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## THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®

### Calendar of Events

**April 1:** Annual LWVLL Membership

Dues expire; please renew your membership!

*See membership article and renewal form on page 3.*

**May 5 (Thursday):** Noon  
**LWVLL Lunch & Learn  
via Zoom:**

*Voter Suppression,*

Guest speakers Preston Love, Black Votes Matter; Heather Engdahl, Voting Rights Manager, Civic Nebraska; and Mary Lee Moulton, LWVNE co-president

*See article at upper right.*

**May 5 (Thursday):** 6:00 pm  
**LWVLL Board Meeting**

**May 7 (Saturday):** 10:00 am  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**RVSP now at:** [bit.ly/lwvll](http://bit.ly/lwvll)

*See article on page 2.*

**May 10:** 8:00 am – 8:00 pm  
**Primary Election Day**

### **May 5th Lunch and Learn Topic: Voter Suppression**

The May program in the Lunch and Learn series, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Lincoln/Lancaster County, will focus on Voter Suppression. Speakers include Preston Love, Black Votes Matter; Heather Engdahl, Voting Rights Manager at Civic Nebraska; and Mary Lee Moulton, League of Women Voters-Nebraska co-president. This program will be May 5 on Zoom, from noon to 1 P.M. It is one of a series of free informational webinars covering current topics sponsored by the League on the first Thursday of each month, September through May.

If you are a member of LWVLL, or if you had registered for Lunch and Learn meetings last year, you should receive a Zoom link a few days before the event, and a reminder notice the evening before the meeting. Others wishing to register should email [lwvlunchandlearn@gmail.com](mailto:lwvlunchandlearn@gmail.com). They will receive the Zoom link via return email and will automatically be registered to receive notice of future League programs.

For over 100 years, the League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, has encouraged informed and active participation in government, worked to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influenced public policy through education and advocacy. Membership is open to all.

Go to [www.lincolnleague.org](http://www.lincolnleague.org) for more information or to join the League.

### **League Membership Survey planned for May 7 – 23.**

The League would like to focus our work for the next year on things that will benefit the membership the most as we work to fulfill our mission. A quick and easy survey will be announced at the Annual General Meeting on May 7 and emailed to you the same day. This survey will take approximately five minutes to complete, and will be open for your participation for two weeks, ending on May 23.

It's important to have your feedback and ideas as we plan our next year. Your answers will be confidential, and the answers provided in aggregate. If you would prefer to complete a paper version of the survey, you may ask for one at [office@lincolnleague.org](mailto:office@lincolnleague.org). The results will be published in a later issue of the *Voter*.

Thank you in advance for helping us plan the year ahead.

# You're Invited!

## Annual General Meeting

Date: May 7, 2022

Place: The Graduate Hotel (141 N  
9th St, Lincoln, NE 68508)

Time: 10 AM

RSVP

(402)475-1411

<https://bit.ly/lwvll>



### Our Awesome Speakers:



**Mayor  
Leirion  
Gaylor Baird**



**Councilwoman  
Sandra  
Washington**

Join us for our Annual Meeting which sets the stage for the next program year and our organization's operating budget is approved, local program is determined, officers and directors are elected, changes to the bylaws are approved, and a general direction is given to the board. We look forward to seeing you all!

# See You There!

Our annual meeting is coming up and we would like formally invite you to join us on May 7, 2022 at 10 AM at the Graduate Hotel in Lincoln. We are excited to continue our theme of Empowering Voters and Defending Democracy and we invite you to join us and give us your ideas on continuing to do this in Lincoln and Lancaster County.

To attend the event, please register at <https://bit.ly/lwvll> by 5 p.m. on May 1st, 2022. This event will have an option for lunch and if you choose to have lunch, please bring \$20 in cash or check written out to Lincoln/Lancaster League of Women Voters.



## League of Women Voters Membership Renewal

*Sandy Blankenship, Membership Chair*

Please renew your membership NOW in the League of Women Voters Lincoln and Lancaster County! Our membership year runs from April 1 to March 31, with the 2021-2022 membership expiring March 31<sup>st</sup>.

The League is non-partisan and does not support or oppose candidates or political parties. We strive to increase understanding of public policy issues and to increase voter participation in elections.

Check our site for more details:

**<https://lincolnleague.org>**

There are two ways you can renew your membership:

- 1) You can quickly renew your membership online. <https://lincolnleague.org/join-us>
- 2) OR Complete the form below and return it to the address listed.

**Membership Renewal.** *(If renewing by check, please include this form and send it to the office.)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I am volunteering for \_\_\_\_\_

(helping with voter registration, assisting at events like candidate forums, serving on the League's board, serving on a committee)

\_\_\_\_\_ Membership is \$50 year, \$10 for high school or university students.

\_\_\_\_\_ Same in Household (if one member of household is member, with same address, 2<sup>nd</sup> one can join for \$25)

\_\_\_\_\_ Donation to LWVLL

\_\_\_\_\_ Friend of LWVLL (I don't want to join, but want to be a friend and donate to LWVLL)

Make checks payable to the League of Women Voters Lincoln Lancaster (LWVLL) and mail to:

**League of Women Voters Lincoln Lancaster**  
**4600 Valley Road, Suite 306**  
**Lincoln, NE 68510**

Please renew as soon as possible so we don't have to send reminders. Thanks!

## **Webmaster Needed**

Our local League of Women Voters maintains a website at [Lincolnleague.org](http://Lincolnleague.org) . A new webmaster is needed NOW! This is an easy way to become acquainted with the various activities of the League and add a new skill to your tool bag.

Here is a short description of what that job entails:

*Minimum:* Updating information on Lunch and Learn series and videos, League newsletters, lists of officers, channeling Contact Us emails to the appropriate officer. Typically, less than 3 hours per month, at your convenience.

*Maximum:* Unlimited, you can enrich the site with new resources, links to events, etc. The sky is the limit!

The website is based on an easy-to-use WordPress platform which can easily be taught to someone who has never managed a website. The current webmaster, Maureen Ose, will train the new volunteer and provide written reference documents.

*Requirements:*

- Your own computer
- Internet access
- Basic word processing skills: composing, cutting and pasting, uploading files

Starting date May 1, 2022.

If interested, please contact the League at <https://lincolnleague.org/contact-us/> or call the League office at 402-475-1411.

## **Final Push for Minimum Wage Petitions**

LWVLL signed on as a coalition partner to raise the minimum wage in Nebraska. Our collaboration entails getting signatures on petitions to take the issue to a ballot.

The time frame for gathering petitions is coming to a close on **July 7**. The goal for our league is to gather 1,000 signatures, and we have a long way to go. PLEASE, if you could help, even among friends or at one event, every signature helps! The next two months are crucial in meeting our goal.

Nebraska Appleseed shares circulation events with us where we can gather signatures. Current events are available via:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MKMfErZi810DgGLJOAXAT20\\_eyfbNsVPWrx4X\\_QisQA/edit#bookmark=id.uwrdf10pd52](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MKMfErZi810DgGLJOAXAT20_eyfbNsVPWrx4X_QisQA/edit#bookmark=id.uwrdf10pd52) .

Members collecting signatures need training. A brief online training video is available:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=REKmaMe6WTI> . Or come an event where we are assisting and we will train you.

Questions? Want to sign the petition? Call or e-mail Terri Rittenburg, our representative to the Minimum Wage Coalition committee: 307-343-2540, [tritt@uwyo.edu](mailto:tritt@uwyo.edu).

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Please Do Not Delay