

# Annual Meeting Votes: Rules, Program, Budget, Slate

Following the patterns of League chapters all over the US, LWVCM will conduct its annual meeting using Robert's Rules of Order and the provisions of the Annual Meeting Rules (if approved by the membership). The requirements of the annual meeting, according to the LWVCM by-laws, are to adopt a program, to which the board has added areas of focus, approve a budget and elect officers for the next year. The membership also will be asked to approve rules for the meeting and minutes of the annual meeting in 2018.

## **ANNUAL MEETING RULES**

1. Only League members may debate and vote on business to come before this meeting.
2. A motion must be seconded. Most motions can be amended. There will be a limit of one amendment to an amendment of a primary motion. If additional changes should be made, a new amendment should be proposed.
3. PROGRAM DEBATE
  - (1) A speaker may speak for or against a program item.
  - (2) A speaker may speak for two minutes and may not speak again until all others who wish to be heard on that item have had a chance to do so.
  - (3) The chair will recognize pros and cons alternately during debate.
  - (4) Program debate will be limited to one hour. If members wish to extend the time for program debate, a motion to this effect will be entertained by the chair.
  - (5) If members wish to consider a non-recommended item, a motion must be made to consider the item. A majority of members present must approve such consideration.
  - (6) After all motions are made, program debate will begin.
  - (7) Debate on current positions will be limited to four minutes per item.
  - (8) Debate on new program items will be limited to 15 minutes on each issue.
  - (9) If a non-recommended item is approved for consideration, debate on that item will be limited to 10 minutes.
  - (10) A majority vote is required to adopt each recommended program item. A two-thirds majority is required to adopt a non-recommended item that members have voted to consider.
4. Discussion and vote under program direction to the board will be limited to 10 minutes, unless members vote to extend discussion.