

## **2023-2024 LWVMC Bylaws Committee Report**

The Bylaws Committee met several times during the latter part of 2023 and early 2024 to review the current bylaws and consider the issues that had arisen during this year that needed to be addressed. The proposal was submitted to the board of directors prior to its February meeting and the Board approved the proposed changes in February to be sent to the membership for its consideration and approval at the Annual Meeting.

A redline version of the proposed bylaws changes and a draft version of the proposed bylaws have been posted to the Annual Meeting site to be distributed to all members as required by our bylaws.

### **A summary of the proposed bylaws changes are as follows:**

Art. III, Sec. 2, para. 1 - Change the age of membership eligibility from 18 to 16 to comply with the national and state leagues' bylaws.

Art. IV, Sec. 1 - A replacement paragraph to make it clear that all directors on the board – whether appointed or elected board members will serve two year terms or until their successors have been elected or appointed and qualified.

Art. IV, Sec. 3. – Clarifies that a presidential vacancy is covered under the President portion of Art. V Officers.

Art. IV, Sec. 5 – Adds the word “Regular” to section title and adds a sentence setting out the notice requirement for regular meetings of the board of directors.

Art. IV, Sec. 6 – section entitled “Special Meetings” This new section sets forth the way a special board meeting can be called and the notice requirements for calling a special meeting.

Art. IV, Sec. 7 - section entitled “Manner of Meetings.” Language is proposed to clarify the ways the League is allowed to meet in today’s world and is copied from the Florida LWV bylaws. This section will allow for meetings by email over a period of time and explains how this can be done.

Art. IV, Sec. 8 – This is the former sec. 6 entitled Quorum. The notice requirement in the former section is deleted because notice is now attached to the type of meeting in the sections above.

Art. VI, Sec. 2. – Adds a subsection (e) to provide that we will comply with the pending membership changes passed by the LWVUS when and in the event LWVUS institutes them. This is a big change in membership procedure in which the national league will collect the dues instead of the local leagues. We have recently received some guidance on how this process may work but it was not received in time for the committee to consider it for this year. We are thankful we proactively included this proposed language stating we will follow LWVUS procedures as they are implemented.

I thank the wonderful members of our Bylaws Committee. They are Mary Collins, Ruth Harenchar, and Alice Newlon.

Respectfully submitted,

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