

League of Women Voters of Collier County and  
League of Women Voters of Collier County Education Fund  
Conflict of Interest Policy

**Background**

According to the League of Women Voters of the United States, “The League’s overall image and credibility in the community may be affected if conflict of interest issues arise. Therefore, Leagues should adopt a conflict of interest policy related to board members’ paid employment, service on other boards (including League boards at other levels), personal lobbying, etc. Generally, a board member, as a private individual, may serve on the board of a non-League organization or corporation—but should notify the League board of the appointment; League titles should be listed for identification purposes only.”

**Policy**

This policy only addresses financial conflicts of interest and extends to Board members only. The following policies shall be reviewed and adopted at the first Board of Directors meeting of the newly elected Board.

- Board members must disclose in writing all organizations with which they serve on the board or as paid staff.
- Board members must disclose in writing paid employment and compensated lobbying.
- Whenever there is a potential conflict of interest, the party involved is responsible for raising the possibility to the President and asking for Board guidance.
- At any meeting where there is a potential conflict of interest agenda item, this conflict of interest policy should be reiterated by the President.
- The Board will determine whether the party involved may participate in discussion.
- If it is determined that there is a conflict of interest, the party involved will not count towards a quorum on this item, and must leave the room when a vote is taken.

*Adopted by the Board of the League of Women Voters of Collier County and the Board of the League of Women Voters of Collier County Education Fund, March 1, 2010.*