventions & Meetings	80.00	1,050.00	925.00
Educational Program Activities			
Local	0.00	150.00	150.00
National	0.00	250.00	-
State	0.00	250.00	25.00
Voter Service	<u>0.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Total Educational Program Activities	0.00	1,150.00	275.00

League of Women Voters of Loudoun County Financial Report and Proposed Budget

	Jul 1, '07 - Apr 2	07 -08 Annual Budg	Proposed 2008 - 2009 Annual Budget
Fundraising Costs	820.00	500.00	500.00
Operating Costs			
Bank Charges	33.00	0.00	-
D&O Insurance	0.00	381.00	-
Office Supplies	0.00	100.00	50.00
P.O. Box	<u>72.00</u>	<u>75.00</u>	<u>75.00</u>
Total Operating Costs	105.00	556.00	125.00
PMP Expense			
National	1,995.00	2,104.00	2,000.00
NCA	72.50	90.00	75.00
State	<u>1,087.50</u>	<u>1,350.00</u>	<u>1,100.00</u>
Total PMP Expense	3,155.00	3,544.00	3,175.00
Voter - Printing & Postage	0.00	450.00	125.00
Total Expense	<u>4,400.00</u>	<u>8,060.00</u>	<u>5,550.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-705.00</u>	<u>450.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Net Income	<u>-705.00</u>	<u>450.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Operating Cash Balance as of 5/17/2009 3,934.86

LWVLC Education Fund

	07/01/08 - 05/17/09	08-09 Annual Budget	Proposed FY 2009 - 2010 Annual Budget
Beginning Balance	2,820.20	2,770.20	2,300.00
Member Contributions	415.00	800.00	800.00
Non-Member Contributions	=	<u>200.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
Total Contributions	415.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
LWV US PMP Paid from EF			(995.00)
Ending Balance	<u>2,240.20</u>	<u>3,770.20</u>	<u>3,300.00</u>

Proposed Rules of Procedure

The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to allow the members, acting together, to consider and decide proposals for bylaws changes, annual budget, a local program (in even-numbered years), to elect officers and directors, and to hear recommendations and reports from committees.

1. Guidance

The Bylaws of the League of Women Voters and Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (Parliamentary Procedure) will guide the proceedings.

2. Discussion

Only members in good standing in the League of Women Voters of Loudoun County will be permitted to speak and vote.

- a. Speakers shall identify themselves by name.
- b. Each speaker will be allowed two minutes, unless otherwise announced.
- c. The Chair will not recognize a person the second time until all have had an opportunity to speak.
- d. Debate must be germane to the subject.

3. Voting

In accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, cumulative voting is not permitted. Each voting member may vote only once for a candidate.

4. Motions and Amendments

- a. Lengthy motions and amendments shall be written and submitted to the Secretary.
- b. An amendment may be amended only once.

5. Procedure for Program Adoption

- a. Non-recommended program items may be brought to the floor for a consideration by a majority vote of those present. To be approved for a program item, it must have a 2/3 vote of members present.
- b. After presentation of recommended program items, only questions of clarifications will be permitted.
- c. Adoption of Program: Motion(s) to adopt program items and recommended items (in the order in which they were voted consideration) will be taken up one at a time for formal motion, further debate, possible amendment and vote.
- d. A majority vote of voting members present and voting shall be required for adoption of proposed program.
- e. No other issues may be presented since only program issues submitted by the deadline (January Program Planning Meeting) may be considered.

6. Scope of Program Items

In adopting a single-list program, members do not adopt the scope or level of activity of an item. This is determined by the Board based on the desires of the membership.

7. Procedure for Nominations from the Floor

After the nominating committee has presented its report, the Chair will call for further nominations from the floor for those offices open for election this year. Voting members should stand and state the name of the members they wish to nominate. The person being nominated must be a member in good standing in the League of Women Voters of Loudoun County and must agree to be nominated. Voting will take place once there are no further nominations and nominations have been closed.

LWVLC Public Policy for Member Review

At the Unit Meeting January 12, LWVLC members reviewed Public Policy. The following changes were made and are being published here for your review prior to approval at the Annual Meeting on June 28.

League of Women Voters of Loudoun County Public Policy Positions

Domestic Violence

The League of Women Voters of Loudoun County supports the following positions:

- Adequate shelters for abused women and their children ~~if the current shelter becomes insufficient~~.
- Emphasis on state of the art ~~adequate~~ programs and well trained personnel in Loudoun County for counseling and rehabilitation of abusers as well as the abused.
- Continuing inclusion of education about spouse abuse and its causes, treatment, and prevention in the curriculum in the Loudoun County school system.
- Enforcement of existing state laws to protect the victims of abuse.

Education

The League of Women Voters of Loudoun County supports ~~full~~ adequate funding of public schools to ensure state of the art ~~adequate~~ teacher training and pay, safe and pleasant physical facilities, the development of well-rounded and challenging curricular and extra-curricular programs, and the development of special programs for at-risk children and schools and the full funding of such programs.

More specifically, the LWVLC:

- Supports continuous curriculum units on Family Life Education for grades K-12.
- Supports the availability of outstanding ~~adequate~~ guidance services in public schools.
- Supports responsible ~~adequate~~ funding for school libraries to maintain a high standard of quality.
- Supports competitive salaries for teachers that are no lower than the national average.
- Supports local control of education by locally chosen school boards.
- Supports laws which protect a child's health and/or safety.
- Opposes the Parental Rights Amendment or the inclusion of the Parental Rights Amendment language in any legislation.
- ~~Supports Loudoun County Public Schools policies which prohibit student possession of any weapon~~ Loudoun County Public Schools policies which prohibit student possession of any weapon for any reason while under school control or supervision.
- Believes that an effective public education assessment program should determine each student's progress, knowledge, and critical thinking skills in addition to determining the effectiveness of the educators and the curriculum. LWVLC supports a public education assessment program that:
 - is non-threatening;
 - considers both a student's long-term and short-term performance;
 - measures strengths and weaknesses of students, teachers, and the system;
 - considers class participation and in-class performance;
 - utilizes a "portfolio" of various examples of a student's work;
 - utilizes multiple assessments of a student's achievement;
 - utilizes a variety of assessment tools and techniques (such as objective and subjective tests, lab work, class projects, essays).
- Believes that an assessment program should ensure that each child reaches his or her full potential.

Land Use

The League of Women Voters of Loudoun County supports and encourages the following positions:

- Development guidelines that aspire to the highest community standards; are sensitive to the integrity of social, economic, and natural systems; and are in harmony with the county's character and goals.
- Consideration of all purposes of zoning, as defined in the Virginia State Code, in local use decisions.
- Evaluation of long-term consequences of land use decisions, specifically on the environment (i.e., soil erosion, water quality and supply) highway congestion, the burden on the school system, fiscal impact, preservation of prime agricultural land, and scenic and historic resources.
- The legal doctrine of "presumption of legislative validity" as it is applied to land use decisions by local governments as stated in local zoning ordinances, based on the premise that local governing bodies are the appropriate decision makers, being closest to local conditions, and that it is the role of the courts to ensure fairness of the proceedings.
- Implementation of open space and environmental protection policies.
- Public acquisition of open space easements, especially in critical environmental areas, areas of scenic, natural and historic significance, and agricultural lands.
- Implementation of a transportation plan that results in a pattern of development consistent with land use and fiscal policies, and with consideration for the health, safety, and convenience of local citizens. The state plans and funds transportation projects based upon suggestions by the local government and approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board and the General Assembly
- Adherence to the planning process, as set forth in the Comprehensive Plan, the goals, and purposes, as set forth in the Comprehensive Plan, and the following elements of the Comprehensive Plan as implemented by the zoning ordinances. In particular:
 - Preservation of the agricultural industry and the best agricultural soils to "preserve the cultural, social, economic, environmental, and aesthetic amenities provided by agricultural land use";
 - Active County programs and policies to preserve open space and farmland;
 - Density transfers from agricultural and open space areas to designated growth areas within a planning district, and the concept of Purchase of Development Rights;
 - The budgeting and expenditure of county funds for agricultural land preservation programs including the strengthening of Agricultural and Forest Districts.
- Provision of a range of housing opportunities for low and moderate income families.

Local Government

The League of Women Voters of Loudoun County supports the following positions:

- Alternative methods of financing local government to lessen the reliance on real estate taxes for revenue.

Solid Waste Disposal

The League of Women Voters of Loudoun County supports the following positions:

- The Establishment of a program for the collection of hazardous waste by the county.
- The covering or containing of solid waste transferred through the county.
- Containment of any solid waste buried in the county to prevent contamination of the environment.
- Volume reduction of solid waste through recycling, reuse, alternative packaging, and sustainable consumption practices.
- Monitoring by an appropriate governmental group of burn temperature, air emissions, environmental impact of residue disposal in landfills, including air, water (surface and ground), and soil testing, when incineration is used as a method of solid waste disposal.

Water and Sewer

The League of Women Voters of Loudoun County supports and encourages the following positions:

- Protection of all watersheds serving Loudoun County in order to maintain purity of the drinking water supply and the health of in-stream aquatic systems.
- Payment of the costs of new community water and sewage systems by the users of each separate system.
- Regular pumping of septic tanks and checking of distribution boxes.

Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Loudoun County, Virginia

Adopted April 1991

Amended June 2005

Article I Name

The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters of Loudoun County (LWVLC). This local League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) and the League of Women Voters of Virginia (LWVVA) and the League of Women Voters of the National Capital Area (LWVNCA).

Article II Purposes and Policy

Sec. 1. **Purposes:** The purposes of the LWVLC are to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

Sec. 2. **Political Policy:** The LWVLC shall not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

Article III Membership

Sec. 1. **Eligibility:** Any person who subscribes to the purposes and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership.

Sec. 2. **Types of Membership:** The membership of the LWVLC shall be composed of voting members and associate members.

- a) Voting members shall be citizens 18 years of age or older.
- b) Household members shall be two voting members residing at the same address.
- c) Associate members shall be all other members.
- d) Paid life members shall be those who make a lump sum life membership payment to the LWVUS.
- e) Honorary life members shall be those who have been members of the LWVUS for 50 years or more. No further dues shall be collected and all privileges will be retained as a voting member.

Article IV Officers

Sec. 1. **Enumeration and Election of Officers**

- a) The Officers of the LWVLC shall be the President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer who shall be elected for two-year terms by the membership at the Annual Meeting. The President, the First Vice-President, and the Secretary shall be elected in odd-numbered years.
- b) Executive Committee: The elected officers shall constitute the Executive Committee.

Sec. 2. **The President:** The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the Board of Directors unless the President designates another person to preside. The President may, in absence or disability of the Treasurer, sign or endorse checks, drafts and notes. The President shall be ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. The President shall have such powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of the President and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board.

Sec. 3. **The Vice-Presidents:** The two Vice-Presidents, in the order of their rank, shall in the event of the absence, resignation, disability, or death of the President, possess all the powers and perform all duties of that office until such time as the Board of Directors shall select one of its members to fill the vacancy. The Vice-Presidents shall perform such other duties as the President and Board designate.

Sec. 4. **The Secretary:** The Secretary shall keep minutes of all general meetings of the League and of all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. The secretary shall provide minutes for all meetings in a timely manner. The Secretary shall notify all Officers and Directors of their election. The Secretary shall sign, with the President, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board and shall perform such other functions as may be incident to the office.

Sec. 5. **The Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due, shall deposit them in a bank designated by the Board, and shall disburse the same only upon order of the Board. The Treasurer shall present statements to the Board of their regular meetings and an annual report to the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer should bill members at least 30 days before dues are due. The books of the Treasurer shall be reviewed annually by non board members (2).

Article V Board of Directors

Sec. 1. **Number, Manner of Selection, and Term of Office:** The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League, six elected directors, and not more than six appointed directors. Three of the elected directors shall be elected by the general membership at each Annual Meeting and shall serve for a term of two years, or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The elected members shall appoint such additional directors, not to exceed six, as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The term of office for the appointed directors shall be one year.

Sec. 2. **Qualifications:** All elected or appointed Officers or Directors of the organization shall be voting members of the LWVLC and shall meet the requirements of the LWVLC nonpartisanship policy.

Sec. 3. **Vacancies:** Any vacancy on the Board of Directors by reason of the resignation, death, or disqualification of an officer or elected member may be filled until the next Annual Meeting by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board. Three consecutive absences from Board Meetings by a Board member without a valid reason, shall be deemed a resignation.

Sec. 4. **Powers and Duties:**

- a) The Board shall have full charge of the property and business of the organization with full power and authority to manage and conduct same, subject to the Instructions of the general membership.
- b) The Board shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the Program adopted by the National Convention, and State Convention, the National Capital Area Convention, and the Annual Meeting.
- c) The Board shall appoint the committees deemed necessary to carry out the work of the League.
- d) No member shall contract or expend in excess of \$50.00 without specific authorization from the Board.
- e) All Directors shall carry program or organization responsibilities as determined by the Board.
- f) A majority of current board members shall constitute a quorum in order to do business.

Article VI Financial Administration

Sec. 1. **Fiscal Year:** The fiscal year of the LWVLC shall commence on the first day of July each year.

Sec. 2. **Dues:** Annual dues are payable within the month the member joined the League. The amount of dues shall be recommended by the Board and approved by a majority vote of the members present at the Annual Meeting. Written notice of a proposed change shall be made to the membership thirty days prior to an Annual

Meeting. Such change shall become effective at the beginning of the next fiscal year. Household member dues shall be computed as one and one half members.

Sec. 3. **Budget:** A budget for the ensuing year shall be submitted by the Board to the Annual Meeting for adoption. The budget shall include support for the work of all levels of the League.

Sec. 4. **Budget Committee:** A Budget Committee shall be appointed by the Board at least four months prior to the Annual Meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing year. The proposed budget shall be sent to all members thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee, but shall not be eligible to serve as the chairman.

Sec. 5. **Distribution of Funds on Dissolution:** In the event of dissolution for any cause of the LWVLC, all monies and securities which may at the time be owned by or under the absolute control of the LWVLC, shall be paid to the LWVVA. All other property of whatsoever nature, whether real, personal, or mixed which may at the time be owned by or under control of the LWVLC shall be disposed of by any officer or employee of the organization or corporation for such public, charitable, or educational uses and purposed as may be designated by the Board of LWVLC.

Article VII Meetings

Sec. 1. **Membership Meetings:** General membership meetings may be held at any time at the direction of the Board. Time and place of all general meetings shall be decided by the Board. Matters coming before the membership may be decided by the majority present.

Sec. 2. **Annual Meeting:** An Annual Meeting shall be held prior to July 1, the exact date to be decided by the Board. The Annual Meeting shall adopt a local program for the next year; elect officers, directors, and members of the Nominating Committee; adopt an adequate budget; transact such other business as may properly come before it. In order to vote at the Annual Meeting, new members must have joined the League at least two weeks prior to the announced meeting date to permit the League to prepare for the business of the meeting.

Sec. 3. **Quorum:** Ten percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum at the annual meeting of the LWVLC.

Article VIII Nominations and Elections

Sec. 1. **Nominating Committee:** The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members, two of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. The Chairman and two members, none of whom shall be members of the Board, shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. The other members shall be appointed by the Board immediately following the Annual Meeting. Any vacancy on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board. Nominations for Officers and Directors may be sent to this committee by any member of the LWVLC.

Sec. 2. **Report of the Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor:** The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for officers, directors, and nominating committee members shall be sent to the members thirty days prior to 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 secured.

Sec. 3. **Elections:** The elections shall be by ballot except when there is but one nominee for each office it shall be in order to move that the Secretary cast the ballot for every nominee. A majority vote of those qualified to vote shall constitute an election. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

Article IX Program

Sec. 1. **Authorization:** The governmental principles adopted by the LWVUS and supported by the League as a whole, constitute the authorization for the adoption of the Program.

Sec. 2. **Program:** The Program of the LWVLC shall consist of action to implement the Principles of the LWVUS and those governmental issues chosen for concerted study and action at the local, state, regional and national levels of the League.

Sec. 3. **Program Selection:** The Annual Meeting shall act upon the Program using the following procedures:

- a) The Board shall consider the recommendations sent in by the voting members two months prior to the Annual Meeting and shall formulate a Proposed Program.
- b) The Proposed Program shall be sent to all members thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting.
- c) A majority vote of voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting shall be required for adoption of subjects in the Proposed Program as presented to the Annual Meeting by the Board.
- d) Recommendations for Program submitted by voting members two months prior to the Annual Meeting but not recommended by the Board may be considered by the Annual Meeting provided that (1) the Annual Meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote and (2) the Annual Meeting shall adopt the item by a two-thirds vote.
- e) Changes in Program may be made provided that (1) information concerning the proposed changes has been sent to all members at least two weeks prior to the general membership meeting at which the changes are discussed, and (2) final action by the membership is taken at a succeeding meeting.

Sec. 4. **Member Action:** Members may take action in the name of the League only when authorized to do so by the President of the appropriate League.

Sec. 5. **Local League Action:** The LWVLC may act only in conformity with and not contrary to the positions taken by the LWVUS and the LWVVA.

Article X Conventions and Councils

Sec. 1. **National Convention:** The Board shall select delegates to the convention of the LWVUS in the number allotted under the Bylaws of the LWVUS.

Sec. 2. **State Convention and Council:** The Board shall select delegates to the convention and council of the LWVVA in the number allotted under the Bylaws of the LWVVA.

Sec. 3. **National Capital Area Convention:** The Board shall select delegates to the LWVNCA convention in the number allotted under the Bylaws of the LWVNCA.

Article XI Parliamentary Authority

Sec. 1. **Parliamentary Authority:** The rules contained in the Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

Article XII Amendments

Sec. 1. **Amendments:** These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting, provided the amendments were submitted to the membership in writing least thirty days prior to the meeting.

References: Bylaws of the LWVUS, Bylaws of the LWVVA, Bylaws of the LWVFA, Bylaws of the LWV Lynchburg.

2008 Loudoun League of Women Voters Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee provides the following slate of Board members for election at the 2009 Annual Meeting:

Position	Name	Term Ending
Co-President	Carla Wiley	June 2011
Co-President	Glenda Parsons	June 2011
1 st Vice President	Jennifer Severance	June 2011
Secretary	Marla McIntyre	June 2011
Director	Barbara Bearman	June 2011
Director	Denise Donnelly	June 2011
Director	Kathy Shupe	June 2011

Nominating Committee:

Chair	Gem Bingol	June 2011
Member	Betsy Mayr	June 2011
Member	Marilyn Naylor	June 2011

*Respectfully submitted,
Gem Bingol, Nominating Committee Chair*

Candidate Bios

Co-President

Glenda Parsons' formal education is in economics and international affairs. She has worked 10+ years in the health care industry. Her 25+ years of volunteer management experience includes planning formal functions, hosting dignitaries, writing press releases, managing volunteer groups with wide ranging competing interests, and starting a Girl Scout chapter in a foreign country. Glenda has worked in a non profit environment, chairing committees, public presentations and speeches, including a White House event, instituting educational programs, assisting in grant proposal writing, overseeing independent contractors and paid staff, instituted methodologies for termination of services of paid staff at a nonprofit, and planned formal fundraising functions. She also ran a small business as a sole proprietor and in partnership for six years.

Co-President

Carla Anderson Wiley has lived in Loudoun County for 40+ years. In the 1960s, the County's schools were still segregated. Her first stint at community involvement was as the Secretary of the Loudoun NAACP in the early 90s and the Student Achievement committee, now MSAAC, which was formed to bridge any disconnects between the school system and parents. Carla was instrumental in bringing the Boys and Girls Club to Loudoun. She is the past Historian with the Loudoun Commission on Women and Entertainment chair and Marketing Chair with the Loudoun Youthfest. Carla is Executive Assistant to the CEO of TNS, Inc in Reston. Her husband recently retired from the Fairfax County Courts and her son attends Heritage High school.

First Vice President

Jennifer Severance was born in Philadelphia, PA, the eldest of three girls. Jennifer attended American University in D.C., Temple University, and graduated from the University of Maryland with a BA in Government and Politics. She followed the lead of both parents and became a Naval Officer, attending Officer Candidate School in Newport, R.I. She spent 12 years on Active Duty in the Navy as an Intelligence Officer, and was fortunate

enough to spend time in Iceland, Great Britain, the Mediterranean, Persian Gulf, Virginia Beach, El Centro, CA, and San Diego, CA. Jennifer and her husband, Todd, an FA-18 pilot, have three children. Jennifer and Todd are both drilling Naval Reservists, and when Jennifer has spare time, she enjoys running and gardening.

Secretary

Marla McIntyre has served on the Board since 2005, serving as *The Voter* editor, First Vice President, and President. She has lived in Aldie since 1986 with husband Kim. They have two children. Marla was President of the Aldie Elementary PTA and was active in the Simpson Middle School and Loudoun County High School parent-teacher associations. Her career has been with construction-related non-profit associations, where she served on several Boards and Committees. She holds a BA from George Mason University.

Directors

Barbara Bearman has called Loudoun County home since 1970. While growing up in New York City, she never imagined life in rural Virginia, but there are few places she would rather be. A resident of Hamilton since 1986, Barbara is Assistant Director for Membership at Wolf Trap Foundation, where she handles membership acquisition and retention and special event planning. She came to Wolf Trap from the Bluemont Concert Series. She was an educator in the field of early childhood and special education. She holds a BA from Brown University and has attended graduate courses at Bank Street College, George Mason University, and The University of Virginia. Her three children were educated in the Loudoun County public school system and Barbara was active in parent teacher organizations and was a member of the Youth Advisory Commission. She serves on the County Cable Advisory Committee.

Denise Donnelly has been involved in volunteer organizations, including the Fairfax Police Youth Club Board, President of the Courtland High School Boosters Club (where she raised money for a training/weight room for the athletic teams), and coordinator for Rappahanock Community Service Board. She was Springfield Unit Chair for the Fairfax LWV, and has served on the Loudoun LWV Board since 2000. She is instrumental in organizing the candidate fora held by the LWV Loudoun.

Kathy Stewart Shupe is employed at GeoTrans, Inc. an Environmental Consulting firm, as Accounts Receivables and Collections Analyst for the Company's Corporate Headquarters in Loudoun County. She is a charter member for the Virginia Palm (Tree) Society. Prior to moving to Loudoun County, VA in 1998, Kathy lived in Allegany County, MD where she spent 15 years working for non profit and government agencies providing social services to the residents of the county as an Addictions Counselor/Volunteer Coordinator for an in-patient treatment facility specializing in Alcoholism and Drug Addiction. She also spent many years as a Human Service Case Worker for the Department of Social Services. She recently volunteered at a musical event on Memorial Day weekend, DelFest, which raised funds for homeless service agencies in Allegany County, MD. Kathy has dedicated much of her life to helping others in various charitable activities, including the Eviction Prevention Funds, Homeless Funds, and coordinating services for the recipients from local charities and organizations. Most recently Kathy volunteered for the Campaign for Change, of which she says, "I want women to not just feel- but to BE empowered." Kathy has a BS in Psychology & Sociology with a minor in Political Science from Frostburg State University. She is married and has an adult daughter.

Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer. ~Author Unknown

Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless ~Sherry Anderson

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart ~Elizabeth Andrew

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