

**THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEBRASKA, INC.  
BYLAWS**

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1 **THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEBRASKA, INC.**

2 **BYLAWS**

3 **ARTICLE I NAME**

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6 **Section 1. Name.** The name of this corporation shall be the League of Women Voters of Nebraska, Inc.,  
7 hereinafter referred to in these bylaws as LWVNE or as the State League. The State League is an integral  
8 part of the League of Women Voters of the United States, hereinafter referred to in these bylaws as  
9 LWVUS.

10 **ARTICLE II PURPOSE AND POLICIES**

11 **Section 1. Purpose.** The purpose of the LWVNE is to promote political responsibility through informed  
12 and active participation in government and to act on selected governmental issues. LWVNE is a public  
13 benefit organization. It is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes,  
14 including for such purposes, the making of distributions to League of Women Voters organizations that  
15 qualify as exempt organizations described under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or  
16 corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

17 **Section 2. Policies.**

18 a) **Political Policy.** The League shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.

19 b) **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy.** The League is fully committed to ensure compliance in  
20 principle and in practice with LWVUS' Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy.

21 **ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**

22 **Section 1. Eligibility.** Any person who subscribes to the purpose and policy of the LWVUS shall be  
23 eligible for membership.

24 **Section 2. Types of Membership.**

25 a) **Voting Members.** Persons at least 16 years of age who join the League shall be voting members  
26 of the local Leagues, state Leagues and of the LWVUS.

27 (1) those who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local  
28 League;

29 (2) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be  
30 state members-at-large;

31 (3) those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members  
32 excused from the payment of dues.

33 (4) those who are students are defined as individuals enrolled either as full or part-time with an  
34 accredited institution excused from the LWVUS per member payment (PMP).

35 b) **Associate Members.** All others who join the League shall be associate members.

36 **ARTICLE IV OFFICERS**

37 **Section 1. Officers.** The officers of the League of Women Voters of Nebraska shall be a president, vice  
38 presidents, a secretary and a treasurer.

39 **Section 2. Election and Term of Office.** The officers shall be elected for a two-year term by the Annual  
40 Meeting in odd years, shall assume their duties at the close of that Annual Meeting, and shall serve until  
41 the conclusion of the next odd-year Annual Meeting or until their successors have been elected.

42 **Section 3. Co-Officers.** If an elected office or appointed office cannot be filled by one member, the  
43 office may be filled by up to three members serving as co-officers. Co-officers shall share a single vote,  
44 which will be divided equally among the number of co-officers present at the time of the vote. Presidents  
45 and co-presidents may only vote to create or to break a tie; therefore, unlike other co-officers, co-presidents  
46 cannot split their vote unless a ballot vote is taken.

47 **Section 4. Vacancies.** A vacancy in the office of president shall be filled by a vice president as  
48 determined by the Board of Directors to serve until the next odd-year Annual Meeting. If no vice  
49 president can serve in this capacity, the Board of Directors shall elect one of its members to fill the  
50 vacancy. The resulting vacancy or any other elected or appointed vacancy shall be filled by the Board of  
51 Directors.

52 **Section 5. Duties of Officers.** The elected officers shall perform the duties given in this section and  
53 such other duties as are prescribed by these Bylaws, by the General Policy, by the Board of Directors, by  
54 the president and by *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*.

55 a) **The President.** The president shall preside at all meetings of the corporation and of the Board of  
56 Directors unless someone else has been designated by the president to preside. The president may, in  
57 the absence or disability of the Treasurer, sign or endorse checks, drafts and notes; shall be an  
58 ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee; and shall have such  
59 usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of the president and perform  
60 such other duties as may be designated by the board.

61 b) **The Vice Presidents.** The vice presidents shall perform such duties as the president and Board of  
62 Directors may designate.

63 c) **The Secretary.** The secretary shall keep minutes of annual meetings and of meetings of the  
64 Board of Directors. The secretary shall perform such other functions as may be incidental to the  
65 office.

66 d) **The Treasurer.** The treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due. The treasurer shall be the  
67 custodian of these moneys, shall deposit them in a bank or banks designated by the Board of  
68 Directors and shall disburse them upon the order of the Board of Directors. The treasurer shall present  
69 periodic statements to the board at its regular meetings and an annual report to the Annual Meetings.  
70 The board shall make arrangements for the annual review of the financial records.

71 **ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

72 **Section 1. Composition.** The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the State League, a  
73 minimum of four elected directors, a minimum of four appointed directors, and a representative  
74 designated by each local League and recognized Member-at-Large unit.

75 **Section 2. Manner of Selection and Term of Office.** The elected members of the Board of Directors  
76 shall appoint a minimum of four additional directors as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the  
77 League. The term of office of the appointed directors shall begin upon appointment and continue to the  
78 close of the next odd-year Annual Meeting to coincide with the term of office of the elected officers.

79 **Section 3. Qualifications.** No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an  
80 officer or director of this corporation unless that person is a member of the League of Women Voters in  
81 the state of Nebraska.

82 **Section 4. Co-Directors.** If an elected or appointed director office cannot be filled by one member,  
83 up to three members may serve as co-directors. Co-directors shall share a single vote, which will be divided  
84 equally among the number of co-directors present at the time of the vote.

85 **Section 5. Vacancies.** Any elected or appointed vacancy may be filled, until the next odd-year Annual  
86 Meeting, by a member appointed by the Board of Directors.

87 **Section 6. Powers and Duties.** The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and  
88 business of the corporation with full power and authority to manage and conduct the same, subject to the  
89 instructions of the general membership at the Annual Meeting. The board shall plan and direct the work  
90 necessary to carry out the Program on state governmental matters as adopted by the Annual Meeting. It  
91 shall accept responsibility delegated to it by the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of the  
92 United States for the organization and development of local Leagues, for the carrying out of Program, and  
93 for promotion in the local Leagues of finance programs requisite to further the work of the League as a  
94 whole, including transmission of funds toward the support of an adequate national budget. The board  
95 shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.

96 **Section 7. Regular Meetings.** There shall be at least four regular meetings of the Board of Directors  
97 annually. The president shall notify each member of the Board of Directors of the time and place of all  
98 regular meetings. No action taken at any regular board meeting attended by three-fourths of the members of

99 the board shall be invalidated because of the failure of any member or members of the board to receive any  
100 notice properly sent or because of any irregularity in any notice actually received.

101 **Section 8. Special Meetings.** The president may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall  
102 call a special meeting upon the written request of five members of the board. Members of the board shall be  
103 notified of the time and place of special meetings by telephone or e-mail at least six days prior to such  
104 meeting.

105 **Section 9. Quorum.** The quorum for a meeting of the Board of Directors shall be six including at least two  
106 of the elected officers.

107 **Section 10. Voting.** The Board of Directors shall be authorized to vote by electronic means when it is  
108 deemed necessary. A vote related to funding shall be deemed necessary only when a member of the Board of  
109 Directors or a standing committee seeks funds not already allocated to their program area, or when a  
110 program and/or initiative is out of the purpose of their role/office. The electronic process shall use a reply  
111 back verification for documentation that all members received the communication. If a quorum shall vote on  
112 a question sent to all members of the board, the vote shall be counted and shall have the same effect as if cast  
113 at a meeting of the board. The vote shall be made a part of the minutes at the next meeting of the board.

114 **Section 11. Manner of Meetings.** Meetings may be held in person or by electronic means including but not  
115 limited to telephonic conferencing, video conferencing and e-mail. Telephonic and video conferencing  
116 meetings shall be called, noticed and conducted in the same manner as in-person meetings. If a meeting is  
117 held in person, board members may attend via electronic means.

#### 118 **ARTICLE VI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

119 The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers and shall meet at the call of the president when  
120 the deadline for a decision to be made cannot be met by an in-person or electronic meeting of the Board of  
121 Directors. The Executive Committee shall exercise such power and authority as may be delegated to it by the  
122 LWVNE Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall keep regular minutes of its proceedings and  
123 shall report the same to the Board of Directors at its next regular meeting. The quorum is the majority of the  
124 elected officers.

#### 125 **ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES/ACTION TEAMS/COORDINATORS**

126 **Section 1.** There shall be a Budget-Finance Committee as described in Article IX, Section 2.

127 **Section 2.** There shall be a Bylaws Committee, appointed by the president, to review the bylaws annually  
128 and at other times when needed. Proposed amendments are reported to the Board of Directors. The  
129 Committee is familiar with the LWVUS bylaws and the LWVNE General Policy. The Committee shall  
130 ensure that the Bylaws and General Policy are available to all board members. The president fills any  
131 vacancies.

132 **Section 3.** There shall be a Grants Committee as described in Article IX, Section 3.

133 **Section 4.** There shall be an Endowment Fund/Investment Committee as described in Article IX.

134 **Section 5.** The Board of Directors may appoint coordinators who do not serve on the board for special  
135 projects. Coordinators may attend board meetings and/or provide written reports of their activities.

136 **Section 6.** The vice presidents, directors and coordinators may create action teams to carry out their duties.

137 **Section 7.** LWVNE members who are not on the board are encouraged to serve on the action teams.

138 **Section 8.** Other committees/action teams may be appointed by the board as deemed necessary.

#### 139 **ARTICLE VIII RECOGNITION OF LOCAL LEAGUES AND MEMBER-AT-LARGE UNITS**

140 **Section 1. Local Leagues.**

141 **a)** Local Leagues are those Leagues that have been so recognized by the League of Women Voters of the  
142 United States.

143 **b)** The Board of Directors shall recommend to the national board that the national board recognize  
144 as a local League any group of members of the League of Women Voters of the United States in any  
145 community within the state, provided the group meets recognition standards for local Leagues as  
146 adopted by the national Convention.

147 **c)** In the event of recurring failure of a local League to meet recognition standards, the Board of  
148 Directors shall recommend to the national board that the national board withdraw recognition from  
149 the local League. All funds held by a local League from which recognition has been withdrawn shall  
150 be paid to the League of Women Voters of Nebraska.

151 **Section 2. Members-at-Large.** All members of the League of Women Voters of Nebraska not enrolled in a

152 local League or Member-at-Large unit shall be members-at-large.

153 **Section 3. Member-at-Large Units.**

154 a) Member-at-Large units are those groups of members-at-large that have been so recognized by the  
155 League of Women Voters of Nebraska.

156 b) The Board of Directors has responsibility for the establishment of new member-at-large  
157 units. For this purpose, the board may organize a group of members-at-large in a community in which no  
158 local League exists and shall recognize the group as a member-at-large unit when it meets the guideline  
159 standards adopted by the Board of Directors.

160 c) The Board of Directors shall withdraw recognition from a member-at-large unit for recurring failure to  
161 meet guidelines. All funds held by a member-at-large unit from which recognition has been withdrawn shall  
162 be paid to the League of Women Voters of Nebraska. Members of member-at-large units from which  
163 recognition has been withdrawn shall then be considered members-at-large.

164 **ARTICLE IX FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION**

165 **Section 1. Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year of the League of Women Voters of Nebraska shall commence on  
166 the first of April of each year.

167 **Section 2. Budget-Finance Committee.** At the summer board meeting in odd years the president shall  
168 appoint a budget committee to advise the board on financial matters and to prepare the annual budget. The  
169 treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of the Budget Committee but shall not be eligible to serve as  
170 chair. Any vacancy shall be filled by a member appointed by the president to serve until the next odd-year  
171 summer board meeting.

172 **Section 3. Grants Committee.** The president, secretary and treasurer serve on this committee.  
173 In addition, in odd years at the summer board meeting, two directors are selected by the board to  
174 serve on this committee. This committee reviews grant proposals from local Leagues and/or participation  
175 of the state League in cooperative activities with other non-profit organizations. Proposals recommended  
176 for funding by the committee are forwarded to the Board of Directors for final approval by a vote taken at  
177 the following board meeting or by email as required by Nebraska Revised Statute 21-1895. Any vacancy  
178 shall be filled by a member appointed by the president to serve until the next odd-year summer board  
179 meeting.

180 **Section 4. Endowment Fund/Investment Committee.** At the summer board meeting in odd years,  
181 three members shall be appointed by the board to serve on this committee in addition to the president and  
182 treasurer. The Committee shall provide a secure fund, with a reasonable return based on investments  
183 reflecting our written investment strategy, to provide for payment of the League's operating expenses and  
184 for special initiatives approved by the LWVNE Board of Directors. The committee shall select the chair.  
185 Any vacancy shall be filled by a member appointed by the Board of Directors to serve until the next odd-  
186 year summer board meeting.

187 **Section 5. Budget.** The board shall submit a budget for the ensuing year to the Annual Meeting for  
188 adoption. This budget shall provide for the support of the State League including a per member payment  
189 from the local Leagues. Members-at-large shall pay dues to the State League which shall include a Per  
190 Member Payment (PMP) to the League of Women Voters of the United States. A copy of the budget shall  
191 be sent to each local League president and each member-at-large at least 30 days in advance of the  
192 Annual Meeting.

193 **Section 6. Distribution of Funds on Dissolution.** In the event of the merger or dissolution of this  
194 corporation for any reason, all money and securities or other property of whatsoever nature which at the  
195 time is owned or under the absolute control of the corporation shall be distributed at the discretion of the  
196 board, or such other persons as shall be charged by law with the liquidation or termination of the  
197 corporation and its affairs; to any member organization of the League of Women Voters  
198 national organization, which is exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the  
199 corresponding section of any future federal tax code; or if none of these organizations are then in  
200 existence or exempt under those tax provisions, then, at the discretion of the board, to another  
201 organization that is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and  
202 which has established its tax-exempt status under such designated tax provisions. Any such assets not so  
203 disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction in Lancaster County, Nebraska,  
204 exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations as said court shall determine, which are

205 organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

206 **ARTICLE X ANNUAL MEETING**

207 **Section 1. Place, Date and Call.** An Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Nebraska shall  
208 be held at a time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors. The president shall send a first call  
209 to the presidents of the local Leagues, chairs of member-at-large units and members-at-large not less than  
210 two months prior to the opening date of the Annual Meeting fixed in said call. Thereafter, the Board of  
211 Directors may advance or postpone the opening date of the Annual Meeting by not more than two weeks.  
212 A final call for the Annual Meeting made by the president shall be sent to the presidents of the local  
213 Leagues, chairs of member-at-large units and members-at-large at least one month before the Annual  
214 Meeting. The annual meeting may be held in person or by electronic means.

215 **Section 2. Voting Body.**

216 **a)** The voting body shall consist of members from local Leagues who are current in Per Member  
217 Payment (PMP) to LWVNE and members-at-large whose LWVNE dues are current, who are  
218 properly registered, and who are in attendance.

219 **b)** No member shall vote in more than one capacity, and there shall be no proxy voting.

220 **Section 3. Powers.** The Annual Meeting shall consider and authorize for action a Program, shall elect  
221 officers in the odd years, shall adopt a budget for the ensuing fiscal year, and shall transact such other  
222 business as may be presented.

223 **Section 4. Quorum.** A majority of voting members in attendance shall constitute a quorum for the  
224 transaction of the business of the Annual Meeting provided that at least two local Leagues are  
225 represented, and, in addition, two elected officers and two directors are present.

226 **Section 5. Reporting.** It shall be the responsibility of the president of the League of Women Voters of  
227 Nebraska to report to the members, within 60 days after the Annual Meeting, all action taken at the  
228 Annual Meeting.

229 **ARTICLE XI NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

230 **Section 1. Nominating Committee.** The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members, two of  
231 whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. The chair and two members, who shall not be  
232 members of the Board of Directors, shall be elected by the Annual Meeting in odd years.

233 **a)** Nominations for these three positions shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. The  
234 other two members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors immediately after  
235 the Annual Meeting in odd years.

236 **b)** Any vacancy occurring in the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors.  
237 The President of the League of Women Voters of Nebraska shall send the name and address of the  
238 chair of the Nominating Committee to the president of each recognized local League, chairs of member-at-  
239 large units and members-at-large.

240 **Section 2. Suggestions for Nominations.** The chair of the Nominating Committee shall request,  
241 through the president of each local League, the chair of each recognized member-at-large unit and other  
242 members-at-large, suggestions for nominations. Suggestions for nominations shall be sent to the chair of the  
243 Nominating Committee at least two months before the Annual Meeting. Any member may send suggestions  
244 to the chair of the Nominating Committee.

245 **ARTICLE XIII NATIONAL CONVENTION AND COUNCIL**

246 **Section 1. National Convention.** The Board of Directors, at a meeting before the date on which names  
247 of delegates must be sent to the National office, shall appoint delegates to that Convention in the number  
248 allowed the League of Women Voters of Nebraska under the provisions of the Bylaws of the League of  
249 Women Voters of the United States.

250 **Section 2. National Council.** The Board of Directors, at its meeting preceding the meeting of the  
251 Council of the League of Women Voters of the United States, shall appoint delegates to such Council in  
252 the number allowed the League of Women Voters of Nebraska under the provisions of the Bylaws of the  
253 League of Women Voters of the United States.

254 **ARTICLE XIV PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

255 **Parliamentary Authority.** The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order Newly  
256 Revised shall govern the corporation in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are  
257 not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

258 **ARTICLE XV AMENDMENTS**

259 **Section 1.** These Bylaws may be amended by:

260 **a)** A two-thirds vote at any Annual Meeting, using the following procedures:

261 **i.** Proposed amendments shall be submitted by any local League board, chair of member-at-large unit, a  
262 member or Bylaws Committee appointed by the President to the Board of Directors at least three months  
263 prior to Annual Meeting.

264 **ii.** All such proposed amendments together with the recommendations of the board shall be sent  
265 to the presidents of local Leagues, chairs of member-at-large units and members-at-large at least 30 days  
266 prior to Annual Meeting.

267 **iii.** The presidents of local Leagues and chairs of member-at-large units shall notify the members of their  
268 respective Leagues or member-at-large units of the proposed amendments. Failure of a local League president  
269 or member-at-large unit chair to give such notice or failure of any member to receive such notice shall not  
270 invalidate amendments to the Bylaws.

271 **b)** A two-thirds vote of the voting members of the Board of Directors present and voting at a regularly  
272 scheduled board meeting, provided the amendment(s) was (were) reviewed and recommended by the board  
273 and submitted to the local League presidents, chairs of member-at-large units and the members-at-large at  
274 least one month in advance of the meeting for comment. If a bylaw amendment is not approved by the board,  
275 it may be directly submitted at the next Annual Meeting for consideration by the general membership.

276 **Section 2.** After each LWVUS Convention, it shall be the responsibility of the LWVNE president and  
277 office administrator to bring the LWVNE bylaws into conformity with the LWVUS bylaws. Such  
278 amendments shall not require a vote of the LWVNE members.

279 As adopted by the Convention, 1948 and as amended by the Convention, May 1950; Convention,  
280 April 1953; Convention, May 1955; Convention, May 1956; Convention, April 1957; Convention, May  
281 1963; Convention, April 1967; Convention, April 1971; Convention, April 1973; Convention, May  
282 1975; Convention, May 1977; Convention, May 1979; Convention, May 1981; Convention, May 1983;  
283 Convention, May 1985; Convention, May 1987; Convention, May 1989; Convention, May  
284 1991; Convention, May 1992; Convention, May 1995; Convention, May 1997; Convention, May 2001;  
285 Convention, April 2003; Convention, April 2005; Convention, April 2007; Convention, April 2013; Annual  
286 Meeting April 2015; Annual Meeting April 2016; Annual Meeting April 2017; Board  
287 Meeting October 2017; Board Meeting March 2019; Annual Meeting April 2019; Board Meeting  
288 March 2020; Board Meeting October 2020; Annual Meeting April 2021; Board Meeting July 2021;  
289 Board Meeting October 2021; Board Meeting March 2022; Board Meeting October 2022; Annual Meeting  
290 April 2023; Board Meeting December 2023; and Board Meeting March 2024.