



LWVO Spotlight On...League Lingo

Today's email is a service from LWVO and features a key issue the League is currently addressing. Sometimes the topic will be plucked from one of the five imPACT reform issues: accountability, redistricting, elections, judicial, and campaign finance. At other times, we will spotlight another concern.

If you're a true policy wonk, you can subscribe to our monthly Legislative Updates consisting of legislation that is currently tracked by our Lobby Corps and moving through the General Assembly. Another choice available to you, especially if you are interested in education, is the Education Update written by our education lobbyist, Joan Platz. For more information on education issues, sign up for Joan's weekly USEP-OHIO Education Update email by sending an email to usepohio@usepohio.com and type "subscribe education update" in the subject line.

LEAGUE LINGO

Otherwise known as "do you understand what I'm saying?"

As in: (HYPOTHETICALLY) "When we go to convention there'll be a program action alert on our health care position that National expects us to take action on immediately and a new concurrence on gun control. Plus, we'll be asked to raise the PMP despite losing our DPM's!

ACTION

Expression of League positions to governmental officials by the president or her/his authorized representative.

ACTION ALERT

Request from state or national League to take action at a specific time in support of a League position.

CONCURRENCE

Agreement of League members with position reached by a small group or another League.

CONSENSUS

Collective opinion of League members on a particular subject. Also, process used to arrive at positions on issues.

CONVENTION

State and national League meetings held biennially. Delegates adopt program, elect officers, adopt a budget for the coming year, and act on proposed by-laws changes.

COUNCIL

State and national meetings held in the years between conventions. Limited delegate body adopts budget for the coming year; may discuss program.

DPM

Stands for Duplicate Presidents Mailings. Any member may subscribe and receive the same material contained in a national mailing to local League presidents.

EDUCATION FUND

The tax-deductible arm of the LWV. Education funds may be established at all three levels of League. Education monies may not be used for position support activities (action.)

ILO

Acronym for Inter-League Organization. Leagues in a geographic area may join for joint activities and have a governing board.

LOCAL LEAGUE LIAISON

State board member assigned to receive and read local League minutes and Voters. Primary contact for the local League presidents with the state board.

MAL

Meaning Member-At-Large, this is a member who does not belong to a local League.

NON-PARTISANSHIP

League policy of never supporting or opposing any candidate or political party.

PMP

Acronym for Per Member Payment, which is the amount of money paid to the state and national on behalf of each member. The amount of the PMP is determined by delegates to state and national Conventions and is assessed based on the membership count as of January 1 each year.

PORTFOLIO

The particular job assigned to a board member or off-board chairperson i.e. membership, finance, secretary, etc.

POSITION

League's point of view, arrived at through member study and consensus (or concurrence.)

POST-BOARD MAILING

Reports of regular state and national board meetings including: action taken on current program issues, updated information on current program issues, board of directors activity, other information of interest to local League members.

PRINCIPLES

Governmental standards and policies supported by the League by which all proposed or adopted local, state or national issues are measured.

PROGRAM

Selected governmental issues chosen by the membership at local, state and national levels for study and action.

STUDY

The process (one-two years normally) of research and educating ourselves on an issue prior to consensus taking and arrival at a formal position.

TAX STATUS 501 (c) (3)

Not-for-profit organization that is exempt from federal taxes. In addition, corporate and individual contributions are tax deductible.

TAX STATUS 501 (c) (4)

Not-for-profit organization that is exempt from federal taxes. Contributions are not tax deductible.

UNIT

Division of the membership into groups of a size that will provide maximum participation by members in discussion of League program and activities. Units can be time-oriented or geographically oriented or both. Most larger Leagues have units.

VOTER

Newsletter for members and other subscribers, published by local, state and national Leagues.

VOTER'S GUIDE

Nonpartisan publications giving candidates' qualifications and positions on selected issues.

VOTER SERVICE

Activities to help citizens be politically effective and to encourage their participation in the political process.

