



# June 2014

## Ohio League Leader Updates

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### 1. Congratulations to the NEW Greater Cleveland League

The League of Women Voters of Ohio extends its hearty congratulations to the Cuyahoga Area, Cleveland, and Shaker Heights LWVs on their merger into the new Greater Cleveland LWV. This accomplishment would not have been possible without the leaders and members who worked countless hours on the transformation of the three local Leagues into one regional League that's comprised of members from throughout Cuyahoga County.

### 2. LWVUS Convention News

#### A. Daily Reports of Convention Activity

The official Daily Reports of Convention Activity are available to League members online.

- [Saturday, June 7](#)
- [Sunday, June 8](#)
- [Monday, June 9](#)
- [Tuesday, June 10](#)

Highlights are described in the sections below.

#### B. Results of US Board Elections

As many of you are no doubt aware, there was a contested election this year for LWVUS president. The two candidates were Elisabeth MacNamara of Georgia, the candidate selected by the nominating committee who was running for re-election, and Deidra MacNab of Florida. Both candidates gave impassioned speeches to convention delegates about their vision for the League. Elections were held, and the delegates voted to retain Elisabeth MacNamara as president for the new biennium.

LWVUS's newly elected 2014-2016 board includes:

Officers: Elisabeth MacNamara, president; Toni Larson, vice president; Karen Nicholson, secretary; Patricia Donath, treasurer

Directors: Peggy Appler, Chris Carson, Connie Ferguson, Rosalee Keech, Anita Loch, Anne Schink, Linda Wassenich, Barbara Zia

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### C. LWVUS Budget and PMP

The LWVUS Budget passed with no PMP increase for the first year (2014-2015) and an increase of \$1.00 for the second year (2015-2016). As usual, there was considerable debate over whether to increase PMP, the impact it has on local League membership, and the services provided by LWVUS.

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### D. LWVUS Program and Resolutions

The proposed program and non-recommended items are described in the convention workbook [here](#).

- The motion to adopt LWVUS's proposed 3-part review of structures of American democracy was approved (described below).
- A concurrence with New Jersey's position on human trafficking was approved.
- There was a vibrant debate over concurring with the Kansas position on living wage, which ultimately failed on a card vote.
- A motion to adopt a new study of income inequality failed on a standing count.
- Delegates voted to retain all current positions.
- A motion to call upon the board to strongly advocate for felon re-enfranchisement passed.

The delegates adopted a three-part structures of American democracy program consisting of:

1. A study of the process of amending the U.S. Constitution, including constitutional convention;
2. A review and update of the League position on campaign finance designed to understand the mechanisms used today to influence elections and to consider possible responses; and
3. A review of the redistricting process for Congress for the purpose of developing action steps.

See Monday, June 10 daily report.

### E. Ohio Meet-Up Photos

Thank you to all the Ohio delegates and guests who joined us for the Ohio meet-up. It was full of good Mexican food, drinks, and lots of League friends.

Photos are posted on LWVO's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/lwvohio>.

### **3. Welcome New Local League Boards!**

New Boards have recently been chosen or will be selected to lead their local LWVs in this busy election year while outgoing Board Members cycle off. We heartily welcome all new Board Members and truly thank the departing Board Members for their service. Also, the LWVO requests that all local Leagues send their updated rosters to the state office.

### **4. MLD Tip: Check Out These Leadership Resources!**

At this time of leadership transition, the Membership and Leadership Development Team (MLD) reminds League leaders that LWVO offers a wide variety of leadership resources in one handy place, for your convenience:

<http://www.lwvohio.org/site.cfm/Member%20Area/2012-Leadership/Training/Materials.cfm>.

You can find tips for presidents, treasurers, membership, voter-service and advocacy chairs - guides for board orientation, publications, fundraising and using social media - and everything in between. Check it out - there's something for everyone!

### **5. "Make Your Mark" Nonprofit Voter Engagement Trainings - Coming in July**

Please share with your community - LWVO is partnering with OhioVOTES on voter engagement trainings in Cleveland, Columbus, and Cincinnati next month. These trainings are designed to provide tools for nonprofit organizations and service providers to incorporate voter engagement into everyday public service. CEU credits will be offered, pending approval.

[Click here](#) to RSVP.

### **6. New Voting 1-2-3 Voter Information Available**

NEW! Updated 2014 Voter Information resources are now available from LWV Ohio.

Wondering what voting rules are in place this year? We have your answers!

- [2014 Changes to Ohio Election Law Factsheet](#)
- [Voting 1-2-3: 3 Ways to Cast Your Ballot](#)
- [Voting 1-2-3: For College Students](#)
- [Voting 1-2-3: Ohio Voter Registration](#)
- [Voting 1-2-3: Voter ID](#)

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

### **7. Ohio's Early Voting Lawsuit News and Updates**

On June 11, 2014, a federal judge in Ohio restored the last three days of early voting on the Saturday, Sunday, and Monday before Election Day.

This court decision was not part of the League's lawsuit. It was part of the [Obama for America v. Husted](#) case that had been filed prior to the Nov. 2012 election. Back in 2012, the judge issued a temporary injunction that the last three days had to be open for early voting - but it only applied to that year. The lawsuit continued to press that those three days should remain open permanently, and on June 11 that is what the court ruled.

The League's lawsuit, [NAACP v. Husted](#), is still ongoing and addresses additional days that were not the subject of the Obama for America litigation. We'll keep you posted as our ACLU/LWVO lawsuit progresses.

## **8. Reminder: Judicial Voter Education Mini- Grants Are Going Fast - Apply Today!**

Local Leagues are invited to apply for Judicial Voter Education Mini-Grants.

LWVOEF has launched a Judicial Voter Education campaign to address the problem of voter drop-off in judicial races. Voters frequently skip voting for judges due to lack of information about how to evaluate and choose a candidate who will make a good judge.

At February Regional Meetings, League members were introduced to new resources available for Judicial Voter Education. [Click here](#) to find these tools on the NEW Judicial Voter Information page on the state League website.

Thanks to the Joyce Foundation, the state League is once again able to offer pass-thru grants to local Leagues to support local judicial voter education projects.

Local Leagues are invited to apply for pass-thru grants of \$250 each to support creative ideas to provide judicial voter education in your community.

[Click here](#) for the grant application form and project requirements.

## **9. All-Member Conference Call**

Our next all-member conference call will be held on **Tuesday, July 1, 12-1 pm.**

**Topic: The Charter School Accountability Project.** Our guest speaker for the July call will be Doug Oplinger, Akron Beacon Journal Managing Editor. Doug will talk about the Project, which looks closer at the accountability and financing of charter schools in Ohio.

**CALL-IN NUMBER: 866-740-1260**

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Please RSVP at [lwvoinfo@lwvohio.org](mailto:lwvoinfo@lwvohio.org) to help us plan for the numbers of attendees. Thank you.

