



# The VOTER

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The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization encouraging the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influencing public policy through education and advocacy.

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## League Calendar

Saturday, May 13th	6:30 - 11:00 am	<b>Voter Registration at Lawrence Farmer's Market . 824 New Hampshire St.</b> Set up help at 6:30 am, table from 7 -11 am in two-hour shifts.
Thursday, May 18th	11:30am - 1:00 pm	<b>Hot Topic: Transportation in Lawrence, speaker Ashley Myers. Watkins Museum, 1047 Massachusetts St.</b> Coffee at 11:30, program at noon. See article on page 2.
Saturday, May 20th	6:30 - 11:00 am	<b>Voter Registration at Lawrence Farmer's Market . 824 New Hampshire St.</b> Set up help at 6:30 am, table from 7 -11 am in two-hour shifts.
Tuesday, May 23rd	7:00 pm - 8:45 pm	<b>LWVL-DC Board Meeting. Lawrence Public Library, Room C, 707 Vermont St.</b> All League members are invited to attend.
Saturday, May 27th	6:30 - 11:00 am	<b>Voter Registration at Lawrence Farmer's Market . 824 New Hampshire St.</b> Set up help at 6:30 am, table from 7 -11 am in two-hour shifts.
Saturday, June 3rd	6:30 - 11:00 am	<b>Voter Registration at Lawrence Farmer's Market . 824 New Hampshire St.</b> Set up help at 6:30 am, table from 7 -11 am in two-hour shifts.
Saturday, June 10th		<b>Save the Date - Tentative LWVL-DC Board Retreat</b>
Thursday, June 15th	11:30am - 1:00 pm	<b>Hot Topic: Legislative Wrap-Up. Watkins Museum, 1047 Massachusetts St.</b> Coffee at 11:30, program at noon.
Tuesday, July 11th	7:00 pm - 8:45 pm	<b>LWVL-DC Board Meeting. Lawrence Public Library, Room A, 707 Vermont St.</b> All League members are invited to attend.
Tuesday, July 11th		<b>Last Day to Register for the Primary Election</b>

## Co-President's Message

As we begin a new year with new officers I have a lot of enthusiasm for the League and our programs. We have recognition within Lawrence and within our state for our voter registration efforts, candidate forums, and positions. Both, Ann Carlin Ozegovic and I, want to build upon our past efforts and seek to address our future needs. We met this past week with past president Debra Duncan to discuss board organization, meeting schedules, notebooks of essential information for the board, and program planning for our League.

This past weekend about 13 Lawrence League members attended the 72<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Kansas League conference in Topeka. Please read Ann's article about the conference in this Voter.

Over the past months we have had our own League day in Topeka, assisted the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association with their board election, and awarded the 2017 Helen Fluker award to Alan Cowles. We presented the \$1,000 Stucky Scholarship to LHS senior Alexis Kriegh.

The Observer Corps has been revitalized and in this issue of the Voter are several observer reports. Thank those observing and encourage each other to join observer corps.



We also have a number of other committees—one that makes phone calls for various voter registration or League events. There is Hospitality (which includes everything from welcoming new members, arranging for “treats” at Hot Topic meetings or sending flowers or cards when necessary). Voter Registration (we need a LOT of people involved so we can cover more events). Membership (do you like to plan social events? We need to recruit new members!) Other committees are Hot Topics, Publicity/Social Media, and Fundraising. And finally, the Pedestrian Coalition and the Land Use Committee always need members. If you want to know about the inner workings of the city of Lawrence, Land Use is definitely the committee to join. I know everyone has busy, busy lives. Please consider making a little time for a League committee. We need your energy and your ideas! - Marlene Merrill

## Next Hot Topic: Local Transportation

Speaker – Ashley Myers

May 18 at Watkins Museum, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

The City of Lawrence is conducting a transportation study. Since walking, biking, and ADA accessibility are important values for our community, the city commission recently approved the creation of a transportation commission to encourage strong multimodal and non-motorized transportation planning. Public and stakeholder participation is the cornerstone of any regional transportation plan. In other words, effective transportation planning must include the participation of those whose everyday lives are affected by how they are able to get to work, home, school, stores, and services.



as of 11/15/16

Plan to attend the May Hot Topic at Watkins Museum and hear about progress to date of Transportation Study. Ashley will talk about the stakeholder interviews and public surveys, how existing assets will be identified, and development of the draft plan. At our Annual Meeting the League decided upon a local study to update our transportation position. As voters we will need to be informed as in near future Lawrence citizens will be asked to renew the transportation sales tax and the street maintenance sales taxes. Attend the Hot Topic, it is a good way to start our study and become informed about transportation in our community. - Marlene Merrill

## LWVL-DC at Earth Day

Voter Services Committee had a table at the 2017 Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 22nd. Where forecasters had threatened a rainy day it turned from partly cloudy to wonderfully sunny and many people were out and about, taking in Earth Day exhibits. We staffed our table from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm and those members participating were Marlaine Stoor, Jamie Benvenuti, Ann Carlin Ozegovic, Janice Friedman, Tamara Cash, and Melissa Wick. We registered one new voter and helped 5 existing voters

with a change of address. We also had 5 new members sign up at our booth!

- Melissa Wick, Voter Services Chair



## Just for Fun: Kansas Firsts

Can you identify the Kansas Firsts represented by the pictures in this issue? They can either be firsts for Kansas, the U.S., or the world. Answers in the June issue.



## Lawrence Pedestrian Coalition

April 12th, 2017

Fifteen persons attended the April meeting of the Coalition. Gary Webber presided.

City Auditor Michael Eglinski addressed the group. He had conducted an audit of sidewalks in 2014 and discovered: 1) they are difficult to maintain, and 2) they get a high priority from residents. The people most concerned were seniors from small households. Even small flaws in sidewalks present dangers to them.

Chris Tilden reported that the Health Department has been working on Safe Routes to School for some time. Only about 10 percent of students walk or bike to school.

The next meeting of the Coalition will be on May 10 at 7:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A of the Lawrence Public Library.

Lawrence has received a "Silver" designation from the national Walk Friendly Communities program. Scores range from "Bronze" (lowest), Silver, Gold to Platinum (highest). The designation is based on community efforts to improve pedestrian safety across a wide range of programs and activities, from planning and design to outreach and law enforcement.

Several organizations, including the Coalition, have scheduled a meeting to discuss equitable funding for the repair and maintenance of sidewalks. It is estimated that it would cost \$6 million to bring all the sidewalks in Lawrence up to standard. This meeting will be held on May 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the library of the Liberty Memorial Central Middle School, 1400 Massachusetts Street.

- Alan Black

## Observer Reports:

### Health Department

April 17th, 2017

Introductions were made, with a welcome to a new board member. The primary focus of the Board meeting was to explain the new metric they are designing for use in framing the work of the organization. In order to be able to track their work, they brainstormed a number of measures that could be tracked, related to their various programs. They started with 140 metrics, and cut it down to 38. They created a matrix that can be used to see the flow of the agency's work, that includes the work environment and personnel, the tasks, and the programs. The 38 metrics are data driven, so they can be tracked. They hope to find a measurement that could be a proxy for multiple elements, but the goal now is to be able to track these 38 metrics. They relate to work processes and relationships. Collecting data is a priority so that these management metrics can be used. They are focused on coming up with at least 50% of this metrics to be best-practices based.



The other purpose of preparing this visual matrix of the agency is to try to be integrated in the programming and work force, and ensure that all activities are consistent with the mission, and that all employee's understand their work in the context of the overall mission. They are looking to update their system of data and electronic health records requests and are asking vendors to send bids. Ultimately, they are looking to integrate population health, primary care, and public health. They are looking to upgrade their system to make it easier to integrate the new data with the old data. They are moving from just getting and using data, to actually driving data to help the overall health of the community. - Sally Kelsey

## Public Incentives Review Committee (PIRC)

April 17th, 2017

The meeting was in the Lawrence City Commission meeting room and began at 9:30a ending at 10:45a. PIRC members attending were:

Leslie Soden, Mayor; Stuart Boley, Vice Mayor; Britt Crum-Cano, Economic Development Coordinator; Mike Gaugh-

an, Douglas Co. Commissioner; Michelle Fales; Ken Easthouse; Brad Burnside

An administrative staff person took minutes of the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to review the 2016 City of Lawrence, KS Annual Report on Economic Development Support and Compliance. It is an extensive document with six sections and six appendices.

The document was prepared and presented by Britt Crum-Cano, Economic Development Coordinator for the City of Lawrence.

Because of the length of the Report and the discussion of many of the topics therein, such as property tax abatements, tax increment financing (tif), industrial revenue bonds, and other support programs it was difficult for me to take accurate and comprehensive notes.

Britt Crum-Cano was clearly familiar with all of the report and led the discussion in a knowledgeable and concise manner. While there were questions from the PIRC members, Ms. Crum-Cano provided clarity on all points.

The entire report can be viewed online via [https://assets.lawrenceks.org/assets/ecodev/2016\\_annual\\_report/ed\\_2016\\_draft\\_report](https://assets.lawrenceks.org/assets/ecodev/2016_annual_report/ed_2016_draft_report)

I recommend reading the Executive Summary at the beginning of the report for an excellent overview.

- Dan Dannenberg



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SAFE Act is designed to address. The Committee urges the Kansas General Assembly to reconsider voting requirements in Kansas in the context of these findings."

Ellen Miller has been working on archiving the state League documents with the KU's Spencer Library. League member Sally Kelsey, is currently reviewing the contract. The LWVK has also assembled the state policies in one place. A call to the National League's new financial manager has helped in solving the problem with transfers from the Education Fund for PMP payments.

**Kansas Legislation:** The LWVK is providing testimony on several bills, including supporting election audits, supporting a minimum 30 day notification to voters before an election when the polling site is moved, and opposing tax credits for private school scholarships.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Income for February 2017, was \$500 (Dues \$450, Contributions \$50)

Expenses were \$642.71 (PMP-US pmp \$404, Postage and Supplies \$166.11, Meals and Hospitality \$72.60)

Current balances as of Feb. 28, 2017:

Checking Account	\$9,264.11
Money Market Account	\$2,106.39
Stucky Account	\$2,633.19
Education Fund (LWV-EF)	\$1,565.39

- Sharon Brown, Secretary

## Highlights of the March Board Meeting

March 14, 2017, Lawrence Fire Station #5

**Present:** Debra Duncan (Co-President), Marlene Merrill (Co-President), Marjorie Cole (Treasurer), Sharon Brown (Secretary), Margaret Arnold, Ann Carlin Ozegovic, Tamara Cash, Janice Friedman, marci francisco, Cille King, Carol Klinknett, Melissa Wick

**Absent:** Kim Gibson, Midge Grinstead

**Guests:** Anne Fluker, Thea Perry, Jamie Benvenotti

**Co-President's Report:** Debra and Marlene attended a meeting regarding the city transportation study. There will be a 30 day public comment period as part of this study. League needs to update our position on transportation. Transportation might also be a possible Hot Topic subject.

**Vice President's Report:**

**LWVK:** Marge Ahrens with the Kansas League, testified at the Kansas Commission on Civil Rights in February 2016. A report has finally been released today. In the summary, it states: "...current evidence suggests that voter disenfranchisement is much more likely to occur than fraud; particularly the types of fraud the



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## Highlights of the Annual LWVL-DC Meeting

April 23, 2017

The Annual Meeting was held at 11:00 a.m. in the Smith Center at Brandon Woods. Co-President Debra Duncan gave a brief welcome and introduced 11 new members and 3 lifetime members that were present. A total of 45 members were in attendance.

Debra presented the following report from the Co-Presidents:

During our last 12 months (April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017) we:

- Held 47 voter registration events, registering a total of 811 voters.
- Held an all member meeting to strategize on voter registration.
- Held a "meet the candidates" picnic and speed dating event.
- Spent over 25 hours personally visiting 90 of the 143 suspense listed voters
- Co-sponsored candidate forums for the Kan-

Lawrence House of Representatives, Kansas Senate, Board of Education and County Commission.

- Co-sponsored a town hall meeting on the school bond issue.
- Held an Afternoon with our state officials
- Held a LWVL-DC Day at the Capital.
- Ran the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association election.
- Held a garage sale.
- Held a Holiday Party.
- Held a New Member Orientation.
- Participated in the KU Volunteer Fair
- Participated in the Women's March.
- Held two state program planning meetings.
- Held a training session for the Observer Corps.
- Presented our Helen Naramore Fluker Award for Open and Accessible Government to Alan Cowles for his work on open meetings.
- Participated in the Lawrence St. Patrick's Day parade.
- Participated in the state League at the capital day.
- Participated in the City of Lawrence transportation study.
- Held our first quarterly coffee
- Held eight HOT TOPICS:
  - Legislative Wrap-Up with Paul Johnson,
  - Education and the Common Core,
  - The Informed Voters, Fair Judges Project,
  - Meet our new City Manager,
  - Presentation of the proposed LWVLDC position on Economic Development,
  - Public Education (Finance) in Kansas, and
  - Conceal and Carry, the Faculty Perspective
- Co-sponsored a film and discussion on "Gun Control; making a killing on guns, greed and the NRA, and three climate change events, including the movie "Before the Flood and "Climate Change and Environmental Security in Trump's White House."

This year our membership has increased 15% (27% over the last two years). As of today, we have 170 members, making us the second largest local League in the state (after Johnson County).

Our Social Media presence is increasing, and member attendance and participation has increased for many events. We need to work on establishing non-board member committees, especially for hospitality, membership, hot topics and fundraising. We also need someone to chair our local transportation study. If you have an interest in chairing or serving on a committee, please let Marlene or Ann Carlin Ozegovic know.

We are hoping to establish a mentor program for new



members. Other Leagues have done this and it has been highly successful. Please let me know if you are interested in becoming a mentor.

Marjorie Cole gave the Treasurer's Report. Total income for the year was \$10,809.39. Total expenses were



\$10,362.71. Ending balance as of 03/31/2017 was \$446.68.

Carol Klinknett presented the Nomination Committee report: Co-Presidents, Marlene Merrill and Ann Carlin Ozegovic; Vice President, marci francisco; Two-year Directors, Margaret Arnold, Debra Duncan, Anne Fluker, Janice Friedman, Kim Gibson, Cille King and Melissa Wick; Nominations Committee, Mary Lou Wright, Chair, Carol Klinknett and Janet Roth. Thea Perry was nominated from the floor for Director. Carol Klinknett moved (seconded by Ruth Lichtwardt) that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the slate of nominees. The motion carried.

The Statement of Position on Economic and Community Development prepared by David Burress and his committee was discussed. David presented the committee's findings at an all member meeting in March and it was approved, with revisions, at that time. The Board reviewed the revised document and approved it. Debra Duncan moved (seconded by Ruth Lichtwardt) to adopt this statement as a LWVL-DC position. Following discussion the motion carried.

The business meeting was adjourned at noon. After the luncheon Marcel Harmon, USD497 School Board President presented information about the bond issue election.

The winner of the "Party in a Basket" was Suzanne Doyle.

- Sharon Brown, Secretary

## In Memoriam



**Norman G. Wycoff**, longtime League member, died March 29, 2017. He worked in the United States State Department from 1950 to 1977, when he retired to Lawrence. He was a world traveler, an avid jogger, and kept up with news on TV, radio, and newspaper.

**Geneva Weston**, a life member of the League of Women Voters, died April 5, 2017. She was passionately devoted to politics and voting rights and a long-time activist in the Colorado Democratic Party. After retiring to Lawrence, she joined our League and attended as many of our meetings as she could, always generous with support. We will miss Genny.



## League of Women Voters of Kansas Convention: Report 1

Members of the State LWV certainly succeeded in their goal at the annual meeting “to inspire and empower Kansans to increase their active and informed participation in civic life.” Members from all nine local Leagues attended the 72<sup>nd</sup> convention Saturday, April 29 in Topeka.

Leading the meeting were out-going co-presidents Carole Neal, Wichita, and Marge Ahrens, Topeka, both of whom received honors at the national convention in Washington DC for pushing back against Secretary of State’s voter list purge. Cille King was nominated and elected co-chair of the state LWV, along with Teresa Briggs of Emporia. Cille has been Voter Services and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. Debra Duncan was selected to serve on the 2017-2018 nominating committee. Attending the conference from the Lawrence League were Sharon Brown, Tamera Cash, Marjorie Cole, Allen Cowles, Debra Duncan, Bonnie Dunham, James Dunn, Janice Friedman, Cille King, marci francisco, and Ann Carlin Ozegovic.

“Praising the tenacity of the League in continuing the fight,” Lawrence attorney Bob Eye, spoke at the morning session on the “Freeze and Thaw cycle of Voting Rights in Kansas.” “Establishing democracy takes time and effort, with both success and disappointment,” Eye said. “Discouraging people from voting by gerrymandering and putting more restrictions on voting (S.A.F.E.) causes confusion, frustration and cynicism,” he continued. Voters in North Dakota and Oregon have proven voting can be easy and secure, with as much as 80% mail-in participation in the last election. Eye is a board member for the ACLU of Kansas and the Nuclear Information and Resource Service in Washington, DC.

Kim Lauth, who spoke at the luncheon, has

more than 25 years working in nonprofit management and fundraising. She is a former president of the LWV in Knoxville, TN, and is the national League’s liaison to LWVK. She spoke on strategic planning and the role of the League moving ahead. She stressed the following: maximize the successes of the League; everything should be open for discussion; avoid the expression it’s the League way; don’t dwell too much on process instead of outcome; honor history, but we can’t live there; it’s not about the League, it’s about the work; and always remember our communities and states need us now more than ever.”

Speaker for the afternoon session was Dr. Tiffany Anderson, the new superintendent of Topeka Public Schools USD 501. She is a well known and inspired advocate for children of poverty and color in public schools. “Her sentences are laced with urgency, optimism and bold assertions,” one writer described her. In 2014, she earned national recognition from Education Week as one of the “16 Leaders to Learn From.” She has been a public school educator for 23 years. During her tenure as superintendent in Montgomery County Public Schools in Virginia, the district moved from having 7 schools accredited to having all 23 schools accredited. In July 2012, she joined the Jennings (MO) School District as Superintendent. Under her leadership, the district regained full accreditation, which it had lost decades ago. Jennings has become a national model of excellence in serving the whole child.

- Ann Carlin Ozegovic

## League of Women Voters of Kansas Convention: Report 2

Outgoing LWVK Co-Presidents Marge Ahrens and Carole Neal deftly handled the Convention’s lengthy agenda.

In addition to the three inspiring speakers, Attorney Bob Eye, LWV liaison to LWVK Kim Lauth, and Topeka Public Schools superintendent, Dr. Tiffany Anderson, several business items were addressed and votes taken.

### Voted and Approved School Finance Study:

History: A two-year update study was approved at LWV State Convention, 2015. After intense study involving



a SurveyMonkey consensus question/answer response from all nine local Leagues and six individuals, the updated position statement was approved at State Convention, 2017. The position that was sent to all local Leagues prior to Convention was adopted with only the addition of “and equitable” in the introductory paragraph and item F.

**Statement of Position:**

The LWWK reaffirms its position (please see State Finance, Standards, in current positions) that adequate and equitable funding of public (pre-K-12) education is very important for the students currently enrolled in Kansas schools, as well as for the future of Kansas, its communities, and the state's businesses. In doing so, the LWWK: (please go to LWWK.org website, under Positions; Government; School Finance, for the full position statement including items A - J).

**Voted and Approved Updated One Year Study on Water:**

**History:** Rationale for program update presented by Bev Komarek of LWW of Great Bend-Barton County; past LMVK President (1989-1991); LWWK Board member (1985- 1989); past president, LWVGB (1981-1985); and emeritus representative, Upper Arkansas Basin Advisory Committee (2000-2010).

**Purpose:** To modify portions of the LWWK 2015 Water Resources Management Policy Statement to:

1. enable League members flexibility to engage in advocacy on any State of Kansas recognized “beneficial use” of water
2. clarify conservation provisions with existing and long held Kansas water doctrine

**Introduction:** For more than 40 years, the LWWK has demonstrated its stewardship of Water Resources Management across the State through its Water Use Management Policy Statement. In 1977, local League



members conducted the groundbreaking water study. Updates followed in 1984, 1993, and 2008. With member agreement, a new Water Resource Management Statement of Position with planning and Implementation recommendations was formed again in 2009.

**Proposed Changes:**

- 1) In the Water Rights Section, eliminate “the

ranking of “beneficial uses”.  
 2) Conservation of Water – eliminate Section H. and reaffirm “first in right, first in use” legal doctrine.



**Conclusion:** The LWWK Water Management Resource Policy statement should be updated to: be inclusive of all water stakeholders; reaffirm the

League's guiding principle on non-partisanship and encourage flexibility. Each “beneficial use” of water in Kansas has a stakeholder whose livelihood or quality of life depends on continued use of this precious resource! Any reduction on their appropriation demands considerable economic or lifestyle changes. By being proactive and collaborative, Kansans can devise approaches for water resource management that five future generations the quality water that is appropriate to its uses and beneficial to the environment.

**Committee:** Marci Francisco has agreed to be a co-chair of this committee for the remainder of this calendar year (as she has other duties starting again in January 2018). A few others have asked to join the committee. Please email: [lwv.kansas@gmail.com](mailto:lwv.kansas@gmail.com) if you would like to be a co-chair, or join the committee. The full proposal can be found in the 2017 LWWK Convention Booklet, in pdf on the LWWK.org website.

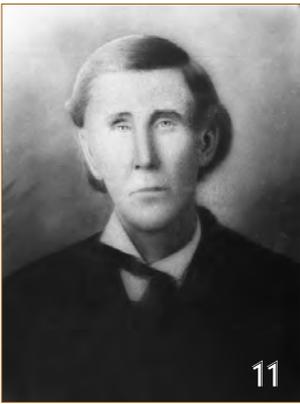
**Voted and Approved Action Resolutions:**

1. The League of Women Voters of Kansas, meeting in state convention on April 29, 2017, resolves to ask the legislature to provide funding for the necessary safety protection to prevent guns from being brought into state mental health facilities OR to remove these facilities from the implementation of concealed carry legislation.

2. The League of Women Voters of Kansas, meeting in state convention on April 29, 2017, resolves to ask the legislature to provide funding for the necessary safety protection to prevent guns from being brought into all hospitals and institutions of higher learning OR to remove these facilities from the implementation of concealed carry legislation.

3. The League of Women Voters of Kansas, meeting in state convention on April 29, 2017, resolves to ask Governor Brownback and the state legislature to provide a good quality of life, now and in the future, in our state by:

- a. Adequately funding public education
- b. Adequately funding state highways and roads



- c. Expanding and reforming KanCare with adequate oversight
- d. Raising income taxes progressively and equitably to fund points a. and c.

**Directions to the LWWK Board, many include local League participation:**

- 1. Approach Republican legislator to sponsor and introduce

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our legislation.

2. Develop a long-term strategy to involve all local Leagues in advocacy for our legislation.

3. Have breakout/small group gatherings at each statewide meeting which bring together Local League: Communications, Voter Services, Treasurers, etc.

a. This action would provide an opportunity to exchange ideas, challenges, etc. and would help bring consistency across the state.

b. State Officers/Board Members could facilitate these small groups

c. This action may increase attendance at state meetings

d. This action could result in ongoing communications throughout the year between local Leagues.

4. Research how other state Leagues pay for their executive director's salary.

a. Can we fund that position using our savings to start and find a way to sustain?

b. The consistency and support an Executive Director can provide could greatly benefit the League.

5. League of Women Voters Kansas should hire a computer data analytics specialist to offer alternative redistricting maps to the state legislature.

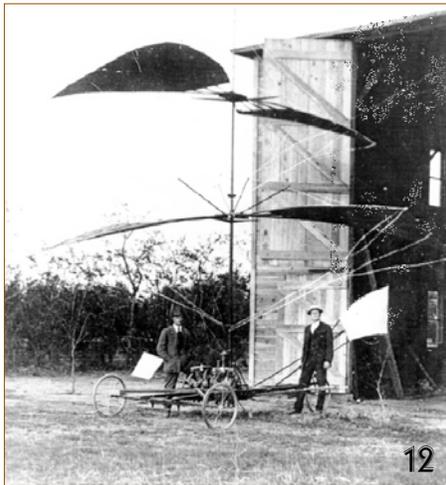
a. League of Women Voters of the United States policy page thirty seven.

b. Request this information from legislative research or a college professor rather than hiring someone?

6. Continue to focus on issues relating to representative government, particularly voting, open meetings and open records, and government access for all citizens.

7. Assist League members in recognizing governmental business in secrecy (meetings closed without disclosing meaningful information about the subjects to be discussed) and encourage League members to ask their local governmental bodies to avoid doing governmental business in secrecy.

8. Undertake the publication of a booklet on



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Recommended Open Meetings Practices in Kansas.

9. Work toward limiting the size of contributions to politicians and political activities and encourage the national League to propose and support a constitutional amendment limiting contributions to politicians and political activities.

10. To ask each local League to distribute the final League of Women Voters Kansas position on school finance (adopted April 29, 2017) to their local legislators.

11. Statewide Board Training

12. Board meetings in League towns

13. Look into starting new Leagues

14. Use the term "Chair"; not Chairman, Chairperson, Chairwoman, or any variation.

**Approved the Budget**

The proposed budget was sent to all Leagues before the Convention. A Lawrence League member asked what the LWWK does with the money received from the local Leagues, as "per member dues" is \$18 per person and totaled \$12,101 to LWWK for 2016-2017 fiscal year. Some of the larger expenditures are for our liaison contact and weekly legislative reports - \$7000; the 11 minute video created to explain voter registration and public service announcements during the fall election season, \$5,700; the Washburn interns, \$5,800; office rent, \$3600; and other office expenses and website. The budget is also in the 2017 LWWK Convention booklet.

**New LWWK Co-President's Message**

We are all praying for Co-president, Teresa Briggs' (Emporia) full recovery.

We will continue with the substantial initiatives from the last two years, including the continuation of legislative actions. We will support local Leagues in all ways that we can, as we are nothing without our local Leagues and all members. We will continue the monthly local League presidents' call. Send in your new League officers and boards. We plan on an October League Day in Leavenworth, where our newest and smallest League resides. Email [lww.kansas@gmail.com](mailto:lww.kansas@gmail.com) with questions, requests, and suggestions.

- Cille King



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**Make a Difference – Join/Support the League!**

**Return this form with a check made out to LWV L/DC, and mail to LWV L/DC, PO Box 1072, Lawrence, KS 66044.**

*(Membership is open to any man or woman who is sixteen years of age or older.  
New or renewed memberships received now will expire March 31, 2018.)*

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Renewing member  
\_\_\_\_\_ New Member. I heard about the League via (Facebook, Web Site, Friend, Other): \_\_\_\_\_

**Suggested voluntary membership assessment:\***

Approximate Household Income	Individual membership	Household membership
Student**	_____ \$17	_____ \$29
Under \$25,000	_____ \$20	_____ \$35
\$25,000 to \$50,000	_____ \$35	_____ \$55
Over \$50,000	_____ \$55	_____ \$85
Sustaining member	_____ \$100	_____ \$150
Life member (of 50 years)	_____ \$0	

\* Our membership assessment supports the National and State Leagues at \$50/member (\$32 National and \$18 State).  
\*\* High school or postsecondary student enrolled at least part time in an accredited institution.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am not a member, but would like to support the League with my contribution as indicated below.

I have enclosed a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the League General Fund.  
I have enclosed a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the League Education Fund\*\*\*

\*\*\* This contribution is tax-deductible. Write check to "LWV Education Fund."

**PLEASE PRINT**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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**As a League member or supporter, I would like to help support League activities by participating as follows:**

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| <p>General Membership Meetings:</p> <p>___ Set up and/or tear down</p> <p>___ Hospitality (provide coffee/tea/dessert)</p> <p>___ Taking notes/writing up report of meeting</p> <p>Membership:</p> <p>___ Recruitment</p> <p>___ Mentor/follow-up with new members</p> <p>___ Provide a ride to a fellow member</p> <p>___ Phone members without internet access about special updates</p> <p>Voter Services:</p> <p>___ Register voters</p> <p>___ Help with voter education</p> | <p>Promotion of League to our Community:</p> <p>___ Public speaking</p> <p>___ Represent League at community events</p> <p>___ Observer corps (attend/report on government meetings)</p> <p>___ Help with research for League studies on issues</p> <p>___ Serve on the Board of Directors</p> <p>I have the following skills:</p> <p>___ Editing articles/reports</p> <p>___ Database management</p> <p>___ Microsoft Word / Excel / Quickbooks</p> <p>___ Website/Social Media design/management</p> <p>My interests include:</p> <p>_____</p> |
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