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## *It Is Not too Late to Register for the Convention*



League of Women Voters of California  
Convention 2015

San Diego, May 15-17

Don't miss this opportunity to attend a convention here in our own backyard. Register for the convention and all related events at <https://lwvc.wordpress.com/2015-registration/>. You can now sign up for the Deportation Dilemma – Tour to Tijuana, and the Friday night dinner at Buca di Beppo even if you are not registered for the convention. We are sure Stacy Fullhorst, the Executive Director of the City of San Diego Ethics Commission, will have a great presentation and answer your questions about the role of the commission. DEADLINE for the Border Tour is May 1 and DEADLINE for the Friday night dinner is May 12.

Register for the entire convention or one day but don't miss what promises to be an exciting convention and meet fellow Leaguers from all over the state.

## *Call to Annual Business Meeting 2015*



**Saturday, June 6, 2015, 2-5 pm**

Serra Mesa Library

9005 Aero Drive, San Diego



Featured Speaker  
Ms. Coleen Clementson, Principal Planner, SANDAG

Topic -- County Transportation Plans for the Next Five Years

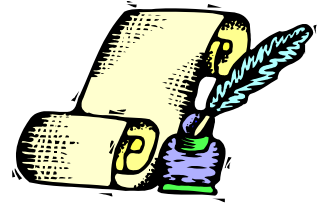
### **Information for Annual Meeting**

Please refer to pages 6-9 for information items which are presented as proposals to the membership 30 days in advance of the Annual Business Meeting on June 6 and will be voted on at the meeting:

- Proposed Program 2015-2016,
- Proposed Order of Business,
- Proposed Budget 2015-2016,
- Proposed Bylaw Changes, and
- Proposed Officers and Directors 2015-2017.

Please rsvp by June 3 by phone (858) 483-8696 or by emailing [lwvsandiego@gmail.com](mailto:lwvsandiego@gmail.com).

### President's Message



When you read this, the State Convention is only days away. I want each of you who have worked and planned for this event over the past several months to know how much it is appreciated. I also know that many of the volunteer hours are still ahead. Thank you for your dedication and persistence to make such an event possible.

We recently discussed campaign finance in our Unit presentations, you will be interested to learn the DISCLOSE Act of 2015 H.R.430 has been reintroduced. Eighty-nine (89) Representative are already co-sponsoring the Act. In the Senate, similar legislation S. 229 has been introduced and has forty-two (42) co-sponsors.

According to the Center for Responsible Politics, almost \$500 million in secret contributions were spent in the last two national elections.

I want to recognize the good work of the Nominating Committee. Marjie Larson will serve Director for Social Policy (off-Board) for both the ILO and the city League. Social Policy is a large area and there is a need to cover several issues.

The annual meeting will feature a full business agenda. Coleen Clemenson from SANDAG is the featured speaker. The meeting will be at the Serra Mesa Library, scheduled for June 6 from 2-5 pm Yes, the hour is unusual, but we have had difficulty in finding an available location. Please make plans to attend the final meeting of this program year.

This will be my last message. I have appreciated the opportunity to serves as president and to work with a dedicated group of Board members, many of whom will continue to serve. I have been honored to represent the membership throughout the past two years.

Best Wishes,

Kay Ragan, President [kragand@cox.net](mailto:kragand@cox.net) 619-233-8133

### LWVC Higher Education Study

You are invited to join the LWVSD Higher Education State Study Committee. We are discussing and researching the following and many other questions:



- What do we know about the funding of higher education in our state?
  - Should California consider public higher education as a top priority for state funding and support?
  - Should California provide adequate state funding to expand access to everyone who can benefit from a college education while keeping fees/ tuition low so that costs do not become a barrier to enrollment and completion?
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# No Unit meetings in May, June, July, or August

## LWVSD Board/Committee Meetings ~ May, June, July

Fri	May 1	10 am	ILO Board Meeting, Scripps Ranch Library, 10301 Scripps Lake Dr, SD 92131
Mon	May 4	10 am	Membership Committee, League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave, Ste. 224A, SD 92111
Tues	May 5	5 pm	LWVSD Board Meeting, Board Room, 7710 Balboa Ave, SD 92111
Fri	May 8	9:30 am	Public Policy Committee, League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave, Ste. 224A, SD 92111
Wed	May 20	9:30 am	Education Committee, SD County Office of Ed., 6401 Linda Vista Rd, SD 92111, 305
Mon	June 1	10 am	Membership Committee, League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave, Ste. 224A, SD 92111
Tues	June 2	5 pm	LWVSD Board Meeting, Board Room, 7710 Balboa Ave, SD 92111
Fri	June 12	9:30 am	Public Policy Committee, League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave, Ste. 224A, SD 92111
Wed	June 17	9:30 am	Education Committee, SD County Office of Ed., 6401 Linda Vista Rd, SD 92111, 307
Fri	June 19	10 am	Program Committee, League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave, Ste. 224A, SD 92111
Mon	July 6	10 am	Membership Committee, League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave, Ste. 224A, SD 92111
Tues	July 7	5 pm	LWVSD Board Meeting, Board Room, 7710 Balboa Ave, SD 92111
Fri	July 10	9:30 am	Public Policy Committee, League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave, Ste. 224A, SD 92111
Wed	July 15	9:30 am	Education Committee, SD County Office of Ed., 6401 Linda Vista Rd, SD 92111, 301

Also see <http://lwvsandiego.org/calendar.html> for updates

## LWVSD Activities ~ May, June, July, August

May 2-11	"Budget Teach-In" hosted by the Community Budget Alliance (CBA). See flyer
May 15-17	<b>LWVC Convention in San Diego! Convention site: <a href="https://lwvc.wordpress.com/">https://lwvc.wordpress.com/</a></b>
Sat, June 6	LWVSD Annual Meeting — details pp 5-11
Fri, Jun 12	LWVSDC (ILO) - County League Council — ILO Voter p 2
Fri, Aug 28	LWVSDC - ILO Day

## Death With Dignity Caucus

LWVSD Death With Dignity (DWD) is hosting a caucus support of a study, on Friday, May 15 at 9 pm, during the LWV State Convention. Please attend our caucus to learn more about Death With Dignity and California's SB 128, The End of Life Option Act. (SB 128 passed the Judiciary Committee and moves on to the Senate Appropriations Committee, with a hearing to take place in May.)

It took a 29 year old woman, Brittany Maynard, moving her family from California to Oregon to legally end her life when she was dying of incurable brain cancer, to renew the conversation regarding DWD in California. A 2005 survey reported 70% of Californians support the right to life ending medication for incurably ill patients.

DWD is legal in Oregon, Washington, and Vermont as well as many European countries.

The San Diego League of Women Voters voted to propose a study of DWD by all of the California leagues. This proposal is supported by three other leagues, Berkeley, Orange Coast, and Ventura.

*Bev Wilson*, Committee Chair

## Visit to the Islamic Center



On March 25 League members visited with members of the Islamic community at the Islamic Center near the League office: Those attending were: Kay Ragan, Jeanne Brown, Donna Bartlett-May, Jody Tadder, Carole Porter, Penny Adler, Kathleen MacLeod, Amie Garapich and Shirley Larsen. Special thanks for Kay Ragan and Jeanne Brown for making this event happen.

The purpose of the visit was to get to know these Muslim women and discuss what issues we might have in common. The women come from all over the world including Somalia, Morocco, Kuwait, Egypt, and America. Some had reverted to Islam from other religions. They were well-educated, some with advanced degrees. They were young mothers and some were entrepreneurs.

The Islamic Center houses the only Islamic school in San Diego County although there are 22 Mosques in the county. The school has approximately 160 students from Kindergarten through 8th grade. They are in the process of including a high school. Some of the women send their children to the school from K–8, some send their children to public school, and some send their children to the Islamic school for some grades and then to public school.

All the women spoke very good English as English is the language they communicate in at the Mosque. They all

learned Arabic in order to read the Quran.

We went around the room initially introducing ourselves and telling a little bit about where we came from and where we had been in the world and what work we had done. They had questions about what the League does and we explained how

League works, how we decide what topics to study to come to a position that we can use to advocate for or against. They explained the difference between the Sunni and Shia sects and said they thought the difference between the two sects had been exploited by politicians and the media. They have people from both sects at the Mosque.

Penny Adler had a discussion with some of the women regarding their once a week two hour pre-school and how the mothers desire to have a daily pre-school and a family day care center. Penny will help them look into these options.

The issues of education and domestic violence were two that we had in common and we concluded that we would put together an event in the near future when we could meet again to see how our two communities could work together. We hope to have more League members attend the next event so we will give you plenty of notice.

*Donna Bartlett-May*, Secretary

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- Should California revisit the access policies established in the 1960s Master Plan for Higher Education (UC top 12.5%; CSU top 33%; CSU – all other students)?
- Should California adopt a no fee policy for California community colleges and the rest of public higher education?



- Should California consider other sources of revenue to increase funding level and stability for our college?

The study committee is comprised of League members from across the state. They are regularly sending suggested reading materials and discussion questions for those that want to get a head start on consensus questions that will be made available later in the year.

Please contact Kay Ragan ([kragand@cox.net](mailto:kragand@cox.net)) if you would like to join the committee.

Community Budget Flyer



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ANNUAL MEETING

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Featured Speaker – Ms. Coleen Clementson, Principal Planner, SANDAG

Topic -- County Transportation Plans for the Next Five Years

Coleen Clementson has more than 20 years of experience in public sector land use and transportation planning in the San Diego region. She has extensive experience in public involvement through preparation and implementation of several large-scale long range planning and policy documents and smaller scale neighborhood revitalization plans.



The program will also include a business meeting: the adoption of a budget for 2015-2016, voting on next year's program and the proposed bylaw changes, as well as the election of Officers and Directors

Honoring an outstanding community leader and recognizing our 50 year members in the League will round out the program.

\*\*\*\* *Afternoon Tea and Cookies will be served* \*\*\*\*

Please mail this form to the League Office by June 2, 2015, 7710 Balboa Avenue, Suite 224A, San Diego, CA 92111. You can also email the League at [lwvsandiego@gmail.com](mailto:lwvsandiego@gmail.com) or call 858-483-8696 to leave a message regarding your attendance. There is no charge for the Annual Meeting.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to attend the Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 6 from 2-5 pm. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS SAN DIEGO**  
**PROPOSED ORDER OF BUSINESS, ANNUAL MEETING 2015**

**Serra Mesa Library, 9005 Aero Drive, San Diego**

**Saturday, June 6, 2015, 2-5 pm**

- 2:00 Registration, Tea and Cookies
- 2:30 Welcome.....Kay Ragan, President
- 2:35 Introduction of Speaker.....Nan Valerio, Director, Regional Governance, ILO
- 2:38 Speaker and Q & A.....Coleen Clementson, Principal Planner, SANDAG
- 3:05 Recognition of 50 year Members.....Carole Porter, Unit Coordinator
- 3:15 Recognition of Outstanding Community Leader.....Kay Ragan
- 3:30 Break
- 3:45 Call to Order, Credentials Report.....Kay Ragan
  - 1) Appointment of Committee to Approve 2015 Minutes
  - 2) Adoption of Order of Business and Convention Rules
  - 3) Introduction of Parliamentarian, Pages, Timer, Secretary
  - 4) Minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting.....Donna Bartlett-May, Secretary
  - 5) Treasurer’s Report.....Mary Hanson, Treasurer
- 4:00 Proposed Program .....Jeanne Brown, VP Program
  - Motion to consider items recommended by the Board (does not require a second)
  - Presentation, motion to adopt, discussion & vote (simple majority)
  - Motion to consider study (presentation, motion to adopt, discussion & vote (Simple majority)
- 4:25 Proposed Bylaw Changes.....Jeanne Brown, Chair
- 4:30 Proposed Budget for 2015-2016 .....Jeanne Brown, Chair
  - Presentation, motion to adopt, discussion, & vote
- 4:40 Officers and Directors 2015-2016.....Nancy Witt, Chair
  - 1) Nominating Committee Report
  - 2) Nominations from the floor
  - 3) Election of Officers and Directors
- 4:45 President’s Report to the Membership.....Kay Ragan
  - Newly elected President.....Jeanne Brown
  - Resolutions and Directives to the Board.....Members
  - Announcements and Acknowledgements
- 5:00 Adjourn

*Thanks for Attending!!!*

## Nominating Report

### Officers and Directors (terms end in 2017)

President - Jeanne Brown  
Vice President - Ann McDonald  
Program Director - Jeanne Brown  
Administration Director - Amie Garapich  
Membership Director - Beryl Flom  
Education Director - Penny Adler  
Public Policy Director - Myles Pomeroy  
International Relations Director - Anne Hoiberg  
Voter Editor - Dolores Nelson  
Voter Service Director - Amanda Berg  
Action Director - Lori Thiel  
Natural Resources Director - Anita Reith  
Social Policy Director - Marjie Larson



### Nominating Committee for 2015-16 (terms end in 2016)

Chair - Sue Rogers  
Committee Member - Marietta Lassaline  
Committee Member - Rachel McDonald

### Continuing Officers and Directors (terms end in 2016)

Secretary - Donna Bartlett-May  
Treasurer - Mary Hanson  
Unit Coordinator - Carole Porter  
Finance Co-Chair - Jody Tadder (with Sue Rogers who is off-board)

### Nominating Committee 2014-15

Nancy Witt, Chair;  
Beryl Flom,  
Marietta Lassaline,  
Carole Porter, and  
Sue Rogers



Budget page

## Bylaw Changes Recommended by the LWVSD Board of Directors

- a. **Delete:** ~~Article III Membership, Section 3, Termination of Membership, a. A member may resign at any time by delivering a written notice to the president or secretary. The resignation shall be effective upon receipt of such notice.~~
- b. Article IV Officers, Section 6. Sharing or Combining of Offices. Nothing in these bylaws shall preclude the sharing or combining of offices, except that neither the secretary nor the treasurer may serve concurrently as the president. **Add: Each officer shall have one vote on the board.**
- c. Article V Board of Directors, Section 1. Number of Directors: " The authorized number of directors shall not be more than ~~23~~ **[17]** including the officers named in Article IV, Section 1."
- d. Article V Board of Directors, Section 2. Selection of Directors: "~~..six~~. **[Half]** shall be elected in even-numbered years, ~~six~~ **[half]** shall be elected in odd-numbered years. Up to ~~seven (7)~~ **[three (3) of the 17]** additional directors may be appointed by the elected board members as deemed necessary to carry on the work of the League.

*Note that the term of office for elected directors is two years and for appointed directors is one year as described in Section 3.*

- e. **Add Section 4 to Article V and move the successor sections up one number:**

**Article V Board of Directors, Section 4. Sharing or Combining of Directors: Nothing in these bylaws shall preclude the sharing or combining of positions on the Board of Directors. Each director shall have one vote on the board.**

- f) **Delete:**

~~Article VI Committees, Section 4. Committee to Supervise Bequests and Gifts.~~

- a. ~~Composition. The committee to supervise bequests and gifts shall be composed of three (3) members appointed by the board. Members shall be appointed for three year terms.~~
- b. ~~Duties: Advise the board of directors on the use of monies acquired through bequests and gifts. Develop criteria for appropriate use of monies and short term and long term investment strategies. Upon approval of the board, invest such funds, and make recommendations for their use and the income derived from them. Receive and evaluate suggestions for uses and recommend appropriate action to the board.~~
- c. ~~The committee shall make an annual report to the board at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting.~~

## Program Recommendations 2015-2016

(simple majority vote)

- 1) Retain all our LWVSD positions.
- 2) Proposed New Study of "Sexual Assaults and Campus Justice" issue. Initial evidence suggests that sexual assaults on campus are a perennial problem that our local and state laws have yet to address adequately. The proposed study seeks to establish a local League position on the topic of "Sexual Assaults and Campus Justice" so that we can speak relative to local college and university policies and practices.
- 3) Proposed New Study of "Death With Dignity" if the State Convention does not support it as a State study.
- 4) Local San Diego Unified Port District position will be changed to the following and brought to the Annual Meeting:
  - a. The Tidelands belong to the public and should be used to promote public rather than exclusively private purposes;
  - b. The Port District should promote clean air, healthy communities and environmental justice, which shall be defined as working to reduce the cumulative health burdens on neighboring communities and ensure fair treatment of people of all races, cultures and incomes in developing, adopting, implementing and enforcing environmental laws, regulations and policies;
  - c. Port Commissioners should present a periodic report of Port plans and activities to their respective appointing authorities as is now the practice required by the San Diego City Council (Council Policy 700-20; April 24, 2013)

### Local Positions:

- 1) Local Government Budget Development paragraph under Fiscal Management was discussed. Myles will work with the Program Committee.
- 2) Planning on the issue.
- 3) Local Civil Service Position needs updated language (affirmative action) and should include veterans.
- 4) Local Social Policy Education position will be updated by Education Committee to include technology and art language and brought to the Annual Meeting.

### Issues for Emphasis (education and advocacy)

- 1) Competitive bid process for ambulance services in the City of San Diego.
- 2) The need for rehabilitation programs in prisons (this will be discussed with delegates from other Leagues at Convention).



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