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# NCA REGIONAL MAP



## NCA MEMBER LEAGUES

LWV of the District of Columbia

LWV of Maryland  
LWV Anna Arundel County  
LWV Frederick County  
LWV Howard County  
LWV Montgomery County

LWV of Virginia  
LWV Alexandria  
LWV Arlington  
LWV Falls Church  
LWV of the Fairfax Area  
LWV Loudoun County

# ORDER OF BUSINESS

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| 1. Registration (9:15)                                      | Front table  |
| 2. Breakfast (9:30)   |  |
| 3. Welcome, Introduction and President's Report             | Elinor Hart  |
| 4. Roll Call of Member Leagues and Credentials              | Eileen Williams, Secretary   |
| 5. Adoption of Convention Rules                             | Barbara Sherrill,<br>Parliamentarian   |
| 6. Key Note Speaker<br>"Getting Metro on the Right Track"   | Mortimer Downey<br>Metro Board Member<br>Former Executive Director<br>New York City Metropolitan Transit<br>Authority      |
| 7. Accept Minutes of the 2009 Convention                    | Eileen Williams, Secretary   |
| 8. Appoint Reading Committee for 2010 Convention            | Elinor Hart  |
| 9. Program  | Bonnie Franklin, Director,<br>Programs<br>Melpi Jeffries, Chair, Electricity<br>Study<br>Norma Merritt, Chair, Water Study |
| 10. Treasurer's Report                                      | Barbara Ewalt, Treasurer   |
| 11. Approve 2010-11 Budget                                  | Virginia Long, Chair<br>Budget Committee   |
| 12. Nominating Committee Report and<br>Election of Officers | Joan Trafton, Chair<br>Nominating Committee  |
| 13. New Business  |  |
| 14. Directions to the Board                                 |  |

Adjournment

# RULES OF THE NCA CONVENTION

- A. The following rules are prescribed by the NCA bylaws:
1. Proceedings will be guided by the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, unless the NCA bylaws prescribe otherwise. (Article X)
  2. Voting privileges are limited to delegates from member Leagues (local and state) and NCA Board members. (Article VII, Section 2)
  3. Nominations for elected positions may be made from the floor, provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained. (Article VIII, Section 3)
- B. The following proposed rules are subject to approval by a majority vote of the Convention. Delegates may elect to amend these proposals or introduce others.
1. **Floor privileges**
    - a. All League members shall have floor privileges.
    - b. A member wishing to address the Convention **STAND** and, when recognized by the chair, shall state her/his name and member-League affiliation.
    - c. Debate will be limited to three minutes per speaker unless otherwise specified.
  2. **Motions.** Only delegates and NCA Board members shall make motions. All motions of substance should be put in writing and presented to the Convention secretary for accurate recording.
  3. **Smoking.** There will be no smoking in the meeting room.
  4. **Cell Phones.** Please turn them off or put on vibrate
  5. **Minutes.** The Secretary will draft the Convention minutes, clear them with a reading committee appointed by the President and submit the resulting version to the NCA Board for approval.

# MINUTES

**2009 NCA Annual Convention Minutes  
Saturday, May 9, 2009  
Ft. Myer Officers' Club**

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am by the president, Melpi Jeffries, League of Women Voters of the National Capital Area (LWVNCA). Melpi introduced the current members of the Board, Lu Pierson, President of League of Women Voters of Maryland (LWVMD), and Shirley Olson representing League of Women Voters of Virginia (LWV-VA).

Eileen Williams (LWVNCA) conducted a roll call of member Leagues. There were 11 Leagues represented with 28 delegates, ten board members and five guests for a total of 43 in attendance. Eileen thanked Marla McIntyre, League of Women Voters of Loudoun County (LWVLC) for the preparation of the Annual Convention workbook.

Melpi Jeffries (LWVNCA) introduced the Parliamentarian, Barbara Sherrill (LWVNCA), who referred attendees to the Convention Rules on page 4 of the meeting booklet. Barbara Sherrill moved adoption of the Rules, the motion was seconded by Joan Lewis, League of Women Voters of Falls Church (LWVFC) and the motion passed.

Bonnie Franklin (LWVNCA) introduced the speaker, David O'Bryon. Mr. O'Bryon has served as a congressional staffer for two U.S. representatives, formed his own firm, *O'Bryon and Company*, and is registered as a lobbyist before the U. S. Congress. He has been involved in virtually all the major federal legislative health care and education initiatives for the chiropractic profession. He has served in a variety of health care related professional affiliations and association. The topic of his presentation was "Health Care Reform 2009—A Look at Policy, Politics and the Players".

Melpi Jeffries (LWVNCA) presented the President's Report. She reported that programs were planned to get people together from the various Leagues. NCA was a major motivator for the publication of a voter's guide for the presidential election. NCA has submitted written testimony when appropriate issues occurred in the member League areas using the NCA Positions. Her written report is in the workbook.

Eileen Williams (LWVNCA) reported that the Reading Committee and NCA Board had approved the 2008 minutes. Barbara Ewalt, League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area (LWVFA) moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Anne A. Jackson, League of Women Voters of Montgomery County (LWVMC) and the motion passed.

**READING COMMITTEE FOR 2009 MINUTES:**

Melpi Jeffries appointed the Reading Committee for the 2009 minutes. The committee consists of Anne A. Jackson (LWVMC), Andrea Gruhl, League of Women Voters of Howard County (LWVHC), and Sherry Zachry (LWVFA).

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### **PRESENTATION AND VOTE ON BYLAWS AMENDMENTS:**

Ellen Gross (LWVFC) presented the report of the Bylaws Committee. The Committee recommended the following amendments: Article V, Board of Directors, Section 5, Regular Meeting, addition of e-mail or fax to the method of notification of meetings; Article V, Board of Directors, Section 6, Special meetings, add the following sentence: Special meetings may be conducted by electronic means, such as telephone conference call, video conferencing or e-mail. The use of electronic meetings shall be reserved for those issues needing a decision before an in-person meeting is scheduled; Article VII, Convention, Section 4, Representation of Local Member Leagues, delete the part of the last sentence the previous January 1 or previous year reporting date and insert the reporting date required by LWVUS; Article VIII, Nominations and Elections, Section 2, Suggestions for Nominations, add the following sentence at end of section Rotating the Presidency from one portion of the National Capital Area to another may be considered in nominating the president along with other desirable qualities for leadership as well as technical qualifications defined in these Bylaws; Article IX, Program, Section 6, Member League Action, add the word President following the second “NCA”. Shirley Olson (LWVFA) moved acceptance of the proposed Bylaw Amendments. The motion was seconded and passed.

### **PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON POSITIONS AND PROGRAM:**

Naomi Glass (LWVNCA) and Bonnie Franklin (LWVNCA) referred attendees to page 15 of the workbook. The feeling was that the new approach generated more active participation by local Leagues resulting in an improved consensus process. The NCA Board recommends that: (1) All current program positions be retained, and (2) Two new program studies be accepted—*Water Resources Update: The Reality of the Drinking Water Supply in the Metro Area in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* and *A New Study: Adequacy and Reliability of Electricity in the National Capital Area*. Study Committee chairs and some members for each committee have been identified. Bonnie Franklin moved that the proposed program be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

### **TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Barbara Ewalt (LWVFA) distributed copies of the Treasurer’s report through May 9, 2009. The income to date is \$10,993.25. This figure reflects some of the money in the CD that was transferred to the checking account when the CD was invested. The expenses to date are \$9064.09. The checking account balance is \$6820.79, the CD is \$3500.00, and the Education Fund is \$477.08. Barbara also reviewed the cost of the Capitol Steps fund raising activity with a profit of \$780.00 and the Eleanor Roosevelt Tour with a loss of \$447.78. Barbara commented that all the PMPs have been paid.

### **BUDGET:**

Virginia Long (LWVFC) expressed thanks to the Budget Committee and referred attendees to page 21 in the workbook. She also thanked Andrea Gruhl for making arrangements for various meetings that were within the budget. Barbara Ewalt moved that the 2009-2010 budget be accepted. The motion was seconded and passed. Discussion ensued about the need for the budget to reflect two components of the Contributions category: Monetary Contributions and In-kind Contributions. The majority of the Board does not request reimbursement for costs for the operation of committees and the Board. It was felt that these expenses should be indicated in the budget to provide an accurate description of the cost of the operation of NCA. An exact plan for accomplishing this was not identified but the Board will work on a system to secure this information yearly.

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### **REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

Pat Hallman (LWVDC), a member of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of officers and board members for 2009-2011. There were no nominations from the floor. Barbara Sherrill (LWDNCA) moved that the slate be elected by acclamation, the motion was seconded and carried. Elected were Elinor Hart (LWVDC), President; Eileen Williams (LWVAR), Secretary; Reverend John T. Matheson (LWVDC) and Barbara Sherrill (LWVAR), Directors; Joan Trafton (LWVMC), Chair, Nominating Committee; Katy Cannady (LWVAL) and Constance Tate (LWVDC), members of the Nominating Committee.

### **PRESENTATION OF MADELINE NAUMANN AWARD:**

Pat Sullivan, chair of the Award Committee thanked her committee. Five applications for the award were submitted. The recipients Leagues are: First Place: Anne Arundel and Fairfax Area; Honorable Mention, District of Columbia. Anne Arundel examined the effect of immigration on their County by examining the changes made by citizens. Anne Nelson accepted the award for the LWVAA. The Fairfax Area award was for their activities to develop the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial. Sherry Zachry accepted the award and announced that the cash award will be put in the fund for the memorial. The District of Columbia was recognized for increasing voter participation including immigrants. Their project also included using 16 and 17-year-old students as poll workers. Elinor Hart accepted the award.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

### **DIRECTIONS TO THE BOARD:**

Luella Mast (LWVMC) suggested that NCA consider doing a Theater Night Series as a fundraising project. There would be three theaters, one in Maryland, one in Virginia, and one in the District of Columbia. The series could be spread over a year and could be sold with package options as desired.

Sherry Zachry (LWVFA) recommended that NCA continue the "Capitol Steps" performance as a fundraiser.

Shirley Olson (LWVFA) recommended that an embassy tour be considered as a fundraiser.

Lois Fussell, League of Women Voters of Anne Arundel (LWVAA) recommended that in-kind contributions be reflected in the Budget.

Elinor Hart (LWVDC) expressed the thanks of the members of NCA to Melpi Jeffries for her excellent leadership of NCA during the past two years.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eileen Williams, NCA Secretary

*The Reading Committee of Ann A. Jackson (LWVMC), Andrea Morris Gruhl (LWVHC), and Sherry Zachry (LWVFA) has reviewed these minutes and believe the minutes reflect the content of the meeting to the best of their knowledge.*

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**LWVNCA Bylaws**  
**Amended May 9, 2009**

***Article I, Name***

**Section 1. Name.** The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters of the National Capital Area, Inc. (hereinafter, NCA). This Inter-League organization is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States (hereinafter, LWVUS).

***Article II, Purpose and Policy***

**Section 1. Purpose.** The purpose of NCA shall be to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government, and to act on selected governmental issues of a metropolitan, regional or inter-jurisdictional nature.

**Section 2. Policy.** NCA may take action on area governmental measures and policies in the public interest in conformity with the principles of the LWVUS. It shall not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

***Article III, Membership***

**Section 1.**

- A. NCA shall be composed of:
- (1) LWVUS recognized local Leagues within the metropolitan Washington area that have chosen to participate in NCA work (hereinafter, local member Leagues), and
  - (2) the local member Leagues' respective state Leagues, including the District of Columbia League, (hereinafter, state member Leagues).

- B. Collectively, local member Leagues and state member Leagues shall comprise NCA's member Leagues.

***Article IV, Officers***

**Section 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers.** The officers of NCA shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be elected by the Convention for two year terms beginning at the start of the next fiscal year. The President and Secretary shall be elected in odd-numbered years; the Vice President and Treasurer, in even-numbered years.

**Section 2. The President.** The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the Board of Directors (hereinafter, the Board) unless the President designates someone else to preside. The President shall be, ex officio, a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. The President shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of the President and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board.

**Section 3. The Vice President.** The Vice President shall, in the event of the absence of the President, possess all the powers and perform all the duties of that office. The Vice President shall perform such other duties as the President and Board may designate.

**Section 4. The Secretary.** The Secretary shall keep minutes of the Convention and of the Board. The Secretary shall provide the President of each member League with the agenda and minutes of each Board meeting. The Secretary shall sign, with the President, all contracts and other instruments, when so authorized by the Board, and shall perform

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such other functions as may be incident to the office.

**Section 5. The Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall collect and receives all moneys due. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of these moneys, shall deposit them in a bank designated by the Board, and shall disburse the same only upon order of the Board. All checks, notes or transfers of funds or property shall be signed by one of the following officers: President, Vice President, and Treasurer. The Treasurer shall present periodic statements to the Board at its regular meetings and an annual report to the Convention. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited annually and the report sent to the Board.

### *Article V, Board of Directors*

**Section 1. Number, Manner of Selection, and Term of Office.** The Board shall consist of the officers of the League, four elected directors, no more than four directors appointed by the Board, and one liaison appointed by each member League. Two directors shall be elected at each annual Convention for a two year term beginning at the start of the next fiscal year. The board shall appoint such additional directors, not exceeding four, as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The terms of office of the appointed directors shall expire at the conclusion of the next fiscal year.

**Section 2. Qualifications.** No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an NCA officer or board member unless that person is a voting member of a member League.

#### **Section 3. Vacancies.**

A. In the event of resignation, disability, or death of the President, the Vice President shall become President until the next Convention. In the event the Vice President is unable to serve as President, the Board shall elect, by an absolute majority vote of the remaining members of the Board,

one of its members to fill the vacancy.

- B. Appointed liaison-member vacancies shall be filled by the affected member League.
- C. All other vacancies may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board.

**Section 4. Powers and Duties.** The Board shall:

- A. Have full charge of the property and business of the organization, with full power and authority to manage and conduct the same, subject to the instructions of the Convention;
- B. Plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the program
- C. Create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary; and
- D. Maintain effective liaison with the President and the Board of directors of each member League.

**Section 5. Regular Meetings.** There shall be at least eight regular meetings of the Board annually. The President shall notify each Board member and each member-League President of all regular meetings by mail, e-mail or fax giving the time and the place of the meeting. No action taken at any regular Board meeting attended by three-fourths of the Board members shall be invalidated because of the failure of any Board member(s) to receive any notice properly sent or because of an irregularity in any notice actually received.

**Section 6. Special Meetings.** The President may call special meetings of the Board, and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five Board members. Special meetings may be conducted by electronic means, such as telephone conference call, video conferencing or e-mail. The use of electronic meetings shall be reserved for those issues needing a decision before an in-person meeting is scheduled. Board members shall be notified of the time and

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place of special meeting at least six days prior to such meetings.

**Section 7. Quorum.** A majority of Board members shall constitute a quorum.

### *Article VI, Financial Administration*

**Section 1. Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year of NCA shall commence on the first day of July every year.

**Section 2. Budget.** The Board shall submit to the Convention for adoption a budget for the ensuing year. The budget shall include a recommendation as to the distribution of receipts from any NCA fund-raising activity. A copy of the proposed budget shall be sent to each member-League President at least two months before Convention. For each of its locally-recruited members, as of the previous January 1st, each local member League shall contribute to NCA each year an amount determined by each convention.

**Section 3. Budget Committee.** An annual budget shall be prepared by a committee appointed by the Board for that purpose. The Treasurer shall be, ex officio, a member, but not the chair of the Budget Committee.

**Section 4. Distribution of Funds on Dissolution.** In the event of a dissolution for any cause of NCA all monies and securities then owned by or under the absolute control of NCA shall be pro-rated among its member Leagues. All other property then owned by or under the control of NCA, shall be disposed of by any officer or employee of the organization having possession of same to such person, organization, or corporation for such public, charitable, or educational uses and purposes as may be designated by the then Board.

### *Article VII, Convention*

**Section 1. Place, Date, and Call.** An NCA convention shall be held annually at a time and place to be determined by the Board. Leagues shall be notified as to the date of

the Convention at least three months in advance.

**Section 2. Composition.** The Convention shall consist of NCA board members and of delegates representing member Leagues and Member-at-Large units (MAL), as follows: (a) one delegate for each state member League, and (b) delegates for local member Leagues or MAL units, in the number provided by section 4, below.

**Section 3. Delegate Qualifications and Voting.** Each delegate for a local member League or MAL unit shall be a voting member of that League. A state-member-League delegate shall be a voting member of a local League within the state represented. Each board member and delegate shall be entitled to only one vote at the Convention, even if 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 of Local Member Leagues.** Delegates shall be selected in accordance with the bylaws of their respective Leagues or MAL units. Each local member League or MAL unit shall be entitled to three delegates; plus, for local leagues or MAL units having more than 100 voting members, one additional delegate for each additional 200 voting members, or major fraction thereof, as reported to LWVUS as of the reporting date required by LWVUS.

**Section 5. Observers.** All LWVUS members and their guests will be permitted to register for and attend NCA conventions as non-voting observers.

**Section 6. Powers.** The Convention shall:

- A. elect officers and directors as designated in Articles IV and V for the ensuing two years and a Nominating Committee;
- B. adopt a budget;

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- C. in odd-numbered years consider and adopt a two-year Program, and in even-numbered years consider Program development; and
- D. transact such other business as may properly come before it.

**Section 7. Quorum.** Twenty-five (25) delegates other than Board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of Convention business, provided that there is representation from a majority of the member Leagues, including two (2) Leagues from Maryland, two (2) Leagues from Virginia, and the League of the District of Columbia.

### ***Article VIII, Nominations and Election***

**Section 1. Nominating Committee.** The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members, two of whom shall be members of the Board. The chairman and two members, who shall not be members of the Board, shall be elected by the Convention. Nominations for these officers shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. The other members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board at the first regular Board meeting following the Convention. Any vacancy occurring in the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board. The President of NCA shall send the name and address of the Chair of the Nominating Committee to the President of each member League.

**Section 2. Suggestions for Nominations.** The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall request of each League suggestions for nominations for offices to be filled. Rotating the Presidency from one portion of the National Capital Area to another may be considered in nominating the president along with other desirable qualities for leadership as well as technical qualifications defined in these Bylaws.

**Section 3. Report of the Nominating Committee and Nominations from the**

**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 member Leagues one month before the date of the Convention. Immediately following the presentation of this report at Convention, nominations may be made from the floor, provided that the consent of each nominee shall have been secured.

**Section 4. Election.** The election shall be by ballot, except that whenever there is but one nominee for each office, it shall be in order to move that the Secretary cast the ballot for every candidate. A majority vote shall constitute an election.

### ***Article IX, Program***

**Section 1. Principles.** The LWVUS principles constitute the authorization for the adoption of the Program.

**Section 2. Program.** The NCA Program shall consist of (a) action to implement the principles, and (b) study of and action on metropolitan, regional, and inter-jurisdictional governmental issues.

**Section 3. Convention Action.** The Convention shall act upon the Program using the following procedures:

- A. Member League Boards may make recommendations for a Program to the Board by February 15 in odd-numbered years.
- B. The Board shall consider the recommendations and shall formulate a Proposed Program, which shall be submitted to the member Leagues by March 15, together with a list of all non-recommended items suggested by the member Leagues.
- C. Recommendations for changes submitted by member Leagues and received by the Board at least three weeks before the Convention shall

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be considered by the Board prior to the Convention, at which time the Board may change the Proposed Program.

- D. A majority vote shall be required for the adoption of the Program proposed by the Board.
- E. Any recommendation for the Program submitted to the Board by February 15, but not proposed by the Board, may be adopted by the Convention provided consideration is ordered by a majority vote and the proposal for adoption receives a two-thirds vote.

**Section 4. Changes in Program.** In the event of altered conditions, changes in Program may be made during the Convention that is held in even-numbered years or at special meetings. Provisions for special meetings shall be in accord with Article VII and notification of any proposed Program changes shall be sent to all member Leagues at least 60 days prior to the meeting.

**Section 5.** No member may act in the name of NCA unless authorized by the President.

**Section 6. Member League Action.** Member Leagues may take action on area governmental matters on which NCA has a position only when specifically authorized to do so by the NCA President. Member Leagues may act in conformity with, but not contrary to the position taken by NCA.

**Section 7. NCA Action.** Responsibility for Program procedures (Article IX), study, evaluation, determination of member agreement, and action rests with the Board.

Action shall be in conformity with, not contrary to positions adopted by the LWVUS.

### ***Article X, Parliamentary Authority***

**Section 1.** The rules contained in the current edition of *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 these bylaws.

### ***Article XI, Amendments***

**Section 1.** These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any Convention, using the following procedures:

- A. Proposals for change shall be submitted by any member League to the NCA Board by February 15.
- B. All such proposed amendments together with the recommendations of the NCA Board shall be sent to member-League presidents at least two months before Convention.
- C. Member-League presidents should notify the members of their respective Leagues of the proposed amendments. Failure of a member League President to give such notice or failure of any member to receive such notice shall not invalidate amendments to the bylaws.

*Initially adopted May 21, 1971*

*Amended May 25, 2002*

*Amended May 14, 2005*

*Amended May 12, 2007*

*Amended May 9, 2009*

# **PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT**

**BONNIE FRANKLIN  
DIRECTORS FOR NCA PROGRAM**

Following approval at last year's Convention, two study committees were formed and are actively addressing the following topics:

- Water Resources Update: The Reality of the Drinking Water Supply in the Metro Area in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Chaired by Norma Merritt
- New Study: Adequacy and Reliability of Electricity in the National Capital Area – Chaired by Melpi Jeffries

The committees will develop consensus questions for Local Leagues to consider during the next year with the goal of developing a consensus and new program positions for adoption at next year's Convention.

This coming summer, a program development committee will form to brainstorm ideas for future regional study issues. Local leagues will consider the ideas during NCA program planning sessions and make additional recommendations. The process will identify issues with regional interest and support for future studies.

## **ELECTRICITY STUDY REPORT**

MELPI JEFFRIES, CHAIR, [MELPIJEFFRIES@MSN.COM](mailto:MELPIJEFFRIES@MSN.COM)

The Study of the Adequacy and the Reliability of Electricity in the National Capital Area commenced in the summer of 2009. The hardworking committee has developed an study outline and many sections of the outline have been reported upon. The Committee expects to have a fact sheet completed in time for early autumn units or presentations. Consensus is being considered.

# LWV OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA POSITIONS

**MAY 2008**

The LWNCA is the Inter-League Organization (ILO) that deals with issues that cross jurisdictions in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. These positions have been developed after study and concurrence and or consensus among the Local Leagues in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia who are members of this ILO. The positions are listed in alphabetical order. The dates following the text denote when the position was adopted. For more information please visit our website at [www.lwvnca.org](http://www.lwvnca.org).

## **AIRPORTS**

1. Use of the three major metropolitan Washington airports [Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall (BWI), Washington Dulles Internationals (IAD), and Ronald Reagan Washington National (DCA)] should be balanced based on overall airport infrastructure and capacity. Good ground transportation is necessary to all airports.
2. It is necessary to place limitations on the use of DCA. We support the enforcement of:
  - a. The current High Density and Perimeter Rules, and noise abatement procedures.
  - b. Other methods to limit aircraft types.
3. With regard to all three airports, jurisdictions should:
  - a. Enact responsible, comprehensive planning and zoning policies that limit development to industrial and/or commercial uses in the immediate vicinity of the airports.
  - b. Restrict residential development within the area directly affected by the presence and operations of the airports.
  - c. Consider potential development height when evaluating land use changes. (1985, 2007)
- b. the use of automated photographic speed enforcement devices as an additional system of speed enforcement
2. We support measures to increase truck safety on the Capital Beltway and its connector roads that include:
  - a. mandatory commercial vehicle safety inspections in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia,
  - b. increased fines for truck safety violations
  - c. limiting hazardous material carriers to certain hours
3. Weight and length limitations for commercial vehicles using the Capital Beltway and its feeder roads should not be increased
4. Efforts between federal, state and local governments to improve coordination of inspection and enforcement activities on the Beltway should be a continuing process (1991).

## **COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH PLANNING**

1. LWNCA supports:
  - a. governmental regulations of health planning (1976, 89),
  - b. regional coordination among Health Systems Agencies in the Washington Metropolitan Area to include gathering data, sharing information, avoiding duplication of facilities and services, and controlling costs (1976, 89),
  - c. regional implementation of health education and information services to the public (1977, 89).
2. In order to increase the availability of medical services, LWV supports the concept of 24-hour clinics & the use of para-professionals (1977, 89).
3. There should be improved care for the elderly and an emphasis on community support as an

## **BELTWAY SAFETY**

1. In order to control speeding and unsafe driving on the Capital Beltway and its feeder roads, we support:
  - a. the use of additional patrol officers for visibility and enforcement

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alternative to long-term institutional nursing care (1977, 89).

### **CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

1. We support legislation to permit the use of marijuana and heroin for medicinal purposes (1989).
2. We believe that testing for illegal drug use is a justifiable invasion of privacy when required as part of the hiring process for jobs affecting public safety and national security (1989).
3. Employees who test positive should be:
  - a. retested prior to any disciplinary action (1976, 89),
  - b. allowed to continue working or put on administrative leave,
  - c. required in each case to participate in an employee assistance program,
  - d. subjected to random drug tests for a one-year period following a positive test (1989).
4. Measures for solving the drug problem should include interdiction, enforcement, education/prevention, and treatment. Education and treatment should receive special emphasis and should be stressed over criminal justice sanctions (1989, 91).
5. Drug treatment programs that should be given public funding priority include detoxification and self-help programs, outpatient care, and the use of therapeutic communities, with aftercare as part of all programs (1991).
6. Treatment programs for drug users under 18 and for pregnant women should receive priority for public funding (1991).
7. Drug treatment should be incorporated into the sentence for any juvenile or adult convicted of a crime who tested positive at the time of arrest (1989).
8. Pregnant drug users should not be subjected to criminal prosecution just because they are pregnant. Pregnant drug users who are before the court for crimes other than the use of drugs should be placed in mandatory treatment through a justice system diversion program. We support the use of outreach nurses and counselors for pregnant drug users without the threat of legal penalties (1991).

9. Financial responsibility for drug treatment should fall, to some extent, on all of the following: insurance, patients, patients' families, governments (federal, state, and local), employers, and labor unions (1989).
10. Each jurisdiction in the metropolitan Washington area should set up its own treatment programs for drug users (1989).
11. The area jurisdictions should establish a public/private partnership through the Council of Governments (COG) to develop a long-range plan to meet treatment needs and to identify financial and in-kind resources. This partnership should include the private sector and citizen groups (1989).

### **DC FINANCING**

1. Budget Autonomy. The District of Columbia should have autonomy in budgeting locally raised revenue. The League of Women Voters of the National Capital Area (LWVNCA) supports legislation eliminating the annual Congressional D.C. appropriations budget-approval process.
2. Federal Payment. To address the District of Columbia's need for a stronger revenue base, the LWVNCA supports Congressional legislation setting forth the factors for determining an annual, predictable federal payment. The most important factors to be considered are:
  - a. taxes that the District of Columbia cannot levy because of Congressional prohibitions on the District's ability to tax; and
  - b. the cost of services provided by the District to the federal government
  - c. Other factors might include the cost of state services provided by the District and the percentages of revenue that other U.S. cities receive from external sources. (2003)

### **LAND USE/HOUSING**

1. Regional land use planning for the Washington Metropolitan area should include a coordinated and comprehensive approach to meet housing needs. The goal of the housing component of a regional land use plan should be to:
  - a. provide adequate housing for all income levels,
  - b. promote a balanced distribution of housing and employment for all income levels,

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- c. improve the quality of housing and neighborhood environments (1975, reaffirmed 1989).

### REGIONAL GOVERNANCE

1. We accept the Council of Governments (COG) as the basic instrument for cooperative regional planning and the solution of governmental problems that cannot be solved by local governments or other planning boards and agencies (1966, 82).
2. We support granting COG sufficient authority so that it can resolve governmental problems that cannot be solved by local governments (1973, 82, 87, 89).
3. Any Washington Metropolitan governance should have some funding powers. Specifically, we support assessments of member jurisdictions, user fees, and state and federal grants.
4. We support citizen participation at the regional level for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and other inter-jurisdictional agencies (1973, 83).

### TRANSPORTATION

1. In support of the concept that there be some form of public transportation available for all, we endorse public policy in services and planning that:
  - a. supports a coordinated public transportation system which includes bus and rapid rail transit (1964, 70, 83, 89),
  - b. promotes and improves the present and proposed public transportation systems to encourage the use of mass transit (1963, 70, 89).
2. Priorities in transportation services and planning should include:
  - a. transportation systems services that are convenient, frequent, regular, speedy, and economical to the user and for the benefit of the larger community (1963, 64, 70, 83, 89),
  - b. reduced air pollution through the promotion of mass transportation systems (1970, 89),
  - c. allocation of road space for use of high-occupancy vehicles (buses, carpools, vanpools) to speed services, including traffic control measures.

3. We support public participation and supervision in determining information needed and in evaluating transportation proposals, transportation planning, and operations. Public involvement and decision-making should include
  - a. appointment of citizen members to decision-making boards with full authority to participate in their functions, and enough tenure to master the subject. (These members should be residents of the jurisdictions involved and include consumer advocates who do not have business connections or official roles in the transportation and appropriations process) (1971, 89),
  - b. every effort by local governments to include minorities, senior citizens, economically and/or physically challenged persons and other traditionally under-represented citizens on transportation and land use advisory committees and to facilitate this participation (1997),
  - c. open public meetings of all regulatory and public management boards (1971, 89),
  - d. compulsory paid publications in general circulation newspapers or proposals on which public review is to be held (1971, 89),
  - e. decision-making on the level of services for the regional mass transit system by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority (WMATA) with local input, including citizen input early in the decision-making process (1981, 89).
4. We support financial measures that include:
  - a. informing the public of the total costs of auto use and full public disclosure of the costs of transportation service, of who pays for service and who receives it, and of full cost/benefit information,
  - b. public investment to finance public transportation systems, to encourage substantially greater use of mass transportation, to increase resources for bus and rail transit, to achieve a realistic alternative to private auto use, to provide funds for bus shelters and information services (1971, 83, 89),
  - c. reduction of subsidies to auto use, such as tax favors which support parking and free parking for employees paid out of public funds (1971, 89).

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- d. the use of a dedicated tax to help fund public transportation. The objective of such a tax should be to spread the costs of mass transit among the total population and to encourage the use of mass transit instead of the automobile. A sales tax which excludes such necessities as food and medicines would be the best means of financing mass transportation in the metropolitan area. The most important criteria to be used in evaluating particular taxes dedicated to transportation should be revenue potential, timeliness, and reliability (1980).

Note: the above position applies only to the Washington metropolitan area, and may be acted upon within the context of interstate regional cooperation, despite its partial conflict with the LWVMD, LWVVA and LWVDC positions

5. We support the integration of transportation and land use planning on local and regional levels (1997).
6. We support an interstate compact authority for regional transportation.
  - a. Members representing corporate, environmental, social, and political jurisdictions would best promote a regional approach to transportation planning.
  - b. Members representing political jurisdictions would best produce cooperation among/between local jurisdictions and would best promote efficiency and flexibility in meeting transportation needs.
  - c. The following areas of transportation planning should come within the jurisdiction of a regional transportation authority: Roads and highways; urban and suburban transit, including bus and rail; interstate rail, including connections among systems, i.e., Amtrak, Marc, etc.; pedestrian/bike paths; water, i.e., water taxis, ferries, etc.; bridges and tunnels.
  - d. Approved projects should be funded through: Federal funds appropriated through transportation authorization act; state and local contributions; user fees, including tolls, fares, and other fees; private funding; bonds; gasoline tax (2004).

## WATER RESOURCES

1. In order to ensure a safe and adequate water supply for metropolitan Washington and to restore the quality of our streams and rivers, we support:
  - a. conservation and protection of drinking water and supply sources. Sources of drinking water serving the metropolitan area, such as the Potomac River and Occoquan and Patuxent Reservoirs, must be maintained and protected against pollution from both point and non-point sources,
  - b. regional demand reduction and water conservation measures to reduce annual per capita use --
    - i. Contingency plans should be developed on a regional basis to provide for mandatory restrictions on water use in time of emergency.
    - ii. Measures to recycle treated waste water in industrial, agricultural, and other non-potable systems and measures to reduce the use of water of drinking water quality as a conveyer of wastes should be encouraged to the extent consistent with public health and hydrological requirements
  - c. water-sharing measures to meet emergencies and to protect the physical and biological integrity of the sources,
  - d. protection of ground water,
  - e. official consideration of new drinking water sources --
    - i. Sources within the metropolitan region should be investigated as possible adjuncts to existing water sources
    - ii. Construction of major upstream dams on the Potomac or its tributaries for the purpose of providing additional water supplies for the metropolitan region should not be undertaken unless other options have been found insufficient to meet the essential needs of the region.
2. We support regional planning to improve waste water treatment management. Final selection for new or expanded waste water treatment facilities should be based on meeting national clean water objectives, protecting public health, and minimizing environmental, energy, and cost impacts (1979, 89).

# PROPOSED BUDGET 2010 – 2011

**TO:** Local Board Presidents of the League of Women Voters of the National Capital Area

**FROM:** LWVNCA Budget Committee Chair, Virginia Long, LWVFC

**RE:** Proposed Budget For Period of July 2010 - June 2011

Please find hereto a copy of the Proposed LWVNCA Budget for the period of July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011 as required by Article VI, Financial Administration, Section 2. Budget, of the NCA Bylaws. The Budget for the upcoming year is currently calculated at \$8,450.00.

Respectfully submitted,  
Virginia Long, Chair  
March 27, 2010

<b>League of Women Voters of the National Capital Area</b>		
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>JUSTIFICATION</b>	<b>PROPOSED BUDGET 2010 - 2011</b>
On Hand Funds	Contingency Bank Account Allocation	831.00
Per Member Payment	1,139 Members @ 1.00 per	1,139.00
Expense Recovery from Board Members	President's Lunch @ 30.00 x 16	480.00
*Expense Recovery from Member Leagues	LWVUS Board Reception - held every 2 yrs. ( Add 1,000 from 2010 Budget Allocation )	2,000.00
*NCA Convention & Lunch	40 members x 40.00 ea.(Add 2010 Budget Allocation of 1,000)	2,600.00
*Neumann Award	Budget Allocation of 100.00 from 2010 Budget, and 100.00 from Contingency Bank Account Allocation	200.00
Fundraisers	Capitol Steps and/or Other	1,000.00
Contributions		100.00
CD and Banking Interest		100.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>8,450.00</b>

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Allocation of designated funds from 2009 - 2010 Budget	See LWV Board Reception, NCA Convention, and Naumann Award in total amount of 2,100.00 *	
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>JUSTIFICATION</b>	<b>PROPOSED BUDGET 2010 - 2011</b>
<b><u>Operating Costs</u></b>	Office supplies, Postage, Fax	<b><u>200.00</u></b>
	<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>200.00</b>
<b><u>Board/Administration</u></b>		
President	As needed	150.00
Board Expense	As needed	100.00
Member Directory	NCA	200.00
Presidents Lunch	To be Catered	700.00
Program Committees	Two committees @ \$100.00 each	200.00
LWVUS Board Reception	Every two years - add Reserve of \$1,000.00	<u>1,800.00</u>
	<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>3,150.00</b>
<b><u>Conventions/Workshops</u></b>		
Member, State & National Council	We pay for President to go (Atlanta)	500.00
Reserve for National Convention	Travel and Board (2010)	2,000.00
NCA Convention	Room Rental - Food - Program	2,200.00
NCA Workshops	Printing	<u>200.00</u>
	<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>4,900.00</b>
<b><u>Other</u></b>		
Madeline Naumann Outstanding Project Award	Budget Allocation of 100.00 from 2010 and 100.00 from Bank Allocation	<u>200.00</u>
	<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>200.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>		<b>8,400.00</b>

# 2010 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee presents the following nominees for the NCA Board for the 2010-2012 term.

<b>Vice-President</b>	<b>Virginia Long</b> LWV of Falls Church
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>To be filled</b>
<b>Director</b>	<b>Ellen Gross</b> LWV of Falls Church
<b>Director</b>	<b>Joan Wilson</b> LWV of District of Columbia
<b>Nominating Committee Chair</b>	<b>Andrea Gruhl</b> LWV of Howard County
<b>Off Board Member</b>	<b>Elizabeth Martin</b> LWV of District of Columbia
<b>Off Board Member</b>	<b>Sherry Zachry</b> LWV of Fairfax Area

**Presented by the 2010 Nominating Committee**  
**Joan Trafton, Chair; Katy Cannady, Ann A. Jackson, Barbara Sherrill, Constance Tate**

## **PROFILES OF NOMINEES**

### **VIRGINIA LONG (VICE-PRESIDENT)**

One of the first two women to graduate from Lycoming College in PA with a Degree in Business Administration. Jinny spent the first four years of her career as a buyer for Garfinckel's, in Washington, before retiring to raise a daughter.

On moving to Falls Church in 1964 she participated in several City organizations, including many PTA Chairs, local fund raising activities, Membership, Transportation and Treasury Committees. League activities included League Treasurer and First Vice-President in Charge of Programs.

In 1972 she returned to the work force to spend approximately 25 years in management positions in commercial real estate, which included properties in Virginia (Tysons & Dulles), Maryland, DC, and Florida. In 2000, Jinny retired and soon renewed her association with the Falls Church League. This current association includes LWVFC Board Liaison to the NCA Board, and for the last six years, Chair of the NCA Budget Committee. Responsibilities also included planning for the Annual President's Brunch which is held at NCA Headquarters in DC.

### **TREASURER (TO BE DETERMINED)**

### **ELLEN GROSS (DIRECTOR)**

Ellen Gross has been an active member of the LWV of Falls Church for more than 30 years, serving as unit coordinator, membership chairman, and most recently as co-president. During the past two years, she served as liaison to NCA. During her term as membership chair, membership increased by significant numbers. During her term as co-president, a new form of civic engagement was developed and piloted (Deliberation Days.) She has been involved in all aspects of League life, including voter service, fundraising and numerous candidate-focused activities. Her other civic activities have included vice-chairman of the Falls Church City School Board, and board memberships on the Village Preservation and Improvement Society, Citizens Advisory Board on Recreation and Parks, and Falls Church Women's Commission, among others.

She holds a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center and has had careers both in environmental regulatory analysis (public and private sectors), as well as in project management for the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation.

### **JOAN WILSON (DIRECTOR)**

Joan Wilson came to Washington during WWII as an intern with the National Institute of Public Affairs and stayed to work with USIA in DC and New York. She later worked with the Foreign Service Institute as a training officer in programs to prepare families for service abroad after she herself accompanied FSO husband and their five children to Paris, Madrid, Manila, and Thailand. She has a BA from Vassar and a MA from George Washington. Her League life began after retirement -first with the Montgomery County League, then the DC League where she is an active member after two years as a co-president. She is currently working with the NCA Water Study committee.

**ANDREA GRUHL (NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR)**

LWV National Capitol Area Board since 2002: Vice-President, 2006-10, Director-at-Large, 2002-6; Chair, NCA Homeland Security Committee, 2003-7; Editor, *NCA News & Notes*, 2003-4; Budget Committee member, 2005-10; Airports Update Committee Member, 2006-7. LWVUS: Served on six-person LWVUS Task Force on Civil Liberties, 2005-2006, Homeland Security portfolio. Delegate to LWVUS Conventions, 2008, 2010. LWV of Maryland: Director, Nominating Comm., MD rep to LWVUS Liberty & Security Network, Constitution Day, NCA Liaison, 2009-11; Chair, Civil Liberties/Homeland Security, 2007-9; Director, Civil Liberties, 2005-7; Rep, LWVUS Liberty & Security Network, 2003-10. LWV of Howard County: Co-President, 2004-5; Secretary, 2002-4, Public Relations Director, 1996, Publications Director, 1974. Member, 1969-11.

Vice President and Secretary, United Nations Association-National Capital Area, 2008-10, Co-Chair, Endowment Comm., 2004-2008. President, Beta Phi Mu International Library & Information Studies Honor Society, DC Area Chapter, 2005-6. President, District of Columbia Library Association, 2002-3. Trustee, Howard County Community College, 1989-95. Trustee, Howard County Public Library System, 1979-87.

Federal supervisory librarian; retired 12/01. Two daughters. Husband (NASA retired) is LWVHC member. National Capital Area resident 45 years. Librarian: University of Maryland, Library of Congress, & GPO. Taught in Florida, Germany & Montgomery & Howard counties.

B.A., Wesleyan College; Master of Library Science, University of Maryland; Master of Liberal Arts Program, Johns Hopkins University; Master of Art History, coursework complete, UMD; graduate study, Oxford University.

**ELIZABETH MARTIN (NOMINATING COMMITTEE, OFF BOARD)**

Elizabeth served as president of LWVDC for one term and as co-president for a term. She handled the public relations for LWVDC along with fund-raising. Liz also served as co-chair of the Housing Committee.

**SHERRY ZACHRY (NOMINATING COMMITTEE, OFF BOARD)**

Sherry served as the Secretary for The LWV-VA since July 1, 2009; and as president of the LWVFA from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2009, with a "leave of absence" from July 2007 to September 2008 to plan her oldest daughter's wedding. Sherry was Secretary for LWVFA for four years prior to becoming president. In the late 1990s, she served on the LWV-VA Board as Voters Service Director, Convention Liaison and Action Coordinator.

Sherry first joined the League of Women Voters in 1980 while living in Atlanta, served on the Atlanta/Fulton County League board and subsequently transferred her membership to the LWV of Johnson County, Kansas in 1989.

Sherry has been a PTA President and has served on several public schools advisory committees in Georgia and Kansas. She and her husband Charlie moved to Manassas in 1994, in order to obtain in-state tuition for their two daughters who were attending UVA and VA Tech at the time. Before becoming a mother, Sherry was a Legal Secretary and an Employment Interviewer with the Bell System in Tennessee. In addition to her two married adult daughters, Sherry and Charlie have one granddaughter, born in January 2010.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2009-2010**

### **ELINOR HART, PRESIDENT**

Thanks to the efforts of our hardworking Board, the past year has been a productive one for NCA. With the help of our Program Chair, Bonnie Franklin, we launched two new studies in the fall. Melpie Jeffries is leading our study on electricity, and Norma Merritt is chairing the water study.

Our two successful fundraisers were spearheaded by Barbara Sherrill. On an October Saturday, afternoon, we spend an afternoon visiting Ford's Theater, the Petersen House, and the Lincoln Summer Cottage. In March, the Capitol Steps entertained us with the absurdities of national politics as we improved NCA's bottom line.

We appreciate the support of our state and local Leagues, and we look forward to working with you in the coming year.

## **VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT 2009-2010**

### **ANDREA MORRIS GRUHL**

Throughout the League year, I managed the NCA website. This required blending NCA Board desires and information needs with technical capabilities especially relating to the recently renovated, high tech LWVMD website upon which we depend. I attended multiple LWVMD workshops regarding the new features and processes of the NCA website's host. Collaborated with the LWVMD Web Services Manager and a League volunteer expert in the techniques of putting up and taking down web files. Collaborated also with the LWV-VA Webmaster. Maintained NCA Calendar of Events at the NCA website and created files publicizing various League events.

The 2010 NCA Convention on May 8 was the result of a long planning process. I contacted several potential sites, researched their characteristics, and presented the NCA Board with the four best options matching their specifications. After the NCA Board approved having the 2010 NCA Convention at Clyde's at Gallery Place, I signed a contract on March 5 and personally paid the deposit. I created a Convention publicity flier which went up at the NCA website and was distributed to the NCA Board, local League Presidents, and especially to newsletter editors urging them to include the flier in their April and May issues. I received NCA convention registration forms and checks and sent recorded checks to the NCA Treasurer. I formed and directed the on-site egristration team including registrars and greeters. Liaisoning with Clyde's special events managers, I performed oversight of arrangements before and during the event.

As the LWV of Maryland Liaison, I presented written reports of the LWVMD Board activities at each NCA Board meeting

Participated for the 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive year in the NCA Budget Committee as the Maryland representative.

## **FUND RAISING REPORT**

### **BARBARA SHERRILL, FUNDRAISING CHAIR**

Our fall fundraiser was the afternoon of October 24, 2009 with 25 attendees touring three of the places in DC that President Lincoln and his family was very familiar with. The tour started at the renovated Ford's Theater with a Park Ranger's talk. While waiting for the bus some of the group went across the street to the Petersen House. Boarding the bus we went up to the Lincoln Summer White House on the grounds of the Old Soldiers Home for the guided tour.

The evening of March 12, 86 friends and members of the League attended the Capitol Steps at the Reagan Trade Center.

Both of these fundraisers were profitable this year, thanks to all of you.

## **NCA COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, JOHN T. MATHISON, DIRECTOR**

Two vital movements are underway for the Greater Washington Area which includes:

1. Funding for the Proposed Purple Line is targeted for the 16 mile East-West corridor from Bethesda in Montgomery County to New Carrollton in Prince George's County. The line will create a lasting legacy by providing more transportation capacity in a way that protects and preserves existing communities and will connect with Metro and MARC that will help reduce dependence on cars at a projected cost of \$1.5 billion.
2. Plans are also underway to develop an intermodal transfer system at approximately 7th and Virginia Avenue, SW at a cost of \$1.3 billion, which would expand capacity and provide new tax revenues as well and produce 4,600 to 9,900 new jobs. The DC plans also call for reconstructing K Street between Washington Circle and Mount Vernon Square. Preliminary strategy is for 2010 Constrained Long-Range Plan by the National Capital Region Transportation Board to conduct a multi-faceted outreach program promoting a deliberative process and potential solutions which include regional challenges particularly the transportation funding shortfall and land use issues.

The District Department of Transportation hosted a Public Meeting on Transportation Access Improvements for 1st Place and Galloway Streets NE which illustrated the attempt to serve every section of the Greater DC area.

# REPORTS FROM MEMBER LEAGUES

## STATE LEAGUES

### LWV District of Columbia

#### Billie Day, President

LWVDC continued its participation in coalitions with LWVUS supporting full rights for DC citizens.

A program highlight was the panel on health reform held in November. Environmental issues were studied in an Anacostia River trip.

Local program emphasis continued on study of the proposed DC Community College led by the Education Committee. Members looked at the Brookings Study. Speakers at our spring and fall meetings spoke to the topic. After further research and unit discussion, the results of that study were added as supplemental documentation for our position on community colleges.

Brown bag lunch programs were held at LWVUS offices on lobbying and on the 2010 Census. Local units continued to hold regular meetings supporting program themes and building membership.

Testimony to the DC Council was submitted on property disposal transparency issues and on the election reform. Testimony to the WMATA Board on the pending increase in the Metro Fares because of the estimate \$40 million operating budget deficit supported an increase of up to \$ .20 cents, in lieu of the fact that another increase is likely in late summer.

The DCLWV moved to a new office at 1100 Fifteenth Street, N.W., 11th Floor, Washington, DC 20005. In the process we were able to downsize and cut expenses. Our records have been preserved by adding seventeen boxes of materials to the LWVDC archives in the Washingtonian Room at Martin Luther King, Jr. Public Library.

We are celebrating our 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday at Clyde's Restaurant on April 24, with a special program honoring all the past presidents. The Mayor and DC Council have issued proclamations honoring April 20, 1920, and our 90 years as well as the LWVUS 90<sup>th</sup>. We also celebrated with a 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary cake in April at the Naturalization Ceremony, in which we participate monthly.

### LWV of Maryland

#### Nancy Soreng, President

The highlight of the 2009 Convention of the League of Women Voters of Maryland was a "Golden Gala" celebration of 59 fabulous women who have been members of the League for 50 years or more. More than 250 people came to honor them. The day after the wonderful party, we got down to business and adopted three studies: Electricity Generation in Maryland, Drug Abuse and Drug Abuse Policies, and a continuation of our Administration of Justice Study.

In the fall, some 60 budding and experienced advocates signed up for our course, "The Art of Advocate." This was followed by a luncheon where Congressman John Sarbanes gave us the latest on the then pending health care legislation.

Support for our local Leagues included four sessions by our fantastic Online Services Director on how to use the new website she created, workshops on our Administration of Justice Study, a President's round table discussion, and a briefing for our Legislative Day. We continue to produce *Report from State Circle*, and *When You Go to Annapolis*, as educational tools for our members and the larger community.

In March, we celebrated the League's Birthday with a proclamation on the floor of the Senate followed by a reception in the Capitol that featured a huge red white and blue cake with the 90<sup>th</sup> B-

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Day logo. The celebration will continue in April with a tour of the new Capitol Visitors Center followed by a trip to the Sewall Belmont House and Museum.

Nearly 40 voter service volunteers from around the state came together to begin the planning and coordination that it takes to produce state-wide Voters' Guides. At our Council this spring, we will be holding workshops on how to host forums and debates and the continually crucial topic of recruiting and retaining members.

### **LWV of Virginia Olga Hernandez, President**

The League of Women Voters of Virginia (LWV-VA) sponsored the only statewide televised gubernatorial debate of the 2009 race. The event was carried by CBS, PBS and CSPN live.

In November we celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of suffrage activity in Virginia in conjunction with Virginia Commonwealth University. We co-sponsored a lecture, the screening of *Ironed Jawed Angels* on campus and the renaming of the house where the first meeting was held. The women that met at the Crenshaw house called themselves the *Equal Suffrage League*, 10 years later they became the League of Women Voters of Virginia. To honor this legacy we published a book, *Virginia Women & the Vote 1909-2009* which depicts the League and women's progress through the ten decades. We had fun collecting photos of the women that served as state President since the beginning.

The LWV-VA hosted its annual pre-session public forum and luncheon at the Virginia Capitol in December. We continued to follow legislation during the session as the budget was molded to fill a \$4 billion dollar short fall.

The legislative directory was updated to reflect the election changes and we are working on a new court brochure.

We added another MAL unit in the Virginia Peninsula in the Hampton area of the state. They recently held their first candidate forum for their city elections.

The current study is a review of Virginia Election Laws. Our Secretary of Elections was our guest speaker at Council on May 1. Council was held in Lynchburg.

We are currently on track to send a full delegation to the LWVUS Convention in Atlanta.

## **REPORTS FROM LOCAL MEMBER LEAGUES**

### **LWV Anne Arundel County MD Myrna Siegel, President**

The Anne Arundel County League had an active year. It began in September with a forum for candidates for Mayor of the City of Annapolis prior to the primary. The forum was well attended and provoked interesting discussions. Subsequently, before the general election, we sponsored a debate for the Mayoral Candidates in conjunction with our local radio station. The debate was broadcast live on the radio.

We held several brown bag meetings this year. The first featured the Anne Arundel County Health Officer. Since this was the time when the H1N1 virus was a focus of much concern, it added an additional dimension to our discussion about the operation of the Health Department. Subsequent brown bag meetings focused on the death penalty, and the history of African-Americans in Anne Arundel County.

Our Immigration Committee has continued to be active holding a focus group meeting for organizations providing services to middle school aged Hispanic and Latino children. The Immigration Committee completed its work with a final report presented at an open meeting on

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March 31. The report included conclusions and recommendations which we hope will be followed-up by the community.

As always, our annual coffee for legislators was a success. Our local Senator and five Delegates, including the Speaker attended.

In recognition of Sunshine Week we partnered with Common Cause in holding a panel discussion about Open Government including legislation currently under consideration by the Maryland Legislature. LWVMD President Nancy Soreng moderated the panel. Panelists were Josh Cohen, Mayor of Annapolis, Tom Marquardt, Editor-in-Chief of *The Capital* newspaper, and William R. Varga, Assistant Attorney General of Maryland.

### **LWV Frederick County, MD**

#### **Bonnie Bailey-Baker and Claire Kondig, Co-Presidents**

No report submitted.

### **LWV Howard County, MD**

#### **Grace Kubofcik, President**

Our 64<sup>th</sup> year has been exhilarating and renewing. The League Board committed itself to teaching and learning and committee work.

Highlights include Advocacy and Action testifying before the County Council on the Columbia Village Center Redevelopment; Downtown Columbia Redevelopment focusing on housing, transportation and environmental issues; Developer Rights Agreements; Housing Allocations; Route 1 Corridor Activity Centers; and Council Resolutions including tax credits for affordable housing, historic sites inventories and the Patapsco Heritage Greenway. We testified on Local Delegation Bond Bills, and asked the Delegation to support minor adjustments to the State Ethics Law. We worked behind the scenes, on statewide legislation regarding petition signatures. Our League joined the Full Spectrum Housing Coalition and secured a \$43 million housing trust fund for affordable housing units in redevelopment of Downtown Columbia.

Voter Services registered 1,725 high school students. Howard County will have three early voting locations. The Membership committee reworked the membership brochure, redesigned the League display board and made the League Handbook more understandable and useful for members.

Program included a local study on who should make the piecemeal zoning decisions in Howard County. Program planning as well as the second part of the LWVMD study on Administration of Justice. Our Homeland Security and Civil Liberties Director organized a panel of Howard County speakers on Security issues including the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief. The program was shown on Howard GTV.

Our Environmental Director arranged two outings; one focused on recycling the other on growing food locally for city schools.

Our Legislative Luncheon included decorations celebrating the League's 90<sup>th</sup> year, some members in period dress and purple and yellow sashes.

We are continually mindful of the wealth of talent our members bring to every event, their passion about issues and their dedication to be informed and fully participating citizens.

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### **LWV Montgomery County, MD** **Elaine Apter and Diane Hibino, Co-Presidents**

Elaine Apter and Diane Hibino share the presidency for the 2009-2011 term. The Montgomery League held six successful monthly Brown Bags in public libraries on a variety of topics: What We Can Learn from Gang Members; What's Happening with I-270, Buses and Rails?; Rain Gardens and Rain Barrels; Closing the Achievement Gap; Legislative Update and Celebrating Local Food Production. We also meet in nine neighborhood units throughout the county almost every month studying such issues as: Land Use/Growth Policy; Public Campaign Finance; South America; Administration of Justice; Mental Health & Children and Early Voting in Maryland. The usual monthly average is nearly 100 members and guests. Our active resource committees put on the unit presentations and have on-going study and monitoring responsibilities - they provide valuable information for public testimony to the County Council for the Action VP.

Always needing to help our budget, we put on a fundraiser at the AFI Theatre in December screening the film *Pray the Devil Back to Hell* about Liberian women challenging the president and warlords to halt the terrible civil war. We learned much from comments by Ambassador Barnes and Eileen O'Connor in a Q&A with local supporters providing a wine basket for raffle and wonderful refreshments. Congresswoman Donna Edwards added her remarks after the film.

We are currently in the midst of coordinating homeowners' associations and town elections, other fundraising activities that bring in nice income for the budget, especially in a non-election year when our *Voters' Guides* would usually bring in more donations.

We lost the chair of our Transportation committee, Harry Sanders. His strong support for the Purple Line of the Metro system helped the county move forward toward reaching the goal of reducing traffic congestion, helping the environment and getting people out of their cars. We will miss his guidance.

### **LWV Alexandria, VA** **Katy Cannady, President**

This year we spoke publicly on the issue of changing Alexandria's system for local elections from having May elections to having the next election of the Mayor and six Council members in November, 2012 which coincides with Presidential election.

Our president spoke on this issue twice at City Council and published two letters to the editor, one in a local newspaper and one in the Sunday Metro section of the *Washington Post*.

League crews conducted several condo elections, earning a considerable sum for our treasury. In May, we will have our annual meeting. We took advantage of our location close to the seat of federal government by asking an Alexandria neighbor who is a senior staff member of the Senate Finance Committee to be our luncheon speaker and explain what's really in the health care bill that has now become law.

### **LWV Arlington, VA** **Nancy Tate, President**

The Arlington League had another busy year – with a diverse range of activities. Since there are ALWAYS elections in Virginia, we continued to be actively involved. This included collaborating with other Northern VA Leagues on voter guides, co-sponsoring a candidates' forum with AAUW, and doing voter registration. In addition, we recently became part of the LWVUS high school voter

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registration project, which involves testing different types of registration approaches in two Arlington high schools.

We also held two public meetings and undertook other community projects. We heard from outgoing County Manager Ron Carlee in a highly successful event located in a new venue and featuring a social hour with food and drink. In a second event we listened to the newly appointed Superintendent of Schools. We also served as part of Arlington's Complete Count Committee, helping to get out the word about the importance of the Census. We are now getting involved in an effort to educate Arlingtonians about the implications of a current petition to change Arlington's form of government. We also hosted again the annual hearing for our county's delegation to the VA legislature, where I provided the League's views on the Virginia budget. We did receive some coverage in the local newspaper for that.

We had the most fun at our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in February. We received a proclamation from the Chairman of the Arlington County Board, honored five 50-year members, and had lots of time for eating great food, watching a video, talking with fellow members, and sharing great memories. Our Annual Meeting is likely to be lively as well.

### **LWV Fairfax Area, VA Janey George, President**

- All 12 units participated in a Super Saturday last Saturday in September with registration tables at all the Fairfax County District Libraries. Students participated for community service hours.
- In October held a panel on the Middle East titled "Peace in the Middle East, Does the U.S. Have an Effective Role to Play?"
- Co-sponsored a forum with Falls Church LWV with Del. Jim Scott and Christopher Merola.
- Held New Member Reception in November and April.
- Participated in 2010 Census activities as a partner and member of the Fairfax County Complete Count Committee.
- Clark Tyler, Chair of the Tysons Corner Land Use Task Force was our speaker at our January General Meeting.
- Anita Kumar, Washington Post staff writer gave a report of 2010 Virginia General Assembly at our Annual Meeting.
- Participated in LWVUS's program of registering high school students in six Fairfax County high schools.
- Discussed the following topics at eight briefing and eight monthly unit meetings: Continuation of Ryan's "Strategies for a Secure World", Election Pot Pourri, Proffers (consensus), Elementary School Schedules (consensus) and State Election Laws study broken into a two month program (consensus).
- Published and distributed 15,000 copies of the Fall 2009 *What's on the Ballot*, prepared the Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 Voters Guides for publication in *The Connection Newspapers*.
- Printed 25,000 copies of the *2010 Facts for Voters*.
- Published 10 issues of the *Fairfax Voter* from September 2009 to June 2010.
- Participated in eight outreach event including FCPS Teacher in-service work shops and the Commission for Women's March Women's Voices Forum.
- Gave testimony at three public hearings, conducted seven community elections.

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### **LWV Falls Church, VA Ellen Salsbury**

Recognizing the reality of limited volunteer hours, while desiring to meet the interests and needs of our members, the LWV Falls Church chose a three-fold 2009-2010 strategy: (1) focus on our core mission of voter service; (2) move from required monthly units to a mixture of “traditional” League meetings and meetings of general community interest; and (3) maintain a formal board structure, but work in teams whenever possible. With this strategy as a guide, LWV Falls Church achieved the following:

**Voter Service.** *Fall*—the voter service team conducted trainings at a local assisted living facility, at a center that serves low-income populations, at the Falls Church Fall Festival, and at the Falls Church library. The voter service team also organized a League Candidates Forum for candidates for the 53<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District. *Spring*—the voter service team repeated its fall education programs and sponsored a Candidates Forum—for candidates for the Falls Church City Council. Olga Hernandez, president of the Virginia League, served as moderator.

**Community Interest Meetings.** LWV Falls Church held three well attended “Lunch and Learn” sessions on the N1H1 virus, the 2010 census, and economic development.

**Program Planning.** In January, LWV Falls Church held its annual program planning meeting during which positions were reviewed and programs for the upcoming year discussed, including a potential local study of the City’s support for Northern Virginia Community College. Two FC City Council members attended.

**League Scholarship.** A \$1500 scholarship was awarded to a community college bound senior.

**Holiday Mixer and Fundraiser.** In December, LWV Falls Church continued its tradition of friendship and fundraising at a holiday party during which \$4000 was raised for LWV Falls Church programs and projects.

**State Consensus.** LWV Falls Church held a consensus meeting to respond to state study questions on election laws.

### **LWV Loudoun County, VA Glenda Parsons and Carla Wiley, Co-Presidents**

This was a great year for our League. We hosted one candidate forum for the Virginia 86<sup>th</sup> District Delegate race in October. It was very well attended.

Wanda Alexander, CEO, Horizon Consulting, was named LWVLC’s Annual Woman of the Year. She is a role model for what one person can accomplish through work and charitable lives.

We are working with Maggie Duncan on the 2010 High School Voter Registration Project, an effort LWVUS is undertaking in five states, including Virginia, to conduct classroom or large group/assembly-based voter registration in high-minority high schools. We are currently in the process of our high school voter registration drive and are on track to register more than 1,500 high school seniors in 10 high schools.

Last fall we continued our tradition of conducting several condo elections. By conducting these elections we collect money for our League’s ongoing projects.

Our Secretary, Marla McIntyre, put together a giving guide that lists some of the expenses we incur for our ongoing activities to encourage donations. If you would like to look at our giving guide go to <http://loudoun.va.lwvnet.org/files/DonationGuide2010.pdf>.

Suffragist, Mrs. Robert Walker (as portrayed by Lynne Garvey-Hodge) was our Honored guest at our Annual Women’s History Tea in March. We heard the shocking story of Mrs. Robert Walker’s arrest in front of the White House on July 14, 1917, her incarceration at the Occoquan Workhouse, and her participation in the Prison Parades of 1918-1919. It was a very stirring recitation.

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1966-1968	Cynthia Hannum (LWVPG); Founded the Lobby Corp in 1970
1968-1970	Beverly Beidler (LWVA)
1970-1973	Irene Hill -- (LWVMC)
1973-1975	Patricia Jensen – (LWVFA: also Former President of LWV of Virginia and LWV of Iowa and served on the LWVUS board 1982-86)
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1995-1997	Katy Cannady -- (LWVA)
1997-2001	Naomi Glass -- (LWVDC)
2001-2005	Barbara Sherrill -- (LWVAR)
2005-2009	Melpi Jeffries -- (LWVMC)

*This list was compiled from various sources and memory, if you have better information please call Melpi Jeffries., Thanks to all.*



*Lucy Stone*



*Elizabeth Cady Stanton*



*Susan B. Anthony*



*Sojourner Truth*

# DELEGATE COUNT FOR NCA 2010 ANNUAL CONVENTION MAY 8, 2010

LWV of	Membership	Delegates
<b>District of Columbia</b>	120	4
<b>Maryland</b>		1
Anne Arundel	50	3
Frederick	41	3
Howard County	145	4
Montgomery County	402	6
<b>Virginia</b>		1
Alexandria	30	3
Arlington	91	3
Fairfax Area	195	4
Falls Church	81	3
Loudoun	50	3
<b>Total membership/delegates</b>	<b>1205</b>	<b>38</b>

*Delegates and NCA Board Members are the only ones permitted to vote on convention business. However, Section 5 of Article VII specifies that all LWVUS members and their guests will be permitted to register for and attend NCA conventions as non-voting observer, so all are welcome.*

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