

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CLARION COUNTY NONPARTISAN POLICY

For the guidelines and spirit behind this policy see In League: Guidelines for League Boards, the section on nonpartisan political activity.

Board members –

- May contribute money to political parties and campaigns. Note: Contributions of over \$50 are subject to being reported.
- May sign petitions, but not circulate petitions for candidates.
- May display bumper stickers; except for President, Voters Service, Legislative and Finance Directors. Holders of these positions may not.
- May not wear or display campaign buttons nor place campaign signs in the yard.
- May belong to organizations that support candidates.
- May help privately in a candidate's campaign, but not perform any campaign work publicly.
- May attend partisan political rallies and neighborhood coffees, but may not campaign actively for a candidate (e.g., make speeches or hold neighborhood coffees).
- May not hold elected office, including that of a precinct official, and must resign from the Board after declaring publicly, via the news media, that she or he is a candidate for public office.
- May serve on appointed boards, commissions, and juries.
- May participate in Facebook and other social media discussions dealing with issues.
- May not post to Facebook or other social media outlets to support or oppose a candidate or party.

A former Board member who has resigned to engage in partisan political activity may again serve on the Board after the cessation of such activity.

If a Board member is confronted with a question whether an activity is partisan or not, in most cases she or he will bring it before the Board. The Board has ultimate responsibility for deciding how to preserve its nonpartisan standing in questionable circumstances. If the member needs an answer before the next Board meeting, the decision should be made by the President, Vice President, and Voters Service Director; if one of the above is requesting a ruling, a third member of the Board is selected.

The names of off-Board members who carry portfolios should not be publicized with the names of Board members.

The above restrictions apply only to Board members during their terms in office. All League members are expected to respect the League's nonpartisanship when they are representing or speaking for League, but there are no restrictions whatsoever on their political activities. The League encourages its members to be active in their political parties. Committeewomen or men, candidates, and office holders are all welcome in League and add a valuable dimension to the League at all levels. The League needs members of all political persuasions and of varying degrees of political activity to be a lively, dynamic group.

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