



2026 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Preliminary Reports

Introduction

On Wednesday, May 13, 2026, LWVAAC members will come together to discuss and vote on the League's proposed 2026-27 budget, slate of nominees, and bylaws amendments and to provide guidance to the Board. LWVAAC relies on members' active participation in this yearly event.

To allow time for review, members receive the items requiring their vote one month prior to the Annual Membership Meeting. The *2026 Annual Meeting Workbook*, containing reports from Board portfolio chairs about LWVAAC's current year activities, as well as the budget, nominations and other business items, will be distributed to all members on May 13.

Questions or concerns about the annual membership meeting or the following reports may be sent to pres@lwvaacmd.org or any member of the [LWVAAC Board of Directors](#).

Report of the Nominating Committee, Kathy Lottenbach, Yolande Dickerson and Joyce Martin. The nominating committee presents the following slate of candidates for election:

Board Officers

President (2025-27): **vacant**
Vice President (2026-28): Karen Agee
Treasurer (2026-28): Alfa Stevens

Board Directors

Alexis Dorsey (2026-28)
Vicki Jordan (2026-28)
Ashley Oleson (2026-27 to fill unexpired term)
Amanda SubbaRao (2026-28)
Donna Williams (2026-27 to fill unexpired term)

Nominating Committee (Off-Board)

Joyce Martin (2026-27)

The slate has a vacancy in the office of president. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the Annual Meeting on May 13. Members are reminded to verify the nominee's willingness to serve if elected. If the presidency remains vacant, LWVAAC will be managed by the Governing Executive Board, as provided in our bylaws.

ARTICLE V, Section 3c. Governing Executive Board

A Governing Executive Board shall consist of the Board members, both elected and appointed, acting as a governing body without an executive. The Board members shall assume the powers of the President and divide the powers among themselves.

2026-27 Program Recommendation, Abby Root, Action Chair

LWVAAC held a virtual meeting Thursday, March 5, to review LWVAAC public policy positions. All members were invited. There was consensus among members to readopt all of our [local League positions](#). No new local studies or updates were proposed.

Report of the Budget Committee, Niecy Chambers, Abby Root, Alfa Stevens

The Budget Committee is pleased to propose a balanced budget for the LWVAAC General Fund in FY2026-27, with anticipated income of \$5,500 equaling projected expenses. Dues income is budgeted to increase, averaging \$110 per month. Under the new membership structure adopted last year, LWVAAC will not be charged per-member-payments in FY2026-27 and may earn a small stipend from LWVUS if our League would have collected more dues under the old system.

The expense budget includes an \$850 allocation for the Speaker Series and Monthly Meetings and \$100 for scholarship memberships. Insurance premiums and post office box rental fees comprise the majority of the Operating Expenses line item.

**League of Women Voters of Anne Arundel County
FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget**

	Proposed FY26-27 Budget	FY 25-26 Budget	FY 25-26 Projected	FY 24-25 Actual	FY 23-24 Actual
OPERATING FUND					
Beginning Acct Balance			\$4,411.87	\$6,059.75	\$8,304.57
INCOME					
Dues	\$1,320	\$929	\$1,098.14	\$4,354.28	\$5,068.00
Contributions	\$1,000	\$500	\$1,915.00	\$792.25	\$210.00
Event Income	\$3,100	\$2,500	\$4,023.33	\$2,030.00	\$853.00
Wares Sales		\$225	\$30.00	\$37.00	\$621.00
LWVUS "make whole" allotment	\$80		\$264.00		
Other Revenue (collected sales tax)		\$14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2.70
Total Income	\$5,500	\$4,167	\$7,330.47	\$7,213.53	\$6,754.70
DISBURSEMENTS					
LWVUS PMP		\$2,368	\$2,368.00	\$2,688.00	\$3,328.00
LWVMD PMP		\$1,036	\$1,036.00	\$1,176.00	\$1,456.00
Meetings & Events	\$4,100	\$2,500	\$4,171.34	\$2,463.89	\$1,887.51
Community Outreach	\$225	\$150	\$119.00	\$631.00	\$1,704.00
Operating Expenses	\$1,175	\$1,113	\$1,297.85	\$1,902.52	\$624.01
Total Disbursements	\$5,500	\$7,167	\$8,992.19	\$8,861.41	\$8,999.52
To/(From) Reserves	\$0	(\$3,000)	(\$1,661.72)	(\$1,647.88)	(\$2,244.82)
Ending Acct Balance			\$2,750.15	\$4,411.87	\$6,059.75

The proposed FY2026-27 budget for the LWVAAC Education Fund anticipates \$5,000 in donations, consistent with actual revenue for the past two years. The budget maintains support for core voter services, including candidate forums, voter education and registration, and voters’ guides. The Education Fund is projected to have a balance of nearly \$9,000 at the beginning of FY2026-27. The proposed budget calls for drawing the Fund balance down by \$1,550.

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EDUCATION FUND	Proposed FY26-27 Budget	FY 25-26 Budget	FY 25-26 Projected	FY 24-25 Actual	FY 23-24 Actual
Beginning Acct. Balance			\$9,929.93	\$9,000.71	\$9,262.69
INCOME					
Annual Fundraiser	\$4,000	\$3,350	\$4,052.86	\$3,345.12	\$3,618.35
Miscellaneous Donations	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,178.99	\$1,634.26	\$995.23
Voters' Guide Study Reimbursement				\$0.00	
Total Income	\$5,000	\$4,350	\$5,231.85	\$4,979.38	\$4,613.58
DISBURSEMENTS					
Candidate Forums	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,241.60	\$1,532.80	\$0.00
Voter Reg. & Education	\$1,600	\$1,250	\$1,596.50	\$757.49	\$860.26
Voter Guides & Vote411	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000.00	\$1,164.44	\$3,403.00
Educ. Public Mtgs	\$250	\$500	\$950.00	\$0.00	\$55.00
Fundraising	\$225	\$225	\$31.60	\$175.55	\$187.30
Community/League Support	\$475	\$375	\$400.00	\$419.88	\$370.00
Total Disbursements	\$6,550	\$5,350	\$6,219.70	\$4,050.16	\$4,875.56
To/(From) Reserves	(\$1,550)	(\$1,000)	(\$987.85)	\$929.22	(\$261.98)
Ending Account Balance			\$8,942.08	\$9,929.93	\$9,000.71

Report of the Bylaws Committee, Niecy Chambers, Chair; Gege Polevitzky and Delia Scott
The [current LWVAAC bylaws](#) were adopted in 2024. In the course of their review, the Bylaws Committee recognized an opportunity to improve members’ understanding of the League’s governing document by re-ordering and consolidating existing sections, and by adding clarifying words or phrases. New or revised wording is highlighted in the proposed bylaws presented below.

In addition to the structural changes, the committee recommends the adoption of the following functional revisions:

- (1) The current bylaws state that the officers shall include **either** a President and a Vice-President **or** two Co-Presidents. Under the proposed bylaws, the office of Vice President is independent from the choice between President or Co-Presidents. The committee believes this change will add stability and capacity to the Board.
- (2) The bylaws define the Board of Directors as consisting of the officers, six (6) elected directors and not more than six (6) appointed directors. It has been our League’s practice to appoint

additional directors to serve on the Board following the election of officers and directors at the annual meeting. Under the proposed bylaws, directors will be appointed to the Board only to fill vacancies among elected officers or directors, and will serve until the end of the fiscal year in which they were appointed. This change will help ensure League directors and officers are duly elected by members whenever possible.

The proposed bylaws appear below. No changes were made to the first three (3) articles.

PROPOSED BYLAWS

for consideration at the May 13, 2026 Annual Membership Meeting

ARTICLE I Name

Section 1. Name. The name of this organization is the League of Women Voters of Anne Arundel County, Inc., herein referred to as the League. The League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States, herein referred to as the LWVUS, and of the League of Women Voters of Maryland, herein referred to as the LWVMD.

ARTICLE II Purposes and Policy

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

Section 2. Policies. The policies of the League are:

(a) Political Policy. The League shall not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

(b) Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy. The League is fully committed to ensure compliance - in principle and in practice - with LWVUS' Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy.

ARTICLE III Membership

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

Section 2. Types of Membership. The membership of the League shall be composed of voting members and associate members.

(a) Voting Members.

(1) Persons at least 16 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of the League, the LWVMD and the LWVUS and any regional League to which this League belongs.

(2) Those who live inside the area of the League may join the League or any other League. Those who reside outside the area of the League may join the League, another local League or shall be LWVMD members-at-large.

(3) Life Members. Those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from payment of dues.

(4) Student Members. Those who are enrolled full- or part-time in an accredited institution shall be student members.

(b) Associate Members. All others who join the League will be associate members.

ARTICLE IV Financial Administration

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the League is from July 1 to June 30.

Section 2. Dues. Members shall pay dues in accordance with LWVUS policy. Membership lasts for one calendar year after joining or renewal, Members who fail to renew within the period specified by LWVUS will be removed from the roster **of voting members.**

Section 3. Distribution of Funds on Dissolution. In the event of the dissolution of the League, all money and securities of the League shall be paid to the LWVMD after **the state and national per-member payments and** other obligations have been met. All other property of the League shall be conveyed to a person, organization or corporation for public, charitable, or educational uses and purposes as the Board in its absolute discretion may designate.

ARTICLE V Membership Meetings

Section 1. Membership Meetings. There shall be at least 3 meetings of the membership each **fiscal** year. The Board shall determine the dates, times and places of the meetings.

(a) Meetings may be held in person and by virtual means.

(b) Annual Membership Meeting. An annual meeting of the members shall be held between April 1 and June 30, on a date to be determined by the Board. At the annual meeting, a majority of voting members who are present and voting, shall:

- (1) Adopt a local program for the next year.
- (2) Elect officers, directors, and one (1) member to serve on the nominating committee.
- (3) Approve a budget for the next fiscal year's expenses and income.
- (4) Discuss and vote on amendments to the bylaws.
- (5) Transact other business that properly comes before them.

(c) Quorum. Ten percent (10%) of the voting members must be present at a general membership meeting to conduct official League business.

ARTICLE VI Board of Directors

Section 1. Selection, Qualifications, and Terms. The Board of Directors (herein referred to as the Board) shall consist of the officers of the League, six (6) elected directors and not more than six (6) appointed directors. All officers and directors shall be voting members of the League.

(a) Officers of the League

(1) The officers shall include a President or Co-Presidents, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

(2) Terms and Elections of Officers. The officers shall be elected for terms of two (2) years by the general membership at the annual meeting, with elections scheduled as follows:

- i. The President or Co-Presidents and the Secretary shall be elected in odd-numbered years;**
- ii. The Vice President and the Treasurer shall be elected in even-numbered years;**

iii. The term of office shall begin on the first day of the fiscal year following the annual meeting. Newly elected officers may begin transitions prior to taking office, serving in parallel with incumbent officers.

iv. The newly elected Treasurer and the outgoing Treasurer shall serve together until the League's accounts and records have been duly transferred, no later than the last day of the fiscal year in which the new Treasurer was elected.

v. An individual serving as President or Co-President shall not hold the same office for more than two (2) consecutive terms.

(3) Governing Executive Board. In the event there are no nominees for President or Co-Presidents, and the Board is unable to fill the vacancy, the remaining Board members shall assume the powers of the President, serving as a Governing Executive Board and dividing the powers of the President among themselves.

(b) Elected Directors

(1) Six (6) directors shall be elected by the general membership at the annual meeting.

(2) Elections of the six (6) elected directors shall be staggered, with three (3) elected in even-numbered years and three (3) elected in odd-numbered years.

(3) The term of office shall be two (2) years. It shall begin on the first day of the fiscal year following the annual meeting in which the director is elected.

(c) Appointed Directors

(1) The Board may vote to appoint additional directors not to exceed six (6) to fill vacancies among elected officers or directors.

(2) Appointments may take place at any time during the fiscal year and take effect immediately.

(3) The terms of office of the appointed directors shall expire on the last day of the fiscal year in which they were appointed.

(d) Board Vacancies

(1) In the event of the mid-term vacancy in the office of the President or Co-Presidents, the Vice President shall assume the office of President. If the Vice President is unable to serve as President, the Board shall fill the vacancy from among the elected directors, or shall operate as a Governing Executive Board until a President is elected.

(2) Vacancies other than the presidency may be filled by vote of the remaining members of the Board. The person filling the vacancy shall serve until the end of the fiscal year in which they were appointed.

(e) Terminations

(1) The Board, by a majority vote, may terminate a Board member for, but not limited to, the following reasons:

i. Failure to appear at three (3) consecutive Board meetings without advance notification to the Board.

ii. **Failure to comply with the LWV Member Rights and Responsibilities policy.**

(f) Directors Emeritus. The Board may designate long-standing Board members as directors emeritus. Directors emeritus **shall not be voting members of the Board** but may provide counsel.

Section 2. Board Powers and Duties

- (a) The Board shall manage and supervise the business, affairs and activities of the League subject to the instructions of the general membership at the annual meeting. It shall select delegates to the state convention and council and to the national convention. It shall accept responsibility for other matters as the national or state board may delegate to it. It shall have the power to create special committees as it considers necessary and shall perform other duties as specified in these bylaws.
- (b) The President shall have the customary powers of supervision and management of the office; shall preside at all meetings of the League and the Board or designate another member to preside; shall be an ex officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. In the absence of the Treasurer, the President may sign or endorse checks, drafts, or notes; and shall perform other duties as the Board may direct.
- (c) Co-Presidents shall have all the powers of the President and shall determine how those powers and duties shall be divided between them.
- (d) The Vice President shall perform duties the President and the Board direct.
- (e) The Secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings of the membership and of the Board. The Secretary shall notify all officers and directors of their election and shall sign with the President all contracts and other instruments when authorized by the Board and shall perform other duties the President and the Board direct.
- (f) The Treasurer shall perform the customary duties of the office and arrange for an annual review of the books and records.

Section 3. Board Meetings

- (a) **There shall be at least seven (7) regular meetings of the Board each fiscal year. Board meetings shall be announced and open to all League members.**
- (b) A special meeting of the Board may be called by the President or upon the request of five (5) members of the Board.
- (c) The Board may meet and conduct business in person and by virtual means, including email.

Section 4. Quorum. A majority of the members of the Board must be present at a Board meeting to conduct official League business.

ARTICLE VII Committees

Section 1. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) members: **one (1) member, who shall not be a Board member, shall be elected by membership; one (1) member, who shall be a Board member, and one (1) chairperson, preferably a current or former Board member, who shall be appointed by the Board.** A committee vacancy shall be filled by a Board appointment.

Section 2. Budget Committee. The Board shall appoint the Budget Committee. The Treasurer

shall be a member of the Committee but shall not serve as chair. The proposed budget shall be prepared not later than two (2) months before the annual meeting and provided to all members not later than one (1) month before the annual meeting.

Section 3. Bylaws Review Committee. The Committee shall consist of three (3) members. The Board shall appoint two (2) Board members, who shall select a non-Board member, to review bylaws annually. Any changes to the bylaws shall be reported to the Board for approval. Proposed amendments shall be provided to all members not later than one (1) month before the annual meeting.

Section 4. Executive Committee. The purpose of the Executive Committee is to advise and support the President or Co-Presidents. It shall be comprised of the elected officers and chaired by the President, or by the Vice President when officially serving in the absence of the President. Meetings shall be convened by the chair or at the request of a majority of Executive Committee members. When convened, it shall consider and may authorize any League activities and expenditures not reserved in the bylaws for member or Board approval. Decisions shall be by consensus with the chair having final say. The chair may invite the participation of additional Board members or portfolio chairs to address a specific focus area or project. The Executive Committee may convene in person, virtually or via group email.

ARTICLE VIII Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Nominations

- (a) Slate of Nominees. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be sent to all members not less than one (1) month before the date of the annual meeting.
- (b) Floor Nominations. A nomination may be made from the floor at the annual meeting by a voting member, if the nominee consents.

Section 2. Elections.

- (a) Election shall be by ballot, except that if there is only one nominee for an office, it shall be by voice vote.
- (b) A majority of members qualified to vote, present and voting, shall constitute an election. Absentee and proxy voting are not permitted.

ARTICLE IX Principles and Program

Section 1. Principles. The principles of the League are concepts of government adopted by the national convention and supported by the League as a whole. They are the authorization for the adoption of the national, state and local program.

Section 2. Program. The program of the League shall consist of action to implement the principles and those local governmental issues chosen at the annual meeting for study and action as follows:

- (a) Voting members may make recommendations to the Board not later than two (2) months before the annual meeting.
- (b) The Board shall consider these recommendations and formulate a proposed program that shall be sent to the members not later than 1 month before the annual meeting.

(c) The members may adopt a program by a majority vote. Program recommendations properly submitted to the Board, but not proposed by the Board, shall by majority vote be considered at the annual meeting and by majority vote may be adopted at the annual meeting.

Section 3. Changes in Program. Changes to the program may be made if:

(a) Information concerning the proposed change has been sent to all members at least two (2) weeks before the annual meeting at which the change is discussed; and final action by the membership is taken at a succeeding meeting.

Section 4. Program Action.

(a) Members may act in the name of the League only if authorized by the Board.

(b) Members may act only in conformity with a position of the League, the LWVMD, and the LWVUS.

ARTICLE X National Convention, State Convention and Council

Section 1. National Convention. The Board of Directors shall select delegates to the convention of the LWVUS up to the number allotted by the bylaws of that organization.

Section 2. State Convention and Council. The Board of Directors shall select delegates to the convention or council of the LWVMD up to the number allotted by the bylaws of that organization.

ARTICLE XI Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the League in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.

ARTICLE XII Amendments

The bylaws may be amended by two-thirds vote of the voting members at an annual meeting, provided the proposed amendments are submitted to the membership in writing not later than one (1) month before the meeting.

~ Amended bylaws for consideration by LWVAAC membership May 13, 2026

[Current LWVAAC Bylaws](#)