

**LWVSC CONVENTION 2017 INFORMATION
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA
APRIL 29-30, 2017**

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CONVENTION HOTEL

The Inn at USC

1619 Pendleton St, Columbia, SC, South Carolina 29201

You can make hotel reservations for Convention 2017 : **Call The Inn at USC at 803-779-7779 and ask for the League of Women Voters with the date. The special LWV rate is: \$125.00, plus tax, for single/double rooms.**

LWVSC CONVENTION 2017--FIRST LOOK**

SATURDAY, APRIL 29		SUNDAY, APRIL 30	
8:00 a.m.	Registration—Breakfast for Hotel Guests	7:30 a.m.	Breakfast for hotel guests (extra tickets may be purchased if not staying at hotel)
9:00 a.m.-Noon	OPENING PLENARY SESSION	8:30 a.m.	Registration
Noon	Luncheon	9:00 a.m.	CONVENTION RECONVENES <i>Speaker</i>
1:15 p.m.	Workshop on social media	10:00 a.m.	CLOSING PLENARY SESSION <i>Approval of Program</i> <i>Adoption of Budget</i> <i>Electdion of Board members</i> <i>Guidance by Local Leagues to LWVSC Board</i> <i>Address by LWVSC Co-Presidents</i>
2:15 p.m.	Program discussion	11:45 a.m	CONVENTION ADJOURNS
4:00 p.m.	CONVENTION ADJOURNS FOR THE DAY		
6:00 p.m.	Reception		
7:00 p.m.	Banquet with Presentation of Spirit of Democracy Awards		

WHO PARTICIPATES IN CONVENTION?

Any local LWV member or Member-at-Large from South Carolina is welcome to attend. One of our goals is to have 100% representation from all our Local Leagues and Member-at-Large Units. Again, consider tapping some of your emerging leaders to give them the training and networking opportunities that Convention offers. Non-members are welcome to attend as non-voting observers.

LWVSC Bylaws specify the number of voting delegates that each local League is permitted. This delegate number is based on the official 2017 membership count. Local Leagues assign official delegate status to members, usually at a board meeting. Note that if your League has member(s) who serve on the LWVSC Board of Directors, those members are delegates who represent the state board, and aren't counted against your local League delegate allocation.

We urge your League to fill your quota of delegates. In addition to delegates, members may attend as nonvoting guests. The LWV stands for the active, informed participation of citizens in democratic processes at all levels of government. What better way to exercise that right and responsibility than in the grassroots governance of the League?

LWVSC Bylaws, Article VII, specifies that the Convention shall consist of:

- Delegates chosen by the members of each local League. See count table below. Each League is entitled to at least one delegate; when local League membership reaches 15 voting members, the local League shall be entitled to one additional delegate; thereafter one additional delegate is authorized for each additional ten voting members up to 105 and one additional delegate for each additional 25 or major fraction thereof.
- One voting delegate from each Member-at-Large Unit.
- Members of the State Board.

Local League Delegate Count Table.*

According to LWVSC Bylaws, local Leagues may send the following number of voting delegates to state convention;

1-14 members:	1 delegate	75-84 members:	8 delegates
15-24 members:	2 delegates	85-94 members:	9 delegates
25-34 members:	3 delegates	95-104 members:	10 delegates
35-44 members:	4 delegates	105-117 members:	11 delegates
45-54 members:	5 delegates	118-142 members:	12 delegates
55-64 members:	6 delegates	143-167 members:	13 delegates
65-74 members:	7 delegates	168-192 members:	14 delegates, etc.

Note: Local League member count is based on LWVUS records of voting members as of February 1, 2017. Member-at-Large Units may send one voting delegate to convention. Leagues may send an unlimited number of nonvoting observers to convention. Any League member from South Carolina is welcome to attend.

AMENDING LWVSC BYLAWS

Per Article XIV of LWVSC Bylaws, Bylaws may be amended at a convention by a two-thirds vote provided that the following conditions are met:

- a. Proposed amendments must be submitted by a local League board to the state board at least eight weeks prior to the convention recommended by the state board.
- b. The presidents of local Leagues and the chairs of MAL units will be notified, and directed to notify their members, of any proposed amendments at least four weeks before the convention.

If your local League would like to recommend bylaw amendments, please send them to Sue Yearwood, Bylaws Committee Chair, at sueyearwood@hargray.com. Deadline for submission is February 27, 2017. Current Bylaws are found in *LWVSC About the League/Agenda for Action, 2015-2017 Edition*.

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WARES MARKET

Local Leagues are invited to be a part of the Wares Market at LWVSC Convention 2017!

- **Showcase your League...**
- **Sell your wares...** *Coffee mugs? T-shirts? Note cards?*
- **Raffle an item...** *A weekend at a mountain cabin or beach cottage? A member's artwork?*
- **Network with members from across South Carolina...**
- **Got other cool stuff to share?**

The Wares Market is an active and exciting gathering place and it is THE place for **your** League to sell products, make profits, showcase your League's accomplishments, connect with old friends, learn new ideas, and make new friends.

Table space in the convention registration area is free. **Reserve by April 1** using the form below. Send to: Holley Ulbrich, holleyulbrich@gmail.com.

WARES MARKET 2017 RESERVATION FORM

Please reserve table space for the WARES MARKET for:

Name of contact person attending Convention: _____

League Member with _____ League.

Daytime telephone of contact person: _____

Email address of contact person: _____

Please describe your wares, to assist us assigning spaces:

The League of Women Voters of South Carolina

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April 29-30 - The Inn at USC in Columbia, SC

REGISTRATION FORM

- Please mail your registration form with payment to Jeanette Roveri, 38 Pinewood Rd., Sumter, SC 29150, or email your registration form to jeanetteroveri@hotmail.com.
- Form may be photocopied for additional registrations.
- Registration is due by April 15, 2015. A \$20 late fee will be assessed on registrations received after April 15.
- Full Registration Fee (2 days)--\$90 per person. Includes meals as scheduled (banquet, lunch, snacks; plenary sessions); presentations; training opportunities; printed materials.
- Saturday or Sunday ONLY Registration Fee (includes activities, lunch) -- \$45.00 per day
- Saturday banquet ONLY -- \$35
- Indicate vegetarian meal requests.
- Registration fees are the same for delegates and non-delegates.
- Attendees are responsible for their lodging. The Wyndham Garden – Inn at USC has rooms available at a special nightly rate of \$125 for our convention. You can make your reservation by calling (803)779-7779.

YES! Please register the following:

Name: _____ Email: _____ Delegate (yes/no) ____
Name: _____ Email: _____ Delegate (yes/no) ____
Name: _____ Email: _____ Delegate (yes/no) ____
Name: _____ Email: _____ Delegate (yes/no) ____

Local League/Member-At-Large Unit/MAL: _____

Contact information for person making reservation:

Name: _____

Postal Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

	Number:	Total:
Full Registration:	_____ x \$90	_____
One Day Registration (Sat. or Sun.)	_____ x \$45	_____
Saturday Reception and Banquet ONLY	_____ x \$35	_____