



The Voter

Wheaton LWV May 2012

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Important Dates!

5/1	State of the State
5/17	Annual Meeting
6/2	Taste of Wheaton

From the Executive Committee

April's weather has been as bleak as March's weather was beautiful, but we still look forward to May's Spring flowers and warmer temperatures. We live in hope.

On Friday, 4/27, Di Niesman and Maria Owens attended an all day workshop sponsored by AAUW of Illinois launching their national "It's My Vote-I Will Be Heard" campaign. They met other members of local Leagues at the workshop, and also members of local political parties. The campaign is expressly targeting "millennial women" (18 to 30 year olds born 1981-1994). AAUW is looking for coalition partners to help in this campaign. As the speaker said, "In Washington, D.C., the ONLY lobbyist that doesn't need coalition partners is the NRA." Any members interested in learning more about the workshop or campaign, feel free to contact Di or Maria.

We are winding down another year of Wheaton League of Women Voters activities before our summer break.

- On May 17th, we'll gather for dinner and (a little) business at the Holiday Inn in Carol Stream.
- On Saturday, June 2nd, we'll be at Taste of Wheaton to register voters (please volunteer to help).

We hope to see a lot of members at both events. It will be our last opportunity before the busy election season begins in earnest with candidate forums and voter assistance efforts.

Denise, Liz, Di, Olga



THE LEAGUE OF WOMAN VOTERS OF WHEATON
INVITES MEMBERS AND GUESTS
TO THE

ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER

Thursday, May 17, 2012
Holiday Inn, Stratford Room
150 South Gary Avenue
Carol Stream, Illinois

6:30-9:00 P.M.

6:30-Social time with cash bar
7:15-Buffer Dinner

Entertainment, annual meeting & election to follow
Enjoy dinner, entertainment and an evening with your LWV friends.

Make your reservation by **Friday, May 4**

\$26.00 per person

Send your check to

Bobbi Walsh

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK OUT TO THE LWV OF WHEATON

April 24, 2012

To: State and Local League Presidents

From: LWVUS Board of Directors

Re: Notice of Intent to Propose Concurrence at Convention 2012

On the convention floor at Convention 2012 in Washington, D.C., LWVUS will be recommending adoption by concurrence on the floor of convention with the following LWV of the District of Columbia positions on sentencing:

1. The LWVUS believes alternatives to imprisonment should be explored and utilized, taking into consideration the circumstances and nature of the crime.
2. The LWVUS opposes mandatory minimum sentences for drug offenses.

The following information is being sent in compliance with LWVUS Bylaws, Article XII, Sec. 2. Program (c):

Arguments that support alternatives to imprisonment:

- Sentencing alternatives, including drug and mental health courts, probation, restorative justice, halfway houses, and fines, give judges more options to tailor cost-effective sentences that fit each unique offender and crime, protect the public, and provide rehabilitation.
- Alternatives are, less costly, save taxpayers money, and help prevent jail and prison overcrowding.
- Alternatives keep families together and, through rehabilitation and treatment, allow offenders to earn a living, pay taxes, and contribute to their communities.

Arguments that oppose alternatives to imprisonment:

- Alternatives to incarceration treat offenders too easily by not punishing them sufficiently.
- Offenders see community sentences as a lenient option and are not deterred from offending again.
- Society is protected while offenders are in prison.

Arguments that oppose mandatory minimum sentences for drug offenses:

- Harsh mandatory minimums for drug offenses have led to huge increases in prison populations, many of whom are low-level and nonviolent offenders.
- To date there is no evidence that tougher sentences deter drug crimes, and mandatory penalties are particularly ineffective in preventing drug crimes.
- Mandatory penalty laws shift power from judges to prosecutors, and remove the judge's discretion to consider mitigating circumstances. Restoring judicial discretion would ensure that defendants receive punishments proportional to the offenses committed, taking into account individual circumstances without ignoring culpability and the safety of the public.

Arguments that support mandatory minimum sentences for drug offenses:

- The certainty of mandatory minimums sends a message to offenders that specified behaviors would be met with harsh and certain punishment, and provides consistent and uniform sentences for all defendants.
- Mandatory minimum sentencing for drug offenses keeps dealers off the streets and discourages illegal drug use.

- The law also aids prosecutors and police, who use the threat of lengthy prison terms to persuade low-level dealers to testify against dealers higher up in the chain of command.

Rationale for using Convention concurrence to adopt these positions:

Concurrence at Convention is a valid method of developing new League positions and over the years it has been used to adopt new positions ranging from the Violence Prevention position in 1994 to Marriage Equality in 2010. It is particularly useful for issues that are easily understood and where traditional local-League based studies could be expected to reach the same conclusion as the proposed concurrence. The League's Bylaws provide the authority for the adoption of positions by concurrence.

Background information can be found at:

[The LWV District of Columbia website](#)

[Alternatives to Incarceration Fact Sheet](#)

["Understanding federal mandatory minimums and guidelines"](#)

[SpeakOut.com--Should Mandatory Minimum Sentencing Laws Be Repealed?](#)

The Guidelines and Policy Committee Report
Non-Partisan Policy

* Current:

PUBLIC OFFICE - Board members shall not be candidates for, nor hold an elected, public office. If a board member decides to run for public office, the member shall resign from the board. (Examples: Mayor, Councilperson, School Board, Township Assessor)

* Proposed:

PUBLIC OFFICE - A Board member shall not run for, nor hold, any partisan elective office at any level of government. A Board member may run for or hold a local non-partisan elective office, after consultation with and approval by the Wheaton LWV Board.

This proposed change is consistent with the policy of the US LWV:

"Elected Office. A Board member shall not run for, nor hold, any partisan elective office at any level of government. A Board member may run for or hold a local non-partisan elective office, after consultation with and approval by the LWVUS/EF Board and the president of the affected local League."

Guidelines and Policy Committee,
Di Niesman
Denise Niesman,
Liz Quigg,
Missey Wilhelm

Nominating
Committee Report

The Nominating Committee places the following candidates in nomination for two-year terms on the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Wheaton

Officers:

Missey Wilhelm Vice President

Olga Rammer Treasurer

The following Director positions are for two years:

Maria Owens

Denise Niesman

Nancy Wilen

The following are nominees for the 2013 Nominating Committee:

Helen Westlake, Chairman

Carol Honeywell

Ellen Noth

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlotte Murphy, Chairman

Nancy Bielawski

Carol Honeywell

Beth O'Malley

Liz Quigg

By-laws Committee Report

Current:

ARTICLE IV
Board of Directors

Section 1. Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office

(a) The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers of the League, eight (8) elected Directors, and not more than eight (8) appointed directors. Four (4) directors shall be elected in even-numbered years and four (4) directors shall be elected in odd-numbered years, 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 exceeding eight (8), as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The terms of office of the appointed Directors shall be one year and shall expire at the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting.

Proposed:

ARTICLE IV
Board of Directors

Section 1. Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office

(a) The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers of the League, **six (6)** elected Directors, and not more than eight (8) appointed directors. **Three (3)** directors shall be elected in even-numbered years and **three (3)** directors shall be elected in odd-numbered years, 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 exceeding eight (8), as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The terms of office of the appointed Directors shall be one year and shall expire at the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting.

This revision is recommended by the Board.

Respectfully submitted by the By-laws Committee
Martha Barmantje
Denise Niesman
Ellen Noth

WHEATON LWV PROPOSED BUDGET 2012-13

EXPENSES	2010-11 Budget	2011-12 Budget	2012-13 Budget	Notes
Affiliations				
Great Wheaton Chamber	175	125	125	Unused 2011-12
LWVIL per Member Payment	2,339.00	2,200.00	1,904.00	fewer members
LWVUS per Member Payment	2,587.00	2,400.00	2,101.00	fewer members
Lake Michigan LWV	25	25	25	
Delegates and Travel				
National or State Conventions	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,000.00	
Workshops or Regional meetings	200	200	200	
General Administration				
Board Tools	100	100	100	
LWV President	300	100	100	unused as of 4/10/12
Operating Costs				
Bank Charge & office expense	0	160	150	based on actual
Cost of Finance Drive	300	350	160	based on actual
Insurance	125	95	85	fewer members
Postage Expense	500	300	110	based on actual
Printing Expense	1,500.00	750	320	based on actual
Website fee	160	200	200	
Programs and Activities				
Action	75	0	0	unused 2011-12
Annual Dinner Expense	200	0	0	tracks deposit
Event Rental	100	0	0	unused 2011-12
General Meetings & Programs	1,000.00	1,000.00	100.00	based on actual
Member recruitment & retention	0	200	650	projected need
Publications	100	100	100	
Special Events	100	200	100	projected need
Voter Service	200	200	100	
Total Expenditures	\$12,586.00	\$11,205.00	\$7,630.00	

INCOME				
Contingency Income	0	400	0.00	Annual Dinner
Fund Raisers	700	500	0.00	based on actual as of 4/10/12
Interest Income	0	0	0.00	
LWV Dues	5,818.00	5,200.00	4,583.00	fewer members
Member Contributions	1,500.00	1,400.00	500.00	fewer contributions
Non-Member Contributions	3,000.00	2,900.00	2,550.00	fewer contributions
September Meeting	0	400	0.00	September Dinner
Total Income	\$11,018.00	\$10,800.00	\$7,633.00	
ASSETS				
LWVIL Education Fund		358.61	468.91	as of 4/10/12
Certificate of Deposit		7,099.94	7,112.37	as of 4/10/12
Checking		5,057.02	6,245.73	as of 4/10/12
Savings		2,512.49	13	as of 4/10/12
Total Assets		15,253.79	13,840.01	as of 4/10/12
Liabilities		0	0.00	as of 4/10/12
Equity		15,253.79	13,840.01	
Total Liabilities & Equity		15,253.79	13,840.01	

PMP based on Membership report on 1/11/2012

2012-2013

Local Individual L1	48	PMP for LWVIL 27/\$40.50; for LWVUS \$29.80/\$44.70;
st Household L2 R2	15	Total PMP \$56.80/\$85.20 per household of 2 people.
2nd Household L3 R3	15	Wheaton LWV dues \$65 for one, \$97.50 per household.
National N1 N2 N3 N4	0	Wheaton LWV nets \$8.20 of individual dues
Honorary L4 R4	2	Members = 80 as of Jan 2012;
Student	0	48 @ \$65 = \$3120, 15 @ \$97.50 = \$1462.50 (2 honorary)
Total Members 2012	80	TOTAL 2013 dues are \$5146 based on 80 Members

2012 Budget Committee:

Roberta Jacobson, Joan Fefferman, Olga Rammer

April 2, 2012 City Council Meeting Highlights

Residents Appointed to Boards and Commissions

The City Council approved the reappointment of John Dalby to a three-year term on the Band Commission; the reappointment of William Simmons to a three-year term on the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners; the reappointment of Laurie Oberhelman to a three-year term on the Community Relations Commission; the reappointment of Tracy Vought and Robert Young to three-year terms on the Environmental Improvement Commission; and the reappointment of Donald Sender to a three-year term on the Liquor Control Commission.

Council Adopts Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

The City Council approved the annual budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013, which begins May 1, 2012. The budget totals approximately \$89 million, which is about 10 percent greater than the previous fiscal year budget. This is due to a number of capital improvement projects that will take place in the coming year.

Sidewalk Repair Bid Approved

To begin fixing defective sidewalks in the City's southeast pilot area and Central Business District, the Council approved a bid to replace sidewalk squares previously determined to be high- and medium-level defects plus spots that previously had been patched. This area is being used as a pilot as the City looks to develop a Citywide Sidewalk Repair Program.

April 16, 2012 City Council Meeting Highlights

Council Approves Pay Plan for Non-Union Employees

The City Council approved an ordinance that establishes the compensation for City officers, assistants and employees. The ordinance authorized a 2 percent annual range adjustment for non-union employees, as included in the 2012-2013 budget.

Consultant Hired to Assist with Downtown Strategic Plan

A resolution that the City Council passed authorized an agreement with planning consultant Design Workshop to prepare a Downtown Strategic Plan and Streetscape Plan. City staff added to the scope of work: traffic counts, existing infrastructure review, market investigation detail and streetscape detail. The consultant's work is anticipated to be completed by Nov. 30, 2012.

Liquor License Approved for Studio Movie Grill

Studio Movie Grill, a restaurant/movie theater coming to the Rice Lake Square shopping center, received approval for a liquor license. The 8-screen movie theater will seat 1,120 in the former Linens N Things space.

Resident Appointed to Planning & Zoning Board

The Council approved the appointment of Christopher Derrick to a five-year term on the Planning and Zoning Board.

Water Tower Work Approved

A contract was approved for the exterior painting and interior rehabilitation of the Orchard Road water tower. The four-month project will include draining the tower, sandblasting and relining the inside of the tank, and painting the exterior.



Council Recognizes DuPage River Sweep and Earth Days

On behalf of the Environmental Improvement Commission, Ted Witte accepted proclamations from Mayor Gresk honoring the DuPage River Sweep and Earth Days.

Mayor Gresk proclaimed April 16-30 Earth Days in Wheaton, encompassing a number of events the Environmental Improvement Commission organizes in recognition of national Earth Day. These local events include the Recycling Extravaganza on April 21, Arbor Day on April 27, Native Plant Sale on April 28, Prairie Path Cleanup on April 28 and the Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup. The proclamation honoring the DuPage River Sweep Day on May 19 encouraged residents to volunteer to help clean up the DuPage River on this day.

- Please see <http://www.wheaton.il.us/government/councilhighlights/2010/> for additional highlights or <https://dm1.wheaton.il.us/meetingview/> for minutes of the meetings or videos.
- Please see http://www.cusd200.org/board_of_education/highlights.htm for District 200 school board meeting highlights.
- Please see <http://www.cod.edu/adminstr/boardmin.htm> for the minutes of the COD Board of Trustee meetings.
- Please see <http://www.wheatonparkdistrict.com/pgs/about/bmeetings.html> for minutes of Wheaton Park District meetings

We Thank Our Local Supporters

Every fall the Wheaton LWV asks businesses and professional people in the community to help support our work. The names on these pages are those who responded to our 2011-2012 Finance Drive. When you patronize them, thank them in person for supporting the Wheaton League of Women Voters.

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