

## League Terms

**ACTION.** Promoting the League's position on local, state and national public policy issues to government officials, the media and the public.

**ACTION ALERT.** Request, via email, from the LWVUS or a state League to take action in support of a League position.

**ANNUAL MEETING.** Local year-end business meeting to elect officers and directors, vote on bylaw changes and adopt a budget and program of work for the next year.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBER.** A nonvoting member of the League, such as a person under 18 years of age or a non-citizen.

**CONSENSUS.** Collective opinion of a substantial number of League members, representative of the membership as a whole, after objective study of an issue.

**CONCURRENCE.** Agreement by League members with a position on an issue reached by another League.

**CONVENTION.** A state or national League meeting held every other year at which delegates elect officers and directors for the biennium, adopt program, make bylaw changes and adopt a budget, usually for one year, Local Leagues send delegates to state convention, local and state League send delegates to national convention.

**COUNCIL.** An assembly of delegates held in alternate years to adopt a budget and assess program developments. Local Leagues send delegates to state council, state Leagues to national council.

**EDUCATION FUND.** The tax-deductible arm of national, state and local Leagues, handling funds to be used only for education of the general public i.e. Guide to Elected Officials.

**HONORARY LIFE MEMBER.** A person who has been a member for 50 years or more. Life members are excused from dues payment and their Leagues pay no per member payment (PMP) for them.

**PMP.** Acronym for *Per Member Payment*, the amount of money paid to the LWVUS and the state League on behalf of each member. Currently, the PMP is \$32 for LWVUS; \$15 for LWV Florida,

**POSITION.** A statement of the League's point of view on an issue, arrived at through member study and agreement ( consensus or concurrence), approved by the appropriate board and used as a basis for League action.

**PROGRAM.** Plans for speakers, discussion or other activities for League meetings.

**VOTERS GUIDE.** Nonpartisan publication giving candidates' qualifications and positions on selected issues.

**VOTER SERVICE.** Year-round activity to help citizens be politically effective and to encourage their participation in the political process. Registering voters and presenting factual, nonpartisan information on candidates and election issues are basic voter service activities.

**VOTING MEMBERS.** All League members who are U.S. citizens and at least 16 years old.