



# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MAINE

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## **LWVME & LWVME EDUCATION FUND NONPARTISAN POLITICAL POLICY**

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**ELECTIVE OFFICE** – The LWVME state president and the president of the Education Fund Trustees shall not be a candidate nor serve in any elective public office. Board members and trustees shall not be candidates for State partisan office and must resign when petitions are filed.

**POLITICAL PARTY OFFICE** – The LWVME president and voter service chair and the president of the Education Fund trustees shall not serve in any position in a political party. Board members and trustees shall not serve as officers of a political party at the state level and shall abide by their local League's nonpartisan policy regarding holding local party positions.

**CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS** – The LWVME president and voter service chair and the president of the Education Fund trustees shall not sponsor or attend fund raising events for political parties or for candidates at the state or federal level. All other board members and trustees may host and attend fund raising events. All board members and trustees may make campaign contributions.

**POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS** – The LWVME president and voter service chair and the president of the Education Fund trustees shall not be active in partisan political campaigns. Other board members and trustees may undertake such activities for federal, state or local office after consultation with the presidents and boards of the state or local Leagues involved.

**CONDUCT BECOMING THE LEAGUE** – At League- or Education Fund-sponsored events and when representing the League or the Education Fund at other venues, Board members and trustees shall conduct themselves in a nonpartisan way. When present at League- or Education Fund-sponsored events, Board members and trustees will lead by example and by intercession to maintain a nonpartisan tone so that civil discourse is maintained where all points of view are respected.

**ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATIONS** – Board members and trustees shall present questions about specific situations to the state board where the foregoing policies do not resolve the question.