MEMBER-LED OPTIONS FOR POLICY WORK

Short-Term Working Groups

We have defined short-term working groups as those that are based on historic or recent policy work that could apply or be updated to be relevant to an existing policy discussion. Groups on Judicial Selection and Instant Runoff Voting were the first two short-term policy groups.

The Policy Advisory Committee is recommending to the Board that short-term working groups be formed from the following two study proposals:

- #1- 07.06/08.02 – Alternative energy
- #2- 08.14- Charter schools

Advancement Groups

We have had advancement meetings around transportation and medical care at key points, but have not developed the type of consistency that would make the Citizens League more active and effective. There is a major consumer engagement opportunity coming up in medical care that will require us to recruit members to serve.

Member-Led Policy Groups

There has been consistent interest from members over the last two years in having the Citizens League take some kind of look at Instant Runoff Voting (IRV). We did have a small group of members take a look to see if our past policy work had any positions that might apply to the possible use of IRV today and found no specifics in our past work. This and perhaps a couple others could be a good candidate for applying the Civic Caucus model for policy work. It would require members willing to organize the groups and ensure that the Citizens League guidelines are adhered to. There would have to be a sufficient number of members willing to volunteer and participate electronically for these occur.