



2024 Annual Meeting

Motions to Amend LWVMT Bylaws

PROPOSED CHANGES HIGHLIGHTED IN PURPLE

Suggested motion to amend bylaws to:

Adopt the League of Women Voters of United States Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES AND POLICY

Current Text:

Sec. 2. Policy: The LWVMT shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate. The LWVMT may take action on local governmental issues and policies in the public interest in conformity with the Principles of the League of Women Voters of the United States as adopted by the national convention of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Proposed Text:

Sec. 2. The policies of LWVMT are:

a. Political policy: The LWVMT shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate. The LWVMT may take action on local governmental issues and policies in the public interest in conformity with the Principles of the League of Women Voters of the United States as adopted by the national convention of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

B. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Policy: The LWVMT is fully committed to ensure compliance -- in principle and in practice -- with League of Women Voters of the United States" Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy.

Suggested motion to amend bylaws to:

Adopt the League of Women Voters of United States Membership membership criteria and dues structure

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Current Text:

Sec. 2 Types of Membership

a. Voting Members: Persons at least 16 years of age who join the LWVMT shall be voting members of LWVMT, the League of Women Voters of Oklahoma and of the League of Women Voters of the United States. Those who have been members of the League of Women Voters of the United States for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues. Any person otherwise eligible for membership but unable to pay the full amount of dues, shall be eligible to receive a dues subsidy upon recommendation by the membership chair and approval by the board of trustees.

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ARTICLE X - FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Current Text:

Sec. 2. Dues: Annual dues shall be payable on or before the first of July in each year and are delinquent after August 1. The amount of base dues shall be determined by a three-fifths vote of those members present and voting at the annual meeting. When two or more members reside at the same address in a common household, the dues for the first member shall be the base dues amount as determined at the annual meeting and for each other member shall be equal to one-half of the base dues amount. For each student member dues shall be less than dues of a base membership not to exceed one-half of the base dues amount. The dues of every member, regardless of classification or subsidy, shall include the appropriate sum to be paid by the LWVMT to the League of Women Voters of the United States, and to the League of Women Voters of Oklahoma (per member payment) as may be set from time to time by the League of Women Voters of the United States and League of Women Voters of Oklahoma.

Proposed Text:

Sec. 2. Dues: Members shall pay dues in accordance with League of Women Voter of the United States policy. Members who fail to renew within the period specified by the League of Women Voters of the United States will be removed from the roster. Membership lasts one year after joining or renewal.

Suggested motion to amend bylaws to:

Adopt the amended name and description of the Programming Committee

ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES

Current Text:

Sec. 1. The LWVMT shall have four committees: an executive committee, a budget committee, a nominating committee, and a program planning committee. Other committees may be appointed by the president or the board of trustees as needed. No committee shall have fewer than three members. Each committee shall report to the board of trustees as required to fulfill its charge.

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Current Text:

Sec 5. Program Planning Committee: The program planning committee shall be appointed by the board of trustees in July. The program planning committee is responsible: 1) for considering the continuation, revision or dropping of all national, state and local programs and submitting recommendations to the board of trustees, and 2) for recommending to the board of trustees study and/or action as local programs for the next fiscal year, if the committee determines such a decision is needed. The committee members may use discussions at committee meetings in their considerations.

Proposed Text:

Sec 5. Education & Action Committee: The education & action committee shall be appointed by the board of trustees in July. The Committee shall identify and execute programming that elevates issues of interest to the chapter including, but not limited to, studies, programs, events, forums, and other initiatives.

ARTICLE IX - PRINCIPLES AND PROGRAM

Current Text:

Sec. 3 a. The board of trustees shall consider recommendations by the program planning committee and by active members of the LWVMT sent in two months prior to the annual meeting and shall formulate a proposed program.

Proposed Text:

Sec. 3 a. The board of trustees shall consider recommendations by the education & action committee and by active members of the LWVMT sent in two months prior to the annual meeting and shall formulate a proposed program.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS AND MEMBERSHIP

Current Text:

Sec. 2. Annual Meeting: The annual meeting shall:

a. adopt a local program for the ensuing year if recommended by the programming committee;

Proposed Text:

Sec. 2. Annual Meeting: The annual meeting shall:

a. adopt a local program for the ensuing year if recommended by the education & action committee;

Suggested motion to amend bylaws to:

Adopt the amended membership of the Executive Committee

ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES

Current Text:

Sec. 2. Executive Committee: The executive committee shall consist of the officers and the chairs of the budget and program planning committees. Its purpose shall be to plan the agenda for board of trustees' meetings and to assure that the board is provided with the information necessary with respect to matters to be considered, and to perform such other functions as the board may direct.

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Sec. 2. Executive Committee: The executive committee shall consist of the officers, the chair of the Budget Committee, and a committee chair recommended by the President. Its purpose shall be to plan the agenda for board of trustees' meetings and to assure that the board is provided with the information necessary with respect to matters to be considered, and to perform such other functions as the board may direct.