



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Local League Vitality Assessment Tool**

This self-assessment tool is designed to help local League Boards evaluate their current organizational status. The purpose of the tool is to help Boards identify areas they would like to change or improve or to applaud an area that is very strong and will continue. It may be the case that criteria will not match exactly what your League does, so please just do your best to assess and respond to your particular situation.

Using the following scale, rank your assessment of your League.

**0-Not applicable**

**1-Never...needs much improvement**

**2-Sometimes...needs some improvement**

**3-Almost Always...few problems**

**4-Always...no problems to report**

	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Leadership</b>					
Regularly scheduled board meetings are held					
Duties are divided among board members (not one person doing it all)					
Board includes both experienced and more recent League members					
Board works well together					
Working committee system (outside board meetings) is in place					
Working committee system includes both board members and non-board members					
Strategic goal setting is conducted annually					
Nominating Committee is pro-active					
Policies/Bylaws are reviewed annually					
<b>Membership</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
Membership Committee is active year round.					
New members are recruited each year.					
Membership is diverse (age, gender, race)					
Orientation and programs are provided for new members					
Special mentoring of new members is planned					
Retention system is in place for dues renewal					
Board regularly communicates with members					
<b>Communication/Visibility</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
A Bulletin is published on regular schedule					
Bulletin is shared with regional Leagues					
LWV news appears regularly in local media					
Local League has up-to-date user-friendly website					
Local League has Facebook page					
LWV is visible in local community					
League E-mail network for members/supporters exists					

<b>Program/Action</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
League program includes local issues of interest					
League advocates in support of local positions					
League responds to LWVMA action alerts					
League responds to LWVUS action alerts					
League has Observers Corps					
League conducts public forums on Program topics/issues					
League sponsors regularly scheduled topical public meetings					
<b>Voter Service</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
Voter Registration is promoted					
Candidate Forums are sponsored					
League produces a Voter Guide, voter information is provided					
League distributes Voter Guide produced by others					
Directory of Public Officials is published					
Voter education programs are conducted					
Get out the Vote campaigns are conducted					
LWV provides Booths at Fairs and local Festivals					
<b>Meetings/Networking</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
Regular membership meetings are held					
Discussion meetings are held at convenient times for members—breakfast, lunch, evening, weekend Circle all that apply.					
Leaguers attend area/ regional LWV mtgs/events					
League is represented at state LWV sponsored meetings (Convention, Council)					
League is represented at LWVUS convention					
League partners with other local organizations (list)					
<b>Finance/Development</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
Budget Planning is ongoing & committee in place					
League conducts annual fundraising drive					
League cultivates donors					
League solicits and utilizes Education Funds					
League seeks grants from foundations					
<b>Working with MA and US Leagues</b>					
League has LWVMA board or committee members					
League provides input when requested (e.g. surveys)					
League contacts LWVMA office with questions					

**Areas of greatest concern to your League?**

**Additional comments/questions?**