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## Ohio Hosts Public Hearing of the U.S. Presidential Commission on Election Administration—How Do You Tame a Battleground State?

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On Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, Ohio played host to the U.S. Presidential Commission on Election Administration. In President Obama's State of the Union Address earlier this year, he talked about setting up this Commission to look into problems that occurred in the 2012 elections.



The League of Women Voters of Ohio sought to address questions about battleground states in our testimony before the Commission. For Ohio, it comes down to two main problems. One is that we have a history of election related problems, which have spawned an avalanche of legislation and litigation. The other is that Ohioans have wildly different views of how elections should be run, creating a continual battle between the state and counties over who gets to control the process.

The most glaring of Ohio's troubled elections history was the disastrous 2004 election. We had incredibly long lines (some lasting up to twelve hours and into the wee hours of the morning), inadequate and malfunctioning equipment, poorly trained poll workers who gave voters misinformation, delayed election results, and more. It was an embarrassment.

In the aftermath of the 2004 election, advocates across the political spectrum called for change in the way Ohio administers its elections. One of those voices calling for change was the League, and in 2005 we filed a lawsuit against the state for its decades-long failures to properly manage elections. LWV Ohio's lawsuit was settled in 2009, having survived appeals all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.



In addition to all of the lawsuits, policymakers at the state and local level have been engaged in a tug-of-war over how elections should be run. Why? **Because Ohio is a battleground state even when no one is watching.** Ohio has a diverse population. We have eight large urban areas, as well as sparsely populated rural communities. Naturally, there are tensions between large counties with more resources and small counties with small budgets, which often preclude a one-size-fits-all solution. There are tensions between state and county officials, because the state constitution grants counties "home rule" authority to make many policy decisions independent of the state. So state and county officials arm wrestle over who gets to decide.

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## **Excerpts from LWV Ohio's Testimony to the Presidential Commission**

Sharing Ohio's experience with this federal panel gives us the opportunity to pass on our lessons learned about such issues as early voting, provisional ballots, voter ID, improved polling place management, and written election administration plans. It also gives us an opportunity to step back and look at what Ohio does well and where it needs to improve. With that in mind, the League has offered several recommendations to keep Ohio's elections on the path to improvement and not backslide on the progress we have made.

### **1. Improved polling place management – make EAPs permanent and mandatory**

Each year, LWVO has collected, reviewed, and analyzed the Election Administration Plans (EAPs). The quality of EAPs has gradually increased, and election officials across the state have – albeit grudgingly at times – embraced the EAPs as tool to plan for their needs, justify their budget requests, and reassure the public.

While such plans may not solve all problems, if fulfilled conscientiously, they will create the circumstances to prevent problems from recurring again and again.

### **2. Absentee and early voting – don't cut what works**

There is a heated debate under way in Ohio over how long voters should have for mail-in absentee voting and in-person early voting. County BOEs worry about staffing, resources, and costs. Political parties worry about protecting their voters. Advocates and policy-makers worry about access for various constituencies, as well as fairness and integrity of the system.

Setting all the rhetoric aside, what we do know is that since no-fault absentee and early in-person went into effect, it has been hugely popular with voters. That compels one to ask: why would we cut something what works? The proposed cuts to early voting fly in the face of its increased popularity. Ohio voters like it. Anything that we can do to increase turnout and get more people to the polls, that should be the goal. So while we can discuss how to reach a formula that works for everyone, we ought to keep in mind what the voters have told us they want.

### **3. Voter ID**

Ohio has a broad variety of acceptable forms of voter ID. This works. It ensures every eligible voter can participate by providing a broad range of acceptable documents, with the fall-back of providing the last four digits of the voter's Social Security Number. While the long list is not as straight-forward as accepting only one document, it ensures everyone eligible can participate. Thus, the problem of a long confusing list is one of education – we need to keep doing a better job of providing clear training for poll workers and education for voters.

### **4. Voter registration modernization**

LWVO supports Ohio moving to secure online voter registration, permanent and portable registration, and improved implementation of the letter and spirit of the "Motor Voter" law NVRA

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by giving voters opportunity to check/update/register when interacting with a variety of government agencies (which should be easier to do once we have electronic/online voter registration).

**One short note about what doesn't work – confusion.** In the last couple of years in Ohio, there have been a great deal of confusion over constantly changing election rules, constantly changing dates/hours/locations for early voting, confusion over which government agency if any would send out absentee ballot applications, confusion over the amount of postage to put on absentee ballots (especially if it was a long ballot), confusion over when to use provisional ballots (reduce overuse while still allow fall-back), etc.

The constant battle is making the practical administration of elections harder and more confusing. One solution may be, as LWVO has suggested, to make the chief elections officer of the state nonpartisan instead of partisan.



**Save the Date!**

## **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](http://www.lwvohio.org) – for announcements about speakers, event schedule, meeting with your legislators, and information for Council delegates.



## LWV Ohio Launches a Judicial Education Program

The judiciary is sometimes referred to as the “least understood branch of government.” There are so many things about our courts that many Ohioans just don’t know. What do judges really do? Shall we turn to Judge Judy to find out? What is the difference between a common pleas court, a municipal court and an appellate court? What are

environmental courts, probate courts and drug courts? Which of these operate in my county? And in addition to the details of the courts, the fundamental question that Ohioans struggle with is: What should I think about when voting for a judge and how can I tell if a judge is doing a good job and still deserves my vote?

Given the dearth of knowledge, it is not surprising that many voters don’t bother to vote for judges. Or if they do vote, they make their decision based on a familiar last name or party label. We believe that we can begin to address this problem.

The Ohio League is committed to educating Ohioans about the judiciary and we are hoping that Local Leagues will join in this effort. During the first year of this project we are inviting Leagues to interview judges in their county and to observe them at work. We will be developing a toolkit to assist League members in interviewing local bar associations and judges and observing local courts. There will be a small stipend for Leagues who choose to participate in this project. The information we obtain will be compiled and shared with our communities – in Voters, letters to the editor, etc.

In 2014 we plan to provide materials for Leagues interested in hosting community judicial forums. We also intend to increase our focus on judicial races as part of voter service activities in 2014.

Educating Ohioans about the judicial system, the role of judges, and how to think about voting for judges is probably NOT a job that the League can undertake on its own. We will be looking for partners at the state and national level and in local communities. Think about who in your community would be interested in partnering on this project – local bar associations, specialty bar associations, such as women’s bar associations, or minority bar associations, or civic groups.

As we work to educate Ohioans and help insure that voters will have adequate information to vote intelligently for judges, we continue to believe that the ultimate goal is to move towards an appointment/retention election system, whereby judges would be appointed by an independent commission. Voters would decide whether to retain the appointed judge in office or not in a retention election after some years on the bench. The League will testify in support of such a system at the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission’s Committee on the Judicial Branch and the Administration of Justice. Our testimony will also address other reforms that might improve our current system, including a commission to recommend appointments to the Governor for judicial vacancies, the elimination of party labels in the primaries, transparency and timely reporting of campaign contributions.

## LWV Ohio Seeks a Judicial Voter Education Intern

Do you know an Ohio college student who is looking for an internship? Please encourage them to apply!

### LWV Ohio Internship Position: Judicial Voter Education Intern (Unpaid Position)

The League of Women Voters of Ohio Education Fund (LWVOEF) is embarking on an ambitious new voter education project to help Ohioans understand the workings of our judicial system and how judges are selected.

The Judicial Voter Education Intern would have the unique experience of being on the ground floor of a multi-year effort to educate Ohioans. The intern will learn about the Ohio judicial system and elections system, be part of developing a grassroots public education project, and have the opportunity to interact with leaders in the legal community.

This internship would be beneficial for students interested in political science, law, community organizing, public service, and communications.

The ideal candidate is eager to learn, works well as part of a team of existing staff and volunteers, has strong communication skills, attention to detail and capacity to manage multiple projects at once. Experience in government or politics is a plus.

Students interested should submit a resume, letter of interest, and a writing sample to Carrie Davis at [leg@lwvohio.org](mailto:leg@lwvohio.org).

## Report on the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission

From Ann Henkener, LWVO Advocacy Chair

The Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission was established by statute in 2011. It is modeled after the 1970s Ohio Constitutional Revision commission, which recommended a number of constitutional amendments that were later adopted. The new Commission is charged with:

- Studying the Constitution of Ohio;
- Promoting an exchange of experiences and suggestions respecting desired changes in the Constitution;
- Making recommendations from time to time to the general assembly for the amendment of the Constitution. A recommendation must be supported by two-thirds of the membership of the Commission.

The Commission received funding in the state budget bill effective July 1, 2013 and is in the process of hiring staff. This should allow the Commission to move forward more quickly. The Commission has a number of committees. The League is particularly interested in the following committees:

- Bill of Rights and Voting Committee – it will be taking up election laws
- Legislative Branch and Executive Branch Committee – it has chosen redistricting as its first topic
- Constitutional Revisions and Updating Committee – it is reviewing how the constitution is updated and in particular looking at the initiative and referendum process
- Judicial Branch and the Administration of Justice Committee – it is reviewing the judicial system and the rights of individuals in the justice system

League members including Board and staff are attending committee meetings. For the most part the committees are clarifying which topics to pursue first and then asking stakeholders and subject matter experts to present information before the committees. The League has presented on the topic of redistricting and will present before the Committee on the Judicial Branch in November.

LWVO will continue to inform its members of the activities of the Commission. Members can also get more information at <http://www.ocmc.ohio.gov/>

## How to get younger people to join the League?

From Melissa Currence, Co-Chair LWVUS Young People's Taskforce

The League of Women Voters of the U.S.'s Young People's Taskforce (YPTF) has been hard at work this year tackling how we better recruit younger members into our organization. Below are ideas for growing your ranks with younger members.

### Provide a service

Our first challenge with a younger generation is awareness of the League. Many young people will not know what we do. It is less likely a younger person will know a member, so we will need to be more proactive in introducing LWV to them.

A first step will often be providing them our top-notch voter service help. Younger people are less likely to be registered to vote, have questions about how to vote, or be confused on their rights. We can answer their questions. Once we've helped them, we can ask about their interests and connect them to what your League is doing.

### Let them volunteer first

Younger people will likely test out your League first by volunteering before becoming a member. Consider breaking down larger volunteer tasks into more structured, one-time activities. Encourage them to bring a friend, because it may be less intimidating. Do you recognize your volunteers? Do so by showcasing them in your Voter newsletter or Facebook page.

### Mentor

The time it takes to move a younger person from a volunteer to a member may be a long process, so we need to continue to provide opportunities for them to grow. What can your League do to develop a young person's skills? Once they have volunteered, they will be more apt to take on more leadership opportunities or a larger project. Always check in to make sure they do not feel isolated or overwhelmed with their new duties.

### Make it easy

Can you provide childcare for young moms or dads to attend your programs? Do you have lower membership dues for college students? Do your activities have a variety of starting times? Make changes to make it easier for younger people to be active members in your League.

*If you have any questions about the work of the Young People's Taskforce, you are welcome to contact Melissa at [currencem@gmail.com](mailto:currencem@gmail.com).*



## To Get More From LWV OHIO in 2013

1.

### CHECK OUT THE MEMBER AREA OF [www.lwvohio.org](http://www.lwvohio.org)

You will find recent Ohio League Leader Updates and important information for local Leagues and members.

2.

### JOIN THE CONVERSATION

The first Tuesday of every month at noon, join us for an all-member conference call to discuss an issue of importance to the League with members across the state. Topics have included redistricting, money in politics and education funding.

3.

### BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR ACTION ALERTS AND E-NEWS UPDATES!

All League members receive E-News updates to keep them connected to the work of LWV Ohio. Periodically, when legislation or policy is on the move, LWV Ohio will reach out to you and your local League to take action. We count on you to amplify the voice of LWV Ohio with your phone calls, emails and letters.

4.

### SIGN UP FOR THE LEAGUE LEADER UPDATES

The League Leader Updates, LWVO's monthly e-newsletter filled with updates on everything from membership to advocacy to finance/grant opportunities to voters' service to upcoming events, is now accessible to **all** League members. Simply email [lwvoinfo@lwvohio.org](mailto:lwvoinfo@lwvohio.org) or call 614-469-1505 to subscribe.

5.

### "LIKE" US ON FACEBOOK AND "FOLLOW US" ON TWITTER

LWV Ohio posts breaking news and member updates on Facebook and Twitter regularly. Get news quickly and easily share it with your friends and network.

## LWVO Board Adopts Issue Priorities for 2013-2015

From Ann Henkener, LWVO Advocacy Chair

Earlier this year, the LWV Ohio Board adopted a new 5-year strategic plan. Recognizing that the Ohio League can have more impact if we focus on several priority issues, the plan calls on the state board to identify 3-5 priority issues to focus on in our education and advocacy work for the next two years.

The LWVO Board adopted the following four issue priorities for 2013-2015:

- **Election administration & voting rights.** This is a continuation of the work the League has done over the last several years, such as educating voters on how and where to vote, opposing requirements for photo IDs, and assuring easy access to the polls both on election day and by early in person voting and by absentee ballot. This work is supported by a grant from the Joyce Foundation and has always been a priority for the League.
- **Judicial reform.** The League has a history of educating voters about the unique role of the judiciary and of supporting policies that maintain the independence of judges. This work is also supported by a grant from the Joyce Foundation.
- **Women's reproductive health rights.** The LWVUS has long had a strong position supporting women's access to reproductive health care. Recently those rights have been under attack and the League needs to educate Ohioans about ways to retain those rights.
- **Water (includes clean water, water usage, water issues related to fracking, Great Lakes, etc.)** Ohio is uniquely involved in a number of issues relating to clean water – one third of the state is in the Great Lakes watershed and we are confronted with making sure that water is clean and remains plentiful. Ohio also is a state in which hydraulic fracturing can be used to produce gas. We need to assure that our water is used properly and that the waste doesn't contaminate our water supply.

LWVO volunteer lobbyists advocate for priority as well as non-priority issues and this will continue. We do expect that staff and board members will focus on the priority areas.

All of our positions are important and we encourage local Leagues and League members to pursue the issues of particular concern to them. Any issue on which we have a position is open for education and advocacy by League members.

## From the President's Desk



*Nancy G. Brown*

In September the State Board had its first “real” Board meeting – we had met very briefly after the May Convention and then again at July Retreat, where we focused on flushing out the activities and a timeline for the Strategic Plan. But in September, we met for a day and one half, giving committees time to get organized and plan their work – work that is organized around our five year Strategic Plan. As you know, the strategic plan encompasses seven discrete goals and I plan to update you regularly on our progress.

The first goal, membership, is off to a good start with 12 Leagues participating in the Membership and Leadership Development program (MLD) under the leadership of Meg Flack, the MLD coordinator. In addition, the Membership Committee has been working to strengthen the Liaison program. The Liaison program pairs a Board member with two or three local Leagues and provides a conduit to share information about what the Board is doing and what local Leagues are doing. At every state board meeting, board members report on the activities of their liaison Leagues and we hope that all local League Presidents will take advantage of their liaison contact in order to foster strong communication between local Leagues and the State League. I have found that when I have a question relating to LWVUS, my liaison contact is the fastest way to get an answer – and I hope that Local League Presidents will find their assigned liaison to be a similar resource.

Development is key to our growth and the Development Committee, which includes off board members, is addressing both short and long-range issues. We know that there are many people who believe in the work of the State League, but for one reason or another have not chosen to join the League at this time. How do we reach these folks and ask for their support in our work? How do we secure professional development staff, which will be necessary to accomplish many of the objectives of the Strategic Plan? How shall we mark our 95<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> birthdays? If you have ideas for the Development Committee, please let us know.

The State League has identified four priority issues for advocacy: Election Administration, Judicial Reform, Water (including fracking) and Women’s Reproductive Rights. But the fact that we have priority issues doesn’t mean there isn’t a great deal of work being done in other areas where the State League or LWVUS has positions. For example, the Oberlin League has mobilized Leaguers across the state to explore what can be done in the face of new gun laws passed by the Ohio legislature limiting the right of local communities to determine how guns should be regulated in their communities. Other League members are exploring the benefits of nonpartisan primaries and groups of Leaguers continue to focus on education financing and other issues. So if you have a state issue in which you think the League should be involved, don’t be scared off because it is not a priority State League issue, but reach out to your fellow Leaguers. And let the League office know, so we can help with coordination and publicity.

Without a doubt the best thing about being president of the Ohio League is learning about the great work and passion of League members across the state. I look forward to visiting with many of you over the next couple of years and hope that you won’t hesitate to send me an email or call if you have suggestions as to how the State League can better serve you.

### **Leaving a Legacy - One of the Easiest Ways to Support the League for Years to Come**

When was the last time you updated your will? While we often gather at this time of year to celebrate important life events, we may forget that marriage, new babies, and graduation impact our estate plans too.

The next time you update your will, please consider including a gift to the League of Women Voters of Ohio Education Fund. Include LWVOEF in your will and offer support to League's work for years to come. Contact an attorney for suggestions on the correct wording for your will or, if you already have a will, you can have your attorney add a codicil to include the LWVOEF. Once you have updated your will to include League, please let us know (call 614-469-1505 or email [leg@lwvohio.org](mailto:leg@lwvohio.org)) so we can recognize your support. Thank you!

## Thank You To Our Donors!

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## Executive Director's Column:



Carrie L. Davis

What's next? That is the key question many of us are asking about the League's future.

What is next in our quest to inform and advocate for voters? What is next in protecting clean water, striving for equitable school funding, or protecting our children from gun violence?

How do we ensure that the League continues to be strong and have the members, volunteers, staff and resources to keep up this vital work?

How do we integrate new technologies into the work we do?

The state League has been asking many of these questions over the last year. Some of the answers have been collected in our five-year strategic plan, which state board president Nancy Brown mentioned in her column. But the other answers lie with you, dear reader.

What can each one of us do to ensure a strong League for the next generation?

This is our task ahead. We need to look within our Leagues for members who are suited to grow into leadership roles. Ask them if they are interested in getting more involved. Pair them with a mentor, a current or past leader, who can help them develop their leadership skills. We also need to look outside of our existing membership, look around at our communities and colleagues who share our commitment to good government. Ask them to get involved. Encourage them to seek out opportunities to develop new skills.

Anyone who has been involved in League knows that it can be a marvelous training ground for a myriad of professional skills – communications, organizing, civic education, advocacy and lobbying, fundraising, bookkeeping, event planning, and more! And it also provides a phenomenal education, studying and learning about so many pressing issues facing our communities. What young person would not want to add such experiences to his or her resume? Look around. Who do you know that could benefit from a "LWV University" experience?



## Save the Date! LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS U.S. 2014 CONVENTION

Plan to join your fellow national, state and local League Leaders at next year's LWVUS Convention!

The 2014 Convention will be here before we know it and it's not too soon to get this on your calendar. You'll experience four days of fascinating speakers and workshops on issues that are so important to League and to our democracy. In addition, you'll have the opportunity to network with Leaguers from all over the U.S. and engage in lively debate and discussion on a wide range of topics.

### DETAILS:

**When: June 6 - 10, 2014**  
**Where: Omni Hotel, Dallas, Texas**  
**Registration Fee: \$335.00**

Additional information will be available in November on LWVUS' website at <http://lww.org/member-resources/convention-2014> or call LWVUS at 202-429-1965.



## LWV Ohio Monthly All-Member Calls

Get involved from the comfort of your home or office!

The state League hosts a conference call on the first Tuesday of every month. Much like tele-townhalls, the monthly call is a great way for League members across Ohio to connect, share ideas, get updates on hot topics, and plan action.

**Here's how to join the discussion:**  
**Calls occur on the first Tuesday of each month at 12:00 PM (noon) until 1:00 PM**  
**Call (toll-free): 866-740-1260**  
**Enter PIN Number: 4691505#**

Each month features a different topic. Previous call topics have included education funding, redistricting reform, voter protection, campaign finance, and fracking. Check the state League website – [www.lwvohio.org](http://www.lwvohio.org) – for next month's call topic.

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