

Minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting of the LWV L-DC

19 April 2014, Smith Center at Brandon Woods

Summary of Business Transactions. During the business meeting, the membership:

- Adopted a budget that included a raise to the Stucky Award (from \$750 to \$1000) and assumes fundraising sufficient to account for our new dues structure.
- Adopted proposed changes to articles IV and IX of our bylaws. New language to Article IX describes how we adopt a program, what that program is comprised of (action, positions, studies), and how we can change our positions.
- Formally adopted the dues structure essentially in effect since the previous December. Although our annual per member payments to LWVUS and LWVK are \$49, most membership levels are significantly lower and all are merely suggested. No one will be denied membership because s/he is unable to pay the suggested dues.
- Elected Cille King and Carrie Lindsey to one-year terms as Co-President and Vice President; Debra Duncan and Austin Turney to two-year year terms on the Board of Directors; and Mary Lou Wright (Chair), Sharon Brown, and Carladyne Conyers to the nominating committee. Continuing members of the Board of Directors are Margaret Arnold, Caroljean Brune, James Dunn, Midge Grinstead and Marlene Merrill; members of the executive committee are Treasurer Marjorie Cole and Secretary Caleb Morse. There were no nominees for the other Co-President, President-Elect, and one vacant seat on the Board of Directors. Two board members will be appointed to the nominating committee by the board of directors at a later date.
- Adopted two studies:
 1. A study of local economic development policy, to be chaired by David Burress
 2. A study of policy to support the development of one more entities that would supplement the reporting of local news, to be chaired by Alan Cowles

Luncheon Speaker. Prior to commencement of the business meeting, League member and State Senator Marci Francisco, our featured speaker for the luncheon, talked about fairness in taxation and other issues that had arisen during the current legislative session. League is interested in a 3-legged stool of tax policy, in which state and local governments generate revenue from a reasonable mix of property, sales and income taxes. Recent changes to eligibility requirements for food tax credits, the homestead exemption, and other tax rebate programs that favor low-income Kansas means that Kansas tax policy is becoming less equitable. Measured as a share of income, tax liability increased by 1.3% for the poorest 20% of Kansas during 2012–2013. For the next poorest 20% of Kansans, taxes went down by 0.1% only, while for the top 1%, taxes dropped by 2.2%.

A large number of Kansans have been essentially denied health insurance by the Legislature's decision not to expand Medicaid. In Kansas, the bar to enroll in Medicaid has been rather low historically, so Kansas would stand to benefit quite a bit from expansion.

However, the Legislature has been vocal about not allowing Federal government expansion and intrusion in state affairs, even as it insists on state intrusion into local affairs. The issue of fairness extends well beyond issues of tax liability and access to health care, however, to procedural issues on the floor of Legislature; elimination of due process for K-12 teachers (but not instructors at technical schools and community colleges); and the attempt to change laws regarding conservation easements, to name just a few.

Introductions and Announcements. President David Burress introduced guest Gwen Elliott, State Membership and Leader Development Coach for Salina and Lawrence-Douglas County Leagues; new members present: Alan Cowles (who has agreed to serve as our representative on the Kansas board for the LWV), Debra Duncan, Ellen Paulsen, and Melissa Wick; and lifetime members Present: Lynn Bodle, Marilyn Chamberlin, Audrey Kamb-Studdard, Lee Ketzler, Mary Miller, Genny Weston, and Eleanor Wenger.

Minutes of the Business meeting.

David called the business meeting to order at 1:13 p.m.

Presentation and Adoption of Order of Business. Secretary Caleb Morse read the Order of Business as printed in the meeting program. Caleb (Ruth Lichtwardt) moved to adopt the Order of Business. Marjorie Cole noted that Bob Duver was not present at the time the meeting began and suggested a volunteer should replace him on the Committee to Read the Meeting Minutes. Ruth volunteered (and was subsequently appointed). There were no other comments and the motion carried unanimously.

Appointments. David announced the appointments of Parliamentarian Marci Francisco and Committee to Read the Minutes Audrey Kamb-Studdard and Ruth Lichtwardt.

Attendance Report. Caleb reported that, at the time of the beginning of the business meeting, 32 members in good standing and 1 guest (Gwen Elliott) were present. He announced that the quorum of 15% of members in good standing (19 of 131), required in order to transact business of the organization, was present.

Presentation of the Meeting Guidelines. Marci read the Proposed Meeting Guidelines as printed in the program; Marci (Alan Cowles) moved adoption. There was no discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes. David noted that last year's review committee, comprised of Ruth Lichtwardt and Jeanne Mann, had reviewed and approved the minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting, which were filed in the secretary's minute's book where they are available for inspection by any member. As there was no objection, we dispensed with reading the minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting. Minutes for the 2014 Annual Meeting will be referred to the Committee to Read the Minutes for approval.

Report of the President. David offered some comments as outgoing Co-President, noting that Kansas is at the center of an attack on voting rights. The state's new proof of citizenship requirement has put the status of 20,000 voters in suspense. League is working to remedy this in Douglas County and around the state, but without much success. One thing we have

documented, however, is just how difficult it is to register to vote in the state. Resolution will probably require lawsuits and appeals. Attacks on voting rights in Kansas and across the country are grounded in appeals to states' rights, but are one manifestation of the strategy of opposition destruction, which employ attacks on the legitimacy of the opposition and on opposition organizations, on free expression, on citizenship as an activity, and on access to courts.

League has positions opposing all five branches of this most undemocratic kind of campaign. So, we are part of a broad movement defending democracy. We are part of the resistance. So, how effective are we? League is small, and we usually aspire to do more than we can. We're limited by membership (and active members), leadership, money, and ideas. Though LWV L-DC never lacks for ideas, is presently in pretty good shape for money, and is about to adopt a new dues structure designed to attract a new and more diverse membership, we need leaders to expand and execute plans and ideas. Unless we can grow our leadership base, we'll continue to spend too much time working on smaller projects just to keep running.

Report of the Treasurer. Marjorie presented some comments on the Financial Report and Proposed Budget as printed in the program. The Proposed Budget included a raise to the Stucky Fund award to \$1000 because \$750 just doesn't go very far today. LWVUS will allow us to use the remainder of our Judiciary Grant award for website if we post info on the Kansas judiciary. We currently pay \$200 per year from the grant to League EasyWeb for support. We can now use Education Fund money to pay for half of our per-member payments (PMPs). Carol Klinknett asked if she could pay her dues after the meeting; she could. There were no other questions.

Report of the Financial Audit. Sue Himes had audited the League's Financial Records for 2013-2014; her report was printed in the program. Margaret Arnold (Eleanor Wenger) moved to accept the motion. There was no discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

Presentation and Adoption of Budget. Marjorie presented the proposed 2014-2015 General Account Budget. She noted that difference between dues for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 League years would have to be made up by a fundraiser, should the reduced dues structure be approved. She explained that category "administration" included the cost of post office box rental and other incidentals; "hospitality" is mostly for luncheons (which are also mostly self-sustaining); "printing" this year would be for printed copies of *The VOTER* and voter guides. Our PMPs would come from general fund (half) and EdFund (half). LWV L-DC planned on sending two members to 2014 LWVUS Convention, at an estimated cost of \$2600 for registration and transportation. Marjorie (Melissa Wick) moved adoption of the 2014-2015 Budget as printed in the program. James Dunn asked if there was a line included for next year's LWVK Convention (to be held in Lawrence in April, 2015). Cille King replied that that Convention should pay for itself (and that other costs would be included in next year's budget). David noted that the EdFund should drop to \$0, but net income should result in about a \$600 profit. There were no further questions and no discussion. David

reminded us that the budget assumes adoption of the new dues structure. The motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Changes to Bylaws. Caleb (Alan) moved to dispense with reading of the proposed revisions to Article IV (Board of Directors) and Article IX (Program), as printed in the program. Alan Black asked if they were the same as those distributed out previously via the list serve; they were. There was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously. Austin Turney asked if there was a sort of executive summary available. David responded No, but that he should have provided this. His explanation was that there was some pretty opaque language about how we deal with Program in our current bylaws, so he (David) wrote up what we actually do as bylaws for Article IX. He included language describing how we adopt Program, along with what Program is comprised of (action, positions, studies). Although the tradition is that we can't make a change to position without study, this was not clear in the bylaws. Caleb (Marcy) moved to adopt the proposed changes as printed in the program, with the correction of "=" (Section 5d) to an apostrophe. There was no discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

Establishment of 2014–2015 Dues. David drew our attention to proposed 2014–2015 dues structure, as printed in the program. Alan noted that PMP is \$49, and would not be covered by half of the proposed membership assessments. Laura Routh argued that she supported the change, because dropping our dues may increase membership and broaden diversity of the membership. Caleb (Laura) moved to adopt the proposed dues structure. There was no discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

Report of the Nominating Committee; Election and Installation of New Officers. Caleb read the relevant bylaws Section 3 of Nomination and Election: "Article VIII. Nominations and Elections: Section 3. Elections. *The election shall be by ballot, provided that when there is but one nominee for each office, the Secretary may be instructed to cast the ballot for every nominee. A majority vote of those qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.*" Sharon: Brown, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, presented the following nominations: for Co-President, Cille King; for Vice-President, Carrie Lindsey (to complete the second year of a two-year term begun by Marcy Francisco); for Treasurer, Marjorie Cole (first year of a two-year term); for Director, Debra Duncan and Austin Turney (each first year of a two-year term); for Nominating Committee, Mary Lou Wright (Chairperson), Sharon Brown, Carladyne Conyers. There were no nominees for the second Co-President, President-Elect, or one vacant seat on the Board of Directors. Continuing in the second year of a two-year term were Secretary Caleb Morse, and Directors Margaret Arnold, Caroljean Brune, James Dunn, Midge Grinstead, and Marlene Merrill. David thanked Sharon and the Nominating Committee for their efforts and hard work. He reread the name of each nominee and solicited further nominations from the floor. No further nominations were made. Sharon (Lee Ketzel) moved to have the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the slate of nominees. There was no discussion and the motion carried unanimously. David asked the newly elected members to come forward and asked them if they would uphold the principles of the League and whether they agreed to perform the offices of the League to the best of their ability. The answer to both questions

being “yes”, David pronounced them as fully invested as officers of the League. With that, David presented Co-President Cille King with the gavel and wished her well in her new role.

LWV-US 2014-2016 Biennial Program Planning. Cille announced that, by the time of Annual Meeting, the deadline had already passed for participation in national program planning. However, prior to the deadline, the LWVL-DC Board of Directors had sent input to LWVUS recommending against adopting any new studies.

LWVL-DC 2014-2016 Biennial Program Planning. David (Ruth) moved not to read the bylaws pertaining to Program as just adopted. There was no discussion and the motion carried, with David dissenting. David summarized the recommended proposals for program. LWV L-DC presently has no policy on economic development, so David had volunteered to lead a study (1a, as printed in the program). Meanwhile, Alan had volunteered to lead a study of local news (1b). Several other suggested studies were not recommended by the Board (2a-b in the program). David (Laura) moved to adopt the 2014-2016 Biennial Program as printed in the program.

Lee asked about 1b [“In view of the faltering diminishing capabilities of our one local newspaper, a study of policy to support the development of one or more nonprofit agencies that would report the local news.”], noting that it sounded like an attack on how well the *Lawrence Journal-World* has been functioning. She wondered whether there was any evidence that non-profit news is working elsewhere. Cille replied that the study would be in the interest in more in-depth study of issues important to League. David asked if different wording would make it better. Mary Miller opined that studies should be about issues that can be affected by government. Alan thought that there is real concern about the *LJ-W*. For instance, the Douglas County Health Department successfully hid the improper termination of an employee and a \$750K lawsuit, still unreported in the local news, in clear violation of Kansas Open Meetings Act. Why? He suggested a couple of theories. Carol asked how Alan knew the *LJ-W* refused to report on it. Alan replied that he has written reports on KOMA violations, had met with representatives of the *LJ-W* about it, but still there had been no reporting on the issue. Alan offered that it would be good for the citizenry to have more than one source of community information, even though the *LJ-W* has done good work in many areas. Laura thought that the *LJ-W* avoids printing stories that may create an uncomfortable dynamic between members of the community. She provided an example from recent downtown development, in which the developer was given preferential treatment denied to the public; the *LJ-W* wouldn’t touch the issue. Eleanor noted that still doesn’t address the concern raised by Lee. Lynn Bodle suggested striking the first clause [“In view of the faltering diminishing (sic) capabilities of our one local newspaper”] from the statement of Program.

Debra Duncan (Melissa) moved to change 1b [strike “In view of the faltering diminishing (sic) capabilities of our one local newspaper”, change “a study of policy to support the development of one or more nonprofit agencies that would report the local news” to “a study of policy to support the development of one or more nonprofit agencies

that would supplement the reporting of local news”]. David requested unanimous consent to adopt the amended language. Alan asked if “organization” would be better than “agencies”. Marguerite Lohrenz asked for clarification as to whether we vote on Program as a whole, or one item at a time. Marci added that, if Program should involve something that the government can take action on, the concern then becomes that government may become involved in news reporting, the last thing one would want. Melissa suggested striking “nonprofit agencies” and substituting “entity”. Marilyn Chamberlain asked if we should focus on our position supporting open government, rather than on focus on action regarding additional reportage. Cille noted Alan would be willing to lead the study, and has already been frustrated by inaction regarding Open Meetings enforcement. Alan added that we really needed to focus on a second news source. David (Margaret Arnold) proposed a substitute motion employing “entity” [*i.e.*, “a study of policy to support the development of one or more nonprofit entities that would supplement the reporting of local news”]. James Dunn suggested dropping “nonprofit”, which David accepted as a friendly amendment. Carol asked if we shouldn’t put in the word “written” somewhere. David replied that it could be an outcome. Lynn called the question. There was no objection to bringing the substitute motion to immediate vote and it carried unanimously. David moved to separate votes on part 1a and part 1b. It was so ordered by Cille.

Vote on part 1a. Laura asked what is meant by “local economic policy”? What is implied? David thought that the study itself would dictate what is included. There was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

Vote on part 1b. Caleb reread the proposed study as amended: “A study of policy to support the development of one or more entities that would supplement the reporting of local news.” Eleanor thought “entities” would give us a problem. There was no further discussion and the motion carried, with three members dissenting.

There were no motions to support adopting non-recommended studies printed in the program as 2a and 2b.

Vote on part 3 [“All currently existing LWV L – DC policies and action initiatives are recommended to continue in effect.”]. Alan asked why we needed to vote on this. David explained we needed to vote because it was so moved. There was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

With regard to ongoing education, study, and action initiatives, Alan noted that LWV L-DC is already participating in the Lawrence Pedestrian Coalition and asked if we have an appointed representative. David explained that Caroljean Brune had been representing League, but we need a replacement. Alan volunteered to be our representative and was duly appointed.

James asked about the ongoing action initiative titled “possible continued participation in the Voter Education Coalition”. David thought James could make a motion or instruct the Board to continue its involvement. James (Carol) moved to continue our participation in the VEC. Cille provided a recent history that during last election cycle VEC decided not to include third party candidates, at which point League decided we could not

continue our participation. However, new VEC committee chairs include Patrick Wilbur and Scott Criqui, so it seems likely that third party candidates would be included. Further, it looks like this will be largely a League organization. James noted that the upcoming election will be nonpartisan, so we could change our decision next year. David suggested dropping the motion, because it takes away authority from the Board to decide based on the information available. James clarified that the reason for his motion is the word “possible” in the title. Marguerite asked about what this means for League responsibilities, should we choose not to be involved. David called the question. There was no further discussion, but the results of a voice vote were unclear. Cille explained the vote. With a show of hands, there were 6 Yes votes, and an overwhelming majority of Nos, and the motion failed. Cille noted that for now, League has remained a member and, unless something changes, we will continue to be.

Direction to the Board. David directed the Board to give careful consideration to separating Annual Meeting from a \$15 meal, since this is still prohibitively expensive for some members. He suggested considering alternative models, such as a (cost-free) potluck meal. Marci suggested that, if future meetings are to include a silent auction, the Board announce them beforehand.

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Caleb Morse, 16 February 2015.

Comments received from: Marjorie Cole.

CONTENTS OF THE 2014 ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM ARE PRINTED BELOW.

League of Women Voters of Lawrence–Douglas County

Annual Membership Meeting



April 19, 2014
Smith Center, Brandon Woods
Lawrence, Kansas

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization encouraging the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influencing public policy through education and advocacy.

Past Presidents League of Women Voters Lawrence–Douglas County

1931–32	Mrs. H. B. Chubb	1983–85	Margaret Bearse
1932–33	Mrs. George Beal	1985–87	Eleanor Woodyard
1933–34	Miss Agnes Thompson	1987–88	marci francisco
1935–37	Mrs. C. F. Nelson	1988–89	Barbara Neff
1937–38	Mrs. T. D. Prentice	1989–90	Helen Fluker
1938–39	Mrs. Carroll Clark	1990–91	Jane Gnojek
1940–41	Mrs. John Stutz	1991–92	Nancy Ares
1942–43	Mrs. L. E. Anderson	1992–93	Mary P. Miller
1943	Mrs. H. L. Reedy	1993–94	Aline Holtzman
1943–45	Mrs. C. F. Nelson	1994–96	Caroljean Brune
1945–47	Mrs. Karl Kreider	1994–96	Caroljean Brune
1947	Mrs. Glen Richardson	1996–97	Milton Scott
1947–48	Mrs. Marvin LeSuer	1997–98	Ruth Lichtwardt
1948–49	Mrs. Philip Degance	1998–99	Jinny Ashlock
1949–51	Johanna Kollmorgan	1999–00	Carrie Moore
1951–52	Virginia Seaver	2000–01	Milton Scott & Aline Holtzman
1952–54	Mary Y. Allen	2001–02	Milton Scott
1954–55	Millie Barrett	2002–04	marci francisco
1955–56	Veda Gibson	2004–05	Caleb Morse
1956–57	Mervyn Anderson	2005–06	Carrie Lindsey
1957–59	Donna Heller	2006–07	Rusty Thomas
1960–61	Mrs. George Reedy	2007–08	Paula Schumacher
1961–63	Marnie Argersinger	2008–09	Carrie Lindsey
1963–65	Emily Camin	2009–10	Kay Hale & Diane Oakes
1965–67	Mabel Stuckey	2010–11	Brooke Goc
1967–69	Tensie Oldfather	2011–12	Kay Hale
1969–71	Margie McKinney	2012–13	Carrie Lindsey & Melinda Henderson
1971–73	Harriet Nehring	2013–14	David Burress & Cille King
1973–75	Marilyn Bradt		
1979–81	Helen Fluker		
1981–83	Janet Myer & Janet Roth		

Life Members

League members of 50 or more years

Marnie Argersinger

Peggy Baker

Lynne Bodle

Marilyn Bradt

Sarah Casad

Marilyn Chamberlin

Carolynn Crawford

Della Hadley

Sue Himes

Audrey Kamb-Studdard

Lee Ketzal

Betty Lichtwardt

Margie McKinney

Mary Miller

Virginia Seaver

Violet Smith

Jane Volker

Eleanor Wenger

Genny Weston

In Memoriam

League members who passed away this year

Nancy Dunn

Danny Drury

Carol Nalbandian

Marian Warriner

Carol Worth

2014 LWV L/DC

Annual Meeting Program

Silent auction (runs continuously)

Lunch

Guest Speaker: marci francisco

Introductions and Announcements

Call to Order

Organization of Meeting:

Adoption of the Order of Business

Appointment of Parliamentarian (p. 14)

Appointment of Committee to Read the Minutes (p. 14)

Attendance Report

Adoption of Meeting Guidelines (p. 3)

Report of 2012 Minutes Committee

President's Report (pp. 6-7)

Financial Report (p. 4)

Financial Audit (p 3)

Proposed Budget (pp. 8-9, center of booklet)

Proposed Changes to Bylaws (pp. 10-12)

Establishment of 2014-2015 Dues (p. 14)

Report from the Nominating Committee (p. 5)

Call for Nominations

Election and Installation of Officers

Adoption of 2014-2016 Biennial Program (p. 13)

Directions to the Board

Adjourn

Silent auction closes and settles

Proposed Meeting Guidelines

1. After the chair has recognized a member, the member states his or her name before speaking on the subject.
2. A member wishing to speak a second time on a subject should wait until all wishing to speak to that subject have had an opportunity to do so.
3. A member wishing to respond to a comment by another member should address those remarks through the chair.
4. Motions generally should be put in writing on blanks provided for this purpose, signed by the mover, and sent to the secretary. Exceptions are brief motions, such as to adopt the *order of business*, which are clear to the members.

Statement of Financial Audit

I examined the financial records of the League of Women Voters of Lawrence–Douglas County for the period April 1, 2013–March 31, 2014. My review included the following accounts: Checking, Money Market, Judiciary Grant, Stucky Fund, and LWV-Education Fund.

I looked at revenue and expenditures and traced beginning and ending cash balances to bank statements for each account. The results were consistent with the monthly Treasurer’s Reports provided to the board. Expense and deposit activity is documented properly.

It is my opinion that the books are an accurate reflection of the financial condition of the organization for the fiscal year.

Sincerely,
Sue Himes

17 April 2014

Financial Report 2013-2014

General Account

Beginning balance 3/31/13	\$2709.23
Income	\$6268.83
Expense	(\$4090.11)
<i>Net Income</i>	\$2178.72
Ending Balance 3/31/14	\$4887.95

Stucky Fund

Beginning balance 3/31/13	\$6372.26
Interest Income	\$4.47
Scholarship	(\$750)
Ending Balance 3/31/14	\$5626.73

Money Market Reserve Account

Beginning balance 3/31/13	\$2101.51
Interest Income	\$1.72
Ending Balance 3/31/14	\$2103.23

Judiciary Grant Account

Beginning balance 3/31/13	\$593.58
Expenses	(\$11.95)
Ending Balance 3/31/14	\$581.63

Education Fund (a 501(c)(3) account held by LWVUS-Education Fund)

Beginning balance 3/31/13	\$1782.55
PMP payments to LWVUS and LWVK	(\$2423.62)
Contributions	\$1465.00
Ending Balance 3/31/14	\$823.93

Co-President's Report by David Burress

Last May the Board conducted a retreat and set out rather ambitious goals for the year, as listed below. We made good progress on several goals. Some goals must be left as a legacy for the next Board. Here is a brief recap of our goals and our progress.

1 YEAR ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS

A. Educational events. Liaison better with other organizations in Lawrence for informational meetings and action + Regular Brown Bag lunches + Improve meetings calendar structure + If local studies, then unit meetings connected to the studies.

See the Annual Membership Report for detailed responses to this and the next goal. We reinvigorated the Brown Bag series, cosponsored events, held an effective public event celebrating the anniversary of achieving women's franchise in Kansas.

B. Membership. Increase membership and member retention + Increase active participation of membership + Mentoring program + Student recruitment + Expand quantity and diversity of membership.

We are hopeful that our revised dues structure will aid recruitment of a more varied membership, and we are seeing some positive initial results.

C. Committee structure. Expand the functions and committees to include members outside the board+ Having more complex committee structure + Leadership development.

We continue to have a relatively thin cadre of active leaders. Progress on this front is likely to depend on developing new members into active participants. History suggests that the new studies we plan to undertake in the coming year will help recruit active members.

D. Revive Observer Corps.

The League did observe a number of meetings during the year, but we were unable to recruit an Observer Corps Chair.

1 YEAR PROGRAM PRIORITIES

A. Study on local boards and commissions-already authorized.

No progress to report.

B. Land Use Committee-ongoing and active.

C. Lawrence Pedestrian Coalition-ongoing and active.

The LPC is in regular contact with City Hall and is finding some

sympathy for an enhanced sidewalk policy.

D. Open meetings action committee-ongoing.

We are participating in a challenge to closing of meetings by the Lawrence Memorial Hospital Board under the rubric of getting unexplained legal advice.

E. Participate in state study on hydraulic fracturing-pending.

F. Put out more information on website on how legislators voted on League issues-pending.

G. Voter registration. Voter registration has always been a core LWV function.

This year as every year we tabled at various locations. But this year was different: the unconscionable new Kansas requirement for proof of citizenship made tabling ineffective because most people do not carry recognized proof of citizenship (except at the naturalization ceremony, which as always we attended). Even worse, the new law led to some 20,000 "suspended voters" who hadn't supplied acceptable papers. LWVK and ACLU lawsuits have not yet provided any relief. We have made significant efforts to register suspended voters, with very little success. We also obtained a grant to help us register high school students at their schools, which we are more hopeful about.

1 YEAR POLICY DEVELOPMENT (The following issues were scheduled for discussion during the year for possible action)

A. Giving out honoraria to "high quality" speakers.

The Board decided against paying honoraria.

B. Revise dues structure.

We adopted a revised dues structure.

C. Fundraising, if needed to achieve a goal

We adopted fundraising goals to support a new dues structure.

D. Adding Land Use Committee members - we need younger people to get involved.

The Land Use Committee is currently engaged in an effective but highly technical approach to monitoring Lawrence-Douglas County planning and development activities. Active participation has a steep learning curve. The Board was unable to come up with a Board intervention that would help.

Proposed Changes to Bylaws

Article IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS (addition to existing Article IV)

Section 7. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the LWVL-DC -- namely the President, Vice President, President Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. When in its opinion immediate action is necessary, the Executive Committee shall have power to act on behalf of the Board of Directors in between meetings of the Board of Directors. All such actions shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors at the earliest opportunity, and (in cases where reversal is feasible) are subject to reversal by the Board of Directors.

Article IX. PROGRAM (replaces existing Article IX)

Section 1. Authorization. The governmental principles adopted by the National Convention, and supported by the League as a whole, constitutes the authorization for the adoption of the Program.

Section 2. Program. The Program of the League of Women Voters of Lawrence–Douglas County shall consist of:

- a. Public action to advocate for the Principles of the League of Women Voters of the United States;
- b. Concerted study to develop positions of the LWVL-DC and to help develop positions of the LWVUS and LWVK consistent with League Principles; and
- c. Public education to improve voters' understanding of significant governmental issues in relationship to League Principles.

Section 3. Positions. Positions of the LWVL-DC shall be adopted using the following procedures.

- a. Any proposed new position of the LWVL-DC shall be drafted either through an original study process or through an abbreviated study process that proposes concurrence with the position of another League.
- b. Adoption of any new position shall be preceded by general informational meetings of the entire LWVL-DC and/or by detailed discussion of the proposed draft by separate unit meetings of the membership.

c. Adoption of any new position shall occur at a meeting of the general membership. The draft position shall be provided to the membership at least 30 days prior to the meeting. The membership meeting may make minor revisions in the draft policy. Adoption of a new position requires a general consensus of the membership rather than merely a majority, but does not require unanimity.

d. Minor revisions to existing positions of the LWVL-DC may be proposed by the Board of Directors and adopted by the annual membership meeting.

Section 4. Biennial Program. In even numbered years, the Annual Meeting shall act upon the program using the following procedures:

a. Recommendations for the Biennial Program may either be sent to the Board of Directors by the voting members or be provided at a general membership meeting called for that purpose. Recommendations may be proposed for action, for concerted study, for public education, or changes to positions.

b. The Board of Directors shall consider the recommendations two months prior to the Annual Meeting and shall formulate a Proposed Biennial Program.

c. The Proposed Biennial Program shall be sent to all members one month before the Annual Meeting.

d. A majority vote of voting members present and voting at Annual Meeting shall be required for adoption of subjects in the Proposed Biennial Program as presented to the Annual Meeting by the Board of Directors.

e. Recommendations for Program submitted by voting members to the Board of Directors two months prior to Annual Meeting but not recommended by the Board of Directors may be considered by the Annual Meeting provided that:

- (1) the Annual Meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote; and
- (2) the Annual Meeting shall adopt the item by a two thirds vote.

f. Changes in the adopted Biennial Program, in the case of altered conditions, may be made provided that:

- (1) information concerning the proposed changes has been sent to all members at least two weeks prior to a general

membership meeting at which the change is to be discussed and

(2) final action by the membership is taken at a succeeding meeting.

Section 5. League action. The LWVL-DC shall take public action only under the following conditions.

a. Authority. Ordinarily, public action by the LWVL-DC shall be based on adopted positions of the LWVUS, LWVK, or LWVL-DC. In exceptional cases, public action may be based on a written justification that directly relates the action to the Principles of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

b. Interpretation. The Board of Directors is authorized to interpret the meaning of adopted positions and League Principles.

c. Authorization. Public action must be authorized by Board of Directors or by the Executive Committee of the Board. Any motion authorizing action shall include a reference explaining the positions or Principles on which the action is based.

d. Action priorities. The Board may authorize action on any League position or on League Principles if in the Board's opinion such action is warranted. The Board will focus especially on those actions enumerated in the Biennial Program.

Section 6. Member Action. Members may act in the name of the League of Women Voters of Lawrence–Douglas County only when authorized to do so by its Board of Directors or the Executive Committee of the Board.

Section 7. Public education. Public education activities may be authorized either by the Biennial Program or by action of the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee. However the Board of Directors may delegate power of authorization to any committee of the League.

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of candidates for election at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Following the report of the Nominating Committee, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member, provided the previous consent of the nominee has been obtained.

Officers

Co-President	Cille King	<i>First year of one-year term</i>
Co-President	[unfilled]	<i>First year of one-year term</i>
President-Elect	[unfilled]	<i>First year of one-year term</i>
Treasurer	Marjorie Cole	<i>First year of two-year term</i>
Vice President	Carrie Lindsey	<i>Concluding second year of m. francisco's two-year term</i>

Continuing Officers

Secretary	Caleb Morse	<i>Second year of two-year term</i>
-----------	-------------	-------------------------------------

Directors

New Nominees to serve a two-year term
Debra Duncan
Austin Turney

Remaining on the Board

Margaret Arnold	Midge Grinstead
CJ Brune	Marlene Merrill
James Dunn	[vacant position]

Retiring Board Members and Officers

David Burress

Nominating Committee for 2014-2015

Mary Lou Wright, Chair / Non-Board Member
Sharon Brown, Non-Board Member
Carladyne Conyers, Non-Board Member
To be appointed, Board Member
To be appointed, Board Member

Submitted by the 2013–2014 Nominating Committee:

Sharon Brown, Chair, CJ Brune, Marjorie Cole, Bonnie Dunham, Kay Hale

2014–2016 Biennial Program

On February 1, 2014 League of Women Voters of Lawrence–Douglas County members met at the Stewart Avenue Fire Station and proposed the following Biennial Program. The Program was later approved by the Board of Directors.

1. Two new local studies are recommended, each of two years duration for 2014-2016:

- a. A study of local economic development policy.
- b. In view of the faltering diminishing capabilities of our one local newspaper, a study of policy to support the development of one or more nonprofit agencies that would report the local news.

2. There was significant support for two other new studies, not recommended:

- a. A study of loopholes, lack of coordination, and missing pieces in local assistance for persons in poverty or lacking in health insurance.
- b. A study of the potential unification of local city and county government.

3. All currently existing LWV-LDC policies and action initiatives are recommended to continue in effect. (Note: under the proposed Bylaw Amendment, this would happen automatically.)

4. There are no specific recommendations on action priorities.

Editorial comment: Current and ongoing education, study, and action initiatives of LWVL-DC include:

- Participation in the LWVK fracking study
- Participation in the LWVUS agricultural policy study
- Participation in the LWV/Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods Lawrence Pedestrian Coalition
- Ongoing study and action by the LWVL-DC Landuse Committee
- Ongoing study and action by the LWVL-DC Open Meetings Committee
- Brownbag continuing education series
- Voter registration activities, including the High School registration grant
- Possible continued participation in the Lawrence Voter Education Coalition.

Establishment of 2014-2015 Dues

Suggested voluntary membership assessment:*

Approx. household income	Indiv. Memb.	Household memb.
Student**	\$17	\$29
Under \$25,000	\$20	\$35
\$25,000 to \$50,000	\$35	\$55
Over \$50,000	\$55	\$85
Sustaining member	\$100	\$150
Life member (of 50 years)	\$0	

* Our membership assessment supports the National and State Leagues at \$49/member (\$31 National and \$18 State).

** High school or postsecondary student enrolled at least part time in an accredited institution.

Appreciation & Thanks

Thank you to everyone who helped with preparation for this Annual Meeting.

Preparation

Margaret Arnold
David Burress
Marjorie Cole
Cille King
Caleb Morse

Budget Committee

David Burress
Marjorie Cole
Cille King
Marjorie Cole

Silent Auction

Midge Grinstead

Parliamentarian

marci francisco

Nominating Committee

Sharon Brown, Chair
CJ Brune
Marjorie Cole
Bonnie Dunham
Kay Hale

Minutes

Caleb Morse, Secretary

Committee to Read the 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes

Bob Duver
Audrey Kamb-Studdard

Proposed General Account Budget, 2014-2015		Actual 2013-2014	Proposed 2014-2015
INCOME	Contributions	\$2,253.83	\$1,800.00
	Dues	\$3,765	\$4,100.00
	Youth Registration Grant	\$250	
	Fund Raising events		\$1,000.00
TOTAL INCOME		\$6,268.83	\$6,900.00
EXPENSES	Administration		
	PO Box Rental	\$60	\$60.00
	Miscellaneous		\$100.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION		\$60	\$160.00
	Meals, Hospitality and Events		
	Annual Meeting, 19th Amendment Anniversary, Fluker Luncheon, Afternoon with Legislators, Brown Bag Lunches, etc.		
TOTAL HOSPITALITY and EVENTS		(\$145.84)	\$500.00
	(with accounts payable= \$322.16)		
	MAILING AND POSTAGE		
	Membership (Directory Mailing postate)	\$0	\$70.00
	Administration: Postage and Supplies (seals, etc.)	\$77.44	\$70.00
	Voter: postage and supplies (seals, etc.)	\$462.93	\$480.00
MAILING AND POSTAGE TOTAL		\$540.37	\$620.00
	PRINTING		
	Voter: Printing	\$542.21	\$550.00
	Voter Service: Voter Guides	\$0.00	\$60.00
	Administration: Supplies	\$125.73	\$130.00
PRINTING TOTAL		\$667.94	\$740.00
	PER MEMBER PAYMENTS		
	Half of LWV-K PMP	\$873.00	
	Half of LWV-US PMP	\$1,530.64	
PMP TOTAL		\$2,403.64	\$2,200.00
	EXPENSES FOR STATE AND NATIONAL MEETINGS		
	League Day Registration	\$30.00	\$30.00
	State Council and other state meetings	\$534.00	\$500.00
	National Convention		\$2,600.00
MEETING EXPENSE TOTAL		\$564.00	\$3,130.00
	VOTER SERVICE		
	Tabling Expenses	\$0.00	\$300.00
VOTER SERVICE TOTAL		\$0.00	\$300.00
TOTAL EXPENSE		\$4,090.11	\$5,450.00
NET INCOME		\$2,178.72	\$1,450.00

In the 2013-14 fiscal year, PMP is \$31 to national and \$18 to state per member. Half of the PMP is paid from the Education Fund. League Easy Web is paid from the Judiciary Fund. The Stucky Award is from the Stucky Fund and will be \$1000 next year. The Stucky Award is paid from the Stucky Fund and next year will be \$1000.

