

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE LWML IOWA WEST DISTRICT BYLAWS JUNE 2020**

*The Structure committee requests the right to make any typographical changes and renumbered/lettered as needed.*

**ARTICLE III – MEMBERS**

*Rationale: To update terminology and conform with current national practice.*

Current:

SECTION 1

- a. A woman who is a communicant member of an LCMS congregation is eligible for membership as an individual or in a ~~society~~.

If adopted, will read:

SECTION 1

- a. A woman who is a communicant member of an LCMS congregation is eligible for membership as an individual or in a group.

**ARTICLE IV – ORGANIZATION AND PARTICIPATION**

*Rationale: To eliminate unnecessary words from bylaws.*

Current:

SECTION 1

The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League of Iowa West District shall be divided into areas called Zones, which shall coincide geographically with LCMS district circuits as much as possible. Realignment of a zone shall be approved by the DLWML Board of Directors.

If adopted, will read:

SECTION 1

The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League of Iowa West District shall be divided into areas called Zones, which shall coincide geographically with LCMS district circuits as much as possible. Realignment of a zone shall be approved by the DLWML Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as BOD).

*Rationale: To conform to the name of the district publication.*

Current:

SECTION 7

- a. distribute regularly to its members the official publications of the LWML and the LWML Iowa West District; namely, the *Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly*, ~~LWML Iowa West District News~~ and the *LWML Iowa West District eNews*.

If adopted, will read:

SECTION 7

- a. distribute regularly to its members the official publications of the LWML and the LWML Iowa West District; namely, the *Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly*, and the *LWML Iowa West District eNews*.

**ARTICLE VI -DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

*Rationale: To conform to LWML Bylaws and current practice.*

Current:

SECTION 1

The President shall:

- d. attend all meetings of the LWML ~~Board of Directors~~, of which she is a member,

If adopted, will read:

SECTION 1

The President shall:

- d. attend all meetings of the LWML Presidents Assembly, of which body she is a member. If unable to attend an LWML Presidents Assembly meeting, any elected IWD officer shall be authorized to attend as the district’s representative and shall have voice and vote.

- e. fill all vacancies in ~~elective and appointive offices~~, which occur between conventions, with the approval of the Executive Committee.

- e. fill all vacancies in elected offices and appointed committees, which occur between conventions, with the approval of the Executive Committee.

*Rationale: To conform to current practice.*

Current:

SECTION 2

The Vice President of Gospel Outreach and Special Focus Ministries shall:

- d. send a progress report on the DLWML grants to the editor of the *LWML Iowa West District eNews* ~~each quarter~~.

If adopted, will read:

SECTION 2

The Vice President of Gospel Outreach and Special Focus Ministries shall:

- d. send a progress report on the DLWML grants to the editor of the *LWML Iowa West District eNews* every two months.

**ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF OFFICERS (Continued)**

*Rationale: To conform to name of the district publication.*

Current:

**SECTION 5**

The Financial Secretary shall:

- c. prepare a quarterly report of zone totals and an annual report for publication in the ~~LWML Iowa West District News~~ and the LWML Iowa West District eNews; submit records for financial review at the end of each fiscal year.

If adopted, will read:

**SECTION 5**

The financial Secretary shall:

- c. prepare a quarterly report of zone totals and an annual report for publication in the LWML Iowa West District eNews; submit records for financial review at the end of each fiscal year.

**ARTICLE VII – NOMINATIONS**

*Rationale: To conform to the name of the district publication.*

Current:

**SECTION 2**

The Nominating Committee shall:

- f. submit report to be published in the ~~LWML Iowa West District News~~ and the LWML Iowa West District eNews prior to the convention.

If adopted, will read:

**SECTION 2**

The Nominating Committee shall:

- f. submit report to be published in the LWML Iowa West District eNews prior to the convention.

**ARTICLE VIII – APPOINTED COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND DUTIES**

*Rationale: To update named appointed committee chairman and conform to current practice.*

Current:

All appointed committee chairman shall serve a term of two years. The appointed committee chairmen shall be:

- Christian Life Chairman and Vice Chairman
- Mission Servants Chairman and Vice Chairman
- Structure Committee Chairman
- ~~Editor~~
- Information Technology Chairman
- Leader Development Chairman and Vice Chairman

If adopted, will read:

All appointed committee chairman shall serve a term of two years. The appointed committee chairmen shall be:

- Christian Life Chairman and Vice Chairman
- Mission Servants Chairman and Vice Chairman
- Structure Committee Chairman
- Editor-Information Technology (IT) Chairman
- Leader Development Chairman and Vice Chairman

*Rationale: To conform to current practice.*

Current:

**SECTION 5**

~~The Editor shall: Delete Section 5~~

If Adopted, will read:

**SECTION 6 shall become Section 5**

*Rationale: To conform to current committee name and practice.*

Current:

**SECTION 6**

The Editor Chairman shall:

- a. produce publicity and promotional materials related to the program of the DLWML;
- ~~b. assist the Editor with the DLWML publication;~~

If adopted, will read:

**SECTION 5**

The Editor-IT Chairman shall:

- a. produce publicity and promotional materials related to the program of the DLWML;
- b. assist LCMS Iowa District West (IDW) office...

The remaining items of this section will be re-lettered. Section 7 of this Article will become Section 6.

**ARTICLE X – BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*Rationale: To clarify scheduling.*

Current:

**SECTION 2**

The ~~Board of Directors~~ shall:

- d. set the date of the DLWML conventions in consultation with the Administrator at Camp Okoboji.

If adopted, will read:

**SECTION 2**

The BOD shall:

- d. set the date of the DLWML conventions in consultation with the Administrator at Camp Okoboji. (See Article XIII Section 1)

**ARTICLE XIII – CONVENTIONS**

*Rationale: To conform to current practice.*

Current:

**SECTION 1**

A DLWML convention shall be held biennially in the even numbered calendar years at the LCMS Camp Okoboji, Milford, IA at a time determined by the BOD.

If adopted, will read:

**SECTION 1**

A DLWML convention shall be held biennially in the even numbered calendar years at a time to be determined by the BOD.

A proviso being:

If this proposed bylaw change is approved, the following will become a new standing rule:

41. A DLWML convention shall be held biennially in the even numbered calendar years at the LCMS Camp Okoboji, Milford, IA, if possible, at a time to be determined by the BOD.

**ARTICLE XVII – OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS**

*Rationale: To conform to current practice.*

Current:

**SECTION 2**

The official publication of the DLWML shall be published quarterly.

If adopted, will read:

**SECTION 2**

The official publication of the DLWML shall be published every two months.