

League Membership 101

Congratulations! You have chosen to join the League of Women Voters of Marquette County. The information below will help you learn about how the organization functions and how you can play a meaningful role.

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

League is a multilevel organization.

Most members join a local League and are automatically members of the state and national League.

- Each level of League has a board and officers.
- Each level has positions reached by member study and consensus, leading to an advocacy agenda.
- Local Leagues can advocate on local issues covered by local, state or national positions.
- Dues paid to a local League include a Per Member Payment (PMP) owed to both the state and national Leagues.
- Dues and donations for general League activities are not tax deductible but tax-deductible donations can be given to the LWVUS Education Fund for local use.

The League is nonpartisan.

- The organization does not support or oppose candidates or political parties. LWV boards adopt and abide by a non-partisan policy.
- The Convener, Voter Services Coordinator and Spokesperson do not participate in any activity that would indicate support for a candidate.
- All other members and board members are encouraged to be politically active as individuals outside of League activities.

The League supports issues & legislation

after member study and agreement.

Program issues are selected by the membership for study and member agreement. There is a separate program agenda for each level of League.

Consensus is general membership agreement on a position after study.

Concurrence is agreement with position statements developed by another League.

Action is member activity that encourages the support or opposition of legislation. Action can take place at all three levels of the League organization. It is important that the League set priorities for action based on positions.

Speak with one voice. Only the Spokesperson makes a public statement in the name of the League.

The League mobilizes people to vote

and to have a say in the complex decisions that affect us all.

Candidate forums are League sponsored sessions at which all candidates are invited to participate. Community forums are designed to help citizens better understand policy issues

Voter Guides invite all candidates for an elected office to respond to specific questions about current policy issues. Guides are available in print or online.

VOTE411.org is an online data base containing voter guides and other personalized information to help citizens be informed voters.

Voter Education programs in the schools and voter registration and education drives encourage more citizen participation.

The League is a grassroots organization.

Members have a voice in decisions at every level. Members elect the board, decide what issues to study, approve a budget and bylaws and give general directions to the plans for future years. Members may be selected as delegates to state and national conventions. Local Leagues give suggestions for the state or national program agenda for the upcoming two years.

Marquette County League in Action

Voter Service/Voter Education

- Conduct voter registration and education at local high schools and community sites
- Sponsor candidate forums for local and state positions.
- Provide www.VOTE411.org on-line resource containing information on all candidates and ballot issues in the Marquette county area.
- Print voter guides to distribute in area

LWV-MQT Projects:

- Candidate Forums
- Community Education
- Advocacy
- Voter Registration Events
- Observer Corps
- Vote 411/Voter Guides
- Annual Meeting

LWV of Marquette County

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LWVMarquetteCounty/>

website: <https://lwvmqt.org>

VOTE411 - for election information:
<https://www.vote411.org/>

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Work*

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*League membership is open to all
men and women over age 16*