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2025 Annual Report

Book I

Agenda and Meeting Materials

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

5:00 to 8:00 PM

at

Dream Weavers Cafe

114 Solomons Island Rd North

Prince Frederick, MD

Please register at <https://www.lwvcalvert.org>

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Introduction to the 2025 Annual Report of the League of Women Voters of Calvert County

Please register for the Annual Meeting on line at the LWVCC website: lwvcalvert.org to obtain instructions for connecting to the meeting. Please read these materials and have them with you during the 2025 Annual Meeting.

This Annual Report outlines the activities of the League during 2024 – 2025 and proposed activities for 2025-2026.

- **Book I:** contains materials for our 2025 Annual Meeting, including an agenda for this meeting, the proposed budget, the Nominating Committee Report, Recommended Programs for the coming year with Calendar, and the Calvert County League of Women Voters (LWVCC) Bylaws and Calendar for next year's activities.

- **Book II:** is a comprehensive report on the Calvert County League's activities this past year. For ease of use, Book II is organized alphabetically---starting with the Green Life Festival and ending with WOW (the Women of the World annual awards celebration.)

We ask that you volunteer for at least one activity in the upcoming year. The Observer Team, especially, could use some additional folks to sit in on the BOCC, Zoning & Planning Commission, or Board of Education meetings. Meetings can be viewed virtually at your convenience; monthly Observer team meetings provide an opportunity to compare notes with your teammates.

Watch for updates on LWV activities in our bi-monthly Newsletter and our website – <https://lwvcalvert.org>, FaceBook, and Instagram. **And please join us for meetings of the LWV Board of Directors, alternating between 9:30 am and 6:30 pm on the second Wednesday of each month.** Zoom links will be provided when you notify us of your plans to attend.

For this meeting, individual LWV committees submitted reports about their activities, and Sandra Raviv and Gladys White organized the information into this *Annual Report*.



LWVCC Annual Meeting Agenda

May 28, 2025

5:00-6:00 Check-in & Social Time

6:00 Welcome -*Gladys White and Sandra Raviv, Co-Presidents*

6:10 Keynote Address: **Grace Mary Brady**, LWV Member and Founder/Director of the Bayside History Museum in North Beach, MD

Following graduation from Calvert schools, Grace Mary began working for her father, Tom Rymer, a criminal law attorney in the practice of Rymer and Sheridan in Prince Frederick. When he was elected to the Maryland House of delegates in 1970, she went to Annapolis with him, ultimately working in several capacities over the next 30 years. Along the way, she ran-and was elected-for chair of the local Democratic Central Committee. In another race for Commissioner, she received only five votes less than her opponent.



Retiring from the Legislature in 2010, Grace Mary became the Historic Preservationist for St. Mary's County, a job she loved that reflected her interest in history, particularly local history. She wrote four books during her 12 years at St Mary's, and another two as she continued her research in conjunction with her work as the founder and President of the Bayside History Museum in North Beach. The museum is a primary attraction for visitors to the area as well as County residents, with exhibits ranging from archeological findings to the lifestyle of First Nations peoples to the evolution of the early towns of Chesapeake Beach and North Beach to the history of African Americans in Calvert.

Gracie's relationship to the LWV spans decades, beginning when her mother, Grace Mead Rymer, was active as a member and President of the Calvert Chapter. Gracie coordinated the Women of the World Celebration for LWVCC in 2018, and has on several occasions provided space at the Museum for LWVCC events.

Malcolm and Annette Funn Annual Award: Grace Mary Brady, recipient

The LWVCC Board has selected Grace Mary Brady for her dedication to League principles as well as her broad service across the County and State in the tradition of Malcolm and Annette Funn.

IN REMEMBRANCE: Dr. Anne Mychalus (Sept 10, 1930-Dec 24, 2024)



Past President of the Calvert League, educator and community leader, Anne served in Montgomery, Prince Georges, and Calvert schools for 45 years as a teacher, Vice Principal, and leader for GED and Adult Education programs. A Celebration of Life was held at the Solomon's Island Yacht Club on Sunday, January 12, 2025 with several League members in attendance to share remembrances of Anne.

6:30 Business Meeting

Call to Order- *(Co-Presidents)*

Participant Attendance– *Lila West (Secretary)*

Approval of Agenda –

Approval of proposed Annual Meeting Rules – Book I

Appointment of Parliamentarian/Timekeepers –

Greetings and Comments from State League President Linda Kohn

Approval of 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes – *Lila West (Book I)*

Treasurer's proposed 2025 – 2026 Budget – *Janet Ashby (Book I)*

Adoption of the 2025-2026 Budget –

Nominating Committee Report – *Janet Ashby*

Bylaws Changes – *Sandra Raviv*

Announcements – Any

8:00 Adjournment –

Proposed Annual Meeting Rules

1. Voting is limited to Members in good standing (i.e., membership dues are current).
2. Any Member has the privilege of the floor to speak.
3. Members who wish to speak should raise their hand, address the Chair and, when recognized, give his or her name.
4. Time limit will be 2 minutes to speak. The Chair may shorten the time if the meeting is behind schedule.
5. No Member shall speak in debate or discussion twice until all who desire to speak have been heard.
6. Questions of procedure will be referred to the Parliamentarian.

LWVCC Annual Meeting Minutes, May 24, 2024

ATTENDANCE: 30 members rsvp'd, 24 in attendance: Sandra Raviv, Gladys White, JC Hooker, Lila West, Janet Ashby, Renita Alexander, Sinetra Bowdry, Dawn Collins, Sharon DiMaggio, Loreathea Fields, Erika Fisher, Radhiya Flanders, Cheryl Hannon, Debora Harris, Edward Holland, Linda Kohn (LWVMD guest), Gerry McGuire, Tracy McGuire, Dixie Miller, Norma Onley, Dusty Rhoades, Hannah Tucker, Hayli Tucker, Herb Wolff, Mary Ann Zaversnik.

AGENDA: Motion to adopt agenda: Tracy, seconded by Norma, passed

MINUTES: Motion to amend 2023 Annual Meeting minutes with word "Treasurer Janet Ashby", moved by Cheryl, seconded by Janet A, and passed. Motion to approve minutes, moved by Cheryl, seconded by Janet A, and passed.

MEETING RULES: approved.

2024-2025 BUDGET: motion by Cheryl, second by Loreathea, and approved

NEW DUES SCHEDULE: motion by Tracy, second by Gladys, and passed.

VOTE ON NOMINEES FOR 2024-2025:

Co-Presidents Sandra Raviv and Gladys White to continue,

2nd VP Norma Onley for 2 years,

Treasurer Janet Ashby for 2 years

Secretary Lila West to continue.

Directors with 1 year term: Tracy McGuire, Erica Fisher, Sinetra Bowdry

Continuing directors: Dawn Collins, Pat Pease, Cheryl Hannon

Newsletter editor: Sandra Raviv; Representative to LWVMD: JC Hooker

No nominations from the floor; Motion to accept Nominees for next year: Loreathea, second Lila, passed.

BYLAWS: 1. Sandra read expanded language for DEI in Bylaws. Motion to adopt: JC moved, seconded by Dawn, passed.

2. Two categories for Members (voting) and Associate Members (non-voting). JC moved, second by Gladys. Passed.

PROGRAMS: Motion to retain all programs for 2024-2025: Mary Ann moved, second Tracy, passed.

Fundraising idea: a civic luncheon that would showcase an individual who has made exceptional contributions to the community.

Ideas for winter social at Dream Weavers, Eggs 'n Issues at IHop, Wine 'n Wishes at Brick Oven Bistro.

Membership asked to "Like" LWVCC website and "Follow" us to boost exposure.

COMMITTEES: reported as per agenda. There were no member suggestions for new programs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Lila West, secretary

Proposed 2025-26 Budget for Membership Approval
Prepared by LWVCC Budget Committee
Chair Tracy McGuire, Treasurer Janet Ashby, Maryann Zaversnik

Note on the LWVCC 2025-2026 Draft Budget

This year as LWVUS is undergoing a transformation of many aspects, so our budget looks different from the past in two important ways:

1) Under our old system, we reported the full member dues amount in the 'Income' section of our budget, and then subtracted the PMP paid to LWVUS and LWVMD as 'Expenses' in our budget. Going forward, dues income will appear as only 20% of each member's full dues payment, since the LWVUS and LWVMD PMP shares will be directly deducted upon payment. When comparing our expected dues income with last year's budget, it *looks* like we expect to only get 1/5th of the dues income previously received; however, the net of dues income minus per member payments to LWVUS and LWVMD remains much the same as in past years.

2) Under the old system, we counted our member numbers in Fiscal Year X and then paid Per Member Payments (PMP) to LWVUS and LWVMD for those members in Fiscal Year X+1. Under the new system, each member's dues will be immediately split into LWVUS, LWVMD, and local league shares. Since PMP payments lagged by a year in the past, we needed to catch-up; that "catch-up" expense shows in the 'PMP' lines in the draft budget. This will be the last year that we will have to pay that expense.

The net effect will show up as approximately \$2500 less in our closing balance, but going forward, the new system should balance in the same way that the old one did

	Approved FY 2024-25	Actual 12-month 4/24-3/25	Proposed 2025-26	Difference 2024-25 & Proposed	Comment
Estimated Opening	Fund Bal:		9525.		
Income					
Dues	4713.	055.	820.	-3893.	See note per LWVUS
Donations to LWVCC	800.	858.	1000.	200.	
Donations to Ed Fund	200.	383.	300.	100.	
Fundraising Income	2000.	0.	4000.	2000.	Higher fundraising goal
Total Income	7713.	5297.	6120.	-1593.	
Expenses					
Administration					
Communication	370.	228.	390.	20.	
Fundraising	500.	150.	2000.	1500.	Higher F-R expenses
Supplies/Services	950.	427.	1315.	365.	D&O Ins higher cost
PMP to LWVMD	861.	861.	750.	-111.	See note new system
PMP to LWVUS	1968.	1968.	1710.	-258.	See note new system
Subtotal Admin	4649.	3634.	6165.	1516.	
Program					
LWVCC Activities	350.	477.	535.	185.	
LWVMD & US “	300.	45.	95.	-205.	
Partner Orgs	600.	330.	630.	30.	
Social Action	200.	150.	50.	-150.	No big exp. expected
Studies/Observations	300.	0.	200.	-100.	No big exp. expected
Voter Serv & Educ.	775.	387.	1190.	415.	Inc Leg Eve & A/V
Miscellaneous	50.	34.	100.	50.	
Subtotal Program	2575.	1423.	2800.	225.	
Total Expenses	7224.	5057.	8965.	1741.	
Net Increase/Decrease	489.	240.	-2845.		Abt \$2500. decrease (1 yr) due to lag in immediate PMP deduction
Closing Fund Bal			6680.		

VOTE FOR PROPOSED 2025-2026 BUDGET

Calvert County LWV Nonpartisan Policy

Revised and Adopted May 2024

The purpose of the League of Women Voters is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League of Women Voters (LWV) is nonpartisan. It does not support or oppose any political party or candidate; it is political in that it takes positions on selected governmental issues after member study and agreement.

The nonpartisan policy is a source of strength to the LWV and is the cornerstone of the Voters Service Program. Candidates are willing to appear on the LWV platforms and to provide materials for the Voters' Guide because they are confident that they will be treated fairly and the material will be used for nonpartisan purposes. Organizations, citizens and businesses also have confidence in the League because of the nonpartisan policy.

Calvert League members, (except officers and board members-see next paragraph), may seek an active role in the nomination of candidates for public office, run for office, stimulate public discussion of candidates' views during the campaign, urge citizen commitment to parties and candidates by means of political contributions and, in general, take part in the political activities of their choice. Individual League members may take action on whatever they choose; as long as they do so in their own name, do not use the League name, and leave no impression they speak for the League.

Board Members

Elected Office. Board members shall not run for nor hold any partisan public elective office.

Political Party Office. Board members, who represent the League before the public or hold voter service portfolios, shall not serve in any position in a political party.

Campaign Contributions. Board members, except the LWV Calvert President and Voter Service Director, may attend fundraising events and make campaign contributions to individual candidates.

Political Campaigns. Board members may not chair or administer fundraising or campaigns for political parties or political candidates or campaign for their own elective office, partisan or nonpartisan.

Social and Other Media. A Board member shall not indicate her/his political affiliations or candidate preferences at any level of government in the media (including on social networking sites or other public venues) that also prominently identify her/him as a member of the LWV Calvert Board.

Petitions. Board members may sign petitions.

Spouses and Relatives. The political activity of a spouse or relative of a board member should be considered separate and distinct from the action of the Board member.

Additional Clarification. Board members shall present questions about specific situations to the LWV Calvert Board where the foregoing policies do not resolve the question.

Nominating Committee Report, 2025

Proposed Slate of Officers

Position:	Name:	Term:
*President	Judy C. Hooker	2025-2027 1 st year of two-years
*1 st Vice President	Dawn Collins	2025-2027 1 st year of two-years
2 nd Vice President	Norma Onley	2025-2026 2 nd year of two-years
Treasurer	Janet Ashby	2024-2026 2 nd year of two-years
*Secretary	Lila West	2025-2027 1 st year of two years
*new two year terms		

Members Recommended to Be Appointed as Directors by the In-coming Board for 1 Year Term, Expires May 2026

Tracy McGuire Gladys White Pat Pease

Elected Directors with a two year term *Members that renewed their position

Director	Helenmary Ball	2024-2026 2 nd year of two-years
Director	Lauretta Grier	2024-2026 2 nd year of two years
Director	Mary Ann Zaversnik	2024-2026 2 nd year of two-years
Director	Sinetra Bowdry	2025-2027 1 st year of two years
Director	Erika Fisher	2025-2027 1 st year of two years
Director	Cheryl Hannon	2025-2027 1 st year of two years

LWVCC's Bulletin Editor. Erika Fisher

LWVMD Representative: Sandra Raviv

Nominating Committee Members submitting this 2025 report

Chair	Debora Harris	Nancy Smith
Gladys White – Director		Chris Banks
Norma Onley – Director		Pat Hoffman

Nominating Committee, General Members, Proposed for Coming Year

General members proposed for election:

Position:	Name:
Chair	Debora Harris
Member:	Chris Banks
Member:	Pat Hoffman
Member:	Nancy Smith
Director:	Gladys White
Director:	Norma Onley

Notes:

The LWV of Calvert County Bylaws, amended June, 2013, states in Article IX, Section 2 (italics added): The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for Officers, Directors, and the members of the succeeding Nominating Committee shall be sent to all members at least two weeks before the date of the Annual Meeting. *The report of the Nominating Committee shall be presented to the Annual Meeting. Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member provided the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.*

The Nominating Committee consists of five members. Three members from the general membership are to be elected. Two members shall be members of the Board of Directors and are to be appointed by the Board immediately following the Annual Meeting.

VOTE FOR NOMINATIONS

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CALVERT COUNTY

BYLAWS (Revised May 2022)

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters of Calvert County. This local League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States and the League of Women Voters of Maryland, hereinafter referred to in these Bylaws as LWVCC, LWVUS, LWVMD, or the LWV.



ARTICLE II

Purposes and Policy

Section 1. Purposes: The purposes of the LWVCC are to promote citizen responsibility through informed and active participation in government, and to act on selected governmental issues, in accordance with member-adopted positions.

Section

2. Policy: The LWVCC shall not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

3. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Policy: Discrimination or harassment of any kind will not be accepted within the League, including but not limited to race, socio-economic status, age, ability status, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, gender identity, or marital status. The League is committed to fostering, cultivating, and preserving a culture of diversity, equity, inclusion, access, and belonging for all people. The League is an organization that respects and values the richness of our community and our members. The collective sum of our individual differences and life experiences represents not only our culture, but our reputation and the organization's mission and achievements as well.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. Eligibility: Any citizen who subscribes to the purposes and policy of the LWV shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. Types of Membership:

A. **Voting Members.** People at least 16 years of age who join the LWV shall be voting members of their local, State, and National LWVs;

a. Individuals who live within an area of a local LWV may join that LWV or any other local LWV;

b. Those who reside outside the area of any local LWV may join any local LWV or shall be State members-at-large;

c. Those who have been members of the LWV for 50 years or more shall be life members and excused from the payment of dues.

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

B. **Associate Members:** All others who join the League shall be **non-voting** Associate members.

ARTICLE IV

Board of Directors

Section 1. Number: The LWVCC Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the LWV (President, or Co-Presidents if applicable, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer), **six (6) elected Directors**, and not more than **six (6) appointed Directors**.

Section 2. Manner of Selection and Term of Office for **Elected Directors**: Three (3) of the elected Directors shall be elected by the general membership at each Annual Meeting (May of each year) and shall serve for a term of two (2) years, effective July 1 (start of fiscal year). The three (3) additional elected Directors shall be elected at the Annual Meeting in the interim year, with terms effective July 1, thus allowing a total of six (6) serving elected Directors with staggered terms.

A. It is the intent of the LWV to have a brief overlap of outgoing directors and newly elected or appointed directors to allow for familiarization with duties and responsibilities of Directors;

B. Outgoing Directors retain voting privileges until June 30. Incoming Directors become voting Directors on July 1.

Section 3. Manner of Selection and Term of Office for **Appointed Directors**: The elected members shall appoint such additional Directors, not exceeding six (6), as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the LWV, on or after July 1. The terms of office of the Appointed Directors shall be one year and shall expire at the conclusion of the fiscal year (June 30).

Section 4. Qualifications: No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an officer or director of this organization unless they are a general voting member of the LWVCC.

Section 5. Powers and Duties: The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the organization, with full power and authority to manage and conduct same, subject to the instruction of the general membership. It shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the Program adopted by the National Convention, the State Convention, and as approved at the local Annual Meeting. The Board shall create and designate such special committees as may be deemed necessary to conduct activities of the approved programs.

Section 6. Meetings: There shall be at least nine (9) regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The President may call special meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five (5) members of the Board.

Section 7. Quorum: A majority of the current members of the Board of Directors (50% plus one) shall constitute a quorum. Any one or more members of the Board of Directors may participate in a meeting by means of conference telephone, face time or other electronic meeting platforms that allow all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time. Participation by such means shall constitute in person presence at a meeting, provided the participant engages in the full meeting.

Section 8. Obligatory Resignation: Any Board member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings without written or verbal communication with the Board shall be deemed to have resigned from the Board.

Section 9. Leave of Absence: A Board member may request a Leave of Absence not to exceed six (6) months. Board President must be notified in writing (email or letter), member must be in good standing (dues paid for current fiscal year).

ARTICLE V

Officers

Section 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers: The officers of the LWVCC Board of Directors shall be a President or Co-Presidents (if applicable), a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. Each officer position is a two-year term. The President or Co-Presidents and the Secretary shall be elected in odd-numbered years. The Vice Presidents and the Treasurer shall be elected in even-numbered years. In the event of a resignation in a Board Officer position or an Elected Director position during the current term of office, a member of the Board of Directors will be appointed on an interim basis by vote of the Board of Directors to fill the remainder of the original term.

Section 2. President or Co-Presidents: The President or Co-Presidents shall:

- A. Preside at all meetings of the organization and of the Board of Directors;
- B. In the absence or disability of the Treasurer, sign or endorse checks, drafts, and notes;
- C. Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee;
- D. Have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of the President;
- E. Perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board.

Section 3. First Vice President: The Vice President shall, in the event of absence, disability, or death of the President or Co-Presidents, possess all the powers and perform all the duties of that office, until such time as the Board of Directors shall select one of its members to fill the vacancy until the next Annual Meeting. The Vice President will provide strategic leadership for one or more Board initiatives, and shall perform such other duties as the President or Co-Presidents and Board may designate.

Section 4. Second Vice President: The Second Vice President will provide strategic leadership for one or more Board initiatives and shall perform other such duties as the President or Co-Presidents and Board may designate.

Section 5. Secretary: The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the LWV and of all meetings of the Board of Directors; shall notify all Officers and Directors of their election; shall sign, with the President or Co-Presidents, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board; and shall perform other such functions as may be incident to the office.

Section 6. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due; shall be the custodian of these moneys, shall deposit them in a bank designated by the Board of Directors; shall disburse the same only upon order of the Board; and shall present statements to the Board at their regular meetings and an annual report at the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer will prepare a draft annual budget for the Board to review and approve for presentation to the membership at the Annual Meeting.

Section 7. Terms of Office: All elected officers may be elected for a maximum of two consecutive two-year terms, staggered as described in Section 1. Each two-year term is determined by vote of the general membership at the Annual Meeting and becomes effective July 1.

ARTICLE VI

Executive Committee

Section 1. Composition: The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers-president or co-presidents, vice presidents, secretary, and treasurer.

Section 2. Duties: The Executive Committee shall have the power to make plans and act for the Board between meetings of the Board and shall report on all actions taken by said committee. It shall perform such duties as may be delegated to it by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII

Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee shall consist of five (5) members, two of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. The Chairman and two members, who shall not be members of the Board, shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. Nominations for these positions shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. The two (2) Board Member positions shall be appointed by the current Board of Directors following the Annual Meeting but before July 1. Any vacancy on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors. Suggestions for nominations for Officers and Directors may be sent to the Committee by any voting member.

A. The Committee is to be active throughout the year and be prepared to offer nominations for Board approval for any vacancies occurring during the year.

B. The Committee shall receive suggestions of any voting member throughout the year for Officers, Directors, and members of the succeeding Nominating Committee.

Section 2. Report of the Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor: The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for Officers, Directors, and the members of the succeeding Nominating Committee shall be sent to all members at least two weeks

before the date of the Annual Meeting. Immediately following the presentation of the report at the Annual Meeting, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member provided the consent of the nominee has been secured.

Section 3. Elections: The Election shall be by ballot, provided that when there is but one nominee for each office, the Secretary may be instructed to cast the ballot for every nominee. The majority vote of those qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted for elections.

ARTICLE VIII

Financial Administration

Section 1. Fiscal Year: The fiscal year of the LWV shall commence on the first day of July of each year.

Section 2. Dues: The Board of Directors of the LWV shall determine the annual dues, subject to the approval of two-thirds of the members voting at the Annual Meeting. Members shall be given thirty (30) days' notice of any proposed dues change.

A. The Treasurer shall be responsible for preparing and sending out dues notices to members by June 30 of each year. The Treasurer will notify the Membership Chair of those members who have not paid dues by September 1.

B. It will be the Membership Chair's responsibility to follow-up on the dues that are in arrears. Any member who fails to pay dues within three (3) months after they become due shall be dropped from the membership rolls.

C. New members who join after the start of the fiscal year (July 1): a. New members joining between July 1 and September 30 will pay a full year's dues of \$50.

b. New members joining October 1 or later will pay proportional dues based on the number of months remaining in the fiscal year X \$5.

c. Full dues will apply at the start of the next fiscal year (July 1).

Section 3. Budget: A budget for the upcoming year shall be submitted by the Board of Directors to the Annual Meeting for adoption by the general membership. The budget shall include support for the work of the LWV as a whole.

A. Section 4. Budget Committee: A Budget Committee consisting of two Board of Directors and the Treasurer shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least two (2) months prior to the Annual Meeting to work with the Treasurer prepare a budget for the upcoming year. The Treasurer shall not be eligible to serve as Chairman of the Budget Committee.

B. The proposed budget shall be sent to all members at least two weeks before the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE IX

Meetings

Section 1. General Membership Meetings: There shall be at least two (2) meetings of the general membership each year, the Annual Meeting and an additional General Membership Meeting. The time and place shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Annual Meeting: An Annual Meeting shall be held at a date determined by the Board of Directors, usually in May of each year. The Annual Meeting shall:

A. Adopt next year's local program(s);

B. Elect Officers (per staggered term expirations) and Directors (per staggered terms; 3 per Annual Meeting); see Article IV;

C. Elect members of the Nominating Committee (five (5)) two of whom must be from the Board);

D. Adopt an adequate budget and vote on any Board recommendation for change in annual dues;

E. Transact such other business as may properly come before it.

Section 3. General Membership Meeting: An additional meeting of the general membership shall be held at a date determined by the Board of Directors. The Agenda for a General Membership Meeting will include both Board of Directors' and General Members recommended items. Agenda will be finalized and presented (either electronically or by mail) two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

Section 4. Quorum: Twenty (20) percent of the total Membership in attendance shall constitute a quorum at all general meetings of the LWVCC.

Section 5. Voting at Annual & General Membership Meetings:

A. Adoption/approval of proposed action items a. Requires majority vote (fifty (50) percent plus one) of quorum.

b. Use of emails for voting constitutes a valid decision-making format, but an email vote is not counted in determining whether there is a quorum for the actual meeting.

Section 6. National Convention: The Board of Directors, at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the national office, shall select delegates to that Convention in the number allotted the LWVCC under the provisions of the LWVUS

Section 7. State Convention: The Board of Directors, at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the State Office, shall select delegates to that convention in the number allotted the LWVCC under the provision of the Bylaws of the LWVMD.

Section 8. Representation: Every local LWV shall be entitled to two delegates, in addition to the President or alternate, or Co-Presidents. Local LWVs having more than 50 voting members shall be entitled to one additional delegate for each additional 50 members.

ARTICLE X

LWVUS Issues and Supporting Principles

Section 1. Issues and Supporting Principles: The Issues and Supporting Principles are concepts of government adopted by the National Convention and supported by the LWV as a whole. They are the basis for the adoption of National, State, and Local programs. The Issues and Supporting Principles are available online at the LWVUS Website www.lwv.org.

Section 2. Locally Focused Programs: The Programs of the LWVCC shall consist of action to support, and to the extent possible, implement the LWVUS Supporting Principles and those governmental issues chosen at the LWVCC Annual Meeting for concerted study and action, provided that, as a condition of recognition by the State and National Boards, the LWVCC shall act only on existing local positions or State or National positions.

A. The Board of Directors shall recommend to the membership, at the Annual Meeting, programs of work focused on the local community. Programs of work, as used in these Bylaws, may be in the form of observing local government, advocating on a local issue or educating the membership and community on the structure and services of local government.

B. The Annual Meeting may adopt the Board of Directors recommended programs or any similar programs of work* provided that any program of work adopted by the LWVCC shall focus on the local community.

*See General Membership Meeting agenda items Article VIII, Section 3.

Section 3. Program Action: Members may act in the name of the LWVCC only when authorized to do so by the Board of Directors. They may act only in conformity with, and not contrary to, a position taken by the LWVCC, the LWVMD, and the LWVUS.

ARTICLE XI

Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws. The Board of Directors will appoint a Parliamentarian from the membership of the Board. A copy of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, will be accessible at each meeting via electronic access or hard copy.

ARTICLE XII

Amendments

The Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present at the Annual Meeting, provided the amendments are submitted to the membership in writing, either electronically or by hard copy, at least two weeks in advance of the meeting.

Original Adoption: March 1969

Amended: April 1995; May 2000; June 2001; May 2007; May 2011; June 2013; March 2017; May 2020



Proposed Bylaws Amendments (in red)

Article VIII

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A. The Treasurer shall be responsible for preparing and sending out dues notices to members by June 30 of each year. The Treasurer will notify the Membership Chair of those members who have not paid dues by September 1.

B. It will be the Membership Chair's responsibility to follow-up on the dues that are in arrears. Any member who fails to pay dues within three (3) months after they become due shall be dropped from the membership rolls.

Sec. 2. Financial Support: All members shall pay membership dues except those exempted from paying dues in Article III [Membership]. LWVUS sends dues notices and collects dues, of which a designated share is provided to LWVCC.

A. The Treasurer shall be responsible for identifying members who are current for voting purposes, and for notifying the Membership Chair of members who are more than one month late in renewing.

B. Members who fail to renew within the period specified by LWVUS will be removed from the roster. Only LWVUS can revoke membership.

Section 3. Budget: A budget for the upcoming year shall be submitted by the Board of Directors to the Annual Meeting for adoption by the general membership. The budget shall include support for the work of the LWV as a whole.

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Board Recommended Programs for 2025-2026

Civics Education forums and presentations (previously Civics Education for Youth)

CCPS History Fair

Fundraising Event

Green Life Festival

Small member meetings at local venues to discuss and exchange ideas and issues

Partner collaborations (e.g., CBW's MILE Institute, NAACP's Juneteenth)

Social Action projects and PAB monitoring

Voter Services (registration training and events, voters' guides, candidate forums, legislative evening with elected officials)

Women of the World Celebration

Member Suggestions for NEW 2025-2026 Programs; Instructions to the Board

VOTE for Recommended Programs for 2025-2026

League of Women Voters of Calvert County *Calendar of Activities for 2025-2026*

June 2025

June 8-9: LWVMD Convention

June 11: LWVCC Board Retreat at Twin Beaches Library, North Beach 9:30-1:30

June 14: NAACP Juneteenth Celebration at Jefferson Patterson Park 10-5

July 2025

July 9: LWVCC Board meeting

August 2025

August 5: National Night Out

August 13: LWVCC Board Meeting

September 2025

September 10: LWVCC Board Meeting

September TBD: National Voter Registration Day

October 2025

October 8: LWVCC Board meeting

November 2025

November 12: LWVCC Board meeting

November TBD: Legislative Evening with State Officials

December 2025

December TBD: Winter Social

January 2026

January 14: LWVCC Board meeting

January: LWVMD Winter Workshop

February 2026

February 11: LWVCC Board meeting

March 2026

March 11: LWVCC Board Meeting

March TBD: WOW celebration

March TBD: Calvert County Public Schools History Fair

April 2026

April 8: LWVCC Board meeting

April TBD: CSM Spring Fling voter registration

May 2026

May 13: LWVCC Board Meeting

May TBD: Annual Membership Meeting

