STUDY [RESTUDY] - Adopted at annual meeting or convention in order to pursue consensus on a new position or add to an existing position.

TASK FORCE – Group of members working on a particular project.

UNIT - Groupings of members within large LLs to provide more opportunity for discussion. Units may be time-oriented (day, evening, lunch hour) or geographically oriented, or both.

VIRGINIA VOTER - Newsletter of the LWV-VA. It is distributed via email, USPS for those without email, and posted on the LWV-VA website, www.lwv-va.org. Also, a more frequent email publication called the Virginia Voter Express, distributed by email only, was instituted in 2016.

VIRTUAL MEETING – Meeting of a League board where a decision is recorded via email or other electronic or conference method.

VOTE411.ORG - Web portal of LWVUS for election information. (www.VOTE411.org)

VOTERS GUIDE - Nonpartisan publication giving candidates' qualifications and positions on selected issues. VOTE411 is a League voters guide.

VOTER SERVICES – Year-round activity to help citizens be politically effective and to encourage their participation in the political process. Registering voters and presenting factual, nonpartisan information on candidates and election issues are basic voter services activities, i.e., all election related projects, activities.

VOTING MEMBERS -- League members who are at least 16 years old. (Note: As of June, 2016, LWVUS redefined a voting member of the League is an individual who is 16 years of age or older – citizen no longer required).

WLRT – Women Legislative Roundtable; a nonpartisan forum moderated by the LWV-VA in Richmond during the General Assembly session for discussion of public policy issues and the legislation to address them. All legislators and non-profit groups are invited to speak about pending legislation and the issues they are tracking.

(Adapted from LWVUS “League Lingo” by LWV-VA, 2011 and 2015)
make bylaw changes and adopt a budget. LLs and MAL Units send delegates to
state convention, local and state Leagues send delegates to national convention.
(State conventions are held in odd-numbered years; national conventions in
even-numbered years.)

COUNCIL - An assembly of delegates held in even-numbered years (state) and
odd-numbered years (national) to adopt a budget and assess program
developments. LLs send delegates (President or designee plus one) to state
(LWV-VA) Council; state Leagues send delegates (President or designee plus
one) to national (LWVUS) Council.

DATABASE - League membership list maintained online via the LWVUS
website.

DEBATE/FORUM – A public event convened to discuss public issues, or an
event to question candidates for public office in a structured format.

DELEGATE – A member appointed by a LWV board to vote at Convention or
Council

EDUCATION FUND (a/k/a Ed Fund) - The tax-deductible arm of national,
state and large LLs, handling funds to be used only for educational purposes, not
for lobbying action on issues (Ed Fund is a 501(c) 3 organization).

Forum.LWV.org: LWVUS Internet site for League Management Resources.

ILO - Acronym for an Inter-League Organization, formed by local and state
Leagues within a metropolitan area or region to act on issues that are beyond one
Local League’s area in scope (such as: LWVNCA).

ITEM - An issue selected for study.

LIFE MEMBER - A person who has been a member of the LWV for at least 50
years. Life members are excused from dues payment and their Leagues pay no
per member payment (PMP) for them.

LL – Local League, i.e., LWV of the Fairfax Area (LWVFA)

LWVNCA - The League of Women Voters of the National Capitol Area (an
Inter-League Organization composed of LWVs of DC, VA, Arlington, Fairfax
Area, Falls Church, Loudoun Co., MD, Howard, Montgomery and Prince
Georges Counties).

LWVUS – The League of Women Voters of the United States (the national
League).

LWV-VA – The League of Women Voters of Virginia (a state League).

MAL UNIT: A state-recognized group of Members at Large, in an area where
there is no LL. They may become a full League when they meet specific
criteria.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE (MAL): a member who resides outside the area of,
and is not enrolled in, a LL; groups of MAL members in the same geographic
area can form a MAL Unit of the state League.

PMP – Acronym for Per Member Payment, the amount of money paid annually
to the LWVUS and state Leagues (and ILOs) on the number of members in the
LL and MAL Unit traditionally as of February 1.

PORTFOLIO - Area of responsibility; one’s League job.

POSITION - A statement of the League's point of view on an issue, arrived at
through member study and agreement (consensus or concurrence), approved by
the appropriate board and used as a basis for League action.

PRINCIPLES - The Principles (which come from LWVUS) govern what the
League does and apply to every position. They constitute the authorization for
 adoption of program at all levels.

PROGRAM - Selected governmental issues chosen by members at the local,
state and national levels for study and action. Program is for a two-year period
(biennium) and adopted by delegates at annual meetings or state and national
conventions

PROGRAMS - Plans for speakers, discussion or other activities for League
meetings.

RESOURCE PERSON – The person serving as a “background expert” for a
discussion topic – helps the discussion leader with questions about the subject
under discussion – is usually a member of the study committee.

SOCIAL MEDIA – Media portals to help communicate League interest and
activities between Leagues and the public online (Facebook, Twitter, etc).

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