

## Report from the National Convention 2010



Wheaton Delegation



Illinois Delegation

*Wheaton LWV members,*

It was a great 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and convention. Here are some highlights for you from the convention.

### ***2010 Biennial LWVUS National Convention***

#### **LWV Elects Elisabeth MacNamara as new National President on 90th Anniversary**

Elisabeth MacNamara of Dekalb County, Georgia was elected unanimously by more than 600 delegates gathered in Atlanta at the 49th LWV Biennial Convention. MacNamara will be the national organization's 18th president. For the complete press release click here:

<http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=15481>

#### **HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius' remarks to the LWV 49th Biennial Convention**

Secretary Sebelius thanks the League for its efforts to promote health care

reform over the last year; says more work is left to do on the issue.

For full remarks click

here: <http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=15482>

**LWVUS and LWVAZ announce strong opposition to Arizona immigration law**  
Arizona and U.S. Leagues say racial and ethnic minorities may be unfairly targeted.

For the complete press release click

here: <http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=15473>

### **National program for the 2010-2012 biennium**

Delegates voted to adopt the LWVUS Board recommended study of the Federal Role in Public Education. The study would focus on the role of the federal government in education policymaking, with possible consideration of funding, common standards and/or governance relationships among all levels of the government. The scope will be dependent on available resources, including committee and LWVUS staff time

Delegates voted to adopt the Motion to adopt the non recommended item on Privatization: the policy agenda to transfer government functions, services and assets to the private sector. This is also a study.

Delegates also voted to defeat the Motion to move that the LWVUS adopt a study on the establishment of a cabinet level Department of Peace.

Other approved motions included

- Concurrence to amend and update the **Arms Control** position
- Concurrence with LWVMD and LWVME position on **Marriage Equality** to added to the Equality of opportunity position
- Concurrence to add 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence to the position on selection of the president  
““We support the use of **the National Popular Vote Compact** as one acceptable way to achieve the goal of the direct popular vote for election of the president until the abolition of the Electoral College is accomplished”
- Support Florida resolution that the LWVUS support **lifting the travel**

### **restrictions for Americans going to Cuba**

- Resolution in support of **safe drilling and mining for energy resources**
- Resolution that the League of Women Voters call upon the Senate to change its rules to **limit the use of the filibuster**
- Adopt the addition of the principle of **TRANSPARENCY to the SARA Resolution**, as adopted by the LWVC Biennial Convention on May 17, 2009. Revised to include the following Principles: Security; Accuracy; Recountability; Accessibility; and **Transparency**
- Resolution for LWVUS Board to advocate strongly for bills that legislate for improved Medicare for all.
- Adopt the **Emergency Resolution of Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill** requesting the LWVUS
  - highlight the need for those responsible for the oil spill to be held accountable,
  - demand that our government hold those responsible for the environmental disaster accountable for the clean-up,
  - urge the legislative and executive branches of the federal government to immediately take all necessary steps to maximize to the extent practicable the ability and efforts of all relevant federal agencies and departments to take action, and to
  - work with the U.S. coastal states and communities most directly and immediately affected, to respond creatively, efficiently and effectively to the environmental, health and economic crisis created by the oil flowing from the out of control BP oil well in the Gulf of Mexico and by the efforts to contain and disperse it

### **LWVUS PMP**

Delegates also voted to approve the PMP rate of 29.70 for 2010-2011 and 30.00 for 2011-2012.

Roberta & Beryl Jacobson and I joined the other 33 delegates from Illinois leagues and attended many of the caucuses and workshops. We plan to share more about that in the next VOTER. For more information about the convention go

to [http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Council\\_and\\_Convention](http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Council_and_Convention).

It was a pleasure to serve as your delegate. Thank you!

**Missey Wilhelm**  
**President**  
**League of Women Voters of Wheaton**