

# Amendments to the Bylaws

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At the 2022 national LWVUS Convention, the delegates voted to approve a change in the way new and renewing members pay League dues. **Starting in 2025, paying League dues will be easier--especially for new members.** There will be only one central website address (and one central mailing address) for joining the League or renewing your membership.

**This change requires amending our Bylaws. On April 1, 2024, the LWVPDX Board voted to recommend the following amendments for approval at the 2024 Annual Membership Meeting.**

Motion to remove phrases and sections in our Bylaws that refer to setting dues and/or to the term of membership and replace them with wording requested by the LWVUS in preparation for the changes anticipated by the delegate-approved League Structural Transformation. Deleted words are shown with strikeouts. Added or rearranged words are in bold type.

1. In Article VI, Meetings, Section 2, *Annual Membership Meeting*, remove the phrase, "Set the annual dues" from the following sentence and change the current part "e" to part "d."

The Annual Membership Meeting shall: a) Adopt a Local Program for the ensuing year; b) Elect and install officers and directors, Budget Committee Chair, Endowment Fund Committee Chair or Treasurer, and members of the Nominating Committee; c) Adopt a budget; d) **Set the annual dues;** e) Transact such other business as may properly come before it. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

2. Delete the current Article IX, Section 2, *Dues*, and replace it with the alternate wording requested by LWVUS. Add the sentence about the term of membership requested by LWVUS.

~~Section 2. Dues. The annual dues as recommended by the Budget Committee shall be set by a majority vote of voting members present at the Annual Membership Meeting. When two or more members reside at the same address in a common household, the dues payment shall be made for the first member; a payment equal to one-half the dues shall be paid for each other member. The annual dues shall be payable beginning July 1. New members joining between February 1 and June 30 shall be considered paid up through that fiscal year and the following year.~~

**Section 2. Dues. Members shall pay dues in accordance with LWVUS policy. Membership lasts for one year after joining or renewal.**

3. Delete the phrase in the fifth sentence of Article IX, Section 4. *Budget Committee* that refers to recommending dues: "At least two months prior to the Annual Membership Meeting, the Committee shall present to the Board a budget." ~~including an annual dues recommendation for the ensuing year.~~

Move the words "a budget" to after the words, "shall present," so that the sentence is: "**At least two months prior to the Annual Membership Meeting, the Committee shall present a budget to the Board.**"