

Dear Leaguers,

Because of coronavirus, we have decided to cancel this year's New England Leadership Development Conference, aka "Quad States", which was planned for April 4-5, 2020.

1) We are exploring the possibilities for offering some of the event online in webinar form. Please let us know if this is something which you would participate in, and be specific about which speaker(s) you would want to hear from.

a) Virginia Kase, CEO, LWVUS re: the place of the LWV in the national landscape

b) Yanna Krupnikov, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Stony Brook University re: why people don't vote and the most effective ways to change that

c) Mufalo Chitam, Executive Director, Maine Immigrants' Rights Coalition re: cooperation among groups to achieve shared goals

d) Senator Melanie Levesque re: the important role of legislation in voter engagement

2) If you have already registered and paid, you will hear from the LWVME office and will have several options regarding your money:

a) receive a refund

b) apply it towards participating in the event in webinar form

c) leave the money with the LWVME as a donation to their Education Fund.

3) If you have already made a reservation at the Hampton Inn, please contact them to cancel it. Hampton Inn & Suites, 900 Post Road, Wells, Maine 04090 (207-646-0555)

We will miss seeing all of you in person!

