

GUIDELINES FOR MAL UNITS

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

- is a nonpartisan organization, which promotes informed participation in government and politics.
- is organized and active at all levels of government.
- has members in 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.
- does not support or oppose candidates or political parties.
- takes action supporting or opposing issues on which it has positions.
- works to build public support for its positions.

A MEMBER-AT-LARGE (MAL) UNIT

- is a group of Members-at-Large (MALs) living and/or working in the same community or area.
- should develop into a local League within five years with guidance from the state League.
- meets a minimum of three times per year.
- meets to discuss regional, state and national League program; has no positions on solely local issues.
- must conduct at least one project per year (e.g., voter registration, election information, candidates forums, or community issue forums).
- may study and take action on state and national League program with permission from the state board.

REQUIREMENTS

- a minimum of 10 members
- a unit leader to convene meetings
- adherence to League principles and nonpartisanship
- state board approval for forming a MAL Unit

ROLE OF STATE BOARD

- monitors MAL Unit's progress and appoints an adviser to work closely with the MAL Unit
- provides information on League program and activities, including a subscription to the President's Mailing for the unit leader
- provides support by collecting dues and tracking members