



**THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
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# Annual Report

## 2016-2017

*The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.*

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Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor, MI

**League of Women Voters of the Ann Arbor Area**

***2016-2017 Officers and Directors***

**Board Members**

President	Nancy Schewe
Vice President	Jeanine DeLay
Treasurer	Judy Mich
Education Fund Treasurer	Betty Bishop
Program Director	Zoe Behnke
Natural Resources	Shirley Axon

**Off-Board Positions**

Communications	Susan Wooley
Membership Secretary	Rosemary Austgen
Facebook/Social Media	Julie Baker
VOTE411org	Nancy Brucken

**2016-17 Nominating Committee**

Susan Smith  
Mona Walz  
Zoe Behnke (Board Appointed)

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*Annual Meeting Agenda*  
*May 16, 2017*

Call to Order

Adoption of Standing Rules and Agenda

Appointment of Parliamentarian

Approval of the Minutes of May 24, 2016

Report from the President Nancy Schewe

Treasurer's Report Betty Bishop

Proposed Budget for 2017-18 Betty Bishop

Nominating Committee's Report Susan Smith

Election: Officers, Board of Directors and Nominating Committee

Directions to the Board

Adjournment

Standing Rules

1. Voting members must be registered by 7 p.m.
2. Members may speak to a motion for up to two minutes
3. No member shall speak to a motion for a second time until all members who wish to speak have been heard.

A majority of those present and voting at the Annual Meeting shall be required for election of officers and directors, adoption of the recommended budget, and changes to the bylaws.

# ***League of Women Voters of the Ann Arbor Area Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting***

Tuesday, May 24, 2016  
Ladies' Literary Club, Ypsilanti

The LWV-AAA's Annual Business Meeting was called to order by President Nancy Schewe at 7:16 p.m.

President Schewe began by recalling a visioning session held by the League four or five years ago and expressed delight in having the goal of expanding the LWV-AAA reach to Ypsilanti — and how honored the Board was to have Ypsilanti Mayor Amanda M. Edmonds as the 2016 Annual Meeting's keynote speaker.

## Introduction of the Board

President Schewe then recognized members of the Board of Directors and "Off-Board" members:

- Vice President Miriam Borenstein, who was out of town and could not attend this year's annual meeting;
- Treasurer Judy Mich;
- Secretary Harvey Somers;
- Jeanne DeLay, who with Zoe Behnke, had overseen the successful 2015 candidate forums, and was the 2016-17 vice president candidate;
- Membership Chair Zoe Behnke who helped plan tonight's event.
- Education Fund Treasurer Betty Bishop, who was also out of town and unable to attend this meeting.

## Agenda

President Schewe appointed Sue Smith as Parliamentarian for the Annual Meeting.

President Schewe then asked the membership to review the 2015 Annual Business Meeting Minutes (found on pages 5-6 of the Annual Report). There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. Judy Mich moved, and Jeanine DeLay seconded, their adoption. The motion was passed unanimously by the membership.

## President's Report

President Schewe began by reviewing the 2015 "off-year" election year. Two topics in particular — the legislative results of manipulative redistricting and the dangers of "dark money" in campaign financing — were central in the LWV-AAA's public education agenda.

LWV-AAA member and LWV-MI Vice President of Program planning Sue Smith facilitated four educational forums in the Ann Arbor area, 30 town halls meetings and 70 events in all throughout the state in the past year to increase voter awareness about the manipulative and unfair way

electoral districts are drawn in Michigan. The LWV-AAA is part of a statewide coalition which includes such organizations as Common Cause, the Sierra Club and Clean Water Action.

The LWV-MI is advocating the establishment of an independent redistricting commission in lieu of the state legislature as the primary redistricting body. Seven states have already formed politically independent commissions. Already 200,000 voters have signed petitions to get this issue on the Michigan ballot by 2017.

President Schewe also highlighted the LWV-AAA's efforts to increase the public's awareness on how political campaigns are funded. League members convened in January to review study materials and discuss position on study questions, including political campaign funding. Consensus on this issue was submitted to LWV-US to be incorporated into the national LWV position. Later that same month, Rich Robertson, director of the Michigan Campaign Finance Network (MCFN), spoke on the topic of "dark money" in Michigan politics in an event sponsored by the LWV-AAA, Reclaim Our American Democracy (ROAD), and the Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice (ICPJ).

The upcoming (August 2<sup>nd</sup>) state primary and the general (November 8) elections this fall will once again mean a busy schedule of forums for the League, President Schewe observed. She introduced two candidates for local office who were present: Robin Stephens, an attorney who works in the Washtenaw County Public Defender's Office, who is running for a seat on the 14A District Court; and Michael White, one of seven candidates running for 54<sup>th</sup> District state representative.

Volunteers are being sought for several upcoming League efforts, President Schewe announced. These included the fall candidate forums (CTN-TV fora, July 11-13, are being scheduled by Jeanine DeLay and a corresponding Ypsilanti event (date t.b.d.) is being facilitated by Shoshanna Wechter); National Voter Registration Day (September 27); Election Day poll watchers; and the LWV-AAA's Ann Arbor Art Fair (Thursday-Sunday, July 21-24) booth. The upcoming Art Fair will be a terrific opportunity to distribute thousands of bookmarks publicizing Vote411.org to fair goers as well as sell the League's popular t-shirts and lawn signs, President Schewe remarked. Mary Banks will be scheduling volunteers for the Art Fair and sign-up sheets for the other events will also be available following the meeting.

#### Participatory Budgeting Event

Jeanne Delay spoke briefly about an upcoming event (September 29 at the Ann Arbor District Library's Downtown Branch) introducing the participatory budgeting (PB) process. She explained that PB is a way for ordinary citizens to get directly involved in municipal spending by discussing and deciding on whether projects will be promoted and funded. PB has been used in numerous cities the U.S. and Canada as an effective way to increase citizen engagement and promote transparency in local government.

### Treasurer's Report, 2016-17 Budget

Treasurer Judy Mich reviewed the proposed budget (page 9 in the 2015-16 Annual Report), noting that it used rounded amounts from portions of two different fiscal years, cover the dates March 31, 2015, through March 31, 2016. The current balance in the League's Comerica Bank business checking account was \$7,074 (an increase of \$1,851 over the previous year's report). She noted the League was in excellent fiscal health, given the current savings account balance of \$101,175. She noted a few changes, including increase in pre-election advertising (notable an ad in the *Ann Arbor Observer* promoting Vote411.org and radio ads). Treasurer Mich also briefly reviewed the League of Women Voters support infrastructure that included support of the LVW-US, LWV-MI, and two regional LWV-MI leagues.

In the absence of Education Fund Treasurer Betty Bishop, Treasurer Mich noted the when members donated to the LWV-AAA's Education Fund and mark their check as such, their contribution is tax deductible because the monies are used solely for education and *not* advocacy/lobbying.

After briefly reviewing the proposed 2016-2017 budget, Treasurer Mich moved that it be adopted; the motion was seconded by member Sally Allen. It was unanimously passed by the membership.

### Bylaw Changes

Sally Allen reviewed the few proposed changes in the LWV-AAA bylaws. She said that these minor alterations were result in the League's smaller membership, the need for more timely communications, and acknowledgment of changing times. These revisions however, she assured the membership, did not change the League's mission or commitment to its ideals of encouraging an informed and engaged citizenry. Judy Mich made the motion to adopt the revised Bylaws; Jeanine DeLay seconded the motion. No discussion resulted and they unanimously adopted by the membership.

### Slate of Nominees

Jeanine Delay, on behalf of her fellow Nominating Committee members Nancy Brucken and Harvey Somers, presented the slate of nominees to the LWV-AAA Board of Directors. They comprised of Nancy Schewe, continuing in her role as President; Jeanine DeLay, nominated for Vice President; Judy Mich, continuing in her role as Treasurer; and Directors at Large Betty Bishop, Zoe Behnke and Shirley Axon. Jeanine asked the membership for nominations from the floor for the office of secretary and two additional directors. Susan Smith volunteered to chair the nominations committee. The slate of nominees was unanimously passed by acclamation.

There being no other business, President Schewe adjourned the Annual Business Meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Banks

## *President's Report*

The good news this year is that our membership has grown nearly **500%**! Amazing, isn't it? Our League has not had this many members since the 1960s, a similar time of enormous civic engagement and activism.

Our year started last May like any other election year. Throughout the summer we had our usual flurry of registering voters, organizing candidate forums, publishing [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org) and distributing voter guides. On Election Day, we observed and reported on the voting conditions at five precincts. All was business as usual.

Then in January, memberships started to trickle in at the rate of five to ten a day via Paypal and U.S.Mail. The trickle turned to a flood through February and March as we scrambled to assimilate and engage all of the new members. It was a challenge indeed...but a wonderful one. As a result of this influx, our League is in excellent health.

There is much we are proud of this year, but I'd like to focus on two of our programs. First is the emergence of a new League in Tecumseh. The Tecumseh League is currently designated as a geographical unit of our League, but under our mentorship it will eventually become an independent League that will serve the residents of the Tecumseh Area. The second program that should make us proud is the formation of a team of more than sixty presenters to take the LWVMI powerpoint "Should Politicians Choose Their Voters?" to community groups across Washtenaw County. These presentations are designed to educate the public on the issues surrounding redistricting in Michigan and how we might create a better system. Both of these programs were made possible because of the surge in interest in the League and its work.

Here are some of the new and developing programs that we are now able to provide:

- A new League in Tecumseh
- Lunch & Learn
- Issues and Ale
- Outreach to Seniors
- The Great Lakes Team
- Over Sixty Redistricting Presenters
- Legislative Interviews
- New newsletter editors and graphic designers
- Contributing writers for the newsletter
- Our own You Tube channel

Public Events sponsored by the League this year:

- September Participatory Budgeting
- January *Taxes: Is the State legislature playing fair with local governments?* A panel discussion
- February Redistricting: What's Happening in Michigan?
- April *National Popular Voter Compact Explained*
- May *Permanent Land Conservation in a Changing Landscape, Legacy Land Conservancy*

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So what is ahead?

We begin this year with a full board that includes officers and directors from Manchester, Saline, Tecumseh, and Ypsilanti, as well as Ann Arbor. This geographic diversity, together with our over four hundred members, will allow us to expand our services across the county: to sponsor more candidate forums, register more voters, deliver more voter guides, and hold more public meetings. In short, we can get a lot more work done.

Our finances are in good shape as a result of two factors: the surge in membership and past legacy and memorial gifts. This solid foundation frees us from the need to spend time raising funds and allows us to focus on our mission.

In 2020, we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the League of Women Voters. It is an organization of great integrity and a solid record of performance. I want to thank all of you for your effort and dedication to the work of the League.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Schewe

## *Treasurer's Report*

March 31, 2017

### **Fiscal year to date**

LWV-AAA fiscal year runs July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

This report uses rounded amounts from portions of two fiscal years, covering the period April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017.

### **COMERICA BUSINESS CHECKING ACCOUNT**

Balance March 31, 2016 \$ 7,074

#### Income (major sources)

Dues	\$18,790
Contributions	\$ 245
Sales	\$ 1,422
Drawn from Ed Fund	\$ 2,203
Grants	\$ 400

#### Expenditures (major areas)

Operating/Administrative Costs	\$ 3,824
National Convention	\$ 992
PMP (Per Member Payment to US and Michigan)	\$ 3,852
Educational Activities/Voter Service	\$ 6,776

Current Balance (March 31, 2017) \$21,543

### **OTHER ACCOUNTS**

Savings Account (including 2 CDs)	\$ 5,118
Memorial Fund	\$96,304
Education Fund (through LWVUS)	\$ 3,796

More specific details on year-to-date income and expenditures may be found on the proposed budget sheet. The 2017-18 proposed budget sheet shows a comparison of actual income and expenditures with the current 2016-17 operating budget.

As the Interim Treasurer, serving since March 2017, I want to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to Judy Mich who served the LWV-AAA as Treasurer with dedication and devotion for over 25 years. I also want to express my thanks to Zoe Behnke who handled the treasurer’s duties between late October 2016 and March 2017.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Bishop, Interim Treasurer

### ***Education Fund Annual Report***

The Education Fund allows donors to make tax-deductible donations to LWVAAA if the checks are made out to LWVAAA Ed Fund. This fund is used for public education including voter education and information.

During the current LWV year April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017, the Education Fund was used to assist with funding for voter education, a revision of “Your Elected Officials”, and public education meetings on money and budgeting and local government. This came to a total of \$2344.59. Between April 1, 2016 and March 31, 2017 contributions to the Education Fund totaled \$490.00. This is down significantly from previous years. The Ed Fund balance as of April 1, 2017 was \$3796.03.

Betty Bishop  
Education Fund Treasurer

### ***Membership Report***

	May 2015	May 2016	May 2017
Individual Members	57	67	321
Household Members	8	12	79
Honorary Members	1	5	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>409</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Rosemary Austgen

## ***Tecumseh Unit***

A group of women from Tecumseh, led by Jan Salsberry, contacted the LWV-Michigan about starting a League in their city. Christina Schlitt (LWV-MI, Vice President of Membership & MLD Coordinator) contacted the Ann Arbor Area League to be its mentor. Jan Salsberry and four additional women from Tecumseh met at Weber's with Christina Schlitt, Nancy Schewe, and Zoe Behnke. We had a wonderful time discussing the league and the process forming a League of Women Voters in their city.

Moving from a geographical unit to an independent League is a two-year process in which the new unit must meet certain requirements (each year). Initially, the Tecumseh Unit will be a part of our league. We will also be responsible to make sure their dues are paid to the state and national leagues and will be helping them with candidate forms, *Your Elected Officials* pamphlet, and programs such as "Lunch and Learn". One of their members will serve on the board of LWVAAA.

Zoe Behnke will be the mentor for the Tecumseh Unit. Zoe and Nancy will travel to Tecumseh to attend an initial membership meeting for the Tecumseh Unit on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Paula Manley, MLD Coach for Ann Arbor Area/Tecumseh, will be joining us and presenting an overview of how the League works, Zoe will discuss the history and Ann Arbor Area, and Nancy will be discussing the current activities of LWVAAA. We will have membership forms available for people to join the League, as well as League T-Shirts and literature.

Zoe will keep the members up to date of the happenings of the Tecumseh Unit via the newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,  
Zoe Behnke

## ***Redistricting Education Project***

I accepted the position of Redistricting Project Coordinator in March. After training programs in Ypsilanti (6, at a date I do not know) and in Ann Arbor on March 22 (50) and April 1 (22) this year, we have close to 80 trained presenters. The concept is that these trained members of LWVAAA will make presentations to their friends, neighbors, book clubs, churches, etc.

Sue Smith worked with LWVMI to create a PowerPoint presentation, and Sue wrote notes to accompany the slides which a great assist to presenters.

Sue Smith and Nancy Schewe found or created a set of handouts for presenters to use, and I now have a supply of them, which I am happy to take to anyone making a presentation.

A development we did not initially plan for is that LWVAAA is getting requests from outside LWVAAA for presentations, for example from the Saline District Library and from local “Indivisible” groups. I aim to provide speakers to these groups.

I created three email groups (one for each of the trained groups) and a spreadsheet to keep track of requests for presentations. I wrote a set of instructions for presenters, which emphasizes the need to stick to the prepared material and direct questions to Nancy. I created a short list of “other resources” (3 books and a website) for presenters.

Through April 30, we presented to 183 people (5 presentations, the largest 100 at AADL as part of Rep. Rahbi’s panel on redistricting)

There are 12 presentations scheduled between now and August 6<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret Leary

### ***Program Planning***

LWV-AAA participated in the LWV-MI Government Finance Study, the purpose of which was to update its current position on taxation and budgeting in Michigan. LWV-MI provided us with a power point on government financing in Michigan, consensus questions, and background information for each of the questions. We were also given a response form on which to report our results.

Our League co-sponsored a public forum with the Ann Arbor District Library on January 26, 2017 titled: *Taxes: Is the State Legislature Playing Fair with Local Governments?* Sue Smith, LWV-MI VP, presented the power point, which was followed by a panel of financial officers from different levels of local government.

Washtenaw County: Gregory Dill, County Administrator  
City of Ann Arbor: Tom Crawford, Chief Financial Officer  
Pittsfield Township: Mandy Grewal, Township Supervisor

The panelists described how the Michigan Legislature’s revenue sharing policies and budgets have affected their city, county, or township and how they were meeting those challenges.

On Saturday, February 4th, League members spent two hours discussing the consensus questions and deciding whether to respond Yes, No, or No Consensus to each. We also had the option of sending in comments on each question.

Delegates at the 2017 LWV-MI Biennial Convention will vote on the recommended update to our position on Government Finance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Schewe

## ***Voter Service***

### **Voter Registration**

Between September 2nd and October 5th, thirty League members and friends registered voters at locations across the county including Brookhaven Manor, Chelsea Farmers Market, Ypsilanti Farmers Market, Ann Arbor Farmers Market, and both the Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti District Libraries.

### **Poll Watching**

Betty Bishop and Nancy Schewe directed our local League participation in the Public Advocacy Voter Protection (PAVP) Project of LWVMI. Essentially, our league trained and fielded 24 volunteers to watch five different polling places across Ann Arbor and report on voting conditions, such as length of lines, handicapped accessibility, clarity of process, etc.

There were no major incidents of intimidation anywhere, but there were several cases in which voter registrations had arrived at the clerk's office past the deadline for registration and those voters were not registered for this election. The biggest problems were with optical scanners that stuck and caused backups in the process. Poll workers, with few exceptions, were well-trained and helpful.

### **VOTE411.org**

Our online voter guide, [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org), contained information on every single race and proposal across the entire county and up through the national races: village, city, township, library district, school district, county, state and nation. We had a record number of visits to the site as well, with 31,407 voters looking to the League for balanced, nonpartisan information to help them make informed choices at the polls.

### **LWVMI State Voter Guide**

Thank you to Sue Smereck for coordinating the delivery of 6000 LWVMI paper Voter Guides to district libraries and senior residences across Washtenaw County.

### **Your Elected Officials brochure**

Following the 2016 election, we revised, printed and delivered 5000 YEOs to district libraries and senior residences across the county

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Schewe

## ***Candidate Forums***

### **Overview**

In 2016, The League organized and hosted or co-hosted 17 candidate fora, 2 issues fora and 1 event. The candidate fora included contests at all levels--and covered both primaries and the general election. For the most part, the fora were broadcasts from CTN. Four fora were at different venues. The U.S. Representative District 7 forum was at the Chelsea Retirement Community; the Water Street Millage forum was held at the EMU Conference Center; the Participatory Budget presentation was at the Ann Arbor Public Library and the U.S. Representative District 12 forum took place at Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub. All told, we hosted 55 candidates between July and October.

### **Volunteers**

The candidate and issue fora require question writers and vetters; timers; moderators; greeters and a League representative to introduce the forum. Each forum requires at least 5 League volunteers. In the early summer Nancy Schewe and Jeanine DeLay attended a moderator training session conducted by the state League. It was very helpful. Indeed, I would encourage anyone who plans to be a moderator at our fora to prepare by reading the moderator training manual. This is a practice we have not required before, but I think it would be valuable going forward.

This year, we asked for questions from a wider pool of individuals. For example, we asked a former WCC trustee to contribute questions for the WCC forum. That said, given our new member strength, and interest expressed by a few new members, I think we should broaden our question writer/vetter group. The questions in our fora can be quite uneven. We should seek to improve and strengthen our questions to the candidates every year.

### **Publicity**

We created our own YouTube channel account this year. This was particularly helpful for the outside the CTN venue fora. The very busy and complicated schedule of events was publicized via our website and thru email notices sent to members and friends. Mary Banks served as our publicist to media outlets. We also made use of the newsletter to promote the fora...which we called the "Tour de Candidates." In addition, Julie Baker increased our social media presence on Facebook and Twitter. Finally, Nancy Schewe and Jeanine DeLay were interviewed by CTN about the longstanding CTN/League candidate/issue forum partnership.

In 2017, it will be important to continue expanding our channels. Again, given the number of new members with these skills, I expect we will reach a larger audience.

## **Successes**

The major success this year was the Ann Arbor term extension forum on CTN which featured the Ann Arbor Greenhills School debate team, conducting an Oxford style debate with member John Chamberlin as moderator. The total number of views was 3,270. As a result, we are planning to continue with additional school debate teams taking sides on various ballot proposals. CTN is very supportive of this approach.

In addition, the U.S. Representative District 12 forum was successful only because we managed to have all 5 candidates participating. Further, this won our League some approval from third party candidates, all of whom were grateful to have a public platform to air their views. This was difficult to do, as increasingly, candidates are making tactical and strategic decisions to forego or selectively attend public fora.

## **Challenges**

Generally, local races bring all candidates out. As noted above, however, it is critical to ensure that candidates do not manipulate or subvert the election process by making feeble excuses about not being able to participate in League sponsored fora.

It is also up to the League to continue to build more substantive question databases and to train moderators such that they are regarded as objective and fair-minded. And to maintain and strengthen our tradition of including all candidates in our fora. Finally, The League should continue to establish partnerships with various organizations, such as the one with the A2Y Chamber for the Water Street Millage Forum and the Participatory Budgeting event (and informational event) with 2 local nonprofits, when such beneficial-to-the-League opportunities arise.

To be sure, I look forward to working with new members on expanding and broadening our forum presence in the area.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanine DeLay

## *Communications*

Sharing our news with members and the community is critical to the League's effectiveness. This year communications has grown from simply a website and email and now incorporates Facebook, Twitter and YouTube in our electronic messaging system. Member Jesse Miller, a professional videographer, recorded candidate forums and the recent National Popular Vote talk and these are posted to YouTube with more videos in development (check the website for links to these.) The LWV-AAA Facebook page is edited by Julie Baker. You can send your LWV-AAA photos and comments to her at [Facebook@lwwannarbor.org](mailto:Facebook@lwwannarbor.org). Our monthly newsletter is being prepared by members Dharma Akmon and Sarah Koza working as editor and layout specialist. They assemble articles and news from numerous members and send the letter out electronically each month. We are using Constant Contact for email. Three members, Myrna Hadwick, Sue Walker and Chris Samida, are keeping our mailing list current and preparing and sending announcements and notices. We are not neglecting the print media; our publicist Mary Seelhorst prepares and sends out notices to publications throughout the county. And two members, Ann Hendrick and Holly Fischer, who are professional graphic designers are helping our messages to be attractive and consistent. Today the Communications Team includes eleven talented LWV members, each contributing their skills to the LWV mission.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Wooley

## ***Bylaws Revisions***

During the 2016 LWVUS National Convention, delegates approved amendments to Article III, Section 2 of the bylaws pertaining to Types of Membership. Requirements around voting membership in League were changed. Voting membership is now open to non-citizens and to individuals 16 years of age or older. As League policy requires “consistency” in the first three articles of the bylaws of all Leagues, this memorandum explains how state and local Leagues and ILOs should amend their own bylaws to reflect those of LWVUS.

### The previous language read:

Article III, Section 2. Types of Membership.

A. Voting Members. Citizens at least 18 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local Leagues, state Leagues and of the LWVUS; (1) individuals who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League; (2) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large; (3) those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues.

B. Associate Members. All others who join the League shall be associate members.

### The new language as approved at the LWVUS National Convention reads:

#### **ARTICLE III: Membership**

Sec. 1. Eligibility. Any person who subscribes to the purposes and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership.

Sec. 2. Article III, Section 2. Types of Membership.

A. Voting Members. Persons at least 16 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local Leagues, state Leagues, and of the LWVUS; (1) those who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League; (2) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large; (3) those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues.

B. Associate Members. All others who join the League shall be associate members

## ***Proposed Budget***

## *Slate of Nominees*

2017-18 Slate of Candidates for:

LWV-AAA Officers, Board of Directors and Nominating Committee

### Officers:

Co-President: Sally Allen

Co-President: Nancy Schewe

Treasurer: Betty Bishop

Education Fund Treasurer: Barbara Brown

Secretary: Sue Smereck

### Directors:

Zoe Behnke, Program

Roxanne Chan, Member at Large

Jeanine DeLay, Candidate Forums

Carolyn Madden, Member at Large

Jan Salsberry, Member at Large

Joan Sampieri, Member at Large

Jennifer Schlicht, Member at Large

Susan Wooley, Communications

### Nominating Committee:

Susan Baskett

Paige Nong

Submitted by 2016-17 Nominating Committee

Zoe Behnke

Mona Walz

Susan Smith, Chair

## *In Memoriam*



Judith Greasley Mich

1942-2017

Our beloved Judy Mich died on February 2, 2017. We will miss her intelligence, her warmth, her great generosity, and her good spirit. She was a faithful League member for many, many years and has left behind some very big shoes to fill.

Below is Judy's obituary. You can hear her voice in every line because, of course, she wrote it herself. That was Judy.

On February 2, 2017 Judith Greasley Mich passed quietly to her next home from the Ann Arbor home she had shared with her husband Thomas F. Mich for forty-three years and most recently with Benedict (Buddy) Mich in the long line of Bubba, Amanda Bubba, and Edward Amanda Bubba Mich. Judy was born to Marie (Immel) and Clarence Greasley, both second-generation European immigrants, in northwest Chicago, where she lived with her brother Phil (Dr. Philip A. Greasley) (Marsha). It was a small and caring family, full of love and books, where one went to the lake cabin, not Disney World, and where no one said, "I love you," every minute because everyone already knew it. After studying, meeting, marrying (July 1966), and moving multiple times, Judy and Tom settled in to Tom's dream pharmaceutical job and Judy's Big 10 dream town in the Great Lakes region. For over thirty years, Judy worked in teaching, testing, and administration for Ann Arbor Public Schools. Tom died in October 2012. Everything changed. A wonderful life, truly blessed, with nephew Mark Philip and niece Karen Marsha, "renta-kids" Robin, Holly, and Nicole, and too many friends and groups and causes to mention. No regrets. No flowers please.

Farewell, dear friend.

**LWVAAA Members Recognized as  
Honorary Life Members**

Shirley Axon

Mary Hathaway

Bernice (Sunny) Morse