



2024 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Preliminary Reports

Introduction

On Wednesday, May 15, 2024, LWVAAC members will come together to conduct the important business of approving our 2024-2025 budget, updating our bylaws, electing our officers and directors, adopting our public policy positions, and providing guidance to the Board about activities, advocacy or initiatives that members want our League to undertake. LWVAAC relies on members' active participation in this yearly event.

To allow time for review, members receive the proposed budget, bylaws revisions, program recommendation and slate of nominees one month prior to the annual meeting. These four items will be brought forward for members' discussion, amendment and approval at the [Annual Membership Meeting](#) on May 15. The *2024 Annual Meeting Workbook*, containing reports from Board portfolio chairs about LWVAAC's current year activities, as well as the proposed items, will be shared at that time.

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](#).

2024-25 Program Recommendation, Abby Root, Program Planning Chair

LWVAAC held a virtual meeting Sunday, April 7, 2024, to review LWVAAC public policy positions. All members were invited to submit input via a [questionnaire](#). There was consensus among members to readopt all of our [local League positions](#). No new local studies or updates were proposed.

Report of the Nominating Committee, Niecy Chambers, Chair; Carolyn Ciepiela and Kathy Lottenbach

The Board appointed Kathy Lottenbach to replace Nominating Committee member Jeri Schoenfeld, who moved out of the county. The committee presents the following slate of candidates for election:

Board Officers

Alexis Dorsey, Vice President (2024-2026)

Niecy Chambers, Treasurer (2024-2026)

Board Directors

Vicki Jordan (2024-2026)

Delia Scott (2024-2026)

Alfa Stevens (2024-2026)

Nominating Committee (Off-Board)

Kathy Lottenbach (2024-2025)

This will be Delia Scott's first term on the LWVAAC Board of Directors. Delia joined our League in 2020; a brief profile may be found in the [September 2020](#) issue of LWVAAC's newsletter, *The Voter*.

Proposed Budgets for FY 2024-2025, Niecy Chambers, Treasurer

The General Fund budget shows a decline in income in the 2024-25 fiscal year out of caution regarding the short-term impact of the [LWVUS Transformation](#) on membership dues. LWVUS has pledged to compensate Leagues for shortfalls directly related to Transformation implementation. Key elements of the LWVUS Transformation will be described in the *Annual Meeting Workbook* and reviewed at the Annual Membership Meeting on May 15, 2024.

OPERATING FUND	FY 24-25 Proposed Budget	FY 23-24 Estimate	FY 22-23 Actual	FY 21-22 Actual	FY 20-21 Actual
Beginning Acct Balance		\$8,304.57	\$9,046.79	\$8,626.72	\$7,510.43
INCOME					
Dues	\$4,405.00	\$5,373.00	\$6,445.00	\$6,105.00	\$5,980.00
Contributions	\$175.00	\$306.00	\$80.25	\$71.50	\$185.50
Annual Meeting	\$1,040.00	\$990.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,277.00	
Wares Sales	\$675.00	\$684.70			
Total Income	\$6,295.00	\$7,353.70	\$7,925.25	\$7,453.50	\$6,165.50
EXPENSES					
LWVUS PMP	\$2,688.00	\$3,328.00	\$3,216.00	\$2,832.00	\$2,512.00
LWVMD PMP	\$1,176.00	\$1,456.00	\$1,407.00	\$1,239.00	\$1,099.00
Meetings & Events	\$2,250.00	\$2,129.58	\$2,577.40	\$2,092.10	\$342.60
Advocacy & Community Outreach	\$775.00	\$1,665.00	\$334.20	\$200.00	\$250.00
Operating Expenses	\$906.00	\$1,196.75	\$1,132.87	\$670.33	\$810.61
Ed Fund passthrough				\$0.00	\$35.00
Total Expenses	\$7,795.00	\$9,775.33	\$8,667.47	\$7,033.43	\$5,049.21
To/(From) Reserves	(\$1,500.00)	(\$2,421.63)	(\$742.22)	\$420.07	\$1,116.29
Ending Acct Balance		\$5,882.94	\$8,304.57	\$9,046.79	\$8,626.72
EDUCATION FUND	FY 24-25 Proposed Budget	FY 23-24 Estimate	FY 22-23 Actual	FY 21-22 Actual	FY 20-21 Actual
Beginning Acct. Balance		\$9,262.69	\$9,169.96	\$9,337.27	\$9,129.02
INCOME					
Annual Fundraiser	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,740.64	\$3,655.50	\$2,335.00
Miscellaneous Donations	\$1,500.00	\$992.67	\$1,043.79	\$1,487.84	\$1,590.00
Voters' Guide Study Reimbursement		\$0.00	\$750.00		
Total Income	\$5,500.00	\$4,992.67	\$5,534.43	\$5,143.34	\$3,925.00
EXPENSES					
Candidate Forums	\$1,000.00	\$0.00		\$750.00	\$0.00
Voter Reg. & Education	\$500.00	\$900.26	\$315.79	\$66.78	\$300.00
Voter Guides & Vote411	\$3,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$4,178.27	\$4,288.87	\$2,971.75
Educ. Public Mtgs	\$400.00	\$55.00		\$0.00	\$200.00
Fundraising	\$225.00	\$200.00	\$587.64	\$205.00	\$170.00
Community/League Support	\$375.00	\$370.00	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
Total Expenses	\$5,500.00	\$5,025.26	\$5,441.70	\$5,310.65	\$3,716.75
To/(From) Reserves	\$0.00	(\$32.59)	\$92.73	(\$167.31)	\$208.25
Ending Account Balance		\$9,230.10	\$9,262.69	\$9,169.96	\$9,337.27

During the 2024-25 fiscal year, LWVUS and LWVMD will assess per-member payments as they have in the past. LWVAAC’s annual dues will remain at current levels until the new national membership process takes effect in February 2025.

LWVAAC Roster	Member Type	Count	Annual Dues	Per Member Payment (PMP) LWVUS/LWVMD
As of 2/1/24	Individual	76	\$65.00	\$32/\$14
As of 2/1/24	Household	16	\$30.00	\$16/\$7
As of 2/1/24	Life	4	\$0.00	N/A
As of 2/1/24	Student	1	\$0.00	N/A

Report of the 2024-25 Bylaws Committee, Alexis Dorsey, Chair; Kathy Larrabee and Gege Polevitzky

Current bylaws may be found on the [LWVAAC website](#). The 2023-2024 Bylaws Committee proposes the revisions shown below. The rationale for these amendments stems from the [LWVUS Transformation](#) and related membership changes at the national League level which conflict with local League bylaws. Under state law, Leagues must maintain compliance with their governing documents.

Current Language	Amended Language
<p>Article VII Financial Administration</p> <p>Section 2. <u>Dues.</u> Dues shall be payable annually on the anniversary of the individual's enrollment. The Board may set reduced dues for students, associate and household members, and may provide scholarships for active members. A member who fails to pay dues within three (3) months after they are due shall be dropped from the membership roster.</p>	<p>Section 2. <u>Dues.</u> Members shall pay dues in accordance with LWVUS policy. Membership lasts for one year after joining or renewal. Members who fail to renew within the period specified by LWVUS will be removed from the roster.</p>
<p>Article VIII Meetings</p> <p>Section 2 <u>Annual Membership Meeting</u></p> <p>(c) Determine the amount of dues members shall pay.</p> <p>(d) Adopt a budget.</p> <p>(e) Transact other business that properly comes before them.</p>	<p>Delete (c)</p> <p>(d) becomes (c)</p> <p>(e) becomes (d)</p>