LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF LEHIGH COUNTY

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The VOTER

President's Message

Dear Members,

Walt Disney once said: "It's not the days in life we remember, rather the moments."

I have many fond moments that I will hold dear as I end my second term as your president. This League is vibrant, engaging, and has a very bright future as long as we are willing to move forward, together, with new ideas and more members engaged in League activities.

We have had challenges and met them. We have constantly looked for the best place for our Hot Topic Luncheons and had many interesting and exciting speakers who have helped us learn more about our own community. We have expanded our reach into urban areas, connected with more organizations, and built wonderful relationships with most of our legislators.

You are the most generous group of people and you should be very proud of that. Our collections of clothing, toiletries; and funds that have enabled us to keep our intern, Jordan, for the entire school year has been absolutely admirable and I am personally grateful.

I want to thank each of you for your support, guidance and cooperation as we have moved into some pretty challenging times. We have many loyal members which makes for a great Lehigh County League. Also a big thank you to all of our members who have volunteered when asked to help in any way. We are a great team and our State League does recognize that; I brag about you all the time!

And a very big thank you to our Board of Directors for all the wonderful support you have given me, even when you thought I was a bit crazy - like when I said let's do a "Happy Hour." It turned out to be a great evening and watch for info about "Happy Hour Second Edition." Our Board members are very committed, tireless workers and I appreciate every one of them.

You are in excellent hands for the future. My only request is that our members try to get more involved and experience the many friendships we have developed around our common goals. I am not going anywhere, and will be around to help. It has been an honour to lead you these past four years. Stay well. And thank you all, again.

Yours in League,

Mary Erdman, President

Why Did the LWVLC Attend a Recent Rally if We are Non-Partisan?

This past Saturday, many League members participated in a rally in in Allentown. This was a national event referred to as the "*Hands Off*" campaign where the National League joined with other organizations concerned about our democracy and our rights and programs being compromised by the actions of Donald Trump.

Yes, we are NON Partisan. But we are also POLITICAL. We do not endorse a candidate or party. That is also true.

However, we have two missions: "*Empowering Voters*," which we all know includes all of our efforts at helping voters as well as candidates with: education, registration, candidate forums, GOTV (get out the vote) activities and with our Morning Call Voters Guide.

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Community Outreach Report

Thanks to our league member volunteers we had an inspiring morning at the 3rd Annual Parkland Community Resource Fair on Saturday, March 15th. Close to 100 organizations participated in the fair highlighting the work and resources of local community groups. We had many attendees stop by our table for information about the upcoming primary, voter registration, vote411, and the mission of the LWVLC. With the assistance of Rochelle Kaplan, Cheryl-Winters Tetreau, Penny Holman, Lucille Piggott-Prawl and Mary Erdman, our league was well represented.

Our league will participate in three events in the coming weeks including:

Ecofest

Muhlenberg College

Friday, April 11th - 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Pennsylvania CareerLink

Spring Fresh Start, Second Chance Hiring Events

Wednesday, April 30th - 9:30am - 1:00pm

CareerLink, 555 Union Blvd,

St Luke's Sacred Heart Hospital

Thursday, May 1st - 10:00am - 1:00pm

325 North 5th Street, Allentown

For information about these events, volunteering, or to suggest potential groups for outreach please contact me by email at blconnolly2@gmail.com. There is still much to be done to get out the message about the importance of municipal elections and information regarding the May 20th primary.

Barbara Connolly,

Vice President, Community Outreach

Mary Erdman, Rochelle Kaplan, Penny Holman and Lucille Piggott-Prawl represented our league at the Parkland Community Resource Fair.

LWVLC Book Club

The next meeting of our LWVLC Book Club will take place on Monday, April 28th at 1:30 pm.

The Beekeeper of Aleppo

by *Christy Lefteri*

Described as "a powerful story about the refugee experience, hope, and love," The Beekeeper of Aleppo follows the story of a Syrian beekeeper and his wife when war forces them to leave their home for "an uncertain future in Britain."

For information about our Book Club or a list of past selections contact Barbara Connolly at blconnolly2@gmail.com.

Publications Distribution Volunteer Opportunities

Spring has sprung, and the LWVLC is blooming with copies of our publications that need to be delivered to the communities we serve.

The annual Government Directory, the listing of local, state, and federal offices contact information, should be ready in mid to late April. Three thousand copies will be sent out to businesses, schools, libraries, community centers, etc. by our League volunteers. The copies will be organized into delivery zones with nearby locations grouped together. The address of each recipient is attached to a stack of pamphlets to be delivered, and a letter explaining the Guide's purpose included.

The Voters Guide to the Spring 2025 Primary Election will be printed by The Morning Call in early May. Our League receives 500-700 copies to deliver to libraries, community centers, and organizations through Lehigh County. The Voters Guide is published 2 weeks before the election, which would mean we will be delivering around Wednesday, May 7.

Anyone interested in helping to deliver either or both publications should contact Donna & Charlie Barker at (610)392-0669. We will try to have bundles available at the 2 final meetings to make pickup easy.

Donna Barker. Publications Distribution Chair

The 2025 Annual Meeting
Thursday, May 15th, 2025
Morgan's Restaurant - 5:30 - 7:30 PM

This last year was an incredibly busy and challenging year. We have met the challenges and now we prepare for the next upcoming year.

This year's Annual Meeting is a required meeting where we update programs, change by-laws if necessary, examine our budget for 2025 - 2026, and learn a bit about our new Membership Platform, ChapterSpot. We will not be going into great detail until early fall before you receive your reminder to renew. But at least we can tell you that we are now using this platform.

And of course, we will hold elections for our officers and Board positions.

WE NEED YOUR ATTENDANCE! Through our by-laws, we must have a quorum to do business. Besides that, we want to see everyone, even if you have not attended many of our activities. It is a chance to get to know you as members. We are anxious to welcome you into our very friendly and dedicated group. And don't worry, we won't ask you to volunteer your life away. Maybe ask for an hour here and there. But, please do attend.

If you do not drive at night, and want a ride: let us know in the coming weeks.

To register, click on this link: www.lwvlehighcounty.org/events/
Registration must be completed no later than: **Thursday, May 9th**

Hope to see many of you there!

The following pages (4 through 12) contain the items of business which must be addressed at the annual meeting.. These are the 2025-2026 budget, the environmental policies changes and the updated bylaws. Per our bylaws, these are being presented to you 30 days in advance .

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LEHIGH COUNTY

PROPOSED BUDGET TO BE PRESENTED AT ANNUAL MEETING.

JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026

	ACTUAL 7/01/23 - 6/30/2024	BUDGET 7/01/24 - 6/30/2025	ACTUAL 7/1/2024 - 1/31/2025	BUDGET 7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026
INCOME				
A. Dues ($70, $105, $0). ($75/member in 2025)	**$6,545.55**	**$5,500.00**	**$5,179.62**	**$5,500.00**
B. Contributions				
1. Members/Donors - LWVEF	$1,050.00	1,000.00	$1,680.00	$1,000.00
2. Corporations - LWVEF	150.00	150.00		150.00
3. Members/Donors-LWVLC	1,310.81	250.00	131.26	100.00
	$2,510.81	**$1,400.00**	**$1,811.26**	**$1,250.00**
C. In-kind Contributions				
1. Members	$299.11	150.00	$0.00	$150.00
2. Printing of Voters' Guides	750.00	750.00	0.00	750.00
	$1,049.11	**$900.00**	**$0.00**	**$900.00**
D. Publications & Programs				
1. "How To Run for Office" Wrkshp	$0.00	$1,000.00	$1,042.00	$0.00
2. Government Directory	0.00	1,250.00	1,654.48	1,500.00
3. Luncheon/Rental - Ed. Fund	347.04	500.00		100.00
4. Other (e.g., Lunch Kitty)	50.00	0.00		0.00
5. Vote 411	0.00	300.00		0.00
	$397.04	**$3,050.00**	**$2,696.48**	**$1,600.00**
E. Other Sources				
1. Special Fundraising Projects	$230.00	$0.00	$65.00	$0.00
2. Annual Membership Mtg (HTL)	0.00	50.00		50.00
3. Bulletin Ads	0.00	0.00		0.00
4. C.D. Interest	120.78	100.00	86.41	125.00
5. Grants		0.00	1,000.00	0.00
a. Defending Democracy	1,000.00	0.00		
b. Sustainability	650.00			
6. Miscellaneous			599.89	0.00
	$2,000.78	**$150.00**	**$1,751.30**	**$175.00**
F. Reserves		**$503.00**		**$655.00**
TOTAL INCOME	**$12,503.29**	**$11,503.00**	**$11,438.66**	**$10,080.00**

	ACTUAL 7/01/23 - 6/30/2024	BUDGET 7/01/24 - 6/30/2025	ACTUAL 7/1/2024 - 1/31/2025	BUDGET 7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026
EXPENDITURES				
A. Operating Costs				
1. Liability Insurance	$334.00	$400.00	$484.25	$400.00
2. P.O. Box	176.00	186.00	182.00	190.00
3. PA Sales & Use Tax	0.00	0.00		
4. Miscellaneous	25.50	100.00	69.89	75.00
	$535.50	**$686.00**	**$736.14**	**$665.00**
B. Board & Administrative Committees				
1. Officers & Board	$168.50	$300.00	$50.85	$150.00
2. Administrative Committees				
a. Finance	392.09	100.00		100.00
b. Membership	242.47	350.00	400.03	450.00
c. Public Relations	184.37	150.00	157.08	200.00
	$987.43	**$900.00**	**$607.96**	**$900.00**
C. Delegates, Travel, Affiliates				
1. LWV A. US Convention/Council	$0.00	$0.00		$500.00
B. PA Convention		500.00		
2. Workshops, Other Meetings,				
& Travel Expenses	0.00	50.00		50.00
3. Annual Membership Meeting	0.00	50.00		50.00
	$0.00	**$600.00**		**$600.00**
D. Assessments				
1. LWVUS PMP ($32/48/0)*	$2,224.00	$2,592.00	$2,240.00	$2,240.00
2. LWVPA PMP ($20/30/0)	1,390.00	1,620.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
	$3,614.00	**$4,212.00**	**$3,640.00**	**$3,640.00**
SUB-TOTAL FORWARDED	**$5,136.93**	**$6,398.00**	**$4,984.10**	**$5,805.00**

	ACTUAL 7/01/23 - 6/30/2024	BUDGET 7/1/24- 6/30/2025	ACTUAL 7/1/2024 - 1/31/2025	BUDGET 7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026
EXPENDITURES (continued)				
SUB-TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD	**$5,136.93**	**$6,398.00**	**$4,984.10**	**$5,805.00**
E. Bulletin - Voter				
1. Supplies, Duplicating	$157.00	$200.00	$82.00	$225.00
2. Postage	27.20	75.00	69.50	150.00
	$184.20	**$275.00**	**$151.50**	**$375.00**
F. Educational Activities				
1. Publications (purchased)	$0.00	$25.00		$25.00
2. Program Committees	0.00	50.00		50.00
3. Voters Service				
a. Voters Guide (postage & printing)	805.00	850.00		850.00
b. Vote 411	0.00	300.00		0.00
c. Candidates Nights	0.00	50.00		300.00
d. Citizen Education	338.56	500.00	212.62	500.00
e. Grants				
a, defending democracy	1,000.00	0.00	931.24	0.00
b. sustainability	646.48	0.00		
f. Government Directory	1,654.48	1,200.00	66.49	1,500.00
4. "How to Run for Office" Wrkshp	0.00	1,500.00	1,490.89	0.00
5. Citizen Information Telephone	259.23	275.00	156.80	275.00
6. Website/Domain Name/Domain ID Protect	311.76	30.00	45.99	350.00
7. Miscellaneous	0.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
	$5,015.51	**$4,830.00**	**$2,954.03**	**$3,900.00**
G. Position Support				
1. Legislative Action				
H. Reserves				
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**$10,336.64**	**$11,503.00**	**$8,089.63**	**$10,080.00**
YEAR DIFFERENCE (inc less exp)	**$2,166.65**			**$655.00**

Approved by the Board on March 13, 2025 for presentation at Annual Membership Meeting

Amended Environmental Issues

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT CONSENSUS (adopted December 1972; amended 1982, 1992, 2024) Support policy decisions and actions related to solid waste management which take into account protection of the environment, public health concerns, and equitable treatment of involved parties.

Recommendations:

• To achieve zero waste to landfill, support access to and continual improvement of local recycling programs;

• Support development and use of modern recycling technologies, including apps (e.g., RecycleCheck.org) to identify accepted recyclables in individual community programs;

• Support county and municipal recycling centers and programs for recyclables including paper, metal, plastics, and electronics;

• Support programs and partnerships that aim to reduce food waste;

• Support the (eventual) elimination of single-use plastics;

• Support the participation of community members in decisions related to solid waste management, including the location and expansion of landfills; and

• Support local advocacy groups dedicated to sustainability.

LOCAL WATER CONSENSUS (adopted May 1973; amended 1982, 1986, 1991, 1992, 1993, 2002, 1996, 2006, 2009, 2024) The 1973 study indicated the ready availability of water makes the area vulnerable to uncontrolled growth, endangering our natural resources and quality of life. All decisions regarding water use should take into account both immediate and long-range environmental impacts. The quantity and quality of water should be protected.

Recommendations:

• All municipalities should adopt and enforce regulations to preserve and protect floodplains, watershed areas, wetlands and recharge areas;

• Utilize green infrastructure tools such as pocket meadows with native plants, bioswales, bioretention ponds, green roofs, compost filter socks;

•Adopt post-construction soil organic matter ordinances and rebates to improve storm water infiltration (e.g., SoilsforSalmon.org);

• Strict compliance with industrial waste discharge and pretreatment ordinances;

• Prompt action by local government and agencies in response to citizen complaints about pollution;

• Cooperation among municipalities in lead abatement, conservation of water resources and maximum protection of all creeks in Lehigh County and their tributaries;

• Mandatory accountability on sewer and water allocations;

• Practice of smart-growth concepts to revitalize inner cities and preserve open space; and

Educational programs that support watershed and floodplain protection.

New Environmental Issue

ENERGY CONSENSUS (adopted XXX) Support policy decisions and actions to promote increased electrification and use of renewable energy and energy efficiency in Lehigh County. This would include:

Advocating for and supporting county and municipal programs that facilitate energy efficiency and/or renewable energy in homes and businesses, particularly in EPA-designated environmental justice areas

Partnering with municipalities and other organizations to raise awareness of financial incentives available to homeowners and businesses in the county for energy efficiency and renewable energy programs

Commenting on the renewable energy, energy efficiency and electrification components of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission's Comprehensive Climate Action Plan

Supporting participation of community members in decisions related to electrification, including installation of EV infrastructure

Supporting local advocacy groups dedicated to advocacy on community solar in conjunction with support for proper disposal of decommissioned solar panels at solar farms

BY LAWS OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LEHIGH COUNTY

Adopted March 8, 1956

Bylaws Last Revised 2021

ARTICLE I

Section 1. **Name**. The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters of Lehigh County (hereafter LWVLC). This local League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States and of the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE AND POLICY

Section 1. **Purpose**. The purposes of the LWVLC are to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

Section 2. **Political Policy**. The League shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate. LWVLC may take action on local government measures and policies in the public interest in conformity with the Principles of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Section 3. **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Policy**. ~~LWVLC is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and in practice.~~ Diversity, equity, and inclusion are central to the organization's current and future success in engaging all individuals, households, communities, and policy makers in creating a more perfect democracy.

LWVLC is committed to ensure compliance - in principle and practice - with the LWVUS's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. **Eligibility**. Any person who subscribes to the purposes and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. **Types of Membership**. The membership of the LWVLC shall be composed of voting members.

Voting Members. Persons at least 16 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local Leagues, state Leagues and of the LWVUS; (1) those who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League; (2) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large; (3) those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues.

Those who are students are defined as individuals enrolled either as full or part time with an accredited institution.

ARTICLE IV: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. **Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office**. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League, not more than six (6) elected Directors, and not more than six (6) appointed directors. Three (3) Directors shall be elected by the general membership at the Annual Meeting in even-numbered years, and three (3) Directors shall be elected in odd-numbered years, and shall serve a term of two years, or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The elected members shall appoint such additional Directors, not exceeding six (6), as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. **Term Limits**. The terms of office of the appointed Directors shall be two (2) years and shall expire at the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting.

Section 2. **Qualifications**. No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an officer or Director of this organization unless that person is a voting member of the LWVLC and agrees to perform a specific task for the League as designated by the Board.

Section 3. **Vacancies**. Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors by reason of the resignation, death, or disqualification of an officer may be filled, until the next Annual Meeting, by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors. Three consecutive absences from a Board meeting of any member without a valid reason may be deemed a resignation.

Section 4. **Powers and Duties**. The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the organization, with full power and authority to manage and conduct same, subject to the instructions of the general membership. It shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the program as adopted by the National Convention, the State Convention, and the Annual Meeting. The Board shall create and designate such special committees, as it may deem necessary. The Board shall annually review the nonpartisan policy and the fiscal policy.

Section 5. **Meetings**. There shall be at least eight (8) regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The president may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five members of the Board. Attendance at regular board meetings shall be open to any member, subject to policies established by the Board for participation.

Section 7. **Quorum**. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum, the minimum required to transact the business of the LWVLC.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

~~Section 1. **Enumeration of Officers**. The Officers of the LWVLC shall be a President, a first Vice-President, a second Vice-President, an Immediate Past President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. These officers (with the exception of the Immediate Past President) shall be elected for terms of two (2) years by the general membership at the Annual Meeting and take office immediately. The President, the First Vice President, and the Secretary shall be elected in odd-numbered years. The Second Vice President and the Treasurer shall be elected in even-numbered years.~~

Section 1. **Enumeration of Officers**

The Officers of the LWVLC shall be a President, Vice-Presidents or Co-presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. They shall be elected at the Annual Meeting and shall hold office for two years or until their successors have been elected and qualified. If the Nominating Committee is NOT able to find a candidate(S) for President (or Co-President) from the current membership, the Board will then select an Executive Committee to assume the functions of the President until the next Annual Meeting. All further mention of "President" shall also apply to "CO-Presidents" or "Executive Committee when such is in leadership.

Section 2. **President**. The President shall preside at all Meetings of the organization and of the Board of Directors. The President may, in the absence or disability of the Treasurer, sign or endorse checks, drafts, and notes. The President shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of President and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board. The President shall be an ex officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Section 3. **Vice Presidents & Immediate Past President**. The two Vice Presidents and the Immediate Past President shall perform such duties as the President and the Board may designate. In the event the President is unable to perform her/his duties, the two Vice Presidents shall possess all the powers and perform all the duties of the President until such time as the Board of Directors shall elect one of its members to fill the vacancy until the next Annual Meeting.,

Section 4. **Secretary**. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all general meetings of the League at which business is transacted and of all meetings of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall sign, with the President, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board, and shall perform such other functions, as may be incident to the office. The Secretary shall send out proper notices of all Board meetings, and, and conduct the correspondence of the League, except as otherwise provided.

Section 5. **Treasurer**. The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of these monies, shall deposit them in a bank designated by the Board of Directors. Any expenditure not on the approved budget should be disbursed only Board approval. The Treasurer shall present statements to the Board at their regular meetings and a financial report to the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer is a member of the Budget Committee.

ARTICLE VI: FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. **Calendar**. The fiscal year of the LWVLC shall be from July 1 to June 30 of each year.

~~Section 2. **Dues**. Annual renewal dues for an individual or a household are payable by January 31. When two members reside at the same address in a common household, a payment equal to one and one-half times the annual individual dues determined by the membership shall be made. Members who are 35 years or younger will pay a reduced dues payment as stipulated in LWVLC's fiscal policy. Any member who fails to pay these dues by January 31 shall be dropped from the membership rolls. A change in annual dues may be voted at any general membership meeting by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present, provided that the change has been sent to all the membership at least one month in advance of the meeting.~~

Section 2. Dues. The new ChapterSpot Membership Program will send notices 60 days before your renewal date. This is now a rolling membership program, therefore, every member's renewal date will be based upon the date your joined or renewed in the previous year. The system has now been changed to a "pay-what-you-can" dues model, with the minimum amount of $20.00 as accepted for dues. Member can pay more than that, up to whatever their means would allow. We suggest the fee of $75.00 which allows us guaranteed income for our: expenditures, programs and events.

The LWVLC will be charged one more "per-member-payment" (PMP) in 2025; while phasing-in the new system that will immediately extract fees (from members' dues) that will go to LWVUS, LWVPA and to LWVLC. Those percentages are as follows: LWVUS - 33%, LWVPA - 47%, and LWVLC - 20%.

The Household Discount has been ended; however, for a family of two (in the same household only) the "first" person would pay the full fee of $75.00, while the "second" person would pay a fee of $40.00 which will amount to the same discount allowed under the older "household discount."

Members with 50 years or more of membership, do not pay fees anymore; they are exempt.

Members will be notified about renewal and then given two reminders by LWVUS. Members may still pay by check, or online through then website using the "Stripe" app. Those paying by credit card will be charged appropriate fees. Those paying by check will submit their payment, and any updates in their profile to the Membership Director. The Treasurer will receive payments from LWVUS once payments have been cleared.

Section 3. **Budget**. A budget for the ensuing year shall be submitted by the Board of Directors to the Annual Meeting for adoption. The budget shall include support for the work of the League as a whole.

Section 4. **Budget Committee**. The Budget Committee shall consist of a Chair appointed by the President and members appointed by the Board of Directors. The committee shall begin to prepare a budget for the ensuing year at least three (3) months prior to the Annual Meeting. The proposed budget shall be sent to all members one month before the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall not be eligible to serve as chair of the Budget Committee, but should be a member of the committee.

Section 5. **Audit**. An annual audit shall be conducted by a committee of not less than two (2) non-Board members, appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors. The audit shall be conducted after the books are closed on June 30. The auditors shall present their report to the Board and membership as early as possible, but no later than at the next Annual Meeting.

Section 6. **Dissolution.** In the event of dissolution for any cause of LWVLC, all monies and securities owned by said League, after all accounts have been closed, shall be given to the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania.

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

Section 1. **Membership Meetings**. There shall be at least one general meeting each year. Time and place shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. **Annual Meeting**. An Annual Meeting shall be held between May 1st and June 30th, the exact date to be determined by the Board of Directors. The Annual Meeting shall:

(a) adopt a State or Local Program for the ensuing year;

(b) elect officers and directors, members of the Nominating Committee;

(c) adopt an adequate budget;

(d) transact such other business as may properly come before it.

Section 3. **Quorum** Twenty percent (20%) of the membership shall constitute a quorum at all general meetings of the LWVLC.

ARTICLE VIII: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. **Nominating Committee**. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) members, one of whom shall be a member of the Board of Directors. They shall be elected at the Annual Meeting and the committee shall choose the Chair. Any vacancy on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors. Suggestions for nominations for Officers and Directors may be sent to this Committee by any voting member.

Section 2. **Report of Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor.** The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for Officers, Directors, and the members of the succeeding Nominating Committee shall be sent to all members one month before the date of the Annual Meeting. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be presented to the Annual Meeting. Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member, provided the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.

Section 3. **Elections.** . The election shall be by ballot, except that when there is but one nominee for each office, the Secretary may be instructed to cast a ballot every candidate. Election shall be by a majority vote of those present.

ARTICLE IX: PRINCIPLES and PROGRAM

Section 1. **Authorization**. The governmental principles adopted by the National Convention, and supported by the League as a whole, constitute the authorization for the adoption of the Program.

Section 2. **Program.** The Program of LWVLC shall consist of: a) action to protect the right to vote of every citizen, and, (b) those local governmental issues chosen for concerted study and action.

Section 3. **Action by the Annual Meeting.** The Annual Meeting shall act upon the Program using the following procedures:

a) The Board of Directors shall consider the recommendations sent in by the voting members two months prior to the Annual Meeting and shall formulate a Proposed Program;

b) The Proposed Program shall be sent to all members one month before the Annual Meeting;

c) A majority vote of voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting shall be required for adoption of subjects in the Proposed Program as presented to the Annual Meeting by the Board of Directors;

d) Recommendations for Program submitted by voting members two months prior to the Annual Meeting but not recommended by the Board of Directors may be considered by the Annual Meeting provided that:

(1) the Annual Meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote, and

(2) the Annual Meeting shall adopt the item by a two-thirds vote.

Section 4. **Changes in the Program** may be made during the year provided that:

a) Information concerning the proposed changes has been sent to all members at least two weeks prior to a general membership at which the change is to be discussed, and

b) Final action by the membership is taken at a succeeding meeting.

Section 5. **Member Action.** Members may act in the name of the League of Women Voters only when authorized to do so by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X: NATIONAL CONVENTION, STATE CONVENTION AND COUNCIL

Section 1. **Conventions and Councils of National and State Leagues**. The Board of Directors shall be authorized to elect delegates to represent the LWVLC at conventions and/or councils of the National and State Leagues in such numbers and at such dates as are appropriate or required by the National or State Leagues.

ARTICLE XI: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1. The rules contained in Roberts Rules of Order Revised shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting, provided the amendments were sent to the membership in writing at least one month in advance of the meeting.

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Our other mission is to: "*Defend Democracy.*" When we see POLICIES or ACTIONS that reduce our rights, voting rights, or compromise our civil liberties and government programs meant to help, (Medicaid, Medicare, and Social Security), we are called to action! We do not go after the party or the person - we challenge the POLICY(IES) that are brought forth against our democratic values. And right now, many of the actions of this president are attacks on our democratic values. Therefore, we are within our mission, to join in events that bring awareness, and educate our citizens when rights, freedoms and government programs meant to help all citizens are compromised. It does not mean that we are in total agreement with other organizations; it means for this purpose we join forces.
I hope this clarifies our actions as our National, State and Local Leagues agree that our democratic values are in jeopardy, and our mission is challenged and accepted.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LEHIGH COUNTY

Name _____

Street _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Membership dues include membership in the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) and the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania (LWVPA) and a subscription to the local and state *Voter.*

League dues and contributions are not tax-deductible as a charitable donation.

Contributions to the LWV Education Fund (LWVEF) are tax-deductible.

Membership in the League of Women Voters is open to all citizens. Voting members must be at least 16 years old.

ANNUAL DUES 2024

$70 individual $105 household $25 full-time student

$35 if 35 years or younger

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