## Updating you on LWV Dues Structure – July 2024

Some big changes coming! Please read this.

If you attended the Annual Meeting in May you heard about the changes coming to the registration/dues structure, starting with your next membership renewal. Currently most League members renew (ideally) at the start of our fiscal year; for us that's April 1. The local League collects the dues, and the State and National Leagues bill us on a yearly basis for a percentage of the dues. This is how the dues are distribued currently: National: 45% State: 43% Local: 12% That means, from a standard \$70 membership, the LWV Greater Green Bay keeps \$8.

With the upcoming change, League members will renew their membership <u>on the anniversary</u> <u>date of their last renewal</u>. So, if you renewed at our Annual Meeting – May 18, 2024 – your next renewal date will be May 18, 2025. And instead of the local League collecting your dues and paying State and National, you will pay directly to National, and they will pay the state and local organizations. That means our sustaining membership will be going away.

A Pay-What-You-Can model for dues will now be implemented, with a recommended amount of \$75 per person, but allowing people to pay as low as \$20 to join the League. Dues will be distributed as follows: National: 33% State: 47% Local: 20%

With the new structure we will see an **increase in the percentage** of dues we're receiving, although, depending on how much people choose to pay, we might see **an overall** *decrease* in the amount we get locally. We also have quite a few members who currently pay the sustaining membership – which is going away. With the new model, **a separate donation** to the local League will be required if you've historically supported us with a sustaining membership and would like to continue to provide that support.

We will continue to provide more information as it becomes available, but you can find the most <u>up-to-date information here</u>.