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*Ashland Bayfield Counties*  
**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**

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## February 1, 2024 League Update

Our Membership Committee has been attending ongoing trainings with National LWV to navigate future changes in membership structure. The new system will likely take effect early 2025. When it does, payment of dues will be managed by the National League. We will be putting systems in place to ensure that donations made to our league remain local. We now have a Donate Button on our website. The future due's structure will change as follows.

Our \$65 dues will be \$75. (A sliding scale is still being determined)

National now gets \$32; will change to \$24.75.

State now gets \$30; will change to \$35.25.

Local now gets \$3; will change to \$15.

Mark your calendar and plan to join the DEI Committee's book discussion, Tuesday, February 6 at 6 pm on Zoom. We will be talking about James Baldwin's ***Giovanni's Room***. Whether you have read the book or not, we would be delighted to have you join us. The novel is beautifully written and deals with a young man's struggle with his sexual identity. Northland College Professor Kyle Bladow, who teaches English and Indigenous Studies, will join the conversation.

The Zoom link to join our gathering is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2344835162?pwd=cEZ1RVo1QjZ4blAzNzNIL04xOXg5Zz09&omn=87963189641>

Meeting ID: 234 483 5162

Passcode: LWVABC123

By phone: • +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Our Natural Resources Committee in collaboration with local partners and inter-regional leagues is engaged with various projects protecting our waters. Committee Members along with Critters from the recent Art Build and a Light Brigade from Stevens Point will table at BATB. For more information and to join in the fun, contact Joan Elias at [eliasje99@gmail.com](mailto:eliasje99@gmail.com)

Our Voter Services Committee is gathering candidate information for the upcoming April 2 election. When contested races arise Candidate Forums provide an opportunity for voter engagement before absentee ballots are mailed. Voter Services is organizing a candidate forum for the City of Bayfield mayoral and alderperson contests on February 26th at the Bayfield Library. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Alison Lutterman at [alisonlutterman@gmail.com](mailto:alisonlutterman@gmail.com)

Our Nominations Committee will soon be making inquiries if you or someone you may suggest would be interested in being part of the Board.

We are in the planning stages of a community conversation on Final Five Voting on the evening of Monday, March 11 at the Washburn Library. Mark your calendar, as more details will follow.

We have been in contact with and will likely collaborate on future activities with LWV Copper Country – Gogebic Range Unit and newly formed LWV Superior.

Do you receive biweekly updates from the LWVWI? If so, do you find them helpful?

Please let us know of any questions or concerns.

In League,

Kate Miller  
President

