



The Kentucky Voter

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From the Vice-Presidents:

The League of Women Voters continues to be an important presence in Kentucky through state and local efforts. At the state level, we co-sponsored a gubernatorial forum last fall with the Kentucky Broadcasters Association, broadcast statewide on radio and television, finalized our Energy Policy after our state study (included inside), raised \$707 at a Holiday event featuring journalist Al Smith, and were an active presence during the recent legislative session with our LWV Day at the Capitol and weekly visits to Frankfort. We are also about to add a new LWV in Pendleton County. We know local leagues have been busy and active also with voter registration, candidate schools and forums and other important projects promoting democracy in Kentucky!! We appreciate your hard work.

Your three vice-presidents have served as co-presidents' this year, as no one person was able to take on the full responsibilities of president. Each of us brought different skills to the job and we worked well together. Since we find ourselves in a similar situation this year, we have suggested to the nominating committee that we be elected as co-presidents, as you will notice in their report. You will also notice some vacancies. Let us know if you have an interest in serving.

The board has decided to close the Frankfort office, due to financial considerations. You will see a reduction in the proposed 2012-13 budget reflecting that decision. We are working on an agreement with the LWV of Louisville to use Lang House as our LWV KY address and to rent space for a few filing cabinets. That will become official address later this spring.

We hope you will join us at our 2012 Council meeting at Rough River State Park! We extend our appreciation to the LWV of Hopkinsville for serving as our hosts this year.

Tammy Fagley, Cindy Heine, Cecile Schubert

Call to 2012 Council!

Hosted by: Hopkinsville-Christian County LWV

WHEN: Friday, April 27: 6:00 – 9:00 P.M.
come to The Executive Cottage
for sandwiches, desserts, sharing
LWV ideas and an Update on the
2012 Legislature (legislators invited)

Saturday, April 28, 2012:
The Executive Cottage Meeting site
8:00-8:30 a.m. (Central)
Registration and light breakfast
8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. CDT
Meeting & Silent Auction

WHERE: Rough River State Dam Park
450 Lodge Road
Falls of Rough Ky, 40119
(Grayson County near Litchfield;
Exit 94 off Western KY Parkway)

REGISTRATION: Cost \$35 (includes meeting packet, reception, breakfast and lunch)

OVERNIGHT LODGING: \$80 for two double beds or Standard Cottages for four persons.

Contact: Carolyn Self: (270) 887-3522 or email bcself@newwavecomm.net for registration and lodging.

See page 3 for proposed budget and bylaws amendments and the nominating committee report.

We hope you will join us. Bring Silent Auction items and enjoy Rough River State Dam Park!

League of Women Voters of Kentucky Energy Study Report and Results

Approved February 18, 2012

The League of Women Voters of the United States' position on **Environmental Protection and Pollution Control** encourages energy policies that will reduce our reliance on fossil fuels, such as coal, that have significant consequences on health, the environment and the economy. It promotes energy efficiency and renewable energies among other solutions to the problem of air pollution from coal power plants.

In 2009, the League of Women Voters of Kentucky (LWVKY) voted to conduct an energy efficiency study to help its members engage in ongoing energy policy discussion and advocacy in Kentucky. The study was designed to specifically examine criteria and recommendations for energy efficiency and renewable energy in Kentucky. In January 2011, LWVKY gathered the results of study consensus questions from local Kentucky leagues. Following is the resulting position, which supports policies that surpass the goals of an 18 percent reduction in electricity demand and generation of 1,000 megawatts of renewable energy by 2025, as proposed by the 2008 Kentucky governor's administration.

Energy Policy Positions

1. Kentucky should adopt energy policy goals that surpass the governor's 2008 goals of:
 - 18 percent electricity offset by 2025 (Kentucky's goal should be to reduce electricity demand by more than 18 percent), and
 - 1,000 megawatts of renewable energy generated by 2025 (Kentucky's goal should be to generate more than 1,000 megawatts of renewable energy)
2. Kentucky should require every energy-generating utility and/or distribution utility to provide quality energy efficiency programs for their customers or members and provide the means for customers to obtain electricity from clean, renewable energy. All utilities – whether municipal, co-operative or investor-owned – should strive to meet the highest possible standards for energy efficiency as a way to reduce electricity consumption and keep utility bills steady, even as utility rates may rise.
3. Kentucky energy policies should be designed to meet the following criteria: creation of safe new jobs; protection of public health; reductions in carbon and other greenhouse gas emissions and preservation of our air and water quality.
4. Clean renewable energy should be defined as electricity sources such as solar, wind or hydro power that avoid greenhouse gas emissions; have little or no toxic waste or air emissions; preserve forests; represent proven, long-lasting and robust technology; and avoid generation of wastes. Biomass and landfill gas may be considered renewable energy sources depending on their ability to meet the criteria stated in Section 3.
5. When considering state and local transportation options, policies should be enacted that protect public health, avoid greenhouse gas emissions, provide better access to services through public transportation, and expand non-automotive (e.g. walking, biking) transportation infrastructure. Transportation options may include use of some biofuels.

The Kentucky League is a member of the Kentucky Sustainable Energy Alliance (KySEA) and upholds the KySEA principles as in alignment with its energy position. The Board identifies a representative to attend the KySEA meetings, participate in email listservs and report back as necessary.

1 *Intelligent Energy Choices for Kentucky's Future*, Beshear and Peters, November 2008

Documents for 2012 Council

Proposed Budgets for Adoption at Council

	Budget 2011-2012	Proposed Budget 2012-2013
<u>INCOME</u>		
Fundraise - Auction	\$100	\$200
Fundraise - Event	\$600	\$400
Fundraise - Letter	\$700	\$0
Local LWV gifts	\$700	\$700
MAL Dues	\$300	\$0
Member contributions	\$150	\$900
PMP	\$2,900	\$3,200
State Convention	\$900	\$1,000
TOTAL	\$6,350	\$6,400
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Bank Charge		
Copier	\$0	\$0
Gen. Admn.	\$50	\$50
Insurance	\$600	\$600
Internet Fees	\$0	\$0
KY Voter	\$250	\$250
LWV Brochures	\$0	\$100
MAL PMPs	\$210	\$0
Nat'l Council	\$1,300	\$1,300
Office Rent	\$1,950	\$680
Postage	\$115	\$20
Pres. Travel	\$0	\$0
State Council	\$875	\$1,200
Supplies	\$100	\$100
Telephone	\$800	\$500
With One Voice	\$100	\$100
TOTAL	\$6,350	\$4,900

LWV Education Fund

<u>INCOME</u>		
Grant		
Fund Raise	\$1,800	\$300
Member Gifts	\$450	\$0
WOO Gifts	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$2,250	\$300
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Bank Charge		
Office Rent	\$1,950	\$0
Program Study	\$300	\$300
TOTAL	\$2,250	\$300

Nominated for 2012-13 Board

Co-Presidents: Tammy Fagley
Cindy Heine
Cecile Schubert

Vice President: Vacant

Board of Directors: Beverly Moore,
Richard Heine

Off Board Positions

Legislative Liaison: Terry Naydan

Web Page: Nicole Wolfe

Nominating Comm: Vacant

Memshp/Ntl Liaison: Carolyn Self

(Secretary Nicole George and Treasurer Steve Senft are serving the 2nd year of their two-year terms.)

Submitted by Nominating Committee:

Nita Smith, Terry Naydan and Nicole George

Proposed amendments to the LWV of KENTUCKY BYLAWS for Council Consideration

ARTICLE VII – FINANCE Section 1 -- Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the LWVKY shall commence on the first of [delete 'May' and insert 'July'] of each year.

ARTICLE VIII – CONVENTIONS Section 4 -- Representation of Local Leagues

The members of the LWVUS who are organized into recognized local Leagues in the state of Kentucky shall be entitled to one delegate for the first 10 voting members and one delegate for every 10 additional voting members or major fraction thereof up to 50, and one delegate thereafter for every 20 additional voting members or major fraction thereof belonging to said local League on [delete 'January 1' and insert 'February 1'] of said year. The record in the [delete 'state' and insert 'National LWV'] office of paid-up voting members shall determine the official membership count for this purpose.

Proposed Amendment to the LWV KY Education Fund Bylaws

ARTICLE IV – Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall commence on the first day of [delete 'May' and insert 'July'] of each year.

LWV KY Calendar of Events

April 27-28, 2012

2012 Kentucky LWV Council, Rough River Dam State Park, Near Litchfield, KY

May 22, 2012

Primary Election Day

June 8-11, 2012

LWV US National Convention, Washington, D.C.

The League of Women Voters of Kentucky is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.



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