



League of Women Voters of New Mexico

Convention Resolutions

(Adopted July 17, 2009)

A. Resolutions

Resolutions may be offered by any registered delegate to a state Convention of LWVNM. Submission of proposed resolutions together with background material at least three weeks prior to the start of Convention is strongly encouraged. Submitted material shall include:

- i. Wording for the proposed resolution.
- ii. Background material, including both pros and cons for the issue addressed in the resolution.
- iii. Explanation of rationale for this form of member understanding and agreement.

If material is not received in time for inclusion in Convention packets, it shall be the responsibility of the proposer to provide review copies for the Resolutions Committee by 2:00 p.m. on the afternoon of the first day of Convention, plus sufficient copies for all delegates by the start of the Sunday plenary session of the two-day Convention.

B. Resolution Committee

Two weeks prior to Convention, the President of the League of Women Voters of New Mexico shall appoint a Resolutions Committee consisting of one member of the LWVNM Board of Directors and two registered Convention delegates with local or state board experience. The committee shall select its own chair.

C. Action by Resolutions Committee

The Resolutions Committee shall meet between the two plenary sessions of the Convention to consider whether the proposed resolutions meet the following criteria:

- i. The resolution is consistent with League Principles and with LWVNM and LWVUS positions,
- ii. The resolution does not circumvent normal League program processes,
- iii. The resolution addresses a single, topical issue pertinent to New Mexico,
- iv. The resolution either (a) requires governmental action at the state level or (b) pertains to the internal administration of the League, and
- v. The resolution can be implemented using existing League resources.

The maker of the resolution may make a presentation to the committee.

The Resolutions Committee shall make an advisory report of its findings. The chair of the Resolutions Committee shall announce the committee's findings to the Convention at the outset of the Sunday plenary. The committee shall provide a written report to the Secretary.

D. Action by Convention

Motions to adopt resolutions shall be made at the Sunday plenary, following debate and action on proposed program. Any resolution may be moved at that time. The President may rule a motion out of order. The delegates may override, by a two-thirds vote, the decisions of the President regarding the motions. A majority vote is required to adopt a resolution.