



**FIRST CALL TO STATE CONVENTION
OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MICHIGAN**

**Livonia, MI
MAY 17-19, 2019**

In accordance with the bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Michigan, I hereby issue the first call for all recognized local Leagues to send delegates to the thirty-second biennial State Convention of the League of Women Voters of Michigan to be held May 17-19, 2019 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton, 19525 Victor Parkway, Livonia, MI, 48152.

Judy Karandjeff
President

This year's Convention in Livonia will celebrate the 100th birthday of the League of Women Voters of Michigan and the 100th anniversary of suffrage for Michigan women. The Convention promises to be informative, productive and fun. State Convention provides us with an opportunity to conduct important business of the state League as well as an opportunity to participate in workshops, learn more about the League and renew friendships with League members across the state.

Delegates will:

- Adopt the 2019 - 2021 state program, including any state studies
- Adopt the LWVMI budgets for the next two years, including the per-member-payment
- Elect LWVMI Officers and members of the Board of Directors
- Consider Amendments to the LWVMI Bylaws, if proposed

Leagues may send as many voting delegates as allowed by their membership count. (See the attachment, "**Determining Delegates, Convention 2019**"). Sending your full quota will assure your members full representation of their views. Any LWV member, whether or not a voting delegate, may attend and participate in all of the convention activities except for voting at the plenaries.

A detailed schedule of events, a registration packet and other Convention documents will be sent to all Leagues via future e-mailings and be available on the website.

Business Meetings:

The business of the League will be conducted in three **Plenary Sessions:** Friday Evening, Saturday Morning and Sunday Morning.

Special Events/ Activities:

- **Pre-Convention Workshop on Friday afternoon, May 17 (optional)**
- **“Dine Around”** in the Livonia area for Friday dinner, guided by Northwest Wayne County League members.
- **Workshops** on Saturday afternoon.
- **Convention Banquet** on Saturday evening for a presentation of key awards (See **“Awards Packet”** attachment.) Our honored speaker will be Elaine Weiss, award-winning journalist and writer of *The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win The Vote*. Ms. Weiss was also a speaker at the 2017 LWVUS Convention in Chicago. Separate tickets for the Banquet will be available for purchase.
- **Wares Market/ Silent Auction**, Please let state office know if your League wants to sell items at the Wares Market so we can plan enough display space. We hope that every League will provide at least one item that can be auctioned off as part of the LWVMI fundraiser.
- **Displays (posters) of League origins** provided by local Leagues.

Please keep in mind these **State Convention deadlines:**

FEBRUARY 17, 2019

Proposed Amendments to Bylaws due (see attachment) (Contact LWVMI office for Bylaws, if needed)

MARCH 1, 2019

Program Planning reports from local Leagues due to the state office

APRIL 1, 2017

Award Nominations due (see attachment)

Belle Brotherton Award

Helen Milliken Leadership in Civic Engagement Award

Mary Ann Mahaffey Community Service Award

“Belle Ringer” Awards

One-page history of local Leagues due for complimentary booklet at convention

APRIL 26, 2019

Convention Registrations due to LWVMI. After the April 26 deadline, a late registration fee will be charged

Hotel reservations due to Embassy Suites to secure LWMI discount.