

## CONCURRENCE

The definition of concurrence in *In League* is:

*Concurrence is the act of agreeing with—or concurring with—a statement of position. A decision-making technique used by the League for some time, concurrence can work several ways. Groups of League members or League boards can concur with 1) recommendations of a resource committee or a unit group; 2) decision statements formulated by League boards; or, 3) positions reached by another League or Leagues.*

As a general rule, background materials presenting the pros and cons on the issue being considered are provided to Leagues and members in the concurrence process.

To ensure that all delegates to LWVC conventions are given adequate notice that they will be asked to consider adoption of a position by concurrence and that they will feel they are casting an informed vote, the following procedure will be followed:

- Local League(s) must submit as one of their recommended issues for state program planning the adoption of a new position by concurrence. It could be something such as “adopt a new state position on xxxx by concurring with another League existing position.” This is the method by which the issue will be on the list of non-recommended items, and at the time of the convention will be eligible to be moved for consideration.
- The local League or individual members who plan to move for adoption of a new position by concurring with a current position of another League or ILO must notify all local League presidents of this not later than 30 days prior to the start of the convention. If requested in time, the LWVC office will provide mailing labels or email addresses for the presidents, but it is the responsibility of the individuals or local Leagues to send the notice recommending concurrence.
- The notice to local League presidents will contain the following information:
  - the position the delegates will be asked to adopt
  - the name of the League or Leagues whose position it is; when the study was done; a succinct but complete description of the extent of the study; and instances of application of the position. If the position is not from a League, then this should be a description of the process used to develop the position
  - any other local Leagues or ILOs that have a similar position, in order to indicate the present extent of member understanding of the issue.
- The League or members who plan to move consideration of the concurrence should come to convention prepared to give a copy of the notice with the above information to all delegates.
- The Convention *Workbook* should be consulted for instructions on moving a not-recommended item for consideration. Passage of a not-recommended item requires an affirmative vote by three-fifths of the delegates.
- Any needed assistance may be requested from the LWVC expert in whose portfolio the concurrence position would fall.