



CONVENTION 2021

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS'
OF ILLINOIS

60th Biennium: Uplifting Democracy, Equity and Our Ideals

PROPOSED RULES OF CONVENTION

A motion to adopt these rules will be made shortly after Convention opens.

Should there be any suggested amendments to these rules, members are strongly encouraged to submit them to convention@lwvil.org prior to June 12 so they can be posted prior to voting. Amendments require a two-thirds vote. The rules as a whole, either amended or as given below, require a majority vote for adoption.

RESPECTFUL LANGUAGE AND INTENT

It is the intent of this body to conduct its business in a respectful manner. If, in the opinion of the presiding officer or a panelist, disrespectful language and intent is being used, the abuser will have their microphone muted.

ADMISSION TO THE PLENARY SESSIONS

Admission shall be limited to registered delegates who use their first and last name within the sessions. Zoom webinar will be used for plenary sessions. Delegates must use a computer rather than a phone to participate in convention because phone participation will not allow poll voting. If delegates are considering using a tablet, they should use it at the delegate practice on Tuesday, June 8 at 6 pm. to determine if it is compatible with the webinar polling feature. Delegates should start “checking in” 15 minutes prior to the start of the plenary session.

DELEGATES

Only those who are registered delegates may make motions and vote. All state board members are delegates of the state League.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Delegates and those designated by the convention chair may speak during the debate period after topic presentation is completed and questions have been answered.

QUESTIONS

After a presentation is completed, the presenter will call for questions. These should be typed into the Q&A function. A panelist will read the questions and may answer a question directly or read it to the presenter during the question period after the presentation and motion (if applicable). Time limit for Q&A is 10 minutes. After questions are answered, a debate may be called.

DEBATE

If debating a motion or amendment regarding the presentation, total debate time for each motion or amendment is limited to 15 minutes unless the presiding officer extends the time by making a motion to suspend the rules to add additional debate time, and:

- Delegates that wish to speak must type “pro” or “con” and their League in the Q&A function to request Privilege of the Floor. They must be named with their first and last name. A panelist will announce the speaker, alternating between pro and con speakers when granting Privilege of the Floor and unmuting the microphone.
- Debate from the floor is limited to one minute per speaker in order to allow the maximum number of speakers to participate.
- Speakers should each make a new point rather than agreeing with another speaker.
- No one shall speak more than once to a question until all who desire the Privilege of the Floor have spoken. Second opportunity to speak to an issue is at the discretion of the presiding officer.

MOTIONS OR AMENDMENTS

Motions or amendments of more than a few words, must be submitted in writing prior to June 12, 2021 to convention@lwvil.org in order to have the motions prepared for the sessions. Minor amendments to a motion submitted during convention will need to be submitted in the Q&A function and titled “amendment proposal” before being discussed for consideration.

VOTING

The presiding officer shall decide which method of voting should be employed. Voting may be done using either anonymous Zoom polling or the Zoom “raised hand” icon. Anonymous polling will be used for motions submitted ahead of convention unless stated otherwise.

If requested by the presiding officer, the credentials committee shall present an updated report, reflecting actual delegate numbers at that time, to the convention before the election procedure begins. See credentials report below.

BY ANONYMOUS POLLING: Delegates must vote within the time announced

BY RAISED HAND: Delegates vote by using the Raise Hand function. Presiding officer will call for “aye” hands to be raised. If there is not a clear majority, all hands will be lowered. Then the presiding officer will ask for hands to be raised for “nay” vote.

MISCELLANEOUS PROCEDURAL ISSUES

A delegate may request a point of order, a point of information, a parliamentary inquiry or a question of privilege through the **chat** function.

CREDENTIALS REPORT

The credentials report shall be given by the credentials committee at the beginning of each plenary session. The report shall include the number of delegates and number of Leagues with delegates and whether a quorum is present. The credentials report shall be updated as requested by the presiding officer of the convention or upon motion of the convention.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The nominating committee report shall be presented by the chair of the nominating committee. After reading the names and positions slated and the 2021-23 nominating chair and members, the current chair's work is concluded. The presiding officer shall call for nominations from the floor, requiring:

- Name and local League of member placing a name in nomination
- Name, local League, and position sought of member being nominated and whether that person has agreed to serve (no second needed)
- Nominee may have two minutes to say what they will do if elected
- Slated candidate being opposed has two minutes to say what they will do if elected.

Presiding officer shall ask if there are other nominations from the floor and repeat the process.

Voting for officers, directors, and nominating positions occurs at Sunday plenary.

ADOPTION OF PROGRAM

Proposed program items will be presented to the convention and motions made. Then the presenter will ask if there are questions submitted through the Q&A which will be read by a panelist to the session and answered.

CONSIDERATION OF NOT-RECOMMENDED PROGRAM

Program items that were submitted by the March 1, 2021, Program planning process deadline, but were not recommended by the LWVIL board, may be moved for consideration after the presentation of the recommended state program. (This year, there are two such eligible items listed on the Program report.) The wording for the motion for consideration should be submitted to issues@lwwil.org before June 12, 2021. The mover may make a statement, limited to one minute, *in explanation of the reason for asking consideration* and the chair of Issues & Advocacy may explain, limited to one minute, why the item was not recommended. Debate and then vote on consideration of each not-recommended item will be taken. At the Sunday plenary, the recommended program items will be voted on and require a majority vote. Then, the not-recommended program items will be voted on, and require a two-thirds vote for adoption. The presiding officer will decide the voting method.

CONSIDERATION OF NOT-RECOMMENDED BYLAWS

The deadline to propose bylaws amendments was March 12, 2021. Of those submitted, any that were not recommended may be considered at convention. The wording for the motion for consideration should be submitted to convention@lwwil.org before June 12, 2021. The mover may make a statement for consideration at convention, limited to one minute, *in explanation of the reason for asking consideration*. Said delegate may then request the state board's explanation, limited to one minute, of why the item was not recommended. After all not-recommended items have been offered and debated; vote on consideration of each will be taken. The vote on adoption will take place on Sunday. All bylaws amendments require two-thirds vote for adoption.

MOTIONS EXPRESSING THE WILL OF THE CONVENTION

These motions direct the state League to take legislative or administrative action related to state government or to state League program or administration. A motion may also direct the state League to request action on the national level. A delegate wishing to make such a motion is encouraged to submit the Will of the Convention motion before June 12, 2021 to

convention@lwwil.org. These motions shall not be binding and may not divert human and financial resources from the adopted League program or budget. The motion itself shall be presented at Saturday plenary. The mover may make a statement, limited to one minute, *in explanation of the reason for asking consideration*. All Will of Convention motions shall be voted on Sunday as provided in the Order of Business and require a majority vote to pass.

DIRECTION TO THE BOARD

Direction to the board is an opportunity for a member to make a suggestion to the board. There is no vote and the board has no obligation to respond or comply.

PROCEDURE FOR CONCURRENCE AT CONVENTION

The deadline to propose the adoption or amendment of a state League position by concurrence on the floor of the convention must be sent to all Leagues at least six weeks before convention and must include background information, including pros and cons on the issue and an explanation of the rationale for using this form of member agreement.

No concurrence information was sent by members or local Leagues by the deadline identified in the LWVIL bylaws, so no concurrence will be considered.

RECORDING AND SOCIAL MEDIA

LWVIL may record presentations including speakers for archival purposes. Delegates may not use any visual or audio recording devices to record presentations or speakers or to share any part of the convention. Delegates may not take any screenshots or photos of any presentation or slide, or share representations of any internal League business on any internet platform.

USE OF DELEGATE ALTERNATES

If a delegate is unable to complete their participation in the plenary sessions, the delegate must tell their local League president the serious reason (*Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*) that they cannot continue. The local League president may arrange through the LWVIL convention chair for their League's first registered alternate to replace that delegate until the end of the convention.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

In the event of major technical disruption in the plenary that affects quorum, the chair will have the option to recess, or to fix the time to which to adjourn, for members to again login to reconvene the plenary.

After adoption, these rules may be amended or suspended by a two thirds vote.

The current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* will govern all matters not covered in the rules or in the bylaws.