



May 2016

Ohio League Leader Updates

****Note: Time sensitive info about important deadlines****

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1. We Welcome our 2016-2017 Membership and Leadership Development (MLD) Teams and Coaches!

Ohio Leagues participating in the MLD program include: LWV Ashtabula County, LWV Cincinnati Area, LWV Clermont County, LWV Greater Cleveland, LWV Metro Columbus, LWV Greater Dayton Area, LWV Delaware, LWV Hudson, LWV Kent, LWV Marion, LWV Northern Portage County, LWV Oxford, LWV Tallmadge, LWV Toledo/Lucas County, LWV Wayne County, LWV Greater Youngstown.

2016-2017's MLD coaches are Kitty Burcsu, Meg Flack, Pat Larson, Marlene Muse, Deb Peluso, Pat Simons, Susan Steele, M.E. Steele-Pierce and Mary Warren.

Our sincere thanks to outgoing coaches Andy Cobb, Sandra Mowell and Karen Rainey.

[Click here](#) for photos of the May 20-21, 2016 training event.

2. Voting for "Making Democracy Work" Awards closes May 31 - Vote for Ohio!

League members are invited to vote for state and local Leagues who are doing great work. [Voting for convention awards](#) closes May 31. Show your support for Fair Districts by voting for LWV Ohio!

7. Did Your Local League Elect a New Board at Your Annual Meeting?

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10. MLD Tip: 10 Ways To Make the Most of Your Board Orientation/Retreat!

3. LWVUS Convention Hotel & Registration Deadlines

Please read ALL notices below from LWVUS and inform your local League members of **upcoming deadlines!**

CONVENTION REGISTRATION DEADLINES

- Online registration closes on **June 6**. After June 6, members will need to register on-site during Convention, beginning June 16 at noon.
- Early bird registration fee (\$395) applies only until **May 31**. A \$50 late fee will be added to registrations received June 1-June 6. If you know of anyone still needing to register, be sure to tell them about this late fee.
- Access the online registration form [here](#).

Lobby Day registration opened on 2/4 and closed on 4/20 when capacity was reached. Members who paid the fee/received a confirmation notice will be sent a June 16 agenda of the legislative briefing and Capitol Hill travel. With Lobby Day interest so high, we'll be able to offer greater capacity in 2020.

NOTIFICATION TO PRESIDENTS OF THEIR REGISTERED VOTING DELEGATES

On June 1, State League presidents will receive a list of registered voting delegates designated to represent the local Leagues from their state. If changes or corrections are needed, they must be sent by June 6 to Lela Sallis, lsallis@lww.org for correction before your delegates arrive at Convention.

HOTEL ROOM DEADLINES

Hotel rooms are going fast at the LWV's block of rooms at the Churchill Hotel, less than a mile from the Convention hotel. Call the Churchill at 202-797-2000 to reserve soon, and by no later than May 26. **Be sure to reference the League of Women Voters** to get the League room rate (\$209/\$219/night).

Convention is at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel. Although a few

weeks ago the LWV room block there was full, it's possible a handful of rooms may open due to cancellations. Call the hotel reservations number at 1-877-212-5752 to inquire by **May 26**, our cut-off date. Reference LWV.

4. Preparing for LWVUS Convention

By June 1, LWVUS hopes to post the final daily agenda and other information on the League Management website [convention page](#).

Items that will be voted on by convention delegates include the 2016-2018 Program, list of non-recommended program items, proposed budget and PMP, board roster, and more are available on the LWVUS Convention page here: <http://forum.lwv.org/category/member-resources/council-and-convention/convention-2016>

5. June All-Member Call

Please join us for the All-Member Conference Call on **Tuesday, June 7 at 12 noon**.

The topic of this call will be a discussion about outreach to young people. Local Leagues are invited to share success stories and ideas for how we can engage more young people in the League's work.

Call-in Number: (866) 740-1260

Pin Number 4691505#

The recording of the all-member call will be available online in the Member Area of 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.

6. Pass-thru Grants Available for Women's Voices: Training the Next Gen of Women Leaders

Have you noticed all the gender-in-politics issues in the media lately? Us, too. Here's something you can do about it: join LWVOEF's "Women's Voices: Training the Next Gen of Women Leaders" project. A limited number of pass-thru grants are still available. [Click here](#) for more information.

7. Did your local League elect a new board at your annual meeting?

Please remember to send your updated board lists to the LWVO office. Updates can be emailed to Gail Burns at lwvoinfo@lwvohio.org.

LWVUS encourages Leagues to keep the active officers list up to date in their database as well. Those lists are used to communicate with League leaders on different projects, programs, and notifications. Roster managers can watch this [quick video clip](#) to see how to update and add new officers to their active list. There are also step by step instructions on pages 22 & 23 of the [LWVUS Database User Guide](#).

8. Legislative Updates

May is proving to be an intense and busy stretch for the Ohio General Assembly. The legislature is racing to get as much done as they can this week, as they hope to recess for the summer beginning Memorial Day weekend. They are expected to take an extended summer recess until the election. So-- if we make it through this week-- we should be all clear until lame duck. Recent LWVO testimony, action alerts, and press releases are posted on the www.lwvohio.org front page under "Advocacy Updates".

LWVO has been closely following the outcome of Senate Bill 296 (extended polling hours), Senate Bill 63 (online voter registration bill) and House Bill 512 (water testing and notification for lead and other contaminants)--all three passed last night--as well as federal redistricting reform efforts and clarification of voting rights via the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission.

Legislation relating to gun violence prevention (HB 48), renewable energy (SB 320, HB 544), and various education-related bills (particularly those involving school finance) do not appear to be

moving quickly. LWVO is prepared, however, for these bills to receive attention in the lame duck session this fall.

9. Local League Survey

The LWVO Board will be sending local League presidents a survey about local League-state relations. Please watch your inboxes and reply!

10. MLD Tip: 10 Ways to Make the Most of Your Board Orientation / Retreat!

As the time for board orientations and retreats get closer, your MLD Team wanted to pass along these tips for getting the most out of these meetings. [10 Ways to Make the Most of Your Board Orientation/Retreat](#) points you to a number of resources to help in the planning of your board orientation/retreat as well as offering helpful tips. (source: LWVUS' May 12 League Update)