



**Boulder County Voter**  
**League of Women Voters of Boulder County**  
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**2015 Annual Meeting**

Saturday, May 2, 2015  
 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.  
 Fox Hill Country Club  
 1400 East Highway 119  
 Longmont, CO  
 (Directions on page 4\_)

Please plan to attend the LWVBC Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 2. We will begin the day with a great breakfast, followed by a presentation about the film *Strong Sisters*, and then on to business, including the adoption of the 2015-2016 budget and program, and election of officers.

*Strong Sisters* is a documentary film that tells the unique story of political women in Colorado. *Strong Sisters* seeks to expand knowledge and appreciation of the important role elected women have played in Colorado, focusing on Colorado's special place in history as a national leader, and how having women in office makes a difference. Filmmakers Meg Froelich and Laura Hoepfner will share information about their project, show a trailer of the film, and discuss some of their findings.

Complete and mail the reservation form below to be received by April 23, 2015.

**LWV Boulder County Annual Meeting Reservation Form**  
**May 2, 2015, 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**  
**Visitors Welcome!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number \_\_\_\_\_

\$27.00 includes buffet breakfast and omelet station  
 # person(s) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$27.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

Please mail payment made payable to LWVBC and reservation form to be received by April 23 to:

Frieda Holley 830 Columbia Pl., Boulder, CO 80303

## President's Ponderings

With the uplift and excitement of Spring, our **strategic planning process** is blooming! How's that for a metaphor? Truly, the cancellation of LWVUS Consensus Meetings couldn't have come at a better time, as the Board has been considering ways to continue gathering member and community input on LWVBC goals and issue priorities. These meetings provide a great venue for discussion with members and individual community members. So come to the April Community Meetings and bring your friends! (See details in related article).

In addition, we are in process of learning more about our community and what our community knows about us as we meet with representatives of our three main focus groups: youth, potential partners, and the Latino population.

I look forward to seeing you all soon at **Annual Meeting** May 2nd— you'll enjoy hearing about strong women in Colorado's political story, and any input you have on League business will be much appreciated.

**TULIPS:** Blooms from bulbs provided by last year's League fundraiser are gracing my garden. I highly recommend you partake in this year's bulb fundraiser and let your neighbors know about the great opportunity! Contact Lois Linsky: [finance@lwvbc.org](mailto:finance@lwvbc.org) or get an order form at April Community Meetings.

Happy Spring!  
~Ceal



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### Calendar

#### APRIL

- 4 Meet Your Legislators
- 13-15 Unit Meetings
- 22 Board meeting/*Voter* Deadline

#### MAY

- 2 Annual Meeting
- 16-17 State Convention **HERE**
- 20 Legislative Wrap-Up
- 27 Board Meeting/*Voter* Deadline

## April Community Meetings—Topic: Strategic Planning for LWVBC

At April's Community Meetings, LWVBC's Strategic Planning process will be discussed. Board members will be present at each meeting with an update and items for discussion. They will be ready to listen to opinions, ideas, concerns, and any feedback about our League's future, both from members and from the public.

Please plan to attend one of the meetings listed below, and invite your friends! The public is welcome to join in this important discussion.

(Note: consensus meetings previously scheduled for this month have been postponed.)

**Monday, April 13**, 11:00-12:30 at Frasier Meadows, 350 Ponca Place, Boulder, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Assembly Room.

**Tuesday, April 14**, 10:00 dine, 10:30-12:00 meeting at the Egg & I, 2055 Ken Pratt Blvd., Longmont.

**Tuesday, April 14**, 1:00-2:30 at George Reynolds Library, 3595 Table Mesa Drive, Boulder, meeting room on lower level

**Wednesday, April 15**, 11:30-1:00 at Boulder Main Library, 1001 Arapahoe Ave., Boulder, in the Arapahoe conference room.

**Wednesday, April 15**, 5:30 dine, 6:00-7:30 meeting at Double Happy Restaurant (Asian), SE Corner Main and Spruce, Louisville.

Peggy Leech, Community Meetings Coordinator (pegleech@aol.com)



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### MEET YOUR LEGISLATORS

Boulder County state legislators will talk about their activities, what laws are being made and how upcoming changes could affect you.

Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:30-12:00

BVSD Education Center Board Room

6500 E. Arapahoe, Boulder

Plan to attend, you'll learn a lot in this 1.5 hour event!

This is a free, public opportunity to hear from your state legislators and ask questions. Invite a friend for coffee and then bring them to the meeting, or to go out to lunch afterwards.

## PROGRAM POSITIONS

**Local Program** recommendations are as follows:

Retain all positions pages 6-10 of the LWVBC 2014-2015 Handbook with the following exceptions:

### **Boulder City Council-Manager System**

(Adopted 1955, amended 1981, 1989, 1991, 2000, 2004).

The city council should consist of nine members elected entirely at large, in a nonpartisan election. We do not favor primaries or run-off elections for city council. Four-year terms are staggered with the majority of council elected every two years. The mayor should be selected from among the council members.

Recommended action: Drop position. The position does not address other Boulder County cities and may be in conflict with the goals of the Voting Methods Study.

At the 2013 LWVBC Annual Meeting, members voted to conduct a government update on municipal governments in Boulder County going beyond the Boulder City Council-Manager system addressed by existing positions. A similar proposal to review city Council=manager systems throughout Boulder County was adopted at the 2011 Annual Meeting. To date, no study team has stepped forward to address these concerns.

### **Boulder County Government Structure**

(Adopted 1988, updated 2000 with Longmont League concurrence).

The League supports the present form of Boulder County government. The League would support increasing the number of commissioners from three to five, with three commissioners elected from districts and two elected at large.

In principle, the League supports county home rule as an option. In evaluating any proposed home rule charter, we support the following criteria:

1. The county clerk and sheriff should be elected. Other county officials should be appointed.
2. A home rule charter should set some professional qualifications for appointed officials.
3. There should be no tax limitation written into a home rule charter.
4. There is currently no need for a county manager under the present system.

Recommended action: Drop #4. It is not one of the criteria.

### **Wage Issues in Boulder County**

(New position adopted by Board following consensus meetings)

*Background:* Our position is based upon our LWVUS position on Meeting Basic Human Needs: "The LWVUS believes that one of the goals of social policy in the U.S. should be to promote self-sufficiency for individuals and families and that the most effective social programs are those designed to prevent or reduce poverty. ... Persons ... whose earnings are inadequate ... have the right to an income and/or services sufficient to meet their basic needs ... "

The working poor face multiple issues, including low wages, employers' reliance on part-time workers, cutbacks in federal assistance, the "cliff effect" that lowers benefits disproportionately when wages rise, and the Colorado law that prohibits local jurisdictions from setting an adequate minimum wage for the locality. We continue to support government assistance to the working poor until wage policies that promote self-sufficiency are fully implemented.

The LWVBC believes that just as Colorado can set a minimum wage above the federal minimum wage, so local jurisdictions should be able to exceed the state minimums. We oppose legislation that prohibits such local action.

We believe that alleviating poverty is the shared responsibility of government, employers, individuals, and non-profit assistance organizations. All sectors should be involved in setting an adequate minimum wage or living wage.

The living wage is the minimum required to avoid poverty without government assistance and subsidies. The living wage (gross income) should cover the costs of food, clothing, housing, energy, transportation, health care, K-12 education, child care, taxes (income, Social Security), and supplemental expenses for work and school.

In determining a living wage, a jurisdiction should consider the local cost of living, the national Consumer Price Index, and other reliable and measurable data.

When a jurisdiction makes changes to wage laws, it should ensure that data regarding the effects of those changes are collected and distributed.

Recommended action: Retain – Recommend to LWVCO for Concurrence; if not approved by LWVCO board, take to convention. [*Update:* Concurrence with the position was not recommended by LWVCO board and will be taken to convention for reconsideration.]

### **Directions to the Fox Hill Country Club**

1400 E Highway 119  
Longmont, CO 80504  
303-651-3777

From the *Boulder area*, take 119 (the Diagonal, which becomes Ken Pratt Blvd in Longmont) east toward I-25. Continue east past US 287, with Harvest Junction shopping area, including Lowe's, soon on the right. Once you pass through the intersection with 3rd Avenue, the entrance to the **Fox Hill Country Club** will be the very next left turn. There is a small green **Fox Hill** sign on the north side of 119 at the entrance. If you reach County Line Road, you have gone too far.

Those coming from the *Louisville/Lafayette area* may want to take 95th Street or Highway 287, and turn right onto Highway 119.



## **WHO'S DONE OUTSTANDING WORK FOR LEAGUE?**

Let's show our appreciation,  
PLEASE nominate LWVBC League members for available awards:

***A special Recognition Award at our May 2nd Annual Meeting***, for a few members who have made significant contributions to LWVBC this year. Who have you observed in their work for the League? Who has stood out among our many capable, hard-working members? If you have Recognition Award nominees for the Board's consideration, please contact Liz Black by April 16th: [membership@lwwbc.org](mailto:membership@lwwbc.org)

***An Energizer Award at our state convention May 16-17***, for the member that has been an energizer for our League over the last two years; someone that has spurred us on and made us significantly more effective. If you have Energizer Award nominees for the Board's consideration, please contact Ceal Ruffing by April 9th: [president@lwwbc.org](mailto:president@lwwbc.org)

## **Comments on 2015-2016 Budget**

In this issue of the Voter, you will find the proposed 2015-2016 budget. This was prepared by the Budget Committee (Liz Black, Frieda Holley, and myself) and approved by the board, subject to approval by the membership at the Annual Meeting on May 2.

I wanted to mention a couple of points in advance, so you can be aware of them before the meeting.

One point is that we have recommended a dues increase, to \$60/year for individual members and \$90 for households. This is quite comparable to many Leagues around the state. We have not raised our dues since 2007, but LWVUS raises the national Per Member Payment (PMP) about \$1-2 every 2 years. This means that gradually a larger portion of members' dues goes to the national level (for operations and advocacy efforts), and we receive less from members' dues for use in our local operational activities.

The other point to mention is that we (the Budget Team and the board) would like to support more Educational Activities at the state and national levels, in addition to local Educational Activities such as candidate forums and local ballot issue pamphlets. The way we can do this is to allow up to 50% of our Per Member Payments (PMP) to be paid out of the Ed Fund. We would like to start doing this during the NEXT budget year (2016-2017); therefore it is not reflected in this year's budget.

As you probably know, contributions to the Ed Fund are tax deductible. We felt that many members thought they were supporting local educational functions with these contributions, but we would like to expand these contributions to help support state and national educational activities as well, such as the state ballot issues and candidate forums and the national VOTE 411 effort.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss anything about the budget before the Annual Meeting, please feel free to contact any of the Budget Team members. And, of course, discussion is welcome at the Annual Meeting.

Peggy Leech, Budget Committee Leader

## Overview of Boulder League of Women Voters 2015-16 Budget

<b>Assets as of March 23, 2015</b>		
<i>Checking Account</i>		
General Fund	7,610	
Advocacy Fund	75	
Grant Fund	70	
Scholarship Fund	106	
<b>Total for Checking Account</b>	<b>7,860</b>	
<i>Savings in CDs</i>	<b>5,754</b>	
<i>Education Fund</i>	<b>4,971</b>	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>18,585</b>	

The proposed budget assumes an increase in dues to:  
\$60 for individual members and  
\$90 for households

<b>General Fund</b>						
<b>General Fund Income</b>	Actual 2013-14		7/1/14 to 3/23/15		Proposed 2015-16 Budget	
Dues	8,163		7,720		8,220	
Less PMP payment to National	-4,557		-4,511		-4,384	
Less PMP payment to State	-2,646		-2,619		-2,466	
<i>Net Dues to LWVBC</i>	960	10%	591	7%	1,370	15%
Contributions	3,436	36%	3,075	39%	3,150	35%
Proceeds from Activities	4,204	44%	3,275	41%	4,450	50%
Investment Income	15	0%	6	0%	10	0%
Ed Fund pays for part of PMP	1,000	10%	1,000	13%		0%
<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	<b>9,615</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>7,947</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>8,980</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>General Fund Expenses excluding PMP</b>						
Operating Costs	1,091	12%	960	16%	906	8%
Organizational Expenses	3,887	44%	4,752	80%	6,755	58%
Delegate Expenses	3,501	40%	0	0%	3,600	31%
Membership Mailings	213	2%	215	4%	250	2%
Educational Expenses (See Ed Fund)	71	1%	26	0%	50	0%
Advocacy	0	0%	0	0%	150	1%
<b>Total General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>8,763</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5,952</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11,711</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>General Fund Income - Expenses</b>	<b>852</b>		<b>1,995</b>		<b>-2,731</b>	

<b>Education Fund</b>						
<b>Education Fund Income</b>	Actual 2013-14		This year to 3/23/15		Proposed 2015-16 Budget	
Contributions	<b>1,355</b>		<b>1,915</b>		<b>2,100</b>	
<b>Education Fund Expenses</b>	<i>All expenses are considered educational</i>					
Partial PMP Payment	1,000	36%	1,000	52%		0%
Other Voter Services	370	13%	0	0%	200	8%
Broadcast fees (forums)	525	19%	200	10%	600	23%
Ballot Issues - Local	375	13%	424	22%	500	19%
Ballot Issues - State	240	9%	315	16%	400	15%
Event Promotion	273	10%		0%	900	35%
<b>Total Ed Fund Expenses</b>	<b>2,783</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,939</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Ed Fund Income - Expenses</b>	<b>-1,428</b>		<b>-23</b>		<b>-500</b>	

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Actual 2012-13</b>	<b>Actual 2013-14</b>	<b>Budget 2014-15</b>	<b>YTD thru 3/23</b>	<b>Budget 2015-16</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Gen. Fund Diff.: Income - Expenses</b>				<b>-2,731</b>
<u>Dues</u>					
1010 Individual	6,595.00	7,007.50	6,875	6,455.00	<b>6,780</b>
1011 Household	1,402.50	1,155.00	1,237.50	1,265.00	<b>1,440</b>
SUBTOTAL Dues	7,997.50	8,162.50	8,112.50	7,720.00	<b>8,220</b>
<u>Contributions</u>					
1101 Members	2,693	3,110.00	2,700	2,880.59	<b>3,000</b>
1104 Non-member individuals	65	10.00	50	90.00	<b>150</b>
1105 Non-member businesses	-	25.00	0		<b>0</b>
In-kind	15.09	290.54	0	104.77	<b>0</b>
SUBTOTAL Contributions	2,773.34	3,435.54	2,750	3,075.36	<b>3,150</b>
<u>Proceeds from Activities</u>					
1201 Meetings and Meals	2,435	2,353.00	2,100	913.00	<b>2,400</b>
1202 Bulbs/Grocery Cards (sum below)	1,588.95	1,149.10	900	1,227.20	<b>1,550</b>
1203 Money-making Events/Conv. Act.	1,249	702.08	500	1,135.00	<b>500</b>
1209 Payments by Delegates	8.00	0.00	0	0	<b>0</b>
SUBTOTAL from Activities	5,280.95	4,204.18	3,500.00	3,275.20	<b>4,450</b>
<u>Investment Income</u>					
1601 Bank Acct. Interest	27.86	15.36	20	5.73	<b>10</b>
SUBTOTAL Investment Income	27.86	15.36	20	5.73	<b>10</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>16,079.65</b>	<b>15,817.58</b>	<b>14,382.50</b>	<b>14,076.29</b>	<b>15,830</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>Actual 2012-13</b>	<b>Actual 2013-14</b>	<b>Budget 2014-15</b>	<b>YTD thru 3/23</b>	<b>Budget 2015-16</b>
<u>Operating Costs</u>					
102 Liability insurance	500	500	500	500.00	<b>500</b>
103 Telephone	380.16	316.35	100	101.40	<b>102</b>
104 Licenses and Taxes	10	10	10	10.36	<b>10</b>
105 Website Expenses	200	200	240	200.00	<b>200</b>
107 Bank Checks and Charges	-	0	0	84.02	<b>0</b>
108 Post Office Box Rent	87	60	60	62.00	<b>64</b>
109 Supplies, Stationery	491.46	4.26	0	2.14	<b>30</b>
SUBTOTAL Operating Costs	1,668.62	1,090.61	910	959.92	<b>906</b>
<u>Organizational Expenses</u>					
201 President	4.99	0	10		<b>10</b>
202 Secretary	-	0	10	15.70	<b>10</b>
203 Treasurer	9	23.63	25	9.80	<b>25</b>
204 Board Tools (sum of below)	-	76.95	10	2,801.73	<b>2,800</b>
672 Meetings and Meals	1,879.55	2,207	2,100	986.16	<b>2,100</b>
210 Finance-- Fundraisers (sum below)	539.00	133.10	240	149.00	<b>140</b>
215 <i>Play, social event, or conv. activity</i>	979.20	583.37	500	117.95	<b>100</b>
673 General Meetings	-	38.00	50		<b>50</b>
220 Annual Meeting Packets	35.94	26.00	65		<b>40</b>
230 Membership	191.06	219.29	165	188.72	<b>225</b>
235 Membership Recruitment	30.00	18.69	50		<i>Phase out</i>
240 Community Mtg. Organization	-	0	50	35.18	<b>50</b>
250 Public Relations/Event Promo.	-	92.24	825	108.80	<b>525</b>



<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Actual 2012-13</b>	<b>Actual 2013-14</b>	<b>Budget 2014-15</b>	<b>YTD thru 3/23</b>	<b>Budget 2015-16</b>
260 <i>Affiliate organizations</i>					<b>300</b>
270 Membership Handbook	394.90	336.14	420	244.66	<b>250</b>
280 Handbook Postage	142.90	132.64	165	93.87	<b>130</b>
SUBTOTAL Org. Expenses	4,206.54	3,887.15	4,685.00	4,751.57	<b>6,755</b>
<b>Delegate Expenses</b>					
301 National Convention/Council		3,067.74 *			<b>3,000</b>
305 State Council or Convention	940	433.48	1,200		<b>450</b>
315 Workshops	160	0.00	150		<b>150</b>
SUBTOTAL Delegate Expenses	1,100	3,501.22	1,350		<b>3,600</b>
<b>PMP Assessments</b>	(4,402)				
401 National PMP	4,302	4,557	4,510.50	4,510.50	<b>4,384</b>
403 State PMP	2,356	1,646	1,619	1,619.00	<b>2,466</b>
SUBTOTAL PMP Assessments	6,658	6,203	6,129.50	6,129.50	<b>6,850</b>
<b>Membership Mailings</b>					
501 Newsletter Postage	74.65	65.06	130	82.40	<b>120</b>
503 Newsletter Production	170.50	147.86	130	132.70	<b>130</b>
SUBTOTAL Member Mailings	245.15	212.92	260	215.10	<b>250</b>
<b>Educational Activities</b>					
670 Voters' Services	24.00	38.42		25.60	<b>0</b>
671 Ballot Issues - local					<b>0</b>
680 Study Team Activity	130.61	32.29	30		<b>50</b>
SUBTOTAL Educational Activities	154.61	70.71	30	25.60	<b>50</b>
<b>Advocacy Activities</b>					
705 Advocacy incl. team activities			10		<b>150</b>
SUBTOTAL Advocacy Activities			10		<b>150</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>14,032.92</b>	<b>14,965.61</b>	<b>13,374.50</b>	<b>12,081.69</b>	<b>18,561.00</b>

\* Includes \$2,000 from the Convention Fund

<b>Education Fund</b>	<b>Education Fund Difference</b>				<b>-600.00</b>
	<b>Actual 2012-13</b>	<b>Actual 2013-14</b>	<b>Budget 2014-15</b>	<b>YTD thru 3/23</b>	<b>Budget 2015-16</b>
<b>Contributions</b>					
1401 Members	1,944.85	1,355.00	1,400	1,355.00	<b>1,400</b>
1402 Non-members	282.42	266.65	200	50.00	<b>100</b>
1403 Businesses		500.00	500	510.44	<b>500</b>
<b>Total EF Contributions</b>	<b>2,227.27</b>	<b>2,121.65</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>1,915.44</b>	<b>2,000</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
400 Partial State PMP payment	200	1,000	1,000	1,000	
670 Misc Voters' Services		370	200		<b>200</b>
670b Broadcast fees (forums)	225.00	525	825	200.00	<b>600</b>
671 Ballot Issues - Local	478.90	375	400	423.57	<b>500</b>
671s Ballot Issues - State	610	240	400	315.00	<b>400</b>
677 Event Promotion (~250)		272.69	900		<b>900</b>
<b>Total EF Expenditures</b>	<b>1,513.90</b>	<b>2,782.69</b>	<b>3,725</b>	<b>1,938.57</b>	<b>2,600</b>

## Membership Report

Judy Burris joined because she feels it is important that citizens vote and appreciates the non-partisan information that the League provides to help voters decide. She moved to Longmont a couple of years ago to be close to her daughter and grandchildren and now lives just a mile away from them. She is interested in campaign finance reform and voter education and has volunteered to help out when the state League has their convention in Boulder May 16-17 this year.

Kim Rudolph joined last month. She moved to Colorado about 10 years ago to be near her sister and nephew. The sister has since then moved to Oregon, but Kim remains here, having put down roots here and discovered that Colorado is such a gorgeous place in which to live. Kim joined partly as a result of our visibility around campaign finance reform and living wages. Kim is also interested in women's issues and gardening. She has been installing trellises in her community garden plot for peas, hops and clematis to climb on.

Yasi Taylor is a young professional, working for Boulder County. Ruth Stemler and Liz met her when she graduated from PERL (People Engaged in Raising Leaders), and we are pleased that she has chosen to bring to our local league the skills gained in her PERL training. Introduce yourself to her if you see her taking photos at a League event, one of the things she volunteered to do to which will enhance our Communications Team's stories with visuals.

New member Jo Manternach has lived in Boulder for some time and is acquainted with a few members already. She has contacted Mary Anna Dunn to learn more about the work of the Health Care Team and also plans to be at some of our community meetings.

What is your story about joining the League? If you can reflect on the circumstances and organize your ideas into a few sentences, the length of an "elevator speech," you have what it takes to be an ambassador for the League. Follow the story with an invitation to your listener, letting her or him know that they, too, can find value in becoming part of our organization. Word of mouth is one of the best PR tools!

All members should note that, going forward, your local board wants flexibility in the future to use gifts and donations to the Education Fund to support educational efforts, not just locally but also at the state and national levels of League. Thus we will be removing the clauses in our current print and on-line membership/donation forms which imply that Ed Fund donations are spent strictly on local projects.

Liz Black for the Membership Team

## **Last Call to State Convention!!**

May 16-17 State Convention promises to be fun and informative. Check out the agenda for speakers, entertainment, and more at [www.lwvcolorado.org](http://www.lwvcolorado.org).

### ***We have.....***

- \* 8 delegates attending state Convention at the Millennium in Boulder
  - \* room for more LWVBC members to attend as Observers!
  - \* our Social Policy Team urging a vote for a “non-recommended” program item: concurrence with LWVBC’s new wage position
  - \* member volunteers helping in all sorts of ways to make LWVBC a good host—
- THANK YOU!
- \* a NEED for a few more volunteers (please contact Ceal: [president@lwvbc.org](mailto:president@lwvbc.org))

### ***Would you like to attend?***

\* Observers pay a registration fee, meals, and a tour fee (if a tour interests you). No hotel costs this year, convention is right in our backyard. If you’d like to go, please coordinate with Frieda: [treasurer@lwvbc.org](mailto:treasurer@lwvbc.org).

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## Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee submits the following report for the consideration of the membership at its Annual Meeting May 2, 2015. As noted, there remains 1 elected seat to be filled.

President	Ruth Stemler
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Nominating Committee	Prue Larson, chair Louisa Matthias, member Celeste Landry, member

### **Continuing on Board**

Second Vice President	Laura Coates
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**2015 LWVBC Nominating Committee: Louisa Young, Chair; Lois Linsky; Anne Fischer; Frieda Holley; Prue Larson; Liz Black**

## League Delegates Attend the UN Commission on the Status of Women

*Report is by Rosalee Keech, a member of the LWWUS Board of Directors and the League's [UN Observer](#). It was posted by Stephanie Drahan on her blog on 03/18/2015.*

Over the course of a week in March, starting on International Women's Day, more than 9,000 delegates from 1,100 non-governmental organizations joined with delegates from United Nations (UN) member states for the 59<sup>th</sup> annual [Commission on the Status of Women](#) (CSW59). Amongst those delegates, were representatives from the League of Women Voters who convened in New York City to learn, listen and bring back ideas on improving the rights of women in areas of political and economic empowerment, violence, security, health, poverty and climate change.

As CSW59 coincided with the 20th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing, the conference resulted not only in a reaffirmation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, but also a recognition that while progress has been made, unfortunately "we're not there yet".

During the [Opening Session](#), Secretary General Ban Ki-moon urged all delegates to help make political and economic empowerment of women and girls a reality as it spurs growth and sustainability as well as acts as a buffer for radicalization saying "truly powerful men are those who believe in and work for the empowerment of women." Further, he called for an end to gender violence, including at home. For the first time in 59 years, the [Security Council president spoke](#) and attended the CSW, where she pledged to include women in rebuilding, peace-building and decision-making. Further, she underscored how violence against women and girls is a tactic of war as it immediately breaks down the community.

Over the course of 2015, the UN will focus on finalizing the post 2015 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which build upon the Millennium Development Goals. Gender equality is a key component of the Sustainable Development Goals as currently drafted. The international community has finally recognized that unless women and girls are active partners in the solution, none of the goals will be met.

One of the fundamental tenets of the Commission on the Status of Women is to not only highlight best practices, but also to provide research and proof that these strategies are working. As Secretary General Ban Ki-moon has iterated time and again, "what gets measured, gets done." Key to this is understanding if strategies are working and then ensuring those strategies become more effective in achieving results. Self-improvement and focus on results are critical to helping diverse actors from the private sector, civil society, academia and the UN achieve the results required.

CSW59, like its predecessors, has been and continues to be a way to share those best practices and strategies in order to implement the solutions successfully at the grass root level. LWWUS has been an active player in this and previous Commissions, sharing best practices, research and proof of how women are making the difference at all levels of society.

*This post is part of [Celebrating Women: Past, Present & Future](#), the League's series honoring Women's History Month.*

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