

## Definitions and Things to Consider

**Retention of Current Positions:** Current positions not recommended to be reviewed/updated or dropped will be assumed to be recommended to be retained as is.

**Review/ Update:** This is a study of limited scope to evaluate a position in light of new information, changed circumstances, and/or conflict with another position. Consider:

Is the position sufficient as it stands to achieve the desired change?

Is there a need and is there member interest in altering the position?

Are there enough interested members to form the core of that study committee from your League?

Do we have financial resources to update this position (about \$200 per year)?

### **New Study/ Program Item:**

It is anticipated that a League suggesting a study for a new position will form the core study committee for the work involved. Studies typically last 12-24 months and have budgets of approximately \$200-300 each year to reimburse study members for their expenses.

A new study should be a critical issue for which we lack a position to take action and thus needs a study. You indicate the topic of the study, the scope/parameters of the study and rationale for pursuing a position on the topic. Consider:

Is there a national position that could be used for this?

Would the study result in a position that could then influence state legislative actions?

Could the League make a unique contribution in this area or does it duplicate the work of others?

Are there enough interested members in your League to form the core of the committee?

Do we have financial resources to study the issue?

**Dropping a Position:** Are there positions that are no longer relevant/ needed?

**Building Support for Your Recommendation(s):** To be a recommended item at the 2019 Convention, a program recommendation must have significant support among Ohio Leagues as indicated on local Leagues' Report Forms. Therefore, LWVO urges Leagues to build support for their recommendations for a review/update, a study, or for dropping a position by reaching out to other Ohio Leagues during the program-planning process December-February and asking them to make the same recommendation.

**Legislative Priority:** Your League is asked to recommend the top priority position in each one of the three categories: Government, Social Policy and Natural Resources. Consider:

Is this issue of paramount importance over the next two years?

Can this issue be addressed most effectively through the state (rather than federal/local)

Are there local League members well informed about this issue/position and willing to advocate for it?

Is this issue current (in step with the times and member thinking)?

Can League make a real contribution, or will it merely duplicate the work of others?

Will timing and political realities permit League to be effective on this issue?

**Board Involvement:** The local Board approves all recommendations. A Board representative then completes the form and sends it in to LWVO. Only one form per League should be turned in.

**Reminder: It is important for all Leagues to complete and submit a response form whether or not they recommend a legislative priority, review/update, study, or dropping a position.**