



LWVIL CONVENTION 2013
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PRE-CONVENTION MAILING April 2013



Welcome to your **PRE-CONVENTION MAILING!** It is time to start thinking about packing your bags and heading to **Bloomington/Normal, Illinois for Convention.** Leagues are encouraged to fill their full delegation, but let Rachel (1-312-939-5935 X 37 or rlane@lwvil.org) know if you won't be sending your full delegation. We can keep a running list so that those who may want to go from another League may go as a delegate from your League. Participating in Convention is a great learning experience and opportunity to strengthen League roots. Ideas are shared that will assist local Leagues as they branch out in their communities. I hope you will find this packet useful in your Convention preparation.

PRESIDENTS-PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR DELEGATES RECEIVE ALL THIS INFORMATION BY EITHER GETTING HARD COPY TO THEM OR TELL THEM TO DOWNLOAD A SET FOR THEMSELVES AT (www.lwvil.org/SBR_Apr13.asp). IF YOU ARE NOT A CONTINUING PRESIDENT, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR NEW PRESIDENT(S) GETS THIS PACKET.

This packet includes:

- Board Recommendations for Budgets/PMP, Bylaws and Program
- Not-recommended program items
- LWVIL 2013-2015 Board nominations
- Convention Weekend-in-Brief
- Participating in Convention Business
- Registration Form
- Other crucial information

Final workbooks will be distributed at Convention. The Spring *Illinois Voter* mailed to all members also focuses on Convention. We will email *Tips for Delegates* to all delegates who reserve by May 20, 2013.

We have planned an exciting weekend and you'll be able to enhance the fun with preparation....BEFORE YOU GET TO CONVENTION:

- Delegates come to Convention informed, but not instructed. Local Boards should review and discuss the recommended items. Delegates should be a part of this discussion, but they should be free to vote their conscience after hearing/participating in the debate.
- Please review the budgets. The PMP will remain the same as the current year at \$27.00 for fiscal 2013 which begins July 1, 2013. In addition there will be no raise in PMP for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014. A commitment from every League is necessary for a healthy financial future.
- Essential Reading: *Participating in Convention Business*. It includes the names of the appropriate Board members to call with questions. The *First Time Delegate Session* (or returning delegate refresher course) being held on Friday evening and Saturday morning will enhance and simplify the weekend's events for delegates.
- If you are planning to make a motion for consideration of a not-recommended program item or a Will of the Convention item, (see Participating in Convention Business) you may want to contact other Leagues and begin to gather support now, before Convention. Debate on not-recommended program items has often centered on local Leagues support – such as sitting on a state committee for the item and identifying a funding source.

Again I can't emphasize enough the benefits Local Leagues derive from the experience that is Convention. If you are not able to fill your delegate contingent contact the LWVIL so that another League can benefit from Convention experiences. You may also contact Rachel at the LWVIL office for assistance in finding a roommate. This is a unique opportunity to truly set down roots in new members and strengthen the roots of all members. Members unable to participate in the entire weekend are especially welcome to attend the evening events and workshops.

I am looking forward to seeing you and representatives from your League at Convention! Jan