



## 2021 LWML Convention Proposed Amendments to LWML Bylaws



*If proposed amendment is adopted, then the LWML Structure Committee requests permission to renumber or reletter sections to account for deletions and insertions and make any necessary spelling and typographical corrections.*

### **ARTICLE IV – CONVENTIONS AND REPRESENTATION, Section 2c**

Current text: c. district president;

Proposed amendment: add or their designated alternate

Rationale: To allow district presidents to have an alternate with voice and vote at convention.

If adopted, will read:

c. district presidents or their designated alternate;

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### **ARTICLE VIII – APPOINTED OFFICERS, Section 1g**

Current text: g. report to the convention;

Proposed amendment: strike ~~report to the convention~~ and insert prepare a report for the convention

Rationale: For consistency with other convention reports.

If adopted, will read:

g. prepare a report for the convention;

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### **ARTICLE X – BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 2a**

Current text: a. The Board of Directors shall meet annually and at the call of the President. In case of an emergency, the Board of Directors may take action by mail, by telephone, or electronic messaging.

Proposed amendment: strike ~~In case of emergency~~

Rationale: To allow the Board of Directors to vote via email when the need arises.

If adopted, will read:

a. The Board of Directors shall meet annually and at the call of the President. The Board of Directors may take action by mail, by telephone, or electronic messaging.

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### **ARTICLE X – BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 3**

Proposed amendment: add new m. consider and approve changes that occur in plans of convention offering recipients;

Rationale: To allow the Board of Directors to consider and approve any changes that have been made to the plans of convention offering recipients.

If adopted, will read:

m. consider and approve changes that occur in plans of convention offering recipients;

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### **ARTICLE XI – PRESIDENTS ASSEMBLY, Section 2d**

Current text: d. In case of emergency, action may be taken by mail, by telephone, or by electronic messaging.

Proposed amendment: strike ~~In case of emergency~~

Rationale: To allow the Presidents Assembly to vote via email when the need arises.

If adopted, will read:

d. Action may be taken by mail, by telephone, or by electronic messaging.

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### **ARTICLE XI – PRESIDENTS ASSEMBLY, Section 4**

Proposed Amendment: add new f. consider and approve recipients of convention offerings;

Rationale: To allow the Presidents Assembly to consider and approve convention offering recipients.

If adopted, will read:

f. consider and approve recipients of convention offerings;

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## **ARTICLE XIV – SPECIAL COMMITTEES, Section 2**

Current text: The Convention Site Committee, consisting of the Meeting Manager as chairman, the Convention Manager, and one (1) additional member, with a Pastoral Counselor as adviser, shall:

- a. Evaluate the facilities and personnel of each district for hosting an LWML convention as outlined in the *Procedures Manual*;
- b. Make recommendations to the Board of Directors by March 1 of odd-numbered years.

Proposed amendment: Strike entire section

Rationale: Due to the change in process for determining the feasibility of a convention site, the Board of Directors approves the site.

If adopted, will read:

No section

Conforming amendments:

## **ARTICLE XIV – SPECIAL COMMITTEES, Section 1**

Current text: The Special Committees shall be Convention Site, Finance and Operations, and Mission Grants Selection.

Proposed amendment: Strike ~~Convention Site~~

If adopted, will read:

The Special Committees shall be Finance and Operations and Mission Grants Selection.

## **ARTICLE VIII – APPOINTED OFFICERS, Section 2**

Current text: b. serve as chairman of the Convention Site Committee (see Article XIV, Section 2).

Proposed amendment: Strike ~~b. serve as chairman of the Convention Site Committee (see Article XIV, Section 2).~~

If adopted, will read:

No section

## **ARTICLE X – BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 3**

Proposed amendment: Insert a new k. approve convention site as outlined in the *Procedures Manual*;

If adopted, will read:

k. approve convention site as outlined in the *Procedures Manual*;

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**ARTICLE XVII – MISSION GRANTS, Section 1a**

Current text: a. Mission grant proposals may be submitted by LWML members, groups, zones, districts, and LCMS boards.

Proposed amendment: strike ~~boards~~ and insert Offices.

Rationale: This is the title used by the LCMS, specifically for the Office of National Missions and the Office of International Missions.

If adopted, will read:

a. Mission grant proposals may be submitted by LWML members, groups, zones, districts, and LCMS Offices.

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**ARTICLE XVII – MISSION GRANTS, Section 1d**

Current text: d. Proposals for all mission grants, except those submitted by LCMS boards, shall:

Proposed amendment: strike ~~boards~~ and insert Offices

Rationale: This is the title used by the LCMS, specifically for the Office of National Missions and the Office of International Missions.

If adopted, will read:

d. Proposals for all mission grants, except those submitted by LCMS Offices, shall:

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**ARTICLE XVII – MISSION GRANTS, Section 1d(1)**

Current text: (1) have the approval of the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors of the LWML district in which they originate;

Rationale: The approval for mission grant proposals varies from district to district; however, LWML requires all mission grant proposals that originate in a particular district be approved by that district's president.

Proposed amendment: strike ~~the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors of the LWML district in which they originate~~ and insert the LWML President of the district in which the submitter resides

If adopted, will read:

(1) have the approval of the LWML President of the district in which the submitter resides;

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## **ARTICLE XVII – MISSION GRANTS, Section 1d(2)**

Current text: (2) have the approval of the President of the LCMS district or partner church in which the proposed grant recipient is located.

Rationale:

All mission grants outside the United States must be reviewed by the LCMS Chief Mission Officer (CMO) to ensure that it is a valid request from the organization. During this process, partner church leaders are contacted.

Proposed amendment: strike ~~or partner church~~ and add and, for international grants, require the review of the LCMS Chief Mission Officer.

If adopted, will read:

(2) have the approval of the President of the LCMS district in which the proposed grant recipient is located and, for international grants, require the review of the LCMS Chief Mission Officer.

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## **ARTICLE XVII – MISSION GRANTS, Section 2a**

Current text:

a. The Vice President of Gospel Outreach shall present the mission grant proposals to the President of the LCMS or his representative and to the Executive Directors of LCMS boards for evaluation.

Proposed amendment: strike ~~Executive Directors of LCMS boards~~ and insert LCMS Chief Mission Officer and Executive Directors of LCMS Offices

Rationale: To specify the particular LCMS staff who will evaluate the mission grant proposals.

If adopted, will read:

a. The Vice President of Gospel Outreach shall present the mission grant proposals to the President of the LCMS or his representative and to the LCMS Chief Mission Officer and Executive Directors of LCMS Offices for evaluation.

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## **ARTICLE XVIII – RESOLUTIONS, Section 1**

Current text: Miscellaneous resolutions and appeals by groups, zones, or districts, other than for mission grants, may be presented to a convention upon approval by the Board of Directors. Such resolutions shall be in triplicate form and sent to the LWML President by January 1 of the convention year.

Proposed amendment: strike ~~In triplicate form and~~

Rationale: Outdated requirement.

If adopted, will read:

Miscellaneous resolutions and appeals by groups, zones, or districts, other than for mission grants, may be presented to a convention upon approval by the Board of Directors. Such resolutions shall be sent to the LWML President by January 1 of the convention year.

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