



## Grassroots Power!

### FIRST CALL TO STATE CONVENTION OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MICHIGAN

In accordance with the bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Michigan, we hereby issue the first call for all recognized local Leagues and state units to send delegates to the 34th biennial State Convention of the League of Women Voters of Michigan to be held May 19-21, 2023 at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in E. Lansing, Michigan.

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Co-Presidents

This year's in-person Convention in East Lansing promises to be informative, productive and fun. State Convention provides us with an opportunity to conduct important business of the state League as well as giving us an opportunity to participate in workshops, learn more about the League and create and renew friendships with League members across the state. Unfortunately, there is not a virtual option.

Delegates will:

- Adopt the 2023-2025 state program, including any state studies
- Adopt the LWVMI budgets for the next two years, including the per-member-payment
- Elect LWVMI officers and members of the Board of Directors
- Consider amendments to the LWVMI Bylaws, if proposed

Leagues may send as many voting delegates as allowed by their membership count. (See the attachment, "**Determining Delegates, Convention 2023**"). Sending your full quota will assure your members full representation of their views. **Any** LWV member, whether or not a voting delegate, may attend and participate in all of the convention activities except for voting at the plenaries.

A detailed schedule of events, a registration packet and other Convention documents will be sent to all Leagues via future e-mailings and be available on the website.

#### **Business Meetings:**

The business of the League will be conducted in three **Plenary Sessions**: Friday Evening, Saturday Morning and Sunday Morning.

## Special Events/ Activities:

- **Pre-Convention Workshop on Friday afternoon, May 19** (optional)
- **“Dine Around”** in the East.Lansing/Lansing area for Friday dinner, guided by Lansing Area League members.
- **Workshops** on Saturday afternoon.
- **Convention Banquet** on Saturday evening for a presentation of key awards. Besides the prestigious “Belle Brotherton” award and the “Belle Ringer” awards, two new awards will be announced in February.
- **Wares Market/ Silent Auction**, Please let the state office know ([office@lwvmi.org](mailto:office@lwvmi.org)) if your League wants to sell items at the Wares Market so we can plan enough display space. We hope that every League will provide at least one item that can be auctioned off as part of the LWVMI fundraiser.

Please keep in mind these **State Convention deadlines**:

### FEBRUARY 19, 2023

Proposed amendments to Bylaws due to [Sue Smith](#) (see attachment). For a copy of the bylaws, contact [office@lwvmi.org](mailto:office@lwvmi.org).

### MARCH 1, 2023

Program Planning reports from local Leagues due to [Maria Woloson](#)

### APRIL 15, 2023

Award Nominations due (Award descriptions will be sent in Feb, 2023)

### APRIL 19, 2023

Hotel reservations must be made to receive group rate.

### APRIL 30, 2023

Convention Registrations due to LWVMI. After the April 30 deadline, a late registration fee will be charged