



Presidents Call Minutes

1,15.25 4:00PM to 5:30PM

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

Welcome/Check In - Skye

We will forego staff reports and devote this agenda to discussion of:

A. First 100 Days and LWV Updates

Annual League Survey Now Open

One or more officers in every League should have received an email with an individualized Annual League Survey link on January 2, 2025. Leagues can learn all about the [Annual League Survey on the League Management Site](#), including an FAQ, tracking tools, a PDF to preview the survey, and a link to data collection office hours to discuss any questions. The 2024 Annual League Survey is open now until February 14th, 2025, and only one League officer will be emailed with your League's individualized survey link.

If your League has not received an individualized survey link, or you have any questions, reach out to evaluation@lww.org. Each League has an individualized link so you must go through National to get your survey.

Helping Local Leagues Communicate Membership System Changes to Their Members

With the launch of our new membership system, ChapterSpot, upcoming in February 2025, we know Leagues are eager to inform their members of the new membership system. The [ChapterSpot Resources page](#) on the League Management Site includes a toolkit, sample text, and a pdf one-pager for Leagues to use to explain the upcoming membership updates to their members. More information will follow.

Upcoming Events: LWV Birthday and Selma Jubilee

LWV Birthday Virtual Rally

Date: February 14, 2025

Time: virtual rally will start at 11AM ET; the event will be live-streamed and recorded

Details: Join us as we lift up our vision of a more equitable democracy, and this includes abolishing the Electoral College to allow One Person, One Vote!

More information and registration links to the rally, as well as a toolkit with useful guidance, will be shared soon!

Selma Jubilee

League members are invited to join us at Selma, AL, as we join the Civil Rights movement to commemorate "Bloody Sunday" and honor the legacy of civil rights leaders.

Date: March 6 – 10, 2025

RSVP link to come; check out www.selmajubilee.com

For more info, contact organizing@lww.org

LWVUS's First 100 Days Campaign: Women Defend Democracy

National staff have shared about our national political strategy under the incoming administration. The purpose of this campaign is to keep our organizational focus during what we expect to be a turbulent and distraction-heavy first 100 days of the new administration. This set of priorities will help us avoid mission creep and focus our efforts on the areas where we can have the greatest impact. LWV recommends state and local Leagues go through their own exercise of gold/silver/bronze prioritization or other strategic planning so Leagues can have the greatest impact.

• Democracy Education & Election Administration Support • Restore and Defend Voting Rights Protections • Abolish Electoral College • Protecting Democracy Organizations & Institutions • Reproductive Freedoms (National Abortion Ban)	• Immigration • ERA • Defend against Attacks on DEI & the LGBTQIA+ community	• Government shutdowns • Closing the Department of Education • Broader immigration policy proposals beyond core League focus • Climate change • Gun safety • Healthcare/dismantle Obamacare (outside of reproductive rights)
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Making Democracy Work reports were due on January 15, 2025. Please continue to complete the [tracker](#). The final report will be due on May 9, 2025. If you need help with data collection, please contact Brandi or Debra.

B. Strategies and Planning for 2025 - What are your League's priorities?

Dorothy asked local Leaders to share their plans and priorities for 2025. Many Leaders shared plans to:

- Recruit and engage youth
- Lift up our immigration positions especially in area where that are many people working in agriculture and manufacturing
- Host programs on Voting Rights, Civics, DEI and Reproductive Justice
- Abolish the electoral college
- Vouchers and the impact on local school districts and public schools
- Building a more robust Observer Corp and its impact on the administration of justice

- Mental health services in jails
- Study housing and homeless services
- Childcare
- Eldercare
- Build awareness of Knowles-Nelson Stewardship funding
- Create a Lunch & Learn Program

Dorothy noted that the LWV Impact on Issues is now available. [Impact on Issues 2024-2026](#)

Continue to populate the [PIES Shared Calendar](#) and [PIES Shared Resources Spreadsheet](#) (The PIES Pantry) with your upcoming events and recorded webinars and other programs.

Upcoming State programs:

[Infrastructure Report Card Programs](#)

[Supreme Court Webinar - Ethics and Money](#) on January 28

[Supreme Court Webinar - How to Judge the Judges](#) on February 25

C. Transformation and New Dues Structure

Brandi reviewed that LWVUS will roll out the new membership system on February 1, 2025. Please read all about the changes and actions needed by local Leagues on the [ChapterSpot Resources page](#) in League Management on the LWV website.

LWVUS held training for local leadership in specific roles: Presidents, Membership Managers, Roster Managers, Treasurers and Webmasters. Sessions were recorded and are available on the [ChapterSpot Resources page](#)

LWVUS will continue to hold monthly office hours addressing questions/concerns regarding the new dues system. For further questions, please consider [attending office hours](#) on the third Wednesday of each month at 4pm EST. See [recording of previous office hours](#). Password: =ekA4ckr

LWVUS is committed to keeping the [ChapterSpot Resources page](#) on their website updated with new information as it unfolds. [Please use this resource.](#) It is the most accurate source of information you will have access to.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO NOW:

1. Keep a copy of this [Checklist](#) handy and assign one or two leaders to oversee its completion

2. Fill out the [Membership Questions Form](#)

Update your League's roster to reflect active membership by January 31 or you will be charged dues from national and state.

Leagues can update their roster on the [Roster Manager Portal](#). This is a good opportunity to ensure that your League's officer list is up to date, including term dates, and to add member join, expiration dates, and unique email addresses to help facilitate the ChapterSpot transition.

All Leagues will receive their final PMA and PMP invoice this summer based on your roster on January 31, 2025. This will be the final invoice. After the structural dues change goes into effect, local Leagues will receive their dues payments in real time. This is why having your Stripe account set up is so important.

D. Program Planning

Local Leagues are in the process of program/study planning. Some are holding formal Lively Issues while others are having more informal planning meetings. To assist you, there is program planning training:

[Program Making/Position Review Training](#) (recording)

[Program Making/Position Review Training](#) (slide deck)

[Program Making Packet 2024-2025](#) (document)

To submit a study suggestion, you can use either of the following forms:

- [LWVWI Program Making Report Form](#) (Google Form)
- [LWVWI Program Making Report Form](#) (PDF)

Please submit your forms to the state office by **February 21, 2025**.

After reviewing the Program Planning webinar link and the Programming Planning Packet, please reach out to Debra or Brandi if you have any questions. Please note, you are not required to review all state and national positions. Choose the ones that interest you or that you know you would like to offer updates or new studies.

E. Join the Federal Judiciary Study Groups.io!

The Federal Judiciary Study Groups.io is now up and running! To sign up to get information from the Study Group, visit the discussion group's [homepage](#) and click the button "Apply for Membership to this Group" to join the list. Local Leagues will be able to contribute their thoughts on the consensus questions and the study in

general. Local League should begin to schedule their Federal Judiciary Study consensus meeting between February 8, 2025, and April 14, 2025. You can find the scope and full timeline for this study on the [League Management Site](#). Please contact progplan@lww.org with any questions.

Meeting adjourned at 5:32 PM.

Next Call - March 19, 2025 at 4:00P

Upcoming Events:

Feb 14 - 105th Anniversary

Feb 18 - Primary

March 6-10 - March on Selma

April 1 - General Election