

**The League of Women Voters  
of  
Orange, Durham, and Chatham Counties**

**2010 Annual Meeting Report**

**League of Women Voters Mission Statement**

**The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.**

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## **Rules for the 2010 Annual Business Meeting**

**Composition:** The Annual Meeting is open to members of the League of Women Voters of Orange, Durham and Chatham Counties (LWVODC), their guests and visitors.

**Debate:** Only members of the LWVODC have the right to speak. Members may not speak twice to the same question so long as a member who has not spoken wishes to speak.

**Motions:** The Secretary or Chair may request that motions of amendments of substance be put in writing.

**Parliamentary Procedure:** Robert's Rules of Order will control the general conduct of the meeting, except where superseded by the Bylaws or Annual Meeting Rules.

**Proposed Program:** A majority vote is required for adoption of all program recommendations.

**Quorum:** Ten percent of the paid local membership constitutes a quorum.

**Rules Change:** These rules may be amended, rescinded, or suspended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting.

**Voting:** Only members of the LWVODC in good standing may vote. A majority vote of those present and voting shall be required for adoption of any measure, except where the Bylaws specify otherwise.

# 2010 ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

May 13, 2010

## 10:00 am

### WELCOME AND GUEST SPEAKER

Welcome and Introduction of Speaker Joyce Colaiace, A-Team Leader  
Politics in NC Laura Leslie, NPR Reporter

## 10:45 am

### BUSINESS MEETING

Call To Order Joyce Colaiace  
• Remarks and Recognition of the A-Team  
Credentials Report Evelin Brinich, Membership  
Adoption of Rules Judie Burke, Parliamentarian  
Minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting Ruth Ann Groh, Secretary  
Membership Report Evelin Brinich  
Treasurer's Report for 2009-2010 and  
Adoption of Proposed Budget for 2010-2011 Cynthia Wertz, Webmaster  
Adoption of Ruth Ann Groh  
• Proposed Program for 2010-2011  
▪ Part I, Issues for Emphasis  
▪ Part II, Local Positions  
• LWVODC Bylaw Changes  
Nominations: 2010-2011 Administrative-Team Joyce Colaiace  
• Nominations from the Floor  
• Election of A-Team  
Unfinished and New Business Joyce Colaiace  
Adjournment

## 12 noon – 1:00 pm BUFFET LUNCH

**Minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting  
League of Women Voters of  
Orange, Durham and Chatham Counties  
May 14, 2009**

The LWVODC Annual Meeting was held at the “Extraordinary Ventures Facility”, 200 South Elliott Road in Chapel Hill, from 10 AM to 12 noon.

Joyce Colaiace, Vice President, opened the meeting and Board member Carol Rist introduced the speaker, Ellie Kinnaird, NC State Senator who spoke on “Advocating for Prison and Juvenile Justice Reform, Universal Health Care Reform, and Immigration Issues.”

Senator Kinnaird described crossover day at the General Assembly and said that a lot of the bills she had sponsored did get through but that only a limited number of controversial bills get through. She was happy that Judie Burke, President of the LWVNC had been there speaking for the League on public financing of elections and opposing a sales tax on food.

She then went on to speak about the need to reform sentencing and the prison system. She advocates reviewing who goes to prison, being “smart on crime” as opposed to being “tough on crime.” On health care, she wants universal, single payer health care which is opposed by insurance companies and pharmaceuticals but favored by young doctors and other medical workers. On Immigration, NC sheriffs, who have a lot of power and influence, are handcuffing drivers who don’t have licenses. Her solution would be to have an open border with Mexico, comparable to that with Canada. This would allow workers to go back and forth between Mexico and the US and would facilitate the return of workers to their homes in Mexico.

**Business Meeting**

The Business Meeting was called to order at 10:50 PM by Vice President Joyce Colaiace who introduced and thanked members of the Board. She then asked Cynthia Wertz to come forward and presented her with the LWVODC “Making Democracy Work” award for her continuing work improving and expanding the LWVODC website. The Award Citation reads:

***The League of Women Voters of Orange, Durham, Chatham Counties  
Presents their 2009 “Making Democracy Work” award to Cynthia Wertz.  
Her creative talents as LWVODC webmaster have increased visibility of the League to the  
community and her administrative contributions to the Board have stimulated discussion and  
opened new opportunities.***

In her thanks for this honor, Cynthia said that because she likes sharing information and learning she was drawn to the League. She aims to keep the website up to date and available to members and to the public. League members, with their comments, questions and suggestions help her keep the website up to date.

### **Credentials Report**

Cynthia Wertz reported that we had a quorum was present. The sign-in sheet, showing 30 in attendance, was filed with these minutes.

### **Parliamentarian and Adoption of Rules**

Joyce Colaiace requested a motion to accept Carol Rist as Parliamentarian and to accept the Rules as stated in the workbook for the 2009 Annual Meeting. The motion, moved by Anne Heuer and seconded by Bessie Carrington, passed unanimously.

### **Minutes from the 2008 Annual Meeting**

A motion to adopt minutes as written and contained in the 2009 workbook was moved and passed. (Moved by Carol Rist, seconded by Brenda Rogers)

### **Treasurer's Report**

Rita Weimer walked us through the report so that members would know where we stand financially. She focused on contributions, dues, and changes in the Citizen's Guide. There is no longer a paper copy of the Citizen's Guide. It has been replaced with an online version that has even more information. The paper copy was expensive in money and in volunteer time. We had no one to solicit the business contributions that were necessary to publish the paper version.

Our account with the Citizen's Education Foundation (CEF) benefited from a \$500 grant from the Community Education Fund thanks to the work of Evelin Brinich.

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was moved and passed. (Moved by Bessie Carrington, seconded by Laurie Ferris)

### **Proposed Budget for 2009-2010**

#### **Submitted by Carol Rist, Chair and Rita Weimer, Treasurer**

Rita Weimer explained the proposed budget. Projected contributions and dues are down because of the current economic recession. We project a little less in income and a little more in expenses to come up with a balanced budget. Web site expenses are less than in the current year because some costs are paid for more than one year\*. We are hoping for \$1000 in contributions to the CEF. These contributions are tax deductible and the moneys can be used for educational forums and also can be used to pay up to half of our PMP to the LWVUS.

It was suggested that free meeting places are available. These include Central Carolina County Community College in Pittsboro, Durham Tech and Chatham County Community College.

Barbara Hardison moved for adoption of the budget as proposed, seconded by Laurie Ferris; motion carried.

### **Proposed Program for 2009-2010**

The proposed program (annual meeting booklet page 13) was adopted by voice vote. (moved by Brenda Rogers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rita Weimer)

### **LWVODC Local Positions**

Bessie Carrington moved that: The LWVODC will review the process for adopting local positions. The motion was seconded by Brenda Rogers and passed by voice vote.

The Local Positions (pages 14-15) were re-adopted by voice vote following discussion. (moved by Anne Heuer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jan Richmond)

### **Nominating Committee Report**

In the absence of a nominating committee, Ruth Ann Groh spoke about vacancies on the slate and the need for additional Board members. The slate as printed on page 16 of the booklet was elected. Those elected are:

- Ruth Ann Groh Secretary 2009-2010
- Rita Weimer Treasurer 2009-2010
- Joyce Colaiace Director 2009-2011

The offices of President, First Vice President and Second Vice President and the two other Elected Directorships are vacant.

Two Elected Directors' terms continue (2008-2010),

- Carol Rist, *Voter* editor and
- Evelin Brinich, Membership Chair who wants to be off board.

(Bylaws state that three directors are elected at each annual meeting for two-year terms making a total of six elected directors. The Elected Board may appoint up to six appointed directors for one-year terms.)

In discussion of the urgent need for additional directors, it was mentioned that the LWVNC Convention will be held June 5-7 in Greensboro, NC. Other Leagues are having similar problems with vacancies. At Convention there will be workshops on topics related to this problem and there will be opportunities to share ideas and learn from each other. Right after the Convention, on June 9, the new LWVODC Board will hold its first meeting, a pot luck lunch at Rita Weimer's home. Rita invited all those who might be able to help in some way to attend that meeting. Several persons indicated they would attend.

### **Other Business**

Molly Beacham urged members to call Representative David Price about campaign finance. Ask him to co-sponsor HR 1826. She also said that during June and July Democracy Summer interns are available as speakers on campaign finance and voting rights.

Brenda Rogers highlighted plans for the LWVNC Convention. The Friday night meeting will be held in a new civil rights museum in Greensboro. Workshops begin on Friday afternoon. One topic is working with coalitions; others include current LWVNC positions and immigration. Business meetings begin on Saturday, and there are also sessions on the state budget and on legislative issues. Successful local League programs will be featured on Sunday morning. Members can attend even if they are not delegates. Rita Weimer explained that there are funds in our treasury to help with transportation costs.

**Adjournment**

Joyce asked for a motion for adjournment. (Moved by Rita Weimer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brenda Rogers) The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted by  
Ruth Ann Groh, Secretary

\* Information from Rita Weimer: “The web site costs were down because we paid for a 5 year registration of the web site (domain) name in 2008. (I thought it was 2 years, but when I looked it up, it was 5 years.)”

## **Annual Reports (2009-2010)**

### **Joyce Colaiace, Administrative Team Leader**

The Administrative Team Leader position was adopted in 2009/2010. This position oversees the business of the three County Units and has the primary responsibility of maintaining leadership for the Administrative Team Board. This year the Leader, the other members of the Board, and the County Unit Heads, successfully carried out the mission of the League with commitment, bold strategies, and wise utilization of its resources. This is all very evident when one reads the following annual reports.

My leadership in building an effective Team and carrying out the Program for the year was very easy due to the members who volunteered to Chair a position in the LWVODC or who volunteered to complete a project or organize a program. I am indebted to these few members who stepped up to the plate when needed. The change to the three County Unit structure with an Administrative Team to oversee the business is hopefully one that we can build on in the future. It is my hope that more of the membership will heed the call to volunteer their time and services in either Leader positions or program planning events.

As leader, I also was responsible for representing the League to the public, receiving and disseminating information from LWVNC or LWVUS to the membership, preparing the meeting agendas, and corresponding to individuals with questions about the LWVODC. I also assisted with campaign forums, voter registration and attended the NC State League Council Meeting.

### **Ruth Ann Groh, Secretary**

#### **Report of LWVODC Bylaws Revision Committee, Ruth Ann Groh, Committee Chair**

The Bylaws Revision Committee consisted of Carol Rist, Judie Burke and Ruth Ann Groh. We conferred by e-mail and then met in person in November 2009. We reviewed our bylaws and compared them with sample bylaws obtained from the LWVUS website. Overall, the guiding principles were to increase flexibility and clarity and make it feasible for a small administrative team to operate efficiently according to League traditions.

We suggested changes to Articles IV Officers, V Executive Committee, VI Board of Directors, VIII Financial Administration, and X Program. Our report was submitted to the Administrative Team in November. Our suggestions were reviewed and modified by the A-Team. The result is the list of recommended revisions on page 19 of this report.

#### **Report of LWVODC Program Planning Committee, Ruth Ann Groh, Committee Chair**

A general membership Program Planning meeting was held on February 11, 2010 in the Game Room at Carolina Meadows. The purpose of this meeting was two-fold: to prepare our response to a LWVUS Board request for input, and to consider proposed modifications to our Local Positions. The Bylaws Revision Committee had noted a need to clarify our Local Positions and Carol Rist and I agreed to follow through with that.

After thoughtful discussion, the nine persons present at the February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting agreed to favor a proposed new LWVUS study of the Federal Role in Public Education and to modify our Local Positions by retaining those positions which relate to all three counties and moving outdated or

redundant positions to archives on the website. See Program Planning on page 14 of this report.

### **Changes to the Administrative Team during 2009-2010**

#### **A-Team minutes of January 21, 2010:**

“With regret, we accepted the resignation of Carol Rist from the Administrative Team. Carol has produced our *Voter*, planned meetings and been an all-around active Team member. She will be sorely missed.”

#### **A-Team minutes of March 18, 2010**

“Logistics Coordinator Report ( Margie Maddox) . . .

- The new detailed Logistics Notebook has been completed and given to the A-Team. It contains a detailed spread sheet of information and 15 different sites that can be considered for future events. This notebook has been left with the secretary.
- Margie submitted a letter of resignation which was accepted with regret and with appreciation for all her good work.”

#### **Margie Maddox, Logistics Coordinator**

During this past year, 15 different sites were researched related to the possibility of providing a site for a LWVODC meeting. The information gathered was organized into a formal “Logistics Notebook” to function as a resource for future event planning. Inside the front cover is a detailed spread sheet highlighting sites, contact persons, emails, phone numbers and general information related to each site. The notebook was given to the A-Team to be shared as needed in the future.

LWV-ODC meetings during the year were arranged, all contacts were made with facilities, contracts signed and refreshments secured as needed. This included the December General Meeting (Extraordinary Ventures), the February Program Planning Meeting (Carolina Meadows), the March General Meeting (Durham Technical Community College), and the May Annual Meeting (Extraordinary Ventures with catered lunch by Nantucket Grill).

The March 11<sup>th</sup> LWV-ODC General Meeting was held at Durham Technical Community College. The program “Immigration in N.C.: Where Are We Now?” was co-sponsored by the College’s Center for the Global Learner. Four state-wide experts in the area of immigration provided a two-hour informative panel discussion. Thirty-eight individuals plus the four speakers attended the March General Meeting. Program Committee Co-Chaired by Brenda Rogers and myself.

#### **Evelin Brinich, Membership**

The membership data base was updated locally and nationally on a regular basis. Three listservs were maintained, one for each county, to facilitate electronic mailing of The Voter and other League communication. The League membership directory was updated regularly and sent to the webmaster and made available on the local League Web site with password protection.

Membership renewal invoices were sent out in a revised format in mid May and resulted in an 80% return rate prior to September 1. New local, national, and prospective members received a personal welcome letter, with either a League brochure, and/or information where to obtain a copy of the most recent Voter, to look at the Citizens Guide, and at the Member Handbook (members only). A membership orientation was held this spring to introduce 13 new local, 1 national, and 6 prospective members to the League’s activities.

The January 2010 Per Member Payment numbers provided to the Treasurer to report to the National League were: 93 individual local members, 12 local member households at 2 members each, 11 honorary members, 22 national members.

### **Carol Rist, Voter Editor**

In 2009 (summer – Nov.), four issues of The Voter were published. The Voter was distributed electronically to all League members, members of the North Carolina General Assembly who represent Orange, Durham or Chatham Counties, and city council members and county commissioners in our three counties. A hard copy of The Voter was sent to League members who paid \$10 extra per year to cover the cost of printing and mailing, to all honorary members of the League (those who have been members for fifty years or more), to local libraries, and to local newspapers.

### **Cynthia Wertz, E-Voter Editor**

With the resignation of the Voter Editor and no members interested in assuming the Voter Editor portfolio, the LWVODC Administrative Team decided to create an electronic Voter to send to the membership. Monthly E-Voters were created for the remainder of the League year. Subject links to various sections of the LWVODC Web site were inserted into the E-Voters to provide members with more detailed information about the subject under discussion. A hard copy of the E-Voters were sent to members who paid an extra \$10 to cover the cost of printing and mailing and to honorary members.

### **Cynthia Wertz, Webmaster and Citizen's Guide Editor**

The LWVODC Web site is maintained and updated on a regular basis to ensure timely and accurate information for both League members and the general public. The total number of requests for information from our Web pages from April 1, 2009 until the end of March 2010 was 115,570. The LWVODC Web site also includes the online Citizen's Guide, which is updated each year and includes contact information, such as the Web sites, addresses, and phone numbers of the various national, state and local elected officials and local government offices and services. The Citizen's Guide is the most viewed information on the LWVODC Web site.

## **County Unit Reports**

### **Chatham**

#### **Leader, Cynthia Wertz**

Voter Service Activity: The Chatham Unit sponsored a Pittsboro Mayor and Town Commissioners Candidates' Forum held on October 7, which was recorded and broadcast three times on The Peoples Channel (Time Warner, Channel 8). Questions for the candidates were developed by League members and followed by questions from the audience. On March 26, a voter registration drive was held at Northwood High School in Pittsboro.

The Chatham Unit had a planning meeting in June and several Unit meetings. On Sept. 20, Chris Farnan provided an update on the status of the new library and its construction. In addition, Chatham League Team Leaders discussed the status of possible Team activities for the League year. On Feb. 19, guest speakers Ronald Garcia-Fogarty and Emilio Vincente spoke on the challenges immigrants face in Chatham and the Dream Act as part of LWVODC's spring focus on Immigration Reform.

## **Durham**

### **Leader, Elizabeth Hein**

Voter Service Activity: The Durham Unit sponsored a Durham Mayor and City Council Candidates' Forum on Oct. 20.

The Durham Unit held a planning meeting in July and several Unit meetings. On Nov. 12, they co-sponsored with Durham Tech a public forum on the NC General Assembly budget process, and on March 7, co-sponsored with the Durham Public Library an ensemble production of the Star Spangled Girls in observance of Women's History Month.

## **Orange Unit**

### **Leader, Rita Weimer**

Voter Service Activity: The Orange Unit sponsored a Chapel Hill Mayor and Town Council Candidates' Forum on October 5, which was recorded and broadcast three times on The Peoples Channel and prepared a LWV Chapel Hill Voters Guide of the candidates. The Guide was located on the LWVODC Web site and questions from the Guide were used in at the Candidates' Forum. The Unit also cosponsored with the Chapel Hill-Carrboro PTA a Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education Candidates' Forum on October 13th.

On March 3, the Unit held a book discussion meeting on "A Home on the Field" by Paul Cuadros as part of the LWVODC's spring focus on Immigration Reform.

# Treasurer's Report (2009-2010)

created April 20, 2010

Category	Year to Date July 09 - April 10	2009 - 2010 Budget	Dollar Difference	YTD % of Budget
<b>Income</b>				
<b>Citizen's Guide</b>			<b>\$0</b>	
<b>Contributions</b>				
Contribution LWV ODC	\$1,145	\$750	\$395	153%
Talvitie scholarship	\$155		\$155	
Voter postage	\$90	\$250	-\$160	36%
<b>TOTAL Contributions</b>	<b>\$1,390</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$390</b>	<b>139%</b>
<b>Dues</b>				
Membership Hshld 09-10	\$1,073		\$1,073	
Membership indiv 09-10	\$5,143		\$5,143	
Student	\$0		\$0	
<b>TOTAL Dues</b>	<b>\$6,215</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>	<b>-\$785</b>	<b>89%</b>
<b>Fund raising</b>	<b>\$6</b>		<b>\$6</b>	
<b>Transfer from CEF</b>	<b>\$2,291</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$1,291</b>	<b>229%</b>
<b>Program Income</b>	<b>\$0</b>			
<b>TOTAL Income</b>	<b>\$9,902</b>	<b>\$9,000</b>	<b>\$902</b>	<b>110%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
<b>Audio-Visual Forums</b>	<b>\$855</b>		<b>-\$855</b>	
<b>Web Site</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Copying</b>				
Voter	\$104	\$270	\$166	39%
Membership	\$67	\$300	\$233	22%
Other Copying	\$0	\$75	\$75	0%
<b>TOTAL Copying</b>	<b>\$171</b>	<b>\$645</b>	<b>\$474</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>Meetings</b>	<b>\$473</b>	<b>\$970</b>	<b>\$497</b>	<b>49%</b>
<b>Misc</b>	<b>\$7</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$43</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>PMP to LWV</b>				
LWV NC	\$1,536	\$1,869	\$333	82%
LWV US	\$3,583	\$3,738	\$155	96%
<b>TOTAL PMP to LWV</b>	<b>\$5,119</b>	<b>\$5,607</b>	<b>\$488</b>	<b>91%</b>
<b>Postage and Delivery</b>				
P.O. Box	\$70	\$80	\$10	88%
Voter	\$35	\$110	\$75	32%
Other Postage and Delivery	\$154	\$54	-\$100	286%
<b>TOTAL Postage and Del</b>	<b>\$259</b>	<b>\$244</b>	<b>-\$15</b>	<b>106%</b>
<b>Subscriptions &amp; Publications</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Supplies, Bus</b>	<b>\$6</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$94</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Telephone</b>	<b>\$309</b>	<b>\$384</b>	<b>\$75</b>	<b>81%</b>
<b>Travel</b>	<b>\$66</b>	<b>\$750</b>	<b>\$684</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>TOTAL Expenses</b>	<b>\$7,266</b>	<b>\$9,000</b>	<b>\$1,734</b>	<b>81%</b>
<b>Income-Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,636</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>-\$2,636</b>	

**Ending Balance April 20,2010 \$9,770**

**Citizen's Education Fund**

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$2,421</b>
Deposits	\$555
Expenditures	\$2,291
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$685</b>

**Talvitie Scholarship Fund**

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$400</b>
Income	\$5
Scholarships	\$110
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$295</b>

## LWVODC Proposed Budget (2010-2011)

Category	2007-08 Actual	2008-09 Actual	2009-10 Est. Actual	2009-10 Budget	2010-11 Budget
<b>Income</b>					
Citizens Guide	\$1,535				
<b>Contributions</b>					
Contribution LWV ODC	\$830	\$990	\$1,145	\$750	\$650
Talvitie scholarship	-\$40	\$5	\$155		
Voter postage	\$330	\$250	\$90	\$250	\$100
<b>TOTAL Contributions</b>	<b>\$1,120</b>	<b>\$1,245</b>	<b>\$1,390</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$750</b>
<b>Dues</b>					
Membership Hsehd	\$1,450	\$1,196	\$1,073		\$825
Membership Indiv	\$5,243	\$6,040	\$5,088		\$4,675
Student	\$30	\$0	\$0		
<b>TOTAL Dues</b>	<b>\$6,723</b>	<b>\$7,236</b>	<b>\$6,161</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>	<b>\$5,500</b>
Fund raising	\$0	\$0	\$6		
Transfer from CEF	\$300		\$2,291	\$1,000	\$800
Program Income	\$1,245		\$0		
<b>TOTAL Income</b>	<b>\$10,623</b>	<b>\$8,481</b>	<b>\$9,848</b>	<b>\$9,000</b>	<b>\$7,050</b>

Category	2007-08 Actual	2008-09 Budget	2008-09 Est. Actual	2009-10 Budget	2010-11 Budget
<b>Expenses</b>					
<b>Audio-Visual</b>	<b>\$220</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$855</b>		
<b>Web site</b>		<b>\$346</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Copying</b>					
Voter	\$517	\$282	\$104	\$270	\$140
Membership	\$715	\$223	\$60	\$300	\$400
Other Copying	\$767	\$130	\$0	\$75	\$75
<b>TOTAL Copying</b>	<b>\$1,999</b>	<b>\$635</b>	<b>\$164</b>	<b>\$645</b>	<b>\$615</b>
<b>Meetings</b>	<b>\$2,481</b>	<b>\$920</b>	<b>\$900</b>	<b>\$970</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Misc</b>	<b>\$207</b>	<b>\$36</b>	<b>\$7</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>PMP to LWV</b>					
LWV NC	\$1,620	\$1,708	\$1,536	\$1,869	\$1,332
LWV US	\$1,724	\$3,846	\$3,583	\$3,738	\$3,241
<b>TOTAL PMP to LWV</b>	<b>\$3,344</b>	<b>\$5,554</b>	<b>\$5,119</b>	<b>\$5,607</b>	<b>\$4,573</b>
<b>Postage and Delivery</b>					
P.O. Box	\$68	\$70	\$70	\$80	\$70
Voter	\$303	\$159	\$100	\$110	\$70
Other Postage & Delivery	\$216	\$106	\$154	\$54	\$150
<b>TOTAL Postage &amp; Del.</b>	<b>\$587</b>	<b>\$335</b>	<b>\$324</b>	<b>\$244</b>	<b>\$290</b>
<b>Subscriptions and Pub.</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>Supplies, Bus</b>	<b>\$48</b>	<b>\$36</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>Telephone</b>	<b>\$407</b>	<b>\$359</b>	<b>\$371</b>	<b>\$384</b>	<b>\$420</b>
<b>Travel</b>	<b>\$748</b>	<b>\$239</b>	<b>\$300</b>	<b>\$750</b>	<b>\$600</b>
<b>TOTAL Expenses</b>	<b>\$10,041</b>	<b>\$8,461</b>	<b>\$8,255</b>	<b>\$9,000</b>	<b>\$7,848</b>

**NOTE: A projected loss for the year will be covered by on- hand reserves**

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## **LWVODC Program (2010-2011)**

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The Administrative Team, having considered recommendations of voting members, has formulated the following proposed Program for the League year beginning July 1, 2010:

### **PROGRAM**

**Issues for Emphasis and Local Positions.** These categories of Program are defined as follows:

***I. Issues for Emphasis*** are timely governmental issues based on local, state, or national positions selected for education, advocacy and action in the coming year.

***II. Local Positions*** are positions on local governmental issues to which the LWVODC has given sustained attention and in which it may continue to act.

### **I. LWVODC Issues for Emphasis 2010-2011**

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The LWVODC Administrative Team proposes the adoption of the following Issues for Emphasis for the League year beginning July 1, 2010.

#### **SOCIAL POLICY**

**1. Affordable healthcare for all** (See LWVUS position “Health Care”.)

Objective: Advocate and Educate

Example: Respond to and create action alerts, provide educational material.

2009-2010 Actions: The Action Team Leader created 51 action alerts or educational updates and sent them to the membership. The Health Care Reform Advocacy Committee had four members, met several times, and communicated mainly by email.

**2. Immigration** (See LWVUS position “Immigration”.)

Objective: Advocate and Educate

Example: Promote informed involvement in immigration policy at all levels of government.

2009-2010 Actions: The Chatham and Orange County Units held a meeting to update their members on the challenges immigrants face. Margie Maddox and Brenda Rogers organized a four-member panel discussion on “Immigration in NC: Where Are We Now?”

## **NATURAL RESOURCES**

### **3. Water Quality** (See L WVUS & L WVNC positions “Water Resources”.)

Objective: Advocate and Educate

2009-2010 Actions: [Ellen Reckhow, Durham County Commissioner, spoke at the December general meeting. Her topic was Clean Water for People and Wildlife: What can Local Officials Do?](#)

## **REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT**

### **4. Redistricting** (See L WVNC position. “Fair & Equitable Representation”)

Objective: Inform ourselves as to the process and prepare to monitor redistricting when it occurs.

## **II. LWVODC Positions (2009-2010)**

Positions are arranged by the headings used in LWV state and national listings of positions. Local Leagues may take action within their jurisdiction based on their local positions or on state and national League positions. Most importantly, members should support the action, be kept informed, and have opportunities for discussion and evaluation.

### **REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT**

#### **County Budget Process**

- Support for a long-range local government budget process that includes establishment of goals and priorities, for operation expenses and for capital improvements (2006).
- Support for clear communication in the budget process (2006).

#### **Local Government**

- Local governing boards should adopt written ethics codes and local municipalities should adopt the state statute for candidates reporting campaign contributions and expenditures. (1989, 2006, 2010).

#### **Growth and Development**

- Support of a sound planning program through which public improvement, policies, and regulations are coordinated for the orderly and attractive development of the community (1964, 2006).
- Support for joint planning as the best process for managing growth cooperatively in our districts (2006).
- Public facilities should be adequate before new development is permitted (1987).

#### **Redistricting Reform**

- This is covered by the LWVNC position “Fair & Equitable Representation.”

### **NATURAL RESOURCES**

#### **Greenways**

- Support for greenways systems and open space (1984, 2006, 2010).

### **SOCIAL POLICY**

#### **Education**

- Support redistricting policy that maintains racial balance, continuity of individual educational experience and supports the quality of integration within the schools and individual classrooms (2006).
- Support actions to improve the safety, efficiency and reliability of school bus transportation systems (2006).
- Support for adequate funding of the capital needs of local schools (2006).

#### **Public Recreation**

- Support for public recreation (2006).

*Additional, previous local positions have been archived. These will be found on the LWVODC Web site: <http://www.lwvdc.org>*

## LWVODC Positions to be Archived 2010-2011

LWVODC members at the Program Planning Meeting on February 11, 2010 recommended that the positions below be archived on the LWVODC Web site. The reason for each recommendation is shown in brackets. Most of the outdated positions either have been achieved, or have been revised to apply to all three counties. Archived positions show an aspect of the history of this League.

### **Campaign Finance** *[Covered by the LWVNC position]*

- The LWVODC supports Lobby Reform on the State and Local level. We support an independent ethics commission to review the reporting process of the legislative and executive branches of government (2006).

### **County Budget Process**

- Support for a long-range Orange County budget plan that includes establishment of goals and priorities, for operating expenses and for capital improvements (1988). *[outdated]*
- Support for clear communication in the Orange County budget process (1988). *[outdated]*

### **Criminal Justice** *[How would a League do this?]*

- Support for action to increase citizen safety by decreasing the number of drunken drivers (1983, 2006).

### **Education**

- Support for the Chapel Hill School Board in its assignment of pupils on a non-discriminatory basis (1960). *[outdated]*
- Support redistricting policy that maintains racial balance and continuity of individual educational experience. Support improvement of quality of integration within the schools and individual classrooms (1978). *[outdated]*
- Support of action to improve the safety, efficiency and reliability of the Chapel Hill/Carrboro school bus transportation system (1979). *[outdated]*
- Support for adequate funding of the capital needs of Chapel Hill/Carrboro and Orange County school systems (1984). *[outdated]*

### **Election Laws** *[We already have same-day registration]*

- The LWVODC supports same-day registration at one-stop sites. This legislation will allow a person who misses the cut-off for registration (25 days before the election) to go to a one-stop voting site when they are open, show proper ID, register and vote (2006).

### **Growth and Development**

- Support of joint planning as the best process for managing growth cooperatively in the areas of Orange County surrounding Chapel Hill and Carrboro (1986). *[outdated]*

**Individual Liberties *[not a local position]***

- We advocate for changes in the law to protect our civil liberties through emails, visits and calls to our federal representatives and senators (2006). The LWVODC recommends education of the public on the particulars of the Patriot Act and the impact on their civil liberties.

**Public Recreation**

- Support for public recreation for the Chapel Hill area (1961, 1974). *[outdated]*

**Redistricting Reform *[This is covered by the LWVNC position “Fair & Equitable Representation.]***

- The LWVODC believes that redistricting locally should be representative of and apportioned on population and effectively represent minority citizens. We strongly believe that the public should be educated regarding partisan gerrymandering (2006).

**Taxes *[not a local position]***

- The LWVODC supports an Earned Income Tax Credit and supports an equitable and efficient system of taxation (2006).

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
OF ORANGE, DURHAM AND CHATHAM COUNTIES**

**BYLAWS**

As revised May, 2008 with recommended revisions for 2010

***Deletions are shown with strikethroughs, additions with underlining.***

Revisions committee: Judie Burke, Carol Rist, Ruth Ann Groh, with additional recommendations  
from the  
Administrative Team.

**ARTICLE I. Name**

Section 1. *Name.* The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters of Orange, Durham and Chatham Counties, hereinafter referred to in these Bylaws as LWVODC. This local league, consisting of three units representing the three counties, is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States and of the League of Women Voters of North Carolina, hereinafter referred to in these Bylaws as LWVUS and LWVNC respectively.

**ARTICLE II. Purposes and Policy**

Section I. *Purposes.* The purposes of the LWVODC are to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

Section 2. *Political Policy.* The LWVODC shall not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

**ARTICLE III. Membership**

Section I. *Eligibility.* Any person who subscribes to the purpose and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. *Types of Membership.*

a. Voting members. Citizens at least 18 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local Leagues, state Leagues and of the LWVUS;

(1) individuals who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League;

(2) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large;

(3) those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be honorary life members excused from the payment of dues.

b. Associate members. All others who join the League shall be associate members.

**ARTICLE IV. Officers**

Section 1. ~~*Enumeration and Election of Officers.*~~ *Election, Qualifications and Term.* The officers of the LWVODC shall be a President, or co presidents or a management team as appropriate for the circumstances and a First Vice president, a Second Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. They shall be voting members of the League and shall serve for a term of one year or until their successors have been

~~electd. who shall be elected by the general membership at the Annual Meeting and take office at the beginning of the fiscal year. Two persons may hold any of these offices. Each person may vote on the issues.~~

~~Section 2. *Terms of Office.* All officers shall be elected for one year terms. They may, however, be re-elected to the same or another office after their term of office expires.~~

~~Section 3. *2. The President.* The President shall refer to the president, a co president or any member of the management team as appropriate. The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the Board of Directors/Administrative Team or designate another person to do so. The President may, in the absence or disability of the Treasurer, sign or endorse checks, drafts, and notes. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. The President shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of the President and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board.~~

~~Section 4. *3. The Vice Presidents.* The Vice Presidents in order of their rank, shall, in the event of absence, disability or death of the President possess all the powers and perform all the duties of the office, until such time as the Board of Directors/Administrative Team shall elect one of its members to fill the vacancy. If neither the Vice President is unable to serve as President, the Board shall fill the vacancy from among the ~~electd Directors~~ membership. The Vice Presidents shall perform such other duties as the President and Board shall designate.~~

~~Section 5. *4. The Secretary.* The Secretary shall keep minutes of all general the meetings of the League at which decisions are made and of all meetings of the Board of Directors/Administrative Team. The Secretary shall notify all officers and directors of their election. The Secretary shall sign, with the President, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board and shall perform such other functions duties as may be incident to the office the president and board shall direct.~~

~~Section 6. *5. The Treasurer.* The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of these monies, shall deposit them in a bank designated by the Board of Directors, and shall disburse the same only upon order of the President or the Board. The Treasurer shall present financial statements to the Board at its regular meetings and an annual financial report to the Annual Meeting. perform such duties as customarily pertain to the office; arrange for an annual audit of the books; and, at the direction of the board, maintain deposits in authorized financial institutions.~~

#### **ARTICLE V. ~~Executive Committee~~**

(See Article V, Section 6)

~~Section 1. The executive committee shall consist of the President, First and Second Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer. The Executive Committee shall exercise such power and authority as may be delegated to it by the board and shall report to the board on all actions taken by it between regular meetings of the board.~~

#### **ARTICLE VI. V. Board of Directors/Administrative Team**

~~Section I. *Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office.* The Board of Directors/Administrative Team shall consist of the officers of the league, six up to four elected Directors and not more than six four appointed Directors. ~~Three~~ Two Directors shall be elected ~~by the general membership~~ at each Annual Meeting and shall serve for a term of two years or until their successors have~~

been elected and qualified. The elected members shall appoint such additional Directors, not exceeding ~~six~~, four as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the league. The terms of the office of the appointed Directors shall be one year and shall expire at the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting. The appointed directors shall have the same rights and responsibilities as the elected directors, and will attend board meetings, and be part of the quorum for voting.

Section 2. The immediate past President shall remain on the Board for the next year following his or her term as an ex-officio Board member. No ex-officio Board member shall be counted for the purpose of staying within the number of board members allowed. An ex-officio board member will be part of the quorum for voting.

Section 3. *Qualifications*. No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an officer or director of this organization unless that person is a voting member of the LWVODC.

Section 4. *Vacancies*. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors/Administrative Team may be filled, until the next Annual Meeting, by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors/Administrative Team. Three consecutive absences from a Board meeting of any member without a valid reason shall be deemed a resignation. ~~The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall assume the responsibility to fill a vacancy where upon it shall be voted by the board.~~ Vacancies other than the presidency may be filled by vote of the remaining members of the board.

Section 5. *Powers and Duties*. The Board of Directors/Administrative Team shall have full charge of the property and business of the organization, with full power and authority to manage and conduct same, subject to the instructions of the voting membership. It shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the Program as adopted by the national convention, the state convention and the Annual Meeting. The Board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.

Section 6. *Executive Committee*. The board may appoint an executive committee consisting of no fewer than three members of the board. The executive committee shall exercise such power and authority as may be delegated to it by the board and shall report to the board on all actions taken by it between regular meetings of the board. (replaces Article V and is taken from Sample Bylaws It makes this an option not mandated.)

Section ~~6~~ 7. *Meetings*. There shall be at least ~~nine~~ seven regular meetings of the Board of Directors/Administrative Team annually. The president may call special meetings of the Board of Directors/Administrative Team and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five members of the Board.

Section ~~7~~ 8 *Quorum*. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors/Administrative Team shall constitute a quorum.

Section 9. *Conduct of meetings*: The Board may conduct meetings by teleconference or videoconference. Such meetings must be conducted by a technology that allows all persons participating to hear and deliberate simultaneously. The Board and/or committees may conduct business by electronic mail, provided that all asynchronous communication is fully documented. All such business will be entered into the Board's minutes.

## **ARTICLE ~~VII~~ VI. Nominations and Elections**

Section 1. *Nominating Committee*. The nominating Committee shall consist of a Chair nominated by the current Nominating Committee and elected at the Annual meeting and three persons from the

membership appointed by the president with one member from each unit. The Nominating Committee Chair should attend board meetings and shall have voting privileges at said meetings. An additional member from the Board of Directors/Administrative Team shall be chosen by the Board. Suggestions for nominations for Officers and Directors may be sent to this Committee by any voting member.

Section 2. *Report of Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor.* The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for Officers, Directors, and Chair of the succeeding Nominating Committee shall be sent to all members one month before the date of the Annual Meeting. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be presented at the Annual Meeting. Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member, provided the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.

Section 3. *Elections.* The election shall be by ballot, except that when there is but one nominee for each office, the secretary may be instructed to cast the ballot for each nominee. A majority vote of those qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

#### **ARTICLE ~~VIII~~, VII Financial Administration**

Section 1. *Fiscal Year.* The fiscal year of the LWVODC shall commence on the first day of July. ~~each year, beginning July 1, 1988.~~

Section 2. *Dues.* Annual per member dues shall be determined by the membership. Dues shall be the same for voting members and for associate members. When two or more members reside at the same address in a common household, annual dues for them shall be one and one-half the per member dues. Dues shall be payable by July 1. Any member who fails to pay dues by October 1 of any fiscal year shall be dropped from the membership rolls. A member transferring to the league from another League, which has a different rate of membership renewal, will be assessed a pro-rata share of our membership fee to cover any time elapsed between the end of the membership year of the former League and the beginning of the Orange, Durham and Chatham Counties League's membership year.

Section 3. *Budget.* A budget for the ensuing year shall be submitted by the Board of Directors/Administrative Team to the Annual Meeting for adoption. The budget shall include support for the work of the League of Women Voters on all its levels of activity.

Section 4. *Budget Committee.* A Budget Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors/Administrative Team at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing year. The proposed budget shall be sent to all members one month before the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer ~~or the Finance Chair~~ shall not be eligible to serve as chair of the Budget Committee.

Section 5. *Distribution of Funds on Dissolution.* In the event of dissolution, for any cause, of the LWVODC, all monies and securities which may at the time be owned by or under the absolute control of the LWVODC shall be paid to the LWVNC after the Board of Directors/Administrative Team has paid or made provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the LWVODC. All other property of whatsoever nature, whether real, personal or mixed which may at a the time be owned by or under the control of the LWVODC shall be disposed of by any officer or employee of the organization having possession of same to such person, organization, or corporation, for such public, charitable or educational uses and purposes as may be designated by the then Board of Directors/Administrative Team of LWVODC.

## ARTICLE IX. VIII Meetings

Section 1. *Membership Meetings.* There shall be at least four meetings of the membership each year, with additional meetings to be called at the discretion of the Board of Directors/Administrative Team. Time and place shall be determined by the Board of Directors/Administrative Team.

Section 2. *Annual Meeting.* An Annual Meeting shall be held during the month of May, the exact date to be determined by the Board of Directors/Administrative Team. It shall:

- a. adopt a local Program for the ensuing year;
- b. elect officers and directors and the chairman of the Nominating Committee;
- c. adopt an adequate budget; and
- d. transact such other business as may properly come before it.

Section 3. *Quorum.* One-tenth of the members shall constitute a quorum at all business meetings of the LWVODC.

## ARTICLE X. IX Program

Section 1. *Authorization.* The governmental principles adopted by the National Convention, and supported by the League as a whole, constitute the authorization for adoption of Program.

Section 2. *Program.* The Program of the LWVODC shall consist of action to implement the principles and those local governmental issues chosen by the Annual Meeting for concerted study and action.

Section 3. The Annual meeting shall act upon the Program using the following procedures:

a. Voting members may make recommendations for new studies up to two months prior to the Annual Meeting.

~~a. b.~~ The Board of Directors/Administrative Team shall consider ~~the~~ these recommendations ~~sent in by the voting members~~ two months prior to the Annual Meeting and shall formulate a proposed Program.

~~b. c.~~ The proposed Program shall be sent to all members at least one month before the Annual Meeting.

~~e. d.~~ A majority vote of voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting shall be required for adoption of subjects in the proposed Program as presented to the Annual Meeting by the Board of Directors/Administrative Team.

~~d. e.~~ Recommendations for Program submitted by voting members two months prior to the Annual Meeting but not recommended by the Board of Directors may be considered by the Annual Meeting provided that:

——— ~~the Annual Meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote;~~  
~~the Annual Meeting shall adopt the item by a majority vote.~~

e. Changes in the Program, in the case of altered conditions, may be made provided that:

- (1) Information concerning the proposed changes has been sent to all members at least two weeks prior to a general membership meeting;
- (2) Final action by the membership is taken at a succeeding meeting.

Section 4. *Member Action.* Members may act in the name of the LWV only when authorized to do so by the appropriate Board of Directors/Administrative Team.

Section 5. *Local League Action.* The LWVODC may act only in conformity with, or not contrary to, the position taken by the LWVUS as stated in the principles.

#### **ARTICLE ~~XI~~. X National Convention, State Convention and Council**

Section 1. *National Convention.* The Board of Directors/Administrative Team at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the national office shall select delegates to that convention in the number allotted the LWVODC under the provisions of the bylaws of the LWVUS.

Section 2. *State Convention.* The Board of Directors/Administrative Team at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the state office shall select delegates to that convention in the number allotted the LWVODC under the provisions of the bylaws of the LWVNC.

Section 3. *State Council.* The Board of Directors/Administrative Team at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the state office shall select delegates to that council in the number allotted the LWVODC under the provisions of the bylaws of the LWVNC.

#### **ARTICLE ~~XII~~. XI Parliamentary Authority**

Section 1. *Parliamentary Authority.* The rules contained in Roberts Rules of Order Revised shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE ~~XIII~~. XII Amendments**

Section 1. *Amendments.* These Bylaws may be amended at any Annual meeting using the following procedures:

- a. All recommendations shall be submitted to the membership in writing at least one month before the Annual Meeting.
- b. A two-thirds vote of all voting members present and voting shall be required for adoption of amendments.

**2009 – 2010 LWVODC ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM**

A- Team Leader  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Meeting Logistics  
Membership (*off board, 2009-2010*)  
The Voter  
Webmaster (*off board, 2009-2010*)  
E-Voter (*off board, 2010*)

Joyce Colaiace  
Ruth Ann Groh  
Rita Weimer  
Margie Maddox  
Evelin Brinich  
Carol Rist  
Cynthia Wertz  
Cynthia Wertz

Chatham County Unit Leader  
Durham County Unit Leader  
Orange County Unit Leader

Cynthia Wertz  
Elizabeth Hein  
Rita Weimer

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**2010-2011 Administrative Nominations  
In progress. To be posted by end of April.**