ARTICLE I – NAME
Section 1. Name
The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters of the Canton Area, hereinafter referred to as the LWVCA. The LWVCA is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) and of the League of Women Voters of Ohio (LWVO).

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE AND POLICY
Section 1. Purpose
The purpose of the LWVCA is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of the citizens in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

Section 2. Political Policy
The LWVCA shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP
Section 1. Eligibility
Any person who subscribes to the purpose and policy of the LWVCA shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. Types of Membership
The membership of the LWVCA shall be composed of voting members and associate members.
   a. Citizens at least 18 years of age who join the LWVCA shall be voting members of the local and state Leagues of their place of joining and of the LWVUS. Those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be honorary life members, excused from the payment of dues.
   b. All others who enroll in the League shall be associate members.

ARTICLE IV – BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Section 1. Number, Manner of Selection and Terms of Office
The board of directors shall consist of the officers of the LWVCA and not fewer than six (6) or more than eight (8) elected directors. One half (1/2) of the elected directors shall be elected by the general membership at each annual meeting and shall serve for a term of two (2) years or until their successors have been elected and qualified. At their discretion, the board of directors may appoint additional directors to carry on the work of the LWVCA. The terms of office of the appointed directors shall be two (2) years.

Section 2. Qualifications
No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an officer or director of this organization unless she or he is a voting member of the LWVCA.

Section 3. Vacancies
Any vacancy occurring in the board of directors by reason of the resignation, death, or disqualification of an officer or elected member may be filled, until the next annual meeting, by a majority vote of the remaining members of the board of directors. Three (3) consecutive absences from a board meeting of any member without a valid reason shall be deemed to be a resignation.

Section 4. Powers and Duties
The board of directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the organization, with full power and authority to manage and conduct same, subject to the instructions of the general membership. It shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the programs as adopted by the national convention, the state convention, and the annual meeting. The board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.

Section 5. Meetings
There shall be at least six (6) regular meetings of the board of directors annually. The president may call special meetings of the board and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five (5) members of the board. All members are encouraged to attend.

Section 6. Quorum
A majority of the members of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum. Any one or more members of the board may participate in a meeting by means of conference telephone or other similar equipment allowing all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS
Section 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers
The officers of the LWVCA shall be up to three (3) co-presidents, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer. One (1) co-president will be elected on a rotating basis for a term of three (3) years by the
Section 2. Dues
Annual dues shall be payable July 1. Any member who fails to pay her or his dues within three (3) months after they become payable shall be dropped from the membership.

Section 3. National and State Per Member Payment
The LWVCA shall make a national Per Member Payment (PMP) in the amount to be determined by the LWVUS and a state Per Member Payment in the amount to be determined by the LWVO.

Section 4. Budget
A budget for the ensuing year shall be submitted by the board of directors to the annual meeting for adoption.

Section 5. Budget Committee
A budget committee shall be appointed by the board of directors at least two (2) months prior to the annual meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing year. The proposed budget shall be sent to all members one (1) month before the annual meeting. The treasurer shall not be eligible to serve as the chair of the budget committee.

Section 6. Distribution of Funds on Dissolution
In the event of the dissolution of the LWVCA, all moneys and securities which may at the time be owned by or under the control of the League shall be paid to the LWVO after the state and national per member payments and other obligations have been met. All other property of whatsoever nature, whether real, personal, or mixed, that may at the time be owned or under the control of the LWVCA shall be disposed of to such person, organization, or corporation for such public, charitable or educational use and purposes as the board in its absolute discretion may designate.

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

Section 1. Membership Meetings
Special meetings of the members may be called by the co-presidents, the board of directors, or upon written request of ten percent of the voting members.

Section 2. Annual Meeting
An annual meeting of the membership shall be held between June 1 and July 31, the exact date to be determined by the board of directors. The annual meeting shall:
   a. Adopt a local program for the ensuing year;
   b. Elect officers, directors and members of the nominating committee;
c. Adopt an adequate budget, and
d. Transact such other business as may properly come before it.

Section 3. Quorum
Ten percent (10%) of the members shall constitute a quorum at all business meetings of the LWVCA.

ARTICLE VIII – NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Nominating Committee
The nominating committee shall consist of three (3) members. The chair and two (2) members shall be elected at the annual meeting for a one (1) year term. Any vacancy on the nominating committee shall be filled by the board of directors.

Section 2. Report of Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor
The report of the nominating committee of its nominations for officers and directors shall be sent to all members one (1) month before the date of the annual meeting. The report of the nominating committee shall be presented to the annual meeting. Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member provided the consent of the nominee has been secured.

Section 3. Elections
The elections shall be by ballot, providing that when there is but one (1) nominee for an office, it shall be by voice vote. A majority vote shall constitute an election.

ARTICLE IX – PROGRAM

Section 1. Authorization
The governmental principles adopted by the national convention and supported by the League as a whole constitute the authorization for the adoption of program.

Section 2. Program
The program of the LWVCA shall consist of:

a. Action to implement the principles of the LWVUS and the LWVO;
b. Those local governmental issues chosen for concerted study and action.

Section 3. Action by the Annual Meeting
The annual meeting shall act upon the program using the following procedures:

a. The board of directors shall consider the recommendation sent in by the voting members two (2) months prior to the annual meeting and shall formulate a proposed program.
b. The proposed program shall be sent to all members one (1) month before the annual meeting.
c. A majority of voting members present and voting at the annual meeting shall be required for adoption of issues in the proposed program as presented to the annual meeting by the board of directors.
d. Recommendations for program submitted by voting members two (2) months prior to the annual meeting but not included in the proposed program recommended by the board of directors may be considered at the annual meeting provided that:
   (1) The annual meeting shall order consideration by majority vote, and
   (2) The annual meeting shall adopt the item by a two-thirds (2/3) vote; and

e. Changes in the program in the case of altered conditions may be made provided that:
   (1) information concerning the proposed changes has been sent to all members at least two (2) weeks prior to a general membership meeting at which the change is discussed, and
   (2) final action by the membership is taken at a succeeding meeting.

Section 4. Member Action
Members may act in the name of the League only when authorized to do so by the proper board of directors. They may act only in conformity with, and not contrary to, a position taken by the LWVCA, the LWVO, and the LWVUS.

ARTICLE X – NATIONAL CONVENTION, STATE CONVENTION AND COUNCIL

Section 1. National Convention
The board of directors at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the national office shall select delegates to that convention in the number allotted to the LWVCA under the provisions of the bylaws of the LWVUS.

Section 2. State Convention
The board of directors at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the
state office shall select delegates to that convention in the number allotted the LWVCA under the provisions of the bylaws of the LWVO.

Section 3. State Council
The board of directors at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the state office shall select delegates to that council in the number allotted the LWVCA under the provision of the bylaws of the LWVO.

ARTICLE XI – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1. Parliamentary Authority
The rules contained in Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.

ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments
These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members present and voting at the annual meeting providing that amendments were submitted to the membership in writing at least one (1) month in advance of the meeting.

Adopted at the Annual Meeting of the LWVCA
June 22, 2013