

NON PARTISAN POLICY
 Revised August 2019
 TO BE REVIEWED YEARLY BY EACH NEW BOARD

Activity	High Profile Board Member(see definition)	Non-High Profile Board Member	Member
Run for or hold public elective office	No**	No**	Yes
Hold political party leadership post or office	No	No	Yes
Active member in party organization or club	No	Yes*	Yes
Inactive member in party organization or club	Yes	Yes	Yes
Circulate petition for candidate	No	No	Yes
Sign petition for candidate, providing pledge of support not stated	Yes*	Yes*	Yes
Attend political rallies/coffees/dinners/dances	No	Yes*	Yes
Work publicly for a candidate / campaign	No	Yes*	Yes
Make contributions to a party/candidate within legal limits	Yes	Yes	Yes
Give informal coffee for a candidate	No	Yes*	Yes
Take partisan political stands on public social media	No	Yes*	Yes
Take public partisan positions on print or electronic media	No	Yes*	Yes
Register voters in the name of the LWV at a partisan political event or an event sponsored by a political party, or at an event held by a politician currently running for office.	No	No	No

High Profile Board Member – President or Co-President (Chair or Co-Chair) – this is the person or people who speak for the League publicly, Voter Service Chairperson, Advocacy Chairperson and Membership Chairperson. These positions are outward facing positions within the League structure.

*Providing League non-partisan image is not jeopardized, nor a conflict of interest exists, whether real or implied.

** Except school board, fire district, and non-partisan commissions.

- All League members should register and vote.
- No Board member should take public action on issues in conflict with League policy or position.
- High Profile Board members must have Board approval to serve on appointed boards or Commissions when such positions can have politically sensitive implications for the League.
- All League members should refrain from posting any partisan statements or endorsements on social media which include reference to their LWV membership or the League of Women Voters in general.

Additional Policies related to Non-partisan League Image

- Leagues shall not invite anyone who has declared as a candidate for any office to participate in any kind of program, whether as a speaker or member of a panel, unless it is a Candidate's Forum. This ban would include members of the candidates' staff.
- Moderators: A league member who runs for, or is elected to, any partisan office, including party committee, shall not be eligible to moderate any partisan forum. This prohibition shall run from the time such an office is first sought until the position is relinquished or the term ends. Active party members should also not moderate partisan forums. This could also apply to non-partisan forums such as Board of Education at the discretion of the LWV of Southern Monmouth County Board of Directors.

Exclusion: These policies do not apply to the family of the Board members.