

1. ADOPT A TWO-YEAR BUDGET CYCLE

ARTICLE VII. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Section 4. Budget Committee. The state board shall appoint a budget committee at least four months in advance of Convention ~~or Council~~. The Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee but shall not serve as chair. The Committee shall prepare a budget for the next fiscal year and present it to the State Board for approval.

Section 5. Budget. The state board shall approve and distribute a proposed budget for the next two fiscal years to the membership at least 45 days prior to the Convention ~~or Council~~. A budget shall be adopted by the Convention ~~or Council~~. The state board shall review the budget prior to the succeeding Council and distribute proposed modifications at least 30 days prior to the Council. Modifications may be made by the Council.

ARTICLE VIII. CONVENTION

Section 5. Powers. The Convention shall consider and adopt a program for study and action, shall elect officers and directors, shall adopt a budget for the ensuing two years, and shall transact such other business as may be presented.

ARTICLE IX. COUNCIL

a. **Section 3. Powers.**

b. The Council shall ~~adopt~~ confirm or modify the budget for the ensuing year and shall transact such other business as shall be presented by the state board.

In favor of this change:

The basic LWVNM financial cycle is a two-year cycle, corresponding to the two-year cycles in League Convention and Council at the state and national levels and the two-year election cycle. In addition, new program as a rule is adopted only at state Convention. Other League expenses are basically the same from one year to the next. It is not necessary to have a budget committee to generate a new budget every year.

Against this change

It is important that the LWVNM budget be reviewed carefully each year, especially during times of rapid economic change. With this change, responsibility for review is assigned to the board rather than an independent committee, and the review may not get the attention it deserves.

2. CHANGE CONVENTION NOTIFICATION REQUIRMENTS TO 30 DAYS

ARTICLE VIII. CONVENTION

Section 1. Place, Date, and Call. A Convention of the LWVNM shall be held biennially at a time and place to be determined by the state board. The president shall send a first call for Convention to the membership not less than four months prior to the opening date of the Convention fixed in said call. Thereafter the state board may advance or postpone the opening date of the Convention by not more than two weeks. A final call for the Convention shall be sent to the membership at least ~~45~~30 days before Convention.

ARTICLE X. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 3. Report of the Nominating, Committee and Nominations from the Floor. The report of the nominating committee of its nominations for officers, directors, and chairman and two members of the succeeding nominating committee shall be presented to the State Board and sent to the membership at least ~~45~~30 days before the date of the Convention.

ARTICLE XI. PRINCIPLES AND PROGRAMS

Section 2. Program. The program of LWVNM shall consist of action to implement the Principles and those governmental issues chosen by the Convention for concerted study and action as follows:

- b. The state board shall consider these recommendations and formulate a proposed program which shall be sent to the membership at least ~~45~~30 days prior to the Convention.

ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended at any Convention by a two-thirds vote provided that the proposed amendment was submitted to the state board at least three months prior to the Convention by a local League board, or state MAL unit or has been proposed by the state board. The state board shall send all such proposed amendments together with the recommendations of the board to the membership at least ~~45~~30 days prior to the Convention.

In favor of this change:

This gives the board more time to assemble and distribute reports and announcements after its March board meeting. This year, in order to avoid conflict with the legislative session, the March board meeting was March 21. 45 days before convention was April 2. This was barely enough time to get *La Palabra* assembled, printed and mailed.

Against this change:

State Convention is the biggest event on the state League calendar. 45 days notice seems minimal for that.

3a. CLEAN-UP AMENDMENTS: References to MALs

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 2. Types of Membership.

- a. Voting Members. Citizens of at least 18 years of age, residing within New Mexico who join the League shall be voting members of local Leagues or state ~~MAL~~ members-at-large (MAL) units, and of the LWVNM and LWVUS;
 - 1. individuals 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 (MAL)~~ MALs.

ARTICLE V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS (STATE BOARD)

Section 1. Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office. The board of directors shall be members of LWVNM and shall consist of the officers of the LWVNM, not more than six elected directors, not more than six appointed directors, and the presidents of local ~~and provisional~~ Leagues and MAL units.

ARTICLE VIII. CONVENTION

Section 4. Representation. The members of the LWVUS who are organized into recognized local Leagues and state MAL units in the state of New Mexico shall be entitled to voting representation in the Convention as follows:

- c. Members-at-Large shall be represented by a MAL representative to be selected by the state board~~the state board MAL chairperson, whether on or off board.~~

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“MAL” should be defined the first time it is used. “Provisional Leagues” were eliminated in 1996 and replaced by MAL units. (Currently, LWVNM has no MAL units, and no state policies regarding their formation.) LWVNM has not had a separate MAL chairperson for many years. Interacting with our MALs has been part of the job of the Membership Chair.

Against this change?

3b. CLEAN-UP AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VII, Section 3

Section 3. Dues.

- a. Members enrolled in local Leagues shall pay annual dues as adopted at Annual Meeting.
- b. Dues for members-at-large (MALs) will be recommended by the State Board and adopted at State Convention.

Section 4. Per Member Payment

- a. Each local League shall make an annual per member payment (PMP) to the LWVNM for local League members, additional members in a common household, student members, and associated members, the amount to be determined at state Convention by a three-fifths vote of the delegates.
- b. Each local League shall pay the per member payment in full directly to LWVNM by December 31 of each calendar year.
- c. The state treasurer shall make a per member payment to LWVUS for each MAL in accordance with the bylaws and procedures of LWVUS.

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with subsequent sections to be renumbered.

In favor of this change:

The current wording leaves room for confusion between dues, which are member payments by individuals or households to the League, and Per Member Payments, which are payments from one level of the League to another.

Against this change?

3c. OTHER CLEAN-UP: Punctuation, typos etc.

Article IV. OFFICERS

Section 1. Enumeration, Election, and Duties of Officers. The officers of the LWVNM shall be president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer. They shall be elected ~~by~~at ~~the~~ Convention and shall take office immediately after the Convention.

Article V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS (STATE BOARD)

Section 1. Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office. The board of directors shall be members of LWVNM and shall consist of the officers of the LWVNM, not more than six elected directors, not more than six appointed directors, and the presidents of local and provisional Leagues. The elected directors shall be elected ~~by~~at the Convention and shall take office immediately after the Convention. They shall hold

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Section 2. Composition. The Convention shall consist of the delegates chosen by the members through the local Leagues and state MAL units as prescribed in Section 4 of this article, ~~the presidents of the local Leagues or an alternate in the event the president is unable to attend,~~ and the members of the state board of LWVNM.

Section 4. Representation. The members of the LWVUS who are organized into recognized local Leagues and state MAL units in the state of New Mexico shall be entitled to voting representation in the Convention as follows:

- d. Number of delegates shall be established by membership count of paid voting members as of ~~January~~February first of said year.

Section 6. Quorum. Forty percent of the possible number of voting delegates other ~~than~~ than members of the state board, shall constitute a quorum provided that there is representation from a majority of local Leagues.

ARTICLE IX. COUNCIL

Section 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 to the presidents of the local Leagues and state MAL units at least 30 days before a council meeting. Special meetings may be called in the event of an extreme emergency.

Section 2. Composition. The Council shall be composed of the following delegates: The presidents of the local Leagues, or an alternate in the event the President is unable to attend; one delegate chosen by each local League, ~~and~~ and each state MAL unit, ~~and~~ and a MAL representative to be selected by the state board, ~~and~~ and all members of the state board of the LWVNM.

Section 3. Powers. The Council shall give guidance to the board on program and methods of work.

- a. The Council is authorized to change the program only in the event of an emergency, provided; 1) notice of proposed changes shall have been sent to the presidents of the local Leagues at least ~~45~~30 days in advance of the meeting of the Council and 2) the change is adopted by a two-thirds vote of the Council.

ARTICLE X. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Nominating Committee. The nominating committee shall consist of five members, two of whom shall be members of the state board. The chairman and two members, who shall not be members of the state board, shall be elected by the Convention. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current nominating committee. The other members of the committee shall be appointed by the state board ~~immediately after Convention.~~ Any vacancy occurring in the nominating committee by reason of death, resignation, or disqualification shall be filled by the state board. ~~The president of the LWVNM shall send the name and address of the chairman of the nominating committee to the president of each recognized local League and state MAL unit. The name and contact information of the chairman of the nominating committee shall be published in the state newsletter and on the state web site.~~

ARTICLE XI. PRINCIPLES AND PROGRAMS

Section 2. Program. The program of LWVNM shall consist of action to implement the Principles and those governmental issues chosen by the Convention for concerted study and action as follows:

- a. The boards of local Leagues and state MAL units may make recommendations for a program to the state board at least ~~three~~two months prior to the Convention.

ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended at any Convention by a two-thirds vote provided that the proposed amendment was submitted to the state board at least ~~three~~two months prior to the Convention by a local League board, ~~or~~ state MAL unit or has been proposed by the state board. The state board shall send all such proposed amendments together with the recommendations of the board to the membership at least 45 days prior to the Convention.

In favor of this change:

Section struck from VIII.2 is redundant. And official membership is now determined by the counts in the national database on February 1 of each year.

Council notifications are 30 days elsewhere in these Bylaws.

In practice, the balance of the nominating committee has not been named until closer to the next Convention. The three elected members are available to be contacted prior to that time.

Program changes, bylaws, etc. are considered by the board at its March meeting, two months before Convention.