



Ohio League Leader Update - December 2013 *Happy Holidays from The League of Women Voters of Ohio*

As 2013 comes to an end, LWV Ohio reflects on a year filled with significant accomplishments by the state and local League members across the state.

This year LWVO and local League members advocated in support of numerous election bills, redistricting, judicial reform, protecting natural resources, prevention of human trafficking, gun violence prevention, and more. Additionally, LWVO hosted our March Statehouse Day and May Convention, which brought together League members from across the state to share ideas and inspire one another. Local League members across the state offered testimony on pending legislation and organized and held election forums. The League accomplished a great deal, and we couldn't be more proud of the excellent work being done under the League banner all over Ohio.

***Thank you** for all that you and your League have done to further our shared vision-and we look forward to a new year filled with continued opportunities to make democracy work.*

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1. Summary of Election Legislation

The state legislature has been busy this fall trying to rewrite many aspects of election law. LWVO has been tracking, testifying and lobbying on these proposed changes.

You can read a summary and status report on all the election bills [here](#) and you can read LWVO testimony [here](#).

2. January All-Member Conference Call

Our next all-member conference call will be held on Tuesday, January 7th, 12-1 pm.

Topic: LWVUS is updating its Agriculture position to explore issues such as agriculture technology (GMOs, herbicides, pesticides, water pollution, and food labeling) and finance (crop subsidies and regulation). In preparation for consensus meetings on Agriculture, join us for a discussion about how these issues relate to Ohio farms.

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Upcoming all- member call date and topic:

- Feb. 4th- Join us as we discuss Ohio water issues. Ohio is part of two watersheds, the Ohio River watershed and the Lake Erie watershed. What are some of the major concerns impacting our watersheds and what can we do about them?

3. LWVO Board Liaisons with Local Leagues

As most of you know, your local League has an LWVO Board member assigned to it as its liaison. Board member liaisons interact with their assigned local Leagues and keep them up to date on LWVO issues, upcoming

events, and many other topics. Liaisons are also a good way for local Leagues to pass along questions and suggestions to the state League.

The LWVO Board last month sent out a liaison questionnaire to all local League presidents. It will help the LWVO Board to determine how to make the Liaison Program more effective. The state board looks forward to your suggestions and thoughts regarding the program. Please contact the office if you did not receive the questionnaire or require another copy.

4. Local League Events

State board members and staff enjoy visiting local Leagues across the state. We find it enlightening to learn about what your local League is doing to promote the issues about which we all care. Please let us know about events and forums that your local League is sponsoring, so that we might attend.

5. Save the Date!

a. LWV Ohio Statehouse Day & Council Wednesday, April 9, 2014

New location! We will be using the conference center at the Sheraton on Capitol Square, across from the Statehouse. Registration will begin in January. Check the website - www.lwvohio.org -for announcements about speakers, event schedule, meeting with your legislators, and information for Council delegates. Sponsorship opportunities are available. It promises to be an exciting event, so put it on your calendar now.

b. February 2014 Regional Meetings are Coming

LWVO will once again be hosting regional meetings across the state during the month of February. If there are any Saturdays in February that your local League already has booked for other League events, please let the state office know so that we can avoid schedule conflicts. You can email your preferred dates to lwvinfo@lwvohio.org. Thank you!

6. LWVO/EF Holiday Office Hours

The LWVO office wishes you and yours a happy holiday season. Please note that the League office will have limited hours over the holiday.

As always, thank you for all you do for League! Best wishes for a lovely holiday season to you and your loved ones.

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