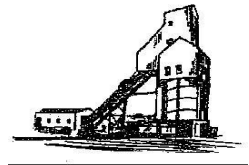


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LWVCC Calendar

Mar. 4 Tuesday, 7:00PM	Board Meeting Country Inn & Suites, Houghton
Mar. 20 Thursday, 7:00PM	Jim Islieb, MSUE Crop Production Educator Should Food Be Labeled for GMO Content? SISU Room, MSU Extension, Houghton County Arena, Fairgrounds, Hancock
Mar. 20 Thursday, 7:00PM	Green Film Series: <i>Gasland</i> Atrium & G002 Hesterberg Hall, Forestry Bldg. <i>Michigan Tech, Houghton</i>
Apr. 1 Tuesday, 7:00PM	Board Meeting Country Inn & Suites, Houghton
Apr. 8	Equal Pay Day
Apr. 12 Saturday, 10:45AM	Annual Meeting Portage Room, Ramada Inn, Hancock

Should Food Be Labeled for GMO Content?

LWVCC together with C.C. Farm Bureau, is sponsoring a speaker on GMOs on March 20, at 6:00pm at the SISU Room of MSU Extension in the Houghton County Arena in the Fairgrounds in Hancock. Speaker Jim Islieb is Upper Peninsula Crop Production Educator.

Many, if not most, foods consumed by Americans include components derived from plants or animals whose development has included cross-species genetic modification. There is growing controversy about the safety, ethics and environmental impact of these foods and the techniques used to produce them. They are referred to as ‘GM’ (genetically modified) or ‘GMO’ (genetically modified organism) crops and foods in the popular press. In general, the scientific community does not consider these products dangerous. However, a minority of scientists challenge the results of industry and government testing. Consumer concern about the safety of these products has led to efforts to require food labels identifying GMO content. This presentation is an effort to present a concise, balanced look at the GMO controversy. Discussion will be welcome. League members will have the opportunity to respond to the consensus questions about GMOs which are part of the national agriculture position update.

About our presenter: Jim Islieb, Upper Peninsula Crop Production Educator; B.S., Crop and Soil Science, MSU, 1986; M.S., Agricultural and Extension Education, MSU, 1995; Employed MSU Extension, 1989-present, roles have included: Alger County Extension Director, Marquette County Extension Agricultural Educator, U.P. Crop Research and Extension at U.P. Experiment Station, Chatham. Jim covers commercial crop production extension work for the U.P. region. He also has state-wide responsibility in crop disease management.

LWVCC Board for 2013- 2014

Shared Governance Model	
Acting President/ Fredi DeYampert	482-2161
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Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws

The following are proposed changes to the LWVCC Bylaws. Thanks go to the Board for their work to review the bylaws and develop this update. Wording in ~~strikeout~~ will be deleted and wording in **bold** will be added.

ARTICLE III Membership

Sec. 2. Types of Membership. The membership of the League of Women Voters of the Copper Country shall be composed of the voting members and associate members.

- a) Voting members shall be citizens at least 18 years of age.
- b) Associate members (**those under eighteen or non-citizens**) ~~shall be all other members - are non-voting members.~~

ARTICLE IV Officers

Sec. 1. Election, Qualification, and Term. The officers of the League of Women Voters of the Copper Country shall be a President, a first Vice President, a second Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer who shall be elected for terms of two years by the general membership at an Annual Meeting and shall take office immediately. The President, the ~~first~~**second** Vice President and the Secretary shall be elected in odd-numbered years. The ~~second~~**first** Vice President and the Treasurer shall be elected in even-numbered years. These officers shall hold office until the expiration of their two-year terms, or until their successors have been elected and qualified.

ARTICLE V Board of Directors

Sec. 1. Election, Qualifications and Term. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League, ~~two to five seven~~**two to five** elected directors and not more than ~~five seven~~**five** appointed directors. ~~Four of the elected directors shall be elected by the general membership at the Annual Meeting in each odd-numbered year and three of the elected directors shall be elected by the general membership at the Annual Meeting in each even-numbered year.~~ Elected directors shall take office at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting at which they were elected. ~~and~~ **Elected Directors** shall serve for a term of two years, or until their successors have been elected and qualified, **while maintaining staggered terms among them**. The elected members of the Board shall appoint such additional directors, not exceeding ~~five seven~~**five**, as they deem necessary to carry out the work of the League. The terms of office of the appointed directors shall be one year and shall expire at the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting.

Sec. 5. Meetings. At least ~~nine seven~~**nine** regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held annually, at such time and place as the Board may determine. The President may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting on the written request of ~~five~~ **a quorum of** members of the Board.

Nominations and Elections

Sec. 1. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of ~~three to five~~**three to five** members who shall serve for a period of one year. The chair ~~and two members, who shall not be members of the Board of Directors,~~ shall be elected by the membership at the Annual Meeting. Nominations for ~~these offices~~ **this committee** shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. ~~Immediately following the annual Meeting, the Board of Directors shall appoint two of its members to this Committee.~~ Any vacancy on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors. Suggestions for nominations for officers and directors may be sent to this Committee by any voting member.

ARTICLE IX Program

Sec. 2. Program. The Program of the League of Women Voters of the Copper Country shall consist of (a) action to implement the Principles, (b) those governmental issues chosen for concerted study and/or action, and those positions on local governmental issues to which the League of Women Voters of the Copper Country has given sustained attention and on which it may continue to act.

Sec. 4. Member Action. Members may act in the name of the League of Women Voters only when authorized to do so by the ~~appropriate~~ Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X

National Convention, State Convention and Council

~~Sec. 3. State Council. The Board of Directors at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the state office shall select delegates to that Council in the number allotted to the League of Women Voters of the Copper Country under the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Michigan.~~

NOTE: The State Council was disbanded.

Nominating Committee Report

Kathy Flagstadt, Chair; Fredi DeYampert, and Martha Sloan

President Remains Open – nominations from the floor
Acting President: Mary Jane Hatton
1st Vice President: Carol Kreher
2nd Vice President: Kristine Bradof
Treasurer: Mary Marchaterre
Directors: Ellen Varney

LWVCC Annual Meeting

The LWVCC Annual Meeting will be held April 12, 2014, at the Portage Room of the Ramada Inn in Hancock.

10:45 am Please sign in and renew your membership.

11:00 am Our speaker this year is Marilyn Clark, CEO of the MTEC SmartZone.

12:00 noon Lunch (off the menu), followed by the annual business meeting.

Please RSVP to Mary Marchaterre at 483-2291 or mmmarcha@mtu.edu so we know how many chairs to set up.

Alice Boyce Memorial

We are sad to report the passing of long time member and past board member Alice Boyce. A celebration of life service will be held at the Rosza lobby on the afternoon of May 31.

Welcome to new member:
Grace Parikh

PROPOSED BUDGET for April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		<u>INCOME</u>		
A.	<u>Administration</u>		A. <u>Dues</u>	
	1. Chamber of Commerce Dues	100	1. 41 Individuals @ \$55	2,255
	2. Postage	<u>100</u>	2. 8 Family @ \$80	640
	Sub-total	200	3. 2 Students @ \$30	<u>60</u>
			Sub-total	2,955
B.	<u>Administrative Committee</u>		B. <u>Contributions to Finance Drive</u>	
	1. Finance	500	(not tax deductible)	
	2. Membership	<u>50</u>	1. Member	1,000
	Sub-total	550	2. Non-member	750
C.	<u>Delegates, Travel & Workshops</u>		3. Kay LaRue Scholarship Fund	<u>110</u>
	1. National Convention	2,000	Sub-total	1,860
	2. State Conv/Council	<u>0</u>		
	Sub-total	2,000		
D.	<u>Financial Support</u>		C. <u>Contributions to Education Fund</u>	
	(per Member Payment = PMP)		(tax deductible)	
	(37 Individual @ \$55.81, 8 Family @ \$84.12)		1. Member	750
	1. National PMP	1,600	2. Non-member	<u>1,500</u>
	Cash	800	Sub-total	2,250
	Education Fund	800		
	2. State PMP	<u>1,200</u>	D. <u>Other Sources</u>	
	Sub-total	2,800	1. Annual Meeting	500
			2. Bank Interest	<u>50</u>
			Sub-total	550
	<u>Copper Country Voter</u>			
E.	1. Postage CCV	200		
	2. Printing CCV	<u>430</u>		
	Sub-total	630		
	<u>Educational Activities (tax deductible)</u>			
F.	1. Program Committees	200	<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	\$7,615
	2. Publications - Internet Web Pg.	200		
	3. Voter Service - Prim/Gen Guide	200		
	4. Voter Service - Your Gov't	<u>200</u>		
	Sub-total	800		
G.	<u>Position Support</u>		<u>Budget Committee</u>	
	1. Advocacy	<u>25</u>	Mary Jane Hatton (2nd Vice President)	
	Sub-total	25	Mary Marchaterre (Treasurer)	
			Kelly Luck	
H.	<u>Other</u>			
	1. Annual Meeting	500		
	2. Kay LaRue	<u>110</u>		
	Sub-total	610		
	<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	\$7,615		



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Contributions to the Educational Fund are tax deductible.
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Membership

Individual Dues (\$55)

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Student Dues (\$30)

Donation

Finance Drive (\$_____)

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