

The LWML Texas District Structure Committee submits these revisions of the LWML Texas District Bylaws.

If the proposed revision is adopted, the LWML Texas District Structure Committee requests permission to re-number and re-letter sections to account for deletions and insertions, make any necessary spelling, typographical and sentence structure corrections, in accordance with LWML Style Guide and arrange the articles in an order to conform to LWML Bylaws.

Terminology updated:

- dispensing to disbursing
- District LCMS treasuries to LCMS district treasury
- District News to district newsletter
- District News/District News Editor to Vice President of Communication
- Leader Development Committee Chairman to Vice President of Organizational Resources
- LWML District to district
- meetings to business (when conducted by mail)
- messaging to means
- moneys to funds
- Secretary to the President to Administrative Assistant to the President
- Scholarship Endowment Fund Committee to Scholarship Committee
- synodical to LCMS
- work program to budget

Page 3 ARTICLE III – STRUCTURE

combined 2022 Bylaws ARTICLE V – ORGANIZATION with this article (to comply with LWML Bylaws)

Section 1c. struck serve as rally centers (it is implied in Section 3a)

Page 4 ARTICLE V – CONVENTIONS AND REPRESENTATION

Section 1 changed site selected to *site approved* and Board of Directors to *Executive Committee* (due to time constraints)

Section 2 inserted *in advance, but no later than two (2) years in advance* (see Article XIX) (due to time constraints and to current hotel and convention site practices)

struck 2022 Bylaws Section 3 (no longer needed as Executive Committee now approves the site)

Page 5 Section 7 struck at a site determined by the Board of Directors (LWML Structure Committee recommended as this refers to LWML Conventions)

struck 2022 Bylaws Section 7b. (LWML Structure Committee recommended as this is already an LWML rule)

Page 5 ARTICLE VI – ELECTED OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

Section 2d. changed 60 days to *30 days* and inserted *45 days* for financial officers (the new officer assumes her duties at the close of the convention and with the help of technology materials can be made available sooner)

Page 6 Section 4 changed Board of Directors to *Executive Committee*, inserted *voting* members and inserted *The meeting to remove any officer from office shall be a closed meeting.* (for consistency and confidentiality)

Page 6 ARTICLE VII - NOMINATIONS

Section 1b. inserted *In the event of a tie for a necessary replacement, the Executive Committee shall vote to break the tie.* (to clarify bylaws)

Section 2 changed shall have previously served as an elected or appointed zone officer, and shall have previously served at least one complete term as a member of a zone board of directors to *shall have previously served as an elected or appointed zone officer, and completed at least one full term as a member of a zone board of directors.* (LWML Structure Committee recommended the phrases to keep both requirements)

Section 4 inserted *for elected officers* following nominations and *Pastoral Counselors may not be nominated from the floor* (see Article XII, Section 2). (to conform to LWML Bylaws and current practice)

Page 6 ARTICLE VIII – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1 – President

1c. changed emergency committees to *additional committees* (recommended by the LWML Structure Committee for clarity)

Page 7 1d. inserted *voting* between ex-officio and member (to clarify bylaws)

Section 4 – Vice President of Gospel Outreach

inserted 4d. *Create a mission grant payment schedule based on information provided by the recipients and the urgency of the need.* (to conform to current practice)

Section 5 – Vice President of Organizational Resources

5e. moved *Serve as the credentials chairman for the district convention* from 2022 Bylaws Article XIV Departments and Standing Committees Section 5a.4) (to conform to current practice)

Page 8 Section 7 – Financial Secretary

7c. changed transfer to the Treasurer all moneys received to *Transfer all funds received to the financial institution designated by the Treasurer and approved by the Executive Committee.* (to conform to current practice)

Page 8 Section 8 – Treasurer

- 8a. changed receive the moneys from the Financial Secretary and deposit them in financial institutions approved by the Executive Committee to *Receive a report of all funds deposited from the Financial Secretary.* (to conform to current practice)

Page 8 ARTICLE IX – APPOINTED PERSONNEL

Page 9 Section 3 – Convention Coordinator

- 3a.1) changed encouraging zones to extend an invitation for conventions to *Encouraging zones in regional rotation to agree to host the convention.* (to conform to current practice)
- 3c. d. e. inserted
- c. Work with the District President in securing a site for the convention.*
- d. Work with the convention site.*
- e. Update the convention guidelines following each convention and obtain Executive Committee approval.* (to conform to current practice)

Page 9 ARTICLE X – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Page 10 Section 3f. struck Determine inserted *Approve* and struck whenever such decision has not been made by the Board of Directors (to conform to changes made in ARTICLE V Section 1)

Section 3h. changed prepare and present the work program to the Board of Directors and convention for adoption to *Approve the budget to present to the Board of Directors and convention for adoption.* (to conform to current practice)

Section 3k. inserted *Approve revisions to the convention guidelines after each convention.* (to conform to current practice)

Page 10 ARTICLE XI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1a. changed Chairmen of the Endowment Committee, Mission Service Committee, Structure Committee and Committee on Young Women to non-voting advisory members (Their positions are appointed, but they do have voice according to *Robert's Rules of Order.*)

Section 2a. inserted *at least* (to conform to current practice)

Section 2b. replaced annual meeting with *a meeting* (to conform to current practice)

Section 4g. inserted *Approve reallocation of district mission grant funds. (see Article XVII Section 7)* (to conform to current practice)

Page 10 ARTICLE XII – PASTORAL COUNSELORS

Section 1 inserted *Should a Pastoral Counselor retire during his term, he may continue to serve out his term.* (for consistency and not required of other officers)

Page 11 Section 3

3g. inserted *Evaluate district mission grant proposals. For the purpose of selecting mission grant proposals for the convention ballot, the Pastoral Counselor shall have voting privileges.* (to conform to current practice)

3h. inserted *Perform other duties as set forth in the job description and as requested by the President.* (to conform to current practice)

Section 4a. inserted *Retired pastors may serve in this capacity.* (to widen pool of eligible pastors)

4b. inserted *The meeting to remove a Pastoral Counselor from office shall be a closed meeting.* (for consistency and confidentiality)

Page 11 ARTICLE XIII – FINANCES

combined 2022 Bylaws Sections 4 and 5 to make Section 4 (to clarify bylaws and add President to the list)

Page 12 Section 6 struck flow through the LWML District treasury (to conform to current practice)

Section 7 changed These registration fees shall be determined by the Convention Host Committee and the Executive Committee of the LWML District and shall be paid by delegates and guests to *These registration fees shall be determined by the Executive Committee of the District, based on estimates provided by the Convention Host Committee, and shall be paid by delegates and guests.* (to conform to current practice)

Page 12 ARTICLE XIV – DEPARTMENTS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1b. struck District News Staff (to conform to current practice)

Section 2c. inserted *Plan the retreat(s) with the Christian Life Committee.* (to conform to current practice)

Section 3 struck references to District New Staff and editor (moved to Vice President of Communication) (to conform to current practice as there is no District News Staff)

Section 3b. inserted *and social media* (to conform to current practice)

Page 13 Section 3g. inserted *Be responsible for the official publication of the district.* (to conform to current practice)

Section 3h. inserted *Have editorial privileges.* (to conform to current practice)

Section 4a. inserted *the District President, the assigned Pastoral Counselor,*
(to conform to current practice)

moved 2022 Bylaws Section 4a. 6) to Job Description (better aligned with a job
description)

Section 5a. 2) inserted *groups* (recommendation from the LWML Structure Committee
for clarity)

struck 2022 Bylaws Section 5c. 3) (to conform to current practice)

Page 14 inserted Section 6 (from standing rules)

Section 7c. changed ratification to *approval* (one group cannot ratify the vote of another
group)

Section 7g. changed submit an annual report to the LWML District Executive Committee
to *Prepare a report to each regular meeting of the Executive
committee, Board of Directors, and the convention as requested.*
(report not needed each time)

Page 14 ARTICLE XV – SPECIAL COMMITTEES

moved 2022 Bylaws Sections 1-4 to the Convention Guidelines (recommendation of the
LWML Structure Committee to move to Convention Guidelines)

Page 14 ARTICLE XVI – OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

Section 1 changed official publication from District News to *district newsletter* and
District News Staff to *Communication Department* (to comply with LWML
guidelines that official LWML publications should not be the LCMS District's
publication and duties of the District News Staff now being done by the Vice
President of Communication and the Communication Department)

Page 14 ARTICLE XVII – MISSION GRANTS

Section 1 struck by November 1 inserted *as stated in the guidelines for submitting
mission grant proposals.* (to provide flexibility)

Page 15 Section 2 changed President and the Mission and Ministry Facilitator (MMF) liaison to
Texas District LCMS President and his appointed representative
(allow Texas District LCMS President to appoint the representative)

struck 2022 Bylaws Section 3 (no longer needed since stated in Section 2)

moved 2022 Bylaws Section 5 to Job Description (recommendation from the LWML
Structure Committee)