



January 2013 Ohio League Leader Updates

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We will discuss two topics:

10am-11am: LWVO Strategic Plan: Help shape the direction of your state League over the next five years by sharing feedback on LWVO's draft strategic plan.

11am-12pm: LWVO will begin participating in LWVUS' Membership & Leadership Development (MLD) Program this spring. What does MLD have to offer Ohio Leagues? Join us for a discussion about new opportunities through MLD on member recruitment and retention.

Please click on your preferred meeting date & location for more details and to RSVP.

Saturday, February 2nd, 2013:

- [Northeast Region \(East Side\)-Akron](#)
- [Southwest Region-Dayton](#)
- [Central and Southeast Region-Columbus](#)

Saturday, February 9th, 2013:

- [Northeast Region \(West Side\)-Lakewood](#)
- [Northwest Region-Toledo](#)

Please note: Discussion materials will be available on our website and will be emailed in advance to those who RSVP. If you have any questions, please contact the State League office at (614) 469-1505 or email at lwvoinfo@lwvohio.org.

- **Statehouse Day is Tuesday, March 19th**

When: March 19, 2013, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm -- with registration beginning at 8:30 am

Where: Statehouse Day will once again take place at the Riffe Center, 31st floor conference center, at 77 S. High Street, Columbus, OH 43215. The luncheon, featuring our keynote speaker, will take place next door at the Capital Club.

What: The event program includes many of this spring's

hottest issues -- the state government budget and tax plan, changes to education funding, implementation of the federal health care law, and the latest updates on redistricting reform. Meetings with legislators will be scheduled throughout the day upon request. Additional details will be announced soon.

Registration fee: As in the past - \$35 for members, \$40 for non-members, and \$20 for students.

Watch your email for future announcements about how to register and our exciting line-up of speakers.

- **First Call to 2013 LWVO Convention: May 4-5 in Cleveland, OH**

The Leagues of Northeast Ohio and the Board of LWV Ohio invite you to attend LWVO State Convention.

"Energizing Democracy: What Would Alice Do?"

Alice Paul was a true leader in the fight for women's right to vote and later continued the struggle in the fight for civil rights and women's rights. What can Alice teach us as we explore effective ways to influence public policy and provide voter services, recruit and retain members, develop leadership and communicate - all of which are topics we will explore at our 60th State Convention. We hope you can join us! [Click here](#) for more about the Convention location, schedule and delegate information.

Watch your email for additional Convention information including Convention registration, hotel reservations, Convention agenda, proposed budget, bylaws, and state program.

- **LWVO joins LWVUS' Membership & Leadership Development (MLD) Program**

Looking for ways to boost your League's membership?

Then we have good news!

The LWVO state board voted in January to join LWVUS' Membership & Leadership Development (MLD) Program. **MLD provides a wealth of materials to help participating Leagues customize membership efforts that fit their local communities and goals--and MLD has a record of success in increasing membership.**

The Ohio MLD program will be gradually phased in. During the first year, LWVO will appoint a state MLD coordinator and the first local coaches, who will be trained and then begin working with the first round of local Leagues. Additional coaches and Leagues will be brought in over successive years. The program is completely voluntary.

Want to learn more? Please join us at one of the February regional meetings, where we will discuss what MLD has to offer Ohio Leagues. Can't make the regional meeting? Then contact Carrie Davis at cdavis@lwvohio.org to learn more about MLD, apply to be a coach, or for your League to sign up.

Reminders:

- **[Great Lakes Concurrence & Program Planning due Feb. 18th](#)**

Is your League participating in the Great Lakes Concurrence or Program Planning? Please remember to submit your completed forms by February 18th for both. Thank you to the Leagues who already submitted forms or notified the state office of when to expect completed forms.

Looking for the materials? Great Lakes Concurrence materials are available here (<http://www.lwvohio.org/site.cfm/Member-Area/Great-Lakes-Concurrence%20.cfm>) and the Program Planning Packet can be found here

<http://www.lwvohio.org/site.cfm/Member-Area/Program-Planning-2013-2015.cfm>).

- **Boards of Elections (BOE) Audits**

Thank you to everyone who observed your local BOE's post-election audit in November and December. The BOE audit requirement was a key provision of the League's lawsuit settlement that helps assure voters that the election results are accurate, and it provides needed accountability and transparency.

If you have not yet turned in your Audit Observer Report, please do so. The online reporting portal has expired, but you can still fill out a [paper form](#) and mail it back to the state office. Remember that participating Leagues will receive a \$50 stipend for submitting completed report forms.

- **LWVO Nominating Committee wants you!**

League of Women Voters Ohio needs YOU to serve on the LWVO Board. The 2013-2015 LWVO Board of Directors will provide leadership to, chart the course of, and share their expertise with LWVO and local Leagues over the next biennium. Serving on the board is also a wonderful opportunity to learn from, laugh with and work closely with a broad range of energizing, exciting League leaders from around Ohio.

Please [click here](#) for a drop-in article to include in your local VOTER. The article has details about service on the board and how to nominate a League member (including yourself!). Questions? Contact Suzanne Barbati, Chair of the Nominating Committee, at sbarbati@zoominternet.net.

- **Reminder from LWVUS: Renew Members and Update League Membership Rosters**

by Jan. 31st

Now that 2013 is here, it is time to renew your League members and update your League's membership information in the LWVUS database. Customize this renewal letter template (<http://www.lwv.org/content/2012-dues-renewal-template-local-leagues>) to reach out to current members. The deadline for updating your League roster is January 31, 2013. Please contact Betty Taira at BTaira@lwv.org for database assistance and include your League's ID/number (example: CA123) in the subject line.

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LWVCA presents:

The 2013 Susan B. Anthony Luncheon, Saturday Feb. 23, 2012
at noon

Topic: MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK

Keynote Speaker:

Elisabeth MacNamara, President of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Join us as we celebrate 93 years of women's voting!

Contact LWV Cincinnati Area for more information or to purchase tickets - visit LWVCA's website at <http://www.lwvca.org> or call (513) 281-8683.