

League Policy Overview - Speak with One Voice

DEFINITION: SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE

“Speaking with one voice” is one of the most important tenets of the League. The national League is responsible for determining strategies and action policies that ensure that the League’s message on national issues is consistent throughout the country. Similarly, state Leagues are responsible for a consistent state message, and local Leagues affected must act cooperatively to ensure that regional issues are addressed in a consistent manner by neighboring Leagues.

Only the president (or designee) is permitted to speak for the League in an official capacity. However, members are encouraged to take action on League topics as individuals.

- For example, when responding to an LWVUS Action Alert, a local League president would send a message on behalf of the organization (i.e. on League letterhead); members might contact the same official as individuals (i.e., not mentioning their affiliation with League).

POLICIES ASSOCIATED WITH ‘SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE’

- LWVUS Request for Action
 - The LWVUS determines the policy when a local or state League wishes to take action on a national issue. For reference, it is included in the LWVIL policy handbook. However, prior to making any request for action it recommended to reconfirm the policy on the lww.org/league-management site.
- LWVIL Request for Action
 - This policy governs the state League and local Leagues and ILOs within Illinois for state action. Illinois leagues are to abide by this policy.
- Spokesperson Policy
 - The LWVIL President is the default spokesperson for the LWVIL organization.

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