

## **NH Voter, the newsletter of the League of Women Voters New Hampshire**

- To League members
- From your state board of directors
- May 20, 2025

**Four important items:** upcoming state convention, recruitment of LWVNH board members and LWVNH Education board members, LWVNH participation in NHGives on June 10-11 and a detailed explanation of the new dues collection and membership renewal system.

**Biennial Convention – Saturday, June 7, at Hopkinton Library. All members invited, and their personally invited guests.**

If you already registered, thank you. We have you on the list.

If not, there is still room. Please check your calendar and the convention details at the end of this newsletter. Then send us a quick email to reserve your place. You'll pay at the door (cash or check only) but we do need to know in advance who is coming to plan food and seating.

**Consider joining our board –** We have openings for state board members and we need a secretary to take minutes. We also need a nominating committee to do this kind of recruitment in two years. And we need a few more members to serve on the board of our 501(c)3 arm, our Education Fund, which funds much of our voter information work. If you think you have time to be more active and you care about the future of League of Women Voters, please send us an email and we'll set up a phone chat to answer your questions. We need new board members, and we promise you'll learn a lot!

**LWVNH participation in NHGives on June 10-11.** You each have personal favorite NH non-profits that you support in this annual online drive. But please consider also donating to the LWVNH Education Fund. This is our 501(c)3 arm that funds much of our voter information work. This year we are trying to raise enough funds to purchase several books on civics (for varied age groups) for every library in NH. Your donation will help us make that goal. Click on our link between 5 pm on June 10 thru 5 pm June 11, make a donation, and share the link with friends. <https://www.nhgives.org/organizations/league-of-women-voters-of-nh-education-fund>

**DUES – system in effect beginning Feb. 1, 2025. “ChapterSpot”** *This new system was authorized by members at LWV US convention in 2022 and has finally come into effect.*

**Dues rates:**

- Rather than each League setting its own dues rate, under the new system dues nationwide will be “pay-what-you-can.”
- The recommended dues rate for all Leagues across the country is \$75
- There will also be higher dues options listed, although unlike current higher dues tiers, these higher dues amounts will benefit all levels of League, not exclusively the local League.
- The minimum dues rate is \$20.
- Students will no longer be a distinct membership category nationally and will be expected to pay dues.
- Anyone who has been a member for 50 or more years is still considered a Life member and is exempt from dues. We appreciate the many years of dedication to democracy these members have shown!
- There will no longer be household memberships.
- A joining or renewing member will still be able to sign up on behalf of themselves and a second member.
- If you sign up for two people, the dues rate you choose will apply to each person (e.g. if you choose \$75, that will be \$75 for each).

**Payments:**

- Members can pay dues online using a credit/debit card or by ACH (an electronic payment using the numbers on the bottom of a check)
- Members are encouraged to pay by ACH because the fees for the League are lower and more of their dues will go directly to funding League work
- It will still be possible to pay by check if necessary – but...
- Paying by check is discouraged because it will be more manual and will require more League volunteer time at the local/state level.
- If you must pay by check...checks should be made out to LWVUS and sent to your local League treasurer if you belong to the Kearsarge/Sunapee local League, or in the case of

other regional and state-wide members, to the state League treasurer. Mail those checks to LWVNH, 4 Park St Room 200, Concord NH 03301.

- If you would like to make an additional contribution exclusively to the local League or to the state League, this needs to be a separate check made out to the appropriate League.

### **Under the new system:**

- Under the past model, each local League paid a fixed amount per member to the state and national Leagues.
- Under the new system, a member's dues will be split on a percentage basis:
- National: 33%
- State: 47%
- Local: 20%
- In the past 75% of local Leagues kept less than 20% of member dues, so local Leagues will come out ahead.
- In NH, all but one local unit have their expenses covered by the state League. For members in those units, and for members at large in NH, the state League receives 67% of the dues you pay.
- Because your dues payment is technically two or three payments – one to your local League, one to your state League, and one to the national League – it will show up on your credit card statement as two or three payments.

### **Renewing your membership online:**

*LWVNH will no longer be sending out paper dues & renewals notices, saving your board many hours of time as well as the cost of stamps and envelopes.*

- You will receive an email 60 days before your expiration date asking you to renew.
- If you renew your membership before expiration, your expiration date will be pushed back one year (so it's okay to renew early).
- When you click the link in the email, it will ask you to enter your email to verify that it's you.
- You will immediately be emailed a verification code to enter into the renewal form.
- You can update your information as needed under the My Profile section in the portal. Be sure your email is the one you want us to use for newsletters, etc.

*Please join us for the*  
**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS NH BIENNIAL**  
**CONVENTION**

**SATURDAY ~ JUNE 7, 2025 ~ 9:30 – 2:15**

**HOPKINTON TOWN LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM**

**61 Houston Drive, Contoocook, NH**

9:00: Doors open – Socialize and enjoy coffee, tea, pastries, and fruit

9:30: Welcome and remarks by LWVNH President Liz Tentarelli

9:40 – 10:25: Guest Speaker NH Representative David Luneau – “NH’s Public Schools in 2025: A Brief Update”- Q&A to follow

10:25 – 10:35: break

10:35 – 11:50: Guest Speaker Sarah Wrightsman, NH Housing’s Community Engagement Coordinator – Q&A to follow

12:00 – 1:00: Lunch (sandwiches & salad) catered by The Everyday Café in Contoocook. Over lunch, small group discussions about the pressing issues facing our state and country.

1:00 – 1:30: The Electoral College alternative – the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. Presentation by Liz Tentarelli and LWVNH Board member Sara McNeil

1:30 – 2:15: Business Meeting including election of officers and board, adoption of budget, updating of bylaws, and members’ Advice To The Board.

**Registration in advance is required:** There is limited space and we need to pre-order lunch so please, **before Friday, May 30**, tell us if you plan to attend.

Send an email to [LWVnewhampshire@gmail.com](mailto:LWVnewhampshire@gmail.com). We will create a waiting list if necessary.

**Cost: \$15.00 payable at the door in cash or check.**

**This event is open to all LWVNH members and their invited guests only.**