State Board Updates
November 2019

Local League To Do’s (email: lwvny@lwvny.org or call 518-465-4162)

- Complete and return Voter Services Survey by Nov. 20 (tomorrow!).
- Register by this Friday for League Day at the United Nations (Dec. 4)
- Complete and return the Legislative Agenda order form by Jan. 1
- Complete and return the Legislative Priorities form by Feb. 1
- Organize meeting to discuss Constitutional Convention position update and return response form by March 1, 2020

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Early Voting – Oct. 26 to Nov. 3
Report on the survey results will be released later this week – watch for it!

League Day at the United Nations: Climate Change
The state League is again organizing its Day at the United Nations. On December 4, 2019, we have arranged for tours of the UN facility, lunch in the Delegates’ Dining Room and briefings by UN experts on the topic of Climate Change. The cost is $120 for the day which we do understand is expensive, but this barely covers the costs for the day. We also have a bus coming to and from Albany for an additional $50 for those upstate who would like to join us! The registration from is attached – please share and encourage all to attend this fascinating day. Registration form is attached or people can register online at: https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/INvmPPc4Hpebf0PLNzaRnw. A bus is available from Albany with a stop near Poughkeepsie for an additional cost.

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Constitutional Convention Position Update
At the State Convention in June, the delegates approved an update to the State League’s position on a Constitutional Convention. The purpose of this update is to determine whether there is member agreement on deleting the first sentence of the League’s 1993 Constitutional Convention position, as revised June 2015.

The first sentence to be deleted is below:
“The League of Women Voters of New York State does not support or oppose the holding of a constitutional convention.”

Attached you will find the materials for consideration by your local League of this update:
- Current Constitutional Convention Position
- Background and Other Information
- Update Form to be Returned to the State League office by March 1, 2020
Legislative Agenda and Legislative Priorities
The state League produces a Legislative Agenda each year in which the main issues that will be lobbied or monitored during the upcoming legislative session are described. Given the League’s finances this year, we are asking each local League to order by January 1, 2020 the Agendas that they plan to use on the attached form. We will print a limited supply so make sure your order is in by Jan. 1 to receive copies.

The local Leagues are also asked to provide input into the development of priorities for state office resources and staff during the upcoming legislative session. It doesn’t mean we won’t monitor and lobby on other issues, but what do our members and local Leagues think are the most important issues? Please return this completed form by Feb. 1, 2020.

Voter Services: Judie Gorenstein, judieL728@aol.com
Complete and return the Voter Service Survey (one response per local League) by November 20 (paper version attached) or online at: https://forms.gle/wEUKWcfwdGx1Zr116. Boast about all the hard work you’ve done this summer and fall to engage and educate the public on voting!