



League of Women Voters® of Metro St. Louis Annual Report for 2019 Centennial

April 6, 2019



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ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

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Announcements

SPEAKER: Senator Gina Walsh

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Approval of Agenda

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Budget Committee Report

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Election of 2019-20 Officers and Directors

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League of Women Voters of Metro St. Louis

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RULES OF ANNUAL MEETING

Following are the proposed rules, which, along with Robert's Rules of Order, will govern the business of the annual meeting. They suggest procedures to insure the fair and efficient management of business.

Amendments to, and adoption of the rules, require a majority vote of the members present and voting.

PROPOSED RULES

1. Debate

League members shall have the privilege of the floor. Upon recognition by the chair, the speakers shall first state their name. No person may speak twice until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity. Each speaker shall be limited to two minutes unless otherwise specified.

2. Motions

When a delegate makes a motion, it shall be put in writing, signed by the mover, and sent at once to the secretary. (Exceptions: standard phrases such as "I move the previous question" or "I move the meeting be adjourned.")

Only members may vote. All votes will be determined on the basis of those present and voting.

IN ODD- NUMBERED YEARS, ITEMS 3, 4 & 5 ARE APPLICABLE.

3. Program Proposals—Eligibility

The annual meeting may adopt any item recommended by the board for the program and any of the listed items not recommended by the board, but voted consideration.

4. Non-recommended Items Eligible for Consideration and Adoption

A list of non-recommended items proposed by units is found in your book. Only these items, which met the bylaws-set deadline for submission, may be voted consideration.

Presentations about non-recommended items are limited to 4 minutes each. Members may ask questions for clarification, with a 1 minute time limit on each response.

5. Adoption of Program

Program will be open for discussion item by item, beginning with the current program. Following this, the recommended program items will be discussed. Lastly, non-recommended items may be voted for consideration, then discussion and adoption as appropriate.

6. Procedure

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern all procedures of the convention in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the League Bylaws.



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CURRENT LEADERSHIP ROSTER

OFFICERS:

Co-Presidents	Nancy J. Miller Louise T. Wilkerson
1 st V. P.	Catherine Stenger
2 nd V.P.	Barbara Harris
Secretary	Nancy Price
Treasurer	Steve Smith

DIRECTORS:

2018-2020	Angie Dunlap (Social Media, Membership, SC Unit)
2018-2019	Eve Golden (Events and Chesterfield/CC Unit)
2018-2020	Joan Hubbard (Early Voting)
2018-2020	Irma Ruebling (Health Care)
2018-2020	Jennifer Rushing (St. Charles County Unit)
2018-2020	Cathy Satkowski (Youth Voter Registration)
2017-2019	Sydell Shayer (Death Penalty, NPV)
2017-2019	Anne Sappington (Voters Guide)
2018-2020	Carol Strawbridge (Voter Registration)

OFF - BOARD CHAIRS:

Joan Esserman	<i>In League Reporter</i>
Mickey Croyle	Environmental Quality Committee
K Wentzien	Investment, K/W Unit

OFFICE STAFF:

Jean Dugan	LWV Missouri and Metro St. Louis Executive Director
Chantal Hoffsten	Office Assistant

TREASURER'S REPORT 2019

The League's financial position is stable. We maintain our investments in spite of downturns in the market. Jean, Nancy, and Louise work diligently to make certain we take advantage of grant possibilities. Until recently, Julie, and now, Chantal, efficiently manage the bookkeeping, invoicing, checkwriting, banking, and basic accounting functions that keep us on an even keel from day to day. And, we are very fortunate in the generosity of our many regular benefactors.

Membership has grown a lot in the past two years. That means dues revenues increased. Of course, it also means we have bigger commitments this year for PMPs to state and national organizations. Yet, it's exciting to think that greater numbers will make our programming more effective and allow us to reach an even wider audience of current and potential voters.

Though the League remains financially viable, you can probably imagine that a forward-looking treasurer is never content with the status quo. If you or someone you know wants to donate to a worthy cause, your gift could do little better than to support the St. Louis League.

— *Steve Smith, Treasurer*

LWVMSTL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Considering the volatility of the market this past few months, the Vanguard investment portfolio is holding up pretty well.” That was the opening of last year’s report and so it continues. Last year at this time the stocks and bonds were valued at \$338,344. This year in early March they were valued at \$328,220. The 2018-19 Financial report will reflect the amount earned from dividends and interest that was used to support the LSVMSTL budget.

The committee continues to monitor the ratio of the investments among funds according to established guidelines, which are also reviewed regularly. Accordingly, the funds in the Developing and Emerging Markets that were under-performing have been reinvested in the Vanguard Social Index Fund, as was recommended last year.

Bob Franklin, who has served on the Investment Committee since the beginning in 2009, has moved to Portland and we thank him for his service. Potential new committee members who have investment experience and/or interest are encouraged to inform the co-Presidents of your willingness to serve. The Committee is advisory to the LWVMSTL Board of Directors and all substantive actions must be approved by that elected Board.

There were no stocks donated this year, but this is a reminder that they are gratefully received and there is a process in place to handle them. This fund was made possible by the contribution of a \$300,000 Missouri Health and Welfare Bond by Janet Becker 10 years ago. The League budget is supported annually by the earnings from the portfolio in the amount of \$15-20,000 annually or over \$150,000!

Committee Members are: Nancy Miller and Louise Wilkerson, Co-Pres.; Steve Smith, Treas.; Patrick Esserman, Cindy Mitchell, and K Wentzien, off-board members; and Jean Dugan, Executive Director. The Committee meets quarterly and visitors are welcome.

— K Wentzien, Convener

	3/31/2018	3/31/2019	\$ Change
Investments	363,359.00	332,927.00	-30,432.00
Unrestricted Net Assets	0.00	2,381.89	2,381.89
Temporarily Restricted Assets	-34,068.00	-5,000.00	29,068.00
Total Equity	329,425.44	330,308.89	1,017.89

PRESIDENTS' REPORT

Our 2018-2019 League Year began in May 2018 with a well-attended, informational Annual Meeting. Blake Strode of Arch City Defenders spoke to us about the various legal issues residents of St Louis are experiencing, and effort underway to assist them in the courts. As a Metro League, we committed to supporting the Minimum Wage Increase proposition going before the voters in November. We also committed to joining the coalition to pass Amendment I to Clean up the Missouri Legislature. Many of the same coalition partners supported both efforts, so we were able to work with groups such as Jobs With Justice and the NAACP to strengthen laws for good government and improving the quality of life for minimum wage workers. LWV Missouri received a grant from LWVUS Ed Fund to work for redistricting advocacy in our state. This effort involved all Leagues in the state and required countless hours of rallies, meetings, presentations, traveling to interview sites in towns across Missouri, testifying before legislative hearings, and strategizing with coalition partners. The League also received several monetary gifts to assist with this effort. Our hard work was rewarded when Missouri citizens passed both Amendment 1 – Clean Missouri and the minimum wage increase. Unfortunately, members of the legislature were not happy and we have already begun to fight back against efforts to undo those laws.

Our Voter Registration efforts continued with the aid of two grants, one for the high school registrations and one for registering new citizens at Naturalization Ceremonies. These allowed to purchase new supplies, traveling bags and institute a voter reminder program. Another grant from the Roblee Foundation made it possible for us to purchase 10 tablets for voter registration. The St. Louis County Election Board asked us to transition to tablets to provide more efficiency and accuracy in the registration process. Voter Protection is always a priority for us. Read about the ongoing legal challenge in the Program reports, and celebrate with us that a photo ID is no longer required and neither is the signed statement when the proper ID is not present. Voters may still vote with the Same means of ID that were acceptable before the legislation, with the addition of a college ID.

We continue to add new members to our rolls. As of April 1st, we have 494 members on our rolls. They are welcomed and encouraged to become active in the League program by Membership Chair Angie Dunlap and the Study, Committee and Unit Chairs. Angie also in charge of our Social Media which has provided an up-to-date outreach for League activities and positions.

And a very exciting part of this year has been the kick-off of our Centennial Celebration. In March we celebrated at Trivia Night with a birthday cake for Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg, who has fought tirelessly for the rights of women during her career. On March 24th we held a Tea at the St. Louis Woman's Club, celebrating the famous tea held in 1848 by the group responsible for the Seneca Falls Convention. On May 2nd we will visit the Bellefontaine Cemetery in St. Louis for a suffragist. More events are planned for the next 16 months until August 2020.

This month marks the 1 year anniversary for Jean Dugan as our Administrative Manager and now Executive Director. Jean is the perfect person for the job and is now indispensable. Our senior office assistant, Julie Behrens, retired at the end of February after 36 years of membership, loyalty and service to the League. She is missed! We have a new Julie – rather a new Chantal Hoffsten. Chantal has been with us for 1 month and is quickly learning the League ways and Julie's filing system. Our office continues to be a hub of activity and a welcoming environ for all Leaguers. As we prepare for the Annual meeting, we are already looking ahead to 2019-2020. There are more centennial events coming up, the Missouri State Convention on May 3rd & 4th, potential new coalitions and legislative projects ahead. We thank all of our members for their support financially, through volunteering and for assuming leadership roles. As the old Tony Bennet song goes, "The best is yet to come!"

— Nancy J. Miller and Louise T. Wilkerson

PROPOSED LWV Metro St. Louis Program Planning for 2019-2021

The units and committees of the League of Women Voters of Metro St. Louis agreed to support the current LWV National and State Programs. These programs include election reforms and protections, advocating for full state compliance with the National Voter Registration Act, redistricting reform, a full census, campaign finance reform, opposition to a US Constitutional Convention among other program items designed to make Democracy work.

Additionally, the following program recommendations were made:

EDUCATION

Advocate for state funding of universal preschool education.

Oppose the authorization of additional charter schools in Missouri.

Advocate for enactment of a policy that will require charter schools to comply with the same standards as traditional public schools.

Study the effects of immigration on school funding and other education resources.

Study and advocate for measures to allow deferred action for childhood arrival (DACA) students to access post-secondary, educational resources, services, and scholarships the same as U.S. citizens.

Study and take a position on the four-day versus the five-day week for K-12 education in Missouri.

HEALTH

Study, update and advocate for Medicaid expansion and a single-payer health care system.

Study ways to address other health concerns including opioid abuse and prevention, access to behavioral health care, maternal health and infant mortality.

Work with the Education Committee to make a case for the importance of adequate health care for optimal learning in children and youth.

EARLY VOTING

Reactivate advocacy for early voting from the 2010 Consensus:

Support absentee voting, advance voting and measures that facilitate participation in the election process.

NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE INTERSTATE COMPACT

Continue to educate voters about and advocate for passage of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact by Missouri lawmakers.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY:

Continue advocacy for clean air and water as well as measures to significantly mitigate and slow the rate of climate change. Continue to monitor and advocate for the sustainability of STL City environmental projects

.POLICING AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM:

Continue the study of policing in the Metro St. Louis Area. Study and advocate for an end to policies that criminalize poverty such as requiring cash bail and charging jailed persons for room and board.

LWV Metro St. Louis Program Planning for 2019-2021 (continued)

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CITY-COUNTY GOVERNANCE

Reactivate the study of various plans to effect the merger of St. Louis City and County so as to inform a League policy on the matter.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY CHARTER REVISION

Participate in the St. Louis County Charter Commission, representing League views.

League of Women Voters of Metro St. Louis
Proposed Budget
Fiscal Year 2019-2020

	24-Months to Date		Previous	Proposed
	Actuals	Actuals	Budget	Budget
	Mar '17 - Feb 18	Mar '18 - Feb 19	Jul '18 - Jun 19	Jul '19 - Jun 20
Income & Expense Only				
Income				
Total · Cash contribs/donations	20,405.02	29,434.11	15,700.00	11,975.00
Total · Non-gov't. grants	2,069.08	14,030.03	1,850.00	8,100.00
Total · Program sales & fees	1,300.00	2,074.24	1,540.00	1,700.00
Total · Dues revenues	23,645.63	33,026.00	23,175.00	33,750.00
Total · Regular investment income	18,177.33	9,907.89	48,728.00	9,000.00
Total · Projected transfer to cash				21,141.48
Total · Fundraising revenues	20,356.42	18,804.12	18,220.00	21,505.00
Total · LWV Meetings	5,131.65	6,175.00		4,800.00
Total · Non-program revenues	164.00	3,249.15	240.00	687.00
Total Income	114,215.30	116,725.54	109,453.00	112,658.48
Expense				
Total · National PMP to LWVUS	10,077.00	10,416.00	10,620.00	14,130.00
Total · State PMP to LWVMO	6,330.00	6,510.00	6,180.00	8,532.00
Total · J/O PPL - Salaries, etc.	55,751.49	41,626.00	43,248.00	38,865.48
Total · "Expense" accounts	64.31	115.00	480.00	150.00
Total · STL Contract svcs/emps	608.00	0.00	600.00	780.00
Total · Internship stipends, etc.	1,000.00	2,543.33	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total · J/O FIXED costs	21,781.50	20,719.00	20,967.00	21,816.00
Total · J/O VAR costs	6,811.26	7,234.00	6,212.00	8,633.00
Total · STL Non-emp/non-program costs	3,436.92	2,665.20	4,140.00	1,080.00
Total · Program costs	794.07	2,720.20	2,175.00	3,510.00
Total · Fundraising expense	1,100.00	2,250.00	2,100.00	1,600.00
Total · Mtg & Event (M&E) costs	5,693.42	11,313.83	11,722.00	9,288.00
Total · Special Events costs	1,020.00	123.55		750.00
Total · Cost of doing business	199.51	868.15	300.00	780.00
Total · Other business costs	-281.81	279.33	980.00	444.00
Total · Coalitions & partnerships	356.38	205.00	420.00	300.00
Total Expense	122,568.79	116,594.73	112,144.00	112,658.48
Net Ordinary Income	-8,353.49	155.81	-2,691.00	0.00
Net Income	-8,353.49	155.81	-2,691.00	0.00

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ST. LOUIS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Slate for Officers and Board of Directors April 2019

Officers

2019-2021

Co-president	Nancy J. Miller
Co-president	Louise T. Wilkerson
1st Vice President	Angie Dunlap
Secretary	Nancy Price

Board of Directors

<u>2-year term 2019-2021</u>	Catherine Stenger
	Meredith Langlitz
	Irma Ruebling
<u>1-year term 2019 – 2020</u>	Anne Sappington

1-year term 2019-2020

Appointed

Eve Golden
Sydell Shayer
Sue Williams

Presently Serving 2018-2020

2 nd Vice President	Barbara Harris
Treasurer	Steve Smith
Director	Joan Hubbard
Director	Jennifer Rushing
Director	Carol Strawbridge

NOMINATING COMMITTEE :

Chair:

Members:

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF METRO ST. LOUIS BYLAWS

Amended 12/01/2016

ARTICLE I

Name and Form.

Sec. 1. **Name.** The name of this organization shall be League of Women Voters of Metro St. Louis, hereinafter referred to in these bylaws as LWVMSTL. This local League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States and the League of Women Voters of Missouri.

Sec. 2. **Form.** LWVMSTL shall be a nonprofit public benefit corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Missouri.

ARTICLE II

Principal Office, Purposes, and Political Policy.

Sec 1. **Office.** The office and location of the League shall be in such a place in the St. Louis area as may be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Sec 2. **Purposes.** The purposes of LWVMSTL are to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government and to act on selected governmental issues. LWVMSTL is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, LWVMSTL shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under such provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. No substantial part of the activities of LWVMSTL shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

Sec 3. **Political Policy.** The League shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.

ARTICLE III

Membership.

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

Sec. 2. **Types of Membership.** Persons at least 16 years of age who join LWVMSTL shall be voting members of LWVMSTL, state Leagues and of the LWVUS; (1) individuals who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League; (2) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large; (3) those who have been members for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from payment of dues. All others who join LWVMSTL shall be associate members.

Sec. 3. **Termination of Membership.** A member may resign at any time by delivering a written notice to the president or secretary. The resignation shall be effective upon receipt of such notice. Membership shall terminate upon the death of a member. The board may terminate a member for nonpayment of dues.

ARTICLE IV

Officers.

Sec. 1. **Election, Qualifications and Term.** The officers of LWVMSTL shall include a president or co-presidents, a first and second vice president, each of whom shall be in charge of a major portfolio, a secretary and a treasurer who shall be elected for terms of two years at the annual meeting. The president or co-presidents, the first vice president and the secretary shall be elected in the odd numbered years. The second vice-president and the treasurer shall be elected in the even numbered years. All officers shall take office immediately following the annual meeting.

Sec. 2. **The President.** The President or Co-presidents, shall have such powers of supervision and management as customarily pertain to the office; shall preside at all meetings of the organization, Board and the executive committee, or designate another person to do so; shall be, ex officio, a member of all committees except the nominating committee and the financial/audit committee; may sign or endorse checks in the absence of the Treasurer; and shall perform such other duties as the Board may direct. In the event of the absence, disability, resignation, incapacity, inability or refusal to act or death of the president or co-presidents, the vice-presidents, in order of their rank, shall assume the office. If no vice-president is able to serve as president, the Board shall fill the vacancy from among the elected directors.

Sec. 3. **The Vice Presidents.** The Vice-presidents will each be in charge of a major portfolio and shall perform such duties as the President(s) and the board shall direct. In the event of the death, absence, incapacity, inability or refusal to act as the President(s), the Vice Presidents in order shall possess all the powers and perform all the duties of the President(s) and shall do and perform such other duties and exercise such other authority as may be from time to time imposed upon or assigned to the Vice Presidents by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 4. **The Secretary.** The Secretary or designee shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and shall record all votes taken and the minutes of all proceedings of LWVMSTL. These records are to be kept in permanent files. The Secretary shall keep in LWVMSTL's principle office the LWVMSTL current articles of incorporation and bylaws. The Secretary shall perform such other duties as are incident to the office of Secretary and as may be assigned by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall attest the signatures of authorized officers of LWVMSTL on any instrument requiring attestation.

Sec. 5. **The Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall have supervision and custody of all monies, securities and other valuable properties of the League and shall keep full and accurate accounts of the receipts and disbursements of LWVMSTL. The Treasurer shall cause all monies and other valuable effects to be deposited to the credit of LWVMSTL in such accounts as may be designated by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall disburse and supervise the disbursement of funds of the League in accordance with authority of the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall render to the President(s) and Directors, whenever required, a written detailed account of all transactions and of the financial condition of the League, including a statement of all its assets, liabilities and financial transactions. The Treasurer shall further perform such other duties as the President or the Board of Directors direct and such other duties as usually pertain to the office of Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be relieved of all responsibility for any securities or monies or the disbursement thereof committed by the directors to the custody of any other person or League, or the supervision of which is delegated by the Board of Directors to any other officers, agent, or employee, or for the performance of any other duties of the Treasurer delegated by the Board of Directors to any other officer, agent or employee and shall not be responsible for any actions of any other officer, agent or employee of the League.

ARTICLE V

Board of Directors.

Sec. 1. **Selection, Term, and Vacancy.** The Board of directors shall consist of the officers of LWVMSTL, eight elected directors and up to four appointed directors. Four of these elected directors shall be chosen 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 president(s) with the approval of the elected Board of Directors annually shall appoint such additional directors, not exceeding four, as they deem necessary to carry on the work of LWVMSTL. The terms of office of the appointed directors shall be one year and shall expire at the close of the next annual meeting or until their successors, if necessary, have been elected or appointed and qualified. Vacancies may be filled by vote of the remaining members of the Board.

Sec. 2. **Qualifications.** All Directors shall be members of LWVMSTL.

Sec. 3. **Powers.** The Board shall manage and supervise the business, affairs and activities of LWVMSTL subject to the recommendations of the annual meeting. It shall select delegates to state convention and council and to national convention. It shall accept responsibility for such other matters as the national or state Board may delegate to it. It shall have the power to create such special committees as it deems necessary and shall perform such other duties as are specified in these bylaws. The Board shall be responsible for supervising all development activities and insuring that the necessary resources for the operation of LWVMSTL will be secured. The Board shall be responsible for overseeing all compliance requirements.

Sec. 4. **Meetings.** At least eight regular meetings of the Board shall be held annually. The President(s) may call special Board meetings and shall call a special Board meeting upon the written request of five members of the Board. Members of the Board shall be notified of the time, place, and purpose of special Board meeting at least 4 days in advance electronically or by phone.

Sec. 5. **Electronic meetings.** Meetings may be conducted by telephone or other communication technology. When the meeting is called, all Board members shall be informed that official business may be transacted and that a member who is participating by electronic means is deemed present in person at the meeting. At the beginning of the meeting and again at the time any vote is conducted, each member shall verify their identity and their ability to simultaneously hear each other.

Sec. 6. **Executive Committee.** The president or co-presidents, the vice presidents, the secretary, and the treasurer shall constitute the executive committee. The executive committee shall exercise such power and authority as may be delegated to it by the Board and shall report to the Board on all actions taken by it at the next board meeting.

Sec. 7. **Quorum.** A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum, and a majority of those present shall have power to act in all matters except as specified elsewhere in these bylaws.

Sec. 8. **Removal from Office.** Three unexcused absences within a year from regular Board meetings shall constitute a resignation. A 2/3 vote of the board quorum is required to remove a board member for failure to perform duties.

Sec. 9. **Compensation.** No person shall receive compensation for serving on the Board. A member of the Board may be reimbursed for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses as the Board determines.

ARTICLE VI

Meetings.

Sec. 1. **Membership meetings.** There shall be at least three meetings of the membership each year. The time and place shall be determined by the Board.

Sec. 2. **Annual Meeting.** An annual meeting shall be held between April 1 and May 30. The time and place of the meeting shall be determined by the Board. The annual meeting shall:

- a) adopt a local program in odd numbered years
- b) elect officers and directors
- c) elect the chair and two members of the nominating committee
- d) adopt a budget
- e) transact such other business as may properly come before it

Members shall receive all materials for the annual meeting in writing no later than two weeks in advance.

Sec. 3. **Special meetings.** The Board may call a special general membership meeting and shall call such a meeting upon the written request of one percent of the voting members. Members shall be notified in writing at least seven days in advance of the meeting. Notice of such meetings shall state the purpose of the meeting and only business related to that purpose may be considered and acted on, including changes in local program.

Sec. 4. **Quorum.** Ten percent, two of whom shall be officers of the League, shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting of the League.

Sec. 5. **Investment meetings.** An investment committee will meet on a regular basis and will be comprised of Treasurer, President(s) and no more than 5 additional members. They will make recommendations to the Board per the investment policy.

ARTICLE VII

Nominations and Elections.

Sec. 1. **Nominating Committee.** The nominating committee shall consist of five members. The chair and two members, who shall not be members of the Board, shall be elected by the annual meeting and serve for one year. Within two months after the annual meeting, the Board shall appoint for a one year term two of its members to the committee. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment of the Board.

Sec. 2. **Report of Nominating Committee.** The report of the nominating committee, containing its nominations for officers and directors and the chair and two members of the next nominating committee, shall be sent to the members two weeks before the annual meeting and announced at the meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained.

Sec. 3. **Elections.** The election shall be by ballot except that if there is only one nominee for an office, the Secretary may be instructed to cast the ballot for the candidate. A majority vote shall constitute an election.

ARTICLE VIII

Executive Director.

An Executive Director may be named by the Board of Directors. The Executive Director shall have general direction of and supervision over the day-to-day affairs of LWVMSTL. The Executive Director shall exercise such authority and perform such duties as the Board of Directors may from time to time assign.

ARTICLE IX

Indemnification of Directors, Officers, Employees and Agents.

Sec. 1. **Mandatory Indemnification.** The Corporation shall to the maximum extent permitted under the General Not-For-Profit Corporate Law of the State of Missouri as amended, indemnify and allow reasonable expenses of any person who was or is a party to or threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of or volunteered services to the Corporation; or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of any committee or of any other Corporation or enterprise. Such right of indemnification shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, administrators and personal representatives of such person.

Sec. 2. **Liberal Construction.** In order for LWVMSTL to obtain and retain qualified directors and officers, the foregoing provisions shall be liberally administered in order to afford maximum indemnification of

directors and officers and, accordingly, the indemnification above provided for shall be granted in all cases unless to do so would clearly contravene applicable law, controlling precedent or public policy.

Sec. 3. **Supplementary Benefits** The League may supplement the right of indemnification under Sec. 1 of this Article by one or more of the following: purchase of insurance, indemnification agreements, and advances for related expenses of any person indemnified.

ARTICLE X

Principles and Program.

Sec. 1. **Principles.** The principles are concepts of governance adopted by the LWVUS National Convention and supported by the League as a whole. They are the authorization for the adoption of national, state and local program.

Sec. 2. **Program.** The program of the League of Women Voters of Metro St. Louis shall consist of action to implement the principles and those local governmental issues chosen by the annual meeting for concerted study and action as follows:

- 1) In odd numbered years voting members may make recommendations for program to the Board at least six weeks before the annual meeting.
- 2) 2) The Board shall consider the recommendations sent in by voting members and local units and formulate a proposed program which shall be sent to the members at least two weeks before the annual meeting.
- 3) The annual meeting shall adopt a program by a majority vote.
- 4) Program recommendations submitted to the Board at least six weeks before the annual meeting but not proposed by the Board may be considered by the annual meeting provided that:
 - a) The annual meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote of the members present.
 - b) The annual meeting shall adopt the item by a majority vote of the members present.

Sec. 3. **Program Action.** Members may act in the name of the League only when authorized to do so by the appropriate Board. They may act only in conformity with, and not contrary to, a position taken by the LWVMSTL, the LWVMO or the LWVUS.

Sec. 4. **Program Record.** A record shall be kept of the League's positions on local governmental issues in the principle office of LWVMSTL.

ARTICLE XI

Financial Administration.

Sec. 1. **Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year of the League shall be from July 1 to June 30 effective 2015.

Sec. 2. **Dues.** Annual dues shall be payable April 1.

Sec. 3. **Finance/Audit Committee.** A finance/audit committee shall be appointed by the Board to prepare an annual budget, review all financial records (with outside consultants, if needed), provide oversight of the "conflict of interest" policy, oversight of compliance requirements, and oversight of Enterprise Risk Management. The proposed budget for the next fiscal year shall be sent to all members at least two weeks before the annual meeting. The treasurer will be an ex officio member of the committee, but cannot serve as chair.

Sec. 4. **Distribution of Funds on Dissolution.** In the event of the dissolution of LWVMSTL all monies and securities which may at the time be owned by or under the control of LWVMSTL shall be paid to the LWVMO Education Fund which is exempt under section 501(c)(3) after the state and national per member payments and other obligations have been met. All other property of whatsoever nature which may at the time be owned or under the control of the League shall be disposed to such organization or League which has established its tax-exempt status which the Board in its absolute discretion may designate.

ARTICLE XIII

Amendments.

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of voting members at the annual meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose provided that the proposed amendments were submitted to the membership in writing at least two weeks in advance of the meeting.

ARTICLE XIV

Governance.

Wherever not otherwise provided in the bylaws, the internal affairs of LWVMSTL shall be governed by the procedures established in the General Not-For-Profit Corporate Law of the State of Missouri. The Board shall establish written policies for effective governance and the conduct of activities to set and achieve the operational goals of LWVMSTL, as directed by the membership in the annual meeting.

ARTICLE XV

Seal.

The League shall have no seal.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF METRO ST. LOUIS PROGRAM

EDUCATION

SUPPORT full funding of the original (pre-2016) foundation formula for public schools, so that each child is better able to develop his/her full potential.

SUPPORT a communication process which includes all segments of each school district.

SUPPORT all schools being governed by their local, elected school boards which represent their communities.

SUPPORT equal opportunity in education with continuing efforts to achieve racial and socio-economic balance and equality within city/county schools.

SUPPORT having Charter Schools held to the same requirements, certifications, student services, teacher training, classroom materials and leadership as all other public schools in Missouri.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Air Quality

SUPPORT improved air quality and an interstate regional approach to solve air pollution problems.

SUPPORT emission standards for air pollutants as a means of improving the air quality of the metropolitan area by providing standards which can be legally enforced on the individual polluter.

SUPPORT national industrial emission standards, with any region retaining the right to establish more stringent standards.

SUPPORT a mandatory emergency plan for protection of the health and welfare of the community when a high air pollution potential exists in the area and pollution reaches a dangerous level.

SUPPORT the authorization of a single regional agency to set and enforce standards to control air pollution in the St. Louis air quality region.

Land Use

SUPPORT the adoption and management by county and municipal governments of land use plans which incorporate a sound policy development based upon the goals, needs and resources of those communities and provide for citizen input.

Solid Waste

SUPPORT planning for the proper management and disposal of solid waste.

Water Quality

SUPPORT improved water quality with emphasis on the Metropolitan Sewer District and improved communications between MSD and the citizens.

GOVERNMENT

Legislative Reform

SUPPORT for standards of apportionment, lower campaign donations, transparency, lobbyists, legislator to lobbyist transition, bipartisan redistricting.

Minimum Wage

PROMOTE a minimum wage of at least \$12.00 in Missouri to advance self-sufficiency for individuals and families.

City and County Charters

SUPPORT of effective, efficient, responsive and responsible St. Louis City and County governments.

Finances/Taxes

SUPPORT for an open budget process which provides adequate and timely information to citizens and allows for citizen participation.

SUPPORT of governmental units, including St. Louis County, disseminating information regarding the services they provide.

SUPPORT for streamlining city government and the relationship with other agencies paid by the city and commissions appointed by government that function only in the City of St. Louis.

Home Rule

ACTION to promote charters that will insure good government in such municipalities in this League area whose citizens have shown a desire for charter government.

SUPPORT for inclusion in a charter of a provision for periodic review.

Services

SUPPORT for a comprehensive governmental structure, regional in scope, whose functions are to plan for the long-range development and/or deliver services to the citizens of metropolitan St. Louis.

SUPPORT for a regional governing body, chosen by direct election on the basis of proportional representation, taking into consideration a rural-urban formula.

Transit

SUPPORT a public mass transit system that meets the needs of the community, and as an alternative to the automobile, with emphasis on a fully representative governing board and adequate financing from federal, state and local levels, with all local half-cent transportation sales tax going to Metro.

Zoo-Museum District

SUPPORT of the current level of property tax funding for the present member districts of the Zoo-Museum Taxing District.

SUPPORT of increases in rate of funding from public sources by a subdistrict and of the formation of new subdistricts which meet established criteria.

POSITIONS, continued

Kirkwood

SUPPORT of the Chief Administrator Officer form of government with continued interest in the Kirkwood City Charter.

SUPPORT of a Public Library that meets the needs of the residents. Support of adequate financing, long-range planning, and a library board which is representative of all segments of the community.

St. Louis City

RE-STUDY AND UPDATE of position in support of legislation that would call for a change in the current method of total at-large election of school board members for the St. Louis Public Schools.

SUPPORT St. Louis City revitalization.

SUPPORT of city charter revision for reducing the size of the Board of Aldermen.

SUPPORT for health care for the un/underinsured.

SUPPORT welfare reform as it affects citizens of the St. Louis region.

SUPPORT the preservation of green space in Forest Park.

NEW STUDIES:

CITY-COUNTY GOVERNANCE

The committee is tasked with studying the “Better Together” proposal for City/County Merger. Eighteen members have joined the committee more are welcome. So far we have met 3 times and discussed reports on the 160-page document found on the Better Together web site. Currently Better Together has submitted one original and two changed Constitutional amendments on which to formulate petitions for inclusion on the 2021 statewide ballot. We have divided this 25-page document and will present the results at our next meeting on May 7.

Our preliminary study finds many areas where the Better Together plan does not agree with League principals and positions. However, the League has always supported efforts to streamline city and county governments and will continue to look for ways to achieve this goal. The committee will present its recommendations to the Metro Board in a timely manner for the board to take action on the ballot issue.

— *Debby Howard and Nadida Matin*

POLICING STUDY GROUP

The Policing Study Group found that the word “policing” evokes many issues to many people: crowd control/public safety, investigatory stops, incarceration, police demographics, police compensation/resources/tax support, jurisdictions, privacy/unreasonable search and seizure, appropriate use of force, voting rights and civic participation, and property forfeitures, to name a few.

While the current national League positions do not specifically address policing, LWVUS’ concern for social justice as evidenced by numerous positions published in *Impact on the Issues* is the obvious intersection of policing activities and the League’s sphere of influence.

The committee provided several suggested action items:

- Educate ourselves and the public about controversial aspects of policing
- Stand with other civic groups, vetted and approved by the LWV Board, to increase public awareness of policing issues.
- Increase non-convicted incarcerated voting participation through registration and education efforts.
- Increase former-felon voting participation through registration and education efforts.
- Write a League Position on policing within the Social Policy section aimed at national acceptance.

—Policing Study Group (Kathy Brown, Chris Jones, Mary Leopold, Carol Prombo, Anne Sappington)

STUDY & ADVOCACY

EARLY VOTING

In 2018 the St. Louis League of Women Voters completed the 2009-2010 framework for early voting initiated by the Kansas City League of Women Voters. We compared the processes and procedures with neighboring states and made note that Missouri is only one of 13 states without some form of early voting. Six of the eight states that share a border with Missouri allow early voting. Only Kansas and Kentucky share our border and do not allow for early voting.

The League advocates for change because early voting provides flexibility for citizens working two jobs, enrolled in school and/or caring for family members. An extended voting period allows an opportunity for election officials to address problems that arise, such as malfunctioning equipment, problems among election workers, rejected voter registrations, etc. In response to the concern that early voting is more expensive to implement, we submit that early voting fulfills the mandate of guaranteeing every citizen an opportunity to vote and emphasizes the importance of participating in the electoral process. Therefore, in keeping with the League's basic mandate to protect, extend and encourage the right to vote, the Missouri League is now advocating for a change in the State Law.

During this legislative year, HJR 5 was filed which modifies voter eligibility and creates a provision for early voting from the 6th Tuesday before the election until the close of regular business hours on the Monday immediately before the election for both in-person and mail-in voting. For the 21 days immediately before the election, the hours for early voting shall also include 12 pm to 5 pm on Saturday and Sunday. On the Thursday immediately before Election Day, the hours for conducting early voting shall be 8 am to 7pm. The Secretary of State is also directed to establish a process for conducting automatic registration of eligible voters. In response to the filing of this Resolution, LWVMO President Kathleen Boswell wrote a letter to the House Speaker sharing the League's support for early voting and requesting assignment of this resolution to a committee for a hearing.

Subsequent to this action, HB994 was filed which entitles voting in advance of election, without having to state an excuse, in person or by mail for all federal or state general elections. Early voting shall be conducted from the 6th Tuesday before the election until the close of regular business hours on the Monday immediately before the election for both in-person and mail-in voting. The hours for conducting early voting shall be the regular business hours of each election authority. For the 21 days immediately before Election Day, the hours for early voting shall include from 11 am to 5 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Beginning on the Tuesday immediately before Election Day, early voting shall be available from 8 am to 7 pm.

Committee members are actively engaged in advocating in the media and to our community partners reasons to support of early voting legislation. We are also working with legislators on a final bill that fulfills the need for no-excuse early voting and an early voting period that starts at least one-week prior to Election Day. .

— *Joan Hubbard*, Chair

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Environmental Quality Committee acts on environmental issues concerning resource management, protection, and pollution control including issues related to land use, air quality, water, energy and waste issues acting under local, state and national LWV positions. The EQ Committee continues to work with other organizations on Environmental Quality Issues including Missouri Clean Energy Coalition, Missouri Coalition for the Environment, and 350.org. EQ committee members serve on the Air Quality Advisory Committee and the Water Resources Council of the East-West Gateway Council on Governments, the Rate Commission of the Metropolitan St Louis Sewer District, Greater St Louis Transit Alliance, Missouri Clean Energy Coalition, St Louis County's Committee on Solid Waste Management, MORA (Missouri Recycling Association), Sierra Club, and numerous other church and community environmental organizations.

The EQ Committee continued to monitor national, state and local environmental issues including: US EPA, Missouri Legislature and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, West Lake Landfill and Metropolitan Sewer District.

The LWV Metro STL and the EQ committee advocated for environmental issues this past year. Action alerts and testimony were submitted to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding Affordable Clean Energy Rule and Reduction of vehicle energy efficiency standard. Testimony was also submitted to EPA regarding the West Lake Landfill decision. Action alerts and testimony were submitted to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources regarding Missouri Clean Water Commission, Mo Water Protection, and the Brighton Landfill. Working with the Missouri Clean Energy Coalition member organizations, LWV Metro STL and the EQ committee issued action alerts, testified and sent letters to the St. Louis City resulting in St Louis City became the first municipality in the Midwest to adopt the 2018 International Code including the International Energy Conservation Code. LWV Metro STL/EQ committee signed on to the letter submitted by the Missouri Clean Energy Coalition to introduce its mission and member organizations to Governor Parsons. Members of the Coalition met with Kayla Hahan, Policy Director and Jeff Earl Assistant Policy Director on February 4th for a useful discussion of clean energy, environmental protection, legislation, and filling open commission memberships etc. In 2018 the LWV Metro STIL was selected to be one of the 15 community organizations on the Metropolitan Sewer Rate Commission; and Mickey Croyle EQ Chair now serves on the Commission. The Commission reviewed the Stormwater Rate Proposal that will be on the April 2019 Ballot. EQ requested and the LWV Metro STL Board voted to support Proposition S. The MSD Rate Commission is currently meeting for the 2020 Waste Water Rate Proposal review.

EQ committee meets quarterly and uses email to conduct necessary action and business between meetings. All members are welcomed. The EQ Committee reviewed Natural Resource Positions in January as part of Program Planning. The review identified the numerous positions at all League Levels supporting action on climate change and current environmental issues. The EQ Committee provided educational articles on Environmental Issues in the ILR.

Mickey Croyle, Chair

Committee Members: Mary Archer, Karen Brawn, Nancy Hutchins, Michelle Lorenzini, Jitka Olander, Nancy Price, Kathy Quigley, Libby Reimers, Michelle Salois and Louise Wilkerson.

EDUCATION

The committee continued to research and prepare for the 2019 Legislative session. The issue of charter schools continues to be a challenge. The League believes that charter schools should not be expanded beyond St. Louis City, Kansas City, and unaccredited school districts. We expressed our concern to our representative and senators and sent a letter to the chairperson of the House Education Committee. In addition, we are watching, calling and writing about the Senate bill to establish the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program (SB160). This scholarship will pay for private, parochial or home school costs. A donation to the fund will give the donor a tax credit. We are watching this at the current time.

An experienced education advocate, John Heskett, spoke to the committee about current issues and the process of advocating. The committee is still monitoring the return of the elected school board in St. Louis City which should happen later this spring. An additional concern is the continuing reduction in the allocation of funds for education at the K-12 and college levels. The committee is requesting the extension of the Missouri position on Education from K-12 to pre-K – 12.

Nancy Miller

HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE

The Health Care Committee convened in the Fall of 2018 with new members. We welcome all who are interested in improving health care to join the committee. Medicaid Expansion is currently the focus for study and learning leading to advocacy. Our project involves studying states that have expanded Medicaid for comparison with those states that have not. Our question is: How are the experiences different in these two categories of states with respect to the population, health care providers, and the community. We are considering factors of accessibility, finances, health outcomes, work requirements, and hospital closures. Also we are interested in the coverage for health of specific categories of the population: infants, maternal, behavioral, children, adults, and older adults. The plan is to complete a briefing paper on each area for informing a position paper.

The committee is also following issues concerning accessibility to health care and affordability. Examples of the issue are the requirement for work for to retain eligibility for Medicaid and for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

— Irma Ruebling, Chair

NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE COMMITTEE

The Metro St. Louis League's National Popular Vote Committee was formed in July of 2018. We have about ten members, the number keeps changing. Our committee consists of a bunch of enthusiastic, passionate women who believe that the president of the United States should become president because he or she won the most popular votes nationwide. Unfortunately that is not how the election works. We are stuck with an archaic Electoral College System which allocates state electors basically on a states population. Our ultimate goal is to succeed in getting the Missouri legislature to pass the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (NPVIC) which would assure that the presidential candidate who gets the most votes in the nation becomes the president.

Five times in U S history, the presidential candidate with the most votes did not become president.. A recent example is 2016 when Hillary Clinton won the election by 2 ½ million votes yet did not become president. "The LWVUS believes that the direct-popular vote method for electing the President and Vice-President is essential to representative government." It follows that the Electoral College should be abolished. This requires a constitutional amendment which so far has not succeeded. The alternative which the League supports is the NPVIC where each state would pledge that it would give all its electoral votes to the direct national popular vote winner.

This will come about when the number of states whose electoral votes equal 270 join the compact. That is the same number of electoral votes needed to win the presidential election under the present system.

Since this compact was introduced in 2010, thirteen states and the District of Columbia have joined the compact, totally 184 electoral votes. It only requires 86 more electoral votes to achieve our one man one vote goal. By the time you read this report, New Mexico, with 5 electoral votes will bring the number down to 81 electoral votes closer to the 270 goal.

The League's NPV committee with a few additional volunteers from Leagues outside the St. Louis area comprise the state NPV committee. We are embarking on an intensive statewide educational campaign. We will be putting requests for League members to respond by writing letters to the editor, and doing other PR tasks. The committee cannot do it along. We need enthusiastic members to get our goal accomplished. So when we call for help, please respond.

A very good source to learn everything you want to know about the NPVIC is [National Popular Vote.com](http://NationalPopularVote.com)

— *Sydell Shayer*, National Popular Vote Committee Chair

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CANDIDATE FORUMS

Since the last annual report there have been four elections: a primary on Aug. 7, 2018, a general election on Nov. 6, 2018, a primary in St. Louis city on March 5, 2019 and municipal elections on April 2, 2019.

The fall primary had three candidate forums for state representatives in seven different districts. The general election had forums for state representatives, a U.S. congressperson, a school board and three forums with experts from the community presenting the pros and cons of Amendment One.

For the March city primary and the April municipal elections there were a total of 19 candidate forums throughout the city and 13 municipalities in the county. The races were for 11 school boards, aldermen in two city wards, two for a county mayor, one for the president of the St. Louis City Board of Aldermen and one for director of a Fire Protection District. That's quite a variety, to say the least.

The forums were staffed by more than 100 League volunteers who moderated, timed and collected questions from the audience, and total attendance was approximately 1,500 people who were interested in learning first-hand about issues and the positions of the candidates who were asking for their vote.

— *Barbara Harris*

GET OUT THE VOTE (GOTV)

The Metro St. Louis League tried two different communication modes to get out the vote over the last year. Reminding voters about elections and making a plan to vote were the focus.

VOTE TUESDAY yard signs were sold to people to put in their yards to remind their friends and neighbors to vote. Also, the signs are available for any business or community center that would like to remind passersby. The signs can be used for one week before every election, so they are reusable. We sold more than 100 signs before the November election. There are still more available for purchase in the League office.

Email voter reminders are sent out to all those who have shared their email address online at the League website or have filled out Pledge-to-Vote Cards. In addition, text message voter reminders are offered to all new citizens and high schoolers who registered to vote at a League event. Anyone who signs up for reminders receives three reminders per election. The first reminder is about 6 weeks before an election and asks the voter to check their registration and request an absentee ballot if they need it. A second reminder is sent about two weeks before the election when VOTE411 online Voters Guide is available. A third reminder is sent 2-3 days before the election reminding the voter to VOTE TUESDAY. There are currently 219 people receiving email reminders. 279 people are getting text message reminders. LWVSTL received a grant to offer text message reminders to young voters and new citizens.

—*Angie Dunlap*

IN LEAGUE REPORTER

Our monthly newsletter, the In League Reporter (ILR), is published ten times a year, with both print and electronic editions that reach more than 750 readers.

Members are welcomed and encouraged to electronically submit items for ILR. Photographs and stories about League events are particularly welcome as well as announcements of upcoming League activities. If you have any questions or submissions, please email sserdda961@gmail.com .

—Joan Esserman, Editor

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SPEAKERS BUREAU

In the past year, LWVSTL made 76 presentations. In 2016-17, a Presidential election year and the Photo ID vote, there were 72 presentations. That compares to 23 in 2017-18 and 10 in 2015-16.

The demand for LWV presentations is due to several factors. In this time of un-fact checked “news” and social media, many people are looking for a source of information which they feel is accurate, informed and unbiased. LWV is well-recognized as being such a trusted source. Another factor is a more energized voting population. Additionally, as political debate generally becomes more heated, people know that the League will share information and listen to questions and concerns while treating everyone respectfully. We can all be proud of the League’s earned reputation. It is reflected in the numbers.

November ballot issues, which included Amendment1/CleanMO, the Minimum Wage Increase and the three medical marijuana initiatives were the most requested topics. Around 50 of the presentations included information on redistricting. Interest increased for presentations on Youth Voting/Reasons to Vote, with a focus on non-Presidential elections, including state and local elections. Other topics included the History of Voting and the History of Women’s Voting.

Audiences included a wide variety of groups, from senior residences to schools and college campuses, the Wednesday Club and the Monday Club, many political clubs, Shepherd’s Center, Delta Sigma Theta sorority, libraries, and many others. I was impressed by the large number of churches, of many different denominations, which requested presentations to motivate their members to vote.

THANK YOU to presenters Nancy Billingham, Marilyn Chambers, Angie Dunlap, Kathleen Farrell, Joan Hubbard, Nancy Hutchins, Linda McDaniels, Kay Meyer, Nancy Miller, Molly Schaller, Carol Strawbridge, Gwen Wesley, Louise Wilkerson and Sue Williams, we could not have had this success without your willingness and dedication. Thanks also to Michele Bowman, Diane Kasten, Cathy Satkowski and Catherine Stenger for providing voter registration at some of the presentations.

Please consider joining the Speakers Bureau. Training and support will be provided. Contact the LWV office.

— *Nancy Price, Speakers Bureau Chair*

VOTER REGISTRATION

VOTER REGISTRATION IS UP 114% from this time last year. This amazing jump can be attributed to the tremendous increase in high school and college events. Youth voter registrations now represent 40% of our success and have submitted their own report.

Between April of 2018 and March of 2019, our traditional volunteers registered and updated registrations of 2230 voters. We served at 108 events and have counted 1872 volunteer hours.

We attended 47 naturalization ceremonies and 61 civic and community events.

We registered people at senior living residences, churches, synagogues, parks, hospitals, and at a coin laundry. We also took part in the Fair Maps for MO 5K, the Gay Pride Festival, and the Festival of Nations.

At the request of the St. Louis County Board of Elections, we are gradually transitioning from the paper cards to online voter registrations. More than 50% are now done online.

We sincerely thank our 150 plus faithful volunteers and look forward to an even more prosperous year.

— *Catherine Stenger and Barbara Harris, Registration Co-Chairs*

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VOTER REGISTRATION (YOUTH)

From April 2018 through March 2019, we held 50 youth voter registration events at high schools, colleges, or universities, with a total of 1307 registrations. These events provided 200 volunteer opportunities to our members, who logged 616 volunteer hours.

On February 20, 2019, we began using the iPad tablets, provided by the Roblee grant funds, to do online voter registrations at the youth voter registration events. Since then, approximately 238, or two-thirds of the registrations that we have done have been online, with one-third being done on paper forms.

We conducted registration events at schools in St. Louis County, St. Louis City, and Jefferson County. New outreach included colleges and universities, high schools in St. Louis City that are not covered by Project Power to the People, and additional high schools in Jefferson and St. Charles Counties. Contacts have been identified at high schools in Franklin, Lincoln, and Warren Counties, with outreach planned for them this spring.

— *Cathy Satkowski and Peggy Robb*, High School Registration Chairs

VOTERS GUIDE

In partnership with the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* the League of Women Voters of Metro St. Louis produced Voters Guides for the August 2018 primary and the November 2018 midterm elections. Approximately 70% of the 390 candidates across our coverage area participated, including all the candidates for the Missouri Senate race. The Guide also included retention recommendations regarding judges appointed under the Non-Partisan Missouri Court Plan produced by the Missouri Bar Association Retention Committee. Along with our dedicated staff and summer interns, over 30 League volunteers researched ballot issues, copy-edited candidate responses, checked the proofs and helped deliver printed Voters Guides to their destinations.

In January 2019, the League produced an exclusively online Voters Guide for the primary races in March. Working with a new liaison and editor at the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, we covered the 45 ballot issues and 872 candidates appearing on the March ballot. Of the 507 races in our coverage area, only 185 were contested, and only approximately 45% of the candidates participated in the Voters Guide. Our volunteers worked on the Voters Guide online as well as in the office, and we also benefitted from the work of a seasonal intern.

As always, we wish to gratefully acknowledge everyone's assistance in this project, which we believe is vital to the League's mission to inform voters. We are particularly grateful to Kathleen Farrell, who coordinated research on ballot issues.

— *Anne Sappington*

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VOTER PROTECTION COALITION

League Continues Efforts to Protect Voters Rights in Missouri

In September 2018, Federal Judge Brian Wimes of the Western District of Missouri issued an order requiring the State of Missouri to take immediate steps to prevent Missourians from being denied their right to vote in as a result of the state's failure to comply with the National Voter Registration Act. The case was brought by the League of Women Voters of Missouri and the St. Louis and Kansas City chapters of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, represented by lawyers from Demos, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Advancement Project, and Covington & Burling law firm.

In his ruling Judge Wimes said that the state had failed and that it had harmed voters whose addresses had not necessarily been changed at Boards of Elections. The judge ordered that the online and mail change-of-address forms used by the state motor vehicle agency, the Department of Revenue, be updated to provide voter registration information; and that the state send every voter who has used these forms since August 1, 2017 a mailing that includes a voter registration form and information about the appropriate polling location. These mailings must continue to be sent to every voter who uses the mail and online change-of-address forms until the court-ordered changes to those forms are completed.

In October 2018, the Missouri Court of Appeals sided with the League and the NAACP in our challenge of the Secretary of State's implementation of the Photo ID law passed in 2017. The court found "insufficient appropriation" for giving advance notice to voters and providing ID and underlying documents for voters to obtain a government-issued photo ID without cost. The court ordered the case back to the trial court. Attorney Denise Lieberman said this ruling is a recognition that the state cannot implement onerous voting rules and not provide the mechanisms to effectively implement them.

In a similar suit brought by Priorities USA, the Missouri Supreme Court said voters with identification but not a driver's license or passport don't have to sign an affidavit to get a regular ballot. Acceptable forms of ID include a voter ID card, college ID, utility bill and bank statement with name and current address.

The League of Women Voters of Missouri and Metro St. Louis are long time members of the Missouri Voter Protection Coalition. We hosted voter protection trainings in the office in October 2018 and many League members volunteered on Election Day. The toll-free number to report problems at the polls is 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683).

DEVELOPMENT

Theatre Party

League members enjoyed Insight Theatre Company's production of *Silent Sky* on Oct. 21. The inspirational drama by Lauren Gunderson spotlights astrophysicist Henrietta Leavitt who worked as a female computer at the Harvard Observatory and made a significant discovery about stars in the early 1900s. The audience cheered when her colleague Annie Cannon (played by Elizabeth Ann Townsend) appeared on stage as a suffragist wearing a Votes for Women sash. Artistic director Maggie Ryan, UMSL astrophysicist Dr. Erica Gibb and the fabulous cast answered questions after the show.

— *Barbara Harris*

Trivia Night

The League's annual Trivia Night was pushed back a month due to snow. About 150 Leaguers and their friends and family members showed up to make the event a great success. Dan Dillon was again our emcee and he tested us with some women's history questions in honor of the League's centennial. We celebrated Associate Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's 86th birthday and her important contributions to women's rights with cake. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success.

— *Nancy Price*

MEMBERSHIP

There are 493 members in the Metro St. Louis League. That is up from the 388 members we had at this time last year. The newest units in South County and North County continue to meet. We held three new member orientations at the League office over the last year, filling the League office with people wanting to learn more about the work of the LWVSTL. A combination postcard party/poster party for the Women's March had fewer attendees this year compared to last year.

Joining the League online continues to be an option and is the choice of many new members. Phone calls from the membership chair to the new members attempt to connect new members to League work/advocacy, events, committees, and units. New members are encouraged to just jump right in. Simply joining makes us bigger, and therefore, our League's voice stronger

— *Angie Dunlap, Chair*

OFFICE REPORT

Office hours are Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The office is closed legal holidays and the week between Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. The office is now staffed by Executive Director Jean Dugan and Office Assistant Chantal Hoffsten. Julie Behrens retired on Feb. 28 after 35 years working for the League.

The Metro St. Louis League is preparing for its second century with updates to the phone system and better use of technology. A grant from the Roblee Foundation is helping us with that effort.

— *Jean Dugan, Executive Director*

SOCIAL MEDIA

The League’s Facebook page currently has nearly 1,600 followers. FB page “Likes” for a one month (mid-Feb to mid-Mar) are over 1500. FB “reach” peaks the week before the election thru election day. The League’s Twitter account has 327 followers. Early in 2019, LWVSTL started an Instagram account in an effort to be where younger people get their information.

A newly-formed social media committee is sharing the posting work for social media.

— Angie Dunlap, Chair



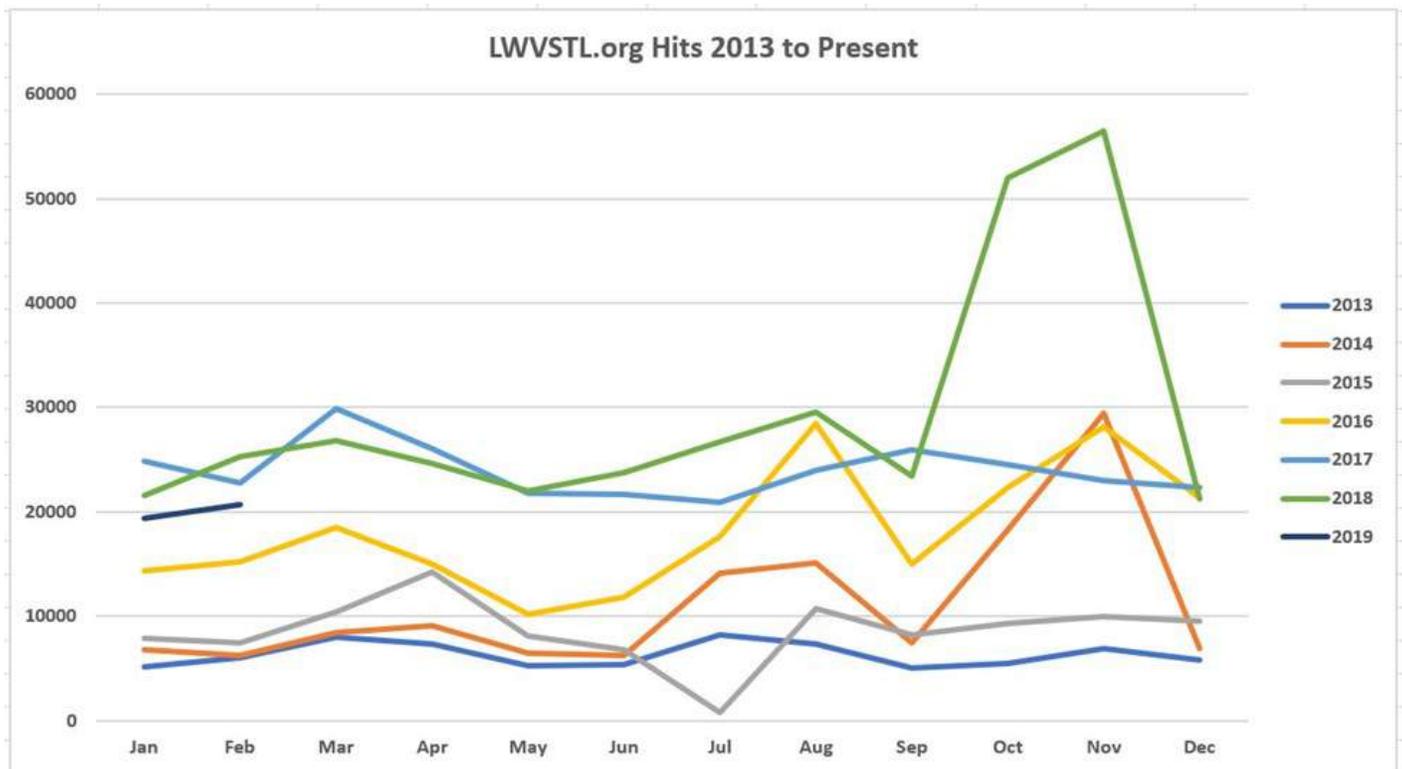
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VOLUNTEER REPORT

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the League. Our work wouldn't be possible without the dedication, passion, time and talent of our volunteers. In the past year, the following donated more than 6,00 hours to help carry out the League's mission of supporting an educated and empowered electorate:

Thanks to the many wonderful volunteers who donated their time in the past year, including: Marie Andel, Connie Anthony, Liz Aurbach, Stephen Aylward, Susan Baber, Ann Marie Bailey, Harold Baker, Nicki Batchelor, Cynthia Biehle, Gloria Bilchik, Carole Billings, Nancy Billingham, Rise' Black, Vicki Bolger, Michelle Bowman, Karen Brawn, Stefany Brot, Mary Brown, Michael Boyd, Sally Boyd, Jill Brown, Kathy Brown, Dixie Buford, Evelyn Buretta, Nicole Burgdorf, Lori Calcaterra, Kaye Campbell, Sharon Campione, Carol Candrl, Christine Capstick, Pamela Carmell, James Carroll, Marilyn Chambers, Esther Clark, Jim Clark, Becky Clausen, Karen Cloyd, Elaine Coe, Marj Courtney, Patty Crougan, Mickey Croyle, Jinny Danzer, Helen Davis, Jill Davis, Sue Dellbringge, Angie Dunlap, Christine Eason, Barbara Ehnes, Chris Eschen, Joan and Pat Esserman, Kathleen Farrell, Susan Fluegel, Lorna Frahm, Bob Franklin, Carol Frolichstein, Gloria Garidel, Agnes Garino, Eve Golden, Margaret Gray, Jane Hake, Barbara Harris, Sheila Hayes, Debby Howard, Joan Hubbard, Lisa Humphreys, Nancy and Gene Hutchins, Andrea Jackson, Laketa Jefferson, Nancy Jennings, Nancy Johnson, Chris Jones, Pat Jones, Kathy Kane, Mary Karr, Diane Kasten, Margaret Katranides, Janet Kester, Danielle Kimbrel, Barbara Kinnard, Joyce Kohn, Meredith Langlitz, Ruth Lee, Karen Leonard, Mary Leopold, Marilyn Lipman, Dorothy Lockard, Ken McKelvie, Kay Meyer, Harry Meyer, Mary Ann Meyer, Linda McDaniel, Anna Mennerick, Nancy Miller, Becky Minogue, Barbara Mitchell, Cindy Mitchell, Dianne Modrell, Jane Nettseheim, Rebecca Now, Riffli O'Brien, Tammy O'Donnell, Jitka Olander, Eileen Pacino, Joyce Patton, Lauren Pearson, Carol Portman, Nancy Price, Carol Prombo, Kathie Quigley, Kathy Quinlan, Kathy Quinn, Barbara Rehkop, Barbars Reese, Sarah Riss, Peggy Robb, Ann Ross, Leah Rubin, Irma Ruebling, Jennifer Rushing, Anne Sappington, Cathy Satkowski, Molly Schaller, Yvonne Schlote, Jo Seltzer, Sydell Shayer, Diane Sheehan, Judith Smart, Steve Smith, Pat Soraghan, Laura Staley, Catherine Stenger, Katrina Stierholz, Maxine Stone, Carol Strawbridge, Billie Teneau, Anecia Thedford, Elizabeth Thomas, Nancy Thompson, Morton Todd, Pam Todorovich, Susan Turk, Judi Yokum, Mary & Richard Weinstock, Rachel Wells, K Wentzien, Joan Shannon Whitford, Louise Wilkerson, Stephanie Williams, Sue Williams, Iva Youklis, Rafia Zafar and Cliff Zell.

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Parliamentary Procedure...At a Glance - Here are some motions you might make, how to make them, and what to expect of the rules.

To Do This...	You Say This...	May You Interrupt the Speaker?	Do You Need a Second?	Is it Debatable?	Can it be Amended?	What Vote is Needed?	Can it be Reconsidered?
ADJOURN MEETING	"I move that we adjourn."	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
CALL AN INTERMISSION	"I move that we recess for..."	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	No
COMPLAIN ABOUT NOISE, HEAT, ETC.	"I rise to a question of privilege..."	Yes	No	No	No	No vote	No (usually)
TEMPORARILY SUSPEND CONSIDERATION OF AN ISSUE	"I move to table the motion."	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
END DEBATE AND AMENDMENTS	"I move the previous question."	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	No *1
POSTPONE DISCUSSION FOR A CERTAIN TIME	"I move to postpone the discussion until..."	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
GIVE CLOSER STUDY OF SOMETHING	"I move to refer the matter to committee."	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes *2
AMEND A MOTION	"I move to amend the motion by..."	No	Yes	Yes *3	Yes	Majority	Yes
INTRODUCE BUSINESS	"I move that..."	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes

The motions listed above are in order of precedence...In the table below, there is no order...

PROTEST BREACH OF RULES OR CONDUCT	"I rise to a point of order."	Yes	No	No	No	No Vote *4	No
VOTE ON A RULING OF THE CHAIR	"I appeal from the chair's decision."	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Majority *5	Yes
SUSPEND RULES TEMPORARILY	"I move to suspend the rules so that..."	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	No
AVOID CONSIDERING AN IMPROPER MATTER	"I object to consideration of this motion."	Yes	No	No	No	2/3 *6	- *7
VERIFY A VOICE VOTE BY HAVING MEMBERS STAND	"I call for a division" or "Division!"	Yes	No	No	No	No Vote	No
REQUEST INFORMATION	"Point of information."	Yes	No	No	No	No Vote	No
TAKE UP A MATTER PREVIOUSLY TABLED	"I move to take from the table..."	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
RECONSIDER A HASTY ACTION	"I move to reconsider the vote on..."	Yes	Yes	- *8	No	Majority	No

Notes:

*1 = Unless vote on question is not yet taken

*2 = Unless the committee has already taken up the subject

*3 = Only if the motion to be amended is debatable

*4 = Except in doubtful cases.

*5 = A majority vote in negative needed to revert ruling of chair

*6 = A 2/3 vote in negative needed to prevent consideration of main motion.

*7 = Only if the main question or motion was not, in fact, considered

*8 = Only if motion to be reconsidered is debatable.

ST. LOUIS LEAGUE PRESIDENTS

St. Louis City:

Marian Lewis English (Mrs. Fred English and Mrs. Chauncey Clarke) – 1919

Mrs. E. T. Sweeny – 1919 – 1921

Florence Wade, Mrs. C. B. Faris,
Mrs. James McCluney & Mrs.
Harry E. Sprague – 1920

Mrs. E. M. Grossman & Mrs.
Chas. Swingley – 1921

Mrs. Fred Reid, Mrs. C. V. Beck
& Mrs. D. O. Ives – 1922

Frances Nacy Anderson – 1923-24

Elsie Rauh – 1923

Helen Graham – 1923-24

Florence Weigle – 1924

Mrs. Frank Curden & Mrs. George Mangold – 1925

Edna Gellhorn – 1925, 1943-44

Mrs. Harry January – 1926-27

Mrs. Theodore Kelsey & Isidor
Loeb – 1926

Mrs. Donovan Curran – 1928-29

Mrs. M. McClure Young – 1930-
31

Mrs. W. Victor Weir – 1932-33

Mrs. Louise G. Smith – 1934

Mrs. J. Hardin Smith, Jr. – 1934 - 35, 1951-52

Mrs. Christensen Light – 1936

Jeanne Blythe – 1937-40, 1965 –66

Mrs. George Roudebush – 1941- 42

Teresa Fischer – 1945–47

Mrs. L. Matthews Werner - 1948

Mrs. Conrad Sommer – 1949–50

Mrs. Harry G. Carlson – 1953-54

Mrs. Gilbert Harris – 1955-57

Mrs. Walter Strehlman – 1958-60

Mrs. L. F. Pinkus – 1961–64

Virginia Deutch (Mrs. Max Deutch) – 1967-68

Mrs. Mitchell Yanow – 1969-70

Mrs. Robert Olenick – 1971



Marian English



Edna Gellhorn

Betty Ann Gilbert – 1972-75

Mary Greensfelder – 1976-78

Deborah Waite – 1979-80, 1984

Lucy Hale – 1981-83

Ida West – 1985–88

Mrs. Cay Thompson – 1989-90

Zoe Shipman – 1991

Judith Arnold – 1992-94

Clarene Royston – 1995

Julia O'Briant – 1996

Donna Brooks – 1997

Marjorie Jokerst – 1998

St. Louis County:

(Prior to the 1981 merger, there were local Leagues in Clayton, Kirkwood, University City, Webster Groves, Central St. Louis County, North County, South County and Metropolitan St. Louis).

Roseanne Newcomb—1981-83

Mary Kirkpatrick—1983-85

K Wentzien—1985-87

Vivian G. Schmidt—1987-89

Mary K. Brown—1989-91

Susan Trice—1991-95

Gail Heyne-Hafer—1995-97

Jean Dean—1997-99

After Merger (Metro St. Louis)

K Wentzien 1999-2001

Elise Joerger 2001-2002

Nancy Ulman 2002-2003

Norma Jean Downey 2003-2004

Nancy Bowser 2004-2005

Jeanne Morrel-Franklin 2005-2007

Doris Buzzell – 2007-2009

Becky Clausen and Linda McDaniel – 2009

Linda McDaniel and Kathleen Farrell - 2010-2017

Louise Wilkerson and Nancy Miller – 2017-