69th Annual Meeting
League of Women Voters
Corpus Christi Area

Meeting Workbook
May 17, 2014
2014 ANNUAL MEETING WORKBOOK

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Corpus Christi Literacy Council
Jose Miguel Duran, M.D., Gastroenterology
Hunter & Handel, PC
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Kailo CS
Mike Shaw Toyota (Alex Garcia)

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Donated Office Space (Doddridge Plaza)
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Proposed Rules for Annual Meeting

ADMISSION -- Admission to the Annual Meeting is open to members and non members alike. Only members have voting privileges.

QUORUM -- One-fifth of the total membership (15 members) shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the League of Women Voters of Corpus Christi. See Bylaws, Article VII, Section 3.

DEBATE -- Only members have the privilege of the floor. Upon being recognized by the Chair, the member shall stand and state her/his name before speaking. No person may speak twice until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity to do so. Debate on program and budget issues will extend as long as time permits; the vote will follow the debate.

CONSIDERATION OF NON-RECOMMENDED ITEMS -- 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 if (1) the Annual Meeting shall order consideration by majority vote and (2) the Annual Meeting shall adopt the item by a two-thirds vote. See Bylaws, Article IX, Section 4.

VOTING PROCEDURE -- A majority of delegates qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election of officers. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted. Adoption of Budget/recommended Program requires a majority vote of members present and voting.

GOVERNING RULES -- The rules contained in the most current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, Rev. shall govern in all cases to which they are applicable and are consistent with the Bylaws and the Rules for the Annual Meeting as adopted by the membership.
69th Annual Meeting Agenda

Saturday, May 17, 2014; 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Sugarbaker’s, Corpus Christi, TX

10:00 a.m. Arrival and Registration

10:15 a.m. Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda
               -- Sandra Heatherley, President

               Pledge to the Flag
               Blessing of the meal

10:20 a.m. Champagne Brunch

10:40 a.m. Call to Order
               -- Adoption of the Minutes of the 68th Annual Meeting, May 2013
               -- 2013-2014 Treasurer’s Report: Maria Jimenez, Treasurer
               -- Adoption of Proposed Budget for 2014-15: Bryan Bode, Chair, Budget Committee
               -- Adoption of the Proposed Membership Categories: Sandra Heatherley
               -- Adoption of Program: Sandra Heatherley
               -- Report of the Nominating Committee: Nick Jimenez, Chairman

11:10 a.m. Election of Officers and Nominating Committee
               -- Swearing In of New Officers.
               -- Recognition of Retiring Board Members

11:15 a.m. President’s Report--Sandra Heatherley

11:30 a.m. Adjourn

MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK
Business Action Items

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee has announced the following slate of officers for election at the May 17 Annual Meeting. The Board is comprised of nine members. League Bylaws specify the following typical election cycle:

--Elected in odd-numbered years: President, one Vice President, Treasurer, 2 Directors.
--Elected in even-numbered years: Two Vice Presidents, Secretary, 1 Director.

On the Ballot:

VP Membership Services: Chris Garcia (2014-2016)
VP Program: Elena Buentello (2014-2016)
Director: Matilda Saenz (2014-2015)
Director: Coretta Graham (2014-2016)
Secretary: (vacant)
Nominating Committee Chair: Pam Maupin (2014-15)

Not on the ballot
(completing second year of a 2-year term)

Sandra Heatherley, President (2013-2015)
Maria Jimenez—Treasurer (2013-2015)
Bryan Bode—VP Community Relations/Publicity (2013-2015)
Sally Farris—Director (2013-2015)

Program Recommendations

LWV-CC Positions on Natural Resources and Local Government

From Discussions held at the January 16, 2014, meeting of the League of Women Voters—Corpus Christi area at the Hibachi Grill at Staples/Williams in Corpus Christi. Twenty-four active members and guests attended the January 16, 2014, meeting to discuss and ratify or change the League’s current position statements related to Local Government and Natural Resources. Those position statements were printed in the November 2013 and January 2014 issues of the monthly VOTER. Here are the results of our facilitated discussion.

I. Natural Resources
A. Tourism and Conventions
General agreement with LWV-CC present position

B. Adequate Park and Recreation Facilities
General agreement with LWV-CC present position with the recognition that the one-acre park per 100 people is not immediately attainable

C. Protection of Sand Dunes on Barrier Islands and Open Beaches
General agreement with LWV-CC present position

D. Development of Corpus Christi Beach
General agreement with LWV-CC present position

E. Bayfront Master Development Plan
A group of LWV-CC will begin to study the city’s current Bayfront Master Development Plan. Elena Buentello agreed to take the lead on this study with Judy Tedge and Chris Garcia also agreeing to work with her.

II. Local Government
A. Council/Manager Form of Government
General agreement with LWV-CC present position

B. Public Transportation System
A group of LWV-CC will look at this topic in more depth, especially with regard to public accountability. Judy Telge agreed to take the lead on this study, and Sally Ferris

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Program Recommendations

also volunteered to assist. (A member who joined at this meeting 1/16/14 was also added.)

C. Method of Electing Corpus Christi ISD Trustees
General agreement with LWV-CC present position

D. Method of Electing City Council
General agreement with LWV-CC present position

E. Charter Revision—Annexation/Industrial District
General agreement with LWV-CC present position. It was recommended that we have a future membership meeting with a speaker to clarify the current annexation policy.

F. Emergency Ambulance Services
Discussion that perhaps the current services need to be expanded; further discussion seemed to be warranted for this area. No group formed yet for this topic.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2014-2015

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Recommended by Budget Committee: Bryan Bode, Chair

BUDGET NOTES
PMP (Per Member Payment)
Of the membership dues collected, the PMP (Per Member Payment) amounts remitted are as follows:

To LWV-Texas: Individual, $22
Second Household Member, $11
Student, $12

To LWVUS: Individual, $31
Second Household Member, $15.50
Student, $15.50
Two New Categories of Membership To Consider

1) **Friend of the League** is a limited membership Pilot Program for one year.
--Implementation is effective May 17, 2014, upon membership approval at the Annual Meeting.
--Reevaluation by the Board of Directors in April 2015.

**Purpose:** The purpose of Friend of the League is to offer a membership category for non active members, fixed income members, members with specific needs and non members who are interested in League functions on a more limited basis. In addition, Friend of the League offers an opportunity for membership growth and new input at sponsored functions. Eligibility to be determined by the VP for Membership Service.

**Eligibility:**
Changing life situations and/or Acceptance of non-voting status

**Benefits:**
$30 Annual membership fee
Receipt of all League newsletters
Membership price on special events
Attendance at all League sponsored luncheons, programs and events
Networking, camaraderie, discussion input and meeting participation

**Limitations:**
Non-voting status; Ineligible for Board membership and Off-Board Chairs

**Donations:** Current League members have the opportunity of sponsoring a new Friend of the League through donation with the reduced rate of $30 Annual membership fee.

2) **Sustaining Member**
This category will be available at $100 annually and will be a voluntary selection on the part of the member. “Sustaining Members” will have all the privileges of full membership. This is beneficial to the League in that the per member payments to the state and the national offices remain the same and we are allowed to retain more of the sustaining member’s dues for local purposes.

LWV-CC Presidents Who Have Served

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* Deceased  ** First President
Minutes of the 68th Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters-Corpus Christi Area
Friday, May 17, 2013; Citrus Bistro/Corpus Christi Art Center, Corpus Christi, TX

Current Board Members Present: Judy Telge, President; Brian Bode, Elena Buentello, Sandra Heatherley, Maria Jimenez, Pam Maupin, Dr. Matilda Saenz, Gloria Scott. Guests Present at Head Table: Corpus Christi Mayor Nelda Martinez, State League of Women Voters President Linda Krefting, and Chris Garcia, LWV-Texas State Board and LWV-CC member. League Members Present: Peggy Banales, Jason Buentello, Hermioné L. Chappell, Andrew Dimas, Nancy Devlin, Alex Garcia, Nick Jimenez, Coretta Graham, Genie Lemley, Pat Parr, Linda Falwell Silver, Gloria Scott, Marta Sotomayor, Ricky Walraven, Bobby Wood-Hughes and several guests.

Before the Annual Meeting was called to order, attendees enjoyed an excellent dinner prepared by Citrus Bistro.

Call to Order: The 68th Annual Meeting of the LWV-CC was called to order at 8:25 p.m. by July Telge.

Before the meeting was called to order, she welcomed LWV-TX President Linda Krefting, Chris Garcia, LWV-Texas board member, and all members and guests to the 68th Annual Meeting. Ms. Telge introduced keynote speaker Corpus Christi Mayor Nelda Martinez who gave a presentation entitled “State of the City Through League Eyes.” Mayor Martinez reviewed her history with the League, credited mentors who had also been members of the League, and gave a positive overview of the city’s growth and development as the “Sparkling City by the Sea.” After Mayor Martinez’s enthusiastic view of the state of the city and its potential, President Judy Telge presented her a gift from the League.

After dinner was served, Nick Jimenez, Auctioneer and League member, proceeded with the celebratory auctioning of “An Hour With Our Mayor.” A fun and enthusiastic contribution by several members ensued, all vying to spend an hour with the mayor. Auction winner was Judy Telge who bid $500.

President Telge then continued with the Program Agenda on page 2 of the program workbook with the following Action Items:

1. Secretary’s Report:
Dr. Saenz presented the Secretary’s Report. Minutes of 67th Annual Meeting held on May 18, 2012, were printed on pages 5-6 of the program workbook. Minutes were approved prior to the Annual Meeting by the Board. Motion to accept by Alex Garcia; seconded by Maria Jimenez. No discussion. Minutes approved.

2. Treasurer’s Report:
Maria Jimenez presented the Treasurer’s Report printed on page 10 of the program workbook. Expenses for the year from May 2012 through April 2013 are $11,539.54 as listed in the Annual Program. A balance of $570.87 is listed for the beginning of May 2012. Income for the year from May 2012 through April 2013 is $12,943.97. Savings account balance is $501.24 for the end of April and the Texas Education Fund Balance is $781.73 for the end of April. Motion to approve was seconded and approved.

3. Approval of Diversity Statement:
President Judy Telge reviewed the Diversity Statement printed on page 3 of the program workbook. Motion to approve by Coretta Graham; seconded by Alex Garcia. Approved.

4. Adoption of Proposed Budget for 2013-2014:
Brian Bode, Chair of the Budget Committee, presented the proposed budget as printed on page 11 of the workbook. Bode reviewed the proposed budget of $16,120. He indicated that the Budget Committee wanted a realistic Budget. He also noted that monies for the Answering Service were not allocated as this service is no longer needed due to limited use. An important part of the Budget is allocations due to the state and national league affiliations. These include the PMP (Per Member Payment) and the allocations for LWV-Texas ($22.00); LWVUS ($31.00); LWV-CC ($7.00 per individual membership, $10.00 per household membership, and $2.50 for student membership). Members of the Budget Committee included Brian Bode as Chair and Treasurer Maria Jimenez.

Motion to approve by Alex Garcia; seconded by: Coretta Graham. Approved.

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5. Adoption of Amendments to Bylaws:
   Pam Maupin, Director for the League and Chair of the Bylaws Committee comprised of Peggy Banales and Lois Huff, reviewed the changes to the Bylaws listed in bold print on page 4 of the workbook. Article IV, Section 6 change approved. Some discussion ensued with using the word “treasurer” and a questioning if this was a rule change and not a Bylaws change. Motion to approve by Alex Garcia; seconded by Corretta Graham. Approved as amended.

   Article VI on Financial Administration also listed on page 4 of the workbook was approved. Motion to approve by Sandra Heatherley; seconded by Alex Garcia. Approved.

   Article XII on amendments to be issued in writing and delivered personally and/or electronically also listed on page 4 of the workbook. Motion to approve by Chris Garcia; seconded by: Bobby Wood-Hughes. Approved.

6. Adoption of Program:
   Vice President/Program Elena Buentello reviewed the Program Recommendations printed on page 3 of the program workbook. The two topics listed below, selected for 2012-2013 and approved by League members at the Annual Meeting, were recommended to be carried forward in 2013-2014:
   1. Environmental Sustainability, including clean air and water and land use planning; and
   2. Improving educational attainment in the Corpus Christi area.
   Motion to approve by Gloria Scott; second by Maria Jimenez. Approved.

7. Nominating Committee Report:
   Peggy Banales, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of officers for the 2013-2014 as listed on page 3 of the program workbook:
   **On the Ballot:**
   Sandra Heatherley, President (2-year term, 2013-2015)
   Andrew Dimas, VP Program (1-year term, 2013-2014)
   Elena Buentello, VP Membership Services (1-year term, 2013-2014)
   Maria Jimenez, Treasurer (2-year term, 2013-2015)
   Bryan Bode, VP Community Relations (2-year term, 2013-2015)
   Sally Farris (2-year term, 2013-2015)
   Corretta Graham, Director (1-year term, 2013-2014)

   **Not on Ballot:**
   Matilda Saenz, Secretary (2-year term. 2012-2014)
   Pam Maupin, Director (2-year term, 2012-2014)

8. Election of Officers and Nominating Committee for 2013-2014:
   President Judy Telge presented the League nominees on the ballot. Motion for approval by acclamation: Alex Garcia; seconded by Ricky Walraven. Approved.
   Nominees were elected and LWV-TX President Krefting administered the oath of office to the new Board officers.
   Nominating Committee for 2013-2014 approved: Nick Jimenez, Chair, members Chris Davis Garcia and Nikol Markert.

9. President’s Report:
   The President’s Report was delivered by President Judy Telge. League Highlights for the 2012-2013 year are listed on pages 8-9 of the program booklet. She reviewed her goals of strengthening the leadership on the Board especially considering diversity, a goal which she accomplished. She also reviewed some national demographics relating to voting patterns and ethnicities and the need for continued recruitment by the League Board and members. She highlighted the many strengths exhibited by the current Board members and lauded each one individually.

   After her report, Telge presented a plaque of appreciation to Dr. Gloria Scott for her service as Director. She also presented gifts of appreciation to League members Chris Garcia and Ricky Walraven for their commitment to the Voters Guide and the League newsletter, The VOTER.

   At the conclusion of the annual meeting, Sandra Heatherley, Incoming President, presented a gift to Judy on behalf of the Board in acknowledgement of her hard work and leadership for the past year. In addition, Matilda Saenz read a Texas House of Representatives Resolution congratulating Ms. Telge for her service to the League and her dedication to provide inclusion and diversity.

10. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by President Telge at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Matilda Saenz, Secretary
League Highlights of 2013-2014

- The Board retreat for the newly elected officers was held June 8, 2013, one day following the first opportunity to speak publicly on behalf of LWV-CC during the June 7 Texas State Senate Select Committee hearing on redistricting held in Corpus Christi. Goal setting and calendaring were the focus of the Board retreat. Two important goals for the new year were increasing membership from the current 79 to at least 100 and a fund-raising target of at least $6,000.

- The Women’s Equality Day event in August was the “kick off” for our year. We had a mock “Challenge” game with teams representing LWV-CC and Government students at TAMU-CC. The League team lost by the narrow margin of 2 points to the student team, thereby earning the students a free year’s student membership in the League. Funds raised by the celebration and very successful silent auction went to fund the printing of Voters Guides prior to the November and March general elections. Also in August, the LWV-CC cosponsored an Institute for Public Leadership with the YWCA and AAUW which featured information to assist women running for public office and advice from those who have served.

- We had two successful voter registration events in September. The first was on September 6 during the first Friday Art Walk, thanks to volunteers Andrew Dimas, Sally Farris, and Stacey Barrera. The second was at TAMU-CC on National Voter Registration Day when we joined more than 200 other local leagues across the country in registering new voters. Volunteers for that event included Pat Parr, Pam Maupin, Ruth Falck, Bryan Bode, Hannah Chipman, Lois Huff, Bailey Landress, and Barbara Vollmer. Thanks to everyone for their time and energy!

- Our October membership meeting centered around a presentation by Davis Loeb regarding the Destination Bayfront proposition which appeared on the November ballot and was defeated. Only 11% of registered voters turned out to vote.

- At the LWV-TX 2012 state convention, Human Trafficking was selected for statewide study by all the local leagues in Texas. Our LWV-CC had presentations by Blue Nation, and many members attended the summit on Human Trafficking sponsored by State Rep. Todd Hunter. At the League’s November membership meeting, we reviewed and reached consensus on questions developed by the LWV-TX study group. This consensus process has led to position statements enabling local leagues to advocate, agitate, and educate using the agreed upon position statement.

- Once each year, our League reviews past position statements, (Program) in order to determine if the position needs to be reviewed and updated. The outcome of that session in January was a continued consensus on the issues relating to Natural Resources and Local Government and a need to re-study the Bayfront Master Plan and the Public Transportation System in the coming year. More about Program is in this workbook.

- Thanks to all the members and participants who contributed to the success of the February 10 Candidates Forum at City Hall. We had co-moderators from Delta Sigma Theta and Leadership Corpus Christi Alumni and a large, expressive audience in attendance. The forum was broadcast live and then aired four more times during the month of February on public access stations, and is now on YouTube. The Primary election Voters Guide for Nueces County was printed and distributed February 13-17 to all local libraries, County Courthouse, and city halls within the county. In addition we ordered and distributed the LWV-Texas Voters Guide, which featured candidates running in opposed races for statewide offices. Chris Garcia and Sandra Heatherley were coached through their first attempt at entering all Voter Guide responses from candidates into the VOTE411.org database.

- President Heatherley met with US Congressman Blake Farenthold (R-District 27) on March 18 in Corpus Christi to discuss the LWVUS position on the Voting Rights Amendment. Ms. Heatherley represented those Leagues in the Congressman’s district since he serves on the Judicial Committee which is currently considering the bill. A letter written by Elizabeth McNamara, President of LWVUS and sent to all Congressmen on January 23 supporting H.R. 3899, was the basis for the discussion. The meeting was cordial and Mr. Farenthold agreed to review the letter again. Also in March
Mr. Gus Gonzalez, assistant city manager for utilities and department head for the water department, exceeded our expectations in his presentation about the “Water Management Strategies for Corpus Christi.”

- In April, we co-sponsored a breakfast event on April 8 at the YWCA which highlighted Equal Pay Day. On April 12, several members volunteered to assist with the voter registration table at Earth Day/Bay Day in Heritage Park. On April 24 LWV-CC cosponsored a public forum with the Move to Amend Coalition by hosting speaker David Cobb who gave an informative presentation and call to action at Del Mar College with 70 folks in attendance. At the end of April, three LWV-CC delegates attended the 2014 LWV-TX State Convention where we were recognized for increasing membership and active community participation with other organizations in the area. Former LWV-CC president Chris Garcia was elected to a third two-year term on the state board and will serve as Secretary.

- May isn’t even over and we have already registered six new voters at the May 2 Art Walk and met to help plan a June “sit in” at City Hall to promote the Move to Amend initiative with the City Council. Some of our members also have volunteered to help at the National LWVUS Convention being held in early June in Dallas.

All these accomplishments bring us to the 69th annual meeting of LWV-CC!

League of Women Voters Corpus Christi
May of 2013 – April 2014

Checking Account Balance 05-01-13 $1,950.30

INCOME
Dues Received 4,540.00
Annual Mtg. 2013 2,469.00
Advertisements in VOTER 700.00
Lunch Meetings 1,731.63
Donations Received 585.00
Special Event Fund-Raising 6,316.94
Voters Guide 60.00
LWV-TX Vote 18 Project Reimb. 300.00
Reimb. Events change 200.00
Refund Audio Equipment for event 35.00
Total Money Received $16,937.57

EXPENSES
Answering Service 75.90
Voters Services (Candidate Forum, Voters Guide) 410.00
P.O. Box Rental 88.00
Postage & Admin. & Supplies 1,081.12
Annual Meeting 2013 1,073.74
Lunch Meetings 1,460.62
Printing- Monthly Voter & Workbook 510.21
PMP LWV-TX 1,488.62
PMP LWV-US 2,088.64
Website & Online Voter 300.00
Holiday Meeting/Fund-Raiser 2,870.09
Transfer to Savings 1,000.00
Misc. Cash for events 200.00
Total Money Spent $13,946.94

Checking Account Balance 4-30-14………………  $4,940.73

Frost Savings Account  5-01-13 $501.24
Transfer from Checking Account $1,000.00
Interest Earned .04
Total Frost Savings Balance 4-30-14 $1,501.28

Texas Education Fund Balance 4-30-14 $781.73
ARTICLE I – NAME

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters—Corpus Christi Area, hereinafter referred to in these bylaws as LWV-CC or as the local League. This local League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of Texas and of the League of Women Voters of the United States, hereinafter referred to in these bylaws as LWV-TX and LWVUS.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

Section 1: Purposes
The purposes of the LWV-CC are to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

Section 2: Political Policy
The LWV-CC shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: 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 and state Leagues of their place of joining 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 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: Election of Officers
The officers of the LWV-CC shall be a president, three vice presidents, a secretary, and a treasurer. There shall be three elected directors. Officers and three directors shall be elected by the general membership at the annual meeting of the general membership and take office June 1st. The president and all other officers and the three elected directors shall be elected for terms of two years as follows:
a. The president, one vice president, the treasurer, and two directors shall be elected in odd-numbered years.
b. Two vice presidents, the secretary, and one director shall be elected in even-numbered years.

Section 2: The President
The president shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the Board of Directors and 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 and 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 3: The Vice Presidents
At the Board meeting following the election of officers, the Board of Directors shall designate a vice president who shall, in the absence, death or resignation of the president, possess all the powers to perform all the duties of that office. In the event this vice president is unable to serve in this capacity, the Board of Directors shall elect one of its elected members to fill this vacancy. The vice presidents shall perform such other duties as the president and the Board shall designate.

The vice presidents shall have responsibilities for the following portfolios:
a. Vice president for member services
b. Vice president for community relations
c. Vice president for study and action (program).

Section 4: The Elected Directors
The elected directors shall be elected by the general membership at each annual general membership meeting and shall serve for a term of two years or until their successors have been elected and qualified.

Section 5: The Secretary
The secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors, all meetings wherein a vote or consensus of members is called for on issues, and the annual meetings. The Secretary will 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 as may be incidental to the office.

Section 6: The Treasurer
The treasurer shall collect and receive all monies and shall be the custodian of these funds. The treasurer also will be responsible for posting and providing updates of members’ payments to the Membership chair. The treasurer shall deposit all funds in a bank designated by the Board of Directors and shall disburse them only upon order of the Board. The treasurer shall present written statements at the Board of Directors meetings and present an annual financial report at the Annual Meeting. The treasurer shall be bonded.
The Treasurer, with the Board’s approval, will arrange for an annual financial review to be conducted in June, following the annual meeting. The review will be conducted by League member(s) not serving on the Board who have appropriate financial/accounting experience and are willing to complete the review at no charge to the League. At the discretion of the current Board of Directors, a mid-year financial review, with recommendations and/or concerns, will be submitted in a timely manner to the President to share with the Treasurer and Board members.

ARTICLE V – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: Selection, Qualifications and Terms
The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League, three elected directors, and not more than three directors appointed by the elected members of the Board. All terms of office shall run concurrently with the fiscal year. The elected directors shall serve a term of two years or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The appointed directors shall serve until the close of the next annual meeting. Vacancies other than the president may be filled by vote of the remaining members of the Board.

Section 2: 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 League of Women Voters-Corpus Christi Area.

Section 3: Vacancies
Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors by reason of the resignation, death, or disqualification of an officer or elected member, except the president, may be filled until the next annual meeting through appointment by the president and confirmed by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors. In the event of the vacancy of the President, see Article IV, Section 3 regarding action to be taken. Three absences of a Board member from meeting without a valid reason shall be deemed a resignation.

Section 4: Powers and Duties
The Board of Directors 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 general 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 5: Meetings
There shall be at least nine regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The president may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five members of the Board.

Section 6: Quorum
A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI – FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Section 1: Fiscal Year
The fiscal year of the LWV-CC shall commence on the first day of June.

Section 2: Dues
a. The date for renewal of dues for all members is June 1. New members who join between February 1 through May 31 will be paid up for the upcoming fiscal year. When two members reside at the same address in a common household, the annual dues shall equal one and one-half times the determined per-member assessment. This household membership would apply to no more than two members in a common household. Any member who fails to pay dues within 90 days after the date on which they become payable shall be automatically dropped from the membership roll. Reinstatement of membership with voting privileges will apply upon payment of delinquent dues.

b. The amount of annual dues shall be decided by a majority vote of those members present and voting at the annual meeting. Proposed changes in the amount of the annual dues must be approved by the Board of Directors and submitted to the membership in writing at least one month prior to the annual meeting.

Section 3: Budget
A budget committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least three months prior to the annual meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing year. The budget chair shall submit the budget for the ensuing year, after approval by the Board of Directors, to the annual meeting for adoption. The budget shall include support for the work of the League as a whole. The proposed budget upon approval of the Board of Directors shall be sent to all members one month before the annual meeting. The treasurer shall not be eligible to serve as chair of the budget committee.

Changes in the budget in the case of altered conditions may be made provided:

a. Proposed changes have been sent to all members at least two weeks prior to the general meeting at which the change is to be discussed.

b. Final action by the membership is taken at a succeeding meeting or via e-mail and telephone vote conducted by the Board secretary.

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

Section 1: Membership Meetings
There shall be at least four meetings of the membership each year. Time and place shall be determined by the Board of Directors.
Section 2: Annual Meeting
The annual meeting shall be held in May, the exact date to be determined by the Board of Directors. The annual meeting shall:
   a. Adopt a local program for the ensuing year.
   b. Elect officers, directors and members of the nominating committee.
   c. Adopt a balanced budget.
   d. Transact such other business as may properly come before it.

Section 3: Quorum
One-fifth of the membership shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the LWV-CC.

ARTICLE VIII – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1: Nominating Committee
The nominating committee shall consist of five members, two of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. The chairman and two members, who shall not be members of the Board, shall be elected at the annual meeting. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current nominating committee. The other members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors immediately following the annual meeting. Any vacancy on the nominating committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors. Suggestions for nominations for officers and directors may be sent to the committee by any voting member.

Section 2: Report of the Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor
The report of the nominating committee of its nominations for officers, directors, and the members 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 to 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
Elections shall be by ballot. However, if there is only one (1) nominee for each office, the election may be by acclamation. A majority vote shall constitute an election. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

ARTICLE 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 the adoption of program.

Section 2: Program
The program of the LWV-CC shall consist of those local governmental issues chosen for concerted study and action.
ARTICLE XI – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in Robert’s 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 XII – AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of voting members present and voting at the annual meeting, provided the amendments were submitted to the membership in writing and delivered personally, electronically or mailed at least one month in advance of the meeting.

These Bylaws amended:
May 1990; May 1996; May 1997; May 2004; May 2007, May 2013

2013-2014 Board

Officers
Sandra Heatherley, President
Matilda Saenz, Secretary
Maria Jimenez, Treasurer
Elena Buentello/Ruth Falck, VP Membership Services
Bryan Bode, VP Community Relations
Andrew Dimas/vacant, VP Program

Directors
Pam Maupin, Sally Farris, Coretta Graham

Off-Board Committee Chairmen
Nick Jimenez, Nominating Committee Chair
Sandra Heatherley/Chris Davis Garcia, Voters Service
Lois Huff, Website
Marjorie K. Walraven & Chris Davis Garcia, VOTER Editors

LJVW-CC Membership Listing (Spring 2014)

Jeanne Adams
Can Alemdar
Isabel Araiza
Jane Bachman
Peggy Banales
Diana Barrera
Stacey Barrera
Helen Barron
Bryan Bode
Vicky Brandon
Elena Buentello
Peter Buentello
Robin Carter
Hannah Chipman
Brent Chesney
Lois Chesney
Barbara Clark
Pauline Clarke
Nancy Devlin
Margaret Di Clemente
Andrew Dimas
Phyllis Dinges
Jose Miguel Duran
Margaret “Peggy” Duran
Pat Eisenhauer
Ruth Falck
Constance Fanning
Sally Farris
Anna Flores
Alex Garcia
Chris Davis Garcia
Vanessa Garcia
Mary Gleason
Coretta Graham
Albert Gutierrez
Elia Gutierrez
Jane Haas
Rene Haas
Sandra Heatherley
Abel Herrero
Lois Huff
Todd Hunter

Joyce Jarmon
Maria Jimenez
Nick Jimenez
James Kanz
John Kennedy
James Klein
Teresa Klein
Judy Landress
Margaret Lawrence
Brooks Lemley
Genie Lemley
Nelda Martinez
Pamela Maupin
Chad Magill
Karen Murray
Jacqueline O’Keefe
Pat Parr
 Nan Pillinger
David Perry
Frank Pimentel
Sylvia Ramirez
Matilda Saenz
Carol Scott
Mark Scott
Phyllis Secraw
Donelda Sluyter
Ann Smith
Linda Snider
Dr. Lorraine Stehn
Diana Stillman
Dana Stone
Susie Sullivan
Kathlyn Sweeney
Judy Telge
Michele Villarreal-Kuchta
Barbara Vollmer
Clarice Wallock
Marjorie Walraven
Gaye White
Sylvia Whitworth
Arenna Williams
Bobbie Wood-Hughes

In Memoriam: Former President, Ruth Gill; Member, Dr. Marta Sotomayor; and Supporter, Mr. Leon Loeb.
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.