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The League of Women Voters of Maine, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major political policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.



Come to Convention! Learn, Meet Interesting People and Help Set the Agenda for Maine’s League of Women Voters

This is the first call to LWV Maine’s Bi-Annual Convention. The Convention will be Friday and Saturday, **May 1 and 2**, in the Brunswick/Bath area. On Friday evening, members are invited to dine informally, then join for a dessert reception with a guest speaker. Saturday will be a full day, starting at 9 AM and ending by 4 PM. The committee is finding first-rate speakers, there will be a board to elect, programs for the coming two years to select, and great fellowship with thoughtful, forward-looking League members from around the state. Our website, www.lwvme.org, will contain updated information, so watch for registration information soon. All members in Maine are invited to attend and vote. Please feel free to invite a friend and/or prospective member to come along.

League Studies and Programs

Where do you think the League should be putting its efforts? The League's study program consists of those governmental and public policy issues that League members in Maine have chosen for concerted study. Studies can lead to adopted positions and advocacy. The League program process begins with selection and adoption of priority issues, continues with study and discussion, and culminates in action and change. But before the League can take action, it is essential that members have an opportunity to be informed on that issue and reach broad agreement or consensus. Study makes action possible. During the study phase, members have an opportunity to examine the facts and key pro and con arguments. They are encouraged to discuss the political realities of action. Study gives members the knowledge that makes League action uniquely credible. This is why people listen to what the League says. Studies are adopted at the bi-annual convention.

Tell us what you are interested in. Some areas already suggested include Early Voting, County Government, Ballot Initiatives and Light Pollution. If you have an area you think the League should study, please send it to Co-President Barbara McDade at bmcdade@bpl.lib.me.us or phone us at 622-0256 by March 1.