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The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization that does not support or oppose any political party or candidate but whose purpose is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

Annual Meeting & Dinner

Thursday, May 3, 2007

At 6:15pm

Glen Oak Country Club
Hill Avenue, East of Spring Avenue
Glen Ellyn

Entertainment: Famous First Ladies

President's Letter:

Dear Members,

We completed a busy few months with Program Planning in January, completion of our Illinois Immigration study consensus in February, Candidate Forum in March, and Education Study of District 41 referendum in April.

It has been a fast winter and spring, except for the change in weather.

Communications have been slowed by lack of a regular Voter, between Membership and I we have tried to forward the important pieces of news via email. The good news is we have a new Voter Editor, which is good news for future League communications!

League's strength is its people and relevance to our community. I believe we are relevant, and provide an informed voice on the many issues facing our surrounding area.

In February we discussed many complex topics on the Immigration policy front, the timing of this study is an example of our relevance. It will be exciting to see the development of an LWVIL position based on this state wide study.

Our March candidate forum was well attended and engaged citizens in dialogue with candidates, this is a great way for the electorate to view and evaluate candidates in a live setting.

The Education Committee completed a study of District 41 referendum, and we were able to make a public statement of support in a short time period applying the criteria adopted two years ago.

Today we are partnering with the Sierra Club on their "Cool Cities" initiative. A presentation to the village Environmental Commission is scheduled for May. Together we will request Glen Ellyn sign-on to this important effort to lower carbon dioxide emissions by 7% below 1990 levels.

There are many exciting efforts going on in League, please let me encourage each of you to say tied into this organization. If you don't hear from us...let us hear from you.

I hope you will join me and your fellow GE Leaguers on May 3 for our annual meeting, where we will enjoy dinner and entertainment together followed by our business meeting. I understand the entertainment includes a visit by our famous First Ladies. It should be fun!

In preparation for the annual meeting, this issue contains documents for your review and vote. Please be sure to look them over before May 3. If you are intending to participate in the annual meeting please mail your response card ASAP, or call Chris Kinsey directly.

Thanks for another stimulating League year, and thank you for making me your 2005-2007 president.

Margaret DeLaRosa
President, LWVGE

Annual Meeting Documents**Proposed Revisions to the LWVGE Bylaws March, 2007**

The sections to be deleted are underlined and in parentheses. *The sections to be added are in italics.*

Respectfully Submitted

Bylaws Committee of LWVGE

Subject to approval by the Board of Directors and the membership.

ByLaws Committee

Julie Nolan Chair

Cleo Burtis

Anne Zeidman

BYLAWS
of
THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GLEN ELLYN
[Adopted May 12 , 2005]

ARTICLE I
Name

The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters of Glen Ellyn, hereinafter referred to in these bylaws as LWVGE or as the League. This League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States, hereinafter referred to in these bylaws as LWVUS, of the League of Women Voters of Illinois, hereinafter referred to in these bylaws as LWVIL, and the League of Women Voters of DuPage County.

ARTICLE II
Purposes and Political Policy

Section 1. **Purposes.** The purposes of the LWVGE are to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation(of citizens) in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

Section 2. **Political Policy.** The League shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.

ARTICLE III
Membership

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

Section 2. **Types of Membership.**

- a. **Voting Members.** Citizens at least 18 years of age who join the LWVGE shall be voting members of the LWVGE, LWV of DuPage County, LWVIL, Lake Michigan ILO and of the LWVUS. (Those who make a lump-sum, life membership payment to the LWVUS also shall be paid life members of LWVGE.) Those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be honorary life members excused from the payment of dues.

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- b. **Associate Members.** All others who join the League shall be associate members. *Associate Members are those who have paid their dues but are under 18 years of age or are not citizens of the United States. Associate members are non-voting members of LWVGE.*

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1. **Election, Qualifications and Term.** The officers of the LWVGE shall be a president or co-presidents, two vice presidents, a secretary, a voter-service officer, and a treasurer who shall be elected for terms of two years by the general membership at the annual meeting and take office at the conclusion of the annual meeting. The president or co-presidents, one vice president, and the secretary shall be elected in the odd-numbered years. One vice president, the voter-service officer, and the treasurer shall be elected in the even-numbered years. No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an officer of this organization unless the person is a voting member of the LWVGE.

Section 2. **The President or Co-Presidents.** The president or co-presidents shall have such powers of supervision and management as customarily pertain to the office; shall be the public spokesperson(s) for League positions; shall preside at all meetings of the organization and the board or designate another person to do so; shall be ex officio a member of all committees except the nominating committee; may sign or endorse checks, drafts, and notes in the absence of the treasurer; and shall perform such other duties as the board may direct. In the event of the absence, disability, resignation or death of the president, one of the vice presidents shall assume the office. If no vice president is able to serve as president, the board shall fill the vacancy from among the elected directors.

Section 3. **The Vice Presidents.** The vice presidents shall perform such duties as the president and the board shall direct.

Section 4. **The Secretary.** The secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings of the board. The secretary shall notify all officers and directors of their election and shall sign with the president all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the board, and shall perform such other duties as the president and the board shall direct.

Section 5. **The Treasurer.** The treasurer shall perform such duties as customarily pertain to the office and, at the direction of the board, maintain deposits in authorized financial institutions. The treasurer shall present statements to the board at their regular meetings and an annual report to the annual meeting.

Section 6. **The Voter-Service Officer.** The voter-service officer shall provide information and perform other functions relating to voter service.

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Section 7. **Executive Committee.** In the event that a decision must be made when it is impractical to convene the board of directors, the above named officers shall constitute the executive committee and shall be empowered to make such a decision by majority vote. Notice of any executive committee decision shall be communicated to the remainder of the board as soon as practical and no later than the next meeting of the board.

ARTICLE V Board of Directors

Section 1. **Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office.** The board of directors shall consist of the officers of the LWVGE, eight elected directors, and not more than eight directors appointed by the elected members of the board. Four directors shall be elected by the general membership at each annual meeting and shall serve for a term of two years or until their successors have been elected and qualified. Appointed directors shall serve for one year, until the close of the next annual meeting.

Section 2. **Qualifications.** No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as a director of this organization unless the person is a voting member of the LWVGE.

Section 3. **Vacancies.** Vacancies may be filled by vote of the members of the board, unless otherwise provided in these bylaws.

Section 4. **Powers.** The board shall manage and supervise the business, affairs and activities of the LWVGE subject to the instructions of the annual meeting. The board shall act by majority vote when a quorum is present. It shall select delegates to the national convention, the state convention and council, and the county convention and council. It shall accept responsibility for such other matters as the national or state board may from time to time delegate to it. It shall have the power to create such special committees and to join organizations and coalitions, as it deems necessary. It shall perform such other duties as are specified in these bylaws.

Section 5. **Meetings.** At least nine regular meetings of the board shall be held annually. The president may call special meetings and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five members of the board. More than three consecutive unexcused absences from regular board meetings shall constitute a resignation.

Section 6. **Quorum.** A majority of the members of the board of directors of the LWVGE shall constitute a quorum. For this section, "members of the board of directors" is defined as members holding positions listed in Section 1 of this article.

ARTICLE VI Meetings

Section 1. **General and Unit Membership Meetings.** There shall be at least six meetings of the membership each year. The time and place shall be determined by the board.

Section 2. **Annual Meetings.** The annual meeting shall be held approximately one month prior to the LWVIL or the LWVUS convention, the exact date to be determined by the board. The annual meeting shall adopt a local program for the ensuing year, elect officers and directors, elect the chair and two members of the nominating committee; adopt an adequate budget; vote on proposed bylaws amendments in the odd-numbered years; and

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transact such other business as may properly come before it. Action shall be taken by a majority vote when a quorum of members is present, unless otherwise stated in these bylaws. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

Section 3. **Quorum.** Twenty percent of the voting members shall constitute a quorum at all general membership and annual meetings of the LWVGE, provided written notice of the meeting is sent to the membership at least one week in advance.

ARTICLE VII Nominations and Elections

Section 1. **Nominating Committee.** The nominating committee shall consist of five members. The chair and two members, who shall not be members of the board, shall be elected at the annual meeting. Immediately after the annual meeting, the board shall appoint two of its members to the committee. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment of the board.

Section 2. **Report of the Nominating Committee.** The report of the current nominating committee, containing its nominations for officers, directors, chair and two members of the incoming nominating committee, shall be sent to the members one month before the annual meeting. The report of the nominating committee shall be presented at the annual meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor immediately thereafter provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained.

Section 3. **Election.** Election shall be by ballot, unless there is only one nominee for an office. Then it shall be a voice vote. A majority vote shall constitute an election.

ARTICLE VIII Principles and Program

Section 1. **Principles.** The Principles are concepts of government adopted by the national convention and supported by the League as a whole. They are the authorization for the adoption of national, state and local program. These principles are to be published in the LWVGE membership directory.

Section 2. **Program.** The program of the LWVGE shall consist of action to implement the Principles and those local governmental issues chosen by the annual meeting for concerted study and/or action as follows:

- a. Voting members may make recommendations to the board at least two months before the annual meeting.
- b. The board shall consider these recommendations and formulate a proposed program, which shall be sent to the members at least one month before the annual meeting.
- c. The annual meeting shall adopt a program by a majority vote. Program recommendations submitted to the board at least two months before the meeting, but not proposed by the board, may be considered by the annual meeting provided that the annual meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote. The annual meeting must adopt the item by a two-thirds vote.

Section 3. **Changes in Program.** Changes and/or additions in the program, in the case of altered conditions, may be made provided that information concerning the proposed change/addition has been disseminated to all members at least two weeks before a general membership meeting, at which time the change/addition shall be

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discussed and voted upon. If a quorum (20% of voting members) is present, the change/addition must be adopted by a two-thirds vote.

In the event a quorum is not present, the Secretary shall promptly contact the membership, who then will have five days to vote on the proposed change/addition. The Secretary shall record the votes of those responding. The change/addition must be approved by two-thirds of those voting, provided a quorum (20% of the voting members) is obtained.

Section 4. **Program Action.** Members may act in the name of the LWVGE only when authorized to do so by the president. They may act only in conformity with, and not contrary to, a position taken by the LWVGE, the LWVIL and the LWVUS.

ARTICLE IX Financial Administration

Section 1. **Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year of the LWVGE shall be from May 1 through April 30 of each year.

Section 2. **Dues.** The board of directors shall set the annual dues, subject to the approval of the members, at the annual meeting. Annual dues shall at least cover the cost of all per member payments (PMPs) and shall be payable May 1. New members paying annual dues after January 1 shall be exempt from the May 1 payment of dues. Persons who have reached the age of 65 may elect to pay one-half the amount of annual dues. When two members reside at the same address in a common household, a payment equal to one and one-half times the annual dues shall be made.

Section 3. **Budget Committee.** The budget shall be prepared by a committee, which shall be appointed for that purpose at least three months before the annual meeting. The treasurer shall be, ex officio, a member of the budget committee but shall not be eligible to serve as chair. The proposed budget for the next fiscal year shall be sent to all members one month before the annual meeting.

Section 4. **Audit.** The books shall be audited each year by a person appointed by the executive committee. A report of the audit shall be made to the board by July 1.

Section 5. **Distribution of Funds on Dissolution.** In the event of dissolution of the LWVGE, all money and securities owned by or under the control of the LWVGE shall be paid to the LWVIL after the state and national per member payments and other obligations have been met. All other property of whatsoever nature, whether real, personal, or mixed which may at the time be owned or under the control of the LWVGE, shall be disposed of to such person, organization or corporation for such public, charitable or educational use and purposes as the board in its absolute discretion may designate.

ARTICLE X Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and consistent with these bylaws.

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ARTICLE XI

Bylaws Committee and Amendments and Publication

Section 1. **Bylaws Committee.** A bylaws committee shall be appointed by the president in the odd-numbered years three months prior to the annual meeting, to study the bylaws and suggest amendments, if necessary, and to consider proposals suggested by any League members for changing the bylaws.

Section 2. **Amendments.** These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at the annual meeting, provided that the amendments were submitted to the membership in writing at least one month in advance of the meeting.

Section 3. **Publication.** These bylaws shall be published in the annual directory and program document.



LOCAL PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS 2007-2008

- **Priority from 2005-2006 (Retained and Restated for 2006-2007):**

Glen Ellyn Selection of Village and Library Board Offices (Retained and Restated as Action for 2007-2008) Language from 2006-2007: What is the process for selecting local government slate of candidates? Does the Civic Betterment Party (CBP) process serve 21st century Glen Ellyn? What is the role of the League in the Process? Are we aligning ourselves with a party or are we simply administrators?

Some of these questions may be answered by old League positions, which will be considered in any study or review. The history and evolution of the CBP must also be considered when deciding what is to be our current position and role.

Rationale from 2006-2007: League receives many questions as to the role of the Civic Betterment Party, and why there are few candidate forums on these offices. League also receives questions from citizens and members as to our role it plays in the CBP process, we cannot have blind tradition guide our actions, but rather must clearly state our role, as participation may be deemed explicit endorsement of party processes.

Background and Rationale for 2007-2008: After a Unit Meeting in 2006, we requested the CBP to provide A) instructions on how the party verified a voter's residence and voter eligibility, and B) assurance that we weren't liable for voter fraud or ballot insecurity. The CBP did not provide instructions and was unable to provide such assurance (in the form of specific liability insurance), so we did not assist in registration or, as the LWVGE, in ballot counts. We did assist in ballot counts at the town hall *as individuals*, but not in early-voting ballot counts. Therefore, we served our traditional role unofficially.

Questions remain if we our going to officially resume our traditional role in the process. Broad questions: Is this the best method of nominating candidates? How to examine the CBP process

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compared to other processes? How to determine criteria for voter eligibility? E.g., must voters be citizens and why?

Administrative questions arose at the meeting, as well: If the CBP gets the liability insurance in question, do we want to participate? Based on what criteria? Who would be responsible for blank and filled-out early-voter ballots and at what point? How to avoid fraud when checking residence and eligibility at the polls?

Local Emergency Response Coordination (Formerly Glen Ellyn Volunteer Fire Department, Recommended Study for 2005-2006. Retained but restated for 2006-2007 as a study of our Local Emergency Response Personnel. **Retained as Action** for 2007-2008, as a study of our Local Emergency Response *Coordination*.): How are emergencies coordinated between our local emergency response teams and other government layers such as Township and County resources? What happens when a call is made to 911?



Proposed Budget

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN
VOTERS OF GLEN
ELLYN
INCOME STATEMENT
Proposed Budget 2007-
2008**

<u>INCOME</u>	Budget 2006-2007	Actual 3/15/2007	Budget 2007-2008
A. Dues	5,490.00	4,240.00	5,040.00
B. Finance Drive:			
1. Business	1,800.00	395.00	500.00
2. Ed Fund	300.00	-	300.00
3. Individual	100.00	100.00	100.00
4. Member	700.00	535.00	700.00
TOTAL B. Finance Drive	2,900.00	1,030.00	1,600.00
C. This is Glen Ellyn	-	-	-

D. Other Income:

1. Bridge	450.00	479.50	450.00
2. Interest	190.00	-	240.00
3. Lady Bug Sales	-	(17.61)	-
4. Misc (10,000 Villages & Phonathon)	400.00	381.00	400.00
5. From Reserves	1,963.00	-	335.00
TOTAL D. Other Income	3,003.00	842.89	1,425.00
TOTAL INCOME	11,393.00	6,112.89	8,065.00

EXPENSES

A Financial Support LWV:

1. LK MICH GRP	25.00	25.00	25.00
2. LWV CNTY	229.00	-	-
3. LWV IL	2,196.00	1,647.00	1,644.00
4. LWV US	2,143.00	2,371.45	1,806.00
TOTAL A Financial Support LWV	4,593.00	4,043.45	3,475.00

B Program Portfolio Unit Mtgs

200.00	140.00	200.00
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C Voter Service:

1. Candidates Forum	150.00	198.30	100.00
2. Facts for Voters	50.00	-	50.00
3. Materials	50.00	15.00	50.00
TOTAL C Voter Service	250.00	213.30	200.00

D Conventions and Workshops:

1. Annual Meeting	250.00	(110.20)	250.00
2. County Meetings	25.00	-	-
3. Legislative Seminar	150.00	25.00	150.00
4. National Convention	1,700.00	645.15	
5. State Convention	-	-	1,000.00
6. Workshops or Conferences	200.00	-	200.00
TOTAL D Conventions and Workshops	2,325.00	559.95	1,600.00

E Position Support	200.00	46.58	200.00
F The Voter:			
1. Bulk Mail Fee	160.00	-	-
2. Postage	800.00	34.65	300.00
3. Supplies & Printing	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>164.50</u>	<u>200.00</u>
TOTAL F The Voter	1,960.00	199.15	500.00
G Board and Administration:			
1. Board Tools and Exp	300.00	-	300.00
2. Executive Board Expenses	300.00	-	300.00
3. Public Relations	<u>75.00</u>	<u>47.88</u>	<u>75.00</u>
TOTAL G Board and Administration	675.00	47.88	675.00
H Operating Costs:			
1. Chamber of Commerce	150.00	150.00	150.00
2. General Supplies	100.00	15.80	100.00
3. Insurance	100.00	95.00	100.00
4. Memorials & Gifts	50.00	-	50.00
5. PO Box Rent	40.00	-	40.00
7. Miscellaneous	<u>100.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL H Operating Costs	540.00	260.80	540.00
I Membership:			
1. Book	300.00	-	300.00
2. Other	<u>100.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL I Membership	400.00	-	400.00
J Fund Raising:			
1. Bridge	100.00	59.02	100.00
2. Finance Drive	150.00	455.00	175.00
3. This is Glen Ellyn	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL J Fund Raising	250.00	514.02	

TOTAL EXPENSES	11,393.00	6,025.13	8,065.00
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	-	87.76	-

Citibank Balance 03/01/07 3,386.62

Scudder Fund Balance 12/31/06 6,032.93



The LWVGE Nominating Committee:

Dorothy Hess, chair
Julie Nolan
Michelle Peterson
Judy Petrushka
Kim Reed

Present the following slate for 2007-2009 terms:

Co-Presidents: Shawn Fasules and Michelle Peterson
Secretary: Julie Nolan
Voter Service: Cleo Burtis*
Elected Directors: Carrie Burrows
Judy Kinn – Voter Editor
Kathleen Schmidt
Anne Zeidman

Nominating Committee Margaret DeLaRosa, Chair
Barb Fried
Kim Reed

Current Board members who are serving 2006-2008 terms and their current portfolios are:

VP- Operations: Ginger Wheeler
VP- Action: Diane Hoke
Treasurer: Chris Kinsey
Elected Directors: Sarah Allen – membership
Midge Anderson – local arrangements
Peggy McGrath – healthcare

*One year term Dorothy Hess has agreed to take the remaining year of the term.

LWVGE News :**Sad News**

Long time league member and former Hadley teacher Charlene Novelli passed away last week from ALS. The board voted to make a donation in her name to the ALS foundation. A card was sent to her family to convey our sympathy for their loss.

VOTER SERVICES

A **BIG THANK YOU** to the following people who helped with our recent candidates' forums: Margaret DeLaRosa; Dorothy Hess; Michelle Peterson; Carrie Burrows; Barb Fried; Hanano Anderson; Sara Lee; Rinda Allison; Sara Lee; Julie Nolan; Peggy McGrath; Chris Kinsey and Midge Anderson. We couldn't have done it without your help!

The district 41 and 87 as well as the village trustee forums were well attended. Spirited discussions centered on the upcoming 41 referendum; meeting the needs of a continually diverse student population; the No Child Left Behind legislation; revitalizing the central business district and teardowns.

New Committees formed

The board voted to form two new committees to work over the summer. The board established an Archives and Website committees. The Archives group will be led by Julie Nolan and will be focused around what to keep and how to store past study documents which led to the development of our location positions. We are currently awaiting information from the LWVIL on record retention guidelines. If you are interested in joining this group or have particular expertise in this area, please contact Julie.

The second committee formed was a Membership directory and website committee. This group is charged with gathering the components of a Membership book, and getting local positions ready for directory printing and web publication. The goal of both of these efforts is to retain our source documents in the most appropriate place so they can be referred to when studies are updated, or there is a need to understand rationale behind a position. If you are interested in joining this group or have a particular expertise in this area, please contact Margaret.

Glen Ellyn Recycling Extravaganza and Path Clean Up:

Please join league members as we clean-up the Prairie Path on Saturday, April 28

9 AM until 12 PM

Where: Prairie Path

Next to Commuter parking lot west of library

Garbage bags will be provided

Help keep Glen Ellyn beautiful!

Glen Ellyn Warming Center a program initiated by League, and run by our own Ginger Wheeler will hold a panel discussion on homelessness in Glen Ellyn, and discuss next steps.

Thursday, May 9 at 7pm – First United Methodist Church on Duane.

Lady Bug Give Away – **Friday, June 15** – Our annual Lady Bug give away is Friday, June 15 at the Glen Ellyn Farmer's Market. If you can staff the table or help package the bugs please contact Michele Peterson. We will package Lady Bugs on the day/evening of June 14, 2007.



*League-sponsored events of interest:
May-June 2007*

Thurs. May 3	Annual Meeting	Glen Oak CC - 6:15pm
Thurs. June 7	Old Board/New Board	Allen Residence 6:30pm
Thurs. June 14	Lady Bug packaging	TBA - 7:30pm
Friday. June 15	Lady Bug Give-away	Glen Ellyn Farmer's Market 7:00am



Membership: The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, grassroots, multi-issue, activist organization. It is organized in all 50 states as well as in the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, and Guam. Any citizen over 18, male or female, may become a member of the League of Women Voters. Educated, connected citizens keep communities prosperous and nations healthy.

Stay tuned into your community. Join, or rejoin the League of Women Voters of Glen Ellyn. Help involve citizens in their government. Register voters, develop relevant issue programs, candidates forums, its all here with League.

2006-2007 Registration/Renewal Form

Sign me up for the Glen Ellyn League of Women Voters! _____
Renew my membership in the Glen Ellyn League of Women Voters! _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mail to: League of Women Voters- Glen Ellyn, P.O. Box 2391, Glen Ellyn, IL 60138 with \$60.00 dues for Individual or \$90.00 family membership for 2006-2007.