

Changes to LWVAL Bylaws – Part I
To be proposed at LWVAL Convention
April 2013

(Language to be removed in parentheses.) *Language added in bold italics.*

Purpose: to eliminate references to provisional leagues, to conform to current LWVUS policy; only local leagues and MAL leagues/units are recognized by LWVUS.

ARTICLE VI

Local (and Provisional) Leagues and Member-at-Large Units

(Sec. 2. Provisional Leagues.

- a. Provisional Leagues are those Leagues which have been endorsed by the LWVUS.
- b. The state board has the responsibility for the organization and development of new Leagues. For this purpose, the board may organize a group in a community in which no local League exists and shall recommend the group to the LWVUS for endorsement as a provisional League when it fulfills state and national recognition requirements. Members of provisional Leagues shall be voting members of the LWVAL and of the LWVUS and shall pay annual dues to the provisional League.)

ARTICLE VII

Sec. 2. Budget.

The board of directors shall submit to the convention for adoption a budget for the ensuing biennium. The board shall submit to the council any recommended changes in the budget for the second year of the biennium. This budget shall provide for the support of the state League. A copy of the proposed budget or recommended changes shall be sent to the presidents of each local (and provisional) League and MAL unit at least one month in advance of the convention/council.

Sec. 4. Financial Support.

Each local League shall make a per member payment to the LWVAL in an amount to be determined by a three-fifths vote of those present and voting at each convention/council. (Each provisional League shall pay an amount to be determined by the state board.) When two or more members reside at the same address in a common household, the per-member payment determined by this convention/council shall be paid for the first member; a payment equal to one-half the per-member payment shall be paid for each other member. A member who qualifies as a full time student with LWVUS shall also qualify with LWVAL for payment of one-half the per member payment. Local (and provisional) Leagues shall be excused from making a per member payment for paid life or honorary life members. Each MAL shall pay annual dues to the LWVAL in an amount to be determined by the state board.

ARTICLE VIII

Sec. 1. Place, Date, and Call.

A convention of the LWVAL shall be held biennially in the odd numbered years at a time and place to be determined by the state board. The president shall send a first call for convention to the presidents of each local (and provisional) League and MAL unit not less than three months prior to the opening date of the convention as fixed in said call. Thereafter the board of directors may advance or postpone the opening date of convention by no more than two weeks. A formal call giving the exact time and place for convention shall be sent to the presidents of each local

(and provisional) League and MAL unit at least two months before the opening of the convention. Notice of convention shall be sent to individual MALs at the same time.

Sec. 2. Composition.

- b. the president of each local (and provisional) League and MAL unit or alternate in the event the president is unable to attend;
- d. representatives chosen by (provisional and) MAL units in numerical ratio as provided in Sec. 4 of this article.

Sec. 4. Representation.

Each local League in the state of Alabama shall be entitled to one delegate for the first fifteen voting members; one delegate for every twenty-five additional voting members, or major fraction thereof, up to two hundred; and one delegate for every fifty additional voting members, or major fraction thereof, above two hundred, belonging to said local League on January 1 of said year, provided that no local League may have more than fifteen delegates accredited to the convention.

(Provisional Leagues and) MAL units shall have representation according to the same ratio. The Annual Report establishing voting members as of January 1 of said year shall determine the official membership count for this purpose.

ARTICLE IX

Sec. 1. Place, Date, and Call.

A meeting of the council shall be held in the interim year between conventions, approximately twelve months after the preceding convention, at a time and place to be determined by the state board. A formal call shall be sent by the president of the state League to the president of each local (and provisional) League and MAL unit in Alabama at least thirty days before the opening of a council meeting. Notice shall be sent to individual MALs at the same time. Special meetings may be called by the state board in the event of extreme emergency.

Sec. 2. Composition.

- a. the presidents of the local (and provisional) Leagues and MAL units or an alternate in the event that the president is unable to attend;

Sec. 3. Powers.

- a. Notice of proposed changes shall have been sent to the president of each local (and provisional) League and MAL unit at least one month in advance of the council;

Article X

Sec. 1. Nominating Committee.

The nominating committee shall consist of five members. The chair and two members who shall not be members of the state board, shall be elected by the convention/council. Two members of the committee shall be appointed by the board of directors immediately after convention. Vacancies occurring in the nominating committee shall be filled by the state board. The president of the state League shall send the name and address of the chair of the nominating committee to the president of each local (and provisional) League and MAL unit.

Sec. 2. Suggestions for Nominations.

The chair of the nominating committee shall request, through the president of each local (and Provisional) League and MAL unit, suggestions for nominations for offices to be filled. Suggestions for nominations shall be sent by the president or secretary of each local (and provisional) League and MAL unit to the chair of the nominating committee at least three months before the opening date of convention.

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

The report of the nominating committee of its nominations for officers and directors, for the chair and two members of the succeeding nominating committee shall be sent to each local (and provisional) League and MAL unit president at least one month before the opening date of convention. The report of the nominating committee shall be presented to the convention as the first committee report after the administrative reports of the convention.

Article XI

Sec. 3. Convention Action.

The convention shall act upon state program using the following procedures:

- d. Any suggestions for the state program submitted to the state board at least three months before the convention, but not recommended by the board, may be adopted by the convention provided all local Leagues(, provisional Leagues) and MAL units were notified at least one month prior to convention of the intent to move for adoption of such items, consideration is ordered by a majority vote and the proposal for adoption receives a two-thirds vote. Such notification should be made by the member or members who wish such consideration.

Article XIV

Sec. 1. Amendments.

- b. All such proposed amendments together with the recommendations from the state board shall be sent to the local(, provisional)and MAL unit presidents at least one month prior to the opening of convention and published in the state **Voter** prior to the opening of the convention.