



July 2015

Ohio League Leader Updates

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1. Report on LWVO/EF State Board Retreat & Plans for Year Ahead

- [Meet your new State Board](#)



Our new 2015-2017 LWVO/EF state board held its first board retreat earlier this month to plan for the exciting League year ahead. You are in for a treat, because we have an enthusiastic bunch who are committed to helping grow our League! You can meet and read about your new LWVO board [here](#).

- [LWVO 2015-2016 Calendar](#)

The first order of business for the new state board was to plan our League-year calendar, which is available on the state League website [here](#).

We would love to include local League and partner events on the calendar too, so please send us your event listings!

- [Regional Meetings - No Regional Meetings in August, Survey for Future Meetings](#)

The LWVO state board decided that we want to rethink how we do regional meetings, which will begin with surveying local League boards about what type of regional meetings will be most beneficial. We are going to hold off on scheduling regional meetings until we finish that review, which means no regional meetings in August.



- **Local League liaisons**

Did you know your local League has your own personal LWV Ohio Board liaison? Yep, you do. Your state board liaison is available to answer questions about what the state League does, help connect your League to available resources (including speakers!), and convey any requests from your League to LWVO or LWVUS. If you are a local League President and did not receive the email with your LWVO Board liaison, please contact the state office (614-469-1505).

2. LWVUS Studies Timeline, Consensus Questions Released

- **Constitutional Amendment Study**

- July 2015 - Consensus questions, study guide and educational materials posted on LWV website.
- December 1, 2015 - Consensus reports (electronic) from Leagues due to LWVUS.
- Resource page: <http://forum.lwv.org/category/member-resources/our-work/constitutional-amendment-study>

- **Money in Politics**

- October 2015 - Study guide and consensus questions posted. Leagues hold consensus meetings.
- February 1, 2016 - Consensus reports (electronic) from Leagues due to LWVUS.
- Resource page: <http://forum.lwv.org/category/member-resources/our-work/money-politics-review>

3. August all-member call

Our next all-member conference call will be held on **Tuesday, August 4, 12-1 pm** (eastern time).

Topic: Join us for a discussion of the LWVUS "Constitutional Amendment" and "Money in Politics" studies. Our guest speakers are LWVUS Board Members Barbara Zia, Chair of the Money in Politics Review and Pat Donath, Chair of the Constitutional Amendment Study. They will provide an overview of their study topics to help Leagues prepare for local study meetings and take your questions.

CALL-IN NUMBER: 866-740-1260

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The recording of the all-member call will be available on the LWVO website following the call until the end of the month. Please note that the podcast is intended for LWV members and guests (just like the calls) and, therefore, should not be shared with anyone outside the League family. Thank you.

4. Have your organizations endorsed Issue 1?

This November, Ohio voters will have the opportunity to pass much-needed state redistricting reform **by voting YES on Issue 1!** You can read more about Issue 1 and the **Fair Districts for Ohio** campaign by visiting the campaign website [here](#).

We need your help to help spread the message of support! The Fair Districts for Ohio campaign is trying to collect a broad range of organizational endorsements, representing all facets of Ohio life. The LWV Ohio board voted to endorse Issue 1 back in January. We know League members tend to be heavily involved in their communities, so we are asking you to think about all the organizations you belong to and ask them to endorse Issue 1. Together, we can finally make redistricting reform a reality!

5. Judicial Votes Count - online statewide judicial voter guide launching soon!

Ohio voters' #1 reason for skipping judicial races on their ballot is that they don't have enough information to choose. That's a problem we aim to remedy.

This fall, we are honored to join Ohio Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor, the Ohio State Bar Association, the Bliss Institute for Applied Politics at the University of Akron, the Ohio Newspaper Association and Ohio Broadcasters Association in launching a **statewide, nonpartisan, online judicial voter's guide - called Judicial Votes Count**.

Letters to judicial candidates all around the state will be going out soon. Candidates will be invited to fill out an electronic form with their biographical information and answer questions about why they are running for judge --- a platform similar to LWV's Vote 411. If any local Leagues or voter service chairs are approached with questions, please feel free to refer them to Carrie in the state League office (cdavis@lwwohio.org or 614-469-1505).

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We hope to launch the online guide in September. All of the candidate answers will be available for Leagues to download and use in your local Voters' Guides (print or electronic). We will keep you posted on when Judicial Votes Count goes live!

6. LWWUS Council Materials now online

Did you miss LWWUS Council? No need to worry. All of the training materials from Council are now available on the LWWUS website [here](#).