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**PLEASE COME TO THE**

# **ANNUAL MEETING**

**MONDAY, MAY 12, 2008**

**7:30 P.M.**

**AT THE HOME OF**

**DALE COHODES**

**2531 KENILWORTH AVENUE**

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## 2008-2009 Proposed State

**President:** Libby Bankoff

**Secretary:** Sue Berghoef

**Treasurer:** Susan Morrison

**Membership/Recruitment:** Ellen Falkof, Therese Steinken

**Student Government:** Deena Mitchell, Bobbie Friedman

**Programs:** Georgia Gebhardt, Dorothy Speidel

**Voter Services:** Heidi Voorhees, Donna Doberstein

**Web Master:** Beth Nyhan

**Publicity/Public Relations:** Judy Mandel

***Bulletin* Editor:** Dale Cohodes

**2009—2010 Nominating Committee:** Judy Mandel, Mari Terman,  
Dorothy Speidel

## GOING GREEN MATTERS

Join your fellow League members at "GOING GREEN MATTERS", Wilmette's second annual community-wide dialogue on environmental issues presented by the Wilmette Park District and Go Green Wilmette. The event will be held on **Tuesday, April 29, 2008 from 6:30pm – 9:30pm** at the **Wilmette Community Recreation Center** at 3000 Glenview Road, and will feature vendor and information booths, informal discussions, youth activities, recycling opportunities and in-depth seminars on the following topics: The Food We Eat, Green Tips 101, Our Waste Stream, Solar Energy and Voter Education and Action.

The **LWV Wilmette** is co-sponsoring the seminar on Voter Education and Action, which will feature our own **Libby Bankoff** as moderator and the following panel members: Jake Braun, President of the Illinois League of Conservation Voters; John Moore, Senior Counsel for Environmental Law & Policy Center; and Brian Granahan, Staff Attorney for Environment Illinois. Discussions will focus on how to evaluate a candidate's position on environmental issues, how public policies affect the environment, and effective ways for citizens to effect favorable environmental change through their elected officials.

We hope to see you at this event!

**League of Women Voters of Wilmette  
Annual Meeting**

Tuesday, May 8, 2007

Present: Susan Berghoef, Dale Cohodes, Dorothy Speidel, Georgia Gebhardt, Heidi Voorhees, Deena Mitchell, Bobbie Friedman, Muriel Cohen, Libby Bankoff, Marilyn Malles, Clarice Stetter, Marvin Miller, Ellen Falkof, Therese Steinken, Judy Mandel, Marylin Weber, Holly Berman, Kathy Klawans

**I. Call to Order** Vice President Heidi Voorhees called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

**II. Order of Business** Holly Berman moved to adopt the order of business. Bobbie Friedman seconded. Motion passed.

**III. Adoption of Rules** It was agreed that the meeting would be conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order. Clarice Stetter will serve as parliamentarian.

**IV. Acceptance of 2006 Annual Meeting Minutes** Judy Mandel moved to accept the minutes, and Libby Bankoff seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**V. Appointment of Committee to Approve Minutes of 2007 Annual Meeting** Deena Mitchell and Dale Cohodes were appointed.

**VI. President's Remarks**

Vice-President Heidi Voorhees spoke on the theme of relevance, which is a current topic of discussion at all levels of the League. Our monthly board meetings are lively, substantive, and relevant. One of highlights of our year was the Tenth District Congressional race debate. The Tenth District Leagues held what turned out to be the only debate of the two candidates in this election. It was very well attended and received major press coverage. We struggle with ways to handle debates in the future, and have talked about pursuing empty chair debates.

The league has engaged in many other timely and relevant activities. Vice-President Georgia Gebhardt studied electronic voting, a major issue in elections today. We talked about the administration of Cook County government, which is important for fair elections, among other things. Our immigration consensus meeting, which addressed a timely topic, was well-attended. In summary, all the work our League performs is very relevant, and we look forward to another exciting year, including the program *Our Climate Matters* led by Libby Bankoff.

**VII. Treasurer's Report** Treasurer Marylin Weber reported that LWV-Wilmette has had a good financial year, with \$16,998.25 in cash going into new fiscal year. Revenues were \$822 under expenses, even with 14 more members, because of delayed payment for attendance at the 2005 national convention and higher PMPs. Ph-nathon revenue, and shared telephone bill revenue, are still outstanding. . The Education Fund is sound this year, with expenditures \$2600 less than revenues. This year PMPs were paid from the Operating Budget, not from the Education Fund.

**VIII. Budget Presentation** The 2007-08 Budget, which was mailed to all members as part of the April 2007 newsletter, shows a projected \$200 revenue deficit in the General Fund. This is due in part to projected expenses for the national convention in June, a State of the Village program this year, and increasing PMP rates. The newsletter will be distributed electronically to those willing, which may save money unless the savings is offset by lost ad sales. Yearbook updates will be much cheaper than this past year because only replacement pages will be sent out. The Education Fund budget includes \$1500 in start-up funds for *Our Climate Matters*. Holly Berman moved, and Judy Mandel seconded, a motion to adopt the budget. Motion carried.

**IX. Nominating Committee Report** Holly Berman, Nominating Committee Chair, presented the slate on behalf of the rest of the committee, Mari Terman and Clarice Stetter. Other Board members were consulted as well. Holly Berman, Debi Chess-Mabie, Kent Brown and Jane Jacobsen-Brown are retiring from the Board. The primary concern with the slate is that there is no Voter Services nominee. No member would accept that position because it is nonpartisan and we are entering a Presidential election cycle. This will have to be addressed by the Board. It was noted that the Bulletin position will be an on Board position again. There are no off-Board positions next year. Concern was raised about the difficulty in recruiting Board members, and it was suggested that we begin recruiting earlier next year. Marvin Miller moved to approve the slate of nominees as presented. Marylin Weber seconded. The motion carried. Next year's nominating committee will be appointed at an upcoming Board meeting.

Vice-President – Heidi Voorhees 2008  
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Secretary – Susan Berghoef 2008  
Treasurer – Marylin Weber 2008  
Membership – Ellen Falkof 2008  
Student Government – Deena Mitchell 2008  
Bulletin – Dale Cohodes 2008  
Special Project – Libby Bankoff 2008  
Director – Marvin Miller 2008  
Voter Services – to be determined

## **X. Program Report**

**a. Our Climate Matters** Chair Libby Bankoff explained that this project stems from a Board decision last year to focus on energy issues in 2007. The committee has been working since January to formulate the outlines of the project. The goal is to host a series of educational programs, spread out over several days in October 2007, each designed to focus on a specific aspect of the global warming problem. The series likely will include speakers, panel discussions, town hall meetings, neighborhood coffees, book group discussions, and film festivals, to be held at venues covering a wide area of the North Shore. All other North Shore leagues will cosponsor the program. The committee hopes to attract big-name speakers to generate interest in the program. *Our Climate Matters* programs will finish before the start of the Chicago Humanities Festival, which will have a related theme, *Climate of Concern*, this year.

**b. Student Government** Ellen Falkof reported that the program was very successful this year, with 75 participants from four local junior high schools. Village President Chris Canning spoke at the breakfast. One of the challenges going forward is how to involve more students from WJHS, by far the largest participating school. Currently each school is assigned one local board, and as a result only 25 percent of WJHS students who sign up can participate. It is also becoming more difficult to schedule workshops with Board members prior to meetings because of the ISAT schedule. Possible solutions will be discussed with junior high officials.

**c. Voter Service** Deena Mitchell reported the League sponsored its first ever voter registration drive at New Trier this fall. The project was very successful and will be repeated next year in the spring semester, when more students will be 18. The League sponsored three candidate debates in the fall and prepared the Voter Services Guide for the spring elections. The Village Trustees debate this spring was not well attended. Marvin Miller suggested that the League respond to a recent Pioneer Press letter to the editor complaining about the presence of the League Voter Services Guide at a polling place. We will get a clarification from Cook County on its policy related to that issue. Heidi Voorhees reported that we had a Women's History Luncheon in March and a book event in August. Both will be held again next year.

## XI. New Business

**a. Student Government** Discussed above.

**b. Future of Organization** Vice-President Voorhees initiated a discussion of the future of the Wilmette League. This issue is a concern because the League is having trouble getting members to assume leadership positions, even with increased membership this year. Other area leagues have similar issues, and the Executive Board has discussed regional merging as a possible solution. Members suggested other approaches such as trying to increase membership through a membership committee, new member events, and high visibility programs such as book discussions. The problem may stem in part from perceptions of the League as too process-oriented and too liberal, and also could be generational. It was agreed that the issue is serious and needs to be addressed, and merger should be considered a real option.

The next meeting of the Board will be on June 9, 2007 at Marylin Weber's house.

**XII. Adjournment** Bobbie Friedman moved, and Marylin Weber seconded, a motion for adjournment. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Berghoef  
Secretary, Wilmette - LWV

### Operating Revenue Budget July 1, 2008 — June 30, 2008

	2006-07 Actual	2007-08 Budget	Actual 7/01/07- 4/5/2008	Estimated 4/09/2008- 6/30/2008	2008-09 Budget	
<b>Dues</b>	\$5,920.00	\$6,100.00	\$4,915.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	*1
<b>Finance</b>						
1. Phonathon	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$208.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2. Special fundraising	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
3. Contributions	\$705.00	\$700.00	\$430.00	\$0.00	\$425.00	
4. Miscellaneous						
a. Interest on CD	\$250.00	\$262.50	\$262.50	\$0.00	\$205.00	
c. Transfer from Reserve	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>General Administration</b>						
1. Phone-shared	\$90.00	\$180.00	\$361.44	\$0.00	\$180.00	
2. Bulk Mail Refund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$215.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>Arrangements</b>						
1. Summer luncheon /book event	\$110.00	\$100.00	\$50.35	\$0.00	\$50.00	
2. Issues events	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
3. Legislative event	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
4. Holiday Party	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
5. Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>Activities</b>						
1. Publications/ printing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2. Community Service	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
3. Programs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>Other</b>						
1. Memorials	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	*2
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$7,300.00</b>	<b>\$7,342.50</b>	<b>\$6,522.43</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$5,860.00</b>	

\*1 Dues: \$65 regular(N=54); \$55 senior(N=23); \$35 special (N=4)

\*2 Memorial donations honoring Jean McConnell

## Operating Expense Budget July 1, 2008—June 30, 2009

	2006-07 Actual	2007-08 Budget	Actual 7/01/07- 4/5/2008	Estimate 4/5/2008 6/30/2008	Pro- posed Budget 2008-09	
<b>Dues</b>						
1. LWV-US	\$2,302.00	\$1,809.00	\$1,222.12	\$0.00	\$1,106.00	*3
2. LWV-IL	\$2,160.00	\$1,620.00	\$1,692.00	\$0.00	\$1,540.50	
3. LWV- Cook County	\$450.00	\$405.00	\$423.00	\$0.00	\$466.00	<b>Est.</b>
4. Lake Michigan Interleague	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	
5. North Shore Interfaith Council	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	
<b>Finance</b>						
1. Phonathon	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2. Special Fundraising Projects	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>General Administration</b>						
1. Officers and Directors						
2. Administrative Committees						
a. Membership	\$148.99	\$250.00	\$97.12	\$0.00	\$100.00	
b. Yearbook (printing only)	\$350.45	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	*4
c. Bylaws, nominations/budget		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	
d. Public Relations		\$50.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	
3. Operations						
a. insurance	\$95.00	\$100.00	\$95.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
b. Supplies/maintenace	\$103.15	\$100.00	\$75.42	\$0.00	\$80.00	
c. Miscellaneous printing	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$147.58	\$20.00	\$100.00	
d. P.O. Box, Bulk mail replenish	\$232.00	\$150.00	\$52.00	\$0.00	\$55.00	
e. Postage	\$280.84	\$50.00	\$202.94		\$210.00	
f. Phone	\$271.94	\$100.00	\$237.00	\$45.20	\$275.00	
g. Web site	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$135.00	
4. Annual Meeting	\$132.82	\$105.00	\$0.00	\$105.00	\$120.00	
<b>Arrangements</b>						
1. Summer luncheon/ book event	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	
2. Issues events	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
3. Legislative event	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
4. Holiday Party	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	
5. Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>Activities</b>						
1. Publications/printing						
a. Bulletin (printing & mailing)	\$686.52	\$100.00	\$80.00	\$20.00	\$120.00	*5
b. Other	\$549.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

### Operating Expenses continued

**Activities**

1. Publications/printing					
a. Bulletin (printing & mailing)	\$686.52	\$100.00	\$80.00	\$20.00	\$120.00
b. Other	\$549.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 *6
2. Community Service					
a. Board observers/other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3. Program					
a. National, state, county	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
b. Local program/study	\$83.76	\$0.00	\$228.43	\$75.00	\$250.00 *6

**Other**

1. Delegates					
a. National Convention (even years)	\$1,714.00	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
b. State Convention/interim council	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$200.00
c. Cook County Convention	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$50.00
d. Legislative Day/Briefing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
e. Regionals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2. Donations	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
3. Bank Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4. Transfer to Reserve	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$9,685.72</b>	<b>\$7,414.00</b>	<b>\$4,907.61</b>	<b>\$2,765.20</b>	<b>\$5,582.00</b>
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$2,385.72)</b>	<b>(\$71.50)</b>		<b>(\$1,150.38)</b>	<b>\$378.00</b>

\*3 Yearbooks are published every other year

\*4 Includes registration and training for web master

\*5 14+/- members receive the 5 *Bulletins* each year by U.S. Mail

\*6 Actual expense includes Immigration study and Con-Con study meetings

### BUDGET COMMITTEE

**Kathy Klawans, Georgia Gebhardt, Heidi Voorhees, Marylin Weber**

### Education Fund Budget July 1, 2008 — June 30, 2009

	Actual 2006-07	Budget 2007-08	Actual 07/01/07- 4/5/2008	Estimate 4/5/2008 6/30/2008	Proposed 2008-09
<b>Revenue</b>					
1. Member Contributions	\$1,580.00	\$1,600.00	\$4,335.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
2. Student Government	\$1,900.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
3. Women's History Luncheon	\$50.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$35.00
4. Voter Services					
a. State of the Village	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$450.00	\$0.00
b. Voter's Guide	\$1,100.00			\$0.00	\$800.00
c. Communication	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5. Phonathon	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6. Ed Fund Interest	\$27.49	\$0.00	\$79.66	\$0.00	\$70.00
7. Our Climate Matters	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,450.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
8. Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$4,657.64</b>	<b>\$4,200.00</b>	<b>\$11,864.66</b>	<b>\$475.00</b>	<b>\$3,105.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>					
1. Fund Raiser	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2. Student Government	\$3,053.61	\$3,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
3. PMP					
a. LWV-US	\$0.00	\$603.00	\$1,222.12	\$0.00	\$1,106.00 *1
b. LWV-IL	\$0.00	\$540.00	\$564.00	\$0.00	\$513.50 *2
4. Women's History Luncheon	\$40.95	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
5. Voter Service					
a. Programs, Debates, Forums	\$52.50	\$100.00	\$94.50	\$0.00	\$300.00
b. State of the Village	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$0.00
c. Voters Guide	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
d. Communication	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00 *3
e. Registration	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6. Our Climate Matters	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$8,599.28	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$3,147.06</b>	<b>\$5,993.00</b>	<b>\$10,504.90</b>	<b>\$450.00</b>	<b>\$3,094.50</b>
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$1,510.58</b>	<b>(\$1,793.00)</b>	<b>\$1,359.76</b>		<b>\$10.50</b>

\*1 PMP 2008-09: 77@\$28; 4@\$14.50% paid from Ed Fund

\*2 PMP 2008-09: 77@\$26; 4@13.25% paid from Ed Fund

\*3 Advertisement in Cook County Issues program

The League of Women Voters Education Fund is financed by tax deductible contributions through LWV-IL EF. All of the Voter Service and any educational program which does not fund or lobby for a league position qualifies of Ed fund financing. Local Leagues may choose to pay up to 50% of the national and 25% of their state PMP with Ed Fund financing.