



## **League in Action**

1 May 2024

### **Presidents' Message**

Here we are on the brink of summer soon! There's some good opportunities below; be sure to check them out. LWVUS National Convention is just around the corner! The Convention will be a hybrid event held from 27-30 June 2024 at the Washington Hilton ([Washington Hilton](#)). Any League member is eligible to attend LWVUS Convention; but we (LWVAAC) will only pay registration fees for our delegates. Both in-person and virtual delegates have full access to all convention events and the ability to submit motions, debate, and vote on plenary items. There are add-on events not covered by the registration fee: (1) lobby day; (2) Saturday Night Reception; (3) Saturday Night Dinner; and (4) Saturday Night Reception and Dinner Combo.

**If you would like to be a delegate** representing LWVAAC, please email me at [lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com](mailto:lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com). We'll accept folks on a first come, first served basis. Once we have our delegation team assembled, we'll meet together to strategize how we'll cover the Convention.

If you want you to attend as an observer register here:

## [LWVUS National Convention Registration \(2024\)](#)

**Other Convention-Attending Alternatives?** LWVUS is looking for volunteers from local area Leagues to support our upcoming Convention. All volunteers will receive complimentary access to all Convention activities (minus Lobby Day and the Saturday dinner) on the day that they volunteer. Plenary access would be as a non-voting observer only.

If you intend to be a delegate you MUST register and pay. You can still volunteer for non-plenary positions. Delegates can't volunteer for plenary jobs.

Discounted parking will be available for people coming in just to be volunteers.

If you have any questions please email [cdavis@lww.org](mailto:cdavis@lww.org). Click on the Sign-Up Genius link to see what volunteer positions are available.

[Convention Sign-Up \(Sign-Up Genius\)](#)

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

RCV and Elections Working Group Webinar:

### **Ranked Choice Voting Education Event – 8 May**

LWVAAC is hosting the first of three Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) Educational

Events on Wednesday, 8 May, at Lubber Run (Hickory Room) Community Center. The presentation will be provided by the Arlington Elections Office.

**Sign up here:**

[RCV Lubber Run Event \(8 May\)](#)



**Elections Working Group Webinar – 9 May**

On Thursday, **May 9, at 1:00 p.m. ET**, join the [National Academy of Public Administration](#)'s Elections Working Group for another webinar on the Election Administration Workforce.

The fair, secure, and nonpartisan administration of elections is essential for fostering trust in election outcomes. But who are the people we rely on to correctly perform this complicated job, what are their responsibilities, and why are they essential?

Each election has national implications but is a hyperlocal activity that community members support. This webinar will examine the responsibilities of local poll workers and the growing number of challenges they face on the job.

**Sign up here:**

[Poll Workers - The Backbone of Free, Fair, and Secure Elections](#)

## **Annual Meeting – 15 June**

Remember to **'Save the Date' June 15<sup>th</sup>** for our **Annual Meeting**; more information will be forthcoming shortly.

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## **PAST EVENTS**

**If you missed the Alexandria Mayoral Candidate Forum**, you can watch it here on our YouTube Channel:

[Alexandria Mayoral Candidate Event](#)



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## **Did you know that LWVUS has a Climate Interest Group?**

This is a group of interested League members who have made it easy to research, inform and get involved in the issues around climate change:

- Food, Soils & Agriculture
- Water
- Renewable Energy
- Climate Action Plans
- Electrification
- Forests & Wildfires
- Health
- Climate Justice
- Oceans
- Climate Communications

Check out this link:

<https://groups.io/g/lwvclimateteam/wiki/26861>

From this link you can access the QR code to sign up.



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### **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:**

**Don Gurney** will be stepping down as Voter Services Chair this summer. Don has held this position for over seven years and he has done an outstanding job. **Kathy Matusiak** has served alongside Don for that duration of time – especially with the High School Registration effort. **Their combined effort over many years has resulted in thousands of new voters.** As many of you know, voter registration is a key priority for the League. Voter Services includes overall voter registration management, voter education, as well as Get Out The Vote (GOTV) efforts and coordinating logistics and volunteers. We need a dedicated team to step up and take over the voter services. **Please**

**give this opportunity serious consideration;** an inability to fill this position will result in missed opportunities to register voters.

**If you're interested** in this, please contact me (**Pam Berg;** [pberg16@comcast.net](mailto:pberg16@comcast.net)). By starting to get people in place now, there will be plenty of time for careful and systematic turnover and training.

**UPDATE 5/1/24:** We've got a few volunteers for this (thank you!), but we need more – especially for the top leadership position of this function. We have one person available for leadership and overall management of the program; but we would be best served by a team of three so that burden is better managed. To this end, if you're thinking about a leadership role here, you won't be doing it alone.



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### **Other Important Volunteer Opportunities:**

**LWVAAC Election Integrity Committee Chair. Bill Pritchard will be stepping down** as Chair of the Election Integrity Committee. We're very appreciative of everything that Bill has done during his time. As we move forward,

we would like to assemble **all** people interested in election integrity and voter access. There is some overlap in these areas and, as we consider how to move forward, we would like to assemble everyone together for a discussion on how to move forward. **If you're interested** in this, please contact me as [pberg16@comcast.net](mailto:pberg16@comcast.net).

**LWVAAC National Popular Vote (NPV) Lead Coordinator. Marlene Nyman is stepping down as NPV Coordinator.** We thank Marlene for her work in this area!! We need someone willing to become an expert on National Popular Vote (NPV). Don't let that scare you! You do not have to have any experience to start; only a commitment to learn about it and build expertise over time. This is an issue very likely to make serious headway in Virginia in the near future. See here also: <https://www.nationalpopularvote.com/>  
Please contact me at [pberg16@comcast.net](mailto:pberg16@comcast.net).

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## News from National



An agenda for the 56th Biennial League of Women Voters National Convention in Washington, DC, and online, June 27 – 30, is now available!



## LWV CONVENTION 2024 AGENDA

League members are invited to attend National Convention as voting delegates or as observers. Check out the [registration information on the Convention website](#) to learn more. Registration is open until June 10.

### **Announcing Special Speaker Kimberly Teehee**

We're also excited to announce our special [Saturday dinner speaker](#), Kimberly Teehee! Ms. Teehee is director of government relations for the Cherokee Nation and senior vice president of government relations for Cherokee Nation Businesses, as well as a delegate-designate to the US House of Representatives from the Cherokee Nation. We are honored to have Ms. Teehee as our special guest at our Saturday dinner. Be sure to add a Saturday dinner registration option to your Convention registration to join us!

### **Program Planning Recommendations**

League program is the education and advocacy platform that the League of Women Voters adopts during each biennial Convention to move our mission forward. [Find the proposed program on the Convention website](#), along with details.

An email listserv has been created for Leagues proposing studies and concurrences to post information on their proposals and for all League members to review and engage in discussion. League members may [join the](#)

[listserv \(groups.io\) here](#). For any questions concerning program, email [progplan@lww.org](mailto:progplan@lww.org).

### **Recommended Board & Nominating Committee Slate**

The LWWUS Nominating Committee is pleased to present the slate of officers directors, and nominating committee members for 2024 – 2026. Read their short bios and nomination statements [on the Convention website](#).

### **Proposed Bylaws Amendments**

The Convention bylaws report is now available [on the Convention website](#). This report includes bylaws amendments proposed by the LWWUS Board to be voted on by delegates at Convention.

### **Resolutions**

The LWWUS Convention Resolutions process will open in May. LWWUS staff will outline the resolutions process, requirements, committee selection, and key dates in a [webinar on Friday, April 26](#) (moved from April 19). An additional webinar will be held in May, and office hours will be held leading up to the final deadline. See the [resolutions page](#) on the Convention website to sign up for these events.

All information related to National Convention, including registration and hotel bookings, can be found on the [Convention Website](#).

In League,

**The LWWUS Team**

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## Your Democracy Update

[LWVUS May, 2024 Highlightsa](#)

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## LWV VA May 2024 Virginia Voter

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## LWVAAC BOOK GROUP

Arlington/Alexandria City League Book Club is chaired by **Pam Berg**. Want to join? **Email Pam** at [pberg16@comcast.net](mailto:pberg16@comcast.net). Book Club meets every third Sunday at 2:00 PM via Zoom (link will be provided).

**The next meeting is TBA.**

Our next book is *Feminist Theory* by Bell Hooks.

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## Look for next newsletter May 15

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