

2012-2013 MEMBERSHIP FORM

YES, I want to join the League of Women Voters of the Copper Country (check one):

\$55 INDIVIDUAL membership \$ _____

\$80 HOUSEHOLD for two members who share an address \$ _____

\$30 STUDENT individual membership \$ _____

I wish to make a **CONTRIBUTION** to the League at this time (please fill in amount)

- General LWVCC purposes \$ _____
 - Kay LaRue Memorial Membership Fund \$ _____
 - LWV Education Fund (tax deductible) \$ _____
- Total \$ _____

____ I wish to apply for a scholarship for membership.

____ I prefer to receive the C C Voter by email

Name(s)

Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone Day Evening

Email address

Please make your check payable to LWVCC, and return it with your application form to:

Treasurer, LWVCC
PO Box 815
Houghton, MI 49931-0815

Any citizen over 18, female or male, may become a voting member of the League of Women Voters. League members receive the *Copper Country Voter*, *Michigan Voter*, and *National Voter* newsletters; and the opportunity to learn about local, state, regional, and national issues.

BUDGET 2012-2013

GROSS EXPENDITURES

General administration	\$220
Board and administrative committees	\$450
Delegates, travel, & workshops	\$2,100
<i>Copper Country Voter</i>	\$550
Educational activities	\$725
Position support	\$25
Annual meeting, misc.	\$600
State and national dues	\$3,275
Total	\$7,945

GROSS INCOME

Member dues (single, household, student)	\$ 3,100
Annual meeting, designated funds, grants, interest, reserves, LWV Education Fund external source, miscellaneous and reserve.	\$ 600
Contributions:	
Member	\$1,200
Non-member	\$900
Member Ed Fund	\$1,000
Non-Member Ed Fund	\$1,045
Kay LaRue Scholarships	\$100
Total	\$7,945

Members of the League of Women Voters of the Copper Country give many hours of volunteer time in service to the community.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE COPPER COUNTRY

OFFICERS – Shared Governance Model

Acting President	Fredi de Yampert
1 st Vice President/ Natural Resources	Kristine Bradof
2 nd Vice President/ Social Policy	Mary Jane Hatton
Treasurer	Mary Marchaterre
Secretary	Barry Fink
Children and Youth	Louisa D. Wills
Education	Carol Kreher
International Relations	Carol Kurz
Health Care	Judy Crotty
Voter Service	Kathy Flagstadt
Website	Shellie Crisman

OFF-BOARD

Education	Karen Hubbard
Health Policy	Carolyn Weissbach
Voter Editor	Linda Ott
Website	Dale Yeo

Membership dues and contributions to the League of Women Voters (except LWV Education Fund contributions) are not deductible as a personal or business expense for tax purposes.

2012 Report To The Community

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THE LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS

Fredi de Yampert
Acting President

LWVCC
P.O. Box 815
Houghton, MI 49931-0815

Internet
<http://www.lwvccmi.org>

HIGHLIGHTS 2011-2012

VOTER SERVICE

- Provided voter information at MTU's Community Expo.
- Provided voter information at Finlandia University's Community Welcome.
- Provided voter information online at website (<http://www.lwvccmi.org>).

CITIZEN EDUCATION

- Published and distributed *Your Government Officials* (a listing of elected government officials) to government offices, libraries, high schools and in the community in Houghton County.
- Maintained web site: <http://www.lwvccmi.org>.
- Participated in voting-related public information/awareness events on both college campuses and in the community.
- Published information updates on health care reform, sustainability, redistricting, and the National Popular Vote Initiative.



HIGHLIGHTS 2011-2012 (cont.)

ADVOCACY & PROGRAMS

- Provided public meetings on redistricting and viewed documentary film on gerrymandering.
- Supported the local Environmental Issues and Dialogue series in the fall and the Green Film Series in the spring.
- Advocated that the Houghton County Board of Commissioners adopt the updated county master plan.
- Welcomed Carla Strom, curriculum coordinator/gifted and talented consultant from Copper Country Intermediate School District as our annual meeting speaker.

LWV STUDIES

- Participated in the voting systems study consensus effort.
- Participated in national study on privatization and reached consensus.
- Reached redistricting consensus and sent to LWVMI.
- Recommended programs to LWVUS for next program year.
- Called for concurrence with the sentencing policy position of the LWVDC and ad hoc study committee.
- Held meeting and consensus on the federal role in public education.

LWVMI STATE CONVENTION

- Sent one voting delegate to the LWVUS national convention June 8-12, 2012, at Washington, DC, Hilton.

PLANNED FOR 2012-2013

VOTER SERVICE/EDUCATION

- Moderate candidate forum with Keweenaw Chamber of Commerce.
- Produce Voter Guide for 2012 election.
- Co-sponsor candidate forum on children's Issues.
- Co-host Portage Township candidate forum.
- Provide educational information on ballot issues in multiple public meetings.
- Support campus and community awareness days and voter registration.
- Update and publish *Your Government Officials* and maintain website, <http://www.lwvccmi.org>.
- Provide voter education/registration opportunities.

STUDY, PROGRAMS and ADVOCACY

- Study and reach consensus on home schooling in the Copper Country.
- Hold informational sessions on health care.
- Host annual meeting with speaker TBA.
- Send one voting delegate and another LWVCC member to LWVMI convention in Lansing, MI.
- Advocate for issues supported by League positions.

NON-PARTISAN BUT POLITICAL

The League is non-partisan in that it does not support or oppose any political party or candidate. The League is political in that it takes positions on selected governmental issues after member study and agreement and publicly advocates for those positions.

JOIN THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE COPPER COUNTRY

We need you with us – join now!

- Join to stay informed about issues and government, and about decisions that directly affect you and your community.
- Make your voice heard as an advocate for change and community problem solving.
- Sharpen your skills in leadership, communications, networking, public speaking and more, as you organize and act on local and national issues.

You will join the national, state, and local Leagues in an exciting new effort to do something about the distrust and hostility that dominate public debate in America.

- We're advocating for changes in the political process, including campaign finance reforms that reduce special interest influence and make decisions fair.
- We're getting voters to the polls, because the system won't change unless we all hold government accountable and vote.
- We're creating opportunities for citizens to come together to discuss issues and shape solutions for the future.
- We're educating citizens and young people, giving them the knowledge and the tools they need to make a difference.
- We're opening new doors for women and minorities so our government is more representative of our society.