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This Newsletter is all about the LWV/AZ Convention on Saturday, May 21 and Sunday, May 22 at the Windmill Inn in Surprise. There are reports on the budget, the nominations, the bylaws, and program items.

The plenary session on Saturday morning will deal with these reports. Immediately after lunch on Saturday, Tara Jackson of the Arizona Town Hall, will talk about civil discourse on controversial issues. In the afternoon, we will have workshops on activism, social media, fundraising, and League training. Our dinner speaker will be The Honorable Robert Brutinel, Associate Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court. He will speak about our very successful merit selection of judges. After dinner, we will have a caucus on ranked choice voting and a discussion on local League activities.

On Sunday, Elaine Wiant, our liaison from the LWV/US, will conduct a workshop on nonpartisanship. Linda Valdez, columnist for *The Arizona Republic*, will speak on some aspect of immigration. Finally, we will adopt a budget and program items, elect officers, and transfer the gavel to the new president.

I very strongly urge League members to attend part or all of the Convention, if you are able to do so. I especially urge members from the LWV/NWMC and the LWV/MP to come to the dinner to hear our newly appointed Associate Justice.

**Bonnie Saunderts
President
LWV/AZ**



NOMINATING SLATE

OFFICERS

		TERM
President	Barbara Klein, Scottsdale (Metro Phoenix)	2011-2013
1 st Vice President	Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer, Clarkdale (Sedona/VV)	2011-2013
Secretary	Gini McGirr, Tucson (GT)	2011-2013

DIRECTORS

Fundraising	Dana Johnston, Sun City (NWMC)	2011-2013
Voter Editor	Roberta Davidson, Sun City West (NWMC)	2011-2013

Nominating Committee: Betty Bengtson (GT) Chair.

PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

(All words in **bold face** are to be deleted. Words underlined are added)

ARTICLE III. Membership

Sec. 2. Types of Membership

Voting Members. Citizens at least 18 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local Leagues, state Leagues and of the LWV/US; (1) Individuals who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League; (2) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large; (2) those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be **(honorary)** members excused from the payment of dues.

*(Rationalization: Every state and local League bylaws must conform to the first three Articles of the LWV/US bylaws. At the 2010 national convention, the above bylaw was changed when the word **honorary** was deleted. Therefore, the LWV/AZ bylaws are hereby corrected to conform with the LWV/US bylaws. This was done as delegates felt the members were "regular" members and were not given "honorary" membership.)*

ARTICLE IX. – CONVENTION

Section 1. Place, Date and Call.

A convention of the LWV/AZ shall be held biennially in odd-numbered years at a time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors of the LWV/AZ. The President shall send a first Call to the Convention to the presidents of the local Leagues not less than four months prior to the opening date of the Convention fixed in said Call. Thereafter, the Board of Directors may advance or postpone the opening date of the Convention by not more than two weeks. A final Call for the Convention shall be sent to the presidents of the local Leagues and State Units at least **(two)** one month before the Convention.

*(Rationalization: It has been impossible in the past to get all the material ready two months before Convention. Therefore, it needs to be changed from **two** months to one month before Convention.)*

Bylaws Committee: Gini McGirr, Chair

**LWVAZ GENERAL OPERATING FUND
PROPOSED BUDGET 2011-2012**

	FY10-11 Budget	Actual FY 10-11 thru Feb 2011	FY11-12 Proposed Budget
INCOME			
Membership	\$4,200.00	\$ 3,478.50	\$ 4,320.00
LWVAZ Council/Convention	\$160.00	\$ -	\$ -
Contributions	\$3,430.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 150.00
Fundraising		\$ 60.00	\$ 2,439.00
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED INCOME	\$ 7,790.00	\$3,548.50	\$ 6,909.00
Restricted Income			
Social Change Project Grant	\$ 3,565.00	\$ -	\$ 3,565.00
TOTAL RESTRICTED INCOME	\$ 3,565.00	\$ -	\$ 3,565.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 11,355.00	\$ 3,548.50	\$10,474.00
EXPENSES			
Office and Shared Expenses	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,553.03	\$ 2,300.00
LWVAZ Council/Convention	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
LWVUS Council/Convention	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 661.28	\$ 2,500.00
D & O Insurance	\$ 1,110.00	\$ 1,154.00	\$ 1,154.00
Legislative Action	\$ 320.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00
President's Expenses	\$ 350.00	\$ -	\$ 360.00
Administrative Expenses	\$ 50.00	\$ 34.37	\$ 50.00
Internet/Website	\$ 100.00	\$ 41.94	\$ 285.00
Corporation Commission	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Contributions	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED EXPENSES	\$ 7,790.00	\$ 4,479.62	\$ 6,909.00
Restricted Fund Expenses			
Social Change Project	\$ 3,565.00	\$ -	\$ 3,565.00
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUND EXPENSES	\$ 3,565.00	\$ -	\$ 3,565.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 11,355.00	\$ 4,479.62	\$ 10,474.00
Surplus/Deficit		\$ (931.12)	
Social Change Project Carryover FY2008-09	\$ 3,565.00		\$ 3,565.00

LWVAZ GENERAL OPERATING FUND PROPOSED BUDGET 2011-2012

LWVAZ ED FUND PROPOSED BUDGET 2011-2012

	BUDGET - FY 2010-2011	Actual to date FY 2010-2011	Proposed Budget FY 2011-2012
INCOME			
Voter Guide	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 1,310.00	\$ 2,000.00
Contributions	\$ 1,873.00	\$ -	\$ 525.00
Interest	\$ 7.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Fundraising	\$ -	\$ 3.97	\$ 715.00
VOTE411.org program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Closeout of LWVSEV Ed Fund \$\$	\$ -	\$ 222.66	\$ -
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED INCOME	\$ 9,880.00	\$ 1,536.63	\$ 4,240.00
Restricted Funds			
Jud Indep-LWVUS grant	\$ 1,241.38	\$ -	\$ -
PAVP - LWVUS grant (current/new)	\$ 6,827.47	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Independent Voter Prot. Project	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Redistricting	\$ -	\$ 375.00	\$ -
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS INCOME	\$ 23,068.85	\$ 1,375.00	\$ -
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 32,948.85	\$ 2,911.63	\$ 4,240.00
EXPENSES			
Voter Guides	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 3,265.63	\$ -
Office Expense	\$ 1,680.00	\$ -	\$ 1,540.00
Education Programs	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Administrative Expenses	\$ 100.00	\$ 34.56	\$ 100.00
VOTE411.org program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED EXPENSES	\$ 9,880.00	\$ 3,300.19	\$ 2,240.00
LWVUS Judicial Independence Grant	\$ 1,241.38	\$ -	\$ -
PAVP - LWVUS Grant	\$ 6,827.47	\$ 2,226.53	\$ -
Independent Voter Prot. Project	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 14,051.31	\$ -
Redistricting	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS EXPENSES	\$ 23,068.85	\$ 16,277.84	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 32,948.85	\$ 19,578.03	\$ 2,240.00
Surplus Deficit		\$ (13,366.21)	\$ 2,000.00
Funds Available from Reserve	\$ 21,568.85	\$ 15,777.84	
CARRY OVER ACCOUNTS			
Judicial Independence			\$ 1,241.38
PAVP - LWVUS grant			\$ 2,798.18
Ind Voter Prot Project			\$ 16,948.69
Redistricting			\$ 375.00

LWVAZ ED FUND PROPOSED BUDGET 2011-2012



Program Report for LWV/AZ Convention 2011
Submitted by Barbara Klein, LWV/AZ Program VP

Local Leagues have advised the state convention to retain the current LWV/AZ positions and to continue to complete the study and consensus of the AZ Government Executive Branch Reorganization study. Details of each of the following items will be sent to members through their local president or representative.

The following item is recommended by the LWV/AZ board as a study leading to consensus by concurrence. The threshold for passage is a majority.

Charter School concurrence via study: Greater Tucson is recommending a state study with a concurrence of the local position of LVV/GT.

The following two items are recommended by the LWV/AZ board to the convention as immediate updates via concurrence. The threshold for passage is 2/3s of membership.

Legislative & Congressional Redistricting LWV/MP proposes the following changes (changes include underlined words only).

The League of Women Voters of Arizona supports measures to ensure the regular redistricting of Arizona legislative and congressional districts on an "equal population" basis. The LWVAZ supports:

The retention of an independent commission to redistrict legislative and congressional districts at regular intervals, subject to judicial review. The Legislature itself should not be the reapportioning agency.

Legislative and congressional districts that provide more equitable representation, more accountability and responsibility, more competitive elections, and closer contact with constituents.

Arizona Corporation Commission: LWV/MP proposes the following changes (changes include underlined words only).

The League of Women Voters of Arizona supports the adequate protection and representation of consumers, including residential consumers, in the Arizona Corporation Commission process and supports measures to encourage conservation as well as the development and use of renewable energy sources.

The following item is recommended by the LWV/AZ Board as an editorial change only. The threshold for passage is a majority.

Election Reform: The LWV/CYC proposes deleting the words 'the hope' in the first paragraph (bold words are deleted). The League of Women Voters of Arizona (LWV/AZ) believes in the election system principle of greatest voter representation. The League further maintains **(the hope)** that election system reform that provides a stronger voice for the greatest number of voters would have a positive effect on voter participation.



Cutting Edge Election Reforms - What Questions do YOU still have?

(Caucus Leader: Barbara Klein)

If not us, then who? Come share ideas, questions or uncertainties about some of our election issues:

Ranked Choice Voting

Single seats vs. Multi seats (levels of representation and proportional representation)

National Popular Vote

Redistricting update of coalition and Independent Redistricting Commission

How do these issues relate to each other? What are obstacles? How can YOU quickly explain any of these things to others (the infamous elevator speech)?

PLEASE JOIN US

After Saturday night dinner, 8:00 – 9:00 pm
League Hospitality suite (check for room number)

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League of Women Voters of Arizona Convention

May 21-22, 2011

Windmill Inn and Suites

12545 W. Bell Road, Surprise, AZ 85374

Toll Free Phone: 800-547-4747; Local Phone: 623-583-0133; Local Fax: 623-583-8633

Please make room reservations directly with the hotel: 623-583-0133 or Toll Free 800-547-4747. Suites (two queen beds) are \$89.99 plus tax. Use block code **110521AZLE** to register for LWV-designated rooms. Deadline for reservations is April 21, 2011. This price is for one overnight on May 21, 2011 and includes breakfast Sunday morning.

_____ \$40 **Registration** (Includes breaks, speaker expenses, materials.)

MEALS

Please check your selections. Lunches include cookies and beverage. Dinners include potatoes, other vegetables, rolls, salad, and beverage.

Saturday

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|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| _____ \$15 LUNCH | _____ Teriyaki Chicken Club |
| | _____ Crab Wrap |
| | _____ Grilled Veggie Wrap |
| _____ \$20 DINNER | _____ Chicken Kiev |
| | _____ Pork Medallions |
| | _____ Vegetarian Lasagna |

Sunday

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| _____ \$15 BOARD LUNCH | _____ Carved Turkey Stack |
| | _____ Italian Baguette |
| | _____ Spring Garden Stack |

\$_____ TOTAL ENCLOSED

Please return this form with your check no later than May 1, 2011. Checks should be made to League of Women Voters of Arizona (LWV/AZ) and mailed to: Bonnie Saunders, 20045 Coyote Lakes Parkway, Surprise, AZ 85378. Send one form for each attendee. One check for all is fine.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Local league: _____ Position: _____

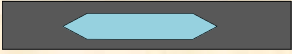
Convention Status: _____ State board member _____ Local League delegate _____ League Member

_____ Local league President _____ Local league alternate _____ Guest

Guest name(s): _____



Roberta Davidson,
Editor



***The LWV is where
hands-on work to
safeguard
democracy leads to
civic improvement.
JOIN LWV where
leaders are actively
engaged in
effecting change at
the local, state, and
national levels.***