

Observer Corps Policy

League of Women Voters of Door County (LWVDC)

Purpose:

One of the best ways to improve the quality of government is to put it in the spotlight. The League has long believed in the value of an Observer Corps (OC) whose job it is to maintain a presence at as many government meetings as possible.

Benefits:

- Citizens may participate in government decision-making in a timely and effective way.
- Decisions made by the government may become more balanced and reflective of the views of the electorate it represents.
- Communication between LWV of Door County (LWVDC) and local government officials and agencies is strengthened.
- League Observers become knowledgeable in local government.
- League members are provided a vehicle for engaging with government and thereby fulfilling its mission of informed and active participation.
- Involvement identifies larger community issues, concerns and trends that shape future League programs.
- Government officials will be encouraged to perform more responsibly.
- Community visibility attracts and recruits new members.
- OC members become League's ambassadors to the community.

Action/Observer Corps Coordinator Responsibilities:

- Coordinate all OC activities.
- Recruit and orient new members.
- Update and maintain a website with all required resources.
- Monitor and support the activities of observers.
- Read reported information and collaborate with the Chair and Leadership Team.
- Contact LWV WI when necessary.
- Work with any observer who may be presenting authorized testimony.