

## BYLAWS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLORADO

### ARTICLE I NAME AND OFFICE

Sec. 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters of Colorado hereinafter referred to in these bylaws as LWVCO. This state League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS).

Sec. 2. Principal Office. The principal office of the LWVCO shall be in the city and County of Denver or at such other place as the ~~board~~Board of ~~directors~~Directors shall determine.

### ARTICLE II PURPOSE AND POLICY

Sec. 1. Purpose. The purposes of the LWVCO are to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

Sec. 2. Political Policy. The League shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.

### ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1. Eligibility. Any person over the age of 16 who subscribes to the purposes and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership.

~~Sec. 2. Types of Membership:~~

~~—— a. Voting members: Persons at least 16 years of age residing within the State of Colorado who join the League of Women Voters shall be voting members of a local League or a state League unit (SLU), the LWVCO and the LWVUS.~~

~~((1) Those who reside within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League.~~

~~—— (2) Those who reside outside the area of a local League may join a local League, a SLU, or shall be state members at large.~~

~~(3) Those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues.~~

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~~b. Associate members. All others who join the League shall be an associate member.~~

#### **ARTICLE IV** **NONDISCRIMINATION**

Sec. 1. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Nondiscrimination. The League is fully committed to ensure compliance in principle and practice with LWVCO's inclusion and nondiscrimination policy.

#### **ARTICLE IV** **POWERS OF MEMBERS**

Sec. 1. Powers of Members. The powers of members are limited to those specified in ~~Article XI~~ Convention and Article XII Council Annual Meeting.

#### **ARTICLE V** **OFFICERS**

Sec. 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers. The officers of the LWVCO shall be a president, ~~president-elect when elected~~, one or more vice-presidents, a secretary and a treasurer for a two-year term. A president-elect may be elected for a one-year term the last year the president plans to serve. This officer will spend a year as president-elect under the current president and should plan to become president for the following two years.

~~The president, first vice-president, and treasurer shall be elected in odd-numbered years by the convention. The president-elect may be elected for a one-year term the last year the president plans to serve. This officer will spend a year as president-elect under the current president and should plan to become president for the following two years. Other vice-presidents, if any, and secretary shall be elected in even-numbered years at the council. Except the president-elect, all shall hold office for a two-year term.~~

~~Sec. 2. The President. The president shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the boardBoard of directorsDirectors unless the president shall designate another person to preside. The president may sign or endorse checks, drafts and notes. The president shall be, ex officio, a member of all committees except the nominating committee and shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of the president and perform such other duties as may be designated by the boardBoard. The president or her or his designee(s) serve as the spokesperson for the LWVCO.~~

~~Sec. 3. The President-Elect. Upon election the president-elect attends all boardBoard meetings and any committee meetings deemed necessary, serves at the will and direction of the president and~~

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~~succeeds to the office of president upon the completion of the president's term or in the event the president is no longer able to continue.~~

~~Sec. 4. The Vice President(s). In lieu of a president-elect, the vice-president(s), in order of their rank shall, in the event of absence, resignation, disability or death of the president, possess all the powers and perform all the duties of that office. If none of the vice-president(s) are able to serve in this capacity, the board~~Board of directorsDirectors ~~shall elect one of its members to fill the vacancy.~~

~~The vice-president(s) shall perform such other duties as the president and board~~Board ~~may designate.~~

~~Sec. 5. The Secretary. The secretary shall keep minutes of convention, council and of meetings of the board~~Board of directorsDirectors~~. The secretary shall sign with the president all contracts and other~~

~~instruments when so authorized by the board~~Board ~~and shall perform such other functions as may be incident to the office.~~

~~Sec. 6. The Treasurer. The treasurer or a duly appointed designee shall collect and receive all moneys due and be the custodian of these moneys, depositing them in a financial institution designated by the board~~Board of directorsDirectors ~~and disbursing the same upon order of the board~~Board ~~of directorsDirectors. The treasurer shall present periodic statements to the board~~Board ~~at its regular meetings~~

~~and an annual report to the convention or council. The out-going treasurer is responsible for closing the books at the end of the current fiscal year. The books of the treasurer shall be reviewed annually and at such other times as requested by the treasurer or the board~~Board of directorsDirectors~~. An audit of the books shall be made as described in the Policies and Procedures Manual. The board~~Board ~~may designate other officers, in addition to the president, or personnel who may also sign or endorse checks, drafts and~~ notes.

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## ARTICLE VII **BOARDBOARD OF DIRECTORSDIRECTORS**

Sec. 1. Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office. The boardBoard of directorsDirectors shall consist of the officers of the LWVCO and at least five (5) but no more than fourteen (14) elected directorsDirectors. The directorsDirectors shall be elected for a two-year term by the convention/councilAnnual Meeting. Half of the directorsDirectors (rounding up, if necessary) shall be elected in odd numbered years and half in even numbered years (rounding down, if necessary). If there are vacancies on the boardBoard of directorsDirectors at the close of convention/councilAnnual Meeting, the boardBoard-Board may appoint directorsDirectors, who shall be considered thereafter as elected directorsDirectors.

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Sec. 2. Qualifications. No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an officer or director of the corporation unless the person is a voting member of the LWVUS, enrolled in a local League, an ILO, a SLU, or as a member-at-large of the LWVCO.

Sec. 3. Vacancies.

~~Any vacancy other than in the office of the president shall be filled, until the next Annual Meeting, by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board. If there is a vacancy in the office of the President, the President Elect, if any, shall become President. If there is no President Elect, the 1st Vice President shall become President.~~

~~Any vacancy other than in the office of the president shall be filled, until the next convention/council, by a majority vote of the remaining members of the boardBoard.~~

Sec. 4. Attendance. A ~~boardBoard~~ member who is absent without permission from the ~~boardBoard~~ president from three ~~boardBoard~~ meetings during a calendar year may be considered to have resigned.

Sec. 5. Removal. A ~~boardBoard~~ member may be removed by a 75% vote of the ~~boardBoard~~ when, in the ~~boardBoard~~'s judgment, it would be in the best interest of the LWVCO.

Sec. 6. Resignation. A ~~boardBoard~~ member may resign at any time by giving written notice of resignation to the ~~boardBoard~~. The resignation is effective when the notice is received by the ~~boardBoard~~ unless the notice specifies a later effective date.

Sec. 7. Compensation. ~~DirectorsDirectors~~ shall not receive any stated salaries or compensation for their services, but, by resolution of the ~~boardBoard~~, expenses may be allowed for attendance at any meeting of, or for, the ~~boardBoard~~.

Sec. 8. Power and Duties. The ~~boardBoard~~ of ~~directorsDirectors~~ shall have fiduciary responsibility and full charge of the property and business of the corporation with full power and authority to manage and conduct the same, subject to the instructions of the convention. The ~~boardBoard~~ shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out Program, defined as "study and action on public policy issues as adopted ~~by the convention at the Annual Meeting. It-The LWVCO Board~~ shall accept responsibility delegated to it by the ~~boardBoard~~ of ~~directorsDirectors~~ of the LWVUS for the organization and development of local Leagues and guidance of ILOs and SLUs, for carrying out the Programs and action on issues and for promotion in the local Leagues of finance programs requisite to further the work of the League as a whole, including transmission of funds toward the support of adequate state and national budgets. In order to become fully recognized, a local League shall fulfill requirements of the state ~~boardBoard~~ and the national ~~boardBoard~~.

Sec. 9. Regular Meetings. There shall be at least four (4) regular meetings of the ~~boardBoard~~ of ~~directorsDirectors~~ annually. The president shall notify each member of the ~~boardBoard~~ of

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~~directors~~**Directors** of all regular meetings by mail or by electronic means of communication at least ten (10) days before any such meeting, giving the time and place of the meeting. No action taken at any regular ~~board~~**Board** meetings attended by a majority of the members of the ~~board~~**Board** shall be invalidated because of the failure of any member or members of the ~~board~~**Board** to receive any notice properly sent or because of any irregularity in any notice actually received.

Sec. 10. Meeting by Alternative Means of Participation. Participation in a meeting by electronic or other means constitutes personal presence at the meeting. If action is taken by fewer than all members of the Board, the remaining members shall be notified promptly of that action. A conference among directors, delegates of Council or Convention, or among members of any committee designated by the board of directors by any means of communication through which the participants may communicate with each other during the conference, constitutes a meeting if the same notice is given of the conference as would be required for a meeting and if the number of persons participating in the conference would be sufficient to constitute a quorum at the meeting. Participation in a meeting by such means constitutes personal presence at the meeting.

Sec. 11. Sec. 11. Emergency Meetings. The president shall call emergency meetings of the Board of Directors when she/he deems it necessary or upon the request of five (5) members of the Board.

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Action Without a Meeting. Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the board may be taken by written action signed or consented to by authenticated electronic communication, by the number of members of the board that would be required to take the same action at a meeting of the board at which all members of the board were present. If written action is taken by fewer than all members of the board, the remaining members shall be notified promptly of that action.

Sec. 12. Special Meetings. The president may call special meetings of the board of directors and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five (5) members of the board. Members of the board shall be notified of the time and place of special meetings at least six (6) days prior to such meeting. During a convention or council meeting the president may, or upon the request of five (5) members of the board, shall call a special meeting by giving personal notice to each member of the board.

Sec. ~~13~~**12**. Quorum. A majority of the members of the ~~board~~**Board** of ~~directors~~**Directors** shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 13. Conflict of Interest. Every Board member will read and sign a conflict of interest form annually. See Policy and Procedure Manual.

Sec. 14. Any two (2) or more offices may be held by the same person except the offices of President, Treasurer and Secretary.

## **ARTICLE VIII EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Sec. 1. Executive Committee. This committee shall be composed of the elected officers of the Board. Its main purpose is to facilitate decision making between Board meetings or in urgent and crisis circumstances. Three (3) members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum. Meetings may be held in person, by conference call or by other means of electronic communication. A full report of this committee meeting shall be presented to the next meeting of the Board.

Sec. 1. Number and Manner of Selection. This committee shall be composed of the elected officers.

Sec. 2. Powers.

- a. This committee would conduct necessary business arising between meetings of the board, not entailing direction change.
- b. A full report of this committee meeting shall be presented to the next meeting of the board.
- c. Meetings shall be held at the call of the president or any three (3) members of the Executive Committee. Meetings may be held by conference call or by other means of electronic communication.
- d. Five (5) members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

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## **ARTICLE IX NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Sec. 1. Nominating Committee. The nominating committee will consist of five (5) members, two (2) Board of Directors members and three (3) non-Board of Directors members. In addition, the President and the Executive Director shall serve as non-voting ex-officio members.

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## **ARTICLE X EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Sec. 1. Executive Director. The Executive Director is hired and/or terminated by the votes of 2/3 of the Board. The Executive Director shall be the manager of all LWVCO activities and shall be responsible to the Board for the application and implementation of policies established by the Board in the operation of the agency. The Executive Director has day-to-day responsibility for the corporation, including hiring, supervising and terminating other staff. The Executive Director shall be a non-voting ex-officio member of the Board and all Board committees and may attend all functions of the Board, with the exception of executive sessions to discuss matters relating to the Executive Director's performance or contract. The Executive Director's duties and responsibilities shall be further described in their contract. The Executive Director may not be related by blood, marriage or domestic partnership to any Board member.

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**ARTICLE VIII-XI  
COMMITTEES**

Sec. 1. Committees. The state ~~board~~Board establishes standing committees and other committees as it may deem necessary to assist the ~~board~~Board in its work. The resolution establishing such committees shall state the purpose, timeline and authority of each committee. The designation and appointment of any such committee and the delegation thereto of authority shall not relieve the state ~~board~~Board of any responsibility imposed by law.

**ARTICLE IX  
NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

~~Sec. 1. Nominating Committee. The nominating committee shall consist of five (5) members, two (2) of whom shall be members of the board of directors of the LWVCO. The chair and two (2) members, who shall not be members of the board of directors, shall be elected by the convention for a term of two (2) years. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current nominating committee. The other members of the committee shall be appointed annually by the board of directors at the first (1st) board meeting after convention. Any vacancy occurring in the nominating committee shall be filled by the board of directors.~~

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~~Sec. 2. Suggestions for Nominations. The chair of the LWVCO nominating committee shall request, through the president/leaders of each local League, ILO and SLU, suggestions for nominations for offices to be filled. Suggestions for nominations by local Leagues, ILOs and SLUs shall be sent by the president, leader or secretary of such League bodies to the chair of the nominating committee. In addition, any member may also send suggestions directly to the chair of the nominating committee.~~

~~Sec. 3. Report of Nominating Committee and Nominations from Floor.~~

~~The report of the nominating committee of its nominations for officers, directors and for the chair and two (2) members of the succeeding nominating committee shall be sent to local Leagues, ILOs and SLUs at least 30 days before the opening date of the convention or council. The report of the nominating committee shall be presented to the convention or council on the first (1st) day of the convention or council. Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor provided that the consent of the nominees shall have been obtained.~~

~~Sec. 4. Election. The election shall be under the direction of an election committee appointed by the president on the first (1st) day of the convention or council. If there is more than one candidate for a position, the election shall be by ballot under the direction of an election committee. When there is but one nominee for each office, it shall be in order to move that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for every candidate. A majority vote shall constitute an election.~~

**ARTICLE X**  
**PROGRAM: ISSUES FOR STUDY AND ACTION**

Sec. 1. Principles. The LWVUS government Principles adopted by the national convention and supported by the League as a whole constitute the authorization for the adoption of Program.

Sec. 2. Program. The Program of the LWVCO shall consist of action to implement the Principles and those governmental issues chosen for concerted study and action as follows:

a. Local, ILO and SLU ~~board~~Boards may make suggestions for state Program to the state ~~board~~Board at least three (3) months prior to the ~~convention~~Annual Meeting.

b. The state ~~board~~Board shall consider these suggestions and formulate a proposed Program which shall be sent with the final call to ~~convention~~Annual Meeting (Article XI, Sec. 1)

Sec. 3. ~~Convention~~Annual Meeting Action. The ~~convention~~LWVCO membership shall adopt an agenda of issues by a majority vote on the proposed state Program recommended by the ~~board~~Board of ~~directors~~Directors. Any suggestion for state study and action submitted to the state ~~board~~Board at least three (3) months prior to convention but ~~and~~ not recommended ~~approved~~ by the ~~board~~state Board, may be adopted ~~provided consideration is ordered by a majority vote on the first day of convention and on a following day the proposal for adoption receives~~ by a three-fifths (3/5) vote ~~at the Annual Meeting~~.

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~~Sec. 4. Council Action. The council may change the Program as provided in Article XII, Section 4(b).~~

Sec. ~~54~~. Member Action. Members may act in the name of the LWVCO only when authorized to do so by the ~~board~~Board of ~~directors~~Directors of the LWVCO.

Sec. ~~65~~. League Action. Leagues may act in the name of the LWVCO only when authorized to do so by the ~~board~~Board of ~~directors~~Directors of the LWVCO.

**ARTICLE XIII**  
**CONVENTION ANNUAL MEETING**

~~Sec. 1. Place, Date and Call. The Annual Meeting of the LWVCO shall be held annually, with the purpose of considering and authorizing its program for study and action, electing officers and directors of the Board of Directors, approving the organizational budget, and conducting other needed business.~~

~~Sec. 1. Place, Date and Call. A Convention of the LWVCO shall be held biennially at a time and place to be determined by the board of directors of the LWVCO. The president shall send a first (1st) call for the convention to the presidents/leaders of the local Leagues, ILOs and leaders of SLUs not less than four (4) months prior to the opening date of the convention fixed in said call. Thereafter the board of directors may advance or postpone the opening date of the convention by not more than two (2) weeks.~~

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~~A final call for the convention shall be sent to the presidents/leaders of the local Leagues, ILOs and SLUs at least 45 days before the opening date of the convention. The final call shall include a packet to be distributed before convention to include an annual budget, current and proposed by-laws changes, nominating committee report, proposed Program and any other information needed by delegates for voting.~~

~~Sec. 2. Composition. The Annual Meeting shall consist of:~~

~~a. VOTING MEMBERS (delegates)~~

- ~~1) The delegates of each local League (LL) and State League Unit (SLU) are determined as stated in the Policy Manual.~~
- ~~2) The members of the Board of Directors of the LWVCO.~~
- ~~3) Each delegate shall be entitled to one (1) vote only at the Annual Meeting, even though the delegate may be attending in two (2) or more LWVCO capacities.~~

~~b. OBSERVERS - Members of LLs, ILOs, SLUs, individual members-at-large and guests may attend as non-voting observers as space permits and/or by electronic means.~~

~~Sec. 2. Composition. The convention shall consist of:~~

~~A. VOTING MEMBERS~~

~~1) The delegates chosen by the members of each local League and SLU in the number provided in Sec.4. of this article.~~

~~2) The president/leader of each local League or an alternate chosen by its board.~~

~~3) The president/leader of each recognized ILO or alternate chosen by its board.~~

~~4) The leader of each SLU or an alternate chosen by the unit.~~

~~5) The members of the board of directors of the LWVCO.~~

~~B. OBSERVERS~~

~~Members of local Leagues, ILOs, SLUs and individual members-at-large may attend as non-voting observers as space permits.~~

~~Sec. 3. Representation & Voting. The members of the LWVUS who are organized into recognized local Leagues in the State of Colorado shall be entitled to voting representation in the Annual Meeting provided in the Policy Manual.~~

~~Sec. 3. Qualifications of Delegates and Voting. Each delegate shall be a voting member:~~

- ~~a. Dues paying or a life member and enrolled in a recognized local League, state League unit or Dues paying member at large of the LWVCO or life member at large of the LWVCO.~~

~~b. Each delegate representing a local League shall be entitled to vote only if that League has met its per member payment responsibilities unless otherwise decided by the convention.~~

~~Each delegate shall be entitled to one (1) vote only at the convention, even though the delegate may be attending in two (2) or more LWVCO capacities. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted. The convention shall be the sole judge of whether a delegate is qualified to vote.~~

~~Sec. 4. Representation. The members of the LWVUS who are organized into recognized local Leagues in the State of Colorado shall be entitled to voting representation in the convention as follows: Each~~

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~~local League shall be entitled to one (1) delegate, in addition to the president/leader of the local League or alternate, and such delegate shall be chosen by the local League. The members in each local League having more than fifteen (15) voting members shall also be entitled to one (1) additional delegate for each additional twenty-five (25) voting members or major fraction (13) thereof, belonging to said local League on the date designated by the LWVUS for annual official membership count for said year. Each SLU with at least ten members shall be entitled to one (1) delegate in addition to the leader. Such delegate shall be chosen by the SLU. The record in the state office of paid voting members as of the officially designated date of said year shall determine the official membership count for this purpose.~~

~~Sec. 5. Powers. The convention shall consider and authorize for action its Program for study and action, shall elect officers and directors for two years, shall adopt a budget for the ensuing one year (1) fiscal period and shall transact such other business as may be properly presented.~~

Sec. 64. Quorum. Twenty percent (20%) of the possible number of voting delegates, other than the ~~board~~Board of ~~directors~~Directors, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the ~~convention~~Annual Meeting, if there is representation from at least fifty percent (50%) of the local Leagues.

## ARTICLE XII COUNCIL

~~Sec. 1. Place, Date and Call. A meeting of the council shall be held in the interim year between conventions, approximately twelve (12) months after the preceding convention, at a time and place to be determined by the board of directors of the LWVCO. A formal call shall be sent by the president of the LWVCO to the presidents/leaders of the local Leagues, ILOs and leaders of SLUs in Colorado at least thirty (30) days before the opening date of a council meeting. The final call shall include a packet to be distributed before council to include an annual budget, current and proposed by-laws changes, nominating committee report, proposed Program and any other information needed by delegates for voting.~~

~~Special council meetings may be called in the event of an emergency.~~

~~Sec. 2. Composition. The council shall be composed of~~

### ~~A. VOTING MEMBERS~~

- ~~1) The president/leaders or designated alternate of each local League.~~
- ~~2) One delegate chosen by each local League.~~
- ~~3) The leader or designated alternate of each SLU.~~
- ~~4) The president or alternate of each recognized ILO.~~
- ~~5) The members of the board of directors of the LWVCO.~~

### ~~B. OBSERVERS~~

~~Members of local Leagues, ILOs, SLUs and individual members at large may attend as non-~~

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**Commented [BH13]:** Article XI & XII were combined into Article XIII Annual Meeting, with accompanying Policy 110.00 Annual Meeting

~~voting observers as space permits.~~

~~Sec. 3. Qualifications of Delegates and Voting. Each delegate shall be a voting member.~~

- ~~—— a. Enrolled in a recognized local League or state League unit.~~
- ~~—— b. Enrolled as a member-at-large of the LWVCO.~~
- ~~—— c. Each delegate shall be entitled to one (1) vote only at the council even though the delegate may be attending in two (2) or more capacities. ———~~

~~Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted. The council shall be the sole judge of whether a delegate is qualified to vote.~~

~~Sec. 4. Powers.~~

- ~~—— a. The council shall give guidance to the board on Program, methods of operation, shall elect officers and directors for two years and adopt a budget for the ensuing fiscal year.~~
- ~~—— b. In the event of an emergency, the council may change the Program upon recommendation of the board of directors or a local League, using the following procedure:~~
  - ~~—— 1) At least eight (8) weeks prior to the council meeting any local League proposing a change shall submit it to the board which shall decide whether to recommend the change.~~
  - ~~—— 2) At least six (6) weeks prior to the council meeting the board shall send to the presidents/leaders of local Leagues, ILOs, and leaders of SLUs all proposed changes.~~
  - ~~—— 3) Any change proposed by a local League, ILO, and SLU and not recommended by the board shall first require a majority vote of the council for consideration.~~
  - ~~—— 4) A three fifths (3/5) vote shall be required to adopt any change.~~

~~Sec. 5. Quorum. Fifteen (15) delegates other than the board of directors of the LWVCO shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the council provided that there is representation from at least forty (40) percent of the local Leagues.~~

**ARTICLE ~~XXIX~~XIV**  
**RECOGNITION OF LOCAL LEAGUES, INTER-LEAGUE ORGANIZATIONS**  
**AND LEAGUE UNITS**

Sec. 1. Local Leagues.

- a. Local Leagues are those Leagues which have been so recognized by the LWVUS.
- b. The LWVCO ~~board~~Board of ~~directors~~Directors shall recommend to the ~~board~~Board of the LWVUS that it recognize as a local League any group of members of the LWVUS in any community within the state provided the group meets qualifying requirements for local Leagues as adopted by the national convention.

Sec. 2. Inter-League Organization.

- a. Members enrolled in local Leagues may create formal or informal ILOs in order to promote the purpose of the League and act on county, metropolitan or regional governmental matters of common concern.
- b. ILOs shall be organized in conformity with qualifying requirements formulated by the national ~~board~~Board of ~~directors~~Directors and adopted by the national convention.
- c. All funds held by an ILO from which recognition has been withdrawn shall be prorated among Leagues responsible for funding the ILO.

Sec. 3. State League Units. SLUs composed of members-at-large shall be organized at the discretion of the state ~~board~~Board and bear the same relationship to the state ~~board~~Board as units of a local League bear to the local League ~~board~~Board.

Sec. 4. Withdrawal of Recognition. The state ~~board~~Board may recommend to the national ~~board~~Board that recognition be withdrawn from a local League or ILO and may dissolve a SLU when it has been determined that there has been recurring failure to meet qualifying requirements. In the event of recurring failure of a local League to meet these qualifying requirements, the ~~board~~Board of ~~directors~~Directors of the LWVCO may recommend to national ~~board~~Board that it withdraw recognition from the Local League. ~~All funds held by a local League from which recognition has been withdrawn shall be paid to the LWVCO~~

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Sec. 5. Disposal of Funds and/or other Property.

- a. When recognition has been withdrawn from a League organization, ~~moneys~~monies and securities which may at the time be owned by or under the control of that organization shall be paid to the LWVCO after the state and national per member payments and other obligations have been met.
- b. All other property which may at the time be owned or under the control of the League or SLU shall be disposed of to such person, organization or corporation for such public, charitable or educational uses and purposes as the ~~board~~Board of the group in its absolute discretion may designate.
- c. When recognition is withdrawn from an ILO or similar group, the funds remaining in the treasury after all obligations have been met shall be distributed in equal part to the local Leagues that constituted its membership.

**ARTICLE XI~~V~~  
MANAGEMENT**

Sec 1. Staff. The ~~board~~Board of ~~directors~~Directors is authorized to hire such staff as needed to carry out the purpose of the ~~organization~~corporation.

Sec. 2. Books and Records. The LWVCO shall keep correct and complete books and records of account, minutes of the proceedings of its ~~board~~Board and such other records as may be necessary or advisable or required by law at the registered or principal office of the LWVCO. All books and records of the LWVCO may be inspected by a director for any proper purpose at any reasonable time, upon reasonable notice to the secretary of the LWVCO.

~~Sec. 3. Non-Discrimination. The LWVCO shall not discriminate or allow unlawful harassment based on race, color, religion, creed, gender, age, national origin, ancestry, disability, marital status, military status, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender expression, or socioeconomic status in any of its activities or operations. These activities include, but are not limited to, all employment decisions, selection of volunteers, selection of vendors, access to services and the provision of services.~~

**Commented [BH15]:** This was moved to Article IV Nondiscrimination and Policy 105.00 Inclusion & Nondiscrimination

**ARTICLE XVI~~I~~  
FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Sec. 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the League of Women Voters of Colorado shall commence on the first (1st) day of July of each year and end on the thirtieth (30) day of June of the following year.

~~Sec. 2. Financial Support.~~

~~a. Dues. Each member shall pay annual dues (except as provided for in the Policy and Procedure manual). Members-at-large pay dues directly to the LWVCO. Dues from members of SLUs will be collected by the unit secretary/treasurer and forwarded to the LWVCO.~~

~~b. National and State Per Member Payment. Each local League shall make a national per member payment (PMP) in the amount to be determined by the LWVUS and a state per member payment in the amount determined by a three-fifths (3/5) vote at the state Annual Meeting. National PMP and state per member payment are included in the dues paid by members-at-large and members of SLUs.~~

~~Sec. 2. Financial Support.~~

~~a. Dues. Each member shall pay annual dues (except as provided for in Article III, Sec.2, 3). Life Members) to the local League in which enrolled. Members-at-large pay dues directly to the LWVCO. Dues from members of SLUs will be collected by the unit secretary/treasurer and forwarded to the LWVCO.~~

~~b. National and State Per Member Payment. Each local League shall make a national per member payment (PMP) in the amount to be determined by the LWVUS and a state per member payment in the amount determined by a three-fifths (3/5) vote of the state convention. National PMP and state per member payment are included in the dues paid by members at large and members of SLUs.~~

~~c. When two (2) or more members reside at the same address in common household, the payment determined by the national and state conventions shall be made for the first member; a payment equal to one-half (1/2) times the payment shall be paid for each additional member.~~

~~d. A student is defined as an individual enrolled either full or part time in an accredited educational institution.~~

**Commented [BH16]:** This section was streamlined for simplicity and conciseness.

## ARTICLE XVI NATIONAL CONVENTION AND COUNCIL

~~Sec. 1. National Convention/Council. The Board of Directors of the LWVCO at a meeting before the date on which names of delegates must be sent to the LWVUS shall elect delegates to the National Convention/Council in the number allowed by the LWVCO under the provisions of the bylaws of the LWVUS.~~

~~Sec. 1. National Convention. The board of directors of the LWVCO at a meeting before the date on which names of delegates must be sent to the LWVUS shall elect delegates to the national convention in the number allowed the LWVCO under the provisions of the bylaws of the LWVUS.~~

~~Sec. 2. National Council. The board of directors of the LWVCO, at a meeting before the date on which names of delegates must be sent to the LWVUS, shall elect delegates to the national council in the number allowed the LWVCO under the provisions of the bylaws of the LWVUS.~~

Commented [BH17]: Sections 1 & 2 were combined for simplicity and conciseness.

## ARTICLE XVII IDEMNIFICATION

Sec. 1. Indemnification. The LWVCO shall indemnify any director, officer, specified representative or former director, officer or specified representative of the LWVCO or any person who may have served at its request against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with the defense of any action, suit or proceeding, civil or criminal, in which s/he is made a party by reason of being or having been an officer or director of the LWVCO, except in relation to matters as to which s/he is adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of her/his duty to the LWVCO.

## ARTICLE XVIII PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Sec. 1. Parliamentary Authority. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the corporation in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Colorado.

## ARTICLE XIX AMENDMENTS

Sec. 1. Amendments. These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any ~~convention/council~~Annual Meeting of the LWVCO using the following procedures:

a. Proposals for change shall be submitted by the ~~board~~Board of any local League, ILO, SLU, or by the state ~~board~~Board. Such proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to the state ~~board~~Board at least three (3) months prior to the opening date of the convention.

b. All such proposed amendments together with the recommendations of the ~~board~~Board of ~~directors~~Directors of the LWVCO shall be sent to the presidents/leaders of local Leagues and ILOs and to the leaders of SLUs at least two (2) months prior to the opening date of convention.

c. The presidents/leaders of local Leagues, ILOs and leaders of SLUs shall notify the members of their respective Leagues or units of the proposed amendments. Failure of any member to receive such notice shall not



invalidate amendments to the bylaws of the LWVCO.

**BYLAWS**