

BYLAWS
of the
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF
LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this organization shall be League of Women Voters of La Plata County, herein referred to in these bylaws as LWVLPC, or as the League. This local League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States, hereinafter referred to in these bylaws as LWVUS, and of the League of Women Voters of Colorado, hereinafter referred to in these bylaws as LWVCO.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSES AND POLICIES

Sec. 1. Purposes. The purposes of the LWVLPC are to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

Sec. 2. Policies. The policies of the LWVLPC are

1. Political Policy. The League shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.

2. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy. The League is fully committed to ensure compliance—in principle and in practice—with LWVLPC’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1. Eligibility. Any person who subscribes to the purposes and policies of the LWVUS shall be eligible for membership.

Sec. 2. Types of Membership.

A. Voting Members. Persons at least 16 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of Local Leagues, and of the LWVUS; (1) those who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League; (2) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large; (3) those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues; (4) those who are students are defined as individuals enrolled either as full or part-time with an accredited institution.

B. Associate Members. All others who join the League shall be associate members.

ARTICLE IV

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sec. 1. Number, Manner of Selection and Terms of Office. The Board of Directors shall consist of up to nine (9) members elected at the Annual Meeting that include at least two officers; President and Treasurer. The elected members shall appoint such additional directors as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the LWVLPC. The terms of office of the elected officers and directors shall be two years and shall expire at the conclusion of the second annual meeting after their election. There are no term limits. In the absence of nominations for a complete slate of officers, the Board of Directors may choose to operate as an Administrative Team, where members can take on the functions required by the bylaws, but not necessarily the titles, in a rotating manner. The role, responsibilities and processes for this team will be defined by the Team in such a way as they may see fit.

Sec. 2. Enumeration and Election of Officers. The officers of the LWVLPC shall be the president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer who shall be elected for a term of two years by the general membership at an Annual Meeting and shall take office immediately.

Sec. 3. Executive Committee. The committee shall be composed of the elected officers of the Board. Its main purpose is to facilitate decision making between Board meetings or in urgent and crisis circumstances. It shall report to the Board of all actions taken by it. Meetings may be held in-person or by electronic or other means.

Sec. 4. Qualifications. No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an officer or director of this organization unless the person is a voting member of the LWVLPC.

Sec. 5. Vacancies. Any vacancies occurring in the Board of Directors shall be filled, until the next annual meeting, by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 6. Attendance. A Board member who is absent without permission from the President from three Board Meetings during a year may be considered to have resigned.

Sec. 7. Removal. A Board member may be removed by a 75% vote of the Board, when, in the Board's judgment, it would be in the best interest of the LWVLPC.

Sec. 8. Resignation. A Board member may resign at any time by giving written notice of resignation to the Board. The resignation is effective when the notice is received by the Board unless the notice specifies a later effective date.

Sec. 9. Powers and Duties. The Board of Directors shall have fiduciary responsibility and full charge of the property and business of the organization, with full power and authority to manage and conduct same, subject to the instructions of the LWVLPC membership at the Annual Meeting. The Board shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the Program, defined as "study and action on public policy issues" as adopted by the national convention, the state convention, and the LWVLPC Annual Meeting. The Board shall have the power to create and

designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.

Sec. 10. Meetings. There shall be at least four (4) regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The president may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting upon the request of two (2) members of the Board. Board meetings may take place in-person or by electronic or other means. Any League member may attend a Board meeting.

Sec. 11. Quorum. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 12. Conflict of Interest. Every member of the Board of Directors shall read and sign a conflict-of-interest form annually.

ARTICLE V

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the LWVLPC shall commence on the first day of July each year.

Sec. 2. Dues.

a. Annual dues are payable in accordance with the amount established at the Annual Meeting. Any member who fails to pay dues within three (3) months after they become payable shall be dropped from the membership rolls.

b. Any change in the amount of dues may be recommended by the Board of Directors, submitted to all members at least two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting, and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those qualified to vote and voting at the Annual Meeting.

c. The LWVLPC shall make a national Per Member Payment (PMP) in the amount to be determined by the LWVUS and a state Per Member Payment (PMP) in the

amount to be determined by the LWVCO.

Sec. 3. Budget.

- a. A budget committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least one month prior to the annual meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing year.
- b. The Board shall consider the proposed budget and recommend a budget that shall be sent to all members at least two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting for adoption at the Annual Meeting.

Sec. 4. Distribution of Funds on Dissolution. In the event of the dissolution of LWVLPC, all monies and securities, which may at the time be owned by or under the control of the LWVLPC shall be paid to the LWVCO after the state and national per member payments and other obligations have been met. All other property of whatsoever nature, whether real, personal, or mixed that may at the time be owned or under the control of the LWVLPC shall be disposed of to such person, organization, or corporation for such public, charitable or educational use and purposes as the Board in its absolute discretion may designate.

ARTICLE VI

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Sec. 1. Membership Meetings. There shall be at least one (1) membership meeting each year at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 2. Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting shall be held between April 1 and June 30. The purpose of the Annual Meeting shall be to consider and adopt a local Program for study and action, elect officers and directors of the Board of Directors, adopt an annual budget, and transact other business as may properly come before it. The Annual Meeting can be held in person and through using electronic or other means. A quorum must be met to transact business and votes can be taken using electronic or other means.

Sec. 3. Quorum. Twenty percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum at all business meetings of the LWVLPC.

ARTICLE VII

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Sec. 1. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of up to three (3) members, at least one (1) of whom shall be a member of the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee is responsible for nominating members for open officer and director positions. The term of office for the chair and members of the nominating committee shall be one year. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Board.

Sec. 2. Report of Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor. The report of the nominating committee shall be sent to all members at least two weeks before the date of the Annual Meeting. The report shall be presented at the Annual Meeting. Immediately following the presentation, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member, provided the consent of the nominee has been secured.

Sec. 3. Elections. A majority vote, of those qualified to vote and voting, shall constitute an election. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

ARTICLE VIII

PRINCIPLES AND PROGRAM

Sec. 1. Principles. The principles are the concepts of government adopted by the national convention and supported by the League as a whole. They are the authorization for the adoption of national, state, and local Program.

Sec. 2. Program. The Program of the LWVLPC shall consist of action to implement the Principles and those local governmental issues chosen for concerted study and action by the LWVLPC.

Sec. 3. Annual Meeting Action. The proposed local Program recommended by the Board of Directors may be adopted by a majority vote of those qualified to vote and voting at the Annual Meeting. Any suggestion for a local study and action submitted to the Board at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting and not approved by the Board may be adopted by the three-fifths (3/5) vote of voting members at the Annual Meeting.

Sec. 4. Program Action. Members may act in the name of the LWVLPC only when authorized to do so by the Board. They may act only in conformity with, and not contrary to, a position taken by the LWVLPC, LWVCO and the LWVUS.

ARTICLE IX

NATIONAL CONVENTION AND COUNCIL

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Sec. 1. National Convention/Council. The Board of Directors, at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the LWVUS shall select delegates to the National Convention/Council in the number allowed for LWVLPC by the LWVCO under the provisions of the bylaws of the LWVUS.

Sec. 2. State Convention/Council. The Board of Directors, at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the LWVCO shall select delegates to the State Convention/Council in the number allowed for LWVLPC under the provisions of the bylaws of the LWVCO.

ARTICLE X

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Sec. 1. Parliamentary Authority. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable not inconsistent with these bylaws.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENTS

Sec. 1. Amendments. These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members qualified to vote and voting at any Annual Meeting. Members must be notified of the proposed amendments in writing at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

As first adopted by the Annual Meeting, March 26, 1947 and as amended at the Annual meetings: April, 1951; March, 1963; March 19, 1964; March 17, 1966; March 16, 1967; March 27, 1969; March 25, 1971; March 22, 1973; March 14, 1974; March 20, 1975; April 8, 1976; April 14, 1977; March 30, 1978; April 10, 1980; June 9, 2001; May 9, 2003; May 12, 2007; May 10, 2008, May 15, 2010; May 10, 2011; May 16, 2012; May 23, 2013; June 17, 2020; September 9, 2020, May 19, 2021; June 21, 2022.