

Rules of the 2024 LWVA Annual Meeting

1. Quorum

The meeting shall not begin until a quorum is present. In accordance with Article IX, Section 4 of the By-Laws, a quorum shall consist of 15 percent of members.

2. Eligibility

Members who are current in payment of dues are eligible to receive notice and vote at the Annual Meeting. Article VII, Section 3 prohibits absentee and proxy voting.

3. Written Motions.

Main motions and substantive amendments may be given to the secretary in writing, with the name of the maker of the motion included.

4. Debate Time

There shall be two minutes per member for debate. Members and guests who are not eligible to vote on motions may not speak to them during debate. No one may speak for a second time on a given item until others wishing to speak have had their turns. Each speaker shall address all remarks to the Chair and shall limit such remarks to the item being considered. There shall be no interruption of the speaker while the presentation is being given. The moderator of the Meeting shall have the authority to announce the total time dedicated to debate on a given matter when there are many wishing to speak. Time will be allowed at the end of the meeting, as is our custom, for "Directions to the Board", following which guests may add brief comments.

5. Program Adoption

The recommended program shall be moved and seconded, but there will be no vote until all program items have been discussed. Items not within the recommended program may be discussed, and a two-thirds vote in favor is needed to add any such item to the recommended program. To add a study to the recommended program, members must also specify a scope, budget, and name of the proposed chair.

6. Nominations

Additional nominations for Officers, Directors, and the Nominating Committee may be made from the floor, provided that the consent of the nominee shall have been secured in writing in advance of the meeting.

7. Items for Action

Must be related to existing positions, whether local, state or national, and are not considered to be the same as Program. An action item may be adopted by a simple majority of those voting. Debate of Board recommended action items is limited to ten minutes and will be moderated by the President.