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37th ANNUAL MEETING PACKET

APRIL 30, 2012

HILTON HOTEL, NAPLES



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OFFICERS AND BOARD 2011-12

LYDIA GALTON	PRESIDENT
JOYCE FLETCHER	FIRST VICE PRESIDENT AND VOTER SERVICE CHAIR
TOM MC CANN	SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
DONNA SUDDETH	SECRETARY
VI STEFFAN	TREASURER
BERNICE SCHMELZ	DIRECTOR AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE CHAIR
BECKY NEWELL	DIRECTOR AND MEMBERSHIP CHAIR
LINDA PENNIMAN	DIRECTOR AND EDUCATION CHAIR
MOLLIE OTTINA	DIRECTOR AND PROGRAMS CHAIR
JOHN LEVY	DIRECTOR AND AUDIT COMMITTEE CHAIR
PUL KARDON	DIRECTOR AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE CHAIR

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

ANN CAMPBELL	SOCIAL POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIR
LINDA DENNING	CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE CHAIR
ANNE LEWALLEN	HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE CHAIR
KRIS BRUER/JAN EUSTIS	VOTER CHAIR
SHELLEY PERRY/	
SANDY PARKER	WEBSITE MANAGER ¹
IRA SHARP	PUBLICITY DIRECTOR
BOOK CLUB	CHARLOTTE NYKELMOE
WENDY RIEDEL	COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER
ROSE DIBIASI	NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR
KATHLEEN SLEBODNIK	SPEAKERS BUREAU CO-CHAIR
KATHY RYAN	KNOW YOUR COUNTY GOVERNMENT
LINDA HYDE	GIRLS IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW
ANNE ALLEN	NAME TAGS
BETH PAVLOW	NEW MEMBER LIASON

¹ SANDY PARKER CONTINUES TO ASSIST IN THIS ROLE AS SHE DOES IN MEMBERSHIP--HER ASSISTANCE IS INVALUABLE TO LWVCC.



THANKS

FOR THEIR CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT MEMBERSHIP (\$200)

Anna Allen	Paul Kardon	Ira and Rose Sharp
Ann Campbell	John Levy	Vi Steffan
Sheilah Crowley	Tom McCann	Bernice Schmelz
Joyce Fletcher	Sandy Parker	Barbara Yeager
Lydia Galton	Linda Penniman	

FOR THEIR SUSAN B. ANTHONY MEMBERSHIP (\$100)

Claire Beckler	Marjorie Joder	Cecile Rivel
Ann Bleakley	Virginia Johnson	Kathleen Slebodnik
Jeanne Bolds	Nancy Kahn	Chris Straton
Jeannette Boucher	Bethann Kassman	Patricia Sutker
Sandra Brown	Kathleen Korb	Penny Taylor
Deborah Cecere	Ellen Norbom	Stuart Warshauer
Rose DiBiasi	Anne Lewallen	Judith Weintraub
Victoria Dinardo	Charlotte Nycklemoe	Nancy Wolfe
Alan & Beverly Horton	Linda Olbrych	
Linda Hyde	Laura Phillips	

FOR THEIR GENEROUS FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Ed Fund Contributors	General Fund Contributors
Anna Allen	Anna Allen
Sheilah Crowley	Sheila Crowley
Lydia Galton	Vi Steffan
Barbara Yeager	



**FOR EARNING \$1750 FOR THE LEAGUE BY WORKING IN THE JANUARY
PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AS PART OF THE ADOPT-A-PRECINCT PROGRAM:**

Ann Bleakley
Joan Byerhof
Paul Kardon
Joyce Laeser
Pat Lawrence
Nina Ribinski
Sandy Parker

Bernice Schmelz
Kathleen Slebodnik
Vi Steffan

Standbys:
Ann Allen
Anne Lewallen



ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Call to Order Lydia Galton

Appointment of Meeting Officials

Parliamentarian— Ira Sharp

Timer— TBA

Minutes Reading Committee--Karen Sendik, Chair

Tellers--TBA

Adoption of Rules and Meeting Agenda

Report of the 2011 Minutes Reading Committee: Nina Ribinski

General and Educational Fund Minutes, April 2011

Treasurer's Annual Report – 2011-2012: Vi Steffan

Report of Budget Committee: Vi Steffan

General Fund Budget for 2012-13

Education Fund Budget for 2012-13

Consideration of Proposed Bylaw Changes: Paul Kardon

Consideration of Proposed Programs – 2012-2013: Lydia Galton

President's Report: Lydia Galton

Report of the Nominating Committee: Rose DiBiasi

Elections: Lydia Galton

Other Business

Adjournment



PROPOSED RULES FOR THE 2012 37TH ANNUAL MEETING

LWV OF COLLIER COUNTY GENERAL FUND
LWV OF COLLIER COUNTY EDUCATION FUND

- I. A motion to adopt these rules will be made after the Annual Meeting is called to order and the Meeting Officials are approved. Amendments to these Rules may be offered at that time and require a majority vote. These Rules as a whole (either amended or as stated herein) require a two-thirds vote for adoption.
- II. Only regular members in good standing shall be entitled to vote and have the privilege of the floor.
- III. A member who wishes to speak should rise, address the Chair, give his or her name when recognized, and speak only once (no longer than three (3) minutes without permission of the Chair) until all who wish to speak the first time have been heard. No one may speak more than twice on the same motion.
- IV. If the meeting is behind schedule, the Chair may shorten the time allowed each speaker.
- V. All motions, except those which are very brief, shall be written, signed and sent to the Chair.
- VI. Motions may be amended by:
 - A. Deletion of words.
 - B. Addition of words.
 - C. Insertion of words.
 - D. Deletion and insertion of words.
 - E. Substitution of words.
- VII. A member who proposes an amendment is required to state which method is being used.
- VIII. Budgets: Discussion time will be limited to ten (10) minutes each for the LWVCCGF and LWVCCEF proposed budgets.
- IX. Bylaws: Discussion time will be limited to ten (10) minutes, total.
- X. A majority of voting members present and voting shall be required for adoption of issues in the Proposed Program as presented to the Annual Meeting by the Board of Directors. Discussion of recommended items will be limited to twenty (20) minutes total.
- XI. Limit may be extended by the Chair if the Budget matters did not require allocated time.



- XII. Amendments may not expand on the scope of the item.
- XIII. Not recommended Items: None presented. It is thus not in order for any new Program items to be introduced from the floor as no other recommendations were made by members six (6) weeks prior to the Annual Meeting, as required by the LWVCC Bylaws.



ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES 2011

Approved by the Minutes Reading Committee:

Nina Ribinski, Chair
Beth Povlow, Judith Gartner

<p>LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS-COLLIER COUNTY GENERAL AND EDUCATION FUNDS 36TH ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 11, 2011 10 A.M. – HILTON NAPLES</p>		
Subject	Discussion	Action
Call to Order	Lydia Galton, President, called the joint Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters-Collier County General and Education Funds to order at 10:03 a.m.	
Appointment of Meeting Officials	<p>Ms. Galton declared a quorum present and appointed the following meeting officials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parliamentarian: Judith Gartner - Timer: Becky Newell - Minutes Reading Committee: Nina Ribinski (chair), Judith Gartner and Becky Newell - Tellers: Charlotte Nykelmoe and Beth Povlow - 	Appointments accepted.
Agenda and Rules	Ms. Galton directed the membership to the Agenda and Rules in the Annual Meeting materials.	MOTION to adopt the agenda and rules as printed in the Annual Meeting materials was unanimously approved.
2010 Minutes Reading Committee	Jeannette Boucher reported that the minutes in the Annual Meeting materials are correct	Report accepted.



<p>MOTION to approve report was unanimously approved.</p>	<p><u>General Fund</u> Marjorie Joder reported on the audited report for the fiscal year ending 2010. She pointed out that the main source of income for the General Fund is the annual dues, \$45 of which is shared between LWVFL and LWV National. Therefore, joining or renewing at the higher levels of membership is most beneficial to our local chapter.</p> <p>Ms. Joder noted that budgeting for LWVCC is difficult because of the uncertainty of the number of new and renewing members. LWVCC concluded the fiscal year with a surplus of \$1,675 and a balance of \$8,203.</p> <p><u>Education Fund</u> Ms. Joder stated that the Education Fund relies totally on contributions (tax deductible because of the 501(c)(3) status of this fund) and the Adopt a Precinct funds. The precinct staffing funds were lower this year because of the difficulty in recruiting volunteers for the task. A carryover of \$1,232 was utilized to set up a budget to meet ordinary expenses. As of March 31, the Education Fund balance was \$13,315.99.</p> <p>All Community Foundation of Collier County grants go to the Education Fund. Recent grants were for updating the website and defraying the cost of attendance at this year's Legislative Seminar.</p> <p>Copies of fiscal year statements are available.</p>	
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<p>Budget for coming year</p>	<p>Chris Straton, as chair of the Budget Committee (including Sandy Brown, Lydia Galton, Marjorie Joder and Vi Steffan), summarized the budget for the two funds.</p> <p><u>General Fund</u></p> <p>The General Fund has two sources of income: dues and additional contributions to cover expenses. No questions were posed.</p> <p><u>Education Fund (501(c)(3))</u></p> <p>501(c)(3) contributions and Adopt a Precinct. Ms. Straton noted that there might be a primary election in 2011, giving us another staffing opportunity. She noted that lunches are no longer a source of funding but, rather, that the cost covers only the catering and audio expenses. No questions were posed.</p>	<p>MOTION to adopt the budget of both funds for the coming year was unanimously approved.</p>
<p>Consideration of Proposed Bylaw Changes</p>	<p>Bernice Schmelz, as Chair of the ad hoc By-laws Committee (including Eileen Mann, Tom McCann and Mollie Ottina) specifically reviewed all recommended changes and noted the rationale for shifting from a one-year to a two-year term for the President.</p> <p>Article II - Purpose and Policy</p> <p>Article III - Membership</p> <p>Article IV - Board of Directors</p> <p>Article V - Officers</p> <p>Article VII - Meetings</p> <p>Article VIII - Nominations and Elections</p> <p>Article IX - Principles and Programs</p>	<p>MOTION to adopt the change in Article II was unanimously approved.</p> <p>MOTION to adopt the change in Article III was unanimously approved.</p> <p>MOTION to adopt the change in Article IV was approved by a majority.</p> <p>MOTION to adopt the changes in Article V was approved by a majority with Chris Straton casting a nay vote.</p> <p>MOTION to adopt the changes in Article VII was unanimously approved.</p> <p>MOTION to adopt the changes in Article VIII was approved by a majority with Chris Straton casting a nay vote.</p> <p>MOTION to adopt the changes in Article IX was unanimously approved.</p>



	AMENDMENT to the Bylaws Committee's original motion to adopt revisions to Bylaws: "The changes to the bylaws shall become effective at the close of today's meeting."	MOTION to approve the amendment was unanimously approved.
Consideration of Proposed Programs	<p><u>General Fund programs:</u> Climate Change, Education, Government, Justice and Social Policy</p> <p><u>Education Fund programs:</u> League University and Voter Services</p>	MOTION to adopt all programs as noted in the Annual Meeting Packet (General and Education Funds) was unanimously approved.
Report of the President	Ms. Galton noted the highlights of this past year and expressed her gratitude for all of the assistance provided by officers, committee chairs and members this past year.	
Nominating Committee Report	<p>Vi Steffan, chair, thanked the members of the Nominating Committee (Sheilah Crowley, Eileen Mann and Tom McCann) for their work in preparing the slate for the members' approval.</p> <p><u>Officer and Director nominees:</u></p> <p>President 2011-12: Lydia Galton First Vice President 2011-12: Joyce Fletcher Secretary 2011-13: Donna Suddeth Treasurer 2011-12: Vi Steffan Director 2011-12: Mollie Ottina Director 2011-13: John Levy Director 2011-13: Linda Penniman</p> <p><u>Nominating Committee nominees for 2011/12:</u> Rose Di Biasi, Beth Povlow and Kathy Ryan</p> <p>Other groups recognized for their service were retiring board members (Rose Di Biasi, Marjorie Joder, Jinny Johnson, Anne Lewallen, Eileen Mann and Chris Straton), committee chairs and board members with unexpired terms.</p>	<p>MOTION to approve all Officer and Director nominees was unanimously approved.</p> <p>MOTION to approve the Nominating Committee nominees was unanimously approved.</p>
Adjournment	There being no further business, the Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters-Collier County General and Education Funds was adjourned at 11 a.m.	

Respectfully submitted,
 Jinny Johnson, Secretary



FINANCIAL REPORTS
GENERAL FUND END OF YEAR 2011-12
BALANCE SHEET

	<u>Mar 31, 12</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Fifth Third Bank	16,668.57
Total Checking/Savings	<u>16,668.57</u>
Other Current Assets	
Due From Education Fund	186.00
Total Other Current Assets	<u>186.00</u>
Total Current Assets	16,854.57
Fixed Assets	
LWVCC Banners	590.77
Total Fixed Assets	<u>590.77</u>
Other Assets	
Post Office Box Key Deposit	4.00
Total Other Assets	<u>4.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>17,449.34</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
State & Nat'l Dues Payable	4,752.28
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>4,752.28</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>4,752.28</u>
Total Liabilities	4,752.28
Equity	
Opening Fund Balance	10,039.99
Net Income	2,657.07
Total Equity	<u>12,697.06</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>17,449.34</u>



EDUCATION FUND BALANCE SHEET

	<u>Mar 31, 12</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Fifth Third Education Fund	15,686.99
Total Checking/Savings	<u>15,686.99</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>15,686.99</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>15,686.99</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Due to General Fund	186.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>186.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>186.00</u>
Total Liabilities	186.00
Equity	
Opening Fund Balance	13,315.99
Carryover to Current Yr Budget	-3,000.00
Net Income	5,185.00
Total Equity	<u>15,500.99</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>15,686.99</u></u>



PROPOSED BUDGET-GENERAL FUND

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLLIER COUNTY, FL						
GENERAL FUND						
PROPOSED BUDGET 2012-13						
	Proposed 2012-13 Budget	Estimated 11-12 Actual	Proposed 11/12 Budget	Estimated 2010/11 Actual	2010/11 Budget	
REVENUES						
Dues - Collier Chapter (note 1)	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,645	\$ 2,560	\$ 2,782.00	\$ 2,900	
Less potential dues raise of \$1/member (note 2)	\$ (136)					
Contributions	\$ 500	\$ 580	\$ 200	\$ 1,393.00	\$ -	
- Membership Category (note 3)	\$ 2,900	\$ 2,980	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,765.00	\$ 1,000	
Pay Pal processing fees	\$ (145)	\$ (136)		\$ (146.00)	\$ 231	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 5,719	\$ 6,069	\$ 4,160	\$ 5,794	\$ 4,131	
OPERATING EXPENSES						
Rent - Storage	\$ 432	\$ 396	\$ 360	\$ 432	\$ 432	
Telephone	\$ 203	\$ 187	\$ 220	\$ 212	\$ 200	
Supplies - Postage (note 4)	\$ 140	\$ 26	\$ 100	\$ 198	\$ 124	
Insurance (note 5)	\$ 681	\$ 548	\$ 597	\$ 507	\$ 700	
State Filing Fee (note 6)	\$ 71	\$ 133	\$ 71	\$ 71	\$ 71	
Post Office Box Rental	\$ 29	\$ 29	\$ 25	\$ 22	\$ 25	
Membership (note 7)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ 386	\$ 300	
State Convention/Legislative Seminar (note 8) Not to LWVCC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 225	\$ 225	
National Convention (note 9)	\$ 750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 534	\$ 574	
Council of Leaders (Note 10)	\$ 95	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
State Legislative Seminar	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 600	\$ 60	\$ 600	
Constant Contact (note 11)	\$ 378	\$ 672	\$ 336	\$ 192	\$ 340	
Voter Printing/postage	\$ 125	\$ 61	\$ 200	\$ 180	\$ 340	
LWV Lobby Fund	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 1,200	\$ 200	
Natural Resources Committee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Holiday Luncheon (note 12)	\$ 500	\$ 952	\$ 400	\$ 694	\$ 300	
- Less: paid by attendees	\$ (400)	\$ (850)	\$ (300)	\$ (605)	\$ (300)	
Transfer to ed fund for website	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	
Transfer to ed fund for board retreat	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ -	
Contingency Fund			\$ 278	\$ 112	\$ -	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 3,504	\$ 3,404	\$ 4,035	\$ 4,398	\$ 4,131	
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ 2,215	\$ 2,665	\$ 125	\$ 1,396	\$ -	
1	Based on 133 members at \$20 and 3 members at \$10					
2	By applying the COLA to the 2012-2013 year of the budget, the result is a 3.6% increase in PMP, which has been rounded off to an increase of \$1 to \$31 if approved at the Convention* from National. It translates into a potential \$1/member increase in 2012-13)					
3	Susan B. Anthony members contribute \$35; Carrie Chapman Catt members contribute \$135.					
4	Includes 1/2 QuickBooks 2012 Software @ \$180					
5	Increase due to addition of Commercial Bond for Treasurer					
6	Due to payment dates, the State Filing of \$61.25 was paid for both 2011-12 and 2012-13 in 2011-12 fiscal year, therefore, the State Filing fee will be only \$71.25 in 2012-13					
7	Paid out of Ed Fund					
8	State Convention held in 2013-2014					
9	National Convention held in Washington, DC; see Ed Fund for more funding detail					
10	funding for 2 attendees; previous years combined w/ National Conv.					
11	Prepay 12 mos: email, image hosting, survey, event marketing, archiving					
12	Holiday Party expenses in 2011 included serving assistants & valet which was not included in previous years.					



PROPOSED BUDGET-EDUCATION FUND

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLLIER COUNTY, FL

EDUCATION FUND						
Proposed Budget 2012-2013						
	Proposed 2012- 2013 Budget	Estimated 2011-2012 Actuals	2011/2012 Budget	Estimated 2010/2011 Actual	2010/2011 Budget	
REVENUES (Note 1)						
Contributions - cash	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,118	\$ 1,000	\$ 953	\$ 600	
Adopt-A-Precinct	\$ 3,150	\$ 1,750	\$ 500	\$ 1,993	\$ 2,500	
Other Income (Note 2)	\$ 974	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ -	
Like-Kind Contributions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Lunches (Note 3)	\$ 9,000	\$ 8,670	\$ 7,000	\$ 6,940	\$ -	
Lunch Expenses	\$ (8,750)	\$ (7,526)	\$ (6,850)	\$ (6,710)	\$ -	
PayPal Reservation Expenses	\$ (150)	\$ (126)	\$ (150)	\$ (110)	\$ -	
Lunches - Net	\$ 100	\$ 1,018	\$ -	\$ 120	\$ 900	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 5,724	\$ 3,886	\$ 1,500	\$ 4,566	\$ 4,000	
OPERATING EXPENSES						
Board Retreat	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 500	
Board Training - grant funding	\$ (375)	\$ (324)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (375)	
Board Training - member contribution	\$ -	\$ (250)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Member Training	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Rent - Storage	\$ 432	\$ 432	\$ 360	\$ 432	\$ 432	
Telephone	\$ 203	\$ 203	\$ 220	\$ 200	\$ 200	
Supplies - Postage	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 100	\$ 98	\$ 150	
Insurance (Note 4)	\$ 681	\$ 548	\$ 597	\$ 597	\$ 700	
State Filing Fee (Note 5)	\$ 71	\$ 132	\$ 71	\$ 71	\$ 71	
Immokalee Trip	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Post Office Box Rental	\$ 29	\$ 29	\$ 25	\$ 22	\$ 25	
Evening Meetings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2	\$ -	
Website Update 2 (Note 6)	\$ 1,885	\$ 115	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	
Contra expense - carry over from 2011-12	\$ (1,885)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
State Council (Note 7)						
- Paid by LWVCC	\$ 750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75	\$ 75	
- Paid by grant (registration only)	\$ 119	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 98	\$ 150	
- Contra-expense - paid by grant	\$ (119)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (189)	\$ (150)	
Net to LWVCC	\$ 750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (16)	\$ 75	
National Convention (Note 8)						
- Paid by LWVCC	\$ 750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 171	\$ 574	
- Paid by grant	\$ 240	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 231	\$ 443	
- Contra-expense - paid by grant	\$ (240)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (443)	\$ (443)	
Net to LWVCC	\$ 750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (41)	\$ 574	
2012-13 Forum (Note 9)	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Web Site Fees	\$ 630	\$ 630	\$ 540	\$ 585	\$ 600	
Programs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,050	\$ -	\$ 175	
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37	\$ -	\$ 873	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 4,699	\$ 1,390	\$ 5,250	\$ 1,950	\$ 4,000	
OPERATING SURPLUS (LOSS)	\$ 1,025	\$ 2,496	\$ (3,750)	\$ 2,616	\$ (0)	
NOTES						
1 There are three sources of revenue for the Ed Fund: Donations, Adopt-A-Precinct and Grants. This election cycle, there will be 2 Opportunities to raise funds at the Aug Primary and the National Election. The Adopt-A-Precinct is a valuable resource.						
2 LWVCC Ed Fund has applied for \$974 grant from the Community Foundation in 2012-13: \$599 toward Convention/Council & \$375 for LWVCC Board Retreat.						
3 Lunch expenses include Audio Visual equipment rental at Hilton, as well as cost of speaker's lunches.						
4 Increase due to purchase of Commercial Bond insurance for Treasurer at \$266/annually split between Gen and Ed Funds						
5 State Annual Report of \$61.25 for 2011-12 and 2012-13 paid in the 2011-12 fiscal year						



PROPOSED REVISIONS TO LWVCC BYLAWS 2012-13

Strike through is a deletion; Underline is an addition

ARTICLE IV

Board of Directors

Section 1. Number, Manner of Selection and Terms of Office: The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the LWVCC, six elected directors and not more than six appointed directors. All directors shall be voting members of the LWVCC. Three members shall be elected by the general membership at each annual meeting and shall serve for a term of two (2) years, or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The elected members shall appoint such additional directors, not exceeding six (6), as they deem necessary, to carry on the work of the League. The terms of office of the appointed directors shall be one (1) year and shall expire at the conclusion of the next annual meeting.

Immediate Past President: The immediate past president shall serve on the board for ~~one~~ two years following service as president. Duties shall include serving as chair of the ~~Nominating~~ Governance Committee and other duties as requested by the president.

ARTICLE V

Officers

Section 1. Enumeration and election of Officers: The Officers of the LWVCC shall be a president or co-presidents (the term "president" shall hereinafter used may also mean "co-president"), first vice-president or co-first vice-presidents (the term "first vice-president" hereinafter used may also mean "co-first vice-president"), a second vice-president, the secretary and the treasurer. All Officers shall be voting members of the LWVCC. The president, first vice-president, the second vice-president, the secretary and the treasurer shall be elected for a term of two (2) years, by the general membership at the annual meeting and take office immediately. The president, first vice-president and secretary shall be elected in the odd-numbered years. The second vice-president and the treasurer shall be elected in the even-numbered years. The number of Officers in any given year shall be limited to six (6). The president may serve a maximum of four (4) consecutive years and may serve again as president after three years out of the office.

Section 2. President: The president shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the Board of Directors. The president shall be, ex-officio, a member of all committees, ~~except the nominating committee~~. She, he or they shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of the president, including appointment of all committee chairs ~~except the nominating gov-~~ ernance committee, and shall perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board.

ARTICLE VI



Finance Administration

Section 4. Finance Committee: A finance committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least two (2) months prior to the annual its first meeting. The treasurer shall serve as its chair. It is responsible for reviewing and providing guidance for the organization's financial matters including the preparation of a budget for the ensuing year. The proposed budget shall be sent to all members at least one (1) week before the annual meeting. ~~The treasurer shall be, ex-officio, a member of the finance committee, but shall not be eligible to serve as chair.~~

ARTICLE VII Meetings

Section 2. Annual Meeting: An annual meeting shall be held in March or April, the exact date to be determined by the Board of Directors. Notice of the annual meeting shall be given to the membership at least two (2) weeks in advance of said meeting. At the annual meeting members shall:

- A. Adopt a local program for the ensuing year.
- B. Elect officers and directors, and members of the nominating governance committee.
- C. Adopt a budget.
- D. Transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Quorum: A quorum at all annual meetings of the LWVCC shall be constituted of those present and eligible to vote at such meetings.

ARTICLE VIII Governance Committee Nominations and Elections

Section 1. ~~Nominating Governance Committee:~~ The nominating governance committee shall consist of five (5) members, two (2) of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. The chair shall be the immediate past president; one additional member of the Board of Directors shall be selected by the board to serve on the committee. If the immediate past president is not available to chair the committee, the new chair shall be selected by the sitting nominating governance committee and voted on at the annual meeting. Three more members, who shall not be members of the Board at least one of whom shall not be a member of the board, shall be elected at the annual meeting. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current nominating governance committee. Any vacancy on the nominating governance committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors. Suggestions for nominations for Officers and Directors may be sent to this committee by any voting member.



Section 2. Governance Committee Duties:

- Assess the Board of Director's current composition and identify missing qualities and characteristics.
- Draft a recruitment plan and cultivate new prospects.
- Review and update job descriptions for board members
- Orient new board members and continue to educate all board members of their responsibilities
- Ensures that the board engages in self assessment

Section 3. Report of ~~Nominating~~ Governance Committee and Other Nominations: The report of the ~~Nominating~~ Governance Committee of its nominations for Officers, Directors and the members of the succeeding ~~Nominating~~ Governance Committee, shall be made available to any voting member, requesting it, four (4) weeks before the annual meeting and shall be sent to all members at least one (1) week before the date of the annual meeting. The report of the ~~Nominating~~ Governance Committee shall be presented to the annual meeting. Immediately following publication of the slate and at least three days before the Annual Meeting, nominations may be made to the ~~Nominating~~ Governance Committee by any voting member, provided the consent to of the nominee shall have been secured.

Revised: April 1981, April 1983, April 1986, April 1990, April 1991, April 1993, April 1994, April 2001, April 2002, April 2004, April 2005, April 2006, April 2007, April 2008, April 2009, April 2010, and April 2011.

LWVCC Bylaws as amended 4/30/12



PROPOSED PROGRAMS: GENERAL FUND – 2012-2013

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CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAM

Goals

To reduce global warming pollution by using existing technologies to make power plants and factories more efficient, make cars go farther on a gallon of gasoline, and shift to cleaner technologies.

1. To monitor and support local efforts to reduce our dependence on oil, reduce air pollution, and protect pristine places from oil drilling and mining
2. To monitor and support initiatives by state and local governments which are proving that answers exist
3. To monitor and support policies that promote the efforts of individuals and businesses as we work toward a green economy

Education

Learn from speakers from the academic, business, and activist segments of our community who are experts in climate change

Learn about related local and state policies and how they affect efforts at addressing climate change

Investigate related efforts of local neighboring municipalities and counties.

Take field trips to areas of interest such as a solar power plant, hybrid/electric car dealers

Action/Advocacy

Prepare to ask local and state representatives and candidates about their plans to move toward sustainability

Encourage local governments to take positive action based on recommendations of recent audits

Promote policies that move us toward our national LWV goals



EDUCATION PROGRAM

Goal

Support and influence the promotion of high standards for student achievement through adequate funding, well rounded curriculum and the highest levels of professionalism for teachers, administrators and school board members in the Collier County Schools.

Education

Organize educational programs relative to the goals for the committee and general membership

Conduct interviews/meetings with administrators and School Board members.

Action/Advocacy

Promote civics education in public and private schools.

Monitor Florida legislation relative to the education program and take appropriate action

Participate in a national, state or local study, if available



GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

GOAL

Educate ourselves members and the community about ~~the workings of~~ state and county government and important government issues and to influence governmental decision making through action through our informed, active participation.

EDUCATION

Research and discuss pressing local, regional, and state government issues ~~and decide which of these issues deserve further~~ to study and research those that deserve further study. Report these findings to the League Board and membership for consideration for advocacy.

~~Hold informal sessions with respect to League priorities and other matters of interest to members~~

~~Hold~~ Suggest programs for “Hot Topics” meetings to address current issues.

Schedule “Lunch with Leaders” with key civic and government leaders to learn more about issues under consideration.

Offer programs through a Speakers Bureau.

Schedule “Capital Reports” discussions during the Legislative session.

ACTION/ADVOCACY

~~Monitor Board of County Commissioners and other governmental meetings~~ City and County government meetings, especially Board of County Commission and City Council.

Lobby Legislators for League Legislative priorities

Act on email “Action Alerts” to influence government decisions

~~Participate in the work of the following groups, provide committee updates and enlist member support as needed:~~

~~Fair districts Florida~~ (www.FairdistrictsFlorida.org) (The amendments passed)

~~Project Innovation-~~ (It no longer exists)



JUSTICE PROGRAM

Goal

Support and influence policies and decisions to promote delinquency prevention and assure justice for all Collier citizens by reducing juvenile delinquency, reducing human trafficking and promoting restoration of rights to former felons.

Education

Organize educational programs relative to the goals for the committee and general membership.

Monitor the following programs, agencies and organizations in Collier County:

Juvenile criminal justice systems with emphasis on rehabilitation, alternatives to incarceration and diversion programs for youth:

Youth and Delinquency Services Division of the Collier County Sheriff's Office

Various courts serving youth, e.g. Juvenile Court, Dependency Court, Truancy Court, and Teen Court, Department of Juvenile Justice, and

PACE (Practical Academic Cultural Education) Center for Girls, Immokalee

Monitor prison privatization issues in Southwest Florida

Action/Advocacy

Participate in the work of the following groups, provide committee updates and enlist member support as needed:

Juvenile Justice Council (CCJJC)

Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) Advisory Committee

Juvenile Detention Center Advisory Committee

Collier County Youth Resource Center

Substance Abuse Coalition of Collier County (SACCC) - (Drug Free Collier)

Collier County Coalition Against Human Trafficking

Florida Rights Restoration Coalition

Monitor Florida legislation relative to the Justice Program and take appropriate action.

Continue to study the experiences of Collier County female juveniles who are in conflict with the law.



SOCIAL POLICY PROGRAM

Goal

Secure equal rights and opportunity for all. Promote social and economic justice and the health and safety of all Americans. (*LWVUS, LWVF*)

Monitor and support local efforts to provide basic health care to those in all age groups not otherwise covered.

Monitor and promote programs for Collier County Schools that provide comprehensive health education, health services, and a safe, healthy environment.

Support measures to provide adequate living and working conditions in Collier County.

Monitor the privatization of the Department of Children and Families as it affects children in Collier County.

Education/Action

Network with groups and agencies with similar interests/concerns, including:

Public Health Department

Collier Health Services (CHSI)

Medical Society of Collier County

Collier County Emergency Medical Services

Collier County Department of Housing and Human Services

Collier County Hunger and Homeless Coalition

Collier County Public Library Outreach Department

Department of Children and Families

Naples Alliance For Children

Healthy Teens Coalition of Collier County

Healthy Teens Coalition of Florida

Citizens' Foster Care Review Board

Collier County Public Schools (School Nurse Program, Health Education)

Other local Leagues



PROPOSED PROGRAMS: EDUCATION FUND – 2012-2013

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VOTER SERVICES

Goal

Create informed and active voters with focus on “Get Out The Vote” (GOTV).

Education/Action

Sponsor televised candidate forums.

Monitor Supervisor of Election and Canvassing Board meetings.

Develop a plan to increase voter registration and voter turnout in Hispanic, African-

American, and other minority communities.

Develop voter educational materials to encourage voter education and voter turnout.

Coordinate with other community agencies in nonpartisan issue forums

Participate in the LWVCC Speakers’ Bureau.

Continue involvement in *Know Your County Government* Teen Citizenship program.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Rose DiBiasi, Chair¹

Joyce Fletcher, Beth Povlow, Kathy Ryan, Paul Kardon

OFFICER AND DIRECTOR NOMINEES

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TREASURER 2011-12	CAROL GOLIGHTLY
DIRECTOR 2012-14	BECKY NEWELL
DIRECTOR 2012-14	NINA RIBINSKI
DIRECTOR 2012-13	TOM McCANN

NOMINATING COMMITTEE²

CHAIR³	LYDIA GALTON
MEMBER	BERNICE SCHMELZ
MEMBER	DENISE ROCHFORD

¹ Fulfilling Donna Suddeth's Term

² If the proposed Bylaws are approved, the committee will be appointed

³ Bylaws require that the committee be chaired by the immediate past president.