



## **LWVMA PMP Explanation**

The League of Women Voters is a ninety-nine year strong grassroots organization that distinguishes itself from most other organizations by our hands-on work to safeguard democracy in a three-tier system. When a member joins a local League she is joining a network, organized on the national, state and local levels. The League is committed to the belief that a democratic government depends upon informed and active participation in government by its citizens.

### **What are PMPs (Per Member Payments)?**

The Per-Member Payment (PMP) is the way Leagues satisfy the requirement to support the National and State organizations' work in our three-level structure. The PMP is one of the many sources of income for the LWVUS and LWVMA which provides partial support for our advocacy work, educational forums, membership and organizational activities, convention and council, and national board and committee meetings.

LWVUS and LWVMA PMP payments make up approximately 20%-27% of their income. It is important to note that other income is provided through Foundation Grants, Endowments, Events, Local League Gifts, Investment Earnings and Individual Donations.

### **How are PMP rates determined?**

The LWVUS PMP rates are determined by delegates at National Convention in Washington D.C. while the LWVMA PMP rates are determined at the Massachusetts Convention. Your League's PMP is based on your League's January 31 membership count of paid members.

A LWVUS PMP rate of \$32.00 was voted by Convention 2016, and has remained \$32.00 to date. The LWVMA PMP obligation is \$23.00 which was voted on by Convention in 1999 and has remained \$23.00 to date.

### **Student PMP Rate**

The LWVUS Board announced on April 10, 2018 that effective immediately LWVUS will waive charging PMP (per member payment) for any students through January 2021. The LWVMA has also waived student PMP through 2020. (A student is defined as an individual who is enrolled either full or part-time in an accredited institution.)

### **Special Considerations in Figuring PMP Total**

Life or 50-year members: Those who have been members for 50 years or more are full-voting members but are excused from the payment of dues. Therefore, no LWVUS or LWVMA PMP is charged.

Members in a common household: When two or more members reside in the same household, the full PMP is charged for the first member and one-half PMP for each additional member to LWVUS. LWVMA collects \$5.75.

### **PMP Billings**

Established Leagues and League Units are billed differently until the Unit becomes established. The billing that your League receives reflects the amount due for the entire current fiscal year at the PMP rate. The invoice takes into account the special cases listed above for which your League pays part or no PMP at all. You will receive balance forward statements each quarter,

until the PMP obligation is paid in full. PMP can be paid in full at the beginning of the fiscal year, or on a regular quarterly basis in July, October, January and April.

League Units: League Units membership dues are invoiced and collected by LWVMA. LWVMA takes responsibility to apportion dues to LWVMA and LWVUS and update the unit's membership roster.

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