

We are entering a busy, critical time of the year as Election 2014 approaches. The LWWIL Board wants to make sure local league leaders get information quickly and before a next State Board Report (sent to League leaders within ten days or so of an LWWIL Board meeting).

We plan to e-mail a Local Leader Update containing important information occasionally so we hope you become accustomed to receiving it!

This premiere issue includes three items that deserve your attention.

Thanks for reading and sharing with your local leagues.

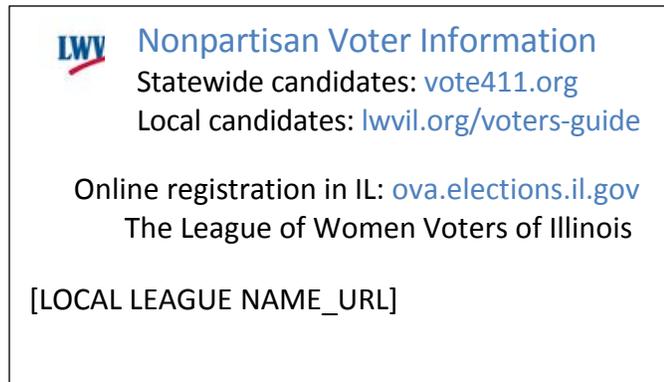
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President LWWIL

Voter information available on the LWWIL website:

VOTE 411.org: Statewide candidate information

lwvil.org/voters-guide.html: Congressional & General Assembly candidate information

In order to get the word out and help **disseminate information about on-line voter registration**, LWWIL has created a business card-sized template that can be used by local leagues. The templates can be found in two different Word formats found [here](#). You might gain a little publicity by including your local league name and URL on the cards. Business card paper usually prints 10 cards on a sheet, so costs can be kept to a minimum. Some copying services charge around \$10 for 500 cards. If every League members statewide distributes 10 cards, we could have thousands of cards in circulation.



THESE CARDS CANNOT BE DISTRIBUTED ANY PLACE WHERE YOU OR OTHERS ARE REGISTRING VOTERS.

Your local library may be willing to have the business cards available; also consider distributing them at local train stations.

Please use the Vote 411.org and lwvil.org/voters-guide.html websites to make sure the information is made available as widely as possible.

November 4th Ballot

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The General Election ballot includes 5 questions: two proposed constitutional amendments and three advisory referenda. The gist of these questions is described on the included election brochure. LWVIL issue specialists have determined that three of the questions are clearly consistent with LWVIL positions and are, therefore, recommending that people support them: the Right to Vote Amendment, the Minimum Wage Increase Advisory Referendum, and the Women's Health Advisory Referendum. The other two ballot questions are less clear-cut, so pros and cons are presented so that voters can make informed decisions.

In addition to the brochure, Issues Specialists have created separate one-page information sheets for each of the ballot questions. The brochure and the one-page sheets can be downloaded from the League of Women Voters of Illinois website. Feel free to copy and circulate freely.

If it is impossible for someone in your League to print election brochures, you may request a supply from the League's office by calling Rachel Lane at 312-939-5935.

Please distribute this information as widely as possible. The brochure is considered an advocacy piece so is a 510(c)(4) activity. Please use caution when distributing the information.

Here are some distribution ideas:

- League programs open to the public
- Libraries
- Village halls
- Coffee shops
- Make it available on your local league website.

If you think of others, please share them with us by e-mailing Rachel Lane at rlane@lwwil.org

Local league leaders are also being asked to consider submitting a letter to the editor about the ballot questions. A template is attached.

Two important caveats:

- Education Fund monies cannot be used to print these advocacy pieces.
- Brochures CANNOT be distributed at or near voter registration.

Seeking Recommendations for the LWVIL Board of Directors for 2015-2017

The LWVIL Nominating Committee has begun its search for candidates for the 2015-2017 LWVIL Board of Directors. We need your help in identifying League members whom you think should be considered for nomination to the LWVIL Board. Please consider the attached information sheet, which outlines *LWVIL Board responsibilities*, when recommending potential nominees.

There are many benefits to working as a member of the board. Foremost is the opportunity to work with other talented and interesting League members from across the state and to help direct the work and vision of the League of Women Voters of ILLINOIS.

Please complete one LWVIL *Recommendation Form* for each recommendation. Make as many copies of the form as you need. **You are welcome to nominate yourself!**

We look forward to hearing from you before October 15.

Thank you,
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