

**Purposed Changes to Bylaws
LWV of Mesa County
Annual Meeting-August 24, 2020**

Rational for changes to the League of Women Voters of Mesa County (LWVMC) Bylaws:

1. To bring the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Mesa County (LWVMC) into alignment, as required, with Articles I-III of the LWV of Colorado Bylaws.
2. To allow for the collection, tracking, and reporting of annual membership dues throughout the year, instead of only October of each year (Article V, Section 2).
3. To define Student, and Associate membership.

The following revisions below in red are presented to the LWVMC membership for a vote of acceptance during the Annual Meeting:

LWV-Mesa County Bylaws

Bylaws: League of Women Voters® of Mesa County, Inc. (Colorado)

ARTICLE I

Name

Sec. 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters® of Mesa County, Inc. hereinafter referred to in these bylaws as LWVMC. This local League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters® of the United States (LWVUS) and of the League of Women Voters® of Colorado (LWVCO), ~~Inc.~~

ARTICLE II

Purposes and Policy

Sec. 1. Purposes. The purposes of the ~~League of Women Voters® of Mesa County, Inc., LWVMC~~ shall be are to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation ~~of citizens~~ in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

Sec. 2. Political Policy. The League shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate for office.

ARTICLE III

Membership

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

Sec. 2. Types of Membership

- 1) Voting Members. Citizens at least ~~18-16~~ years of age residing within Mesa County Colorado who join the League of Women Voters shall be voting members of a local Leagues, ~~state Leagues and of the~~ the LWVCO and the LWVUS;

- a) ~~individuals-Those~~ who live-reside within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League;
- b) those who reside outside the area of ~~any~~ local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large;
- c) those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues.
- d) Associate members. All others who join the League shall be an associate member.
 - i) Persons who are not US Citizens ~~or who are under 18 years of age~~ may join the League as associate members, paying regular membership dues.
 - ii) ~~Associate membersThey~~ shall not be eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting on the budget, bylaws, program, or election of officers.
 - iii) ~~Associate membersThey~~ shall not be counted as part of a quorum at the Local Annual Meeting, ~~nor -At~~ special general membership meetings.
 - iv) ~~for changes in the Program (Article VIII. Sec. 3), associate members shall not be counted as part of the quorum, nor shall they~~Associate members shall not vote on ~~the~~ program changes.
 - v) They may participate fully in all other League activities.

ARTICLE V

Financial Administration

Sec. 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the League of Women Voters® of Mesa County, Inc., shall commence on the first day of July each year and end on the thirtieth (30th) day of June of the following year.

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Sec. 2. Dues. As memberships expire each year, dues for the member will be paid within thirty (30) days on 10/31 annually, dues shall be due in October of each year. Failure to pay dues within ~~three months~~thirty (30) day after they become payable will result in the membership being dropped. Members shall be informed in advance of their membership being dropped.

1. Where two or more members reside in the same household, annual dues for each additional member shall be approximately one-half of current annual dues. Only one copy of any League publication shall be delivered to each such household.
2. ~~One half annual dues may be charged to new members who join between February 1 and June 30. Full dues would then be payable in October.~~
3. A student is defined as an individual enrolled either full or part-time in an accredited educational institution.

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