



# OHIO VOTER

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## Special 2016 Election Edition

### Outreach to Purged & Infrequent Voters

Ohio voters face a new challenge this year. Hundreds of thousands of Ohio voters think they are registered but will be surprised to discover they are no longer on the rolls. Ohio has a troubling policy of removing or “purging” voter registrations of people who do not vote for a few years. This state policy is the subject of an ongoing lawsuit (see story on page 2).

The number of Ohio voters impacted is staggering. Approximately 400,000 names were removed last year. Close to 2 million have been removed since the 2008 election. And another 1.3 million Ohioans have not voted since 2012 and are in the pipeline for the next purge (barring court intervention) if they do not vote this year.

While we would love to see citizens vote in every election, the state should not be in the business of punishing eligible voters for skipping some years.

LWV Ohio believes we have a duty to do something to help these voters, because we do not want to have an onslaught of eligible would-be voters turned away on Election Day as “not registered” when they in fact they did legally register and were purged for being infrequent.

That is why LWV Ohio together with our partners at the Ohio Voter Rights Coalition are coordinating a statewide outreach campaign to contact all infrequent voters in Ohio to get them re-registered. League members around the state volunteered to make phone calls, knock on doors, and send mailers to urge these voters to update their registration by the October 11 deadline. Many thanks to everyone who helped with this voter outreach effort!

### Statewide races this year:

**U.S. Senate:** Incumbent Senator Rob Portman (R) faces challengers Ted Strickland (D), Joseph DeMare (G), Scott Rupert (non-party), Tom Connors (non-party), and James Stahl (write-in).

**Ohio Supreme Court:** There are three seats on this year’s ballot.

- Incumbent Chief Justice Maureen O’Connor is running unopposed for re-election.
- Current Justices Paul Pfeiffer and Judith Lanzinger have reached the mandatory retirement age, so there are two open seats.
  - Seat 1: Patrick F. Fischer or John O’Donnell
  - Seat 2: Pat DeWine or Cynthia W. Rice

**Issues:** There are no statewide ballot issues this year.

### Early Voting Schedule

#### **Weekdays:**

8am-5pm, Oct. 12-14 & 17-21  
 8am-6pm, Oct. 24-28  
 8am-7pm, Oct. 31 - Nov. 4  
 8am-2pm, Mon. Nov. 7

#### **Weekends:**

Sat. 10/29, 8am-4pm  
 Sun. 10/30, 1-5pm  
 Sat. 11/5, 8am-4pm  
 Sun. 11/6, 1-5pm

### Vote411 Rolls out Statewide!

As part of our commitment to better serve all Ohio voters, we did something new this year. LWV Ohio is providing Vote411 voters’ guide coverage to all corners of Ohio.

For areas not served by a local League, the LWVO board and staff assumed responsibility for providing voters’ guide coverage to those additional federal and state legislative districts, bringing LWV’s trusted voter service to parts of the state not previously served. So this year we are truly serving all Ohio voters!

## Election-related Lawsuit Updates

There have been four major election lawsuits so far this election season in Ohio. Here is the current status as of our mid-September publication date. Please check our website, [www.lwvohio.org](http://www.lwvohio.org), for up-to-the-minute news on this and other cases that may be filed.

### Golden Week Gone

It was off, then on, and now off again. The Ohio Democratic Party (ODP) filed suit to restore “Golden Week,” the first week of early voting that preceded the voter registration deadline, in which voters could register and vote at the same time. The legislature passed SB 238 last session to eliminate Golden Week and set early voting to begin the day after the registration deadline. ODP convinced the federal district court to restore Golden Week, but the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals reversed. ODP asked the US Supreme Court for an emergency ruling to restore Golden Week pending an appeal of the 6th Circuit decision, but the high court declined.

—> **What this means for voters:** For this fall, absentee and early voting will begin on October 12, the day after the October 11 voter registration deadline.

### Voter Purge

The ACLU of Ohio, Demos, A. Phillip Randolph Institute, and other voter rights groups filed suit against the state, challenging Ohio’s use of voter inactivity as a basis to purge voters from the rolls. The lower court judge ruled in favor of the state, and voter advocates appealed. The US Department of Justice filed a friend-of-the-court brief agreeing with plaintiffs that it was unlawful for the state to remove names from the registration list for failing to vote for a period of time. LWVUS, Common Cause, and Project Vote also filed a friend-of-the-court brief arguing that voters should only be removed if they cease to be eligible, not because they choose not to vote every year. On September 23, the Appeals Court struck down Ohio’s process of purging voters due to inactivity but did not specify what was to happen to all the voters whose names had been removed. Please check [www.lwvohio.org](http://www.lwvohio.org) for additional updates as they happen.

—> **What this means for voters:** It is imperative that every voter double check to make sure their voter registration is current prior to the October 11 deadline. We don’t want anyone showing up on November 8 only to find out they were purged.

### Absentee & Provisional Ballot Forms

In yet another lawsuit, the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless, among other plaintiffs, challenged two other laws passed by the legislature last session that said absentee ballots (SB 205) and provisional ballots (SB 216) could be invalidated if the form was not completed in a certain way. At trial, the plaintiffs provided evidence that the new rules were applied differently from county to county, and that ballots were being tossed for minor clerical errors (such as using a shortened version of the person’s name, reversing birth date and today’s date) — even though the board of elections could verify the voter’s validity. The federal district court issued a strong ruling for the plaintiffs striking down the new rules. The state appealed, and the 6th Circuit issued a mixed ruling, upholding some parts of the law while striking down others.

—> **What this means for voters:** Be extra careful filling out absentee or provisional ballot forms. Double check that you printed your name and signed your name in the correct spot, that you wrote your birth date and today’s date in the right spot, and that you spelled your name as it appears on your voter registration (e.g., William or Bill).

### Third Party Candidates

In the latest chapter of the Libertarian Party’s annual legal battle to get its candidates placed on Ohio’s ballot, Secretary of State Jon Husted has said that the state will allow the Libertarians to replace the name of their placeholder candidate, whose name was on the petitions filed with the state, for Libertarian presidential nominee Gary Johnson. However, Husted said, since the Libertarian Party did not meet the state’s legal requirements to be formally recognized as a political party, Johnson will be listed as an unaffiliated candidate. The Libertarian Party asked the US Supreme Court to order Husted to list Johnson as the Libertarian candidate, and the high court declined.

—> **What this means for voters:** Gary Johnson will appear as a Presidential candidate on the Ohio ballot, but he will not be identified as Libertarian.

# What's New This Year

## Carter Center Applies Renowned Election Observer Program to Ohio

We are honored that the League has been chosen by the Carter Center to apply their world renowned election observer training model to elections here in the US. Ohio was chosen as one of the pilot states to hold Carter Center trainings in October, collect observer reports during the election, and issue a report following the election. The timing couldn't be better, given the recent claims about elections being "rigged" - as we will have Ohio observers deployed around the state documenting and reporting on what really happens.

In addition, through the national Election Protection coalition, of which LWVUS is a member, we will continue to offer the 866-OUR-VOTE hotline as well as have on-the-ground field volunteers trained to troubleshoot and help voters.

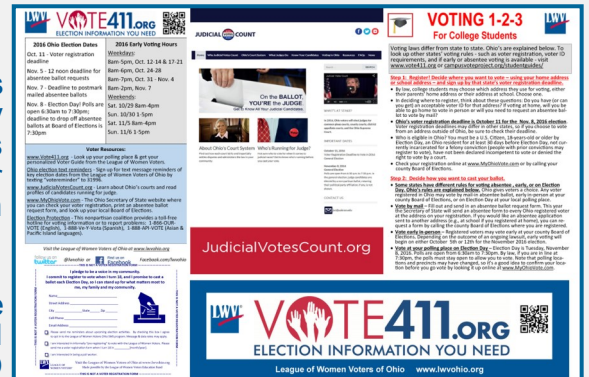
The state League and our partners at the Voting Rights Coalition will be integrating the Carter Center election observer program into our standard Election Protection field volunteer recruitment. This year, we will have election volunteers helping voters and observing the election both on Election Day, as well as during early voting the weekend before Election Day when we tend to have large crowds.

Volunteers can sign up by contacting the LWV Ohio office at 614-469-1505 or email [lwvoinfo@lwvohio.org](mailto:lwvoinfo@lwvohio.org). Trainings will be conducted around the state in October. Thank you for helping us make democracy work!

## NEW Tools to Engage Young Voters

**Voting 1-2-3 for College Students** – This updated info card is specifically designed to help college students decide if they want to vote at their home address or at school, and it walks them through how to register and vote. Visit our online Voter Center to download, print and share with others; or you can order print copies from the LWVO office.

**Pledge to Vote card** – Encouraging voters to sign an "I pledge to vote" card and then following up by sending them helpful reminders has been shown to increase voter turnout. LWVO designed a Pledge to Vote (PTV) card geared towards young people that your League can use at high schools, college campuses, and other community events. Visit our online Voter Center to download, print and share with others; or you can order print copies from the LWVO office.



Please promptly send completed PTV cards to the LWVO office so that we can include those voters in our election reminder system. Keep a copy for your local League so you can send them local election announcements, such as inviting them to a LWV candidate forum.

**Informal Voter Pre-registration for Teens** – How many times have you held a voter registration drive at a high school and had students say with regret that they won't be old enough to vote this year? Now we have a way to give them a voice! LWVO's new PTV card includes a check box where teens under 18 can informally "pre-register" with LWV so we can get them registered when they turn eighteen. LWVO wishes to thank Ohio election officials for their valuable feedback on this pre-registration program.

**Election Reminder Text Message (SMS) Program** – Younger generations are adept at electronic communication, so LWVO set up a new SMS program that allows us to send election reminders by text message directly to cell phones. The new PTV card featured above includes a check box to sign up for text messages and provide a cell phone number. Voters can also sign up for text message election reminders from the League of Women Voters of Ohio by texting "voterreminder" to 31996.

## Tips from Ohio's MLD (Membership & Leadership Development) Program

### MLD Best Practices: Creating a Multigenerational League

As Leagues reach out to - and include - women and men of all ages who share our commitment to educating and informing voters, the MLD program reminds us to...

- **Rethink things** – It is important to create a culture where everyone, of any age, feels welcome to contribute new ideas or ways of doing things. Not every idea is going to be a homerun, but most ideas are worth at least considering.
- **Offer flexible times** – Is the group trying to work with people who have different schedules? Consider alternating meeting times so that more people can participate if no common time exists.
- **Teach each other** – We all come to the table with different experiences and knowledge, and welcoming Leagues encourage members to draw on and share those different experiences.
- **Learn from each other** – In Leagues where people of different generations are able to teach and learn from each other, everyone is a student. Members are open to listening to different ideas and perspectives and encourage those around them to do the same. One of the most common reasons that people join League (and love it) is because it is a place to learn.
- **Consider the reason** - Finally, we need to make sure we're doing things for a good reason and not just because it is the way it has always been done!



We all bring different strengths to our League work – strengths that will empower the League and each other as we work towards our shared goal: a more perfect democracy!

Adapted from “Multigenerational Teams: Five Tactics for Working with Cross-Generational Teams” available at [http://forum.lwv.org/sites/default/files/coaching\\_tip\\_multigenerational\\_teams\\_final.pdf](http://forum.lwv.org/sites/default/files/coaching_tip_multigenerational_teams_final.pdf)

### MLD Tip: Use Candidate Debates to Engage Members and Reach Out to Potential Members

Candidate debates have a long history in American politics. At every level of government – from city government to state legislature, from Congress to President of the United States – candidates participate in debates to help voters understand who they are and what they stand for.

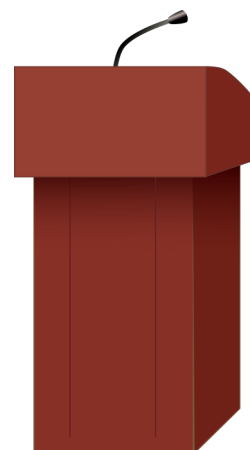
Watching debates is one of the best ways that we can educate ourselves before we head to the voting booth. It is also a great way to bring together and engage League members and those who may be interested in joining the League, while spotlighting League resources and mission.

LWVUS offers a number of handy, easy-to-use guides to make sure we can all get the most of the debate-watching experience. These include:

- Tips for hosting a debate watch party
- Debate Watching 101
- Tips for evaluating candidates

To access these wonderful resources, just google “LWVUS 2016 Debate Watching Kit.”

*Article adapted from LWVUS’ “2016 Debate Watching Kit.”*



## Fact\* Sheet # 4: What Do Academics, Advocates & State LWVs Think About Primary Election Reform?

*By Lynda Mayer and Dianne Herman, Co-Chairs, Primary Election Systems (PES) Study Committee*

This final of four Fact Sheets summarizes the results of questionnaire/interviews we conducted with academic researchers and voting advocates across the U.S. and leads up to the final phase of our LWVO study -- the consensus process at this year's end. As our 20+ subjects ventured informed opinions rather than empirical findings, we must read this Fact\* Sheet with that proverbial asterisk. We were able to contact personally about 10 experts and 10 state Leagues.

Respondents did not express a philosophical preference as to whether primary elections should be an internal party process whereby party members select their nominees, or a nonpartisan process whereby the general electorate winnows down a broader field of candidates. Nonetheless, all the state Leagues and most of the experts we consulted viewed Ohio's SEMI-closed (others often call it semi-open), partisan primary election system positively. They felt that party members could, if they wished, cross-over to vote in another party's primary, while unaffiliated voters could also request a party ballot if desired. Respondents were not aware, however, of Ohio's statutes (currently not enforced) regarding official challenges to primary voters who do so. And, of course, many primary voters do not realize or take advantage of Ohio's cross-over possibilities.

Of those experts and activists who preferred alternative forms, some spoke favorably of nonpartisan primaries where the top two primary winners advance to the general election. We note here that about half of Ohio's c. 250 charter municipalities have already opted for such a system. A few other experts noted that, for local governments, it can also save considerable expense to do away with primaries entirely. In a separate survey of seven cities and some Leagues in Oregon, California and Maine, we note some interest in "Ranked Choice Voting," which also does away with primaries, this time by inviting voters to designate their first, second, and third choices among the candidates. The consensus questions and Study Guide which follow soon will give members details and pro/con arguments for these and other options, so that they can reach informed opinions on each.

We also asked our respondents to consider some goals that any primary election system should strive for, so that we can evaluate any future proposals we may encounter in our state or local jurisdictions. Most thought these important -- to increase voter participation, enfranchise unaffiliated voters, simplify election administration, lessen partisan polarization and improve competitiveness. We ran a number of other goals by them as well, but those simply did not make the cut. A few notable experts even cautioned that there are many good ideas but that "tinkering with election systems will probably not accomplish many of them." One more cautionary note was expressed by all: Unanticipated consequences would likely accompany many if not all of the structural reform options discussed -- which is not to discourage the conversation, but only to encourage deeper digging.

One issue which we did not ask for nevertheless came up often between the lines -- that of the opposition to systemic primary election change by the political parties, who are very concerned with any structural reforms with potential for strengthening or weakening them. Some expressed the opinion that political parties actually do more to help than to hinder voting in all the states. We found a clear difference of opinion between those who want to empower independent voters and those who believe in strong political parties.

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These Fact Sheets (the other three are in past issues of the Voter available under the Member Area of [www.lwvohio.org](http://www.lwvohio.org)) present a condensed overview of the work our PES Study Committee has just completed. We invite you -- no, urge you -- both to review them and to look for the consensus questions and PES Study Guide as soon as they go up on the LWVO website in late September. While elections are still hot on our minds, AFTER our November 8 exertions, all Local Leagues need to sit down together and ponder whether and/or how Ohio (or our towns!) should or could improve on the way we run our state's primary elections.

## LWV Moment in History: Presidential Debates

*By Mary Kirtz Van Nortwick, LWVO Co-President*

In 1928, only eight years after it was founded, the League of Women Voters sponsored a ten-month series of national debates on radio about the 1928 presidential election. The candidates themselves were not involved. Instead, the debaters were journalists, scholars, and other politicians who argued on their candidates' behalf. It was the League's first major effort to reach as many citizens as possible to help them make an informed vote.

The "modern era" of debates began in 1960 with the televised debates between Sen. John F. Kennedy and Vice-President Richard Nixon. In order to allow these debates, Congress suspended Section 315 (the "equal time" law) of the Federal Communications Act. Without the suspension, the law would have required every candidate -- however minor the candidate's support -- for the office to be given equal time on television. Between 1964 and 1975, none of the candidates were eager to debate and there were no suspensions of Sec. 315.

After the Watergate scandal ended with President Nixon's resignation, the issue of televising debates arose again, especially since 1976 was the USA's bicentennial year. The year 1976 was also a banner year for LWVUS: The League sponsored not one, but three, presidential debates between the two main candidates, former Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter and President Gerald Ford. A fourth debate was held between the two vice-presidential candidates, Senators Walter Mondale and Robert Dole. The format, adhering strictly to our debate rules, was well received. The League also held debates between the presidential and vice-presidential candidates in 1980 and 1984. After that latter election, however, the two main parties decided to take control of the debates and created the Commission on Presidential Debates. Unfortunately, they also took control of every aspect of the debate format. On October 2, 1988, LWV's trustees voted unanimously to pull out of the debates, and on October 3 they issued a press release:

"The League of Women Voters is withdrawing sponsorship of the presidential debates...because the demands of the two campaign organizations would perpetrate a fraud on the American voter. It has become clear to us that the candidates' organizations aim to add debates to their list of campaign-trail charades devoid of substance, spontaneity and answers to tough questions. The League has no intention of becoming an accessory to the hoodwinking of the American public."

Since that day, the League has had no involvement in the televised debates.



## Get Involved!

### 2016 Election Volunteer Opportunities

**Purged Voter Outreach Calls** – As described in the story on page 1, we are making phone calls to infrequent voters prior to the October 11 voter registration deadline alerting them that many infrequent voters have been purged and urging them to verify that their voter registration is current. Volunteers can sign up by contacting the LWVO office at 614-469-1505 or email [lwvoinfo@lwvohio.org](mailto:lwvoinfo@lwvohio.org).



**Get Out the Vote Outreach Calls** – Voter registration is only the first step. After the voter registration deadline passes, we need to urge those voters to show up and vote. New LWVUS staff member Abby Welter ([AWelter@lwv.org](mailto:AWelter@lwv.org)) is happy to help local Leagues set up a voter contact plan to make outreach calls to new and infrequent voters.

**Election Protection Observers** – As you read on page 3, we are partnering with the Carter Center and Election Protection to have field volunteers around Ohio during Election Day and at early voting the weekend before to help answer voter questions and document election observation reports. We welcome volunteers from around Ohio. Volunteers can sign up for a whole day, half day, or 4-hour shift. Training will be provided. Volunteers can sign up by contacting the LWVO office at 614-469-1505 or email [lwvoinfo@lwvohio.org](mailto:lwvoinfo@lwvohio.org).

**Local League Voter Service Help** – From staffing voter registration tables to distributing Voters' Guides to helping with candidate forum events, many Leagues need extra help during our busy fall voter service season. If you'd like to help out, contact your nearby local League to volunteer.

**Be a Poll Worker** – Have a front row seat and help make democracy work! Election officials hire thousands of people to work the polls on Election Day. You will be paid for working Election Day and for attending a training session. High school juniors and seniors are eligible to serve as poll workers, too. Sign up to become a poll worker by contacting your county Board of Elections.

**Employment Opportunities** — Full job descriptions and how to apply are on [www.lwvohio.org](http://www.lwvohio.org).

**Know any College Students Looking for an Internship?** – LWVO is always on the lookout for bright students eager to gain valuable experience in Making Democracy Work.™ We are accepting applications for Legislative & Public Policy Interns, Voter Service Interns, and Communications & Marketing Interns.

**LWVO Development Campaign Director** – Are you an experienced fundraising professional looking for part-time work where you can apply your skills to help a cause you believe in? Then we'd love to hear from you! LWVO is seeking a part-time development professional to manage a multi-year capital campaign.

**LWVO Office & Program Associate** – We are looking for an energetic, outgoing individual with strong organization and communication skills to join our office staff. It is currently a part-time position, with the potential to be promoted to full-time. If you've ever wanted to learn what it's like to work hands-on for a membership organization whose mission is voter education and advocacy, then this is the job for you!

## From the Co-Presidents' Desk

### Staying Engaged in a Divisive Election Season

What can we say to friends, family and others who are disillusioned by the negative rhetoric around the 2016 presidential campaign, who are frustrated and questioning the value of voting? This topic concerns us all. If voters become apathetic and feel powerless, they may fail to look beyond the media hype or give due consideration to all candidates and issues on the ballot.

Knowing what is on the ballot for your community is extremely helpful in this regard, to draw attention “down ballot” and help your community recognize the efficacy we still have to influence local policy and decision-making. “All politics is local,” was a frequent reminder from the late Jean Binford, a past-president of the LWV Oberlin Area.

Mary recently spoke to a chapter of the DAR, at a very well attended meeting where people greatly appreciated both our nonpartisan stance and the information available on our election cards. It seems clear to us that wide distribution of the Voting 1-2-3 and Judicial Votes Count cards will get the message across that there is plenty to consider on the 2016 ballot.

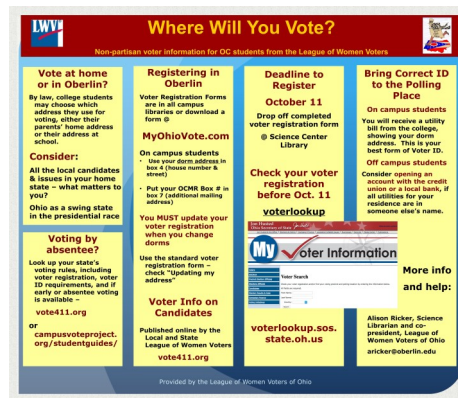
There are very helpful guidance documents on community engagement in the Membership and Leadership Development (MLD) area of the League Management Site. Explore [forum.lwv.org](http://forum.lwv.org) under Develop Members and Leaders > National and State Coaches headings to find “Guidances on Opportunities” (see the screenshot on this page).

The monthly MLD guidances are for anyone looking for fresh ideas. They are short, relevant to a wide array of topics, and link to other resources as needed -- they are definitely not for national and state MLD coaches only.

Collaborating with a local college or university is the subject of one Guidance (“Reaching Out On Campus”). Voter registration and information about voter identification is the focus of the LWV Oberlin Area efforts at Oberlin College, for example, where nearly every student changes dorms every year and a large percentage of students are from out of state. We have worked with the college each election to make sure every on-campus student receives a utility bill with their dorm address that they can use as voter ID, and to educate students about updating their registration so it matches their current dorm address. Students off-campus are encouraged to open a local bank account, one of the easiest ways for out of state students to show they are residents. An informational display and voter registration forms are in each campus library, to facilitate registration and distribute the Voting 1-2-3 for College Students cards. The poster used in the display can be viewed and downloaded from <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B6EhEmCk5unWRFIHdUx6d2hMRGc/view>

We would love to hear about your collaborations with any community partners. Share your stories with your LWVO Board member liaison or send them to the LWVO office so we can build upon each other's success. Thank you for your work in this busy election season!

- Mary Kirtz Van Nortwick and Alison Ricker







*Carrie L. Davis*

## ED Column: Report on new LWVUS Membership, Engagement, and Structure Committee

Many of us were excited to learn at the national League Convention in June that president Chris Carson would be chairing a new committee tasked with looking into ways to improve how different levels of League can better work together to make the League more powerful and to multiply our effectiveness in accomplishing our vital mission. The Membership, Engagement and Structure Committee has a very ambitious charge to prepare the League for moving into our next century -- how to grow membership in this fast-paced and more diverse world, take advantage of modern methods for civic engagement, and improve national and state support structures so that local Leagues can spend more of their precious volunteer hours on our mission to make democracy work by providing high quality voter education and advocacy.

The MES committee eagerly began work over the summer and fall. While we are still early in the process, we wanted to give an update on our work as we know how important it is to you, too.

First of all, we are really excited! There is nothing like being in a room full of women who love the League, women with a variety of League experiences, thinking about how we can better position this organization to thrive and make a bigger impact in this fast-paced, technology-driven world.

It's inspiring to think about how Carrie Chapman Catt and her peers created the League in 1920, navigating the National Woman's Suffrage Association into an era of new opportunities and challenges. Would women still be engaged now that they had the vote? How would women use this new power to amplify their voices and causes? What would the organization look like in this new era?

Today, we, too, must adapt to a rapidly changing world. Our mission has never been more important. The democracy for which we work faces systemic threats. There's more at stake than ever. At the same time, younger generations of citizens engage in different ways than their parents and grandparents. Technology has become part of our everyday lives, but it takes time to learn and use effectively. And in a country with 24/7 global news, we have to become better at working together to communicate and coordinate the important work Leagues are doing across the country.

The MES committee has sketched out the broad brushstrokes of a plan, and we are currently gathering research to help fill in the details. Those broad brushstrokes were culled from what local and state Leagues have been saying they need -- better communication between levels of League, more coordination with each other, more training opportunities, more "take action" kits and ready-to-use event ideas, diminished administrative burdens, a new concept for how we raise money to support our work at all levels of League -- without raising dues, and more support from national and state so locals can spend more time on mission-related work.

As you can imagine, that's an awful lot to tackle, but we are making good progress. It's really important that local, state, and national Leagues are represented on this committee so that all views and concerns are brought to the table.

So when can you expect to hear more? Here's the timeline for our work. This fall, we are doing research and data gathering to make sure we put forward a sound draft proposal. Initial recommendations will be released in the winter, with a feedback period in the spring. The proposal will no doubt be refined based on that feedback, and the draft plan will be presented at the LWVUS Council meeting the last weekend in June.

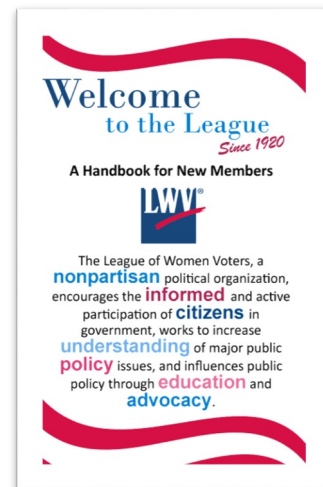


## New Membership Materials Available!

NEW! Updated LWVO membership materials are available from LWV Ohio.

- New Member Welcome Brochure
- LWVO Membership Flyer

These resources will be available on the LWVO website to download, print, or share online. Print copies may be ordered by contacting the LWVO office at 614-469-1505.



## LWV Ohio Monthly All Member Call

The state League hosts a conference call open to all members on the first Tuesday of every month at 12 noon. The monthly call is a great way for League members across Ohio to connect, share ideas, get updates on hot topics, and plan action.

Here's how to join the discussion: Call (toll-free): 866-740-1260 Enter PIN Number: 4691505#. Watch your email several days in advance for an announcement of that month's call topic. Calls typically end just before 1pm.

Each month features a different topic. Check the state League website – [www.lwvohio.org](http://www.lwvohio.org) – for next month's call topic or check your email. Have an idea for a topic you'd like to cover in an upcoming call? Let us know at [lwvinfo@lwvohio.org](mailto:lwvinfo@lwvohio.org).

## LWV Ohio Lobby Corps Call

LWVO's volunteer Lobby Corps meets via phone twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 12 noon. It's a great way to learn about what is happening in the Statehouse, and the conversations often reveal new League lobbying opportunities. You do not need to be a designated lobbyist to join the call. Anyone with an interest in League advocacy is welcome to join the conversation or listen.

Here's how to join the discussion: Call 712-432-0390 Enter PIN Number: 742886#. Calls end by 1pm. You are certain to learn something new about pending legislation and lobbying activities.

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!

### **LWVO Statehouse Day**

March 2017

Date and Time to be determined.

Check the state League website for more information.

### **LWVO Convention**

May 5-7, 2017

To be held at the Sheraton in Cuyahoga Falls.

Check the state League website for more details. Registration will open in January.

**Thank You to our Donors who gave to League for Women’s Equality Day!**

A sincere thank you from all of us at LWVO to each and every donor who gave to support our Women’s Equality Day Campaign as of September 16, 2016. Every single dollar contributed helps us continue our critical voter education and advocacy work.

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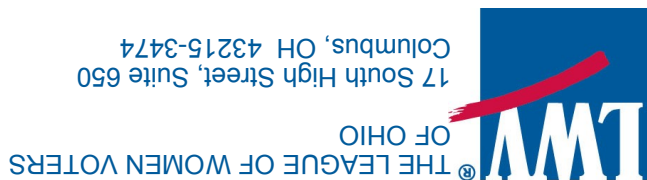
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