

Proposed Changes to LWML Nebraska North District Bylaws 2022

If the proposed changes are adopted, then the Nebraska North LWML District Structure Committee requests permission to renumber and re-letter sections to account for deletions and insertions and make any necessary spelling and typographical corrections.

Article I – Name

Rationale: To correct a missing word and use correct style for LCMS

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Article II - Object

Rationale: To clarify wording and current practice.

Current:

b. gather funds for mission grants, especially those for which no adequate provision has been made in the LCMS budget.

If adopted, will read:

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Article III – Members, Section 1

Rationale: To clarify wording and current practice.

Current:

Section 1 – Society—

A woman who is a communicant member of an LCMS congregation is eligible for membership in a society.

If adopted, will read:

Section 1 – ~~Society~~ Group

A woman who is a communicant member of an LCMS congregation is eligible for membership in a group.

Conforming amendments:

Art III, Sec 1a,b,c, Sec 2; Art V, sec 2a,4b,4c; Art VIII, Sec 2b, Sec 2g, Sec 3a; Art X, Sec 2a, Sec 5c,6a; Art XII, Sec 3g; Art XIV, Sec 2b; Art XV, Sec 1a,1c; Art XVI, Sec 1; Art XVIII, Sec 1a, Sec 3b; Art XXII, Sec a

Article IV – Structure, Section 1 e.

Rationale: To conform to current practice.

Current:
Article IV – Structure

If adopted, will read:

Section 1

The zones shall:

e. Alphabetically host the District LWML Convention and District LWML Retreat.

e. By invitation of the Executive Board host the District LWML Convention and District LWML Retreat

Article IV – Structure, Section 2

Rationale: To conform to current practice of submitting electronically

Current:

If adopted, will read:

The bylaws and any subsequent proposed amendments shall be submitted with the required number of copies to the LWML Structure Committee Chairman for approval by the LWML Structure Committee, before being presented to the District membership for adoption.

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Article V – Conventions and Representation, Section 5

Rationale: To give recording secretary more time to review

Current:

If adopted, will read:

The credentials of the delegates shall be in the hands of the Recording Secretary at least two (2) weeks prior to convention.

The credentials of the delegates shall be in the hands of the Recording Secretary at least ~~two (2)~~ four (4) weeks prior to convention.

Article VI – Officers and Elections, Section 1 a.

Rationale: To rename the Vice President positions

Current:

If adopted, will read:

The elected officers shall be President, Vice President of Christian Life, Vice President of Communication, Vice President of Gospel Outreach, Vice President of Human Care, and Vice president of Servant-Resources, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary and Treasurer.

The elected officers shall be President, Vice President of Christian Life, Vice President of Communication, Vice President of Gospel Outreach, Vice President of ~~Human Care~~ Special Focus Ministries, and Vice President of ~~Servant~~ Organizational Resources, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer.

Conforming amendments: Art VI, Sec 2b, Art VII, Sec 5, Sec 6, Sec 6b; Art XI, Sec 2b; Art X Sec 1a, Sec 5, Sec 6,

Article VI – Officers and Elections, Section 2 a.

Rationale: To clarify wording and current practice.

Current:

The elected officers shall be elected by ballot at the convention to serve for a term of four years or until their successors are elected and shall not be eligible for reelection to the same office.

If adopted, will read:

The elected officers shall be elected by ballot at the convention to serve for a term of four (4) years or until their successors are elected and shall not be eligible for reelection to the same office in a successive term.

Article VII – Duties of Elected Officers, Section 1 c.

Rationale: To eliminate unnecessary wording.

The President shall:

Current:

c. be responsible for appointing standing committees, appointed officers, special appointed personnel and special committees with the approval of the Executive Committee; -be responsible for appointing committees or personnel, as needed, with the approval of the Executive Committee;

If adopted, will read:

~~c. be responsible for appointing standing committees, appointed officers, special appointed personnel and special committees with the approval of the Executive Committee;~~ be responsible for appointing committees or personnel, as needed, with the approval of the Executive Committee;

Article VII – Duties of Elected Officers, Section 1 e.

Rationale: To clarify wording and current practice.

Current:

The President shall:

e. serve as a member of the LWML Board of Directors Presidents Assembly and attend the LWML Board of Directors Presidents Assembly meetings and present a report of these meetings to the District Board of Directors;

If adopted, will read:

e. serve as a member of the LWML ~~Board of Directors~~ Presidents Assembly and attend the LWML ~~Board of Directors~~ Presidents Assembly meetings and present a report of these meetings to the District Board of Directors;

Article VII – Duties of Elected Officers, Section 1 e (1)

Rationale: To add additional responsibilities for 1 e.

Current:

1 e (1) no current wording

If adopted, will read:

1 e (1) if the President is unable to attend Presidents Assembly meetings or the LWML convention, she may appoint another district officer in her place, and they will have voice and vote;

Article VII – Duties of Elected Officers, Section 3 d.

Rationale: To clarify the directory

Current: The VP of Communication comm shall:

d. Coordinate the production of an annual Nebraska North District Directory with the Recording Secretary

If adopted, will read:

d. With the Recording Secretary, coordinate the production of an annual directory of the Nebraska North District Board of Directors

Article VII – Duties of Elected Officers, Section 4 j

Rationale: To conform to current practice.

Current:

The VP of Gospel Outreach shall:

j. prepare an impartial presentation of the approved proposed grants for the convention.

If adopted, will read:

j. Prepare an for the convention delegates, impartial presentation information of the proposed grant ballot in a written form. ~~of the approved proposed grants for the convention.~~

Article VII – Duties of Elected Officers, Section 5 d.

Rationale: To delete current responsibility.

Current:

serve as Crisis Response coordinator for the district.

If adopted, will be deleted:

~~serve as Crisis Response coordinator for the district.~~

Article VII – Duties of Elected Officers, Section 6 d.

Rationale: To reflect current practice.

Current:

serve as liaison to the host zone District Convention Planning Committee;

If adopted, will be deleted:

~~serve as liaison to the host zone District Convention Planning Committee;~~

Article VII – Duties of Elected Officers, Section 7 e.

Rationale: To conform to current practice.

Current: The recording secretary shall:

Coordinate the production of an annual Nebraska North District Directory with

If adopted, will read:

With the Vice President of Communication, coordinate the production of an annual

Article VIII – Nominations, Section 2 i.

Rationale: To conform with current practice of utilizing an electronic voting system, where names are presented randomly on the voting ballots.

Current:

prepare printed ballots with the names listed
each position in alphabetical order

If adopted, will read:

prepare ~~printed~~ ballots to be transferred
into an electronic voting system ~~with the names
listed~~

Article IX – ~~Special Appointed Personnel~~

Rationale: To eliminate unnecessary wording

Current:

Special Appointed Personnel

If adopted, will read:

~~Special Appointed Personnel~~
Conforming amendment: Art IX, Sec 6

Article X – ~~Standing Committees~~

Rationale: To eliminate unnecessary wording

Current:

Standing Committees

If adopted, will read:

~~Standing Committees~~
Conforming amendments: Art X, Sec 1a,
1b, Sec 2, Sec 3, Sec 3a, 3b, 4d, 4e, Sec 5, Sec 6,
Sec 6a, Art XII, 1a. Art XIII, Sec 1

Article X – ~~Standing Committees, Section 2~~

Rationale: To conform to current practice.

Current:

The Christian Life Committee shall include
The Vice President of Christian Life and
two members.

If adopted, will read:

The Christian Life Committee shall include
the Vice President of Christian Life and
~~two~~ one (1) or more members.

Article X – ~~Standing Committees, Section 3~~

Rationale: To eliminate position of M/M Coordinator and clarify wording.

Current:

The Communication Committee shall include
the Vice President of Communication as chairman,

If adopted, will read:

The Communication Committee shall include
the Vice President of Communication as

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the Media and Marketing Coordinator, the Editor
of the organizational official publication, and the
the Webmaster.

chairman, ~~the Media and Marketing~~
~~Coordinator~~, the Editor of the organizational
Organization's official publication, and the
Webmaster.

Article X – ~~Standing~~ Committees, Section 3 a.

Rationale: To eliminate position of the M/M Coordinator

Current:

- a. The Media and Marketing Coordinator shall:
- (1) produce, for use within the organization, publicity and promotional materials related to the program and work of the LWML;
 - (2) promote and market LWML products;
 - (3) coordinate the publicity and promotion of the District convention and retreat.

If adopted, will be deleted:

- ~~a. The Media and Marketing coordinator shall:~~
- ~~(1) produce for use within the organization, publicity and promotional materials related to the program and work of the LWML;~~
 - ~~(2) promote and market LWML products;~~
 - ~~(3) coordinate the publicity and promotion of the District convention and retreat.~~

Article X – ~~Standing~~ Committees, Section 3 b. (2)

Rationale: To clarify wording and current practice.

Current:

be responsible for any District pictures;

If adopted, will read:

be responsible for any taking or gathering District pictures for official publications and social media;

Article X – ~~Standing~~ Committees, Section 4 d.

Rationale: To conform to current practice of voting ahead of convention

Current:

select the mission grant proposals to appear on the ballot at District convention, with approval of District Board of Directors, to be presented at the District convention;

If adopted, will read:

select the mission grant proposals to appear on the ballot at for the District Convention, with approval of the District Board of Directors; ~~to be presented at the District convention~~

Article X – ~~Standing~~ Committees, Section 4 e.

Rationale: To conform with current practice

Current:

prepare the mission grants ballot for the convention and present an impartial presentation-prior to vote by delegates.

If adopted, will be deleted:

~~prepare the mission grants ballot for the convention and present an impartial presentation prior to vote by delegates.~~

Article X – ~~Standing~~ Committees, Section 6

Rationale: To change wording to coincide with Vice President changes

Current:

The Servant Resources Committee shall include the Vice President of Servant Resources as chairman, the Structure Coordinator, and YWR, Teen Task Force and Heart to Heart representatives.

If adopted, will read:

The ~~Servant~~ Organizational Resources Committee shall include the Vice President of ~~Servant~~ Organizational Resources as chairman, the Structure Coordinator, ~~and~~ YWR, Teen Task Force, and Heart to Heart Sisters of All Nations representatives.

Article X – ~~Standing~~ Committees, Section 6 a. (4)

Rationale: As these are transmitted electronically, to conform to current practice.

Current:

submit a copy of the required number of copies adopted bylaws to the LWML Structure Committee for filing;

If adopted, will read:

submit a copy of the ~~required number of~~ copies adopted bylaws to the LWML Structure Committee for filing;

Article XI – Pastoral Counselors, Section 1

Rationale: To clarify wording and current practice.

Current:

They shall serve a term of four (4) years and and be ineligible for re-election.

If adopted, will read:

They shall serve a term of four (4) years and be ineligible for re-election in succession.

Article XII – Board of Directors, Section 2 e.

Rationale: To conform to current practice.

Current:

In case of emergency, action may be taken by surface mail, telephone, electronic mail or fax.

If adopted, will read:

In case of emergency, action may be taken by ~~surface~~ mail, telephone, or electronic ~~mail~~ means. ~~or fax~~

Article XIII – Executive Committee, Section 2 a.

Rationale: To conform to current practice.

Current:

In case of any emergency, the committee may take action by surface mail, telephone, electronic mail or fax.

If adopted, will read:

In case of any emergency, the committee may take action by ~~surface~~ mail, telephone, or electronic ~~mail or fax~~ means.

Article XIII – Executive Committee, Section 3 e.

Rationale: To delete entire section, National LWML handles bonding

Current:

e. determine the amount of bonds of those who are authorized to receive or disburse funds;

If adopted, will be deleted:

~~determine the amount of bonds of those who are authorized to receive or disburse funds;~~

Article XIV – Official Publication, Section 1

Rationale: To conform to current practice

Current:

Courtesy copies may be provided at the discretion of the Communication Department with approval of the Executive Committee.

If adopted, will be deleted:

~~Courtesy copies may be provided at the discretion of the Communication Department with approval of the Executive Committee.~~

Article XIV – Official Publication, Section 4

Rationale: Delete entire section, as there is no cost involved currently

Current:

The subscription rate shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

If adopted, will be deleted:

~~The subscription rate shall be determined by the Executive Committee.~~

Article XIV – Official Publication, Section 5

Rationale: to conform to current practice of electronic mailing

Current:

Societies shall order the desired number of copies of the official publication at the same time and in the same manner as the LWML publication, is ordered. Individual subscriptions shall be ordered directly by contacting the editor. All funds for subscriptions to the LWML and/or District official publications shall be remitted to the Financial Secretary.

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Article XV – Mission Grants, Section 2

Rationale: To conform to current practice.

Current:

After approval from the LCMS district officers the Gospel Outreach Committee shall select the mission grant proposals to appear on the convention ballot and submit them for approval of the Executive Committee.

If adopted, will read:

After approval from the LCMS district officers President the Gospel Outreach Committee shall select the mission grant proposals to appear on the convention ballot and submit them for approval of the District Board of Directors.

Article XX – Emergency Action

Rationale: To conform to current practice.

Current:

In the event of any great emergency or other prevailing conditions making the holding of a District convention inadvisable, the Executive Committee shall have the authority to determine whether the convention shall or shall not be held; a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee shall decide, and the vote may be taken by surface mail telephone, electronic mail, or fax.

If adopted, will read:

In the event of any ~~great~~ emergency or other prevailing conditions making the holding of a District Convention inadvisable, the Executive Committee shall have the authority to determine whether the convention shall or shall not be held; a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee shall decide; and the vote may be taken by ~~surface~~ mail, telephone, or ~~electronic mail, or fax~~ means.

Article XXII – Amendments, Section 1 a.

Rationale: To conform to current practice of electronic mailing

Current:

The required number of copies of a copy of these bylaws and all amendments or revisions shall be submitted to the LWML Structure Committee for review before being presented to the District membership for adoption.

If adopted, will read:

~~The required number of copies of~~ A copy of these bylaws and all amendments or revisions shall be submitted to the LWML Structure Committee for review before being presented to the District membership for adoption.

Article XXII – Amendments, Section 1 b.

Rationale: To conform to current practice

Current:

Upon adoption by the convention, the required number of copies shall be submitted to the LWML Structure Committee for filing.

If adopted, will read:

Upon adoption by the convention, ~~the required number of copies~~ a copy shall be submitted to the LWML Structure Committee for filing.
