

# Leaders Update

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*Welcome to a new fiscal year and congratulations to all of you elected to leadership positions in your local league.*

*We hope that you share the information in this Leaders Update with your local League board and members.*

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## LWVUS Convention 2016 Recap

Illinois Leagues sent 42 delegates and visitors to the recent LWVUS Convention in Washington, DC.

Make sure you check the [LWVIL website](#) homepage for the article, "LWVUS Convention Notes, Key Actions" as well as [links](#) to other presentations made during the three-day convention.

The League of Women Voters of Jo Daviess County received the Effective Community Engagement Award. There is also a great article about this on our [homepage](#).

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## State of the State 2016

**Democracy Goes  
Back to School:  
celebrating civics  
education in Illinois**

The 2016 State of the State luncheon takes place on Wednesday, September 21 at the Union League Club of Chicago. The theme of our 2016 event, "Democracy Goes Back to School: Celebrating Civics Education in Illinois," acknowledges the passage of HB4025 which creates a high school civics curriculum requirement. We are delighted that Cheryl Corley, an NPR correspondent on the National Desk in Chicago, has agreed to keynote our September 21 event. We are equally pleased that Shawn Healy, the Civic Learning Scholar at the McCormick Foundation, has agreed to accept a League award for the significant contribution the McCormick Foundation has given to the conversation in Illinois about the importance of civics education.

We hope your league will help us by attending the event and/or by purchasing an ad in the 2016 Program Book. Details about submitting an ad are [here](#).

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## Developing an LWVIL Position on Higher Education

The Education Funding Issues Specialists, Claire McIntyre and Jean Pierce are looking for local Leagues who are interested in:



1. Considering the elements to develop an LWVIL position on higher education funding. We are currently searching for an existing position with which our members could concur. If that does not yield the desired results, we will propose a state-wide study beginning in 2017.-  
**and/or-**
2. Considering whether any of the current education positions need to be updated to reflect current issues such as those addressed by the Vision 20/20 report see ( [http://illinoisvision2020.org/wp-content/files/Vision\\_2020\\_Executive\\_Summary.pdf](http://illinoisvision2020.org/wp-content/files/Vision_2020_Executive_Summary.pdf) ).

Please share this request with your members and if any would like to participate in either of these options, please contact [issues@lwwil.org](mailto:issues@lwwil.org).

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## Voter Service

**National Voter Registration Day** is Tuesday, September 27, 2016. If your league would like to become a partner organization in the effort, please visit

<http://nationalvoterregistrationday.org/partners/partner-sign-up/>

**Voter Access:** The state league has heard from a number of local league leaders about issues of concern that attended the March 2016 primary, including an insufficient number of available ballots, longer than usually lines at the polls. If your league has heard of similar issues, please send them to Mary Schaafsma, Executive Director, [marys@lwwil.org](mailto:marys@lwwil.org). We would like to catalog these issues and reinforce with local election jurisdictions that the league is interested to ensure that the same problems/issues do not arise during the General Election.



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## Update from LWWUS on the Database

Now that the roll out is over, LWWUS has simplified gaining access to their new database. The hope is

that the old Roster Managers will help to transition new ones into the system. The lvv.org website has many resources to help train a new Local Roster Manager: <http://forum.lvv.org/member-resources/article/lwvus-online-database-user-guide-and-other-materials>

If your League has a new Roster Manager, you can get them access by following these steps:

1. Log into the database, go to Your League Record, and click "Add/Update Officers".
2. Follow the instructions on page 23 of the User Guide to add a new officer. When selecting an Officer title, select Local Roster Manager.
3. Once you have added him/her as an officer, LWVUS staff is notified via automatic email. Staff will then set up the permissions for the new Local Roster Manager to access the database and send a follow up email this person with information on how to get started.

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## LEW Update

We received an email with the latest from LWV California on the status of League Easy Web (LEW). Included is a summary of next steps for LEW based on more than 500 survey responses received from all over the US over the past weeks.

Here is what you need to know as of 6/30/2016. [MORE](#)

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## Farewell

We are sorry to report that **Sandra Moy**, the LWVIL bookkeeper during the last several months, is leaving to take another job. Please join us in wishing her all the best. A job description has been posted and interviews for a new bookkeeper are underway. In the meantime, please send your e-mails to [marys@lwwil.org](mailto:marys@lwwil.org). We will gladly announce the name of the new bookkeeper as soon as one is hired.

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