

# FIRST CALL TO CONVENTION 2019

“A Beacon of Democracy ... for 99 Years”

- CONVENTION** Is the biennial State Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Oregon, which is held on alternate years to the State Council. First Call is issued so that local Leagues can begin to plan and discuss matters that will be presented at the convention.
- TIME & PLACE** The 2019 State Convention will be held Friday-Sunday, May 17-19, 2019, at Ashland Springs Hotel, 212 E. Main St. Ashland, OR 97520
- HOSTS** League of Women Voters of Rogue Valley
- PURPOSE** The convention shall consider changes to the Bylaws; shall consider and authorize for action a program; shall elect the president, first vice-president, secretary, three directors (two-year terms), and a chair and two members of the nominating committee; shall adopt a budget for the ensuing year; and shall transact such other business as may be presented.
- DELEGATES** The convention shall consist of the Board of Directors of the LWVOR and delegates chosen by members through the local Leagues. Each local League shall be entitled to two delegates for the first 40 members or fewer. If possible, one delegate should be the President. An additional delegate is allowed for every 20 additional members or major fraction (10 or more) thereof belonging to the local League as of January 31, 2019. Each approved State Unit of members-at-large (MALs) shall be entitled to one delegate. For those MAL's not in an approved unit, MAL representation at convention shall be one delegate for every 20 MALs or major fraction (10 or more) thereof. If there are fewer than 10 MALs, the interest of the MALs shall be represented by the LWVOR Membership Chair.
- OBSERVERS** Any member of the LWVOR (in a local League, a State Unit, or as a general MAL) may attend as an observer. Observers may not vote, but may, upon recognition of the Chair, have the privilege of the floor. All League members are urged to exercise this privilege, and local Leagues are encouraged to bring many observers to the convention.

## **BASIC COSTS**

Rooms are available at both the Ashland Springs Hotel and the Ashland Hills Hotel which is about two miles from the Ashland Springs Hotel. Convention events will be held at the Ashland Springs Hotel.

In the Ashland Springs Hotel, there's one king bed per King room. There are two double beds in a Double room, and one queen bed per Queen room.

In the Ashland Hills Hotel, there are Queen rooms, with two queen beds in each room.

Cost at either hotel per night: Queen rooms are \$169. King rooms are \$189 and Double bed rooms are \$199. Hotel tax is 10.8 percent.

Phone to reserve at either hotel: 541-488-1700 or toll free 888-795-4545.

**IMPORTANT:** Ask for the League of Women Voters of Oregon group rate.

**Please make your room reservations as soon as possible to insure availability.** The deadline to reserve is Apr. 26, 2019.

Registration and meal options will be included in the Final Call to Convention.

## **OTHER**

**Dine Around:** An opportunity to enjoy dining with fellow Leaguers at one of a selection of nearby restaurants on Friday evening will be available.

**Local Fundraiser:** Once again each local League has the opportunity to bring a Silent Auction offering and/or sell multiple items as a part of their display space (see below). For example, the Silent Auction area will allow your League to offer a single item, fill a basket, a box, or a Chico Bag (available through the League office), and the revenues raised will go to your League.

**Display space available:** There will be additional display space available for those who request it on the registration form coming soon. You can use this space to sell local items or share anything about your League. Items at night will not have to be removed as the room will be locked.