

Resolutions Policy and Procedure

Resolutions on urgent matters of public policy express the will of the LWV-VA Biennial Convention during the time of its convening. Any registered delegate to the Convention, seconded by another registered delegate, may offer a resolution.

Committee. At least three weeks before the convention, the President will appoint a Resolutions Committee consisting of two members of the LWV-VA Board of Directors and a minimum of three registered convention delegates with local leadership or state board experience. The President will name the chair.

Criteria. Resolutions shall meet the following criteria:

1. Procedural compliance with this Resolutions Policy and Procedure;
2. Consistency with LWV-VA and LWVUS principles and positions;
3. Address a single, topical issue pertinent to Virginia that (a) requires governmental action at the state level, or (b) pertains to the internal administration of the League; and (c) can be implemented using existing League resources;
4. Shall not circumvent the program planning process; and
5. Shall not apply to courtesy resolutions.

Submissions.

Delegates are strongly encouraged to submit proposed resolutions together with background material at least three weeks before the start of convention but no later than 1:30 P.M. on Saturday, May 22, 2021, the first formal day of the Convention. Submitted material shall include:

1. Presentation of the proposed resolution (attachment to Google Form);
2. Background information on a Google Form, including both pros and cons for the issue addressed in the resolution;
3. Explanation for choice of a resolution as an appropriate method to implement LWV-VA Program and assurance that it carries member understanding and agreement.

LWV-VA shall post material submitted on the LWV-VA website with convention information and email the link to all members who are registered at the Convention.

Resolutions Committee Process.

Open Meeting. The Resolutions Committee shall meet between the two plenary sessions of the convention to hear from proponents who have submitted resolutions.

Deliberation. The Committee will deliberate in executive session and decide by majority vote. The Committee shall prepare or conform suitable resolutions to carry into effect the submissions referred to it. The committee shall recommend appropriate action on each to the Convention.

Action by Convention: Proponents may introduce motions to adopt approved resolutions at the Sunday plenary after completion of debate and action on proposed program. The President will announce the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee on each and may rule a motion out of order. Delegates may override, by a two-thirds vote, the decisions of the President regarding the motions. A majority vote is required to adopt a resolution.