



The Anchorage VOTER

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Annual Meeting
Edition

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From the Desk of Joyce Anderson, LWV Anchorage President

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Director: Pat Redmond

From the President

Winter has come and gone – as least it seems like it with the lack of snow. Happy Spring! Can't wait for the green grass and the flowers to bloom and of course warmer weather.

It is again the time of the year for our **Annual Meeting**. We hope to see you on **Tuesday, March 22**, at the BP Energy Center, 900 East Benson Blvd, Anchorage, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **Remember, we need your input. Come and meet your fellow league members. Become active and be involved!**

Officers will be elected for the term 2016-2017. A proposed slate of officers is listed in this newsletter. If you are interested in serving on the board, please give me a call at 360-7674. Additionally, we will be discussing a FY 2016-2017 proposed program for emphasis, dues and budget which are outlined in this newsletter as well.

Our speaker this year is Deputy Municipal Clerk, Amanda Moser. Anchorage will have a municipality wide By-Mail vote for the 2017 elections. **Come and listen to what is being planned and offer your input and ideas. Bring a friend!**

Joyce Anderson

MARK THE DATE - LWVAK State Convention in Anchorage on Sat, April 23 and Sun, April 24

The LWV of Anchorage is hosting the LWVAK state convention which is being held on **Saturday, April 23**, and **Sunday, April 24**, at the YWCA downtown Anchorage. This two day convention will have delegates and members from the Kenai, Fairbanks and Juneau leagues along with Anchorage delegates and members. The convention is a great time to talk to other league chapters about their activities and make new friends.

Volunteers are needed to:

- drive delegates/members from the airport to the hotel and from the hotel to/ from the YWCA
- help with organizing the room on the day of the convention
- work on food and beverage ideas for the two days
- assist with other preparation activities

Please call me at 360-7674 if you are interested in helping.

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**When: Tuesday,
March 22, 2016**

WHERE:

**BP Energy Center
900 E. Benson Blvd.,
Anchorage**

Time:

6:00 pm – 8:30pm

Join us !

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this coming year .**

We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting.

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS 2016-2017

President	Joyce Anderson	1 year term expiring 2017
Vice President	Cari Zawodny	1 year term expiring 2017
Treasurer	Tina DeLapp	2 year term expiring 2018
Director	Diane Mathisen	2 year term expiring 2018
Director	Shirley Pittz	2 year term expiring 2018
Director	Margaret McDonagh	2 year term expiring 2018
Director	_____	1 year term expiring 2017

Nominating Committee:

Chair:

Member:

(3rd Member appointed by the Board)

Continuing Board Members:

Secretary	Carol Dickason	1 year remaining on term exp. 2017
Director	Pat Redmond	1 year remaining on term exp. 2017
Director	Keri Clark	1 year remaining on term exp. 2017

Nominations may be made from the floor for any position.

VACANCY on the Board: As you can see, there is an open Director's position. Consider adding your name to the slate of officers for FY 2016-17. If you are interested in the position and would like additional information about serving on the board, please call Joyce Anderson, at 360-7674 or email joycejimalaska@gci.net. Serving on the board is a good opportunity to learn more about the League and become more involved in your community!

PROPOSED FY 2016-2017 DUES:

- **\$65.00 for an Individual membership**
- **\$97.50 for Family membership (\$65.00 for the first member of a household and \$32.50 for the second member)**
- **\$32.50 for Students**

Note: No change from current dues

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PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR FY 2016-2017

The Board recommends the following Program for FY 2016-2017:

CURRENT LWV OF ANCHORAGE POSITIONS

1. Planning and Zoning:

Recommendation:

Retain current position and review.

Statement of Position

The League of Women Voters of Anchorage supports comprehensive planning and effective implementation of a plan aimed at quality growth and development.

2. Community Councils:

Recommendation: Retain current position.

Statement of Position:

The League of Women Voters of Anchorage supports the concept and purpose of Community Councils as a direct and continuing means of citizen participation in government and local affairs.

3. Boards and Commissions:

Recommendation:

Retain current position and review.

Update position to include term notification and board members continue to serve on the Board until vacated position has been filled in order to provide for a working quorum.

Statement of Position:

The League of Women Voters of Anchorage supports broad participation by all segments of the community on Municipal boards and commissions, effective interaction between related boards and commissions, and the periodic review of the effectiveness of all boards and commissions.

4. Election of School Board Members:

Recommendation: Retain current position.

Statement of Position:

The League of Women Voters of Anchorage supports a seven member school board whose members are elected at-large to serve in designated seats.

PROGRAM EMPHASIS

- Focus on Vote-by-Mail education (for 2017 Muni election)
- Legislative and Assembly Process, including ethics and open meetings as well as dissemination of information and public notices by electronic means only
- Challenges of computer access to pertinent materials

LWV of Anchorage core principles are covered by the following LWVUS positions:

Citizens' Right to Vote

Apportionment

Campaign Finance

Citizens' Right to Know/Citizen Participation

Public Participation

LWV of ANCHORAGE GENERAL GUIDELINES

Purpose: General meetings, possibly conducted in collaboration with other groups, would serve to educate the membership and general public on these identified specific areas of concern.

Format & Outcomes: A committee of League members would be responsible for soliciting relevant speakers, establishing General meeting outcomes, and upon conclusion of the General meeting, summarizing and making recommendations to the membership on how the information gained from the General meeting may be used to update or validate existing positions.

Additions to Program: Our Bylaws permit additions to our adopted program should we find it necessary and spell out the procedures for doing so at a General meeting.

STATE STUDIES

Update of School Finance Position

The update is considering the use of public funds for private schools, for-profit schools, and school vouchers; accountability for schools using public funding; forward funding of schools; adjustment for inflation in public school funding; and the usefulness of an education permanent fund. Recent trends and research in these areas as well as what other state Leagues have done with their School Finance Positions are being considered.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ANCHORAGE
2016 ANNUAL MEETING - March 22, 2016
FY 16/17 Proposed Budget

REVENUES	FY 15/16 ADOPTED BUDGET	RECEIVED THROUGH 12/31/2015	FY 16/17 PROPOSED BUDGET
Dues	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,787.50	\$ 2,500.00
Contributions	\$ 750.00	\$ 552.50	\$ 750.00
Municipal Ballot Review	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 52,000.00
Misc. (Including Spirit of Youth)	\$ 100.00	\$ 5,007.59	\$ 500.00
Youth Vote			
- Fund Raising - Corporate/friends/SOY		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
- LWVAK Education Fund		\$ -	\$ 8,640.00
- LWV Anchorage Reserves (Youth Vote)		\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
LWVAK Convention 2016 - registrations			\$ 975.00
TOTAL ALL SOURCES		\$ 62,347.59	\$ 77,865.00
EXPENSES	FY 15/16 ADOPTED BUDGET	EXPENSED THROUGH 12/31/2015	FY 16/17 PROPOSED BUDGET
OPERATING COSTS			
- Records Storage	\$ 1,080.00		\$ 1,080.00
- Phone	\$ 160.00	\$ 96.72	\$ 150.00
- PO Box	\$ 180.00	\$ 196.00	\$ 200.00
- Bank Charges	\$ 40.00		\$ 40.00
- Web Site	\$ 70.00	\$ 11.75	\$ 70.00
BOARDS AND COMMITTEES			
- Membershp	\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00
- Supplies	\$ 50.00	\$ 79.37	\$ 100.00
FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF LEAGUE			
- PMP LWVUS - (\$32 x 40 members)	\$ 885.00		\$ 1,280.00
- PMP LWVAK - (\$13 x 40 members)	\$ 325.00	\$ 416.00	\$ 520.00
VOTER SERVICE			\$ 150.00
MEETINGS & CONVENTIONS			
- Anchorage Annual Meeting 2017			\$ 150.00
- LWVAK Convention 2016 - Anchorage	\$ -		\$ 1,500.00
- LWVAK Conventon 2017 - Fairbanks	\$ -		\$ 1,000.00
- LWVUS Convention 2016 - Wash. DC			\$ 3,000.00
MUNICIPAL BALLOT REVIEW			
- PrintWorks		\$ 45,272.41	\$ 47,500.00
- Production Costs		\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,500.00
YOUTH VOTE			
- Project coordination		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
- TV Production			\$ 6,000.00
- Misc. supplies, insurance		\$ 311.81	\$ 4,475.00
		\$ 51,284.06	\$ 77,865.00

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**WHERE: BP Energy Center
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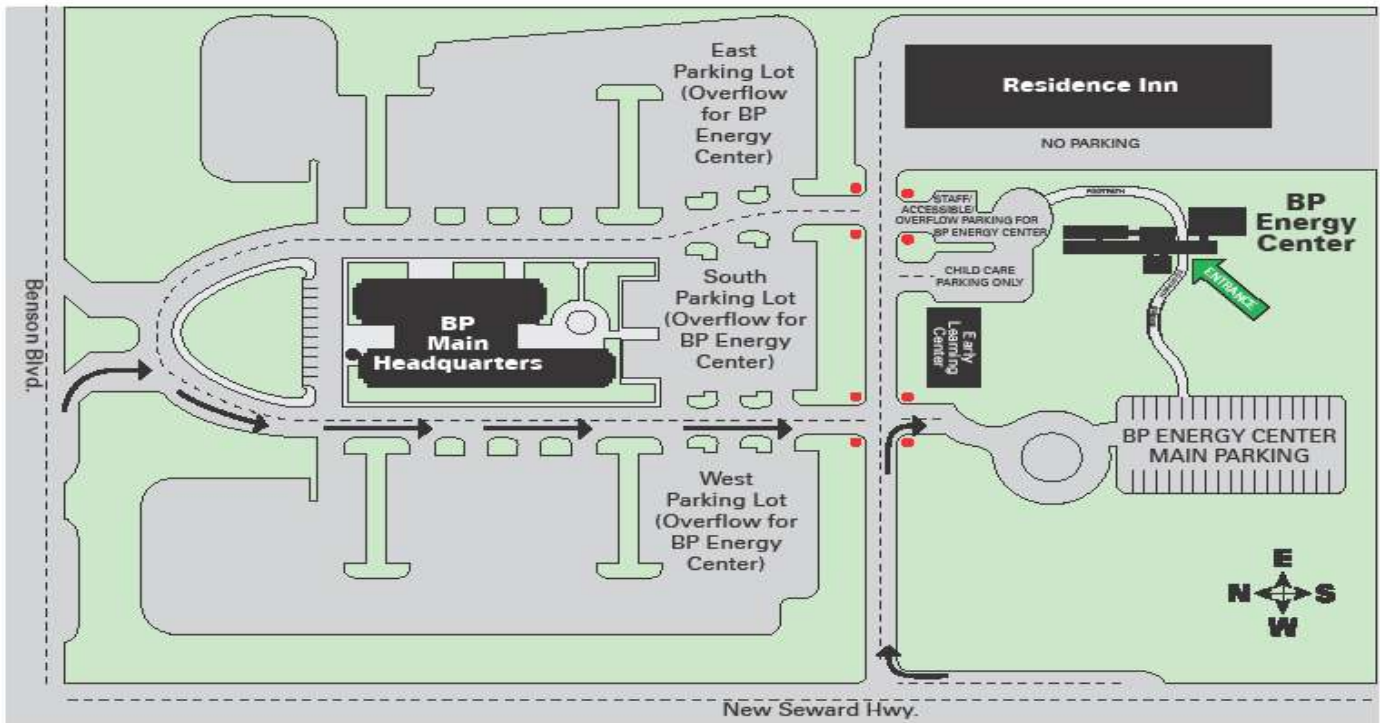
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***Not at League Member? Come and meet us!
Learn what we are all about.***

**Map to BP Energy Center
900 E. Benson Blvd., Anchorage, AK**



Directions: If northbound on New Seward Hwy., turn right into BP's southwest entrance. Turn right at the first stop sign into the BP Energy Center parking lot. Follow footpath through woods to building entrance.

If eastbound on Benson Blvd., turn right into BP's main entrance. Turn right and follow access road to 4-way stop. Continue through intersection into the BP Energy Center parking lot.