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2023 WASHINGTON STATE CONVENTION
PASCO, WA | MAY 4-7, 2023



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Schedule at a Glance

Thursday, May 4	Friday, May 5	Saturday, May 6	Sunday, May 7
<p>WiFi Information</p> <p>Network: IHG ONE REWARDS Free Wi-Fi</p> <p>Password: pscwa</p>	<p>7am–9am McBones Research Center Mammoth Site Tours</p>	<p>7am–9am Badger Walk</p>	<p>7am–9am Audubon Bird Watching Trip</p> <p>8am–9am Breakfast Social for Local League Presidents</p>
	<p>9am–10:15am Welcome from Mayor Blanch Barajas</p> <p>10:30am–11:30am Workshops I</p>	<p>9am–10:15am Plenary II</p> <p>10:30am–11:30am Workshops III and Resolutions Committee Meeting</p>	<p>9am–11:45am Plenary IV</p>
<p>3pm–6pm Registration and Check-In</p>	<p>12pm–1:45pm Lunch Speakers: Judge Norma Rodriguez and Judge Trinity Orosco</p> <p>2pm–3:45pm Plenary I</p> <p>4pm–5pm Workshops II</p>	<p>12:30pm–1:45pm Lunch Speaker: Amber Strunk, LIGO Hanford Observatory</p> <p>2pm–3:45pm Plenary III</p> <p>4pm–5pm Workshops IV</p>	<p>12:30pm–2pm Lunch for 2023–23 and 2023–24 State Board Members and LWVWA Board Meeting</p>
	<p>5pm–6pm No Host Social</p> <p>6pm Deadline for Resolution Submittals</p> <p>6pm–7:45pm Dinner Speaker: Dr. Kimberly Hamlin</p> <p>8pm–9pm Caucuses</p>	<p>5pm–6pm No Host Social</p> <p>6pm–7:45pm Dinner Opera on the Vine Performance</p> <p>8pm–9pm Caucuses</p>	



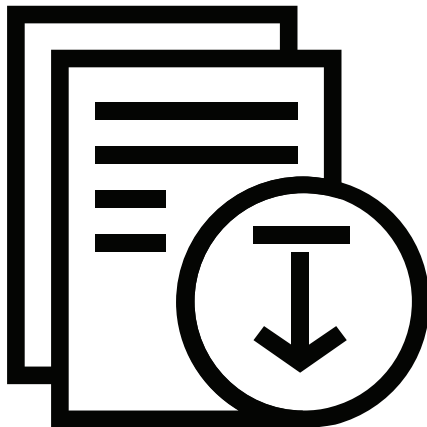
Check-In Times

The check-in table will be staffed the following hours:

3pm–6pm Thursday
8am–4pm Friday
8am–4pm Saturday

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Supplementary Materials Available Online

Please visit lwvwa.org/more to find the following materials—and more!

- PowerPoints for workshops and caucuses (when shared)
- Handouts from workshops and caucuses
- Local League Roll Call slideshow
- Remembrance slideshow
- Local League Bridge Builders slideshow
- Bios for current LWVWA Board Members
- Annual Report
- Positions in Brief
- Tips on Parliamentary Procedure

Proposed Agenda

Thursday, May 4

3–6pm **Registration and Check-In**

Friday, May 5

7–9am **McBones Research Center Mammoth Site Tour** (Must have signed up in advance.)

8am–4pm **Registration and Check-In**

9–10:15am **Welcome/Opening Session** with Lunell Haught (LWVWA President), Beverly Johnson-Torelli (LWV of Benton-Franklin Counties), and Pasco Mayor Blanche Barajas.

10:30–11:30am **Workshops Session I**

- Program from Planning to Position: Roles, Responsibilities, and More | Ballroom
- Membership Engagement Leadership Development | Syrah
- Public Hospital Districts—Making Democracy Work for Local Healthcare | Merlot

12–1:45pm **Lunch Program**
Speakers: Judge Norma Rodriguez (Benton & Franklin Counties Superior Court) and Judge Trinity Orosco (Franklin County District Court), “Judicial Elections: Your Questions Answered”

2–3:45pm **Plenary Session I**

- Call to Order and Opening Remarks, LWVWA President Lunell Haught
- Appointment of Convention Officers:
 - Secretary (Jean Snider)
 - Credentials Chair (Jen Winkler)
 - Parliamentarian & Election Chair (Julie Anne Kempf)
- Convention Administration:
 - Credentials Report and Statement of Quorum (Jen Winkler)
 - Adoption of Convention Standing Rules
 - Adoption of Convention Agenda
 - Appointment of Convention Reading Committee to Approve 2023 Minutes (Jean Snider)
- Introduction of Convention Resolutions Committee Chair (Myra Howrey)
 - Explanation of Resolutions Process
 - Presentation of Submitted Resolutions and final call for submissions (*Resolutions close at 6pm Friday, May 5*)
- Introduction of LWVWA Program of Work Portfolio Director (Mary Coltrane)
 - Presentation of the Program of Work:
 - Recommended Program
 - Not-Recommended Program
 - Motion(s) introduced to amend the recommended program.
 - Motion introduced to consider any non-recommended program item(s)
 - Motion to consider the recommended Program of Work.
- Introduction of LWVWA Nomination Committee Chair (Shelley Ann Jones)
 - Nominating Committee Report
 - Floor Opened for Nominations
 - Nominations Closed
- Bylaws Committee Report
 - *There is no Bylaws Committee Report as there were no bylaw changes proposed by the deadline specified in the LWVWA Bylaws.*
- Treasurer’s Report (LWVWA Treasurer Dee Anne Kline)
- Budget Committee Report (Cindy Piennett, LWVWA/EF Budget Committee Chair)
- Presentation by Francis Benjamin and Nick Lovrich: “Beyond League members—what we know about what others think about LWVWA”
- Announcements—Submitted announcements are read by the Convention Secretary

Proposed Agenda, continued

Friday, May 5 (continued)

4–5pm	Workshops Session II <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Successes and Ideas for Engaging Youth—A Panel Discussion Ballroom• Research to Action: Becoming More Effective Syrah• Climate Smart Agriculture...Reducing the Impacts of Methane in Washington! Merlot
5–6pm	No Host Social
6pm	Deadline for Resolution Submittals—use online form: bit.ly/3NjLv9D
6–7:45pm	Dinner Program <p>Speaker: Dr. Kimberly Hamlin, “Women Have Always Powered Democracy: A Brief History Before We Look Forward”</p> Good Citizen Award Presentation
8–9pm	Caucuses

Saturday, May 6

7–9am	Badger Mountain Walk (Must have signed up in advance.)
8am–4pm	Registration and Check-In
9–10:15am	Plenary Session II <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call to Order, LWVWA President Lunell Haught• Credentials Report and Statement of Quorum (Jen Winkler)• Discussion of Program of Work (Mary Coltrane)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion of Motion to Readopt Current Positions• Discussion of Motion to Adopt Recommended Program of Work• Discussion of Motion(s) to Consider Not-Recommended Program Items• Discussion of Motion to Adopt Not-Recommended Program Items Moved for Consideration• Announcements (Submitted announcements are read by the Convention Secretary)
10:30–11:30am	Workshops Session III <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Protecting Our Mature Forests—Proposing a Resolution Ballroom• LWVWA Civics Textbooks: The State We’re In: WA Syrah• Putting DEI Policy into Practice Merlot Resolutions Committee Meeting Lemberger Boardroom
12–1:45pm	Lunch Program <p>Speaker: Amber Strunk, Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO), “Black Holes and the Galaxy”</p> Presentation of Community Connections and Strengthening Democracy Awards
2–3:45pm	Plenary Session III <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call to Order, LWVWA President Lunell Haught• Credentials Report and Statement of Quorum (Jen Winkler)• Report of the Resolutions Committee (Myra Howrey)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resolutions Meeting the Requirements to be Considered• Resolutions not Meeting the Requirements to be Considered• Introduction of LWVWA/EF Budget Committee Chair Cindy Piennett<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction of Motion to Adopt the 2023-25 Per-Member Payment• Introduction of Motion to Adopt the LWVWA 2023-25 Budget<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction of any Motions to Amend line items of the LWVWA 2023-25 Budget• Discussion of the Proposed Budget• Candidate Forum (only held if there are contested races for any LWVWA position)• Announcements (Submitted announcements are read by the Convention Secretary)

Proposed Agenda, continued

Saturday, May 6 (continued)

4–5pm

Workshops Session IV

- Leading When You Don't Really Want To | Ballroom
 - Community Engagement in Comprehensive Planning (GMA) | Syrah
 - Be Bold: Creating a People-Focused Redistricting Commission | Merlot
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5–6pm

No Host Social

6–7:45pm

Dinner Program

Performance by Opera on the Vine
Awards Presentation

8–9pm

Caucuses

Sunday, May 7

7–9am

Audubon Bird Watching Trip in Chiawana Park (Must have signed up in advance.)

8–9am

Breakfast Social for Local League Presidents

9–11:45am

Plenary Session IV

- Call to Order, LWVWA President Lunell Haught
 - Credentials Report and Statement of Quorum (Jen Winkler)
 - Vote on Motions related to Program of Work
 - Consideration of Proposed Amendments to Program of Work
 - Consideration of Not-Recommended Program of Work
 - Adoption of Program of Work
 - Votes on Motions related to 2023-25 LWVWA Budget
 - Adoption of Per-Member Payment for 2023-25
 - Consideration of Budget Amendments
 - Adoption of Budget
 - Consideration and Adoption of Resolutions
 - Presentation of Awards:
 - Evergreen: Fir Award
 - Evergreen: Cedar Award
 - Recognition and Thanks to Outgoing Board
 - Election of Officers, Directors, and Nominating Committee Members
 - Introduction of Newly Elected Officers, Directors, and Nominating Committee
 - Suggestions to the Board (*May be submitted online, and either read aloud on convention floor by the author or not.*)
 - Invitation to Future Council and Convention
 - Final Announcements
 - Closing Remarks, Acknowledgments, and Adjournment
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12:30–2pm

Lunch for 2022–23 and 2023–24 State Board Members
LWVWA Board Meeting

Convention Workshops



Workshops I

Friday, May 5 | 10:30AM–11:30AM

Program from Planning to Position: Roles, Responsibilities, and More | Location: Ballroom

Our Leagues just completed two major studies for the first time in many years: Shorelines and Local News. How did it go? What can we learn? Join us for a panel discussion about studies and updates, and how they fit into League work.

Panelists: Betsy Lawson, LWVUS; Grace Chimene, LWV of Texas; Dee Ann Finken, LWVWA, Local News Study Chair; and Shelley Kneip, LWVWA, Shorelines Study Chair.

Membership Engagement Leadership Development | Location: Syrah

MELD succeeds when it encourages Local Leagues to learn from each other. Pod members gain insight into useful approaches to management and ideas about innovative programs. Come help us build on this success to create a supportive structure for recruiting new members and smoothing the pipeline to stronger and deeper leadership.

Presenters: Miriam Kerzer, Lunell Haught

Public Hospital Districts—Making Democracy Work for Local Healthcare | Location: Merlot

Come hear about Washington’s Public Hospital Districts—and learn how to get our trio of new Civics Education tools that address:

- The limited understanding of PHD’s among the people of WA
- Impacts of PHD’s in the local economy and healthcare
- Your own PHD’s potential role in addressing unmet healthcare needs.

Learn how to access and use these new tools supporting engagement with your local PHD and its leaders.

PLUS, envision how you can make this set of civics education tools available in your own community.

Presenters: Nancy Field, Tricia Grantham

Workshops II

Friday, May 5 | 4PM–5PM

Successes and Ideas for Engaging Youth—A Panel Discussion | Location: Ballroom

This topic cuts across everything we do, from DEI to Civics Education to Candidate Forums, and is important to our success as an organization. Local Leagues and the state League have been using quite a few different ways to engage and include youth. Come hear a panel discussion describing some of those experiences.

Panel: Beth Pellicciotti, Spokane League’s Civics Bowl; Bonnie Bless-Boenish, Clallam County League’s partnerships with youth organizations; and Barbara Tengtio, Seattle-King County League’s working with high schools and its Energizing Young Voters initiative.

Facilitators: Beth Pellicciotti, Shelley Kneip

Research to Action: Becoming More Effective | Location: Syrah

Members are invited to evaluate the meaning of the Research project’s findings to their local Leagues. Summaries of the findings will focus breakout discussions on “what does this mean to us”?

Presenter: Jean Snider

Climate Smart Agriculture...Reducing the Impacts of Methane in Washington! | Location: Merlot

Methane is a greenhouse gas that has a global warming potential more than 25 times greater than CO2. Besides natural gas leakage, methane enters the atmosphere through agricultural practices and mishandled organic waste (including leftovers from dinner!). Join us to explore:

- The steps that the USDA and Washington State are taking to reduce agricultural methane: how farms can sequester more carbon, and how we are diverting our food waste to reduce organics in landfills and other disposal.
- What local Leagues and individuals can do to help be part of a solution.
- Interested? Find out how to make a difference and be involved with our team.

Presenters: LWVWA Environment Group Team Members: Marty Gibbins, Climate & Energy Issue Chair; Ann Murphy, Solid Waste Management Issue Chair; Phyllis Farrell, Climate Advocate

Convention Workshops, continued

Workshops III

Saturday, May 6 | 10:30AM–11:30AM

Protecting Our Mature Forests—Proposing a Resolution | Location: Ballroom

Learn about our proposed League resolution:

- Immediately protect our most carbon-dense, structurally complex public forests.
- Have the state invest in the purchase of replacement lands: Younger forests in which we can implement climate-smart forest management to produce timber while sequestering carbon. This maintains rural jobs and a long-term timber supply.

Presenters: Kate Lunceford, Sherri Dysart

LWVWA Civics Textbooks: *The State We're In: WA* | Location: Syrah

Learn what makes our LWVWA civics textbooks unique, why teachers like them and the teachers' guides, how Leagues have worked with school districts and libraries to promote the books, and how your League can help with civic education. Come with questions and your own suggestions for getting *The State We're In: WA*, Your guide to state, tribal and local government into the hands of teachers and students!

Presenters: Beth Pellicciotti, Karen Verrill

Putting DEI Policy into Practice | Location: Merlot

Three 20-minute lightning talks on how you can put DEI principles into practice.

1. Lead/Follow Support: What roles should we take as an organization and as individuals in order to build equity and create a more inclusive League, so that we can become more diverse?
2. No Unitaskers: Volunteering is a way to build a career. Learn how to take that message to students and early to mid-career workforce members, as well as how to adapt your League to welcome them in.
3. DEI & Nonpartisanship: Everything feels very partisan, especially diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) work. And while issues may not be partisan and DEI is definitely nonpartisan, these conversations can be challenging. Learn about how to have these conversations.

Presenter: Liz Bander

Workshops IV

Saturday, May 6 | 4PM-5PM

Leading When You Don't Really Want To | Location: Ballroom

Local Leagues are sometimes challenged to find leaders, and not just officers. What are interesting ways Leagues have for members to learn League basics, and what the state League does to support local Leagues. What's the difference between required, preferred, and desired? How can you learn about League "lingo," and what training is available for new leaders and board members?

Presenters: Lunell Haught, Local League Presidents

Community Engagement in Comprehensive Planning (GMA) | Location: Syrah

Growth management plans must be updated every 20 years; this work must be completed by 2024-2025 depending on geographical area. There is new legislation that must be taken into account in the areas of housing, and in climate change resilience and mitigation. Local Leagues can play a role in assuring that the plans include adequate public engagement, that the public is well informed, and by providing input on League priorities. Come and learn the major issues, and how local Leagues can participate.

Presenter: Cynthia Stewart

Be Bold: Creating a People-Focused Redistricting Commission | Location: Merlot

Redistricting is where your voting power starts. LWVWA wants to get the partisanship out of drawing our lines. Come listen to what happened in 2021 redistricting and what it means to you. Come be energized by our plans to pass a state constitutional amendment that revamps the commission and makes it focus on the priorities of the people. All knowledge levels welcome.

Presenter: Alison McCaffree

Caucus Descriptions



Caucuses are informal gatherings outside of the regular business meeting times (after the evening program). The caucuses listed below were submitted by the Workbook deadline. If other caucuses are developed, they will be announced and posted on the Information Board at Convention.

Caucuses I

Friday, May 5 | 8PM

Collaboration Tool Testing

This is your opportunity to try out and provide feedback on different tech tools that are designed to help you collaborate better with your League colleagues across the state. Stop by both Friday and Saturday, as there will be different tools to check out and review! *Collaborators: Liz Bander and Amy Peloff*

League Positions on Criminal Justice and How You Can Be Involved—An Equity Issue

Learn how League positions were developed, and our priority legislative issues and policies. Update on 2023 legislation, and what's ahead for 2024. Find out what groups we work with, and the many ways you can be involved.

Presenter: Susan Fleming

Engaging Youth—What Our Local Leagues Are Doing to Engage Youth in Civics Education and Voter Services Programs

Local League members from around the state will share information on activities they have initiated to engage youth. This information will include such things as school presentations, training students to register voters, art contests, working with youth organizers, reaching out to underserved and underrepresented youth, etc. *Presenters: Beth Pellucioti and Shelley Kneip*

Be Bold: The Campaign to Amend the State Constitution and Create a People-Focused Redistricting Commission

Join us for a lively discussion of our major state constitution amendment campaign to reform the Washington State Redistricting Commission. We need your input to develop creative ways to engage people across the state to push for the reform we deserve. It will be challenging, and it will be worth it. *Presenters: Alison McCaffree, Ann Murphy, Irene Finley, Leni Skarin, and Joanna Cullen*

Welcoming New Members and Building Leadership

What is your League doing to welcome new members and build leadership? This will be a time to share what you're doing and hear about what actions other Leagues are taking to energize local members.

Presenters: Linda Benson

Immigration and Immigrant Integration into Washington State

About 25% of Washington state residents are immigrants and their children. This caucus provides an opportunity to discuss what is happening in Washington state with regard to immigration and immigrant integration, and the role the League could be playing in ensuring the rights of immigrants as well as their pathways to economic, social, and civic integration. In particular we will provide information about a proposed League study that has been recommended for adoption at this convention. *Presenters: Barbara Sharp, Stephanie Butler, and Susan Martin*

Public Hospital Districts—Making Democracy Work for Local Healthcare

PREMIER SHOWING!! The first presentation of "Public Hospital Districts 101," a brand-new civics education webinar introducing Washington's PHD's. ALSO! Learn about all three educational tools offered by the PHD Civics Education Project. Discuss how you might access and use all three in your local League and community to address identified issues.

Presenters: Nancy Field and Dee Ann Kline

Proposed Study: Caregiving in Washington State—What Exists and What Is Needed to Support Seniors and Other Vulnerable Adults and Their Caregivers?

Recent headlines in national newspapers decry the problems with providing care. With an aging population, an increased proportion of Washingtonians need long-term care. This care falls disproportionately on family caregivers who provide the bulk of care for vulnerable adults. When care outside the home becomes necessary, it relies on low-paid women caregivers and is limited, of variable quality, and costly. Come talk with us about this proposed LWVWA study including your ideas about study scope and approach. *Presenters: Karen Tvedt and Darlene Hein*

Caucus Descriptions, continued

Caucuses II

Saturday, May 6 | 8PM

Collaboration Tool Testing

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From an Idea to a Bill to a Law—How Do Things Happen in the Legislature? What Parts Do the League and the Advocacy Team Play?

We'll start with a short video describing the legislative process. Then onto the volunteer lobbyist functions of our Lobby Team, the LWVWA's role overall, and finally the support roles many of you have been playing. *Presenters: Susan Daniel, Susan Fleming, and Cynthia Stewart*

Potential for Partnerships with Tribes—A Study by the Thurston League

Thurston League recently completed a study of Tribal Issues and the Tribes within our county. Currently we are going through a local consensus process. We feel that through this study our League has made great progress in our relationships with the Tribes in our area. Making connections with Tribes was key. Hear about Thurston League's experience, and about similar efforts of other Washington Leagues. Also, includes some helpful hints from a LWVNM statewide study. Share your thoughts and experiences. *Presenters: R Peggy Smith, Karen Verrill, Shelley Kneip, and Members of Bellingham/Whatcom and Yakima Leagues*

Reproductive Rights and Access

There are new threats to reproductive and end-of-life health services in Washington. Some factors are religious dominance in health care facilities, cross-border legal threats, privacy and surveillance threats, poverty, incarceration, immigration status... Let's discuss updating our League positions. Who would help, and who would be partners? *Presenters: Necia Quast and Susan Martin*

Multi-Member Districts with Ranked-Choice Voting

We will look at two facets of voting method changes: Education of League members and current successful implementations. The pros and cons of a number of methods will be examined as well as LWVWA and LWVUS positions. The title points out a potential application. What education is needed, and what changes should we be considering in our positions in this area? *Presenters: Alison McCaffree, Cindy Madigan, Carol Sullivan, Cindy Black, and Kit Muehlman*

Discussion of the Proposed 2023-2025 LWVWA Budget

Get answers to your questions about the LWVWA's biennial budget (see pages 17–18). *Presenters: Cindy Piennett, Myra Howrey, Dee Ann Kline, and Mike Martin*

Developing a League Position Protecting Mature Forests

Help pass a resolution at this Convention to both protect our mature public forests, and institute climate-smart forest management practices to support our rural communities. *Presenters: Kate Lunceford and Sherri Dysart, with Marty Gibbins and Ann Murphy*

Speaker Biographies



Blanche Barajas, Pasco Mayor

Mayor Blanche Barajas was elected to serve the Pasco City Council starting

January 2018, elected Mayor Pro-Tem in 2020, and elected Mayor in January 2022, making her the first Latina elected

to council and First Latina Mayor in Pasco history. Blanche's involvement in the community is long and extensive, from Elijah Family Homes board member, a mentor for ALAS (Ambassadors of Lakeview Achieving Success), a mentor with Ignite Youth Mentoring as a Lunch Buddy, and mentorship at the Juvenile Correctional Center. She has been a member of the

Latino Professional Leadership group and served as Chair and Co-chair for the Pasco Cinco de Mayo planning committee. Blanche proudly serves in several committees representing the City, is current Vice-Chair for Safe Kids Coalition, several youth awareness coalitions, and continues to volunteer in other areas of the community.

Speaker Biographies, continued



Kimberly Hamlin,
Miami University
Professor, and
LWVUS Board
Member

A member of the League of Women Voters of Cincinnati Area (LWVCA), Kimberly is a historian who specializes in the US women's rights movement. Her most recent book, *Free Thinker: Sex, Suffrage, and the Extraordinary Life of Helen Hamilton Gardener* (2020), profiles the suffragist credited with securing congressional passage of the 19th Amendment. Hamlin is an award-winning scholar, teacher, and public speaker who regularly contributes to the *Washington Post*, *Smithsonian Magazine*, and other media. She is the James and Beth Lewis professor of history at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and she lives with her family in Cincinnati.

low-income housing and within modest means, Norma learned the true meaning of dedication, commitment, and family values from her parents. A strong work ethic was instilled in her at an early age. Growing up, she came to understand the importance of community, and has always had respect for the law.

A proud graduate of Pasco High School, Norma went on to earn a Bachelor's of Arts degree and Law degree from Gonzaga University. She was the first in her family to graduate from college. Upon returning home, Norma opened her own private law practice in 1994. In her 29-years as an attorney, Norma has handled thousands of felony and civil cases in Superior Court. Additionally, throughout her career, she served as a judge pro tem in municipal and district court. Norma was recently appointed to the non-partisan position of Benton-Franklin Superior Court Judge.

Theology, and Political Science. He has been with the Washington State University Psychology Department since 1987 designing psychological research and managing information systems. Since 2008 he has led the Political Interaction Lab, which focuses on motivation and political engagement associated with political discrimination and civility. He joint edited *Outside Looking In: Lobbyists' Views on Civil Discourse in U.S. State Legislatures*. He serves on Pullman's City Council and is past president of the Association of Washington Cities. His wife, Heidi, is a mental health counselor. Together, Heidi and Francis have raised three children, one who serves in the military, while the others are employed in social work and health care.



Trinity Orosco,
Franklin County
District Judge

Franklin County District Judge Trinity Orosco was newly elected in 2022. She has over 20 years combined legal service in City, County, State and Federal cases. She began as a paralegal student at CBC and later graduated from Gonzaga Law School. She then returned to the Tri-Cities as a public defender. In 2022 she began serving as a judge pro tempore in Benton County District Court, before being elected to her current position as a Franklin County District Judge.



Amber Strunk,
Outreach Lead
for the Laser
Interferometer
Gravitational-Wave
Observatory's

(LIGO) Hanford Observatory
Amber Strunk enjoys sharing the fascinating physics, engineering, and technology necessary to detect gravitational waves with the public. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics from Fort Hays State University before pursuing a Masters in Education from Arizona State University. Amber taught high school physics for seven years before joining the extraordinary team at LIGO.



Nicholas P.
Lovrich, PhD

Nick Lovrich served as the Director of the Division of Gov-

ernmental Studies and Services at Washington State University from 1977 to 2010, retiring to emeritus status in 2011. He holds the rank of Regents Professor Emeritus in the School of Politics, Philosophy and Public Affairs and has the honor of being a Claudius O. and Mary W. Johnson Distinguished Professor in Political Science at WSU. Lovrich is the author or co-author/co-editor of 13 books and 200-plus peer-reviewed articles in journals in criminal justice, political science, and public administration. He served as the chair of 31 Ph.D. dissertation committees, and he remains active in retirement as a collaborator on research projects with several of his former doctoral students.



Norma Rodriguez,
Benton & Franklin
Counties Superior
Court Judge

Judge Norma Rodriguez moved to the Tri-Cities at an early age, the daughter of agricultural working parents at the time. Although living in



Francis Benjamin,
Information Sys-
tems Coordinator
& Adjunct Faculty,
Washington State
University

Francis Benjamin has degrees in Electrical Engineering, Psychology,

Delegate Report

League/UAL	Number of Members, by Year							Delegates to Convention (includes President)
	2013	2015	2016	2017	2019	2021	2023	
LWV of Bellingham/Whatcom Co.	125	172	211	221	279	331	258	12
LWV of Benton-Franklin Counties	58	53	46	49	56	72	82	5
LWV of Clallam County	89	84	86	81	116	110	104	6
LWV of Clark County	28	26	29	30	70	130	128	7
LWV of Cowlitz County	18	14	9	9	8	7	6	2
LWV of Grays Harbor	28	21	7	12	11	N/A	N/A	N/A
LWV of Jefferson County UAL	9	13	13	10	12	15	30	2
LWV of Kitsap County	85	96	95	104	161	202	163	8
LWV of Kittitas County	32	35	41	34	39	46	51	3
LWV of Klickitat-Skamania UAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17	7	1
LWV of Lewis County UAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14	0	1
LWV of Mason County	32	30	32	28	40	57	63	4
LWV of Pullman	60	58	56	58	54	68	110	6
LWV of the San Juans	55	57	72	87	77	81	79	5
LWV of Seattle-King County	646	612	584	661	679	521	435	19
LWV of Skagit County	9	5	12	16	25	42	58	4
LWV of Snohomish County	102	120	124	129	168	215	176	8
LWV of Spokane Area	48	50	48	56	98	137	143	7
LWV of Tacoma-Pierce County	119	120	115	124	151	183	157	8
LWV of Thurston County	108	98	103	120	146	186	181	9
LWV of Whidbey Island	65	77	49	58	88	88	69	4
LWV of Yakima County	60	39	30	30	43	47	53	4
LWVWA Members-at-Large	9	11	4	2	3	19	8	1
State Board Delegates								12
TOTAL	1751	1785	1790	1766	1919	2324	2361	123 possible

2023 figures were obtained from LWVUS official membership figures as of 02/01/23. These figures will also determine the PMP beginning July 1, 2023, for Leagues not using Club Express.

Delegate Calculation (from LWVWA Bylaws):

Section 9.2. Composition. The convention shall consist of:

- Delegates chosen by the members of local Leagues and MAL units in the number provided in Section 4 of this Article;
- The president of each local League or an alternate in the event that the president is unable to attend;
- One delegate for each recognized ILO within the state of Washington; and
- The members of the state board.
- Non-voting members and guests are welcome and encouraged to attend conventions.

Section 9.4. Representation. Each local League and MAL unit shall be entitled to voting representation in the convention as follows: one delegate for its first through 15th voting members and one delegate for every 25 additional voting members or major fraction thereof. The official membership count shall be determined by LWVUS records of voting members as of the date determined by LWVUS of the year in which the convention is held.

Proposed Standing Rules of the LWVWA Convention



A motion to adopt these rules will be made at the opening plenary meeting. Amendments may be offered at this time and require a majority vote to adopt. The rules, as proposed or amended, require a two-thirds vote for adoption. To suspend a rule at a later time requires a two-thirds vote.

A. Credentials

1. Admission to the Convention shall be limited to persons displaying authorized badges as delegates, observers (LWVWA members who are not delegates), or guests.
2. The Credentials Committee, directly after the opening ceremonies of the first business meeting, shall report the number of delegates with proper credentials and whether the distribution of delegates meets the Bylaw requirements. The committee shall make a supplementary report before each business session.

B. Speaking and Debating

1. **Privilege of the Floor** is reserved to any League member in attendance. Only delegates shall be permitted to vote and initiate motions.
2. **Recognition:** Individuals wishing to speak shall rise and address the Chair. When recognized, they shall give their name and the name of their League, Unit-at-Large or the State Board position they represent.
3. **Debate:** During debate, no person may speak more than once on a given question until all who desire to speak have been heard. No one may speak more than three minutes without permission of the meeting. The Chair may set the time allotted for speakers or additional rules for debate if the agenda is behind schedule.

C. Business of the Convention

1. **Motions:** All motions, except simple motions such as to close debate, shall be written, signed, and sent to the Chair, with copies to Secretary and computer station.
2. **Votes** during the Convention shall be taken with the doors closed, and no one may enter while the tally is ongoing. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted. The vote count shall be taken of those present and voting, counting only “yeas” and “nays.”
3. **Bylaws:** Proposed Bylaw changes may be presented and voted on in the same business session provided notification had been given as prescribed in the Bylaws.
4. **Budget:** proposed amendments for line-item changes need to be presented in writing during the budget discussion period.

D. Program of Work Procedures

1. **Recommended Program of Work** shall be presented and moved for adoption by members designated by the Board of Directors. Only questions for clarification shall be allowed at this time. The recommended

- program will be taken up for debate, possible amendment, and vote when the order of business calls for it. Recommended items require a majority vote.
2. **Not-Recommended Program of Work** items require notice of intent to consider at first plenary. Items eligible for consideration are those that have been submitted to Board as required in the LWVWA Bylaws but were not included in the Board Recommended Program of Work. Not Recommended items shall be presented immediately following the presentation of the recommended program.
 - a. **Move for consideration:** The member moving consideration may give a two-minute explanation. Questions for clarification are allowed, and only debate on the merits of consideration is permitted at this time. The vote for consideration requires a simple majority and is taken immediately.
 - b. **Consideration for Adoption:** Those not-recommended items voted for consideration will be taken up for debate, possible amendment, and vote when the order of business calls for it on following day. Not-recommended items require a three-fifths vote for adoption.
 3. **Concurrence:** In the event an item to be considered by concurrence has been proposed according to the Policies and Procedures, voting shall require a three-fifths (60%) vote for adoption.

E. Resolutions

1. Any registered delegate to LWVWA Convention may offer a resolution.
2. Delegates must use the form available online: [Resolution Submission form](#) and are encouraged to submit the Resolution prior to Convention.
3. Resolutions must be submitted using the form published online which is linked to Rule E.2 in the online workbook. The form is due by the deadline published in the Convention Agenda. This is a hard deadline, and members offering resolutions should make themselves aware of it.
4. At least two weeks before the Convention, the President shall have appointed a Resolutions Committee consisting of a current state board member and at least two other League members.
5. The Resolutions Committee shall meet at the Convention at a time announced. The purpose of this meeting shall be:
 - a. To hear each delegate who wishes to explain its resolution to the Resolutions Committee

- b. To consider whether each resolution meets the requirements as to form, notice or exception to notices and the following criteria:
- Consistent with Bylaws and Principles
 - Consistent with League program positions and the position is identified on the Resolutions Submission Form
 - Addresses a single, topical issue
 - Requires time-sensitive governmental action
 - Likely to have an impact on the single topical issue as described
 - Consistent with the current stated legislative priorities
 - Can be implemented using existing League resources
6. The Resolutions Committee shall report its findings on all submitted resolutions—Proposed Resolutions are either reported affirmatively or determined to not meet the stated criteria. The Chair of the Resolutions Committee will announce those findings to the Convention

- at the beginning of the plenary session on Sunday morning.
- Any resolution reported affirmatively by the Resolutions Committee may be moved for consideration by the Convention following adoption of Program. Any motion to appeal a ruling of the President regarding the presentation of resolutions shall require a two-thirds vote.
 - Debate and action on resolutions shall take place after action on Proposed Program, Concurrences, and Not-recommended Program items. Adoption requires a majority vote.
 - Those who desire to make Resolutions may consult with the Resolutions Committee prior to deadlines to be sure that Resolution meets form and content requirements.

F. Announcements

Announcements must be submitted in writing to the Secretary to make at the close of each session.



Getting the League's Civic Education Textbooks into People's Hands

How Can Local Leagues Get Involved?

Currently some Leagues, such as Bellingham/Whatcom Counties, Pullman, and Mason County, have purchased books and are approaching school superintendents, curriculum directors, and teachers. Other ideas include:

Buy books: A box of 30 costs \$330 (\$11 each) and includes a poster and teacher's guide. Individual books are \$18; 17 or more are \$11 each. You can use your Education Fund money to buy these things, and then:

- **Sell books** for \$20 to raise money
- **Give them** to your members, or just new members
- **Gift them** to speakers at your meetings
- **Take them** to your library and encourage them to buy
- **Approach bookstores/gift shops** and ask them to display and buy
- **"Leave behind"** our factsheet: lwwa.org/resources/TSWI.pdf

Work with our marketing team:

We are continuing to reach out to all school districts who have not purchased recently, Education Service Districts, community and technical colleges, and more. If you would like to be part of the team just let me know!



Contact: Karen Verrill, TSWI Project Manager | kverrill@lwwa.org

Proposed 2023-2025 LWVWA Program of Work



Presented by Program of Work Planning Committee: Mary Coltrane, Chair (LWVWA Board and LWV of Seattle-King County), Liz Bander (LWVWA Board and LWV of Seattle-King County), Dee Ann Kline (LWVWA Board and LWV of Mason County, and Beth Pellicciotti (LWVWA Board and LWV of Spokane Area). Approved by LWVWA Board of Directors, 3/13/23.

Local Leagues and MAL units may submit proposals for changes in the recommended program. Proposals received by the state board at least three weeks (April 13, 2023) before the opening of the convention shall be considered by the board at a meeting prior to the convention at which time the board may change the recommended program. Such changes may not be voted on by the convention on the same day on which they are presented.

A majority vote shall be required for the adoption of the program recommended by the state board. Concurrence and Not Recommended items require a 3/5 approval vote.

Recommended Program

1. Education Project: Multi-Member Districts with Ranked-Choice Voting

Scope: This education project will look at Multi-Member Districts with Ranked Choice voting and how National League positions support this voting method. The League position supports improved voting methods but it doesn't say which ones. The position states:

The League supports electoral systems that elect policy-making bodies—legislatures, councils, commissions, and boards—that proportionally reflect the people they represent.

This project will look at voting processes and voting methods including single member districts, multi-member districts, first past the post voting, instant runoff voting, single-transferable voting, proportional representation, rank choice voting and the redistricting process and how these voting methods impact redistricting.

The project will focus on a multi-member districts and how this voting method impacts redistricting, the pros and cons of this voting method, and whether/how this voting method is supported by current LWVWA and LWVUS positions. Project committee members will look to Leagues and other experts where this voting method is currently practiced to learn how they are educating voters, what the results have been in those jurisdictions, and the pros and cons of settling on one alternative method (i.e. alternative to the currently widely practiced method of plurality voting).

After a year of education, we will evaluate improvement in member understanding, and determine if our current position is enough to support ranked choice voting in multi member districts as a preferred voting method. Depending on the outcome, the project committee may propose a concurrence or update to current LWVWA positions.

2. Study: Caregiving in Washington State: What exists and what is needed to support seniors and other vulnerable adults and their caregivers?

Scope: With the aging of the population due to increased life expectancies and lower birthrates, an increased proportion of Washingtonians require long-term care to meet their basic needs. This care falls disproportionately on family caregivers, who provide the bulk of care for older adults. These caregivers are also central in ensuring access to health care and community-based social services. Research shows that family caregivers are predominately women, many of whom are employed outside their homes. When long-term care outside the home becomes necessary due to increased disability, the care available is limited, of variable quality, and extremely costly. While this proposal speaks specifically about seniors and their caregivers, these issues have implications for younger vulnerable adults who are unable to care for themselves and expect that most of the findings and recommendations of this study would apply to them as well.

3. Study: Immigration and Immigrant Integration

Scope: This study will delve deeply into legislative options at the state level for enhancing the lives of immigrants and the role the League could be playing in ensuring immigrants have pathways to economic, social, and civic integration into the communities in which they live. It would also allow LWVWA to assess systematically the extent to which current WA state legislation, such as the 2019 Keep Washington Working (KWW) Act, is fulfilling the legislative intent to protect immigrants living in the state.

In carrying out the work, the team intends to build collaborative relationships with key nongovernmental organizations working on immigration issues affecting the state of Washington, including International Rescue Committee and other refugee resettlement agencies, Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NIRP), Washington New Americans Program, Refugee & Immigrant Services Northwest, and the Refugee Women's Alliance.

Not-Recommended Item Eligible for Consideration and Adoption

Not-Recommended items are on this list for a variety of reasons that did not warrant Board's recommendation to move forward at this time.

Local Leagues and MAL units may submit corrections in the not recommended program. Proposals needed to be received by the state board at least three weeks (April 13, 2023) before the opening of the convention to be considered by the board at a meeting prior to the convention at which time the board could change the recommended program. Such changes may not be voted on by the convention on the same day on which they are presented.

Any recommendation for the program submitted to the state board at least three months before the convention but not recommended by the board may be adopted by the convention provided consideration is ordered by a majority vote and on a following day the proposal for adoption receives a 3/5 vote.

1. Update: Access to Reproductive Health and End-of life Services in Washington

Scope: The U.S. Supreme Court in Dobbs found that there was no right to abortion stemming from a right to privacy. The study should review to what extent such rights are protected in the state under other rubrics including liberty and equal protection and how they might be strengthened. It should also address access and legal protections for women who come from other states to get services.

While reproductive rights are fairly well protected in Washington state, in practice access to those rights as well as to end of life/death dignity rights are significantly limited by the dominance of religious institutions, especially the Catholic Church in provision of health care. Many counties have only a Catholic hospital and some people may have to go outside their insurance network to obtain reproductive healthcare. Amongst a wide range of health issues that this situation affects, treatment for miscarriages and death with dignity can be especially problematic. Access to abortion for incarcerated women can be particularly challenging and deserves study. Nationally incarcerated women have abortions at a far lower rate than the general population.

During Convention, the Procedure for Bringing Forward a Not-Recommended Item During the Plenary Session Is as Follows:

1. In the first plenary session on Friday, you will give notice of "intent to propose the not-recommended item titled ____." To be moved for consideration at convention, a not-recommended item must be listed on in the Convention Handbook, indicating that it met the LWVWA bylaws deadline (Article XI, section 2) for submission.
2. In the second plenary on Friday, motions to consider not-recommended program items shall be presented immediately following the presentation of the proposed program. "I move consideration of the Not-Recommended Item entitled _____ as listed on page XX of the Convention Workbook."
 - The member moving consideration may give a two-minute explanation of why the Not-Recommended Item should be considered.
 - Questions for clarification are allowed, and only debate on the merits of consideration is permitted at this time.
 - The vote for consideration requires a simple majority and is taken immediately.
 - Those not-recommended items voted for consideration will be taken up for debate, possible amendment and vote when the order of business calls for it.
3. Immediately following approval of consideration, you will make a motion to adopt the Not-Recommended Item "I move adoption/concurrence of _____"
 - Member will have two-minutes to speak to the motion, including Scope and Outlook for Work.
 - Questions for clarification are allowed.
4. In the last plenary on Sunday, discussion and final vote will be taken. Not-recommended items require a 3/5 vote for adoption.

2023-2025 Nominations

Officers, Directors, and Nominating Committee

Presented by 2023 Nominating Committee: Shelley Jones, Chair (Pullman), Amanda Clark (Seattle/King County), Kathy Sakahara (Seattle/King County), Mary Coltrane (Seattle/King County) & Beth Pellicciotti (Spokane).



2023-2025 LWVWA Board Nominees

President: Mary Coltrane, Seattle-King County
2nd Vice-President: Martin Gibbins, Seattle-King County
Secretary: Sherry Appleton, Kitsap County
Director: Susan Baird-Joshi, Seattle-King County
Director: Dee Anne Finken, Clark County
Director: Cynthia Stewart, Tacoma-Pierce County and Thurston County

2023- 2025 Nominating Committee

Jean Alliman, Chair, Spokane
Linda Benson, Clallam
Julie Sarkissian, Seattle-King County

We recommend the following appointments:

C3 Treasurer (2023-2025): Michael Martin, San Juan
1st Vice President (2023-2024): Beth Pellicciotti, Spokane
(If Mary Coltrane is elected President, we recommend Beth Pellicciotti to the position of 1st Vice President. If Mary Coltrane is not elected President, then Mary retains her position as 1st Vice President.)

Continuing Board Members

c4 Treasurer: Dee Ann Kline, Mason County
Director: Liz Bander, Seattle-King County
Director: Susan Daniel, Kitsap County
Director: Miriam Kerzner, Benton and Franklin Counties
Director: Shelley Kneip, Thurston County

President: Mary Coltrane, Seattle-King County

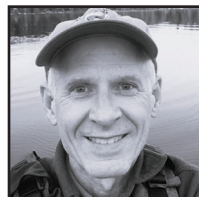


Mary has been a member of the League since 1977. She began as a unit Leader in LWV of Seattle when a new mother. League kept her “finger in the pie” during her children’s early years and culminated in a term as president of the LWV of Seattle. When she returned to the workforce, Mary was glad to have a League background because it opened opportunities at King County. Mary obtained a Master’s in Public Administration from the University of Washington. She worked in outreach, intergovernmental relations and fiscal analysis for King County. She was Voter Services Chair from 2017 to 2022 and has been Program Chair for the last year.

Mary lives in Seattle with her husband. She enjoys spending time with her three-year old granddaughter, vacationing in the San Juans and travelling in her RV. Meeting people

from across the state who bring diverse work experience to League engagement is a true pleasure.

Second Vice President: Martin Gibbins, Seattle-King County



Marty joined the League in 2017 and for the past 6 years served on the LWVWA Lobby Team, currently the Climate Crisis and Energy Issue Chair, and previously the Water Issue Chair. Other League service includes LWVUS Climate Interest Group Renewable Energy Team chair; member of the LWV-SKC City Climate Action Committee, Shoreline Study Group, and Research Committee. Appointed by the LWVWA to the State Energy Strategy Advisory Committee in 2020.

Previous volunteer roles: Treasurer, secretary, and president of Evergreen Soaring flying club.

Chair, secretary, treasurer of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Pacific Northwest.

Homeowner association president.

Thirty-six years as an engineer in design, research & development, and management.

I value the work of the League promoting voter education, citizen involvement in government, and careful study of the issues. The League’s strength is based on the dedication of the members to those values and commitment to carry on.

Secretary: Sherry Appleton, Kitsap County



I retired in 2021 from The Washington State Legislature after 16 years (8 terms). I chaired State Government and Tribal Affairs for two years and served as Chair of Local Government. I was replaced after one year because I believed in growth management, and there was an active assault on GMA.

Before my legislative life, I was a lobbyist for 11 years with six clients, one of which was the State League. Another client was The American

Association of University Women. My other clients were The Public Defender Association and Criminal Defense Lawyers, and the Amalgamated Transit Union Legislative Council. Working with the League and all the Portfolio Chairs gave me a fantastic education in many different areas.

I have been a member of the Kitsap League for many years and will always admire the education, voter education, and love of democracy.

Director: Susan Baird-Joshi, Seattle-King County



LWVWA Seattle/King County league member since 2005. Partnered with Mary Coltrane and Beth Pellicciotti to co-present youth voter registration at Washington State PTA's 2022 Convention. Active in the SKC City Climate Action Committee. Attended advocacy training and unit meetings and registered voters.

Work/volunteer: Small business co-founder and software developer/author for almost 30 years. M. Librarianship from the University of Washington. Two decades of advocacy and directors experience at multiple WSPTA levels; currently, Federal Legislative Chair. Appointed to Washington State Electric Vehicle Advisory Committee. Former Kirkland Park Board Chair.

As a Board member, I will help LWVWA build a more flourishing,

equitable world. I meet people where they are and engage to understand, especially on tough subjects like climate change. Citizenship and voting are critical steps leading to civic engagement, such as meeting with members of Congress, testifying, or writing letters to the editor—all of which I've done.

Director: Dee Anne Finken, Clark County



Dee Anne Finken joined the League in Central California more than 35 years ago. A member in Clark County since 1997, she most recently served as Communications Team chair.

A former newspaper reporter, she directed the journalism program at Clark College, where she was a tenured faculty member until she retired in 2018.

She recently co-chaired the LWVWA study "The Decline of Local News and Its Impact on Democracy."

She lives in Vancouver with her husband of 41 years. They have two adult sons, one grandson and another grandson due in June.

When she's not volunteering, she enjoys swimming, spending time with family and friends, following local and regional politics, and reading newspapers—in print and online.

I was drawn to the League by work I saw being undertaken by intelligent, passionate and caring women.

I strive to help make the world a better place by following their model.

Director: Cynthia Stewart, Tacoma-Pierce County and Thurston County



League Experience: Currently completing third term as President of Tacoma-Pierce County LWV and

board member since 2014; two terms on LWVWA Board, 2013-2017, including one term as second Vice President; two terms as Board member of Thurston LWV; 13 years on LWVWA Lobby Team.

Work: Now retired. Worked approximately 30 years in public sector at State of WA, King County and Thurston County as policy analyst and manager. Also served as managing partner of a company providing mediation and group facilitation services. Serve on boards of two other non-profit organizations.

Personal: Married, three children, four grandchildren.

I rejoined League after retirement because I had enjoyed it so much 30 years earlier as a young stay-at-home mother. I thrive on the issues that League works on, its commitment to democracy, and the many friendships I've developed over many years in League through working on projects together.

2022-2023 LWVWA State Board

** indicates that their term is ending*

Officers

- President: Lunell Haight, Spokane Area*
- 1st Vice President: Mary Coltrane, Seattle-King
- 2nd Vice President: Beth Pellicciotti, Spokane Area*
- C4 Treasurer: Dee Ann Kline, Mason
- Secretary: Jean Snider, Snohomish*

Directors

- Liz Bander, Seattle-King County
- Karen Crowley, Snohomish*
- Susan Daniel, Kitsap
- Roslyn Duffy, Seattle-King*
- Susan Fleming, Clark*
- Miriam Kerzner, Benton-Franklin
- Shelley Kneip, Thurston

Proposed 2023-2025 LWVWA Budget



LWVWA Budget Committee: Cindy Piennett, Budget Committee Chair (LWV Seattle-King), Myra Howrey (LWVWAEF Treasurer), Dee Ann Kline (LWVWA Treasurer), Amy Peloff (LWVWA Administrative Director), Cheryl Williams (LWV Mason), Susan Daniel (LWVWA Board) and Lunell Haught (LWVWA President).

LWVWA Proposed Budget 2023-2025: Revenues

	APPROVED BUDGET 2021-2023	BIENNIUM TO-DATE 12/31/2022	PROPOSED BUDGET 2023-2025	
REVENUES & SUPPORT				
Per Member Payments				
Local Leagues/MALs	91,400	60,530	114,250	No PMP increase; recruit/retain 25% increase
Contributions/Development				
Members	23,000	7,438	11,453	increase 10%/yr
Action Letters/Campaigns Members	1,000	13,103	15,133	increase 10%/yr
Non-Members	2,000	4,715	7,260	increase 10%/yr
Action Letters /Campaigns Non-Mem		3,493	4,034	increase 10%/yr
Scholarship	1,000	300	-	
Legacy		25	-	
	27,000	29,074	37,880	
Education Fund				
Shared overhead reimbursement	182,736	91,368	322,090	58% of Operations Expenses
Action Program				
Action Workshops	12,000	4,371	7,000	\$10 registration fee
Action Donations	4,000	1,000	1,020	increase 10%/yr
Redistricting Reform Campaign				Placeholder; offset by Redistricting Expense
Democracy /Lobby Week Reg	1,000	1,083	9,700	\$10 registration fee
Democracy /Lobby Week Donate	2,500	2,819	4,895	increase 10%/yr
	19,500	9,272	22,615	
Convention & Council				
State Council	8,500	10,650	20,450	15% incr, covers expense; \$7k pd by c3 in '22
State Convention	20,000	70	35,800	15% increase, covers expense
Council/Convention Donations	2,000	700	800	
	30,500	11,420	57,050	
TOTAL REVENUES & SUPPORT	\$351,136	\$201,664	\$553,885	

Proposed Per Member Payment for 2023-2025

The LWVWA Board proposes that the Per Member Payment (PMP) in the 2023-2025 biennium remain the same:

\$19 per Individual Member and \$9.50 for Additional Member and Student (with the Student PMP waived)

History of PMP Increases:

1989	\$13.00 (\$6.50)
1990	\$14.00 (\$7.00)
2003	\$16.00 (\$8.00)
2005	\$17.00 (\$8.50)
2009	\$19.00 (\$9.50)

Proposed 2023-2025 LWVWA Budget, continued

LWVWA Proposed Budget 2023-2025: Expenses

	APPROVED BUDGET 2021-2023	BIENNIUM TO-DATE 12/31/2022	PROPOSED BUDGET 2023-2025	
EXPENSES				
Member Services				
PMP to LWVUS	3,330	3,056	3,000	Only MALs (members at large)
Action Program				
Redistricting Reform Campaign				Placeholder; offset by Redistricting Revenues
Lobbyist	18,000	8,000	17,000	
Coalition Support	1,500	925	4,000	14 coalitions & \$1k WA Coalition for Open Govt
Action Wkshop/Lobby Team Support	16,450	1,674	12,000	
Media, Publications, Leg Newsletter	1,000		1,000	
	36,950	10,599	34,000	
Board Support				
Board Training, Business Cards		875	0	moved to c3
President travel	1,000	657	0	moved to c3
Board travel to AW, Retreat, Mtgs	9,760	768	0	moved to c3
State/US Convention/Council Travel	9,300	2,790	0	moved to c3
Catering Meetings		1,115	0	moved to c3
Staff Travel to Meetings		361	1,500	
	20,060	6,567	1,500	
Council and Convention				
State Council	8,500	11,543	20,450	15% increase, offset by reg revenue above
State Convention	20,000	1,034	35,800	15% increase, offset by reg revenue above
	28,500	12,577	56,250	
Operations				
Supplies	2,000	265	1,000	
Repair and Maintenance			500	
Postage	1,000	340	500	
Telephone and Internet	2,800	2,009	3,000	
Virtual Meetings	1,200	234	1,200	ZOOM will switch from c3 to c4 next biennium
Technical Support	2,000		500	
Website	7,500	6,852	5,700	Wild Apricot
Payroll Service Fee	1,400	1,100	1,600	
Payroll and Employer Tax	185,400	141,672	335,135	add 1 PT yr 1, FT yr 2
Contracted Services	4,800	200	42,000	add Development full yr 1
Rent and Utilities	42,526	30,827	44,000	
Insurance	3,200	3,091	3,200	
Hardware/Software Update	4,400	5,484	11,000	Every Action, Adobe, 2pcs and printer
IRS 990/CPA Compilation	2,070	2,960	5,800	
Business license, cc fees, other	2,000	1,680	4,000	Paragon fee \$80 to \$100/mo higher than affinipay
	262,296	196,714	459,135	
TOTAL EXPENSES	351,136	229,513	553,885	
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$0	\$(27,849)	\$0	Breakeven Budget
NET ASSETS at 6/30/2021		83,392		
NET ASSETS at 12/31/2022		55,544		

* * LWVUS grant received in current biennium is not included: revenue \$8k, expense \$2.8k

LWVWA Education Fund Budget Information



The League of Women Voters of Washington Education Fund is dedicated to strengthening citizen knowledge of government in Washington State. The goals of its nonpartisan educational projects are to help citizens better understand major public policy issues and become active and informed participants in their communities and government.

The League of Women Voters of Washington Education Fund Board approved its two-year budget on March 13, 2023. That budget is provided here as information in support of the League of Women Voters of Washington, the sole member of the LWVWA Education Fund. Support is to the greatest degree possible within income and spending levels, and IRS guidelines. The LWVWA Education Fund, aka the Ed Fund, is our 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization name. Within the Ed Fund organization there are distinct and separate funds:

- The Endowment Fund—holds over 80% of the Ed Fund assets. This fund is managed by the state League’s Investment Committee. The Endowment Fund is invested in stock and bond instruments held at Charles Schwab, using our investment advisor Badgley Phelps, per board-approved policy.
- The remainder of Ed Fund assets are divided into funds that support:
 - Civic education projects and grants to local Leagues that benefit their communities. Understanding how government works and how government budgets are decided is increasingly important for everyone in the current political environment.
 - Our three civics textbooks, *The State We’re In: Washington* (for grades 3-5), *The State We’re In: Washington* (8th edition, for grades 6 and up), and *El estado en el que vivimos: Washington* (8ª edición) whose steering committee continues the work to supply interested school districts and others with civics education materials.
 - Ed Fund operations, which include outreach and public relations, research, Voter Services projects and studies, coalitions, partnership events, candidate forums for statewide offices and Vote411.org, which was launched in 2012 and is a vehicle that enables the LWV to disseminate nonpartisan candidate and ballot information to all residents of the state to help make voting decisions. It can be tailored by individual user to include only candidates and issues pertaining to the voter’s specific address.
 - Funds contributed by local Leagues and held at the state level, restricted for local Leagues’ education projects.

LWVWA Ed Fund Budget Committee: Cindy Piennett, Budget Committee Chair (LWV Seattle-King), Myra Howrey (LWVWAEF Treasurer), Dee Ann Kline (LWVWA Treasurer), Amy Peloff (LWVWA Administrative Director), Cheryl Williams (LWV Mason), Susan Daniel (LWVWA Board) and Lunell Haught (LWVWA President).

LWVWA Ed Fund Adopted Budget 2023-2025 *Presented here for information only.*

	APPROVED BUDGET 2021-2023	BIENNIUM TO-DATE 12/31/2022	PROPOSED BUDGET 2023-2025	
UNRESTRICTED REVENUES				
Seattle Foundation Grant	50,000	50,500	50,000	
Other Grants	17,500	2,000	22,378	Increase with new Development
Contributions / Fundraisers	90,000	81,150	180,000	Double with new Development
Interest	60	9	12	
Miscellaneous	200	71	200	
Transfer IN from Endowment	94,000		103,500	
Additional Funds Required	176,900		150,000	
Subtotal Operations	\$428,660	\$133,730	\$506,090	
TSWI OSPI Grant Revenue/Endowment		\$48,000	(48,000)	Pay back Endowment loan
TSWI Sales	40,000	70,648	94,000	
Endowment Fund				
Transfer OUT to Operations	(94,000)	-	(103,500)	5% of prior yr balance/yr + replenish CivicEd
Transfer OUT/IN to/from TSWI		(48,000)	48,000	Pay back Endowment loan
Donations to Endowment	20,000	3,401	20,000	
Endowment Dividends/ Gain(Loss)	-	(66,176)	-	
Subtotal Endowment Fund	\$(74,000)	\$(110,775)	\$(35,500)	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$394,660	\$141,604	\$516,590	

Proposed 2023-2025 LWVWA Budget, continued

LWVWA Ed Fund Adopted Budget 2023-2025

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	APPROVED BUDGET 2021-23	BIENNIUM TO-DATE 12/31/22	PROPOSED BUDGET 2023-25	
UNRESTRICTED EXPENSES				
Administration				
Shared Overhead Reimbursement	182,736	91,368	322,090	Paid to c4
Postage,Supplies,Fees,Other	3,000	2,812	4,000	
IRS 990 / CPA Compilation	3,700	3,250	5,000	
MELD Training	1,500	2,500	2,500	
Board Training		2,500		- Materials good for 3 yrs
President Travel			1,000	100% in c3
Board Convention/Council Travel	9,300	9,555	23,430	100% in c3
Board travel to Retreat, Mtgs	9,760	894	20,100	100% in c3
Catering Meetings			1,200	100% in c3
D&O Insurance	2,514	1,257	2,520	
Fundraising: Appeal Letters/Other	6,500	2,766	6,000	
Outreach and Public Relations				
Outreach and Public Relations	500	1,379	1,500	
Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI)	1,600	-		- See Coalitions
Coalitions (DEI)	500	317	500	WA Nonprofit Assoc
Partnership Event Participation	1,000	-	1,000	
Admin - Research Project	69,800	14,478	5,000	state/local surveys, develop metrics, lay groundwork
Program Service				
Vote411	15,000	6,000	15,000	
Voter Service Projects / Studies	9,750	2,779	10,250	
Internship for new project	5,000	-	5,000	
Studies / Projects	12,500	1,100	12,500	
Strategic Strategy disbursements	-	3,109		- no more after this biennium
Subtotal Operations	\$334,660	\$146,063	438,590	
Civic Ed Grant Disbursements	8,000	15,778	20,000	Transfer \$13.5k from Endowment to replenish
Civic Ed Committee	12,000		12,000	
TSWI Expenses	40,000	63,107	46,000	Reduced \$48k to payback Endowment loan
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED EXPENSES	\$394,660	\$224,948	516,590	
CHANGE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	\$-	\$(83,344)	\$-	Breakeven Budget
RESTRICTED FUNDS				
Local League Contributions		56,288		
Local League Distributions		54,135		
CHANGE IN RESTRICTED NET ASSETS		2,152		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
NET ASSETS at 6/30/2021	1,155,323	109,296	1,264,619	
NET ASSETS at 12/31/2022	995,103	111,687	1,106,790	

Awards To Be Presented at Convention



The following awards will be presented at the 2023 LWVWA Biennial Convention:

Local League Award Awards

Strengthening Democracy

This category is to show case the work of Leagues that activate their grassroots network to empower voters and advocate change around key issues such as protecting voting rights or increasing voter registration and turnout.

Community Connection

This category aims to highlight how Leagues have leveraged issues affecting their local community in order to engage new voters and/or protect voters' rights, especially among underrepresented communities.

The Good Citizen Award

This award recognizes an individual or group from the convention host League's area. The recipients must meet the local League's definition of a good citizen.

The Evergreen Series Awards

In addition to being the symbol of our State (Washington, the Evergreen State), the evergreen is symbolic of green vibrancy and life-long connections. Evergreens grow on both sides of the state and can reflect our state as a whole better than many other symbols. The following awards will be presented at Convention:

The Cedar Award

This award is given for actions that reflect generosity and providence. The cedar tree is a symbol of strength, support and connection, and prosperity.

The Fir Award

This award is given for actions that demonstrate pillar of strength, tower of truth. The fir is a symbol of the power of determination and perseverance.

Thank You!

A big thank you to the Benton and Franklin Counties League for hosting us this year!

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Thank you to all of the League members who go the extra mile for the LWV of Washington and the LWVWA Education Fund!

Democracy requires meaningful participation, and our volunteers not only participate, they know when to lead the way and when to lend a helping hand. Despite full lives and sometimes challenging situations, our volunteers soar. They prove not only that the League CAN do it but that League members SUCCEED at it. We are forever grateful. — Lunell Haught, President

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