



League of Women Voters of Greater Las Cruces

Archive Policy

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This policy defines the archival records that will be identified as relevant and reflective of the work of the League of Women Voters of Greater Las Cruces, New Mexico. The procedures for acquiring, maintaining, and storing data will also be identified.

The archives should contain local records of value to the Greater Las Cruces League and the community of Doña Ana County. Information from the League of Women Voters of New Mexico or United States need not be kept unless directly relevant to the Greater Las Cruces League.

Board members and committee chairs are responsible for passing on relevant records for storage. When new Board officers, directors or committee chairs take office, the outgoing and incoming individuals should go through the current files together, sorting and filing archival materials and disposing of out-of-date materials, especially that from state and national League offices.

Archival items are listed as follows:

- Annual Meeting agendas, minutes and reports
- Board Minutes
- Board Policies
- Bylaws
- Correspondence
- Financial Records
- Membership Lists
- Newsletters
- Newspaper Articles on Local League Activities
- Position Statements including background and support papers
- VOTER Guides, Who's Who, and election materials
- Anything else of importance to the local League

Procedure

At the first meeting of a newly elected Board, an archivist will be appointed. This person will serve a one-year term with the option of continuing on for succeeding terms. If not a Board member, the archivist's name will appear on the Board rosters to ensure that members know to whom the records will be sent.

New Board members and committee chairs will meet with their counterparts who are leaving office and decide what to do with their files. Ongoing projects passing from one member to another will be maintained in the files of the current office holder. Other materials to be saved will be given to the archivist for final review and storage.

The archivist will check to see that the record collection for the past year is complete and will remind those who have not submitted their records to do so. The archivist will also see to it that the new records are integrated into the ongoing filing system, kept in safe conditions, and finally forwarded to the Archival Storage in Branson Library at New Mexico State University.

Access to the records will depend on where the records are stored and who has control of them.