

League of Women Voters of Massachusetts League Leaders Update

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

LWVMA CALENDAR



**May 19 - LWVMA Board Meeting - 133 Portland Street, Boston
7pm - 9pm**

**May 21 - LWVMA Program and Action Meeting - 133 Portland Street, Boston
10:30am - Noon**

May 27 - Registration Deadline for Convention 2009

May 29-30, 2009 - Convention 2009 - Boston Newton Marriott, Newton

Visit our website at www.lwvma.org for more information.

Administration

Annual Meeting Reporting Following Local League Annual Meetings

Please send your Local League Board List, your approved budget for FY 09/10 and your Program Report to the state League office. The development of the LWVMA Directory will come from this reporting as well as the email list for the League Leader Update, so be sure to include current contact information for all board members and positions. The slate of officers from 08-09 will be deleted from the database and the new information will be input - we need the entire slate from every League- not just the changes or newly elected board members.

[Click here](#) to download Report Form

CONVENTION 2009

LWVMA Convention - May 29 & 30, 2009 - Boston Marriott Newton

Dear League Members,

I am looking forward to welcoming you to Convention 2009 - Healthcare Rx, a timely topic for our country and for the League. At Convention, League members from across the Commonwealth gather to network, share ideas, review the successful achievements from the past two years, elect new officers, pass a new budget and formulate the plans for the future of the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts.

[Read more](#) from LWVMA President, Diane Jeffery

Convention Workbook Available on the LWVMA Website

All convention delegates and attendees will receive a print version of the Convention workbook at registration. A preview version is available on the state League website, minus the budget information, with schedule and workshop information.

[Click here](#) for Convention Workbook pdf.

Convention Delegate Forms

Please remember to deliver your delegate information to the state League office. You can call, email or fax the names of your allotted number of delegates to the office this week. We need the form for the Credentials Committee during registration at the convention.

[Click here](#) for Convention Delegate Form | [Click here](#) for Registration Information

For more information visit www.lwvma.org

Membership and Training

Membership Reminder

Spring is here! As we work through the busy season of town meetings, the State Convention and annual meetings, let's remember to plant the seeds of new membership. Spring school events, local town meetings and activities can be great places for membership drives. Encourage new members to join you and attend convention.

Annual Meeting Preparations: Bylaws Review

Your local League may be considering changes to your current bylaws. All proposed bylaw changes should be submitted to LWVMA for review before they are submitted to your membership at Annual Meeting. Consult LWVUS In League (available online in the "**For Members**" section of www.lwv.org) for information on amending bylaws.

Be sure that you send LWVMA a copy of your complete bylaws, both the old and proposed language and an explanation of the purpose of the changes. The proposed new words should be underlined and the words to be struck should be bracketed.

Please submit the changes in a timely fashion to the LWVMA office in order to allow time for you to send the proposed changes to your League's members. LWVMA will review and respond to your proposed bylaws changes promptly.

Bylaws are the basic regulations by which your League is governed. The first three articles of your bylaws must conform to the first three articles of the LWVUS bylaws.

Bylaws need only be changed when there is a change in League operation or when the

bylaws do not reflect current League practice.