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Action Committee Hard Choices

Paula Krane, Action Committee

We are often asked how the League decides which ballot measures to support or oppose. It is not a simple or easy process and involves many hours of study and discussion. The Action Committee (which this year has over 150 years of combined experience) studies all of the measures and submits its recommendations to the LWVOR Board, who then make the final decisions and disseminate them to the membership and the public.

The League has three choices when considering ballot measures: support or recommend a yes vote on a particular measure; oppose or recommend a no vote on a particular measure; or state that there is no recommendation on the issue. Every yes or no recommendation must be backed up by our positions. LWVUS positions are listed in Impact on Issues (<http://www.lwv.org/content/impact-issues>), and LWVOR positions are listed in Issues for Action (<http://www.lwvor.org/lwvimages/Issues-for-Action-2014-15.pdf>). So if we have no position then we cannot support or oppose the ballot measure. However, just because we have a position does not mean a yes/no recommendation will be made.

There are many issues or facets that Action Committee members discuss and consider during their deliberations. Information is first collected during the signature collection period. Each measure is read carefully to make sure that there are no unintended consequences in the fine print. For example, if it is a constitutional amendment, must it be in the constitution or would it be better as a statute? Are there conflicting positions in our positions (in the past we had positions supporting and opposing sentencing guidelines)? What is our past history on this issue? If there is a revenue component, how will funding be achieved and what might not be funded if the measure passes? Will the ballot measure accomplish its goal? Will the measure end up in the courts? And which of our positions and principles allow us to speak to this measure? No decision is simple and this year was no different.

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informed and active participation in
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League's purposes are to influence
public policy through education and
advocacy and to provide support for
League members and the League
organization.

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Action Committee Members Peggy Lynch and Kappy Eaton.

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Mock Election 2014

Greetings League Members!

Oregon Student Mock Election is blazing ahead into the fall! We
have released our new and improved curriculum for 2014, and are
actively seeking teachers who want to participate!

In just a few short weeks, we have already had 25 schools sign
up to participate this year! We expect to get even more teachers
as we roll into September and October.

There are also a few exciting opportunities to take note of. The
Oregon Student Mock Election is teaming up with the Secretary of
State, and the entire Elections Divisions is championing a special
project to coordinate Mock Election efforts with the League! This
is great news, and we are thrilled to continue working closely with
the Secretary of State! Secondly, the League has been invited to
speak at the Oregon Council for Social Studies conference on
October 4th, where we will be presenting parts of the Mock
Election curriculum and showing teachers how to conduct a
successful and fun Mock Election!

There are a lot of exciting things happening! Keep doing YOUR
part as an active League member by talking to middle and high
school teachers you know, and send them to
VoteOregon.org/OregonMockElection to learn more about
participating in this amazing project!

Best,
Paige Lancourt
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Oregon Student Mock Election Coordinator



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President's Column / Robin Wisdom

Substantial work is being accomplished right now. Very dedicated League members have worked hard right through summer. And we will experience the boost that comes with such dedication.

LWVOR recently published our ballot measure positions. The Action Team will meet in September and regularly up until and throughout the annual session that begins next February. This summer they delivered successful testimony at hearings and followed interim legislative days at the Capitol. Please see the update on liability insurance for local Leagues in this Voter. I hope you attend the Fall Workshop on Oct. 11. Come and catch up on current affairs. We have excellent speakers confirmed.



I made it on the Rogue River wild section twice this summer, so personally it's been very refreshing. I hope you have had a wonderful summer as well and feel refreshed and ready to go. I hope to meet you somewhere on the trail.

Forward We Go!

Yours,

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Fall Workshop - Technology!

Coming to the Fall Workshop on October 11th will be a hands-on presentation about technology use within the League Community!

Featuring step-by-step guides on how to navigate and use the LWVOR websites, the LWVUS website, and how to become an expert at social media!

Please bring your laptops or portable computer devices such as iPads or even iPhones to follow along with a hands-on learning experience! We will try to have some extra laptops available for those that don't have one!

In 2014, technology is crucial to keeping the gears on the League running! Even for beginners, with this step-by-step workshop, you'll be experts at navigating these websites in no time!

In addition, Tyrone Reitman will speak about Healthy Democracy's Citizen Initiative Review results on the GMO labeling and Top 2 primary ballot measures. LWVOR's National MLD Coach, Penney Van Vleet will lead a Membership and Leadership Development workshop.

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Liability Insurance: Fall Update

We've got everyone researching insurance for local Leagues (LL). Thanks go out to those who have taken the time to research and share their information. While the national League is also helping us find affordable means to cover LLs, LWVOR's Directors and Officers (D&O) insurance company (Huggins) has also taken another look at the cost of their coverage since a number of local Leagues have contacted them expressing dismay at high costs. Here are the highlights of their new proposal received on 8/15/14 that includes two options:

- 1) Option One: Each LL would have their own policy. The company agreed to lower their premium to \$500 a chapter and defense would be part of the \$1,000,000 limit.
- 2) Option Two: One policy for the State Organization and all of the chapters.

Aggregate limit for all LLs and State Organization would be \$1 Million (the state would basically be sharing their coverage with the chapters) with "Defense inside the limit," which means the cost of all defense of all local Leagues will be limited to no more than \$1 Million.

In Option Two, the premium to the state would be the current premium of \$1363, plus an additional \$150 per local League. Each LL would have its own aggregate limit of \$100,000. According to Michelle at Huggins, "the \$100,000 per chapter is not a very high limit but it is priced reasonably and at least chapters would have some coverage which is an improvement over going without insurance as they are now."

Michelle has asked if we have any questions. If we want to add the local Leagues, they want to know which LLs and the effective dates. They will also need their basic financial information and a list of their board members.

The state board has not discussed these proposals, but we would like to hear from you. If your LL is willing to pay the extra \$150 per year, let us know. We can evidently add individual LLs and not have to add all LLs. Therefore, your LL can opt in. But if you would like D&O insurance at the Option Two rate, do let someone on the state board know. We will discuss this at our next board meeting on Sept. 12.

Bottom line at this juncture: We are still searching and want to hear from you.

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Women's Equality Day

On August 26th, the League of Women Voters of Oregon and Marion/Polk County celebrated Women's Equality Day at the State Capitol!

Our goal was to remind people that it was less than 100 years ago that women across the country won the right to vote, and that it's still important today to promote equality for women, and fight for equal access to the vote!

A special thanks to all the volunteers who made this event successful!



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LWVOR FALL WORKSHOP

Saturday, October 11
9:30 AM - 3:00 PM
First United Methodist Church
1376 Olive St., Eugene



Featured Speakers



Tyrone Reitman, Healthy Democracy
Citizen Initiative Review Process
Results on Ballot Measures: GMO Labeling and Top-Two Primary



Penney Van Vleet, National MLD Coach and Ruth Shur Fellow
Membership and Leadership Development Training Session

Join us for this and more.....

Ballot Measure Review by LWVOR Action Committee
Technology Workshop by Paige Lancourt, Office Staff



Advance registration required-due Oct. 3, 2014

Sign up NOW

Registration is available at

<http://www.lwvor.org/events/fall-workshop-2014/>

Questions? Call 503-581-5722 or email lwvor@lwvor.org.

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Official Project Announcement

Have you seen the big announcement about a new civic education project? LWVOREF is seeking partners and outlets for its [Funding Education Forum Series](#). The development team has been working on this evolving project for quite some time. At Council 2014 last May delegates approved the development plan to find solutions to Oregon's underfunded educational system. That plan has been unveiled and we are proud to announce the [Oregon Center for Public Policy](#) will co-sponsor. Other major players are: [AAUW of Oregon](#), the [Oregon School Boards Association](#), the [League of Oregon Cities](#), the [Latino Network](#), the [Oregon Tradeswomen](#).

We are looking for other partners. If you know of other organizations that might like to be part of this, please let us know. We will be happy to contact them. We've set a date for our first partners' meeting on Sept. 30 at the Salem office from 4PM to 6PM, which will be an informal meet n' greet and information meeting, similar to an 'Open House'. Arrive any time between those hours and join us for some refreshments. All League members are welcome. Please RSVP by Sept. 25.

On Aug. 18 an invitation to join the Funding Ed project was emailed to all local League Leaders. Here's a link (<http://voteoregon.org/issues/funding-education-forum-series/>). We hope many League members will participate in the associated community events that will take place between January and April 2015. We're seeking Project Team members as well. Feel free to contact the state office for more information.

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Membership

Janet Calvert, Membership Chair

Most Leagues have a gathering at the start of the "League" year to catch up with League friends and welcome perspective and new members. We are proud to be League members, but some of us may falter when asked what League is all about.

The Principles of the League of Women Voters has a very clear statement that provides good "talking points" to use at Candidate and Ballot Measure Forums, with the media and with new members. The complete text is on our web site www.lwvor.org/about/. During election time the following sections are especially useful.

"The League of Women Voters believes that democratic government depends upon the informed and active participation of its citizens and requires that governmental bodies protect the citizen's right to know by giving adequate notice of the proposed actions, holding open meetings and making public records accessible.

The League of Women Voters believes that

- every citizen should be protected in the right to vote;
- that every person should have access to free public education which provides equal opportunity for all;
- and that no person or group should suffer legal, economic or administrative discrimination."

Many new and not so new members find League "language" puzzling. The LWVOR "New Member Handbook" is very helpful and local Leagues can insert League-specific information. Other items promoting visibility are the League of Women Voters license plate holders, \$4 each or two for \$6. About the size of an orange, light but strong and expanding to the size of a grocery bag, a "hold everything" bag with the League Logo sells for \$6.50 each or two for \$12. Shipping included. Shop for all items at the Fall Workshop or <http://www.lwvor.org/shop/>.

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Children at Risk Study

Chris Vogel and Linda Clary, co-chairs

Local Leagues may anticipate receipt of "Children at Risk" (CARs) study packets, discussion and consensus guides by March 1, 2015 for use in local unit discussions. LL's are calendaring time in March or April for their local discussions. The CARs Committee (about a dozen LWV members from a variety of local Leagues) continues to welcome new members. If you'd like to be involved, please contact study co-chairs Chris Vogel chrisvogelvolunteerlwvor@gmail.com or Linda Clary lindaclary1@gmail.com. Please see our web page for full a report.

The CARs Study

This study examines how the most vulnerable children in our state are identified and receive early intervention services that may enhance their chances to thrive in life. It specifically addresses:

- recent changes: in legislation relating to early learning;
- restructuring and delivery of services in Oregon at state, county and local levels for children 0-6 (including 0-8 for third grade reading assessments);
- the flow of federal and state funding, passed through to local Oregon communities;
- and the refinement of a quantifiable data system that evaluates the effectiveness of interventions, funding efficiencies, and tracks those historically underserved.

"At-risk child" means a child who is at risk of not entering school ready to learn due to factors, including but not limited to:

1. Living in a household that is at or near poverty, as determined under federal poverty guidelines;
2. Living in inadequate or unsafe housing;
3. Having inadequate nutrition;
4. Living in a household where there is significant or documented domestic conflict, disruption or violence;
5. Having a parent who suffers from mental illness, who engages in substance abuse or who experiences a developmental disability or an intellectual disability;
6. Living in circumstances under which there is neglectful or abusive care-giving;
7. Having unmet health care and medical treatment needs; and
8. Having a racial or ethnic minority status that is historically consistent with disproportionate overrepresentation in academic achievement gaps or in the systems of child welfare, foster care or juvenile or adult corrections." (ORS 2013 Edition Chapter 37, Section 12)

Early Learning Council and Regional HUBs

One of the greatest changes in service delivery is that Oregon Early Learning is contracting with new regional HUB coordinating bodies that pull together resources focused on children and families in its defined service area. Under the Early Learning HUB model, all of the sectors that touch early childhood education - health care, early childhood educators, human and social services, K-12 school districts, and the private sector - are directed to coordinate existing community services in a more direct, effective, and family centric way. HUBs are not intended to become direct service providers themselves but facilitate services and articulate strategies not only for kindergarten readiness, but also for ensuring children grow up in stable and attached families. There will be a total of 16 HUBs statewide. Less than half have been contracted thus far, but the geographic areas for all have been set through an RFA procurement process. Negotiations are ongoing in remaining areas.

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Voter Services-- Debate Chat

Becky Gladstone, Education Fund Chair

Please share your League forum and debate news! The Umpqua League, for example, is planning a County Commissioners debate, lots of work! LWVPDX asked the state League to sponsor a US Senate debate. It seems unlikely, with candidates not agreeing on invitations by August. The City Club of Eugene asked League for co-sponsorship of gubernatorial, US Senate and Representative debates. That (incumbent) US Representative campaign asked if we would sponsor debates for multiple sites. We're corresponding with many candidates and prospective sponsors, including media.

LWVUS asked the Oregon League to provide debate opportunities for Microsoft "Pulse", an online audience survey, used for the last three US State of the Union addresses. They want League help with issue based audience survey questions, not the partisan support, popularity contest we would want to avoid. All they require is live TV broadcast and candidate appearance commitment. We love the possibility of serving voter education in an innovative, engaging way.

While the Merkley et al debates have stalled, LWVOREF and LWVLC have a debate set for October 15th, for DeFazio et al, with LWVLC, Eugene City Club, KLCC and UO Law School partnering. The photo below is from the 2012 Eugene City Club debate for this race. These candidates, from left to right, are Peter DeFazio, Michael Beilstein, and Art Robinson. All are running again, to be joined by David Chester.



The League gubernatorial debate invitation(s) were not accepted. I called the Oregon League of Cities to ask about their sponsoring a (repeat) "gubernatorial forum" at their members' only annual meeting, at the Eugene Hilton. Questions will be provided to campaigns in advance. There will be no questions between candidates. Their emphasis will be "no surprises, focus on what candidates want to accomplish, not how bad opponents are". They already expect to host again next cycle.

One of our media sponsors characterizes this as a trend toward "infomercials", reflecting the large out-of-state donations coming in. We hope we'll all be able to move the discourse back to "league-style" debates. We want to stay in the picture, make a serious difference for the bigger 2016 campaign cycle, expecting more voter awareness with the Presidential race. We're compiling policies and other helpful documentation. We hope you will want to use it.

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Needed: Members for Postsecondary Education Study!

Karan Kuntz, Study Co-chair

The 2013 LWVOR Convention adopted an update of our public postsecondary education position. This is a very timely and important study. States nationwide recognize the importance of increasing the number of Americans with a certificate, 2 or 4-year degree. Noting that the US no longer leads the world in the percentage of its population with postsecondary credentials and that increasing number of jobs require education beyond high school, President Obama has called for a goal of 60 percent of our population to achieve such education by 2020. In Oregon, Governor Kitzhaber has proposed a 40-40-20 goal - 40% with at least a 4-year degree, 40% with a 2-year degree or credential, and 20% with a high school diploma.

This increased need for postsecondary education coincides with continuing trends to decreased state support and increasing tuition, potentially making such education increasingly out of reach for many students. States are seeking ways to meet the increased demand. In Oregon, significant changes have been made in governance of our universities and community colleges. As of July 2014, the three major universities, University of Oregon, Oregon State University and Portland State University, have independent governing boards. The three regional universities and technical college may have independent boards as of 2015. Community college oversight has been moved to the Department of Higher Education. A number of proposals have been made to increase affordability for Oregon's residents.

Our adopted Public Postsecondary Education Study will examine these changes and other challenges for the state's public institutions. Currently we have a very small committee to research these issues. We need a few more participants to make this as good a report as possible. If you are interested in joining us, please contact co-chairs Karan Kuntz (kjkpiano@me.com) or Marnie Lonsdale (lonsdale9066@comcast.net).

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Climate Change Portfolio Highlights

Claudia Keith, Volunteer Action Team Member

State:

The Northwest Economic Research Center (NERC) will finalize the legislative funded comprehensive carbon tax study this November and formally report to the House Revenue Committee. Consider asking NERC staff as speakers for carbon pricing related programming. Representative Phil Barnhart's August Town Hall provided preliminary study results. More info at <http://daily.sightline.org/2014/04/01/will-oregon-cook-up-a-carbon-tax/>

The July 17, 2014 Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Connect Oregon LWVOR testimony included "...we ask that you reject the following proposed recommendations related to Connect Oregon V projects because they support the export of fossil fuels..." See details at <http://www.lwvor.org/odots-connect-oregon-v-funding-comments/>

Of the two fossil-fuel related projects we commented on, The Port of Saint Helens Berth 2 was denied funding - a CC c02 ppm win! We are still engaged with planned testimony this month related to the DEQ water permit.

Multiple local leagues are including climate change related topics in their 2014-15 programming. Please do share your highlights! More resources at <http://www.lwv.corvallis.or.us/ClimateChangeAction.php>

The League may support a proposal for a new environmental law that would provide Oregon with more tools to evaluate large proposals. At a recent Oregon League of Conservation Voters (OLCV) event, Governor Kitzhaber was quoted "Furthermore, I have asked my staff to develop proposals for the 2015 Oregon Legislature that, going forward, will assure that there is a comprehensive public review of the costs and benefits of significant development proposals like the coal export facilities now on the drawing boards." http://www.oregon.gov/gov/media_room/Pages/speeches/OLCV_keynote_041914.aspx

Regional:

LWVWA joined Power Pass Coal Campaign and LWV San Juan County took a "no" position on crude oil infrastructure expansion. A number of us are having informal discussions about a possible PNW Region LWV Climate Change Position/Declaration (please let us know your thoughts) Here is an example of a very active California local league climate change committee <http://www.lwvbae.org/about-the-league/our-committees/climate-change/>

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Voter Services- Introducing Voter Resources!

Have you noticed that all of our Voter information is now available in one easy click? Thank you to Paige Lancourt, our newest staff member, for the graphic design!



<http://voteoregon.org/voter-resources/>

Look on this web page for links to these spectacular resources!

- Voters' Guides. They are all here: Standard, Large Print, Audio, Spanish, and Easy Read, which Disability Rights Oregon has agreed to continue funding. They will add funding of an Easy Read Spanish version this fall. The Multnomah Standard and Easy Read Voters' Guides are here, too.

- **Ballot measure**
information is here, for the state-wide ones. This is researched by members, with unbiased information from support and opposition campaigns, careful analysis.
- **Candidate index**
This is like our Standard (printed on paper) Voters' Guide, on steroids! We covered 42 candidates this spring, on paper, compared to 760 candidates in the index.
- **Race Index**
This list includes all of the races on ballots around the state. Compare these 400 races to the 15 listed in the Standard Voters' Guide, and you can see why we are thrilled to offer this service to our voters!
- **Voter registration and rights, other helpful Elections links are here.**

Change is coming...LWVUS is working with us to test another software vendor for ballot information. LWVUS has assured us that they will continue to support the Vote411.org service, through December of 2014. The new vendor expects to be able to improve vastly on the Vote411 choices, to see what is on your ballot. We are impressed with the improved function already.

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Development of the League

There's big news for the Education Fund and League of Women Voters of Oregon advocacy outreach! With input from your LWVOR board and committee members, Robin Wisdom, LWVOR President, submitted a \$30,000 grant proposal to the Oregon Community Foundation on 7/29/14.

This grant was written in response to the Council's development plan to organize a series of public civic education forums to discuss current and proposed funding for education in Oregon. These forums will be organized through collaborations of local Leagues and grass-roots organizations around the state.

This important grant would allow LWVOR and community partners to: to produce a video that highlights student achievement statistics, the history of public school funding, and possible future education funding changes. All types of taxes will be reviewed, including how they could affect funding for education. Admission will not be charged for these public forums. Speakers and moderators will be invited for local communities. Feedback from these forums will be collected and published.

Read the specifics of this grant in this newsletter. You will then be up-to-date on what's happening in the League along side of action, and other education projects, and voter service in an election year. We hope local Leagues will join in our enthusiasm!

To start the year out right, the Development team will meet in person on Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 1 pm in the Salem office. All local League development representatives are invited to join us for this 2 hour social/meeting.

For more information, contact Development Chair, Kathleen Mason, k.mason@lwvor.org.

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EF Chair Notes

Becky Gladstone, Education Fund Chair, b.gladstone@lwvor.org, c.541.510.9387

Welcome to Fall! Our Voter Service team is really busy.

Within days of your getting this, we will celebrate National Voter Registration Day, September 23rd, not too late for you to hop on and make a difference. The requests we've gotten for local League

partners, from folks who want to place their volunteers, may be where you are. Call and find out! Mock Elections will be the week before the general election. Please see the article Paige Lancourt, our official coordinator, has written (page 2).

We're looking forward to seeing you at the Fall workshop in Eugene, hope you can join in! Till then, let's catch up! Please see separate Voters' Resources and Debate articles.

Here's a photo from our Children at Risk group. The committee had an intense work session, meeting in person in August, from around the state. From left to right: Linda Clary, Co-Chair, Roseburg, NancyLee Stewart, Coos Bay, Jackie Clary, Grants Pass, Chris Vogel, Co-Chair, Salem, Jenny Carloni, Roseburg, Patty Johnson, Marion-Polk, Janet Newell, Portland, and Karen Nibler, Corvallis.



We do have fun in the League. We work hard, and welcome you to find out what you would like to do with us! I bet there is something that you would find really fun!

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LWVOR Recommendations for the 2014 Ballot Measures

Support:

Measure 86

Amends Constitution: Requires creation of fund for Oregonians pursuing postsecondary education, authorizes state indebtedness to finance fund. (Student Opportunity Fund)

The action team recommends a vote in support of this measure. It is a constitutional amendment because Oregonians must add a line for the state to bond for this. The Legislature must still authorize a specific amount of bonds for this purpose. Implementation of the measure will be in statute. "The League of Women Voters of Oregon believes the primary goal of Oregon's public postsecondary education should be to provide a broad spectrum of higher education for professional, vocational, and personal enrichment to all qualified and motivated individuals." Issues for Action, pg. 112.

Measure 88

Provides Oregon resident "driver card" without requiring proof of legal presence in the United States. The Action Committee recommends support for this measure. Our LWVOR Farmworker Issues position says, "...the state has a role in supporting the sound and fair relationship between farmers and the agricultural workforce, with the goal of economic and social justice for both parties" (Issues for Action, p. 116).

We can also find support in our national Equality of Opportunity position (Impact on Issues 2012-2014, p. 63), our national Immigration position (Impact on Issues, p. 71), and our national Meeting Basic Human Needs position (Impact on Issues, p. 74).

Measure 89

Amends Constitution: State/political subdivision shall not deny or abridge equality of rights on account of sex. (State Equal Rights Amendment)

The Action Committee recommends support of this measure. The League supports "equal rights for all regardless of sex." Although we have worked for many years to pass a national amendment, the League believes that governments at all levels share the responsibility to provide equality of opportunity for education, employment and housing for all persons regardless of race, color, gender, religion, national origin, age, sexual orientation or disability." Issues for Action, pg. 138.

LWVOR takes no position on any of the other ballot measures. But, provides the explanations below regarding the most asked-about measures.

Measure 90 Top Two Primary

The board relied upon the 2009 Election Methods position (Issues for Action, page 26). The listed evaluation criteria could argue for supporting the initiative; with a top two primary election system, all the criteria would be better or at least the same as our current primary election method. However, the last sentence of the second paragraph, "Only after experience and evaluation at the local level should the state consider alternative election methods for statewide adoption," would seem to argue against supporting the initiative. Furthermore, in the consensus questions that were asked in 2009, members were specifically asked about fusion voting and the top two primary, and there was no consensus on these or other methods.

Measure 92 Initiative 44 GMO Labeling

Requires food manufacturers, retailers to label "genetically engineered" foods as such; state, citizens may enforce.

LWVUS has recently adopted positions on agriculture. Although the League "supports government developing and requiring more informative and standardized definitions on product labeling", there was no consensus on this specific issue. LWVOR has no position on this issue, therefore the Action Committee has no recommendation.

<http://www.lwvor.org/league-announces-positions-on-2014-oregon-ballot-measures/>

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Interested in joining?

Join the League of Women Voters, a respected, national grassroots organization.

Members of the LWV, an active group of women and men of all ages and backgrounds, work on issues which make a difference locally, statewide, and nationally. You too can help make democracy work.

Interested in donating?

Because we rely on thousands of volunteer hours from our members and our Board, we are able to operate with a very low overhead. However, as a nonprofit organization, support from people like you is essential in order to carry out our activities.

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