



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF UTAH

2018 Annual Convention

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Utah State Capitol, Salt Lake City, Utah

League of Women Voters 2018 Convention Workbook

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AGENDA

- 8:30 Registration/Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 Call to Order / Welcome - Catherine Weller
- 9:10 Delegate Introduction and Count
- 9:25 Adoption of Rules and Regulations
- Appointment of Parliamentarian
- 9:30 Approval of 2017 Convention Minutes - Peggy Carrico
- 9:35 Treasurer's Report - Peggy Carrico
- YTD 2016-17 Financial Report
 - Presentation of proposed 2017-18 Budget
- 9:50 Presentation of Board Approved Program - Gigi Brandt
- 10:05 Call for Non-recommended Program Items
- 10:15 Presentation of LWV Utah Board Nominees - Lola Britton
- 10:20 Break
- 10:45 Karen Nicholson, LWV US Liaison to LWV Utah
- 11:30 2016-17 LWV UT Year End Reports
- Presidents - Catherine Weller
 - Vice President of Program - Gigi Brandt
 - Vice President of Local Leagues - Janice Gygi
 - Co-Directors, Legislative Action Corps - Nicki Nelson & Vickie Samuelson
 - Director, Voter Service - Jane Harrison
 - Director, Development - Written report only
 - Member & Leadership Development - Tina Hose
 - Office Manager - Trixi Sieger
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:30 Speaker: Jen Christensen, Better Days 2020
- 1:30 2016-17 Local League President Reports

- Weber
- Davis
- Salt Lake
- Grand

1:50 2017-18 Budget Adoption

2:00 2017-18 Program Adoption

2:10 2017-18 LWV Utah Board Adoption

2:20 Directions to the Board

2:30 Adjourn

LWV UTAH CONVENTION RULES OF PROCEDURE

1. General

- a. The meetings of delegates will be run in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.
- b. Delegates
 - i. Delegates may speak when recognized by the presiding officer. Delegates shall state their name and League prior to speaking. (Introductions enable accurate minutes to be taken.)
 - ii. Delegates may move for a recess for informal discussion with other delegates and observers. If approved by a majority vote of delegates, the convention will go into recess for a period of time determined by the presiding officer.
 - iii. Delegates must be in attendance to vote.
- c. Observers
 - i. Observers may speak when recognized by the presiding officer. Observers shall introduce themselves as observers prior to speaking.
- d. If time limits must be imposed by the presiding officer, they will be strictly observed.
- e. No one may speak a second time until all who wish to speak have been heard.

2. Adoption of Program

- a. The proposed program recommended by the Board will be presented to the convention with sufficient time for consideration.
- b. Delegates may request reconsideration of non-recommended items or emergency items by the Board after presentation of the program. Board shall consider additional items for inclusion in the program, if a majority of delegates vote for consideration.
- c. Board meets to consider proposed additions to the program and prepares an amended program.
- d. Amended program or proposed program recommended by the Board is presented at the convention for action.
- e. Vote is taken on the Board recommended program.
- f. Delegates may request reconsideration by the convention of non-recommended items. Process for consideration by the convention shall be:
 - i. Majority vote of delegates to consider (if not voted on previously).
 - ii. Additional items must be adopted by the delegates by a 2/3 majority.

LWV-Utah 2017 Convention

April 29, 2017 - Ogden Nature Study Visitor Center

Delegates

Salt Lake: 11	Kathy Biele, Vickie Samuelson, Letitia Buroker, Catherine Weller, Ann O'Connell, Lola Britton, Beatrix Sieger, Carol Jenson, Jill Lesh, Gigi Brandt, Sherilyn Bennion
Davis: 8	Peggy Carrico, Kathy Stockel, Emily Walsh, Nancy Cooper, Nicola Nelson, Ann Johnson, Joanna Gleason, Hilda Brown
Weber: 5	Terri McCullough, Roberta Glidden, Patty Ely, Evelyn Bertilson, Marcia Harris

Report	Discussion	Action
Call to order & welcome	Lola Britton called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and welcomed everyone.	
Introduction/ Delegate Count	See delegate count above. Lola Britton appointed Peggy Carrico as parliamentarian. 2016 Convention minutes have been emailed to everyone. Misspelling of Kathy Biele's name corrected.	Catherine Weller made a motion to approve convention rules. Gigi Brandt seconded. Motion passed. Peggy Carrico made a motion to approve 2016 Convention minutes as corrected. Kathy Stockel seconded. Motion passed.
Presentation of Board-Approved Program items (pg. 7-9), Gigi Brand, 1st	Gigi Brandt reviewed the 2017-18 Program	

<p>Vice-President I. Program Priorities (pg. 7) A. Promote voter education and participation in the election process, focusing on the candidate selection process, getting out the vote, and gathering information about mail-in ballots.</p> <p>F. (a) care the underinsured and uninsured</p> <p>II. Monitor and Act As Needed (pg. 8) A. Monitor revisions to Utah's election laws in keeping with federal voting legislation and incorporate safeguards that ensure the integrity of elections that use electronic voting equipment.</p> <p>C. Monitor the changes in the candidate selection process enacted by the 2014 Legislature.</p> <p>Non-Recommended Studies (pg. 8),</p> <p>Non-Recommended Updates (pg. 9)</p>	<p>Nickie made a motion to include "in 2017" after the phrase "getting out the vote. Peggy said get out the vote is important every year. Letitia said if we don't put it in 2017, it's easy not to focus on municipal elections. Catherine said we should suggest local units should focus on local elections this year. Nancy suggested adding "on all levels" to getting out the vote. Emily asked, since we only have units in 4 counties, can we encourage local elections participation in other counties? Nickie withdrew her motion. Kathy Biele said the Voter can be used to encourage local units to support municipal elections.</p> <p>Revised to read: "Monitor revisions to Utah's election laws that ensure the integrity of elections that use electronic voting equipment and mail-in ballots."</p> <p>This list was compiled from a survey taken previously.</p> <p>Ann O Connell suggests dropping items 2 and 5 from Non-Recommended Updates since we have no one to take charge of updating the studies. Because it was a SL unit study, SL unit can lobby</p>	<p>Insert "for" after "care" in phrase on F (a)</p> <p>Kathy Biele made a motion to accept the revision, Patty Ely seconded. Motion passed.</p> <p>Wording updated by deleting "changed" before processes and "2014" before Legislature.</p>
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	<p>based on their consensus. Ann O'Donnell's article in the April 2017 Voter explains Ranked Choice Voting. Nickie said HB 349 bill for alternative elections almost passed the House 59-12 last year and tied in a Senate committee. Ann O said it's a good bill for LWV to support. Kathy B. asked why we can't study the Oregon Study in local units and reach consensus. Ann O said the study needs to be updated so we can lobby from its position. Nickie suggested we direct local units to ask for volunteers to work on a committee to update the study. Peggy suggested a 2 year study. Ann O suggested if the state Leg Corps wants to testify from the current study, to limit testimony to ranked choice. Direction to the Board could be that we direct SL to lobby on their study.</p>	<p>Kathy B made a motion that we move ranked choice to priorities as a study. Carol J seconded. Motion passed.</p>
<p>Leg Corps, Co-Directors Nickie Nelson, Vickie Samuelson</p>	<p>Nickie handed out a survey for members to fill out ranking importance of Leg Corps activities.</p>	
<p>Treasurer's Report prepared by Sally Aulakh, Treasurer</p>	<p>Obtaining 501 (c) (3) status has cost more than anticipated. All local units will be under the state 501 (c) (3) designation when this is approved. Most expenses are split 50/50 with SL unit. Paper copies of the <i>Voter</i> go to libraries and a few members by request. Donors must specify whether donations are for state or local unit. Peggy made a motion to accept budget for 2017-18, Kathy S. seconded. Motion passed.</p>	<p>Read by Peggy Carrico</p> <p>Peggy made a motion to accept budget for 2017-18, Kathy S. seconded. Motion passed.</p>
<p>Nominating Committee Report (p. 11)</p>	<p>Lola presented names of nominees.</p> <p>Kathy Biele and Catherine Weller are retiring as co-editors of the <i>Voter</i>. They will be replaced by Charles Bernard and John Clukey. These are appointed positions and non-voting members of Utah Board.</p>	<p>Motion to accept report from nominating committee by Joanna, Vickie seconded. Motion passed.</p>

League Presidents' Reports LWV-Utah	Peggy, Co-President read report and thanked those who helped in all areas of League activity during the past year. She noted that Lola and Peggy have seats on board of Real Women Run which provides very helpful training get for anyone planning to run for office.	
Davis County	Kathy Stockel, Co-President, read report.	
Grand County	Lola Britton read report by President Barbara Hicks.	
Salt Lake County	Kathy Biele, Co-President, read report and stated that Vote 18 has been very successful as it gives new members a chance to be involved. It teaches active citizenship as well as voter registration.	
Weber County	Terri McCullough read report.	
Local Leagues, Catherine Weller, 2nd Vice President	Outgoing vice-president, Catherine Weller, said the biggest issue with local leagues is awaiting 501 (c) (3) status.	
Redistricting	Gigi Brandt recommended reading <i>Rat-F***ed</i> , a book explaining how Republicans in 2010 re-aligned voting district boundaries. Ann O said if the education group decides to gather signatures, redistricting should be League priority. Kathy B said supporting bills to allow electronic signature should also be a priority.	
Development, Kathryn Fitzgerald Director	Report by Director Kathryn Fitzgerald read by Lola Britton.	
Voter Services	Gigi suggested appointing task force to determine how to interact with new activist groups that have popped up. Peggy suggested Voter Services person could reach out to other groups to work together on events. Nickie suggests problems of all competing for same money. Would Voter articles about these groups be helpful to our members? Peggy said that would be delicate situation. Emily said some	Report by Lola Britton

	groups are just repackaging information from other sources on their websites.	
Leg Corps, Nickie Nelson, Vickie Samuelson	<p>Nickie announced results of surveys turned in. While many are willing to help, only two members volunteered to lead. Attending committee meetings and testifying were ranked as most important Leg Corps activities by respondents. KRCL broadcasts and wrap ups to other groups had lowest rankings.</p> <p>Leg Corps had more volunteers this year than in past 5 years. Interim meetings start in May..</p> <p>Leg Corps will no longer coordinate the birthday luncheons in February. A committee is needed.</p>	Meet for lunch on 3rd Wednesday if you don't do anything else.
Public Relations, Aaron Bryant Director	Aaron has added audience to our FB page and reached out to universities, colleges.	
Office Manager, Trixi Sieger	Trixi sees board and committees streamlining and becoming more efficient.	
Conflict of Interest and Nonpartisan Policy	<p>Read by Lola Britton</p> <p>Members and officers can participate in marches for issues such as Climate Change. Can identify as LWV members for issues which League has position on. IRS looks at use of money to lobby, rather than to march or rally. Google group messages should not include tirades against officials, parties, etc.</p>	
Program: Gigi Brandt, Vice-President	<p>Priorities: Section 1.</p> <p>This year we will develop process for coming to concurrence on SL study of alternative election systems through use of SL or other state positions.</p> <p>SL County members can testify this year based on their consensus. Fair Votes has much of this material online.</p>	<p>Sherilyn made a motion to adopt program on p. 7 without amendment.</p> <p>Kathy Stockel seconded.</p> <p>Motion passed.</p>

	Section II	Nickie made a motion to accept Section 2 as corrected, Kathy B. seconded. Motion passed.
Direction to the Board	Encourage local league units to support local elections Look at timing for possibility of two citizens' initiatives this year Appoint chair for birthday luncheons for next 3 years. Put agenda and minutes on website. Attach to calendar. Put 10 minute Activist on website.	
Motion to adjourn.	2:00, Carol Jenson	

Minutes prepared by Ann Johnson

Board Recommended Program 2018-2019

Program Priorities

- Promote voter education and participation in the election process, focusing on the candidate selection process, participating in the 411 voter education effort, and education on the 2018 ballot measures. *A study on Utah voter privacy.* *
- Promote transparency in government, including:
 - Observing and reporting to members and the public on General Sessions and Interim Meetings of the Utah Legislature.
 - Monitoring and protecting Utah's GRAMA laws.
- Promoting League positions at the Legislature
- Actively participate in efforts to establish a bipartisan advisory redistricting commission and principles for redistricting for the 2021 redistricting process.
- Promote a sustainable lifestyle to preserve a Utah environment beneficial to life, emphasizing air quality, energy issues, transportation, public land, water, seismic issues and climate change. *A study of recycling in Utah communities***
- Promote community awareness of health care with, with emphasis on:
 - care for the underinsured and uninsured
 - support for full Medicaid expansion in the State of Utah
- Monitor and promote justice reinvestment including sentencing reform, drug courts to reduce incarceration rates, programs to prepare inmates to successfully return to society, expanding mental health treatment and parole reform.
- *Monitoring the Inland Port Commission*
- Study Utah agriculture land is used including what is grown and used or exported and use of water. (October)
- Promote a tax system that is fair and transparent

Monitor and Act As Needed

- Monitor revisions to Utah's election laws that ensure the integrity of elections that use electronic voting equipment and mail-in ballots.
- Monitor campaign finance reform with a primary focus on campaign contribution limits for candidates for State offices.
- Monitor the processes for selecting candidates for State office. (Monitor the candidate selection process enacted by the 2014 Legislature.)
- Monitor Utah's citizen initiative process
- Monitor issues of the Utah public education system, focusing on curriculum, elective, fiscal and governance matters.
- Monitor the implementation of the new Utah State Prison and support improvements to prison programs.
- Promote social and economic justice, secure equal rights for all, and combat discrimination and poverty.

Non recommended items

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*Peggy Carrico has agreed to chair this study

**Nickie Nelson has agreed to chair study

LWVUT 2018-2019 PROPOSED BUDGET		
REVENUE	BUDGET	YTD 03/2018
Memberships		
Davis	\$260.00	\$245
Grand	\$710.00	\$1,275
Salt Lake	\$2,140.00	\$2,025
Weber	\$300.00	\$280
Members-At-Large	\$0.00	\$45
Donations		
Vote411	\$1,000.00	
Other Donations	\$12,700.00	\$13,001
LWV SL Expense Reimbursement	\$11,400.00	\$8,573
Convention	\$1,800.00	
Branded Merchandise	\$0.00	\$50
Other	\$200.00	\$4,552
TOTAL REVENUE	\$30,510.00	\$30,046
EXPENSE	BUDGET	
<i>Education and Voter Activities</i>		
Voter Services	\$1,000.00	\$2
Vote411	\$0.00	\$2,500
Website	\$50.00	\$0
Utah Voter –10 Issues	\$1,000.00	\$260
<i>Office Operating Expense</i>		
Equipment Maintenance	\$100.00	\$0
Office Supplies	\$300.00	\$103
Government & Bank Fees	\$125.00	\$160
Pay Pal	\$360.00	\$286
Mailchimp	\$360.00	
Postage & Delivery	\$100.00	\$4
Insurance	\$550.00	
Rent	\$6,700.00	\$5,050
Telephone/Internet	\$1,400.00	\$1,011
Payroll: Office Manager	\$13,000.00	\$7,071
<i>Other</i>		
Legislative Advocacy	\$50.00	\$65
Board Development	\$500.00	\$163
State Convention/Council	\$1,800.00	\$460
National Convention/Council	\$800.00	
Fund-Raising Expenses	\$1,700.00	\$578
MAL dues to National	\$0.00	
Other Expenses	\$500.00	\$6,459
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$30,395.00	\$24,172

YTD 2017-18 Budget Report Notes:

- \$2,500 unbudgeted expense for VOTE411 was approved by the board.
- \$2,778 was paid to the local leagues when the 501 (c) (3) group application was denied. Refund was received from IRS and is accounted in revenue under Other Expense
- \$1,000 unbudgeted for Newspapers in Education was approved by the board. The expense is split with LWV SL. It was not budgeted as it was previously paid from the Ed Fund and was missed in this years budget.
- \$1,840 unbudgeted Other Expense for VOTE yard signs was approved by the board and is split with LWV SL.
- Also under Other Expense are miscellaneous other fund transfers that were incorrectly reported as stated revenue.
- As of March 31, 2018, The Utah League of Women Voters income for fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, was \$30,047.30. Donations were \$13,001. Other income includes \$8,573.73 reimbursed from the Salt Lake League for their portion of shared office expenses, and \$3,870 from the local leagues for membership fees. Operating expenses were \$24,173.14. Expenses for the next fiscal year are expected to be similar, with the exception of a substantial increase in printing/mailing costs.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Lola Britton, Chair

Marilyn O'Dell

Tina Hose

According to ARTICLE IV – Officers

Section 1. Enumeration and Tenure. The officers of the League of Women Voters of Utah shall be a president, two vice-presidents, a secretary, and a treasurer. Co-officers are permissible and references herein to any officers shall include the possibility of co-officers. If co-officers serve, they shall be elected on alternate years. The president and secretary shall be elected in odd numbered years, and the vice-presidents and treasurer in even numbered years. They shall hold office for two years or until their successors have been elected. New officers shall take office upon their election with the exception of the treasurer. The treasurer shall take office at the beginning of the fiscal year following the election.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF UTAH BOARD

Position	Current	Nominating Committee Recommended Candidates
Co-Presidents	Catherine Weller (2017-2019)	
	Peggy Carrico (2016-2018)	Vickie Samuelson*(2018-2020)
Vice Presidents		
Local Leagues	Janice Gygi (2017-2019)	
Programs	Gigi Brandt (2017-2019)	Nickie Nelson (2018-2020)
Secretary	Aubrey Hanks (2017-2018)	Jackie Morgan(2018-2020)
Treasurer	Sally Alukah (2016-2018)	Sally Alukah (2018-2020)
Directors		
Voter Services	Jane Harrison (2017-2019)	
Development	Kathryn Fitzgerald (2017-2019)	
Public Relations	Aaron Bryant (2017-2019)	TBA
Legislative Action	Nickie Nelson (2016-2018) Vickie Samuelson (2017-2019)	Emily Walsh (2018-2020)

Jackie Morgan, Secretary

Jackie is a graduate of the University of Utah in Health, Society and Policy. She has been involved in both field and communications work on political campaigns including the Corroon for Governor campaign, the Obama for America campaign, the Mike Weinholtz for Governor campaign, and most recently the volunteer coordinator for the Better Boundaries Redistricting ballot initiative.

Jackie has specialized in digital and assisted many municipal and local candidates in their online presence. She is committed to electing good candidates in her home state of Utah.

Nickie Nelson, Program Director

Nickie has been a member of the League of Women Voters for many years, and retirement has allowed her to participate more fully in their programs. She especially enjoys being at the Capitol and watching the Utah Legislature in action. Her political interests focus on women's issues and not only the right, but the responsibility to vote. Nickie moved to Utah in 2006 from Fairfax, VA and before that lived in the Los Angeles area. Nickie is retired from The Aerospace Corporation, a federally chartered Systems Engineering and Research center, where she worked for more than 30 years. Nickie holds a B.S. and M.S in Electrical Engineering from the University of Missouri. Her hobbies are skiing, diving, reading and travel. She is married to John Logan, who is also a LWVUT member.

Emily Walsh, Legislative Action

Emily has a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of Utah. Post-graduation she worked as a recruiter in Silicon Valley. Her client list included small businesses and Fortune 500 companies. Her desire to improve her community has motivated her to volunteer in her neighborhood school, be a Girl Scout Brownie Leader and be a Cub Scout Committee Chair. Emily became a stay-at-home-mom in 2003. This endeavor has, among other things, taught her persistence, motivational skills, tactical thinking, negotiation, and how to effectively and quickly assess cost-benefit ratios. She finds these skills helpful at the State Capitol.

Emily has been a member of the League of Women Voters since January 2017 and has been a member of the Legislative Corps from that moment. This past legislative session she did updates for the League on KRCL 90.9 FM. She has been the Publicity Chair for the Davis League since May of 2017. Emily enjoys music, photography, painting, reading, and travel. She resides with her family in Kaysville, Utah.

2018 Annual Convention Reports

LWV UTAH PRESIDENTS REPORT

Peggy Carrico & Catherine Weller, Co-Presidents

The Utah League presidents write “It was a busy year,” every year we report on our activities. And it is true each and every year. The previous year is no exception to that rule. There are many of the usual activities that make the League of Women Voters a valuable organization and some new and notable news to report.

In July 2017 Catherine Weller and Kathy Biele from LWVSL attended National Council, the biennial meeting typically intended to adopt a budget and assess program developments. The 2017 Council dealt with one very important issue and that issue only, the nascent “Transformation Process” begun by the LWV to ensure our continuing growth and relevance in the next century. Catherine Weller and Kathy Biele both reported on Council during the LWVUT and LWVSL board retreats. Notable points from the Transformation Journey are the need to promote what we do to achieve increased visibility in an increasingly crowded and noisy public space, and the need to collect and share data to better demonstrate what we do.

Also in July 2017 the state League was approached by the LWVUS with a proposal to file a lawsuit with the help of the Brennan Center for Justice against the Lieutenant Governor’s office. The intent of the lawsuit was to slow down release of Utah’s voter records to the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity (E.I.C.) and to protect voter privacy as much as possible given the existing statutes in Utah. The Utah board voted to file the suit. In short order we found a local attorney to assist the Brennan Center, David R. Irvine; a co-plaintiff organization, the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) of Utah; and two named plaintiffs, Cheronne Anderson, and Lavinia Taumoepeau-Latu. The E.I.C. was suspended in January of 2018. A stipulated settlement with the state was agreed upon in March 2018. No voter data was released to the E.I.C. and the League will be notified if the Commission reconvenes and again requests voter data. The League will maintain a vigilant watch in case voter data is requested by other entities within the federal government.

The state League, as well as local Leagues, contributed significantly to efforts to get the independent redistricting commission initiative on the November 2018 ballot. Board members Gigi Brandt, Vice-President of Programs, and Jane Harrison, Director of Voter Services, served on the Better Boundaries Redistricting Action Committee. Members of the board carried petitions and Peggy Carrico spent countless hours validating signatures on the petitions.

The League made two presentations at the University of Utah this year. In September co-president Peggy Carrico and Aaron Bryant, Public Relations Director, spoke about the

League to a class at the Graduate School of Social Work. Peggy Carrico and Kathy Biele gave a presentation about the League at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

A Voters Guide was produced for the 2017 Special Election for the third US Congressional District. The Guide was published on the League website where it got approximately 700 hits in just a couple weeks time.

In November the state League sponsored a presentation on D.C. statehood by LWVDC member Caroline Pettit. Ms. Pettit and Catherine Weller appeared on KRCL's RadioActive to promote the event at the Salt Lake City Public Library Marmalade Branch auditorium. It was attended by a small but interested audience that included members of the public.

The Legislative Action Committee (previously Legislative Corps) was active in both the Interim and 2018 sessions of the Utah State Legislature. We were able to provide testimony on issues important to the League. Details about LAC numerous activities will be addressed by Nickie Nelson below.

In February 2018 co-president Peggy Carrico participated in a Hinckley Institute of Politics Forum on legislative issues and how they affect students. It was attended by approximately 75 students, staff and faculty of the University of Utah.

Catherine Weller was one of the guest speakers at the KRCL Amplifying Women's Voices rally for International Women's Day in March in the Utah State Capitol rotunda. It was attended by nearly 200 people.

The state completed a study of Ranked Choice Voting with consensus and were able to testify in support of the HB35 Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project, which has been signed by the governor. The Utah Agricultural Study is nearing completion and will be available for study in the fall.

VOTE411, the LWVUS online platform for voter information and publishing Voters Guides, was discussed early in the League year and again in February. The state board voted to purchase access to VOTE411 for publication of our 2018 Voters Guide. The local League boards have done the same. A fundraising campaign to help the state League cover the \$2500 cost of VOTE411 netted \$4500, ensuring the League has a nest egg to help pay for access to VOTE411 in the next election cycle. We are working diligently to prepare and publish our Voters Guides in time for the Primary Elections in June We anticipate a robust Utah League and local League presence in the election information sphere this year due to increased visibility that will be provided by VOTE411.

All in all it was a busy and productive year, one that saw increased League visibility and effectiveness state-wide.

PROGRAM

Gigi Brandt, Vice President

The League has had a busy year. The Ranked Choice Voting study was completed and a position adopted. The Redistricting Study was updated with a full description of the proposed Better Boundaries initiative. League members have participated in the BB initiative signature process, as well as participating in gathering signatures for the other five initiatives.

LOCAL LEAGUES

Janice Gygi, Vice President

The local Leagues in Utah have participated in many activities this year and have continued to grow. As of February, Davis County had 27 members; Grand had 91 members; Salt Lake had 275 members; and Weber had 36 members. The Utah League has had inquiries from Price, Cedar City, and Cache County about the possibility of forming local leagues and/or working on election issues. We have had active Leagues in each of those areas in the past and are hoping to work with them to develop new local Leagues.

VOTER SERVICES

Jane Harrison, Director

VOTE411.org

LWV Utah elected to purchase the VOTE411 web-based program developed by the national League of Women Voters. LWV Utah was joined by the Salt Lake, Davis, Grand and Weber leagues. VOTE411 will be in place for all 2018 primary and general federal, state and municipal elections. Megan Brown of the national league conducted a training to introduce participants to the system's complexities. She continues to support us as we wind our way through the process of loading data, including candidate and GIS spreadsheets.

VOTE411.org is more than a repository of candidate information and position statements. Launched by the League of Women Voters Education Fund (LWVEF) in October of 2006, it is a "one-stop-shop" for election related information. It provides nonpartisan information to the public with both general and state-specific information on the following aspects of the election process:

- Absentee ballot information
- Ballot measure information (where applicable)
- Early voting options (where applicable)
- Election dates

- Factual data on candidates in various federal, state and local races
- General information on such topics as how to watch debates with a critical eye
- ID requirements
- Polling place locations
- Registration deadlines
- Voter qualifications
- Voter registration forms
- Voting machines

An important component of VOTE411.org is the polling place locator, which enables users to type in their address and retrieve the poll location for the voting precinct in which that address is located. The League has found that this is among the most sought after information in the immediate days leading up to, and on, Election Day.

Utah voters already turned to VOTE411 even without candidate information. In 2016 nearly 13,000 sessions were initiated in Utah locations from Smithfield in Box Elder County to Kanab in Kane County. This election year VOTE411 will take advantage of nearly \$500,000 in Google Ads grants to drive even more voters to the site.

REV UP Voting Machine Demo

In March the Utah Disability Law Center and REV UP (Register! Educate! Vote! Use your Power!) hosted a demonstration of the new voting machines that will provide voters with disabilities an accessible and private platform for casting their votes. The new machines are being phased in across the state and money has been budgeted for grants. In order to prevent election fraud, the machines are not connected to the internet. Instead, the data is loaded onto thumb drives that are securely packaged and transported by two poll workers. The county clerks unseal the package and download the data.

REV UP works with state and national coalitions on effective, non-partisan campaigns to eliminate barriers to voting, promote accessibility of voting technology and polling places; educate voters about issues and candidates; promote turnout of voters with disabilities across the country; engage candidates and the media on disability issues; and protect eligible voters' right to participate in elections.

DEVELOPMENT

[Kathryn Fitzgerald, Director](#)

Overall, this has been a successful year for LWVUT donations. We have received \$13,001 in donations as of March 31, \$1000 over our budgeted total, with an additional quarterly appeal to be mailed at the end of May.

These contributions came from legacy donations and unsolicited member donations as well as responses to our quarterly appeal letters. Responses specifically to our September and November 2017 appeal letters were disappointing, largely due to problems with our mailing service at the time. In January we changed to Salt Lake Mailing and Printing for the annual Lobby Letter. They produced a professional mailing meeting all of our specifications, and contributions rebounded. However, the cost rose from \$200 with the previous, unreliable company to \$580, a notable increase, though still less than other Salt Lake services. We will use Salt Lake Mailing and Printing to send our May appeal letter.

I suggest that next year on a trial basis we substitute an online appeal for one of our quarterly letters. If we find that an online appeal is as effective as a postal appeal, we might be able to save costs.

On another topic, we initiated a Donors' Honor Roll column published monthly in the Voter to publicly recognize our generous contributors.

Catherine Weller is heading a new non-member campaign specifically to raise funds to support the participation of the LWVUT and local Utah leagues in the national league's Vote411 program.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE

Nickie Nelson & Vickie Samuelson, Co-Directors

The Legislative Action Committee (formerly Legislative Corps) is a group of League members who focus on state government. During Utah's 45 day legislative session (last week of January through the first week of March) and during monthly summer Interim meetings we observe and report on legislative committees. We review each bill and take positions on those of interest to the League. We encourage our members to use this information to contact their legislators, sending Action Alerts to the League's entire membership on significant issues. We also testify as to League positions at selected committee meetings.

Legislative Action Committee members felt that League participation in the 2017 Interim and 2018 legislative sessions was very successful. There were at least 22 League members that observed and reported on what our legislators were doing: Sherrilyn Bennion, Nelda Bishop, Hilda Brown, Marilyn Bown, Peggy Carrico, Lea Cotter, Donnie Davis, Carolyn Erickson, Kathy Fitzgerald, Jane Harrison, Virginia Hylton, Ann Johnson, Nickie Nelson, Ann O'Connell, Marilyn O'Dell, Vickie Samuelson, Trixi Sieger, Kathy Stockel, Lisa Towner, Kathy Van Dame, Emily Walsh, Catherine Weller.

Several of these women testified in support of the League's position on selected bills. Special thanks to them as this required extra preparation and a bit of courage, too.

The dedication of our members allowed the League to observe and report on essentially every Interim and Standing legislative committee. Hooray!

Our Wednesday lunches at the State Capitol were also well attended. This year we met in the Seagull Room directly off the Capitol cafeteria. The quiet room allowed lots of conversation and presentations by groups such as AARP and legislators who dropped in. We had a special presentation on the League's birthday (February 14) with members who told us about the early days of attempting to get Utah to pass the Equal Rights Amendment. The ERA is still on the League's Bucket List! Peggy Carrico, Nickie Nelson, Emily Walsh and Catherine Weller also made sure that the League gave a quick update on happenings at the Capitol every Monday through Thursday at KRCL radio during Interim and the 2018 session.

Legislative Action Committee members also provided legislative wrap-ups to Salt Lake League, the Summit County Unit and to Weber/Davis Leagues. These events had active audience participation in questions, answers and observations about our state government.

2018 monthly Interim committee meetings begin in May and continue thru November. The Legislative Action Committee will be there, learning about our state government, providing insight to our members.

MEMBERSHIP AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

[Tina Hose, Consultant Lead](#)

This is the final Convention Report on the work of the Utah League of Women Voters Membership and Leadership Development (MLD) Initiative. Utah MLD will conclude on June 1, 2018.

The Utah MLD Team began in June of 2013, when recruited local league members attended an introductory training course provided by the National League. Local league member "coaches" were trained on coaching concepts and provided leadership and membership development tools.

Each month since that time, a National League Coach contacts Utah local league coaches after emailing MLD "guidances", a tutorial on topics that ranged from welcoming new members and engaging new leaders to working with nonpartisan activist groups.

Over the years, coaches adjusted their approach to more specifically meet the MLD needs of their assigned local league. Some coaches not only forwarded Guidances, but also discussed and trained on the monthly topic. Some coaches simply checked in with local league leadership and offered encouragement, information and resources. In all cases, coaches provided a sounding board, extending an open mind, asking important questions and lending an ear.

Over the years, Utah MLD accomplishments include:

- Assisting in the increase of membership statewide. Initially using the MLD GROWE ME Model, the Davis League tripled their membership from 9 members in 2011 to 27 members today.

- Encouraging and supporting the inaugural Grand County LWV Member Open House. This event consistently builds membership numbers.
- Guiding and working with the Salt Lake League on efforts to strategically engage their new members.
- Attending local and state league board meetings, encouraging application of MLD methods, guiding board discussions to conclusion.
- Helping in the facilitation of League meetings to include Program Planning and the Legislative Corps Communication Policy.
- Administering Leadership Style Assessments to help new and current Board Members understand and make the most of different leadership qualities.

Although the MLD initiative is ending, the coaches will serve as a League resource while focusing their efforts on other League activities. Marilyn O'Dell, who served as the MLD coach for the Salt Lake League, will continue her extraordinary work on League studies. Sherilyn Bennion, who served as MLD coach for the Grand County League, will continue her commitment to the Legislative Action Committee. Peggy Carrico, while serving as the Utah League Co-President, also served as coach to the Weber County League. She will continue as the Davis County League's Secretary/Treasurer and carry on her detailed work on the League's Vote 411 voters' guide software. Tina Hose, who served as coach to the Davis County League and Utah State Board, will join the Legislative Action Committee and remain a consultant to League leadership.

In conclusion, this report recognizes and thanks all the hard-working coaches -- past and present -- as well as the Local League Leaders and members who welcomed and continue to embrace MLD'S membership and leadership development methodologies.

OFFICE MANAGEMENT

Trixi Siegers, Office Manager

Serve as central point of contact for the Utah State League and the Salt Lake League of Women Voters providing League information to members, partnering organizations and the public.

Communicate between Board(s), Local Leagues, Study Committees, Program Chairs, Partner Organizations and other stakeholders to ensure successful tracking of events, fundraising, and other cooperative efforts. Assist in the development of current and long-term organizational goals, policies and procedures for LWVUT operations.

Maintain National LWV and local office membership databases, utilizes data to provide information and reports. Sends league Rosters and update membership.

Work closely with LWVUT and LWVSL Treasurers in making account deposits, tracking operational costs and keeping records of bills and payments.

Attend Utah State League and Salt Lake League Board meetings. Provides research and information prior to and during meetings.

Perform other office duties, distributes email notifications, maintains accurate contact information on League Google Groups, maintain files of studies, research and reports.

LWW WEBER COUNTY

Terri McCullough, President

The Weber County League of Women Voters saw a great deal of positive growth this year. Our membership has increased, we have an intern, Kathryn Asay, from Weber State for 2018-2019, and we have started a student group at Weber State University with President Myla Anderson. Through a partnership with Mike Vaughn, professor at Weber State, we have outlined a plan to design a public relations program that will help to increase visibility and our intern will help with this. We owe many thanks to Carole Lapine for organizing this endeavor. The student group working is with member and Professor of Women Studies, Kathryn McKay to produce a history of the Weber League. It is exciting to be able to see things change and improve. By working with Honorary Member, Mike Vaughan, we have begun to breathe new life into the League.

Our activities have been diverse and timely. In September we partnered with the Utah Democracy Project at Weber State University to sponsor a discussion led by Andrew Roberts concerning the redistricting initiative that has recently garnered enough signatures to be on the ballot. We participated in National Voter Registration Day and focused on registering students, which was successful. Instead of a membership meeting, we had a social and had many non-members attend to learn about our group. The Weber County Assistant Elections Director and member, Shelly Jackson provided a behind the scenes tour of how Weber County operates during elections. In October, Azenete Garza arranged for Dan Bedford speak to us about global warming and climate change.

November brought about a presentation by Dr. Leah Murray on voter apathy. Leah is a member and a political science professor at Weber State. She has an amazing take on political issues and her discussions always make you think. We continued our tradition of a holiday social for December.

In January we had a presentation on medical marijuana led by TRUCE. This meeting brought out a lot of the public interested in this topic. Sue Skordos arranged for an update from the Utah Health Policy Project concerning changes made in the last few years for our February meeting. In March, Sue also provided help arranging a meeting concerning public lands and a discussion was led by the Southern Utah Wilderness Association and Representative Steve Handy.

We have also attended the commission meetings – and supported the new efforts that have been done to get the county government structure study on the ballot. Petitions are being

circulated, and the Weber County Commission has pledged to put the study on the ballot if enough signatures are not gathered. This is a win-win situation.

The League also partnered with the Junior League to present a primary debate between Ogden City Council candidates and went on to do the same for the final elections. National Voter Registration Day was a success, and we partnered with WSU to register voters.

We partnered with Davis County League in April to have our very own Legislative Action Committee lead our meeting and present results of the legislative session. This is an amazing and dedicated group that covers so many different areas the League is interested in and represents us professionally.

Our Annual Meeting will be held at member Marcia Harris' home in May. With the addition of our intern, we will be participating in Vote411 and preparations will begin this summer. We hope to have our history published by the fall. I am very proud of the progress we have made. I want to publicly thank Leah Murray, Sarah Lovato, Evelyn Bertilson, Carole Lapine, Marcia Harris, and Sue Skordos for the countless hours spent and dedication to keeping our League a viable presence in the community

LWW DAVIS COUNTY

[Ann Johnson & Kathy Stockel, Co-Presidents](#)

The Davis League greatly expanded their brand throughout the county by increasing the number of Meet the Candidates events they provided to eight Davis cities. This led to new members and friends throughout the county. Davis began a monthly email newsletter in order to keep members and friends aware of upcoming events and have 153 subscribers. Members were active in Legislative Action Committee and also held monthly meetings with guest speakers, one of which led to a KSL online newspaper article about the Davis League. They greatly expanded their public relations with the county newspapers, and also reached out to county officials to better understand local issues such as impacts of the Inland Port on Davis County.

LWW SALT LAKE COUNTY

[Kathy Biele & Carol Straughan, Co-Presidents](#)

The Salt Lake League took inspiration from national, focusing on communication and Making Democracy Work. Our League has benefited by the volunteer activities of a communications team, which has helped us with branding, social media, technology and outreach. We have

created League-branded emails to identify us as LWVSL and point visitors directly to the Salt Lake webpage on the LWUTAH website.

Our work has continued in registering voters, conducting VOTE18 classes in high schools and participating in naturalization ceremonies. We are also working to create voters guides for the 2018 elections. Our Fall Fete honored Marilyn Bown, and our State of the Community Luncheon drew an audience interested in the five ballot initiatives in Utah.

The Salt Lake League actively participated in the statewide redistricting effort, collecting and verifying signatures, and finally reaching ballot certification.

Our membership committee has been busy integrating the many new members we have seen since the 2016 election. Salt Lake membership in 2017 was 214, and in 2018 it is 276, an increase of 62 new members.

League members participated in marches to draw attention to women's rights, gun control and immigration issues. As always, our unit discussion meetings and general meetings were of high interest, focusing on redistricting, Medicaid expansion, local governments, the Constitution, population, intergenerational poverty, and more. As we embark on the 2018-19 year, the Salt Lake League has been working toward sponsoring a 5-K "Gerry-meander" fun run to get out the vote and draw attention to gerrymandering.

Our League is fortunate to have active and engaged members who work in an increasingly divisive political climate.

LWV GRAND COUNTY

Darcey Brown and Barb Lacy , Co-Presidents

The Grand County League of Women Voters had a very successful year, and attendance at our meetings and programs was often standing room only! We also recruited a dozen new members and now have almost 100 members.

We kicked off the calendar year with a program by Moab City newly hired Sustainability Director, Dr. Rosemarie Russo. The position was created to develop and implement positive environmental policies in the areas of land, water, air, and energy resources.

To introduce LWV members and the community to our new Moab City Chief of Police, we hosted a presentation by Chief Jim Winder. He outlined his observations and his planned approach to the unique challenges law enforcement faces in our community. Both the program on sustainability and the program on policing were well attended and well received.

The League also joined with the Grand County High School Debate Team to offer a program on Dark Skies and B&B regulations. This is the second year we have hosted the debate team; it's a great way for the team to show off their skills and become acquainted with LWV mission of education and courteous debate and the event tends to attract a broader representation from the community.

Our very successful Fall Candidate Forum was followed by a packed Town Hall meeting on January 5, 2017. All three district representatives made up a panel that also included local city and county representatives. Our State House and Senate representatives provided a preview of some issues coming before the legislature. The meeting was attended by over 200 citizens and we received feedback that this type of event is important to our locals.

LWV supported Better Boundaries with several members active in gathering petitions for the initiative. Jacki Morgan spoke to the February LWV meeting explaining the initiative and what fair and equitable redistricting might look like.

Spring programs included a "Water Conservation Fair" co-hosted by the City of Moab, and a program on the History of Public Lands in the United States by Walt Dabney, former superintendent of South Eastern Utah National Parks.

Plans are underway for a May educational program on forms of County government as required by the recent House Bill #224. That event will be followed by a June Membership party.

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REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

BYLAWS OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF UTAH

ARTICLE I

Section 1. Name. The name of this corporation shall be the League of Women Voters of Utah. This state League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

ARTICLE II

Purpose and Policy

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of the League of Women Voters of Utah is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and to act on selected governmental issues. LWVUT is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational and advocacy purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, LWVUT shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under such provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be attempting to influence legislation.

Section 2. Policy. Subject to the foregoing restrictions, the League may take action on state governmental measures and policies in the public interest in conformity with the Principles of the League of Women Voters of the United States. It shall not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

ARTICLE III

Membership

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

Section 2. Types of Membership.

- a. Voting Members. Persons at least 16 years of age residing within the state of Utah, who join the League shall be voting members of the local League of their place of residence, of the League of Women Voters of Utah and of the League of Women Voters of the United States: 1) those who reside outside the area of any local League shall be state members-at-large, who may be organized into Units-at-large; 2) those who make a lump-sum membership payment to the League of Women Voters of the United States shall be paid life members and those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be honorary life members excused from the payment of dues.

- b. Associate Members. All others who join the League shall be associate members.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1. Enumeration and Tenure. The officers of the League of Women Voters of Utah shall be a president, two vice-presidents, a secretary, and a treasurer. Co-officers are permissible and references herein to any officers shall include the possibility of co-officers. If co-officers serve, they shall be elected on alternate years. The president and secretary shall be elected in odd numbered years, and the vice-presidents and treasurer in even numbered years. They shall hold office for two years or until their successors have been elected. New officers shall take office upon their election with the exception of the treasurer. The treasurer shall take office at the beginning of the fiscal year following the election.

Section 2. The President. The president shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the board of directors. When necessary, the president may designate someone else to preside. In the absence or disability of the treasurer, the president may sign or endorse checks, drafts, and notes. The president shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee, shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to that office, and shall perform such other duties as may be designated by the board.

Section 3. The First Vice-President. The first vice-president shall in be in charge of state program.

Section 4. The Second Vice-President. The second vice-president shall serve as field service coordinator between the state League and the local leagues.

Section 5. The Secretary. The secretary shall keep minutes of Convention and meetings of the board of directors. The secretary shall notify all officers and directions of their election and shall perform such other functions as may be incident to the office.

Section 6. The Treasurer. The treasurer, or a duly appointed assistant, shall collect and receive all moneys due, be the custodian of these moneys, depositing them in a bank designated by the board of directors and distributing the same upon order of the board of directors. The treasurer shall present financial statements to the board at its regular meetings and an annual report to the Convention. Before a new treasurer takes office, the board shall make provisions for person(s) other than the treasurer to review the books.

Section 7. The Executive Committee. The executive committee shall consist of the president, the first vice-president, the second vice-president, the secretary and the treasurer.

Section 8. Vacancies. If any elective office falls vacant within the executive committee, the executive committee, with the assistance of the nominating committee, shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of that term.

ARTICLE V

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 of Women Voters of Utah and four elected directors. Two directors shall be elected at Convention each year. All terms of elected directors shall be two years and shall expire at the conclusion of the Convention. If any positions are held by co-directors, they shall be elected in alternate years.

Section 2. Qualifications. Only a voting member shall be elected or shall continue to serve as an officer or director of the League of Women Voters of Utah.

Section 3. Vacancies. Any vacancy, occurring in the board of directors other than members of the executive committee shall be filled for the remainder of that term by the board. Three consecutive absences of a board member from board meetings without valid reason shall be deemed a resignation.

Section 4. Powers and Duties. The board of directors shall have charge of the property and business of the corporation with full power and authority to manage and conduct the same, subject to the instructions of the Convention. The board shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the program on state governmental matter as adopted by the Convention. It shall accept responsibility delegated to it by the board of directors of the League of Women Voters of the United States, for supervision of Units-at-Large, for carrying out the program, and for promotion in the local Leagues and Units-at-large of finance programs requisite to further the work of the League as a whole, including transmission of funds toward the support of adequate state and national budgets. The board shall create and designate such special committees and off-board chairs, as it may deem necessary.

Section 5. Regular Meetings. The board of directors shall establish an annual calendar of regular meetings. The board of directors shall be notified of date, time, location and agenda by the President prior to all regular meetings.

Section 6. Special Meetings. The president may call special meetings of the board of directors and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of three members of the board. Members of the board shall be notified of the time and place at least three days prior to such meetings. No advance notice shall be required for any special meeting held during Convention.

Section 7. Quorum. Forty percent of the officers and directors shall constitute a quorum at all regular meetings of the Board of Directors. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at special meetings of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI

Recognition of Local and Provisional Leagues

Section 1. Local Leagues. Local Leagues are those Leagues which have been so recognized by the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Section 2. Recognition of Local Leagues. When there is, in any community in the state, a group of members of the League of Women Voters of the United States which meets the recognition requirements for local Leagues as adopted at the National Convention, the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Utah shall recommend to the national board that recognition be granted. When such recognition is granted, the local League shall become an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States and League of Women Voters of Utah.

Section 3. Withdrawal of Recognition. When a local League recurrently fails to live up the recognition requirements, the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Utah shall recommend to the national board that recognition be withdrawn. Final action rests with the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of the United States. All funds held by a local League from which recognition has been withdrawn shall be paid to the League of Women Voters of Utah.

Section 4. Provisional Leagues. The Provisional Leagues are those Leagues which have been so recognized by the League of Women Voters of the United States. A provisional League may be formed by the League of Women Voters of Utah in a community where no local League exists when a group of citizens wishes to form a League. A provisional League will become a local League when it meets the requirements for recognition. In the event of recurring failure of a provisional League to meet these qualifying requirements, the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Utah may recommend to the national board that it withdraw recognition from the provisional League. All funds held by a provisional League from which recognition has been withdrawn shall be paid to the League of Women Voters of Utah.

Section 5. Units-at-Large. Units-at-Large are small League units recognized by the League of Women Voters of Utah. Comprised of ten or more members-at-large, a unit may be formed with permission of the board of directors of the League of Women Voters of Utah in an area of the state where a League is not organized. The Unit-at-Large reports directly to the state board on a monthly basis and may participate in state and national studies but may not do local studies. In some cases, the Unit-at-Large may be the first step in starting a provisional League. In the event that a Unit falls below the necessary membership or otherwise fails to meet the Unit-at-Large requirements, the Unit may be dissolved by the board of directors of the League of Women Voters of Utah.

All funds held by the Unit-at-large from which recognition has been withdrawn shall be paid to the League of Women Voters of Utah.

ARTICLE VII

Financial Administration

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the League of Women Voters of Utah shall commence on the first day of July of each year.

Section 2. Budget. The budget shall be prepared annually by the treasurer in consultation with the Office Manager. The board shall submit, to the Convention for adoption, a budget for the ensuing year. Included in the budget shall be financial support from local Leagues in the form of a per-member-payment (PMP). The PMP for two or more members residing at the same address in a common household may be at a reduced rate. A copy of the budget will be made available to each local League president in advance of the Convention.

Section 3. Distribution of Funds on Dissolution. In the event of the dissolution of this corporation for any reason, all money and securities or other property of whatsoever nature which at the time be owned or under the absolute control of the corporation shall be distributed at the discretion of the board, or such other persons as shall be charged by law with the liquidation or winding up of the corporation and its affairs, to any member organization of the League of Women Voters national organization which is exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code; or if none of these organizations are then in existence or exempt under those tax provisions, then, at the discretion of the board, to another organization which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under such designated tax provisions.

ARTICLE VIII

Convention

Section 1. Place, Date, Call and Notification. A Convention of the League of Women Voters of Utah shall be held annually. The time and place of the Convention shall be determined by the board of directors. The president shall send a first call for the Convention to the presidents of local Leagues and Units-at-Large not less than three months prior to the opening date of the Convention fixed in said call. Thereafter, the board of directors may advance or postpone the opening date of the Convention not more than two weeks from the date fixed in the first call. A final call for the Convention shall be sent by the president to the presidents of local Leagues and Units-at-Large at least 30 days before Convention. In response to the final call, local presidents must provide names of delegates at least 15 days prior to convention. A Convention Handbook will be provided to the delegates by the Board Secretary.

Section 2. Composition. The Convention shall consist of the delegates chosen by the members of the local Leagues, as provided in Section 4 of this Article, and the members of the board of directors of the League of Women Voters of Utah.

Section 3. Qualifications of Delegates and Voting. Each delegate shall be a voting member enrolled in a recognized local League in Utah or enrolled as a member-at-large of the League of Women Voters of Utah. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote only at the Convention even though the delegate may be attending in two or more capacities. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted. The Convention shall be the sole judge of whether a delegate is qualified to vote.

Section 4. Representation. Each recognized local League or Unit-at-Large in the state of Utah shall be entitled to a delegation of no more than 15 members.

Section 5. Powers. The Convention shall consider and authorize a program, shall elect officers and directors, shall adopt a budget for the ensuing year, and shall transact such other business as may be presented. (See Article X for program adoption requirements.)

Section 6. Quorum. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the delegates registered at the Convention provided that a majority of local Leagues and Units-at-Large are represented.

ARTICLE IX

Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Nominating Committee. The nominating committee shall consist of at least three members, at least one of whom shall be a member of the board of directors. The committee members shall be elected by the Convention for a two-year term. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current nominating committee. The other members of the committee shall be appointed by the board of directors immediately after the Convention. Vacancies occurring in the nominating committee shall be filled by the board of directors. The president of the League of Women Voters of Utah shall send the name and address of the chair of the nominating committee to the president of each recognized local League and Unit-at-Large.

Section 2. Suggestions for Nominations. It shall be the duty of the chair of the nominating committee to request, through the president of each local League and Unit-at-Large, suggestions for nominations for the offices to be filled. Suggestions for nominations by local League boards or any members shall be sent to the chair of the nominating committee.

Section 3. Report of Nominating Committee and Nominations from Floor. The report of the nominating committee of its nominations for officers, directors, and the chair and two members of the succeeding nominating committee shall be sent to local Leagues in advance of the Convention. The report shall be presented to the Convention on the first

day of the meeting. Immediately following the presentation of this report nominations may be made from the floor by any delegate provided consent of the nominee has been obtained.

Section 4. Election. The election shall be by ballot, except when there is but one nominee for each office, a motion to accept by acclamation is in order. A majority vote of those present and qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election.

ARTICLE X

Program

Section 1. Principles. The governmental principles adopted by the National Convention and supported by the League as a whole constitute the authorization for the adoption of a program.

Section 2. Program. The program of the League of Women Voters of Utah shall consist of (a) action to implement the Principles and (b) those state governmental issues for concerted study and action.

Section 3. Convention Action. The Convention shall act upon the program, using the following procedures:

- a. The board of directors shall consider the recommendations which have been sent in by the local League and Unit-at-Large boards and shall formulate a proposed program. Such proposed program shall be submitted by the board to the local League presidents prior to the convention.
- b. Special meeting of the board of directors may be called to consider emergency program items. Local League presidents will be informed during or before Convention of any recommended items that result from such a special meeting. Program items considered but not recommended at the special meeting may not be considered by the Convention.
- c. A majority vote of those present and voting shall be required for adoption of subjects in the proposed program as presented to the Convention by the board of directors.
- d. Further changes in the proposed program, submitted for consideration to, but not recommended by the board of directors, may be made by the Convention, provided that (1) the Convention shall order consideration by a majority vote, (2), the vote on the proposed change shall not be taken in the same session as the order for consideration, and (3) the Convention adopts the change by a two-thirds vote.

Section 4. Local League Action. Local Leagues may take action on state governmental issues only when authorized to do so by the board of directors of the League of Women Voters of Utah. Local Leagues may act only in conformity with and not contrary to a position taken by the League of Women Voters of Utah and/or the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Section 5. Member Action. Members, including members-at-large and members in Units-at-Large, may act in the name of the League of Women Voters when authorized to do so by the board of directors.

Section 6. Position Review. Statements of Position shall be reviewed biennially by the board.

ARTICLE XI

National Convention and Council

Section 1. National Convention. The board of directors, at a meeting before the date on which names of delegates must be sent to the League of Women Voters of the United States, shall elect delegates to the Convention in the number allowed by the League of Women Voters of Utah under the provisions of the bylaws of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Section 2. National Council. The board of directors, at a meeting before the date on which names of the delegates must be sent to the League of Women Voters of the United States, shall elect delegates to the National Council in the number allowed under the provisions of the bylaws of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

ARTICLE XII

Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. Parliamentary Authority. The rules contained in Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the corporation in all instances in which they are applicable in which they are non-inconsistent with these Bylaws.

ARTICLE XIII

Amendments

Section 1. Amendments. These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any Convention of the League of Women Voters of Utah, using the following procedures:

- a. Proposals for changes shall be submitted by any local League board in Utah to the board of directors of the League of Women Voters of Utah at least two months prior to the opening date of the Convention.
- b. All such proposed amendments together with the recommendations of the board of directors of the League of women Voters shall be sent to the presidents of local Leagues at least one month prior the opening dates of the convention.
- c. The presidents of the local Leagues shall notify the members of their respective Leagues of the proposed amendments. Failure of a local League president to

- give such notice or failure of any member to receive such notice shall not invalidate amendments to the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Utah.
- d. Changes in the bylaws shall be recorded permanently on the Utah League website and in the Secretary's records.



LWV Utah Nonpartisan Policy

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, non profit political organization,

- * Encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government,
- * Works to increase understanding of major public policy issues
- * Influences public policy through education and advocacy.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization. It does not support or oppose candidates for public office in any election, nor does it take a stand for or against a political party. It may take action on a variety of government issues after member study and agreement. We take action on public policy positions established through member study and agreement. We are political, but we do not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

The League believes that political parties are essential to the American system of government and that the participation of informed citizens is of utmost importance. Consequently, the League encourages its members, as individuals, to be active in the political parties, in finding and supporting candidates for public office, and to seek election to public office.

League members are encouraged, as individuals, to attend and participate in meetings of governmental bodies. However, only those members named as representatives of the the League by the board or the President may participate in the name of the League.

The President is the official spokesperson of the League. All official League communications, publications and public action should be cleared with the President. In order to preserve the nonpartisan character of the League, the President, Finance, Membership and Voter Service/Citizen Information chairs shall refrain from any partisan activities during their terms of office.

When doing Voter Service and Voter Registration activities in the schools, at the Federal Courthouse and in the community, we as volunteers, represent the League of Women Voters.

We must reflect the League's nonpartisanship at all times when in public.

In our actions and even our personal conversations when we are representing the LWV to the public, we must refrain from making any comments about political parties, elected officials and pending legislation that could be construed by a passerby to be an official partisan comment.