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CO- PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

The Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Chicago will be held on Saturday, June 18, 2011 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM in Room 430 at 332 S. Michigan Ave.

Members attending will vote on the proposed budget, elect officers and directors, approve program for 2011 through 2013 and approve the updates for ***Where We Stand in Chicago*** in the areas of Education, City Colleges and City Council. Delegates will report on the LWVCookCounty and LWVIL conventions. The Officers and Directors will provide updates on their activities including the upcoming LWVUS study on the Federal Role in Education. The Greensfelder-Elam Award will be presented. Members will have the opportunity to provide direction to the Board and discuss plans for the coming year.

Information on the items requiring a vote and the Annual Meeting Registration form are contained in this ***Chicago Voter***.

We look forward to your participation.

Esta and Margaret

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Present Bylaw

ARTICLE III, Sec. 2. Types of Membership.

A. Voting Members. Citizens at least 18 years of age who join the LWV Chicago shall be voting members of the Chicago, Cook County, and Illinois Leagues and of the LWVUS; [1] those who reside outside the area of any local League may join the LWV Chicago or shall be state members-at-large; [2] those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be honorary life members excused from the payment of dues.

Proposed Change: Remove the word "honorary" in the last sentence.

Rationale: This change was adopted at the LWVUS 2010 Convention and local Leagues were asked to incorporate it into their bylaws.

Present Bylaw

ARTICLE V, Board of Directors Sec.1. Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office.

The board shall consist of the officers of the League and not fewer than eight or more than twelve elected directors. The elected

members may appoint additional directors not to exceed the number of elected directors. All directors shall be voting members of the LWV Chicago. No person shall be elected to the board for more than eight consecutive years. Directors shall serve for a term of two years, or until their successors have been qualified and elected. Appointed directors shall serve until the close of the next annual meeting. At the annual meeting, directors shall be elected so that staggered terms will be maintained.

Proposed change:

After the second sentence add:

The Immediate Past President shall serve on the Board as an appointed ex-officio member of the Board.

Rationale: To provide the expertise of the preceding year and maintain continuity. By stating that the member is *ex-officio* the need for attendance at meetings is eliminated and the position is not counted in the quorum, but when the person is present, she/he has voice and vote.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE SLATE 2011-2012/2013

OFFICERS

President (1 year term) Margaret Herring.

Margaret currently serves as co-president. She has previously served as vice president, secretary and board member and has worked on organizing legislative interviews. She remains involved in natural resources issues. She is the Unit 1/5 leader and is employed by the U.S. EPA.

Vice-President (2 year term) Esta Kallen

Esta is finishing her 5th year as president and co-president. She has served as Leader of Unit 21/35 and was a Director in the 1980's on various committees. She taught high school languages for the Chicago Public Schools.

Secretary (2 year term) Marcia Friddle

Marcia is a long-time League member who has served previously as a secretary, "Voter" editor and a member of the International Relations Committee. She is a retired librarian who has worked for the Chicago Public Library, Loyola University and the Quaker Oats Company. On her retirement from CPL, Marcia volunteered at the library of the elementary and middle school that her sons had attended and led the team that put the school's small library collection on-line. She also is a member of Unit 1 and volunteers with Lincoln Park Zoo.

Treasurer (2 year term) No candidate is slated at this time.

DIRECTORS (2 year terms) 2011-2013

Bernice Fortini

Bernice is a current Director who has been Co-Chair of our State of the City® fundraising luncheons. She also chairs the Membership Committee and Unit 22. She was instrumental in establishing "Lunch with the League." She also monitors Chicago Public Library activities from her League perspective and as a retired school librarian.

Edlyn Freerks

Edlyn is an active member of Unit 66/74 and served on the Nominating Committee. His interests are fiscal policy and redistricting. His career was in the insurance field where he was a financial analyst relating to premiums and claims for group policies for Continental Assurance Company.

Margaret O'Hara

Margaret has served on the State of the City®, Mayoral Debate and the Nominating Committees. An active member of Unit 22; she has been a court watcher in domestic violence court. Her area of program interest is health care. She is a retired registered nurse.

Terry Williams

Terry is a current Director. She manages our voter service activities and maintains our Deputy Registrar roster. She attends meetings of the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners and reports on new issues and procedures. She is well-known and respected in Chicago's voting issues scene. She was a previous **Chicago Voter** editor and is a member of Unit 22.

Pauline Zdonek

Pauline developed and maintains the LWVChicago's FaceBook page. She is a teacher certified to teach regular elementary classes and special education for K-12. She has taught in both Chicago and suburban schools. She plans to serve on the Board as Education committee chair. She had marketing experience in a previous job.

DIRECTOR (One year term) 2011-2012

Carol Ziegeldorf

Carol is a current Director and has served as Unit Director for many years. She chairs Unit 21/35. She also participates on the Social Policy Committee. Carol lives in Rogers Park and is active in her church and neighborhood groups.

Nominating Committee: (2012-2013)

Beverly Meyer, Joan Morton, Andrea Mancillas (annual meeting will elect chair).

Report submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Margaret Goldstein, Chair

Edlyn Freerks, Margaret O'Hara, Lois Snyder, Winnie Slusser, Members

Report amended and approved by the LWVChicago Board.

Officers with continuing terms:

Helene Gabelnick, Pat Graunke

Directors with continuing terms:

Leslie Corbett, Ann Logue, Lois Snyder

Retiring Officers:

Norma Braude, Rochelle Riffer

Retiring Board Members:

Bev Meyer, Martha Music, Pam Stauffer

PROGRAM TO BE ADOPTED

The Program Planning consensus retained all of the positions printed in LWVChicago *Where We Stand 2009-2011*, with additions as presented below to be adopted by concurrence. These were approved by the Board on April 11, 2011.

Adopt by Concurrence

Under the section on City Council Structure:

Upon the resignation or declaration of vacancy in the position of an alderman for more than half of a term, an election shall be held. If feasible this election shall be combined with the next scheduled primary or general election.

Under the Section on City Budget – after the first sentence on Privatization.

Any privatization of city assets or services shall be done only after investigation of savings and costs of such privatization and with adequate time and opportunity for public comments.

Under the Section on Education – City Colleges:

City Colleges shall cooperate with the Chicago Board of Education, business and industry to develop internship and other cooperative programs wherever feasible.

Education Consensus to be adopted

Under School Governance – replace third paragraph:

Local School Councils are the Chicago Board of Education's form of school-based management mandated by State Law (See appendix for background). LWVChicago supports the concept of Local School Councils. The Council's role should be advisory, except in the area of discretionary funds, additions to the Student Code of Conduct and the School Improvement Plan. A Local School Council should maintain at least 51% parent members, the principal may be a voting member, the size of the council should reflect the size of the neighborhood school. For magnet schools and magnet programs some variation may be necessary. More teacher representation should be provided at the high school level, and students should be included (as they are now) on these Councils as well. Parents who are employed at a school should not be eligible to be parent representatives, but parents employed at another site of the Chicago

Board of Education should be allowed to be parent representatives. Parent/community involvement in charter/contract schools is also supported.

Under City Colleges:

Until such time as graduating seniors no longer need remedial courses, such courses should be the responsibility of the City Colleges.

Recommended Study

Item: Review/restudy of the structure and procedures sections of City Council positions.

Scope: Areas considered in present position plus any which arise as the study progresses.

Rationale: No position changes since 1996 and several date from the 1970's. Position should be updated to meet current needs.

Non-Recommended Items:

Study: Chicago's Pension System

Rationale: Local study to be postponed until the state study on the Illinois Pension system is completed.

Study: Closing of the Sanitary and Shipping Canal because of the threat of the Asian Carp.

Rationale: This could be a preliminary task force looking into preliminary information on jurisdiction and further information on the environmental/economic impact of such action.

OPERATING BUDGET 2011-2012

On the following page of this *Chicago Voter* is the proposed Operating Budget for 2011-2012 for the League of Women Voters of Chicago. This is to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting after its presentation by Treasurer Rochelle Riffer.

The Education Fund Budget will be presented and discussed, but its approval requires the action of the Board of Directors rather than the entire membership.

The Financial Review will be presented at the annual meeting.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CHICAGO
Proposed Budget for Year July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

	Current YTD	Year 10- 11 Budget	Year 11- 12 Budget	Budget Notes Year July 11 - June 12
	Actual	Operating Fund	Operating Fund	Operating Fund
	June-March	501 (c) (4)	501 (c) (4)	
INCOME				
Membership Dues \$75.00 HH \$120	7,030.00	8,130.00	9,840.00	(95 + 25) * \$75 + 7 * \$120. HH = 20% discount
Individual Contributions	2,196.00	5,000.00	1,800.00	
Foundations/Corporate	635.00		100.00	Lakeview Condo Ballot Counting
Phonathon		500.00		
Publications	3.00			
Other Special Events		1,000.00		
Annual Meeting 35 * \$10	10.00	350.00	350.00	
In Kind Income (Voter Sponsors)	130.00			
TOTAL INCOME	10,004.00	14,980.00	12,090.00	
EXPENSES				
Bookkeeping/Accounting/Audit	750.00	2,500.00	750.00	
Computer & IT Services (Recurring)	200.00	350.00	320.00	Website (League Easy Web) + [(Consultant \$75/ hr * 4 Hrs) *40%]
Personnel (LWV IL) - Shared Costs	359.06	452.00	480.00	359.06 / 9 *12
Occupancy	1,754.16	2,100.00	2,340.00	1,754.16 / 9 * 12
Telephone & FAX	135.49	170.00	180.00	135.49 / 9 * 12
Supplies	41.17	500.00	200.00	Includes Printer Toner @ 40%
Copying (in House)	38.57	150.00	150.00	
Printing (Voter = Avg \$50 x 11	460.75	1,000.00	700.00	Additional Printing for May (nominations) & summer voter + Misc
Postage	352.00	600.00	500.00	<i>OP Fund = 693 Voters per year (63 * 11) x .44 + 300 Membership mailing x.44. Round to \$500</i>
Insurance - Liability	308.01	425.00	350.00	40% Operating/60% Education
D&O Insurance	1,136.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	Estimate 5% increase
Bank Fees		20.00	20.00	
Travel & Meeting Expense	185.00			
Dues/Fees/Subscriptions	125.00	200.00	200.00	State Filing Fees; Other Fees. (Chgo Reporter Rmb in Income)
Publications	46.31			
Annual Meeting		350.00	350.00	Meeting Room Rental/Printing Materials. See Income Above
Special Events		600.00		See Income Above
National PMP	1,574.10	1,568.80	1,537.50	50/50 split; 91 Regular Members + 8 Household (full) + 7 Household (half)
State PMP	1,431.00	1,431.00	1,383.75	50/50 split; 91 Regular Members + 8 Household (full) + 7 Household (half)
County PMP	371.00	371.00	358.75	91 Regular Members + 8 Household (full) + 7 Household (half). @\$3.50. Allocate \$1 to Ed Fund
Donations/Gifts	180.58	100.00	200.00	
Membership Recruitment/Directory			500.00	
Bank Account Reserve		892.20	370.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	9,448.20	14,980.00	12,090.00	
EXCESS REVENUE OVER EXPENSES				
	555.80	-	-	



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**SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2011
9:30 AM TO 12:30 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM 430
332 S. MICHIGAN AVE.**

COST \$10.00



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Number of Reservations _____ Contact information _____