



Presidents Call Agenda

5.15.24

4:00PM to 5:30PM

ZOOM Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87161653005>

Welcome/Check In - Skye

Discussion Question:

Of the many “hot button” political issues in the forefront this election year, which ones spark your local League members’ interest the most? In relation to this, what do you hope to see from the state and national Leagues at their Annual Meeting/Convention?

More information about the recently announced collaboration with the Library Association.

We are partnering with the Civics Center to maximize our high school voter registration efforts.

You can access their information at: www.thecivicscenter.org

Partnering also with #ivoted

The Wisconsin Civic Learning Coalition has many resources (Debra C is on the steering committee) www.civicswi.org

We also discussed partnering and who we partner with. Generally speaking we can partner with other c(3) organizations that share our position.

State Office Updates - All

1. Annual Meeting Updates
 - a. Bylaw reviews
 - b. Policy review in advance of the Election
 - c. Position reviews
 - d. The [Annual Meeting Hub](#) (website) is up and running
 - e. Adoption of Study Recommendations - Education and Natural Resources

Brandi reviewed that members present at the Annual Meeting will be adopting updated bylaws to conform to National, policy and position updates. All delegates/attendees are encouraged to read through the Plenary Packet prior to the

meeting.

2. National Convention Updates

Debra reminded local Leaders that they should be electing their delegates to National convention and to make sure they are registered (virtual and in person options) In person attendees will also need hotel and travel arrangements. June 27-30 in Washington, D.C.

3. Voter Services (Newcomer/Zimmer)

a. Poll Worker Recruitment (Delany)

- i. Timeline for Aug
- ii. National Poll Worker Recruitment Day (8/1/24)
- iii. Election Hero travel mugs

b. Election Observer Program Recruitment (Eileen)

- i. Will run the program again in Nov. Recruitment will begin in late June.

c. Vote411 (Eileen)

We will be producing guides again this election season. The state will collect information from statewide and federal candidates including District Attorneys.

d. August Primaries/Special Elections (Eileen)

i. Special Elections:

1. State Senate District 4

a. Primary (if needed)

- i. Candidate Filing Deadline: June 4
- ii. Absentee Ballots Sent: June 11
- iii. Online/Mail Voter Reg Deadline: June 12
- iv. Early Voting Begins: June 18
- v. Primary: July 2

b. Special Election

- i. Absentee Ballots Sent: July 9
- ii. Online/Mail Voter Reg Deadline: July 10
- iii. Early Voting Begins: July 16
- iv. Special Election: July 30

2. Congressional District 8

- a. Same dates as fall primary and fall general elections

e. Candidate Forums (Delany)

- i. [Link to Jan. webinar “Engaging Candidates to Inform Voters”](#)
 - ii. [LWVUS/WI resource page](#)
 - iii. Send Delany candidate event information so we can promote it on vote411 (event info, recordings, . . .)
 - f. Democracy Truth Project/Making Democracy Work (Delany)
 - i. Question: Would you be interested in a training on how to use the Tracker?
General consensus was a training would be appreciated.
Staff will organize and promote the training.
 - g. Voter Services Community Conversations Calendar (Delany)
 - i. Upcoming sessions:
 - 1. 5/21/24 - Importance of Data Collection and Best Practices
 - 2. 6/18/24 - Utilizing Election Observer Data in Voter Services Work
 - 3. 7/16/24 - Working with Voters Experiencing Homelessness
 - 4. 8/20/24 - Voting in Residential Care Facilities
- 4. Communication Updates (Carmichael)
 - a. Upcoming Training Opportunities
 - i. Spring Election Summary
 - 1. [Spring 2024 Report for digital and radio](#)
 - 2. Very successful campaigns
 - a. Especially impressive engagement and media coverage on the constitutional amendment and the League’s vote no position
 - ii. Vote No advocacy for the Fall Elections
 - 1. Have some preliminary information up on the website
 - 2. Working with partner organizations to garner press coverage, create messaging, content and a toolkit
 - 3. Have opportunities for advocacy like textbanks, writing letters to the editor
 - 4. [Link to the toolkit.](#)
 - b. Communications and Technology Committee Updates
 - i. Committee is trying a podcast pilot episode

- ii. It's called This is What Democracy Sounds Like
 - iii. Planning to cover a number of topics like the constitutional amendments, fair maps movement, jail voting
 - 1. Let Molly know if you're interested!
- 5. DEI Updates (Kole Torres)
 - a. Updates from the CAC
 - i. Creating a way to highlight and celebrate the importance of the 60th anniversary of the 1965 voting rights act including current attacks on voting rights, especially for marginalized communities. Focus on the current attacks on voting rights. Interview people who were affected by this?
 - ii. Concerns with myvote.wi.gov inaccessibility to bilingual information - sample ballot is not in the language that the constituent has selected [only in English]
 - iii. Next meeting: July 10 at 3 pm
 - b. Updates from DEI Committee
 - i. Revising the DEI Action Plan
 - 1. Extended an invitation to the CAC and state staff to assist with this process
 - 2. Goals: make the document more digestible, shorten the document, make the document more accessible, complete revision process by Friday
 - ii. Things to keep in mind:
 - 1. Consider our progress - what has already been accomplished?
 - 2. Does the DEI action plan reflect the work of the staff? The DEI state policy?
 - 3. Not being incredibly specific
 - iii. Next meeting: Tuesday, May 28 at 1 pm
- 6. PIES Update (Staff)
 - a. Upcoming Webinars
 - b. Review: [PIES Shared Calendar](#), [PIES Shared Resources Spreadsheet](#) (Rodriquez and/or Carmichael)
 - c. Next PIES meeting is May 29
 - i. [zoom](#)

7. Membership Update (Rodriquez)

- a. Annual Meeting in-person registration closes this Friday May 17th, virtual registration closes May 30th
 - i. Please email lwvggb@gmail.com if you plan to bring a gift basket for the fundraiser
- b. After you conduct your local Annual Meeting, please send updated officer/leader contact information
- c. Board and leader onboarding not yet scheduled but will take place mid-to-late summer
 - i. You can reference the [Board Orientation Handbook](#) any time
- d. No new updates about the unified dues structure
 - i. You can get ahead by creating a [Stripe account](#) (which will be required with the new system), it will not be compatible with PayPal, Square, or any other payment processor you currently use

8. Legislative Committee Updates

- a. Legislative Actions, Constitutional Amendments and Impeachments
Cronmiller - we are currently involved in a number of Court Cases.

One challenge is to whether an absentee ballot should be thrown out if the witness does not complete all the information on the certificate. We have won and an appeal is ongoing. We do not think this will be decided in time for the August primary.

- b. Legislative Priorities and the [Legislative Updates](#) (Soluna)
 - i. With the legislative session concluded for the rest of 2024, the Legislative Committee has turned the majority of its attention toward preparing recommendations for the next state budget and priorities for the next legislative session.
 - ii. If you or a member of your League is interested in influencing LWVWI's actions on legislation, now is the perfect time to get involved. Reach out to asoluna@lwvwi.org or lwvwi-legcomchair@lwvwi.org.

9. Impartial Justice and Nonpartisan Redistricting Updates

- a. Convening Recap

On April 20th, the Fair Maps activists convened in Wausau to discuss action plans for now until November concentrating on the opportunities we have



in Wisconsin to make our Legislature less polarized and more representative. Each region completed their own action plan including activities and targeted number of events and participants. The overarching goal is to have an 80% voter turnout rate in November.

- b. New Legislative Maps Update
Molly and Carlene Bechen have created a new Fair Maps Brochure. [Fair Maps Co. Brochure Order Form](#)
 - c. GOTV Strategy - Getting out the vote in August and November will be critical to defeating the constitutional amendments and ensuring a legislature that will represent Wisconsin. Since so many races in the past years have been uncontested, Wisconsinites will need to be reminded how to find candidates' information, how to register and where to vote.
10. General (ALL)
- a. Litigation Updates (Cronmiller provided earlier in the call)
 - b. Civics Listening Sessions Opportunities for Fall.
This fall, the 12 local CESAs will be looking for partners to sponsor Listening Sessions. The CESAs will put on the program and only need League to announce the meeting to your local members and friends. When Debra has more information, she will pass it along.

Adjourned at 5:27 PM.

Next Call - July 17, 2024 at 4:00PM