

GLOSSARY OF TERMS (League Lingo)

Program of Work Planning Terms

LEAGUE ROLE for addressing issues, including:

- **ACTION EFFORT:** always the goal of the League's study process. An Action Effort is not necessarily Legislative Action. Member understanding and strong support are essential for successful action. Need to consider timing and political realities for action effort success, community expectation of League involvement, will League action make a difference and/or enhance League visibility and stature. Do members understand our position and action goals?
- **CITIZEN EDUCATION:** to help citizens understand the complexities of an issue and encourage people to participate in reaching a solution; can also lay the groundwork for successful advocacy. Need to consider if there is the time to education prior to citizen need to act and if it is more important to help citizens understand this issue than to advocate our League position.
- **POSITION UPDATE:** to review an issue on a current LWVWA policy position. Need to consider if position is still useful and if there are significant developments in the issue area that are not reflected in the position.
- **CONCURRENCE:** to agree with a position already held by another League. Need to consider if study is available, if resulting consensus is of sufficient use to us without altering original position statement, and if our membership can become sufficiently well-informed
- **STUDY:** to reach member agreement on a new issue so that the League can take action. Need to consider if position is needed, if there is a government solution, and if enough time to have influence. (see STUDY PROCESS)

ITEM/ISSUE: any specific topic on the list of program of work; local, state or national

PROGRAM:

- with a "capital P": League-adopted an issue (for study, action effort or education). E.g., At-large vs District elections. **CURRENTLY REPLACED WITH PROGRAM OF WORK**
- with a lower case "p": The common meaning of the word—the subject of the meeting, i.e., "what's the program for this evening?"

PROGRAM OF WORK PROPOSALS: The recommendation from the state Board for Convention that is posted not less than 40 days prior to Convention:

- **Recommended Program:** The Board considers the submittals from local Leagues to determine where there is a ground swell of interest, whether it is a new study or action effort, etc. Changes in the recommended program may be submitted up to 3 weeks prior to Convention.
- **Not-Recommended Program Items:** Items that were received in the Program of Work Planning Process that were not proposed by the board for consideration at Convention. Items could be not recommended due to lack of recommendation by several Leagues, incomplete documentation in proposal, or is currently being done. Corrections to the Not Recommended program must be submitted up to 3 weeks prior to Convention.

STUDY PROCESS: Once a study/concurrence/update item is adopted as part of the Program of Work

- STUDY COMMITTEE: formed to research material as proposed in the Outlook for Work.
- Membership has opportunity to review and discuss.
- CONSENSUS: substantial agreement of the members developed through study and discussion.
- NEW POLICY POSITION: approved by Board (based on consensus response) to add to Program in Action for subsequent advocacy.