

LWV/TLC Board Meeting  
Sunday, February 23, 2014  
7:00 pm Phone conference call

## **Agenda**

### **Addition/Deletion to Agenda**

### **Order of Business**

- Roll call of officers and non-board guest
- Finance report as written
- Approval of minutes as written
- Report of committee
  1. Community Shares
  2. Environmental
  3. Naturalization
  4. MLD
  5. Voter Services
- Planning for Annual meeting
- Nominated committee reminder
- National LWVUS Convention (league Award) Ann
- Discussion on attending Statehouse Day (April 9)
- Discussion on participating in the Agricultural Study --Ann
- Discussion on league audit ---Darcy
- Discussion on By-Law review committee --Darcy
- (Please make your report or comment on the discussion short, so that we will not be on the phone long)

**Thank you!**

Minutes LWV-TLC General Meeting  
January 18, 2014

Attendance: 5 members and 2 guests

Co-Vice President Darcy Yates called meeting to order. Darcy announced that President Yvette Thompson-Gordon was out of town and she would be presiding over the short business meeting.

Since we are still without a Secretary, Darcy volunteered to take notes.

Community Shares

Kevin Haddad reminded us about Share A Glass to be held on January 25<sup>th</sup>. There are still 4 tickets available that LWV-TLC is responsible to sell. Nancy Hughes suggested we put out and additional email. Kevin will call members.

Darcy reported that a copy of the IRS Letter of Determination has been received and she would forward to Kevin, Yvette, and Theresa Mills. This is one of the documents requested by Community Shares. Ann Payne commented that she had spoken with the Executive Director of Community Shares and apparently LWV-TLC documentation is incomplete. It was suggested that Kevin confirm with Yvette that all is covered.

LWVO NW Regional Meeting

Darcy announced that LWV-TLC would be hosting this regional meeting on February 15 at the Kent Branch of the Public Library. The event is 10-12:30. We have the room reserved at 9a.m. – 1p.m. to allow for set up and clean up.

Ann will bring cookies, Nancy Hughes – brownies, Kevin tbd, Darcy- coffee.

Secretary

There was discussion about the need for a secretary and what it would entail. Nancy Hughes formally accepted the nomination for the position. This nomination will be voted on at the next Board meeting.

Additional Committees and Events

Darcy announced the formation of a Finance Committee and that a draft of its responsibilities was being completed for approval.

The next MLD Conference Call will be Friday January 24 at 10 a.m.

The Annual Meeting in May is looking for a Chairperson. Darcy asked for suggestions for speakers. She and Kathy Chamberlain are already looking into locations.

Everyone was encouraged to participate in these activities.

With there being no further business Kevin Haddad made the motion that the meeting adjourn. Ann Fabiszak Payne seconded it. Motion carried at 2:30 p.m..

All after meeting enjoyed the movie Iron Jawed Angels.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Yates Co-VP

# **League of Women Voters Toledo-Lucas County**

## **Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee of the League of Women Voters of Toledo-Lucas County (LWV-TLC) will oversee financial areas as reflected in the budget. This committee will meet quarterly and report to the Board of Directors.

There will be 3 committee members plus the Treasurer. One member must be from the Board.

This committee shall be appointed at the first business meeting of the Board of Directors following the Annual Meeting from the names of members who have expressed an interest.

### **Finance Areas**

Budget The Committee will oversee the budget during the year and make recommendations to the Budget.

Audit The Finance Committee will conduct the bi-annual internal audit as stipulated in the LWV-TLC By-Laws.

The Finance Committee shall present the Board its recommendation for the external auditor for the bi-annual external audit as stipulated in the LWV-TLC By-Laws.

Additional Financial Areas:

Education Fund

Financial Policies and Procedures for Reimbursement

990-EZ Tax Returns and 990-N Filing

Fundraising

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## **Statehouse Day, April 9**

LWV Ohio annual statehouse day and council in Columbus is Wednesday, April 9. This is a great opportunity especially for new leaguers to meet other members from across the state while we learn what's happening in the legislature and consider the local effects. The day will be full of engaging presentations on important issues critical to Ohioans such as election administration and voting rights, judicial reform, women's reproductive health rights, clean water and water usage. The event will be held at the Sheraton Columbus Hotel at Capitol Square, 75 East State Street in downtown Columbus. Please register by March 24, 2014 via the website [www.lwvohio.org](http://www.lwvohio.org). or email or call Barbara Herman [lwvoinfo@lwvohio.org](mailto:lwvoinfo@lwvohio.org) , 614-469-1505. Fees for attending are \$40 for members, \$45 for non-members and \$25 for students and include all materials, refreshments and lunch.

If you are interested in car pooling call the league line 419 475 4371 to connect with other leaguers taking the trip to Columbus.

## **LWVUS 2014 National Convention**

### **Schedule at a Glance**

The [Schedule at a Glance](#) provides an overview of what's happening each day during the LWV Convention in Dallas. In planning your travel to Dallas, please note that Convention training sessions will be held from 1:00 to 5:00 pm on Friday, June 6, and the first Plenary session will be at 1:00 pm on Saturday, June 7. Convention will conclude at noon on Tuesday, June 10.

### **Key Business Items**

Our [bylaws](#) govern other key elements, including delegate representation, elections of officers and directors, program and budget adoption. The [number of delegates a League is entitled](#) to is determined by its membership count as of January 31, 2014.

The bylaws also provide a timeline for many of the business items of Convention. **One significant date is March 1.** Leagues that wish to have a say in the [program planning process](#) or want to [submit a change to the bylaws](#) must do so by this date.

Please note that, per [LWVUS Bylaws](#), in order to vote at Convention 2014, a League must have met its Per Member Payment (PMP) obligation in full for fiscal year 2013-14 (July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014), as well as for previous fiscal years. Leagues that are unable to fulfill their financial obligation and wish to vote at Convention 2014 [may file a hardship claim](#) with the LWVUS Board. The deadline for all requests is March 1.

### **[Register](#) for Convention**

Please use the [Convention 2014 registration form](#) to register as a delegate or visitor. (Please note that you will need to log in to access the form.) The \$335 fee includes participation in all trainings, briefings, caucuses, general sessions, and national networking events, and includes the LWVUS-hosted banquet and program on Monday evening. The [registration](#) fee before May 24th is \$335. After that date, a late fee of \$50 will be added, which will make the total cost \$385. Pre-registration closes on May 31. Anyone wishing to register after that date can do so on-site in Dallas for a cost of \$385.

### **Reserve a Hotel Room**

[The Omni Dallas Downtown Hotel](#) is the Convention 2014 hotel and has provided a special convention room rate for participants (booking deadline is May 12). This rate is available a few days before and after the League's Convention dates for those interested in combining Convention travel with [tourism in the Dallas area](#).

### **Convention Activities and Events**

On Saturday, June 7, the LWV of Dallas is hosting "[Red Hot Patriot,](#)" a live performance about Texas [journalist Molly Ivins](#). Purchase [tickets online](#) at the special LWV member rate of \$35.

Other workshops, briefings, caucuses, networking sessions, special events and receptions are held during the Convention, and are included in the registration fee. In April, a detailed Workbook of all convention business, activities and events will be available.

### **Join the Convention Discussion**

As a way to keep up with the discussion about Convention 2014, we invite you to [sign up](#) for the [Convention 2014 Forum](#) for members.

And, please join LWVUS Board and staff for an informational webinar about Convention 2014 on Wednesday, February 26, at 3:00 pm ET. [Register here](#) to participate!

## **Agriculture Study**

Over this past weekend, the LWVUS Board met. Among many other things, the Board considered a written request to extend the consensus deadline for [the Agriculture Update](#). The decision to maintain the **current consensus deadline of April 18, 2014**, was taken in the context of the work we have before us, as an organization. This is a federal election year and a national convention year. State and local program is a critical component of every League calendar. An extension of the consensus deadline impinges on the ability of state and local Leagues to plan for the next two years and the ability of the delegates to [Convention 2014](#) to debate and adopt new governmental issues for concerted study in the next biennium.

There is no doubt that the Agriculture Update is more complex than any of us anticipated, but the best chance to reach consensus on all or part of this study is to do the best we can and stick to a schedule that will complete this study before our next convention. We must bear in mind that the volunteer members of the study committee have worked very hard to produce excellent material and that while some Leagues would like more time, many other Leagues are scheduling consensus meetings and trying to work with the material provided in the existing timeframe.

That being said, we recognize that the volume of the material relative to the deadline for consensus is challenging for all. We are grateful for [the summary and fact sheets](#) that have been posted to the [Agriculture Update Forum](#) and we encourage every League to make use of these additional materials as study guides. Furthermore, we understand that every League may not have the capacity to address every question in the study. Leagues leaders should feel free to do as much or as little of the study as they feel they can manage even though this may impact our ability to ultimately arrive at consensus on the study as whole or even on parts of the study. We have adapted [the consensus response form](#) to provide categories of 'No Consensus' and 'No Response.' Leagues will be required to answer all questions in [the entire online consensus form](#), even if the answer is 'No Response' on some questions.

Modern digital communication made it possible for the League to once again undertake national studies. But there is a trade-off. We ask a lot of the volunteers, including the Board volunteers, who spend hours on email and conference calls in the midst of their everyday lives working on study material. In turn, we can only do the best we can to put their work to good use in educating ourselves on important national topics to update and add to LWVUS position statements.