

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®  
of NORTH CAROLINA

# CONVENTION 2011

## Workbook

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11:30-12 noon **LUNCH** *Belk Cafeteria*

12:10-12:45 pm **SECOND STRATEGY SESSION** (See 11:00 am above)

1:00-2:30 pm ***Issues in Education at the National, State and Local Levels***  
 Carole Ellis, Moderator *Jones Lecture Hall*

**Panel:** Dr. Bill Harrison, Chair, NC State Board Association  
 Ms. Joanne Norris, NC School Forum  
 Ms. Debbie Horton, NC PTA President  
 Ms. Angela Farthing, Manager of NCAE Center for Teaching and Learning

2:30 pm **BREAK**

3:00-4:00 pm **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS**

<b>Treasurer's Tips</b>	Beth Springston	<i>Jones Lecture Hall</i>
<b>Citizens' Guides</b>	Nancy Birindelli	<i>Room 116 Flowe</i>
<b>Candidate Forums</b>		<i>Room 111 Flowe</i>
	Louise Romanow, Judie Burke	
<b>What Can League Do for You? / Funding Local League Initiatives</b>		
	Barbara Coulson, Diane Davis	<i>Room 114 Flowe</i>

4:00-4:30 **STRATEGY SESSION: Advocacy** *Jones Lecture Hall*  
 Diana Haskell, LWVUS Shur Fellow

4:30-6:00 pm Free Time

6:00 pm **RECEPTION** *Patio on south side of 18 Seaboard Restaurant*

6:30-8:00 pm **BANQUET DINNER** *Parlor, Main Building*  
**Keynote Address: Ms. Anita Earls: Redistricting**

8:30- til pm **INFORMATION SHARING: What can the State League do for you?**  
 State Board members will share and listen! *Hospitality Room*

**SUNDAY**

7:00-8:00 am **BREAKFAST** *Belk Cafeteria*

8:30-11:00 am **SECOND PLENARY SESSION** *Jones Lecture Hall*

Announcements Kathleen Balogh  
 Reconvene Kathleen Balogh  
 Vote to adopt:  
 • LWVNC Program  
 • LWVNC Budget  
 Recognitions  
 Election of LWVNC Officers, Directors and Nominating Committee  
 Directions to the Board from convention delegates  
 Address by President  
 Adjourn business session

11:00 am **VIEWING of *Show Up, Speak Out: The Public Life of Betty Ann Knudsen***  
 Vivian Bowman Edwards/Director and Producer

12:00 am **ADJOURN AND CHECKOUT**

## DELEGATES AND MEMBER LEAGUES' REPRESENTATION Convention 2011 \*

**LWVNC Board:** Audrey Albrecht, Kathleen Balogh, Nancy Birindelli, Judie Burke, Barbara Coulson, Diane Davis, Carole Ellis, Jo Nicholas, Louise Romanow, Beth Springston

**Asheville/Buncombe County:** Kathleen Balogh, Judith Hoy, Barb Paranites

**Carteret County:** Judy Armento, Sharon Harker

**Catawba County:** Carolyn Jones Connor

**Charlotte/Mecklenburg County:** Janet Brinkley, Marta Carvajal, Peg Chapin, Bettie Ann Hughes, Beth Springston

**Currituck:**

**Dare County:** Nancy Birindelli, Audrey Esposito, Annemarie Evans, Lin Logan, Lori Williams

**Henderson County:** Carol Cleveland, Judith Katz, Rudi Simko

**Lower Cape Fear:** Audrey Albrecht, Anne Cousineau, Carole Ellis, Maggie Parish, Carol Roberts

**Madison MAL:** Barbara Coulson

**Moore County:** Mary Lou Burnett, Peggy Crawford, Barbara Farr, Carolyn Mealing, Jo Nicholas, Mary Price, Linda Tableman

**Orange, Durham, Chatham Counties (ODC):** Joyce Colaiace, Beverly Hanly, Brenda Rogers, Cynthia Wertz

**Piedmont Triad:** Diane Davis, Rebecca Klase, Mary Miller, Betsy Moser, Willie Taylor

**Union County:** Sarah Palmer

**Wake County:** Pat Butler, Vicki Gerig, Claudia Kadis, Mary Martorella, Lisa Mowat, Louise Romanow

**Wayne MAL:** Joyce Mason, Hilda Rouse

**National:** Maggie Duncan, Diana Haskell

\*Some delegates are members of one LWV but have been authorized as a voting delegate for LWVs that do not have a full voting delegation.

### LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NORTH CAROLINA

LEAGUE	MEMBERSHIP TOTAL	VOTING DELEGATES ALLOWED	STATE BOARD VOTES ALLOWED
LWV Of North Carolina	56		12
LWV Of Asheville-Buncombe	79	5	
LWV of Carteret County	21	2	
LWV Of Catawba Valley	14	2	
LWV Of Charlotte-Mecklenburg	104	6	
LWV Of Dare County	62	3	
LWV Of Henderson County	100	6	
LWV of the Lower Cape Fear	46	2	
LWV Of Macon County	36	2	
LWV Of Moore County	71	4	
LWV Of Orange, Durham, Chatham	114	7	
LWV of the Piedmont Triad	125	8	
LWV of Union County	10	2	
LWV Of Wake County	131	8	
<b>Total</b>	<b>969</b>	<b>63</b>	

## Proposed Convention Rules

A motion to adopt these Rules will be made shortly after the Convention opens. Amendments, which may be offered at this time, will require a majority vote. The Rules as a whole (either amended or as given below) require a two-thirds vote for adoption.

1. Admission to Convention shall be limited to persons displaying official badges that must be worn at all meetings of the Convention.
2. Voting members, observers and visitors shall sit in areas so designated. Although they may enter the convention hall after the convention has started, they shall not be seated during an address.
3. Only accredited delegates from local Leagues and MAL Units and members of the State Board may vote.
4. Only voting members, observers from MAL units and those authorized by the Chair or the Convention, may address the Convention. During debate on a motion, no person may speak more than once on that question until all others who wish to speak have done so. After the original presentation, debate shall be limited to three minutes for each speaker.
5. Each speaker shall announce her/his name and League when addressing the Convention.
6. Main motions or amendments of substantial length must be in writing on forms available from the ushers. Motions shall be identified by the number appearing on the motion form. One copy shall be sent to the projector operator, one copy to the secretary on the podium, and one copy retained.
7. All announcements must be related to the business of the Convention or the welfare of the members. Such announcements shall be made by a member of the State Board designated by the President.
8. Cell phones and pagers are to be turned off or in silent mode during all sessions.
9. The procedure for Program adoption shall be:
  - a. The proposed Program shall be presented and moved for adoption by a State Board member during the First Plenary Session, Saturday morning. Questions for clarification and debate will be allowed at this time. Further action will be postponed until the time for adoption of the program is set in the Order of Business.
  - b. Motions for consideration of non-recommended items may be made following the presentation of recommended Program provided the item was submitted to the state Board as described by LWVNC State Bylaws.

## Proposed Convention Rules *(continued)*

The presentation of such motions shall be limited to five minutes, and a vote shall be taken immediately thereafter. No questions for clarification will be entertained, and there shall be no debate at this time. A majority vote will place a non-recommended issue before the Convention for consideration. A delegate may request that the State Board give its reasons for not recommending the item. This statement shall be limited to three minutes.

- c. Proposed Program items in the order presented to the Convention, and then non-recommended items in the order voted for consideration, will be taken up individually for debate and action at the meetings provided in the Order of Business. Announcements of the results shall be made after each Program vote.

NOTE: A majority vote is required for adoption of recommended Program, while a two-thirds vote is required for adoption of non-recommended items.

10. When a vote is in process, the doors to the Convention hall shall be closed and no one may enter or leave.
11. All motions proposing legislative or administrative action on League Program shall be referred to and considered by the Action Motions Committee prior to their introduction. The Committee shall be appointed by the presiding officer at the first meeting on Saturday, and action motions must be referred to the committee prior to the opening of the Sunday morning meeting. The Committee shall act upon such motions as soon as practicable and shall advise the sponsors promptly of its decisions. If a sponsor elects to introduce a motion on which the Committee has reported unfavorably, it shall be in order for the Committee to explain to the Convention its reasons for disapproving the motion.
12. In the event there are nominations for Officers and Directors from the floor on Saturday, delegates shall vote by paper ballot on Sunday morning. For such nominations the nominee's consent to serve must have been obtained beforehand. If there are no nominations from the floor, a voice vote for the proposed slate will be taken on Sunday.
13. These rules may be amended, rescinded, or suspended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting.

## RECOMMENDED PROGRAM FOR 2011-2013

"Program is the League's reason for being, the basis for both education and action efforts. League program consists of those governmental issues that League members choose for concerted study and action. It includes both adopted positions upon which action is taken and issue for study that will lead to a position and action." *In League*

Every two years, at State Convention, League members adopt a program for study and action. The process as specified in the Bylaws is for local Leagues to make suggestions for State program at least three months prior to Convention and then for the State Board to formulate a proposed recommended program and submit that program to the local Boards at least two months prior to Convention.

On March 12, 2011, the State Board voted to present to the Convention delegates the motion that the 2009 program be readopted as summarized and revised in 2008 and posted on the website, with no new programs added this year. The summarized, revised Program can be found at [www.lwvnc.org](http://www.lwvnc.org).

The State Board voted on the Issues for Emphasis at the March, 2011 board meeting. The **Issues for Emphasis** for the next two years are access to government, campaign reform, the environment, tax reform/budget, redistricting, public advocacy for voter protection and any other League position as it becomes a legislative opportunity for League action. Through this action the State Board means to be narrowing the number of issues that we follow and address in the State Legislature. The League has the flexibility to respond to issues that arise after the issues for emphasis have been selected if the issue falls within the League Principles or the adopted Program.

At the 2009 State Convention, a resolution was adopted that elevated the issue of the Equal Rights Amendment to be one of emphasis along with the other identified by the State Board and that Henderson County League would assume a key facilitating role in coordinating this effort through the Leagues and other organizations in North Carolina.



# League of Women Voters of North Carolina Public Policy Positions

in brief

## REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT NATURAL RESOURCES

Government should be open, accountable, ethical and responsive to citizens. Citizen participation on state boards should be encouraged. Measures to eliminate barriers to voting should be encouraged. Authority for administration and enforcement of election laws should be centralized in the State Board of Elections. Election procedures should be applied consistently across the state and from one county to another. A permanent, uniform voter registration should be maintained across the state. Training of election officials should be mandated and paid for by the state at both the state and county levels.

### ELECTION LAWS

- Election process
- Fair & equitable representation
- Campaign finance
- Non-partisan selection of judges

### CITIZEN RIGHTS

- Public policy on reproductive choices

### FISCAL POLICY

- Tax policy
- Corporate income taxes
- Highway fund taxes
- Individual income tax
- Property taxes
- Sales tax
- New revenue sources

## NATURAL RESOURCES

Promote an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest by recognizing the interrelationships of air quality, energy, land use, waste management and water resources.

### RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

- Offshore oil and gas leasing exploration and development

### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND POLLUTION CONTROL

- Air quality
- Energy
- Land use
- Water resources
- Waste management

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

## SOCIAL POLICY

Promote social and economic justice, secure equal rights for all, and combat discrimination and poverty.

### EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY

- Equal rights for women

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE

### CHILD CARE

- Availability of quality daycare to all
- Statewide public pre-school program

### ELDER CARE

- Create standards and enforcement mechanisms
- Ensure access to services
- Require minimum services

### EDUCATION

### EARLY INTERVENTION FOR CHILDREN AT RISK

### HOUSING

LWVNC and local Leagues may act upon any of the position taken by LWVUS. A complete list of the LWVNC and LWVUS positions can be found at [www.lwvnc.org](http://www.lwvnc.org) and [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org) respectively.  
**Readopted:** LWVNC Convention, 2009.

# **LWVNC 2011-2013 PROGRAM**

## **Taken from Issues for Emphasis**

### ***GOVERNMENT***

Promote an open governmental system that is representative, accountable, and responsive to all citizens and that protects individual liberties established in the Constitution, including the right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices.

#### ***I. Election Laws***

Promote measures that safeguard the rights of the voter and encourage clear and democratic election procedures.

Promote and support election laws in North Carolina that emphasize full participation of all citizens in the democratic process.

#### ***II. Non-partisan Selection***

A. Support non-partisan selection of judges and the concept of a broadly-based judiciary-nominating commission for the appointment of well-qualified judicial nominees, with the proviso that the guidelines used the commission in such nominees are spelled out and publicized.

B. Support the option for counties to elect commissioners on a partisan or non-partisan basis.

#### ***III. Making Democracy Work***

A. Citizenship

Promote the use of the video, "Voting: The Root of Democracy," in middle schools throughout the State.

B. Campaign Finance Reform (Issue for Emphasis)

Support campaign finance reform through such measures as public financing and voluntary spending limits.

C. Redistricting

Support legislative efforts to make the redistricting process more equitable by establishing an independent agency responsible for periodic reapportionment and redistricting.

#### ***IV. Taxes***

Promote an equitable and efficient system of taxation; structure individual income tax to better reflect the ability to pay; remove the ceiling on the sales tax on motor vehicles, boats, and airplanes; and adopt other equitable measures that would ensure sufficient revenue to provide needed services.

Support measures allowing greater autonomy to county and municipal governments in raising needed revenue at the local level.

### ***NATURAL RESOURCES / ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY***

***I. Promote an environment beneficial of life*** through the wise use of natural resources.

***II. Promote awareness*** of the necessity for the fundamental change in attitudes about profligate consumption and disposal of material goods and resources.

## **LWVNC 2011-2013 PROGRAM** *(continued)*

### ***III. Promote the coordination of Environment Regulatory Agencies.***

***IV. Promote high water quality standards and resources management*** through monitoring, watershed protection, regulation, groundwater (well-head and aquifer) protection, regulation, basin-wide and regional water resource planning, coastal water resource protection and equitable and adequate financing for enforcement of regulations.

### ***V. Support high air quality through control of pollutants.***

***VI. Support property and other tax policies that would effectively guide development*** to meet human needs for the public good and would also conserve resources and protect the natural environment. Support property and other taxes policies that will promote the wise use of land to meet present and future needs.

***VII. Support a comprehensive solid and hazardous waste management program*** that will promote waste prevention, reduction, recovery, and recycling. Oppose the underground storage of hazardous materials. Hazardous waste that cannot be reduced, stabilized, or destroyed should be stored in long-term retrievable storage until adequate technology is available.

## ***HUMAN RESOURCES / SOCIAL POLICY***

Promote social and economic justice, secure equal rights for all, and combat discrimination and poverty.

### ***I. Child Care***

Promote the availability of quality day care to all North Carolina families, regardless of socioeconomic status, through adequate state and federal standards, financial assistance, and monitoring the enforcement of those standards.

Support early childhood initiatives for children at risk in all 100 counties through such programs as child care subsidies, teacher training and health care screening.

### ***II. Criminal Justice***

Promote fair and equal treatment of all persons in the criminal justice system, including victims and witnesses. Promote swift, sure, and fair disposition for every defendant.

### ***III. Education***

Promote quality education for all students through the secondary level, with a continuing emphasis on equalization of financing of public schools, and consolidation of school districts, when feasible, to provide for improved administration, better use of facilities, and broadened school instructional offerings. Support developmentally appropriate early childhood education. Continue to monitor Charter Schools and their impact on local communities and traditional public schools.

### ***IV. Elder Care***

Support the establishing, monitoring and enforcing of standards defining state and county responsibilities for the provision of services to dependent older adults.

### ***V. Housing***

Promote equal access to housing for all persons in North Carolina.

Support adoption of a statewide housing policy and a minimum statewide housing code.

Support state initiatives to increase the supply of housing for low-income persons in the wake of decreased funding.

### ***VI. Women's Issues***

Promote economic, social, legal, and constitutional equality for women.

## **PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS** **Report of the Nominating Committee**

The following members of the League of Women Voters have been submitted for the 2011-2013 term of the LWWNC Board of Directors.

### **OFFICERS:**

President	Jo Nicholas	Moore
Vice President	Carole Ellis	Lower Cape Fear
Treasurer	Beth Springston	Charlotte-Mecklenburg
Secretary	Kathleen Balogh	Asheville-Buncombe

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Audrey Albrecht	Lower Cape Fear
Carolyn Jones Connor	Catawba
Barbara Coulson	Madison MAL
Diane Davis	Piermont Triad
Audrey Esposito	Dare
Sharon Harker	Carteret
W. Gray Newman	Charlotte-Mecklenburg

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2011-2013:**

Chair	Mary Lou Bernett	Moore
	Nancy Birindelli	Dare
	Brenda Rogers	ODC

This slate will be presented at the state convention in May, 2011.

*Respectfully submitted by the 2009-2011 Nominating Committee:*

*Mary Lou Bernett, Chair*

*Audrey Albrecht, Nancy Birindelli, Vickie Gerig, and Yvette Wessell*

## Biographical Information on Members of Proposed Slate

### **PRESIDENT: Jo Nicholas**



of LWV of Moore County, is currently serving as president of her local League. Jo has 7 years experience in League. She is currently LWVNC State Coach for Membership Recruitment Initiative and a researcher for

LWVUS study on Federal Government's Role in Education.

Her experience is steeped with many different positions in the field of education. From elementary school principal (30 Years) to past president of the Association of Administrators and Supervisory Personnel Association, Jo's service has been recognized in her award as outstanding educator in Prince George's County, MD and Principal in Residence and National Faculty of Yale University. She joined League 5 years ago.

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### **VICE PRESIDENT: Carole Ellis**



of Lower Cape Fear LWV, is a native of Wilmington, NC, and graduated from UNC-G in 1966 with a degree in history. She taught social studies and was Student Council adviser for 30 years at John T. Hoggard High School in New Hanover County. She retired as an educator in

2000. She has been member of the LWV

for over 25 years and has held the presidency of her local League twice - once in the early 80s and again in the early 2000s. She has been the Civics 101 coordinator for New Hanover County for 7 years, and has also served as Voters' Service chair for several years before becoming president in New Hanover. Presently Carole is a New Hanover County League board member in charge of Civics 101 and chairs the committee to register 16-year-olds of the LWV-LCF. She is a past chair of the Wilmington Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, a past member of the UNC-G Alumni Board of Directors, coordinator of Shepherds for Grace United Methodist Church, program coordinator for Older Adults at Grace United Methodist Church, a Chancel Choir member, and a grandmother of 5. Playing bridge, golf, traveling and reading occupy her free time.

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### **TREASURER: Beth Springston**

of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg LWV, has served as co-president and produced the electronic and printed Voter Guide for several years. She is currently treasurer of LWVNC. Her previous League experience was secretary and later treasurer in a very active League in Berkeley/Albany/Emeryville in California. In 2001, Beth moved to North Carolina where she runs a geotechnical drilling firm in Charlotte.



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## Biographical Information on Members of Proposed Slate *continued*

### SECRETARY: Kathleen Balogh



of LWV Asheville/Buncombe, is the *Western Region Director* for the North Carolina Council for Women serving as the state liaison to the 20 most western NC counties. The Mission of the NC-CFW is to advocate through public policies and programs for the well being of women by addressing economic security and freedom from violence and discrimination. Currently Kathleen is the President of the LWV NC and serves on the board of the Mediation Center of Buncombe County. She is a member of the NC Women's Forum and has served in several leadership positions with such diverse groups as Leadership Asheville Forum, and the Buncombe County Women's Commission, the YWCA, and the Western Carolina Women's Coalition. Kathleen has called Buncombe County home for 34 years, moving here after graduating from Ohio State University with a BS in Family and Child Development, specializing in Developmental Disabilities. She and her husband have two children, a son 29 and a daughter 24, two rescue dogs, one feisty cat, and eleven free range chickens! They live on a six+ acre farm with a dwarf conifer nursery in the Forks of Ivy area of northern Buncombe County. She enjoys birding, working with stained glass, nature and just about anything to do with water. (I am a Pisces after all!)

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### DIRECTOR: Audrey Albrecht



of LWV of Lower Cape Fear, joined the League in the early nineties and became more active by 2000. In 2001, she was elected to LWV of New Hanover County Board and in 2003, was elected as co-president with Carole Ellis, then president for 5 years. She supervised the process of changing the name and boundary of the League to include Brunswick, Onslow and Pender Counties. A retired school principal, seventeen years in New Hanover County, six in Chapel Hill, with a total tenure of over 30 years for the State of North Carolina, Audrey also worked in private industry and started a 501(c)3 corporation.

She is single and has one son in California. On the LWWNC Board since 2004, she has been a long-time board member with Cape Fear Riverwatch, another strong commitment.

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## Biographical Information on Members of Proposed Slate *continued*

### **DIRECTOR: Carolyn Jones Connor**



of LWV of Catawba County, resides in Sherrills Ford, NC. She is employed as an inspector/investigator with the NC Board of Funeral Service in Raleigh and is a licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer in both GA and NC. Besides the

League, Carolyn is a member of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), Catawba Valley Rotary and N A A C P . She is currently serving her first term as a member of the Catawba County School Board. Carolyn wants to leave a legacy of "Warrior Spirit with a Servant's Heart."

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### **DIRECTOR: Barbara Coulson**



of the Madison County MAL League, joined League in the late 1990s after retiring from the local hospital business office. She and her husband Tom are active in good government groups such as Common Cause and North Carolina

Voters for Clean Elections (NCVCE) and are

members of many national environmental and human rights organizations. Barbara states, " I want my government to work for all of us. That requires active participation from all of us in holding power accountable."

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### **DIRECTOR: Diane Davis**

of LWV of Piedmont Triad, has served as a member of the local Board of Directors, its Vice-President and President. She attended as a delegate the LWVUS Convention in 2006, 2008 and 2010, LWVNC Council in 2006, 2008, 2010 and the LWVNC



Convention in 2007 and 2009. Her local League activities include being co-chair of the successful Civics 103 series, " A Journey Through The Court System," and a member of the planning committee of the healthcare series "Your Health, Your Money, Your Vote."

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## Biographical Information on Members of Proposed Slate *continued*

### **DIRECTOR: Audrey Esposito**



of LWV Dare, was its co-president from 2009-2011 and education chair from 2008-2009.

Audrey lived in Randolph Township, NJ before retiring to the Outer Banks in 2005. She was an educator in NJ for 32 years. She holds a BA from

Trenton State College, now the College of NJ, an MA from Seton Hall University and certification as a teacher of handicapped William Paterson College.

While teaching at Mendham Township Elementary School for over 20 years, she was active in the teachers' association holding office of vice president and president and was member of the negotiating team for over 15 years. Audrey coordinated the writing of the social studies curriculum for district in 2002. She has been married for 47 years, with 3 grown daughters and 7 grandchildren.

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### **DIRECTOR: Sharon Harker**



Of Carteret County LWV, was born and raised in New York but have called Beaufort, North Carolina home for over 29 years. She attended Penn State University. She has been married to her wonderful husband Perry for 29 years. They have 3 fabulous

children, Joey, Tony and Laura, and are expecting their first grandchild in April. She joined the League of Women Voters of Carteret County 4 years ago and was excited about the roles women still play today both locally and nationally to improve our system of government; she knew she had to join. Sharon is the 2010-2012 president of her local League and I hopes to continue to serve the League for many years to come.

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### **DIRECTOR: W. Gray Newman**



of Charlotte-Mecklenburg LWV, is surrounded by the League — his mother and his wife are also League members. Gray currently serves as board chair of Democracy North Carolina and as chair of the Mecklenburg County Soil and Water Conservation Board. He is a community coordinator for GreenTree Fundraising, which works with groups on more ecofriendly fundraising. His involvement in many community organizations will bring a unique perspective to the State Board.

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## Biographical Information on Members of Proposed Slate

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### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**CHAIR: Mary Lou Bernett**

is from LWV Moore County. Prior to relocating to the Sandhills, Mary Lou served 16 years as an elected county official in Marshall County, IN. She was elected to four consecutive terms, two terms as Clerk of the Court, which included the responsibilities as County Election Director and member and secretary of the county election board, and two terms as county auditor.

Mary Lou currently serves on the board of directors of the LWV of Moore County and is known as the writer and producer of the League's well-known *Lunch With Legends* fund-raising programs. She teaches and directs the local ladies tap dancing troupe, "Alive and Clicking". Mary Lou also works part-time as office manager at the Carolina Performing Arts Center, a classical dance studio in Southern Pines.

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### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**MEMBER: Nancy Birindelli**

of LWV of Dare County, has been a League member for more than 30 years in Falls Church, VA and now in Dare County where she retired 7 years ago. She has served as co-president of LWV Dare for 5 years and is currently serving as their treasurer. Nancy is just stepping down from the NC LWV board after 2 terms as secretary.

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### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**MEMBER: Brenda Rogers**

of Orange/Durham.Chatham County LWV, is currently a Shur Fellow with LWVUS.

Brenda grew up outside Asheville, lived in Raleigh for almost 30 years and moved to outside Chapel Hill 5 years ago. She served as VP of the LWV of Wake County where she served as co-chair of Women's Equality Day and was a member of the education committee. She was then the VP of LWVNC for 4 years.

She is particularly interested in promoting citizen participation in government, equity for women and policies that protect our natural resources. Her career has been in higher education as a faculty member and administrator. She has held administrative roles in the field of institutional research and planning at NCSU, NCCU, Durham Technical Community College and the NC Community College System (NCCCS). In 2001 she retired from NCCCS where she was the vice president for administration. Since then she has worked part-time at NCCCS and the UNC Office of the President, has volunteered in a number of areas and has taken continuing education classes. She holds a Masters of Adult and Community College Education and a Ph.D. in psychology from NCSU.

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**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**July 1, 2010 thru May 14, 2011**

**LWV North Carolina**

	Actual	Budget
<b>INCOME</b>		
PMP	10,848	11,700
Fundraising	1,669	1,160
Interest	95	50
State Convention/Council	4,430	5,000
Wake Co. Share - Office	2,987	2,900
CEF Share - Office	2,530	2,760
Climate Change Grant	750	0
Transfer from Reserves	0	1,500
In-kind Contributions	13,386	10,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$36,695</b>	<b>\$35,070</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>Fixed Expenditures</b>		
Insurance	203	210
Internet Service	78	80
LWVUS PMP	1,040	1,000
Office Rent/Phone	7,076	7,680
Office Postage/Copies	76	200
Office Supplies	0	250
Professional Fees	150	150
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$8,623</b>	<b>\$9,570</b>
<b>In Kind Expenses</b>	<b>\$13,386</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Variable Expenses</b>		
Affiliations	275	400
Board Meeting Expense	1,653	2,500
Fundraising Projects	613	1,000
Local League Support	333	1,000
LWVNC Council/Convention	2,695	5,000
LWVUS Council/Convention	1,390	1,000
Membership Education	118	0
Membership/Development	0	500
Misc/President's Expenses	533	400
Position support/advocacy	188	3,200
Technology	0	500
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$7,797</b>	<b>\$15,500</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$29,806</b>	<b>\$35,070</b>
<b>Income Less Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,889</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
BB&T Checking	6,599	
BB&T Inv Deposit	51,625	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$58,223</b>	

**Citizen Education Foundation**

<b>INCOME</b>	
Fundraising	1104
Interest	128
Climate Change Grant	250
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,483</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
<b>Operations</b>	
Office Rent/Phone	2510
Postage/Supplies	445
<b>Program Expenses</b>	
Candidate forum	45
PAVP	352
Re-districting	1665
Leadership Dev	438
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$5,455</b>
<b>Income Less Expenses</b>	<b>(3,972.02)</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
BB&T Checking	2,538
BB&T Inv Deposit	18,956
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$21,494</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Local League funds	11,666
PAVP grant	4648
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$16,314</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>	<b>\$5,180</b>
<b>VALUE OF CEF ENDOWMENT</b>	
(Invested in NC Community Foundation)	
As of 12/31/10	<b>\$49,787</b>

## LWV NC PROPOSED BUDGET

	<u>Actual</u> 2009-10	<u>Budget</u> 2011-12	<u>Actual</u> thru 3/11	<u>Y/E</u> Estimate	Suggested <u>Budget</u> 2011-12
<b>INCOME</b>					
Transfer from Reserves	\$0	\$1,500		\$0	\$3,673
CEF Transfer-Office	\$2,400	\$2,760	\$1,376	\$1,500	\$2,064
CEF Transfer-Projects	\$0		\$750	\$750	\$0
Contributions/Fundraising	\$950	\$1,160	\$1,489	\$1,489	\$1,000
Interest	\$30	\$50	\$65	\$125	\$360
LL PMP	\$11,256	\$10,692	\$9,558	\$10,530	\$9,141
LWVNC Coun/Convention	\$5,998	\$5,000	\$580	??	\$5,000
MAL + Ind Dues	\$1,745	\$1,000	\$930	\$930	\$2,380
Rent/phone from Wake Co.	\$3,007	\$2,900	\$2,447	\$2,900	\$3,240
In-kind Contributions		\$10,000		\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$25,386</b>	<b>\$35,062</b>	<b>\$17,195</b>	<b>\$28,224</b>	<b>\$36,858</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Fixed Expenditures</b>					
Insurance	\$203	\$210		\$210	\$210
Website Service	\$0	\$80	\$78	\$78	\$78
Professional Fees	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$0
Office Copying/Printing	\$107	\$100	\$24	\$50	\$50
Office Postage	\$88	\$100	\$52	\$98	\$100
Office Supplies	\$263	\$250		\$0	\$250
Office Phone/Internet Access	\$1,619	\$1,500	\$1,024	\$1,400	\$1,380
Office Rent	\$6,180	\$6,180	\$4,770	\$6,360	\$6,360
LWVUS PMP	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,040	\$1,040	\$1,530
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$8,610</b>	<b>\$9,570</b>	<b>\$7,138</b>	<b>\$9,386</b>	<b>\$9,958</b>
<b>Variable Expenses</b>					
Affiliations	\$390	\$400	\$275	\$400	\$400
Board Meeting Expense	\$2,349	\$2,500	\$1,349	\$2,200	\$3,000
LWVNC Council/Convention	\$5,425	\$5,000	\$755??		\$5,000
LWVUS Council/Convention	\$1,485	\$1,000	??		\$1,500
Membership/Development	\$0	\$500		\$0	\$500
Fundraising Projects	\$500	\$1,000	\$433	\$433	\$1,000
Position Support/Advocacy	\$486	\$3,200	\$158	\$158	\$3,200
Membership Education	\$73	\$0	\$118	\$118	\$200
Technology	\$0	\$500		\$0	\$500
Local League Support	\$0	\$1,000		\$0	\$1,000
Grant (PAVP) Expenses	\$101			\$0	
Misc/Pres Expenses	\$250	\$400	\$533	\$600	\$600
In-kind Expenses		\$10,000		\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$11,059</b>	<b>\$25,500</b>	<b>\$3,621</b>	<b>\$13,909</b>	<b>\$26,900</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$19,669</b>	<b>\$35,070</b>	<b>\$10,759</b>	<b>\$23,295</b>	<b>\$36,858</b>
<b>Income Less Expenses</b>	<b>\$5,717</b>	<b>(\$8)</b>	<b>\$6,436</b>	<b>\$4,929</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Submitted on March 12, 2011 by:

Budget Committee Chair:

Audrey Albrecht

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## **A short synopsis of your LWFNC statewide advocacy and work on legislative and other high priority issues**

**Your state board has worked hard to make information timely and available on our website at [www.lwfnc.org](http://www.lwfnc.org)** . A big shout-out to Louise Romanow and Patty Dale as our intrepid webmasters for keeping that website current and looking good!

### **Redistricting**

Every ten years, following the census, the State legislature must draw new districts for State House and State Senate and US congressional districts. Both [LWFUS](#) and [LWFNC](#) have positions about the redistricting or apportionment process. The NC League supports legislative efforts to make the redistricting process more equitable by establishing an independent agency responsible for periodic reapportionment and redistricting.

#### **LWFNC activities include:**

- Testifying at public hearings
- Passing through grant dollars from National LWF to local Leagues interested in redistricting work
- Becoming a Founding Partner with the NC Redistricting Reform Coalition
- Letter writing campaign
- Posting resources on the LWFNC website

### **Public Advocacy for Voter Protection**

The League is working to:

1. [Oppose ID and documentary proof of citizenship](#)
2. [Improve administration of statewide voter database systems](#)
3. [Guard against undue restrictions on voter registration](#)
4. [Improve polling place management](#)
5. [Improve poll worker training and strengthen poll worker requirements](#)

#### **Activities include:**

- Speaking on behalf of the LWFNC at the Public Hearing on this bill
- Letter writing campaign

### **Together NC**

LWFNC is a founding partner in the coalition of over 120 advocacy groups, service providers and professional associations, that believes that elected officials must maintain and build upon public investments like education, health, and infrastructure by taking a practical approach to our economy and our state budget, one that includes not only careful spending cuts but also new revenues.

#### **Activities include:**

- Meeting with legislators on advocacy day and at home in local districts
- Letter writing campaign

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**Democracy NC Legislative Agenda** – LWWNC is a coalition partner:

- Protect basic voting rights In NC: Help us fight attempts to roll back voting rights for millions of North Carolinians
- Protect judicial campaign financing: We will fight to protect public campaign financing of statewide judicial races.
- Fight back against CITIZENS UNITED: We're backing efforts on many levels to minimize the effects of Citizens United on our democracy.
- Demand transparency and stronger ethics: We are working with the [North Carolina Coalition for Lobbying and Government Reform](#) to increase transparency and bring stronger ethics to state government.
- Fix the Presidential Campaign Financing Program: We applaud David Price (D-NC) for introducing [a bill that updates the Presidential Public Funding program.](#)

**2011 Spectrum of Democracy Awards** given by NC Center for Voter Education

**NBC-17 - Outstanding Media Organization.** In 2010, Raleigh-based [NBC-17](#) excelled in providing citizens with comprehensive coverage of the candidates courting their vote.

**Partnering with the League of Women Voters of North Carolina,** NBC-17 presented a series of in-depth, televised congressional and senatorial debates moderated by anchor and political reporter Kim Genardo. These debates spanned last year's primary, runoff and general elections.

*Submitted by Kathleen Balogh*

# PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

From LWV-NC Convention 1999 Workbook and LWV-US Convention 2000 Workbook

All convention business is accomplished by making, debating and acting upon motions. Once a topic has been introduced by a main motion, seconded and stated by the chair, it is normally before the delegate body for action. However, at League conventions, some business is introduced at one meeting, with action to continue at a later time. This enables communication and caucuses to take place among delegates before final decisions are made. Program and budget are examples of such League business.

While a main motion is pending on the floor, several subsidiary and incidental motions can be made that must be decided before the main motion is acted upon. This means each succeeding motion can be made, if in order, while prior motions are pending. A few such motions are discussed below.

## **To Amend (debatable, majority vote)**

A motion can be amended by inserting or adding, by striking out, or by striking out and inserting. Amendments must be germane – that is, related to the subject of the motion. A negative cannot be inserted to accomplish what can be done by voting against a motion.

*Madam president, I move to amend the motion by adding the words...*

*I move to amend the motion by striking out the words...*

A motion can be amended several times, but each amendment must be considered individually and imposed of before proceeding to the next.

An amendment can itself be amended once. Substantial changes in wording should be done through amendment by substitution.

*I move to substitute the words... for the words...*

Amendments of any length should be in writing.

Once all amendments have been acted upon, a vote is taken on the motion "as amended" or as originally made if no amendment has been adopted.

## **To Refer (debatable, majority vote)**

This motion is appropriate if more information or extensive rewording is necessary and could best be accomplished by a few delegates.

*I move to refer this matter to a committee of*

*three appointed by the chair to report back to the convention by tomorrow morning.*

## **To Postpone Definitely (debatable, majority vote)**

This motion can be used to delay action to a more opportune time when new information is available or other decisions have been made. The motion should include the place on the agenda when the action is to be resumed.

*I move to postpone consideration of this motion until Tuesday morning, after the speaker.*

## **To Limit or Extend Debate (not debatable, two-thirds vote)**

This motion is used when debate needs to be limited as to time or number who wish to be heard, or extended in time, etc.

*I move that debate...*

*...be limited to one minute per speaker.*

*...be limited to five speakers pro and five speakers con.*

*...be extended to ten more speakers, one minute each.*

## **To Close Debate (not debatable, two-thirds vote)**

When debate does not seem to be adding anything to what already has been said, debate may be closed by "moving the previous question". If several motions are pending, such as amendments, a motion to close debate on just the immediately pending question or "all pending questions" may be made. If the motion carries, a vote is taken immediately on the question or questions included in the motion to close debate.

*I move the previous question.*

*I move all pending questions.*

*I call the question.*

## **To Lay on the Table (not debatable, majority vote)**

This motion delays consideration of a matter because something else of an urgent nature interrupts. Although not debatable, a brief explanation of reasons may be given before making the motion.

A motion laid on the table comes back to the convention for action by use of the motion "to take from the table".

## PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE *(continued)*

### To call the Question

To call for a vote on the motion.  
*I call the question.*

### MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

The following motions have no rank and are usually "incidental to the business pending or to convention operations. Some may interrupt other business. There is no debate or vote, and motions are usually ruled by the chair.

### Appeal from the Decision of the Chair

**(Usually debatable, majority vote)**

Any ruling of the chair can be submitted to the delegate body for final determination by this motion, which requires a second. The appeal must be made immediately after the contested ruling and is usually debatable. A majority vote decides. A tie vote sustains the chair's ruling.  
*I appeal the decision of the chair.*

### Division of the Assembly

This requires a standing vote if the voice vote seems inconclusive. A single delegate "calls for a division" and does not need to use a microphone, but must be heard.  
*I call for a division.*

### Motion to Count the Votes (Majority vote)

If a counted vote seems necessary, the delegate makes such a motion, which requires a second and a majority vote, to have the vote retaken by use of vote cards (green for Yes, red for No).  
*I move that the vote on this question be counted.*

### To Reconsider a Vote (Usually debatable, majority vote)

This motion can be made only by a delegate who voted on the prevailing side and on the same or next day as the vote it proposes to reconsider. The motion can be moved within the time limits,

although the vote on the motion may be delayed until a more appropriate time if other business is pending. This motion is usually debatable and requires a majority vote. If the motion to reconsider is adopted, the original motion is again before the delegate body as though a decision had not been reached. A vote can only be considered once. APPROVED BYLAW AMENDMENTS MAY NOT BE RECONSIDERED.

### RED CARD MOTIONS

Red card motions take precedence in acknowledgment by the Chair. The delegate signals the Chair with a red card and is recognized promptly. There is no debate or vote, and motions are usually ruled upon by the chair. The motions may be made only for the following purposes:

### Point of Information

This motion is used to seek urgent information necessary before decisions can be made.  
*Point of Information, please. How much money is in this budget for...?*

### Point of Order

This motion is used when the Convention Rules or proper procedures are not being followed.  
*Point of Order, please. I consider this motion out of order because we have not voted on the amendment.*

### Parliamentary Inquiry

This motion is used to ask for direction or procedure to accomplish a parliamentary maneuver.  
*Parliamentary Inquiry, please. Madam President, is it in order to amend this motion?*

### Question of Privilege

This motion relates to the comfort of the delegates or the operation of the assembly.  
*Question of privilege, please. With so many delegates talking among themselves, we cannot hear the debate.*