

LWVSC Convention 2021

PROPOSED RULES OF CONVENTION

Our customary rules have been adapted to the virtual meeting format. These rules will be presented for adoption at the opening plenary and require a two-thirds vote to adopt. To suspend a rule at a later time requires a two-thirds vote.

1. By approving these Rules, the Convention delegates accept the legitimacy of the electronic meeting and the decisions made by means of video technology.
2. Each delegate shall sign into the webinar software as instructed to access all controls needed for debate and voting and shall maintain Internet access throughout the plenary when present. Each delegate is responsible for her/his own connection to the Internet. Loss or poor quality of Internet access shall not impact the consideration of an issue or the outcome of an action.
3. The presence of a quorum will be established by the online list of participating delegates, the list to be copied for the minutes.
4. In the event of major technical disruption in the plenary that affects quorum, the Chair will have the option to recess, or to fix the time to which to adjourn, for members to again login to reconvene the plenary.
5. The Technical Manager, at the direction of the Chair, shall have the authority to mute the microphones of all participants and to unmute them when they are recognized by the Chair.
6. Only designated delegates of the local Leagues and members of the State Board of Directors may vote. All LWVSC members are welcome as observers, joining as instructed, but only delegates and those authorized by the Chair will have the privilege of the floor.
7. Delegates must be recognized by the Chair before speaking. Requests to speak will be made through the Q & A function; each request shall include name and League and, if speaking to a motion, whether the delegate wishes to speak pro (in favor of) or con (opposed to) the motion. When recognized by the Chair, each speaker must start by stating name and League, and, if speaking to a motion, whether she/he is speaking pro or con the motion under consideration.
8. Any delegate intending to make a primary motion or offer an amendment shall submit it in writing by 6:00 pm on the night prior to the opening of Convention, as instructed by LWVSC.
9. In debate, no delegate may speak twice on the same motion. Debate shall be limited as determined by these Rules, where specified, or by the Chair. The Chair will announce the total time allocated to each main motion and associated debate.
10. The method of voting shall be announced by the Chair. Voice votes shall be taken by means of the "raise hand" icon, and the Chair's announcement of the result shall in-

clude the number of members voting on each side. An electronic poll may be taken, if needed, at the discretion of the Chair and/or the Parliamentarian.

11. Procedure for adoption of Program for Study and Action:

- A. The proposed Program for Study and Action, as distributed at least four weeks in advance and as written in the Convention Handbook, shall be moved for adoption by a member of the LWVSC Board on the first day of Convention.
- B. Time is provided on the first day of Convention to review the Board-recommended Program for Study and Action and to entertain amendments to the recommended modifications. Any proposed amendments shall have been submitted in writing by 6:00 p.m. on the night before Convention opens. Delegates, limited to one minute each, may speak, up to three for and three against each amendment proposed. A representative of the LWVSC Board may also speak for one minute on why the item is recommended as is. Any approved amendments shall be incorporated into the proposed Program to be brought to a vote on the second day of Convention. After all the recommended items are considered, any delegate may move the consideration of a non-recommended item that was submitted to the state board at least eight weeks before Convention and may speak to it for one minute. A representative of the LWVSC Board may also speak for one minute as to why the item was not recommended. Delegates then vote immediately (without discussion) on the motion to consider the non-recommended item, which needs a majority vote to approve. If consideration is approved, the item then takes its place with the others for debate and vote on the second day of Convention.
- C. On the second day of Convention, debate on the Proposed Program for Study and Action takes place on each item or group of items, as determined by the LWVSC Board, involving board-recommended changes as well as amendments approved by the delegation on the previous day, with strict adherence to time limits. Delegates, limited to one minute each, may speak, up to three for and three against each item or group of items. A representative of the LWVSC Board may also speak for one minute on why the item is recommended. A vote will be taken on each item or group of items, with adoption of those that receive a majority vote in favor. The Convention is the sovereign body of the LWVSC and may adopt positions it believes represent League thinking.
- D. Program debate then follows on any non-recommended item that was voted consideration on the previous day. Delegates, limited to one minute each, may speak, up to three for and three against each non-recommended item. A representative of the LWVSC Board may also speak for one minute as to why the item was not recommended. Adoption of a non-recommended item requires a two-thirds vote.
- E. After every convention, the LWVSC *Program and Action Agenda* is rewritten and published to reflect changes in state Program made at Convention.

12. Procedure for Adoption of the Budget:

- A. The proposed Budget, as distributed at least four weeks in advance and as written in the Convention Handbook, shall be moved for adoption by the Chair of the Budget Committee on the first day of Convention.
 - B. Budget debate will take place on the second day of Convention. No amendments will be in order at this time. Delegates, limited to one minute each, may speak, three for and three against adoption of the budget as presented. A representative of the LWVSC Board may also speak for one minute on why the budget is recommended. Adoption of the budget requires a majority vote.
13. Procedure for Adoption of Revisions to the Bylaws:
- A. The proposed Revisions to the LWVSC Bylaws, as distributed at least four weeks in advance and as written in the Convention Handbook, shall be moved for adoption by a member of the LWVSC Board on the first day of Convention.
 - B. Debate on the proposed Revisions to the bylaws will take place on the second day of Convention. No amendments will be in order at this time. Delegates, limited to one minute each, may speak, up to three for and three against adoption of the Revisions to the bylaws as presented. A representative of the LWVSC Board may also speak for one minute on why the revisions are recommended. Adoption of the revisions to the bylaws requires a two-thirds vote.
14. Minutes: The minutes of the Convention shall be approved by a committee appointed to review and correct the minutes, which shall forward them to the newly elected Board for approval.