



League of Women Voters of Illinois

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Meet LWVIL Board Member



Jean Sanger
LWV of Peoria

You have now been introduced, via this photo gallery, to all members of the 2009-2011 Board.

The following members will be retiring from the Board after Convention:

Nancy Marcus, Pres.
Kim Reed, VP Issues
Jeanne Davik, VP -
Webmaster
(and Enews editor)
Valerie Krejcie,
Membership
Sharon McGuire
Claire McIntyre
Jean Sanger

View photos of the
2011-2013 slate
[HERE](#)

WEBINARS for League Leaders

Did you know that LWV has a webinar library available to all Leaguers? There are many topics that will be helpful to you whether you are a new leader or an experienced one.

Visit the Webinar Library [HERE](#).

LWVIL CONVENTION IS ALMOST HERE!

LWVIL State Convention begins June 10 at the North Shore Holiday Inn in Skokie. Are you registered? Have you reserved your room?

Visitors can still get in on the action! Visitors can still register for workshops dealing with such topics as alternative ways of streamlining your League's operations, using technology to your advantage, and motivating grassroots activists. Visitors can also attend the Friday and Saturday dinners and enjoy the speakers and entertainment:

* Friday: **NBC Political Reporter Mary Ann Ahern**

* Saturday: **Chicago Bar Association's Traveling Road Show**

LWVUS President Elisabeth MacNamara will join us at Convention, giving us the opportunity to learn about the changes taking place at the national level, and how taking action and vocalizing League concerns have become the focus of LWVUS.

Help us **Map our Future** at Convention. Go to our website lwvil.org where you will find links to registration pages for both Delegates and Visitors. (Note: Delegates and Alternates can still register, but there is a \$25 late charge.)

Place your Bid in our Online Auction. You have until noon on June 3 to revisit your choices in our Online Auction and raise the bid!

ISSUE UPDATES:

1) **LWVUS Education Study:** Background information is now available: [Scope of the Study](#) and [Background Papers](#). The study on the federal role in pre-K through grade 12 public education is limited to issues of equity, funding, and standards/assessment. For Fall 2011 Leagues are encouraged to participate in this study by scheduling meetings to educate members and communities about the issue and come to consensus.

2) **Clean Air and Water:** The LWVIL testified Tuesday, May 24, at an EPA Public Hearing held in Chicago on a National Standard for Mercury Pollution from Power Plants. LWVIL Issues Specialists Laura Kratz and Judy Johnston wrote and provided testimony in defense of clean air and water at this hearing. For more information from the LWVUS on this subject, click [HERE](#).

3) **Court Watching in Cook County Courts:** Eleven of the thirteen court watchers in Cook County are League-trained. Their work is of a very high caliber; however, more volunteers are needed. They will be asked to attend a brief orientation session and commit to a minimum amount of court-watching time, perhaps as little as four mornings in a courtroom. Interested? Contact Michelle Jordan at issues@lwvil.org.

4) **Redistricting:** Illinois Senate and House Democrats have released their proposed maps of General Assembly districts. Public hearings on these maps have now concluded. View the proposed maps here: <http://ilsenateredistricting.com/> and <http://www.ilhousedems.com/redistricting>