PROPOSED LWVGE BYLAWS AMENDMENTS FOR 2023

The review was guided by LWVGE member recommendations and compliance with LWVIL and LWVUS bylaws. Respectfully submitted, Rita Doyle and Laura Lee.

Entries in bold are new
~~*Wording is eliminated*~~

LANGUAGE UPDATE: change all "president" references to "**president or co-presidents**".
Rationale: To be consistent within the document.

ARTICLE II.PURPOSES AND POLICIES. Section 2b Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy.
The League is fully committed to ensure compliance - in principle and in practice - with LWVUS' Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy**.** ~~(see page 29).~~
Rationale: The page number will likely change with each Directory edition.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP. Section 2.a.Voting Members (2).
Those who reside outside the area of any local league may join a local League or shall be ~~state member-at-large~~ a **member around the state.**
Rationale: to be consistent with LWVIL.

ARTICLE V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Section 6. Quorum.
A majority of the members of the board of directors of the LWVGE shall constitute a quorum. **Any one or more members of the board may participate in a meeting by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment allowing all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting**. **Notice for such a meeting shall include information about the form of communications** For this section, "members of the board of directors" is defined as members holding positions listed in Section 1 of the Article.
Rationale: To allow attendance at board meetings by telephone or electronic devices and be counted toward a quorum as in the LWVIL and LWVUS bylaws.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS. Section 1. ~~General and Unit~~ Membership Meetings.
There shall be at least six meetings of the membership each year. The time and place **and whether open to the public** shall be determined by the board.
Rationale: The terms "General and Unit" are unnecessary and confusing. The second change allows the board to determine which meetings are limited to members and which should be open to a wide audience.

ARTICLE VI.Section 3 Quorum**.**
Twenty percent of the voting members shall constitute a quorum at ~~all general~~ Membership and Annual Meetings of the LWVGE, provided written notice of the meeting is sent to the membership at least one week in advance. **At the discretion of the board**, **members may participate in a meeting by means of communications**

equipment allowing all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting.Notice for such a meeting shall include information about the form of communications system and the means of accessing the communication system.
Rationale:Removing the title “all general” is consistent with the change to ARTICLE VI. Section 1 above. Adding participation by communication equipment allows members to attend via Zoom, or other comparable technology and to be counted toward a quorum.

ARTICLE IX. Financial Administration Section 4. Financial Review.
The books shall be reviewed each year by a committee of two or more people appointed by the executive committee. A report of the review shall be ~~made to the board by July 1~~. **completed for the board by July 15 and presented by one or more members of the financial review committee at the next board meeting.**
Rationale: This gives the committee more time to complete the review and clarifies when the report is given to the board.