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## GLOSSARY OF LEAGUE TERMS

There are certain terms which have a unique meaning when used by the League of Women Voters. Some are listed here to help new and continuing members.

**ACTION:** Promoting the League's positions on local, state, and national public policy issues to government officials, the media, and the public.

**ACTION ALERT:** Request to members from LWVUS, LWVIN or **LWV**\_\_\_\_ to take action in support of a League position.

**ANNUAL MEETING:** Local year-end business meeting to elect officers and directors, vote on bylaw changes and adopt a budget and program of work for the next year.

**CONSENSUS:** Collective opinion of a substantial number of League members, representative of the membership, after objective study of an issue.

**CONCURRENCE:** Agreement by League members with a position on an issue reached by a small group of members or by another League.

**CONVENTION:** A state or national League meeting held every other year at which delegates elect officers and directors for the biennium, adopt program, make bylaw changes, and adopt a budget, usually for one year. Local Leagues send delegates to state convention, local and state Leagues send delegates to national convention.

**COUNCIL:** An assembly held in alternate years. Local Leagues send delegates to state council, state Leagues send delegates to national council.

**DEI:** Acronym for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

**EDUCATION FUND:** The tax-deductible arm of national, state, and large local Leagues, handling funds to be used only for educational purposes, not for action on issues.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICERS for **LWV**\_\_\_\_:** Redefine for new League

**HONORARY LIFE MEMBER:** A person who has been a member for 50 years or more. Life members are excused from dues payment and their Leagues pay no per member payment (PMP) for them.

**ILO:** Acronym for an Inter-League Organization, formed by local Leagues within a county, metropolitan area, or region to act on issues that are beyond the local League area in scope.

**LWVEF:** Acronym for League of Women Voters Education Fund on the national level.

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**LWV\_\_**: Acronym for League of Women Voters of \_\_\_\_.

**LWVIEF**: Acronym for League of Women Voters of Indiana Education Fund.

**LWVIN**: Acronym for League of Women Voters of Indiana.

**LWVUS**: Acronym for League of Women Voters of the United States.

**MAL**: Acronym for Member-At-Large, a member who resides outside the area of, and is not enrolled in, a local League.

**MAL UNIT**: A state League recognized group of Members-At-Large, in an area where there is no local League.

**MEMBER:**

a) *Voting Member*. Persons at least 16 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local Leagues, state Leagues and of LWVUS; (1) those who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League; (2) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League 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; (4) those who are students are defined as individuals enrolled either as full or part time with an accredited institution.

b) *Associate Member*. All others who join the League shall be associate members.

**OFFICERS**: All Executive Officers and Secretary and Treasurer.

**PMP**: Acronym for Per Member Payment, the amount of money paid to LWVUS and LWVIN on behalf of each member.

**POSITION**: A statement of the League's point of view on an issue, arrived at through member study and agreement (consensus or concurrence), approved by the appropriate board and used as a basis for League action.

**PRINCIPLES**: Governmental standards and policies supported by the League as a whole. They constitute the authorization for adoption of program at all levels.

**PROGRAM**: Selected governmental issues chosen by members at the local, state, and national levels for study and action.

**PROGRAMS**: Plans for speakers, discussion, or other activities for League meetings.

**VOTERS' GUIDE**: Nonpartisan publication giving candidates' qualifications and positions on selected issues. ex., VOTE411.org.

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**VOTER SERVICES:** Year-round activity to help citizens be politically effective and to encourage their participation in the political process. Registering voters and presenting factual, nonpartisan information on candidates and election issues are basic voter services activities.