

Notice of September 20 General Membership Meeting to Consider Proposed Bylaws Revision

The LWVE Board of Directors calls for a general membership meeting on September 20, 2018, during the monthly luncheon that begins at 11:45 am at Three Crowns Place. The purpose of the general membership meeting will be to consider a proposed bylaw amendment. LWVE bylaws provide that amendments may be approved at a general membership meeting by a 2/3 vote of all voting members present and voting, a quorum of 20 members being present. This serves as the required 10-day notice of the meeting and proposed bylaws change.

The following proposed amendment is offered by the LWVE Board of Directors. A rationale for the change is provided below.

- Only the specific article proposed for amendment listed.
- Brackets [] denote words to be deleted.
- ALL CAPS denote words to be added.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1. Eligibility. Any person who subscribes to the purpose and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership.

Sec. 2. Types of Membership. The membership of the League shall be composed of voting members and associate members.

a. *VOTING MEMBERS*. PERSONS WHO ARE AT LEAST 16 YEARS OF AGE WHO JOIN THE LWVE SHALL BE VOTING MEMBERS OF LWVE. [Voting members shall be those United States citizens at least 18 years of age who are paid members of the LWVE.] League of Women Voters of Evanston members who have been enrolled in the LWVUS for 50 years or more shall be [honorary] LIFE members, shall not be required to pay annual dues, and shall retain voting rights.

b. *ASSOCIATE MEMBERS*. All others who join the League [, such as those who are not citizens or who are under 18 years of age,] shall be associate members.

Rationale: In light of a recent lawsuit involving a local league, LWVIL has provided guidance to help ensure that local League members are covered by LWVIL's umbrella liability insurance policy. This guidance calls on us to ensure that the first three articles of our bylaws conform to LWVUS bylaws. Our bylaws already conformed to Articles I and II, which state the name, purpose, and nonpartisan policy of the League. The proposed changes ensure our conformity with Article III of the LWVUS bylaws.