

PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

Explanation of notations – Bylaws amendments are formatted as follows:

- Only specific articles and sections being amended are listed.
- **Bold parentheses ()** denote words to be deleted.
- Underlining denotes words to be added.
- Rationales are provided by those who submitted the amendments.
- Recommendations are provided by the LWVIL Board.

Proposal #1

ARTICLE IV –League Organizations

Sec. 2. Inter-League Organizations

- a) Inter-League Organizations, hereafter referred to as ILOs, are those groups of local Leagues recognized by the LWVUS and organized to promote the purposes of the League and to take action on county, metropolitan, or regional governmental matters **(and which have been recognized by the LWVUS)**.
- b) The role of the LWVIL in Inter-League Organizations is one of guidance except for the Lake Michigan League of Women Voters (LMLWV).
- c) LWVIL shall appoint two voting representatives and two alternates to the Board of Directors of LMLWV.
- d) LWVIL shall pay annual dues to LMLWV.

Proposed by Mary-Lou Aagaard

Rationale:

The proposed change in section 2a is not a substantive change. It is better wording.

Sections 2b, 2c, and 2d clarify that LWVIL has some specific responsibilities with respect to LMLWV. The requirement that state Leagues appoint representatives to the LMLWV board of directors is found in their bylaws but not in LWVIL's. In checking with both LWLWV and LWVIL, I found that LWVIL has been appointing representatives and has paid dues. Amending the LWVIL bylaws brings them into compliance with actual practices.

Recommendation:

The LWVIL Board supports this amendment.

Proposal #2

ARTICLE VII – Committees

Sec. 1. The Board of Directors may, at its discretion and by a vote of a majority of directors, establish standing and/or temporary committees to assist in the performance of its duties as it considers appropriate. Each such committee shall consist of at least one Director, and may also include persons who are not on the Board, to serve at the pleasure of the Board. The appointment of members of a committee requires the vote of a majority of the directors then in office, provided that a quorum is present. Members of the committees designated by the Board of Directors shall be elected by an affirmative vote of the majority of the Board of Directors and shall serve until resignation or removal by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 2. In addition to committees that may be created by the Board of Directors, the following standing committees shall be in place:

- a) Budget Committee. The president shall appoint a budget committee, to be chaired by a local League member not serving on the state board, for the purpose of preparing the proposed budgets in advance of the convention. The treasurer shall be ex-officio a member of the budget committee. The proposed budgets shall be submitted to the board of directors for approval.
- b) Issues Committee. Any member of the League may be appointed to the Issues Committee, which will implement and oversee the LWVIL program and advocacy agenda. The committee will submit a report of activities at each Board of Directors meeting.
- c) Nominating Committee. The nominating committee shall consist of five members. The chair and two members, who shall not be members of the state board, shall be elected by the convention. Nominations for those officers shall be made by the current nominating committee. Immediately after the convention, the board shall appoint two of its members to the committee. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the board. The president shall send the name and address of the chair of the nominating committee to the president of each local league and ILO and to the chair of each MAL unit.

Proposed by the LWVIL Bylaws Committee

Rationale:

In order to give appropriate recognition of the standing committees and clarify their responsibilities, the bylaws committee recommends creating a separate article to describe them and their importance to the LWVIL.

Recommendation:

The LWVIL Board supports this amendment.

Proposal #3

ARTICLE VIII – Convention

Sec. 2. Composition

b) The convention shall be composed of the following non-voting participants:

1) One alternate representing each local League and each MAL unit for each 25 members of major fraction thereof based on the record in the state office of voting members as of January 31st preceding the convention.

Proposed by the LWWIL Bylaws Committee

Rationale:

To bring this in to alignment with the LWWUS bylaws.

Recommendation:

The LWWIL Board supports this amendment.

Proposal #4

ARTICLE IX – Process for Making Changes Between Conventions

Sec. 1. Convening a Council. If the state board or twenty-five percent (25%) of local Leagues determine that a change in program **(or budget)** is necessary or that other official business must be transacted between conventions, the state board shall convene a council meeting at a time, **(and)** place, and format it shall determine.

Proposed by the LWWIL Bylaws Committee

Rationale:

It is important to keep a method for meeting between conventions if necessary, and this should include electronic communications.

Recommendation:

The LWWIL Board supports this amendment.