



**Supporting
Democracy
for a Century and Beyond**

2021 Yearbook

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**41st Annual Meeting of
The League of Women Voters of Jo Daviess County
Virtual
November 6, 2021
AGENDA**

12:45 PM Registration

1 PM BUSINESS MEETING

 Call to Order--- President Shari Kochman

 Financial Report: Treasurer Judy Gratton

 Old Business

 New Business

 Presentation of the 2021 Budget: Judy Gratton

 Nominating Committee Report: Irene Thraen-Borowski

 Election of Officers: Shari Kochman

 Bylaws Changes: Kathy Pearson

 Re-adoption of Current Program Positions: Kathy Pearson

 Recognition of Outgoing Board Members: Kathy Pearson

 Other New Business

 Adjournment

1:30 PM Program: **How the LWV Protects our Water**

Presentation & panel discussion

 Presenters: Beth Baranski & Bonnie Cox, Panelists: Eric Dregne,
 Matt Oldenburg, and Jay Solomon – moderated by Beth Baranski

2:30 PM Conclusion

**League of Women Voters
of Jo Daviess County
November 6, 2021**

Annual Meeting Rules

1. Names will identify members on their Zoom photos.
2. Only voting members and those authorized by the chair may address the assembly.
3. Any lengthy motions must be written into the Zoom chat and the chair or secretary will recognize them.
4. The assembly shall try to stay within a reasonable time schedule.

POLICIES

Nonpartisan Policy

The League of Women Voters does not support or oppose any political party or candidates. Individual members are encouraged to participate fully in supporting the party and candidates of their choice and to serve their communities.

Re-adopted September 26, 2012

Diversity Policy

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy LWV is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and in practice. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are central to the organization's current and future success in engaging all individuals, households, communities, and policy makers in creating a more perfect democracy. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, gender identity, ethnicity, race, native or indigenous origin, age, generation, sexual orientation, culture, religion, belief system, marital status, parental status, socioeconomic status, language, accent, ability status, mental health, educational level or background, geography, nationality, work style, work experience, job role function, thinking style, personality type, physical appearance, political perspective or affiliation and/or any other characteristic that can be identified as recognizing or illustrating diversity.

Updated & Re-adopted February 1, 2020

PURPOSE

The purposes of the League of Women Voters of Jo Daviess County of Jo Daviess County are to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

MEMBERSHIP

- Membership is open to all persons at least 16 years of age.
- Household memberships are open to two adults living in the same home.
- Honorary life membership is granted to those who have been voting members of the LWVJDC for fifty years or more.
- All others who join the LWVJDC shall be associate members.

DUES

(blue is previous language, _____ is what it will be if the fiscal year is changed.)

- Dues are payable by **December 31** ~~JUNE 30~~ for the following year.
- When two members reside at the same address, in a common household, a payment equal to one and one-half times the payment per person shall be made.

New members will pay dues at the time they join the LWVJDC. Any members who join after **July 1** ~~JANUARY 1~~ will be considered paid members until the second JANUARY 1 following their original dues payment.

Dues payment amounts:

\$25---Student or Young Adult Member (under 35)

\$60---Regular Member

\$90---Household Membership

2021 MEMBERSHIP

Amy Alderman	Char Goode	Deborah Pausz
Suzanne Anderson	Judy Gratton	Kathy Pearson
Beth Baranski	Linda Howard	Charlene Price
Jim Baranski	Peter Kaufmann	Hendrica Regez
Carol Bell	Shari Kochman	Jane Rickman
Lynda Borsdorf	Jan Lavacek	Mary Rooney
Linda Broderick	Emily Legal	Sheahen
Lisa Buman	Esther Lieberman	Kerry Shelke
Toni Campbell	Susan Lipnick	Sandeep Shelke
Stephanie Cocagne	Alice Lundh	Peggy Stortz
Larry Cording	Diann Marsh	Carole Sullivan
Sue Cording	Catiana McKay	Earl Thompson
Bonnie Cox	Bev Mellskog	Kimberly Thompson
John Cox	Peg Murphy	Irene Thraen-
Marcia Crook	Dolores Nack	Borowski
Jeffrey Danna	Emily Nicolin	Keith Thraen-
Betsy Eaton	Kevin Nicolin	Borowski
Mary Edwards	Brett Noble	Karlyn Van Gelder
Janet Eggleston	Rose Noble	Karen Walters
Nicole Frank	Jean Norman	Diane Westervelt
Gail Gabbert	Hesper Nowatzki	Janet Zehr
Diane Gallagher	Geraldine Oberman	Karen Zehr
Lynn Giles	Emily Painter	
Eleida Gomez	Gregg Painter	

PAST PRESIDENTS

1982-1983	Margaret Moss	2007-2008	Executive Committee: Lu Bleveans, Jake Bleveans, and Julie Bruser
1983-1984	Marge Hospodar		
1984-1985	Mary Purdy	2008-2009	Executive Committee: Lu Bleveans, Jake Bleveans
1985-1987	Esther Lieberman		
1987-1989	Judy Gratton	2009-2010	Executive Committee: Lu Bleveans, Jake Bleveans, Kathy Pearson
1989-1990	Carolyn Gustafson		
1990-1991	Fern Anderson	2010-2011	Executive Committee: Bonnie Cox, Ellen Wittenbrink, Kathy Pearson, and Ruth Foley
1991-1992	Fern Anderson and Lois Kruse (Co-Presidents)		
1992-1994	Faye McCoy	2011-2016	Bonnie Cox
1994-1995	Unfilled	2016-2018	Sue Cording
1995-1999	Marcella Arnold	2019-2020	Sue Cording and Irene Thraen-Borowski (Co-Presidents)
1999-2001	Bonnie Cox		
2000-2004	Carrie Altfillisch-Melton	2020-2021	Jeanie Norman & Irene Thraen-Borowski (Co-Presidents)
2005-2006	Richard Pouzar	2021-2022	Shari Kochman

HISTORY OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of JO DAVIESS COUNTY

The idea of a League of Women Voters in Jo Daviess County began with Marge Hospodar and Bonnie Cox. Marge had been very active in the League in Oak Park and she talked with Bonnie about starting one here.

In February, 1981, representatives from the Illinois LWV spoke to a public meeting at the old Kentucky Fried Chicken (now home to the "Galena Gazette". Interest was great and so the process began, starting with the designation of our League as "pre-provisional" in September, 1981. Following completion of certain requirements, our League was given "provisional" status in March, 1983.

Our activities during these two stages included:

Juvenile Court Watching (1981)

Study and consensus on:

- Alternatives to Prison (3-83)
- National Security (10-83)
- Conducting a jail survey (12-83)
- Conducting an income assistance survey (2-84)
- Marital Property Law (4-84)

Conducting a Child Welfare Roundtable, led by LWVIL members (3-83)

Attending legislative seminars in Springfield

Attending LWVIL conventions

Hosting candidate forums

Building an observer corps (of public governing bodies)

Voter registration and

Attending regional workshops.

In order to become a full-fledged League, we also had to:

- Have at least 40 members;
- Write bylaws;
- Prepare a feasibility study;
- Do a study of local government issues;
- Write a nonpartisan policy;
- Develop program;
- Do citizen education;
- Elect officers;
- Financially support the League;
- Publish a "This is Jo Daviess County" booklet; and
- Publish a "Voter" newsletter.

Having accomplished all of this, we gained full local League status in January, 1985!

With our new status, we were able to conduct local studies, come to consensus and take action on:

- Natural Resources (1983)
- Mental Health Services: Preventive and Early Intervention (1985-86)
- Land Use and the Environment
- Planning and Zoning: Study of Land Use Planning & Practices in JDC (1989-90)
- Ground –Water Quality in JDC (1986)

Studies conducted and consensus building continued:

- Landfill Proposals (involving public meetings to educate residents re. the expansion of a landfill near Galena, circulating petitions and mounting an intensive letter-writing campaign. The landfill sale did not take place and EPA closed the landfill site.) (Fall, 1993)
- Children at Risk (2000)
- Breaking the Cycle of Violence (2001)
- Citizen Involvement (2005)
- Immigration in the Tri-State Area (2006)

LWVIL Studies:

- Education (1980s)
- Community Mental Health (1987)
- Early Childhood Intervention (1998)
- KidCare (Illinois program providing health care coverage to children of low-income, working parents)
- Local Government
- Election Administration
- Campaign Finance (2000)
- Death Penalty (2003)
- Pension Study (2012)
- Charter Schools (2014)

LWVUS Studies:

- Agriculture (1987)
- Health Care (1991)
- Education (2011)

Honors Received:

- JDC Bar Association's **Lifetime Liberty Bell Award** in special recognition to persons or organizations with many years of outstanding service to their communities (May, 1997)
- Riverview Center, Inc.'s **Outstanding Community Leadership Award** (for efforts in helping to establish the Mental Health 708 Board) (2001)
- **Making A Difference Award** from LWVIL for our 3-year project on "Smart-Growth for Our County" Roundtable, "Tour de Sprawl" and a citizen education project on the County Comprehensive Plan (at the request of the JDC County Board and chaired by Lu Bleveans and Dick Pouzar) (Summer, 2003)
- **56th Biennium Community Impact Award from the LWVIL** for LWVJDS's "work in engaging and educating its community to appreciate the myriad issues and perspectives triggered by the siting of a mega dairy in Nora, Illinois, including learning more about the geology and hydrology of Jo Daviess County and encouraging science-based stewardship goals to protect water resources in the region." (2013)
- **Awarded the "Effective Community Engagement Award" at the LWVUS 2016 Convention in Washington, D.C.**, for our Water Resource Management Planning efforts in the county.
- **Nutrient Sensor Action Challenge Stage I Prize** of \$10,000 received for winning proposal to conduct continuous nutrient monitoring on the Galena River with low-cost sensors (2017).
- **2018 Blackhawk Hills Regional Council Award** for our water resource management work
- **2018 Watershed Stewardship Award from the Illinois Lake Management Association**

Fundraising Efforts:

- Garage Sales
- “League Day” for shopping (Participating merchants donated 10% of any sale to a customer stating, “This is a League purchase.”) (November, 1981)
- Fund Drive through telephone calls (June, 1985)
- Ads in our “Voter”
- Fudge Booth (1985 – 2005) (201? – current)
- League to League B&B (Summer, 1987)
- Chocoholic Dreams Booth at the June Arts Festival (1989, 1990)
- Silent Auction (1993)
- LWVIL fundraising calls
- “Celebrating People, Products and Progress in JDC” dinner (2015)
- From 2013 through 2018 received over \$32,000 in donations for water resource management work from various sources (City of Galena, East Dubuque Fertilizer Plant, Galena Lions Club, Grace Episcopal Environmental Committee, John & Marge Cooke, the Oak Lodge Foundation, and other private donors)
- Garage Sales. In 2021, in concern for the efforts of the Covid-19 effect, the decision was made to change our format to “If you need it, take it.” Patrons could make a donation if they were able. This provided our best garage sale ever! It also built community.

Other Activities:

- Sponsored a roundtable on ways to improve service to children and youth in JDC. (3-83)
- Participated in “Great Decisions”.
- Members attended National and State League Conventions.
- Conducted legislative interviews.
- Spearheaded a task force to organize Galena’s ordinances.
- Prepared voters’ guides at election times.
- Walked in Galena’s 4th of July Parades for several years.
- Farm Tour (2002)
- Luncheon series (2003, 2004, 2005)
- State of the County (2002, 2003)
- Held panel on computer voting at the Galena Library (the result of the “Help America Vote Act”). (2002)
- Sponsored Public Dialogue on the U.S. Health Care System leading to Congressional Hearings and action in Springfield. (2006)
- Sponsored forum on “Homeland Security Here at Home.” (2006)
- Sponsored production of the play “Great American 4th of July Parade”. (June, 2008)
- Members attended legislative seminars, regional workshops and leadership workshops.
- Sponsored a Mega Dairy Seminar with panel including representatives from the Illinois E.P.A. and the U.S.D.A., held at the Galena Middle School. (June, 2011)
- Members attended LWVIL issues briefings (2012, 2014-2017)
- Members attended LWVIL “State of the State” Luncheons (2013-2017)
- Members attended LWVIL conventions (2013, 2015, 2017)
- Coordinated an all-day tour for Ralph Martire with the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, to educate on the need for a Graduated Rate Income Tax amendment to the Illinois Constitution. (2014)
- Sponsored a Gun Violence Prevention Panel Discussion with over 100 attendees (2014)
- Participated in and LWVIL Membership/Leadership Development training and implementation
- Worked with Galena Rotary Club to offer daylong conference, *Water: We're All in the Same Boat* (2017).

Other Activities Continued:

- Initiated and led process to create the *Galena River Watershed Plan: Phase I* supported with \$38,000 Clean Water Act Section 319 grant funding through the Illinois EPA (completed in September, 2018).
- Initiated (in 2016) and led the formation of a farmer-led group in the Galena area, the "Soil & Water Health Coalition" and coordinated educational events with \$20,000 grant funding support through the US Fish & Wildlife Services Fishers & Farmers program.
- Created Jo Daviess County karst feature database in 2016 and continue to populate with data (springs, caves & sinkholes) as a model for the Driftless Area. \$17,000 in grant funding support from the US Fish & Wildlife Fish Habitat Assessment program has been received to date for this work.
- Conducted water sampling project on the Galena River and tributaries in the summer of 2017 and again in the spring of 2018 to analyze for nutrients.
- Worked with farmers in Galena River watershed area in the fall of 2018 to plant 100 new acres of cover crops as a best management practice expected to improve soil health and water quality.
- We started a book club of members and non-members, meeting every other month. Books read have a them that we can relate our goals and stands as a League. This includes books of fiction as well as non-fiction. (2020-2021)

Working with Other Groups:

- Worked with the County Comprehensive Planning Committee.
- Participated in Child Welfare Roundtable led by the LWVIL. (3-83)
- Worked with the LWV of Dubuque on the Arms Control Study.
- Joined with others to see that a 708 Board was established.
- Provided a panelist for the JDC Joint Law Enforcement Association's State's Attorney race presentation.
- Served as tour guides for Top of the State Tour by 40 legislators (sponsored by the Community Development Fund of Galena).
- Joined the Driftless Area Partnership on committee to set up educational conferences to gather citizen input on County Land Use Management for the 21st Century Plan. (1998),
- Conducted a bus tour on land use "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly." (Sept., 1998)
- Co-sponsored a Kidcare Forum with the Galena Library.
- Co-hosted a forum on outdoor lighting and drafting a strong proposal for lighting with International Dark Skies Association.
- Suggested the 2001 Rotary Roundtable program of "Smart Growth for Our County" as follow-up to our "Tour de Sprawl: Working Together for Smart Growth."
- Sponsored Voter Education Forums with the Galena Chamber of Commerce on: 1) Proposed sales tax increase and 2) Highland Community College referendum. (2004)
- Co-sponsored "Challenges for a New Millennium" with the LWV of Dubuque, Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation, JDC Natural Area Guardians, Sierra Club and the Dubuque Audubon Society.
- Sponsored viewing of the movie "Iron-Jawed Angels" recounting the struggle of suffragists who fought for the 19th Amendment. (2005)
- Participated in the Take Five Series on the Environment." (2006)
- Hosted forum on possible ordinance to make Galena's commercial establishments smoke-free, at the request of Galena City Council. (September, 2006)

Working with Other Groups Continued:

- Our members Kathy Pearson, Julie Bruser, B'Ann Dittmar and Bev Mellskog worked on the Rotary Roundtable planning committee for the 2008 roundtable on the structure of the JDC Board.
- Kathy Pearson represented the League on the Jo Daviess County Board committee researching, studying and making recommendations to the Board on board structure (2009)
- Water Protection Partnership convened (2013)
- Two-year Water Resource Planning Project commenced, including Illinois EPA-approved surveys given to all township boards and city councils, resort core boards and the county board. Every-other-month committee meetings of stakeholders were held to set goals, objectives and an action plan for a county-wide water resource management plan completed in 2016. (2014)
- Provided booth at Galena Earth Day celebrations (2013-2017)
- Presented an interactive forum ("The Land and Water Beneath Us") with the Illinois Water and Geological Survey scientists as presenters. (2103)
- Sponsored a luncheon and made a presentation to the Prairie Institute Retreat in JDC
- Sponsored a teleconference with Dr. Lynn Haefele, Classrooms First Task Force, for county superintendents and school board members to explore cost savings through cooperation. (2013)
- Several members participated in a Rotary Roundtable on Illinois" Fiscal Crisis.
- Co-sponsored a meeting on the Affordable Care Act and Health Insurance Marketplace with Midwest Medical Center and JDC Health Department. (2013-2014)
- Booklet sponsor and attendees on the Geological Survey Field Trip (2014)
- Co-sponsored, with the LWV of Dubuque, two public programs on storm water management.
- The boards of the LWV of Dubuque and LWV of JDC worked with other Leagues to form a League of Women Voters Upper Mississippi River Region Inter-League Organization (2014-2015)
Sponsored first annual meeting of the UMRR ILO (October, 2015)
- Applied for a grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife to complete spring testing in Jo Daviess County. (2015)
- LWV of JDC named a Watershed Leader on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife website "Fishers and Farmers" (2016)
- Co-sponsored a regional conference on water issues in the Upper Mississippi River Watershed with the Galena Rotary Club. (2017)
- Worked with University of Minnesota Extension personnel to organize the training of 47 Watershed Game facilitators from Jo Daviess County and other communities in Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois.
- Participate actively in the Watershed Leaders Network, which brings a multi-state group of farmers and those working in watersheds together.

Advocacy:

- Supported and evaluated the County Board's implementation of the County Comprehensive Plan.
- Lobbied for the Equal Rights Amendment. (2005)
- Voices for Children: Worked to increase public awareness of needs and provide information about resources
- Worked on Health Care: Dick Pouzar testified. (2006)
- Secured an Illinois Pollution Control Board hearing for Elizabeth, IL regarding the suitability of a CAFO near Nora, providing some of the testimony. (2012)
- Sent members to Springfield to lobby for a GRIT amendment on the November, 2014 ballot.
- Members passed petitions to get the Fair Map Amendment on the ballot. (2014 and 2016)
- Equal Rights Amendment (2017-2018)
- Abolishment of the Electoral College (2018 – current)

Advocacy continued:

- Our League was represented by John and Bonnie Cox and Kathy Pearson as part of the 55+ statewide members of IWWIL's committee to pass the Fair Tax in 2020. Working in a coalition of scores of other committees and organizations, they logged many hours of meetings and actions, including: writing letters to the editor, getting "Vote" yard signs up around the county and urging people, through social media, to vote for the amendment. Though ultimately unsuccessful, the League will again pursue this as soon as it comes up in Illinois. (2020)
- Started a Mental Health Committee to examine mental health services in Jo Daviess County. We act as a facilitator for whatever interested people would like to work on this issue, as well as League members, to come together to learn what exists and what might advocate for in the way of services. (2021)

Outreach:

- Joined Facebook (January, 2012)
- The LWV of Jo Daviess County website went online. (2016)
- Bi-monthly newsletters
- Email sent to members as League issues and activities arise

League Work Leads to...

- Marge Hospodar began as an observer of the Oak Park Zoning Board and eventually became a member and chair of that board.
- Judy Gratton began as an observer of the JDC Board and went on to get elected to the board and become its first female chair.
- Bonnie Cox served on the board of LWVIL board of directors (2013-2017) and as LWVIL president. (2017-2019)

Prepared by: Kathy Pearson, March, 2010

*Updated by: Bonnie Cox, December, 2015 and January, 2017
Kathy Pearson, 2018, Beth Baranski, 2018
Committee, 2021*

PRINCIPLES of the LWVUS

The League of Women Voters believes in representative government and in the individual liberties established in the Constitution of the United States. The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that all powers of the U.S. government should be exercised within the constitutional framework of a balance among the three branches of government: legislative, executive, and judicial.

The League of Women Voters believes that democratic government depends upon informed and active participation in government and requires that governmental bodies protect the citizen's right to know by giving adequate notice of proposed actions, holding open meetings and making public records accessible.

The League of Women Voters believes that every citizen should be protected in the right to vote; that every person should have access to free public education that provides equal opportunity for all; and that no person or group should suffer legal, economic or administrative discrimination.

The League of Women Voters believes that efficient and economical government requires competent personnel, the clear assignment of responsibility, adequate financing, and coordination among the different agencies and levels of government.

The League of Women Voters believes that responsible government should be responsive to the will of the people. Government should maintain an equitable and flexible system of taxation, promote the conservation and development of natural resources in the public interest, share in the solution of economic and social problems that affect the general welfare, promote a sound economy and adopt domestic policies that facilitate the solution of international problems.

The League of Women Voters believes that cooperation with other nations is essential in the search for solutions to world problems and that development of international organization and international law is imperative in the promotion of world peace.

WHERE DO THE PRINCIPLES COME FROM?

The Principles are "concepts of government" to which the League subscribes. They are a descendant of the Platform, which served from 1942 to 1946 as the national repository for "principles supported, and positions taken by the League as a whole in fields of government to which it has given sustained attention." Since then, the Principles have served two functions, according to the LWVUS Bylaws:

- Authorization for adoption of national, state and local program (Article XII)
- A basis for taking action at the national, state and local levels (Article XII).

The appropriate Board authorizes action to implement the Principles once it determines that member understanding and agreement do exist, and that action is appropriate. As with other action, when there are ramifications beyond a League's own government jurisdiction, that League should consult other Leagues affected.

The National Board suggests that any action on the Principles be taken in conjunction with current League positions to which they apply and on which member agreement and understanding are known to exist. The Principles are rather broad when standing alone, so it is necessary to exercise caution when considering using them as a basis for action.

Furthermore, since 1974, most of the Principles have been an integral part of the national program, most notably in the criteria for evaluating government that appear at the end of the summary of public policy positions which is available on www.lwv.org.

YEAR 2021 IN REVIEW.

The Pandemic continued to have long-reaching effects on our activities. As we approach our annual meeting, we still have not had any in-person general meetings and the Board has convened mostly by Zoom. Nevertheless, we have continued to inform and educate both members and the public as we stayed abreast of ongoing issues.

January 23: Our 40th Annual Meeting was held virtually on Zoom with a business meeting including election of new board of directors. A presentation and panel discussion followed on the State of Mental Health in Jo Daviess County. Participating in the panel were Stephanie Cocagne, Colleen Farrell, Hesper Nowatzki, and Scott Toot. The panel discussion garnered much interest from members and sparked the creation of a new local committee to continue to research and develop programs to increase access to mental health services in the county.

February 10: Book Club – Blowout, by Rachel Maddow

March and April: The League encouraged participation in local elections.

April 14: Book Club – The Underground Railroad, by Colson Whitehead

April 24: Coffee and Conversations with Rep. Cheri Bustos: An online virtual gathering was held for new and current LWVJDC members to share the history of the League nationally and locally. Our District 17 Congresswoman Cheri Bustos then addressed the participants to share her thoughts on leadership and civic engagement.

Spring: The League facilitated the formation of a Mental Health Committee for the County to examine mental health, local mental health access and make recommendations over time. The committee, chaired by League member Stephanie Cocagne, meets approximately monthly with the League serving as its convener.

May 20: The League urged support of the “Clean Energy Jobs Act” (CEJA) with a letter to the editor of the Galena Gazette and to state elected officials.

June 11-13: The (almost) annual LWVJDC Yard Sale fundraiser was held under the leadership of Bonnie Cox. In light of the challenges of the previous year, the sale was held as a Recycle, Reuse, Repurpose event inviting participants to take what they need or could use and leave a donation only if able and desired to do so. It turned out to be a tremendous success both financially and in terms of building community goodwill. As a result, the board decided to hold future yard sales with the same theme and process.

June 12-13: Board members Shari Kochman and Kathy Pearson attended the virtual State of Illinois League Convention.

August 11: Book Club – Urban Tidepool, by Nancy Mullen. The author joined us for this Zoom discussion, read excerpts and answered questions.

October 6: Book Club – The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek, by Kim Michele Richardson

October 9-10: Country Fair Fudge Booth fundraiser. The League held its major fundraiser at the Galena Country Fair making and selling fudge. Tremendous appreciation goes out to Karen Walters and Char Goode for co-chairing the effort and to the many volunteers who made it possible. The weather on Saturday resulted in an enormous crowd and robust sales. The rainy weather on Sunday dampened activities, but still resulted in a successful effort to both raise money and awareness of the LWVJDC.

Water Work Update –

The scientists, GIS specialists, and League water program lead, Beth Baranski, celebrated completion of the webApp map containing the karst feature data layers and the video project to make the public aware of the Jo Daviess County Karst Feature Database data content and availability. The video even includes drone footage! The final film, photos, and narrative are being developed. Datasets and metadata are being prepared for publication online and will be hosted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

In July, the U.S. Geological Survey completed their collection of samples on the Galena River to analyze for a suite of nutrients under the League's Illinois EPA grant. The U.S. Geological Survey staff will create a report summarizing the findings.

Beth is working with others on the creation of a Driftless Area Karst Trail. This year (extended into 2022 as well because of COVID) is the International Year of Caves and Karst.

University of Wisconsin Platteville made a \$5,000 contribution to the farmer group (Jo Daviess County Soil & Water Health Coalition) outreach. \$10,000 will be received for a cover crop incentive program. This is a three year program.

The League, with Beth's lead, is working on plans to create endowments with the remaining grant funds to ensure that county resource management and Galena River watershed planning and implementation projects continue in perpetuity.

We thank the many members who support our League of Women Voters in Jo Daviess County! We are grateful for the help and support you give your local league. The following acknowledgements are for special services provided to us:

Throughout the year, our members have continued to work on the Jo Daviess County Water Resource Management Plan, including collaboration with other Leagues in the area around the Mississippi watershed. Beth Baranski, Bonnie Cox, and Judy Gratton are leaders from our LWVJDC.

We have maintained an active online presence with our new LWVJDC Website, constructed in 2019 and managed by Irene Thraen-Borowski, www.lwvjodaviess.org, and our Facebook page, also managed by Irene Thraen-Borowski, League of Women Voters of Jo Daviess County.

We're grateful for Alice Pearson Lundh, who uses her communication skills to help us organize, format, and send our newsletters, now coming on a regular basis. We're thankful that Alice will continue as LWVJDC Board Secretary.

We also thank our Issues, Action, and Candidate Forum Chairperson Kathy Pearson. Kathy organizes our forums, when we have candidates who agree to participate, and coordinates Call to Action emails.

Our Board of Directors faithfully led our local LWV with monthly board meetings to plan, coordinate, and evaluate our role in the Jo Daviess County community. All members are welcome at board meetings. You can contact our board President for meeting specifics and how to attend. Thank you to our local board leaders of 2021: Shari Kochman, President; Kathy Pearson, Vice President; Alice Lundh, Secretary; Judy Gratton and Karen Walters, co-treasurers; Amy Alderman and Irene Thraen-Borowski.

Thank you to our nominating committee: Chairperson Sue Cording, Diann Marsh, Charlene Price, and LWV Board Member Irene Thraen-Borowski.

2021 Budget

LWV of JO DAVIESS COUNTY			
BUDGET 2021			
INCOME	BUDGET 2020	ACTUALS 2020 through 10/31/2020	BUDGET 2021
ANNUAL MEETING	\$600.00	\$580.00	\$0.00
COUNTRY FAIR	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
GIFTS/CONTRIBUTIONS	\$350.00	\$72.25	\$350.00
MEMBER DUES	\$2,910.00	\$1,647.96	\$2,800.00
GARAGE SALE	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$6,560.00	\$2,300.21	\$5,750.00
EXPENSES			
ANNUAL MEETING	\$800.00	\$699.60	\$619.40
AUDIT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DUES & DINNER	\$200.00	\$95.00	\$200.00
COUNTRY FAIR	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
DUES ASSISTANCE	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
GARAGE SALE	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
GIFTS/CONTRIBUTIONS	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
GENERAL OPERATIONS	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
LWVIL CONVENTION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
LWVIL INSURANCE		\$46.00	\$80.00
LWVIL 100TH FUNDRAISER	\$334.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE CONTEST AWARDS	\$220.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
LWVUS CONVENTION	\$1,200.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
MEMBERSHIP/LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
MOCK ELECTIONS	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ONLINE MEDIA	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
PER MEMBER PAYMENTS-US&IL	\$3,570.00	\$2,656.00	\$4,224.00
POSTAGE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
PROGRAM/PUBLIC EVENTS	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
PRINTING	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
UMRR ILO	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
VOTER SERVICES	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
WEBSITE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$9,709.00	\$3,681.60	\$9,158.40
BUDGET DEFICIT	\$3,149.00	\$1,381.39	\$3,408.40
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE 12-31-19		\$7,179.16	

Proposed 2022 Budget

LWV of JO DAVIESS COUNTY			
BUDGET January 1, 2022-June 30, 2022			
INCOME	BUDGET 2021	ACTUALS 2021	BUDGET JUNE 30,2022
		through 9/8/2021	
ANNUAL MEETING	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
COUNTRY FAIR	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
GIFTS/CONTRIBUTIONS	\$350.00	\$373.60	\$150.00
MEMBER DUES	\$2,800.00	\$2,525.94	\$0.00
GARAGE SALE	\$1,000.00	\$2,353.81	\$0.00
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$5,750.00	\$5,453.35	\$250.00
EXPENSES			
ANNUAL MEETING	\$619.40	\$350.00	\$150.00
AUDIT	\$0.00	\$0.00	DELETE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DUES & DINNER	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
COUNTRY FAIR	\$650.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
DUES ASSISTANCE	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
GARAGE SALE	\$50.00	\$144.00	\$0.00
GIFTS/CONTRIBUTIONS	\$100.00	\$54.00	\$100.00
GENERAL OPERATIONS	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
LWVIL CONVENTION	\$1,500.00	\$40.00	\$0.00
LWVIL INSURANCE	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
LWVIL 100TH FUNDRAISER	\$0.00	\$0.00	DELETE
100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE			
CONTEST AWARDS	\$0.00	\$0.00	DELETE
LWVUS CONVENTION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
MEMBERSHIP/LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
MOCK ELECTIONS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ONLINE MEDIA	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
PER MEMBER PAYMENTS-US&IL	\$4,224.00	\$2,784.00	\$0.00
POSTAGE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
PROGRAM/PUBLIC EVENTS/MENTAL HEALTH	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
PRINTING	\$150.00	\$144.60	\$150.00
UMRR ILO	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
VOTER SERVICES	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
WEBSITE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$540.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$9,158.40	\$3,621.60	\$2,595.00
BUDGET DEFICIT	\$3,408.40		\$2,345.00
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE 12-31-20	\$7,669.05		
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE 9-8-21	\$9,560.80		

**LWVJDC Where We Stand
Our Program Positions**

**PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN JO
DAVISS COUNTY**

Position:

The League supports legislation, funding, and administration of a wide range of prevention and early intervention mental health services in order to meet the needs of the residents of Jo Daviess County. These services should be provided by qualified personnel working for private and governmental agencies and organizations, as well as individual health care providers. The League supports the use of all possible funding sources, but favors a strong base of continuous local funding. (Late 1980s)

**PLANNING AND ZONING: STUDY OF LAND USE PLANNING AND PRACTICES IN
JO DAVIESS COUNTY**

Position:

The League supports the principles of sound land use planning and zoning to guide growth management in Jo Daviess County. A zoning ordinance should make adequate provision for open space and buffer zones to preserve the rural character of the county, and for the removal of abandoned and non-conforming signs. Group homes should be permitted in residential districts. The League supports the hiring of a full time professional zoning administrator who meets high and clearly defined qualifications. (1988)

**GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION AND THE POTENTIAL FOR CONTAMINATION
IN JO DAVIESS COUNTY**

Position:

The League supports a wide range of measures to control potential sources of groundwater contamination in Jo Daviess County. Both existing and future county and city ordinances which influence groundwater quality should be consistently enforced. The League supports efforts to educate residents of Jo Daviess County about groundwater contamination and methods to reduce potential sources of contamination. The League opposes local control of landfill operations. (1991)

Re-adopted: February 2021

LWV of JDC SUGGESTED PROGRAM for 2022

1. Access to Mental Health Services in Jo Daviess County

- a. Research mental health services currently available
- b. Increase knowledge of how to access services

Program Position Basis:

The League supports legislation, funding, and administration of a wide range of prevention and early intervention mental health services in order to meet the needs of the residents of Jo Daviess County. These services should be provided by qualified personnel working for private and governmental agencies and organizations, as well as individual health care providers. The League supports the use of all possible funding sources but favors a strong base of continuous local funding. (Late 1980s)

2. Natural Resources

- a. Continue local water quality projects as outlined in the Jo Daviess County Water Resource Management Plan's Action Plan.
- b. Continue work on curbing nutrient pollution.

Program Position Basis:

"LWVIL Where We Stand 2011-2013", pg. 34: Support measures to reduce pollution to protect surface water, groundwater and drinking water.

LWVJDC Position: The League supports a wide range of measures to control potential sources of groundwater contamination in Jo Daviess County. Both existing and future county and city ordinances which influence groundwater quality should be consistently enforced. The League supports efforts to educate residents of Jo Daviess County about groundwater contamination and methods to reduce potential sources of contamination. The League opposes local control of landfill operations. (1991)

League of Women Voters: Jo Daviess County
Proposed Slate of Officers FOR JANUARY 1-JUNE 30, 2022
Annual Meeting: November 6, 2021

Board Positions:

President: Shari Kochman

1st VP (Action and Voter Services): Kathy Pearson

Secretary: Alice Lundh

Treasurer: Judy Gratton

At-Large Director: Janet Eggleston

At-Large Director: Irene Thraen-Borowski

Nominating Committee:

Sue Cording

Diann Marsh

Charlene Price

Representative from Board of Directors: Irene Thraen-Borowski

Respectfully submitted by Nominating Committee: Sue Cording, Charlene Price, Diann Marsh, Irene Thraen-Borowski

Proposed 2022 Calendar

All LWV events are either virtual or tentative for 2022 and may fluctuate based on the science and safety for our members, as well as the public at large.

Watch for details in the bi-monthly digital newsletter, Facebook page, and on our website.

*** Changes and updates will be posted on these platforms.**

February 2	Book Club
February	Coffee and Conversations: A meeting for New and Prospective Members
March	Possible Candidate Forums for Local Elections
April 6	Book Club
April 22	Earth Day, LWV Booth---LWVJDC Voter Registration Table
May	Annual Meeting
Summer	LWVJDC Garage Sale
June 1	Book Club
June 23 - 26	LWVUS Convention (Hybrid, in-person component in Denver)

*likely events in our 2022-2023 fiscal year if the fiscal year change is approved.

August 3	Book Club
October 5	Book Club
October 8 - 9	Jo Daviess Country Fair and LWV Fudge Booth
October	Possible Candidates Forum for State & National Elections
December 7	Book Club

Continued work through the year on the LWV led “Water Resource Management Plan” for Jo Daviess County and coordinated actions with the LWVIL, LWVUS, and LWV—Upper Mississippi River Region ILO.

All Members are invited to attend monthly board meetings. Contact the board president for specific information.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF JO DAVIESS COUNTY
BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

Sec. 1 Name. The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters of Jo Daviess County, hereinafter referred to in these bylaws as LWVJDC. The LWVJDC is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States and of the League of Women Voters of Illinois.

ARTICLE II

Sec. 1 Purposes. The purposes of the League of Women Voters of Jo Daviess County are to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

Sec. 2 Policy. The League of Women Voters of Jo Daviess County shall not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

ARTICLE III
Membership

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

Sec. 2 Types of Membership.

a. Voting Members. Persons at least 16 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local Leagues, state Leagues and of the LWVUS as follows: 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 of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues.

b. Associate members. All others who join the League shall be associate members.

ARTICLE IV
Board of Directors

Sec. 1 Number, Manner of Selection and Terms of Office. The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers of the League and no more than four appointed directors, as they deem necessary to carry out the work of the League. The terms of office of the appointed directors shall be one year and

shall expire at the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting. The terms of office of the elected officers shall begin following the annual meeting at which the officers were elected.

- Sec. 2 Qualifications. No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an officer or director of this organization unless that person is a voting member of the League of Women Voters of Jo Daviess County.
- Sec. 3 Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors by reason of the resignation, death, or disqualification of an officer or elected member may be filled, until the next Annual Meeting, by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors. Three consecutive absences from a Board meeting by any member without a valid reason shall be deemed a resignation.
- Sec. 4 Powers and Duties.
a) The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the organization, with full power and authority to manage general membership. The Board of Directors shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the Program adopted by the national convention, the state convention, and the Annual meeting. The Board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.
b) Appointed directors shall accept portfolios as designated by the President and the Board.
- Sec. 5 Meetings. There shall be at least nine regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The President or Co-Presidents may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of three members of the Board. Meetings and votes may be conducted electronically, as needed, and quorum rules shall apply to such meetings. A quorum shall consist of 50% plus one of the Board of Directors.
- Sec. 6 Executive Committee. The officers shall constitute an executive committee which shall meet at the call of the President or Co-Presidents or any other two officers.

ARTICLE V Officers

- Sec. 1 Enumeration and Election of Officers. The elected officers of the League of Women Voters of Jo Daviess County shall be a President or Co-Presidents, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, Third Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall be elected for terms of one year by the general membership at the Annual Meeting and shall take office immediately.

- Sec. 2 The President or Co-Presidents. The President or a Co-President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the Board of Directors. The President or a Co-President may, in the absence or disability of the Treasurer appoint a director in their stead, sign or endorse checks, drafts and notes, and shall be, ex officio, a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. The President or Co-Presidents shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office and perform such duties as may be designated by the Board.
- Sec. 3 The Vice-Presidents. There may be three Vice-Presidents. The First Vice-President shall, in the event of absence, disability or death of the President, possess all the powers and perform all the duties of that office until such time as the Board of Directors shall select one of its members to fill the vacancy until the next Annual Meeting. The Vice-Presidents shall perform such other duties as the President and the Board may designate.
- Sec. 4 Secretary. The Secretary shall keep minutes of the Annual Meeting and all of the meetings of the Board, and shall notify all Officers and Directors of their election. The Secretary shall sign, with the President or a Co-President, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board of Directors, and shall perform such other functions as may be incidental to the office.
- Sec. 5 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due and shall be the custodian of these monies, shall deposit them in a bank designated by the Board of Directors, and shall disburse the same only upon order of the Board. The Treasurer shall present statements to the Board at its regular meetings and an annual report to the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VI Executive Committee

- Sect.1 The currently elected officers shall comprise an Executive Committee.
- Sect. 2 This Executive Committee shall have full charge of the property and business of the organization, with full power and authority to manage general membership. The Executive Committee shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the Program adopted by the national convention, the state convention, and the Annual Meeting. The Executive Committee shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.
- Sect. 3 The Executive Committee may add members to its committee as it deems fit.
- Sect. 4 There shall be as many meetings of the Executive Committee as deemed necessary. Meetings can be called by at least two Executive Committee members. A quorum will be a majority of Executive Committee members.

ARTICLE VII
Financial Administration

****The bolded, italicized, red sections are the proposed changes to be voted on at Annual Meeting.***

Sec. 1 Fiscal Year. The Fiscal Year of the League of Women Voters of Jo Daviess County shall commence on January 1st of each year.

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Sec. 2 Dues. The dues, to be set at the annual meeting, shall be payable annually on or by the annual meeting. When two or more members reside at the same address in a common household, the payment determined by the Annual Meeting shall be made for the first member; a payment equal to one-half the dues shall be paid for each other member. The Board shall set the policy regarding the dates after January 1 at which new members shall pay only one-half dues or no dues until the following fiscal year. Any member who fails to pay dues within three months after they become payable shall be dropped from the membership rolls.

Sec. 3 Budget. A budget for the ensuing year, approved by the Board, shall be submitted to the Annual Meeting for adoption. The budget shall include support for the work of the League as a whole.

Sec. 4 Budget Committee. A Budget Committee shall be appointed by the Board at least three months prior to the Annual Meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing year. The proposed budget shall be received by all members at least two weeks before the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall not be eligible to serve as Chairperson of the Budget Committee.

Sec. 4 Budget Committee. A Budget Committee shall be appointed by the President [at least three months] prior to the Annual Meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing year. The proposed budget following approval by the Board, shall be received by all members at least two weeks before the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall [not be eligible to serve as Chairperson of the Budget Committee] be an ex-officio member of the budget committee.

Sec. 5 Annual Audit. The Board shall arrange for an audit or review of the books each year. The auditor may be either a qualified League member or a professional. The Treasurer shall not be eligible to serve in this capacity.

Sec. 5 ~~DELETE~~

Sec. 6 Dissolution. In the event of dissolution for any cause of the League of Women Voters of Jo Daviess County, after payment of all outstanding debts, all

monies and securities owned by the League of Women Voters of Jo Daviess County shall be paid to the League of Women Voters of Illinois.

ARTICLE VIII Meetings

- Sec. 1 General Meetings. The board shall determine the topic, time, place and purpose of general meetings and shall notify members of such meetings.
- Sec. 2 Annual Meetings. An Annual Meeting shall be held each year. The exact date shall be determined by the Board. The Annual Meeting shall:
- a) adopt a local program for the ensuing year,
 - b) elect officers and directors and members of the Nominating Committee
 - c) adopt an adequate budget, and
 - d) transact such other business as may properly come before it.
- Sec. 3 Minutes. The Board of Directors shall approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting at their first Board Meeting following the Annual Meeting.
- Sec. 4 Quorum. For all General Meetings and the Annual Meeting, twenty percent of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IX Nominations and Elections

- Sec. 1 Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of at least three, but not more than five members, with at least one member from the Board of Directors and the remaining committee members from the general membership. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current nominating committee. The committee shall be elected at the annual meeting. Any member may send suggestions for nominations to this committee, whose function is to prepare a slate of nominations for Officers and Directors and the succeeding Nominating Committee to be voted on at the Annual Meeting. Any vacancy on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors.
- Sec. 2 Report of Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor. The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for Officers, Directors, and the members of the succeeding Nominating Committee shall be submitted to all members at least two weeks before the date of the Annual Meeting. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be presented at the Annual Meeting. Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any member, provided the consent of the nominee has been secured.

Sec. 3 Elections. The election at the Annual Meeting shall be by ballot, provided that when there is but one nominee for each office, the Secretary may be instructed to cast the ballot for the entire slate. A majority of those qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election. Absentee or proxy voting will not be permitted.

ARTICLE X Program

Sec. 1 Authorization. The governmental principles adopted by the national convention, and approved by the League as a whole, constitute the authorization of the adoption of the program.

Sec. 2 Program. The Program of the League of Women Voters of Jo Daviess County shall consist of:

- a) action to protect the right to vote for every citizen, and
- b) those governmental issues chosen for concerted study and action.

Sec. 3 Program Making. The Annual Meeting shall act upon the Program using the following procedures:

- a) The Board of Directors shall consider the recommendations proposed by the members two months prior to the Annual Meeting and shall formulate a proposed program.
- b) The proposed program shall be sent to all members at least two weeks before the Annual Meeting.
- c) A majority vote of voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting shall be required for adoption of subjects in the proposed program as presented to the Annual Meeting by the Board of Directors. However, in the case of a program item involving only one local government unit, action shall be as follows: those voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting who live in the governmental jurisdiction involved shall vote on the motion to adopt the item. All voting members present and voting shall then have the opportunity to vote to accept or reject the proposed item.
- d) Recommendations for Program submitted by members two months prior to the Annual Meeting but not recommended by the Board of Directors may be considered by the Annual Meeting provided that: 1) the Annual Meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote; and 2) the Annual Meeting shall adopt the item by a two-thirds vote.
- e) When the Board of Directors determines an issue is of such a serious and urgent nature that it must be dealt with before the next regular program

adoption at the Annual Meeting, the issue may be adopted provided that: 1) information concerning the proposed change has been sent to all members at least two weeks before a general membership meeting at which the change is to be discussed and a vote is to be taken, and 2) the proposed change must be approved by a majority of those voting members present.

Sec. 4 Member Action. Members may act in the name of the League of Women Voters of Jo Daviess County only when authorized to do so by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI

National Convention, State Convention, and State Council

Sec. 1 National Convention. The Board of Directors at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the National office shall select delegates to that Convention in the number allotted to the League of Women Voters of Jo Daviess County under the provisions of the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Sec. 2 State Conventions. The Board of Directors at a meeting before the date on which the names of the delegates must be sent to the State Office shall select delegates to that Convention in the number allotted the League of Women Voters of Jo Daviess County under the provisions of the League of Women Voters of Illinois.

ARTICLE XII

Parliamentary Authority

Sec. 1 Parliamentary Authority. The rules contained in the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws.

ARTICLE XIII

Amendments

Sec. 1 Amendments. These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting, provided the amendments were submitted to the membership in writing at least two weeks in advance of the meeting

Approved: 2/14/82

Revised:

4/26/1984	4/14/1993	11/2006	1/24/2015
4/30/1985	04/1995	11/08/2007	3/21/2017
4/30/1987	10/1999	11/2008	1/27/2018
4/28/1989	11/2000	11/09/2010	1/2019
4/28/1992	11/2001	01/26/2013	2/1/2021

LEAGUE GLOSSARY

ACTION - The League acts (through monitoring, lobbying, litigating) on current program positions and on League Principles.

CONSENSUS - Member agreement reached after sustained study of an issue.

CONCURRENCE - Agreement with a position. Concurrence could come on recommendation of a resource committee, board decision statements and/or positions reached by another league.

CONVENTION – A State or national League meeting held every other year at which delegates elect officers and directors for the biennium, adopt program, make bylaws changes and adopt a budget.

DUES - Payment made by a member to the local League to remain a member in good standing.

EDUCATION FUND – The tax-deductible arm of a League that handles funds to be used only for educational purposes, not for advocacy purposes.

GENERAL MEETING - Meeting for membership at which a speaker is presented or action as a body is taken. At the Annual Meeting, the membership selects officers and adopts local program.

ILO – An Inter-League Organization, formed by local Leagues to act on issues that are beyond the local League's area in scope.

OBSERVER CORPS - A group of League members who sit in on community meetings and make written reports of those meetings. Observers do not participate in the meetings or speak for the League.

PMP - Per Member Payment is a set amount that is paid to the LWVIL and to the LWVUS each year, for each person on our memberships list.

POSITION - The League's point of view on an issue. Positions are broad statements which reflect the consensus at which the League arrived as a result of study. Positions are the basis for League action.

PROGRAM - The governmental issues chosen for concerted study and action.

TFA – Time for Action, a request from the LWVUS or LWVIL to take action in support of a position.

VOTERS SERVICE - Activities to encourage an informed and active electorate, including candidate forums, voter registration and speaker forums.

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