

Study of LWVW Positions

The LWVW will be conducting a year-long review of our local positions, in order to make recommendations for possible changes. Our League has conducted many studies over the years and has many documented positions as a result. We have taken action based on some of these positions in recent years (most recently to support the plastic bag bylaw), but many others have been “gathering dust” in our Membership Guide. Some of these positions are almost 50 years old. Others refer to organizations that no longer exist. The board will create a committee to review all of our positions. This committee will consider general questions, such as, “Do positions have a shelf life?” The committee will also evaluate each position using the following criteria, among others:

- Is the position still relevant to Wellesley?
- Do the details of the position reflect current government structure?
- Has new information become available which might alter the LWVW consensus?
- Are there changes in our community that might alter the LWVW consensus?
- Does the subject of the position warrant a new study due to community/membership interest?

At the 2017 Annual Meeting, the committee will recommend changes to the LWVW positions. These recommendations could range from minor edits, to new studies or the elimination of a position.