

LWVIL Board Conflict of Interest Policy

Please note: These are state League guidelines. Local Leagues may wish to apply these principles as they develop their own conflict of interest policies.

1. **Securing Appointments.** LWVIL may encourage and assist League members in securing appointment to government boards, commissions and committees. These recommendations shall be approved by the executive committee. Recommendations for appointment to politically sensitive positions, including those for which party affiliation is a requirement, should be made with care. Unless clearly designated, appointees are not official representatives of the League.

LWVIL recommendations for appointment of non-League members shall also require approval by the executive committee.

2. **Serving on Boards.** The president, board members and the League staff may serve on other boards. However, if a serious conflict arises between the two entities, it should be brought to the attention of the state board.
3. **Lobbying.** The president, LWVIL staff and board members visible in high profile program positions shall not lobby for a position in opposition to or in conflict with an LWVUS or LWVIL position. Other board members have the right as individuals to lobby their own members of Congress or the General Assembly on any side of an issue, but in so doing they must make it clear that they are not representing the League.
4. **Testifying for Other Organizations.** Board members and LWVIL staff may not testify on state legislation on behalf of another organization without approval of the president and/or board member(s) carrying the LWVIL issues portfolio. The president or other member of the LWVIL board of directors may not testify on state legislation on behalf of other organizations unless the organization is a coalition partner.
5. **Employment.** The board shall evaluate and resolve any questions of conflicts of interest arising from a board member's employment.
6. **Compensation for Services.** No board member shall be compensated for serving on the board. A board member and/or her company may be compensated for direct products or services provided to the organization, such as payment for printing services. In such cases, a minimum of three bids is required to be obtained by the organization and disclosure is required regarding the relationship of the board member to the bidding entity. Furthermore, the board member related to the bidding entity shall not vote on or influence in any way the bid selection.
7. **Stipends.** The LWVIL president, any board member and staff may not receive payment for League projects while sitting on the policy-making board that is responsible for administering the project.
8. **Honoraria.** Honoraria received by the LWVIL president, any board member and LWVIL staff shall accrue to the LWVIL or the LWVILEF.
9. **Review.** This policy shall be reviewed by the board on a yearly basis prior to the election cycle.