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NONPARTISAN POLITICAL POLICY

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The League of Women Voters of Maine (LWVME), LWVME Education Fund, Maine Citizens for Clean Elections (MCCE) and MCCE Action (collectively referred to as “the organization”) are nonpartisan, meaning that they neither support nor oppose any political parties or candidates. The organization carefully guards its nonpartisan role as a means of ensuring its credibility and effectiveness across a broad scope of issues and for a broad segment of the public.

ELECTIVE OFFICE – The presidents of the organization shall not be candidates for, nor serve in, any elective public office. Board members and trustees shall not be candidates for, nor serve in, any elective partisan office.

POLITICAL PARTY OFFICE – Board members and trustees shall not serve as officers of a political party at any level.

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS – The presidents of the organization shall not sponsor or attend fundraising events for political parties or for candidates at the state or federal level. All other board members and trustees may host and attend fundraising events. All board members and trustees may make campaign contributions.

POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS – The presidents of the organization shall not play any role in partisan political campaigns. Other board members and trustees may undertake such

activities for federal, state, or local office after consultation with the presidents and boards of the state organization or local chapters involved.

CONDUCT CONSISTENT WITH LEAGUE VALUES – At events sponsored by the organization and when representing the organization at other venues, board members and trustees shall conduct themselves in a nonpartisan way. When present at events sponsored by the organization, board members and trustees will lead by example and by intercession to maintain a nonpartisan presence so that civil discourse is maintained where all points of view are respected.

ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATIONS – Board members and trustees shall present questions about specific situations regarding political activity to the boards of the organization where the foregoing policies do not resolve the question.

Useful Links:

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