

**LWML Washington-Alaska District
Proposed Bylaw Amendments 2024**

If a specific proposed amendment is adopted, then the Structure Committee has permission to re-letter or re-number sections to account for deletions and insertions.

All "Now Reads" are based on the July 2022 district bylaws. If a section has been approved, there is no need to incorporate the changes into the subsequent "Now Reads" and the assumption is made that the changes will be reflected in the amended bylaws.

Rationale: To avoid perceived conflict of interest by a member and the remaining members of the committee.

ARTICLE VII – NOMINATIONS (page 7)

SECTION 1 – NOMINATING COMMITTEE

<i>Now Reads:</i>	<i>If Adopted, Will Read:</i>
	D. If a member of the Nominating Committee agrees to have her name submitted for an office under consideration, she shall resign from the Nominating Committee.

Rationale: This is no longer necessary as the practice of bonding the elected officers has ceased. The district is covered by insurance from national LWML.

ARTICLE VIII – ELECTED OFFICERS (page 8-11)

SECTION 1 – PRESIDENT

<i>Now Reads:</i>	<i>If Adopted, Will Read:</i>
L. be bonded at the expense of the district in an amount determined by the Executive Committee.	

SECTION 7 – FINANCIAL SECRETARY

<i>Now Reads:</i>	<i>If Adopted, Will Read:</i>
A. be bonded at the expense of the district in an amount determined by the Executive Committee.	

SECTION 8 – TREASURER

<i>Now Reads:</i>	<i>If Adopted, Will Read:</i>
A. be bonded at the expense of the district in an amount determined by the Executive Committee.	

ARTICLE IX – SPECIAL APPOINTED PERSONNEL (page 12)

SECTION 5 – MEETING MANAGER

<i>Now Reads:</i>	<i>If Adopted, Will Read:</i>
F. be bonded at the expense of the district in an amount determined by the Executive Committee.	

Rationale: The LWML district store has been closed per the approval of the Board of Directors at the November 2022 meeting so there is no need for an LWML Store Administrator.

ARTICLE IX – SPECIAL APPOINTED PERSONNEL (page 11)

SECTION 1 – PERSONNEL LISTED

<i>Now Reads:</i>	<i>If Adopted, Will Read:</i>
The Special Appointed Personnel shall be the Archivist-Historian, Convention Chairman, Corresponding Secretary, Meeting Manager, Parliamentarian, Planner, Public Relations Director, <i>Quarterly</i> Manager, Webmaster, <i>Evergreen Echoes</i> Editor, and LWML District Store Administrator. They shall: A. be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee; B. serve two (2) years, or until their successors are appointed; C. be eligible for reappointment.	The Special Appointed Personnel shall be the Archivist-Historian, Convention Chairman, Corresponding Secretary, Meeting Manager, Parliamentarian, Planner, Public Relations Director, <i>Quarterly</i> Manager, Webmaster, <u>and</u> <i>Evergreen Echoes</i> Editor. They shall: A. be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee; B. serve two (2) years, or until their successors are appointed; C. be eligible for reappointment.

ARTICLE IX – SPECIAL APPOINTED PERSONNEL (page 13)

<i>Now Reads:</i>	<i>If Adopted, Will Read:</i>
<p>SECTION 12 – LWML DISTRICT STORE ADMINISTRATOR The LWML District Store Administrator shall: A. be directly responsible to the Public Relations Director; B. manage the LWML store at all district functions; C. maintain the store inventory; D. order additional items from LWML; E. report to all Board of Directors meetings and submit a report for the convention manual. F. be ineligible to vote at Board of Directors’ meetings and the district convention.</p>	

ARTICLE XIII – COMMITTEES (page 19-20)
K. PUBLIC RELATIONS

<i>Now Reads:</i>	<i>If Adopted, Will Read:</i>
<p>The Public Relations Committee, composed of the Public Relations Director as chairman, the <i>Evergreen Echoes</i> Editor, the Webmaster, the <i>Quarterly</i> Manager, the LWML District Store Administrator, a Pastoral Counselor, and other members as appointed (plus the Convention Host Public Relations Chairman during convention planning) shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) be directly responsible to the District President; 2) share LWML news and events with societies and zones; 3) have editorial privilege; 4) send news releases, both advance and follow-up stories of district conventions, retreats, and other events to all appropriate LCMS and secular publications; 5) have the chairman report to all Board of Directors’ meetings; 6) have the chairman submit a report for the convention manual; 7) distribute bulk mailing for the Board of Directors, and may: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) monitor the district website and district logo, with the approval of the Executive Committee; b) assist the President with publicity to be distributed at zone rallies; c) assist the President with publicity and booth at LCMS functions; d) arrange to have the President’s banner for the LWML convention. 	<p>The Public Relations Committee, composed of the Public Relations Director as chairman, the <i>Evergreen Echoes</i> Editor, the Webmaster, the <i>Quarterly</i> Manager, a Pastoral Counselor, and other members as appointed (plus the Convention Host Public Relations Chairman during convention planning) shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) be directly responsible to the District President; 2) share LWML news and events with societies and zones; 3) have editorial privilege; 4) send news releases, both advance and follow-up stories of district conventions, retreats, and other events to all appropriate LCMS and secular publications; 5) have the chairman report to all Board of Directors’ meetings; 6) have the chairman submit a report for the convention manual; 7) distribute bulk mailing for the Board of Directors, and may: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) monitor the district website and district logo, with the approval of the Executive Committee; b) assist the President with publicity to be distributed at zone rallies; c) assist the President with publicity and booth at LCMS functions; d) arrange to have the President’s banner for the LWML convention.

Rationale: Allow for additional appointed personnel as needed.

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SECTION 1 – PERSONNEL LISTED

<i>Now Reads:</i>	<i>If Adopted, Will Read:</i>
	D. There may be additional appointed personnel as deemed necessary to carry on the work of the LWML. The Board of Directors authorizing the appointed personnel shall determine the authority and responsibility of the appointed personnel.

Rationale: The references and section referring to the Teen Committee will be deleted as the national LWML has chosen to end the focus on teens. The remaining committees will be renumbered.

ARTICLE VIII – OFFICERS

SECTION 4 – VICE PRESIDENT OF SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES

<i>Now Reads:</i>	<i>If Adopted, Will Read:</i>
B. serve as facilitator of the Department of Special Focus Ministries: Heart to Heart Sisters Committee, Teen Committee, and Young Women Committee.	B. serve as facilitator of the Department of Special Focus Ministries: Heart to Heart Sisters Committee and Young Women Committee.

ARTICLE XIII – COMMITTEES (page 16)

<i>Now Reads:</i>	<i>If Adopted, Will Read:</i>
E. TEEN The Teen Committee shall: 1) be directly responsible to the Vice President of Special Focus Ministries; 2) encourage teens (ages 14-17) of the district LCMS congregations to become active participants in LWML through teen programs; 3) have the chairman report at all Board of Directors' meetings; 4) have the chairman submit a report for the convention manual; 5) be responsible for the teen program at the district convention; 6) complete a background check on all teen committee members, to be paid by and kept on file with the district.	

Rationale: There is no longer a bulk mailing.

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Rationale: Update the bylaw for clarity from fiscal year to fiscal biennium.

<i>Now Reads:</i>	<i>If Adopted, Will Read:</i>
ARTICLE XVII – FISCAL YEAR The fiscal year of the district shall be from April 1 to March 31 inclusively.	ARTICLE XVII – FISCAL <u>BIENNIUM</u> The fiscal <u>biennium</u> of the district shall be from April 1 to March 31 inclusively.

Rationale: Update to reflect current practice.

STANDING RULES

<i>Now Reads:</i>	<i>If Adopted, Will Read:</i>
7. The deadline for submitting mission projects to the LWML Vice President Gospel Outreach is September 30 in even-numbered years.	7. The deadline for submitting mission projects to the LWML Vice President of Gospel Outreach is <u>October 31</u> in odd-numbered years.

Rationale: To be consistent on the amount that the district will cover for housing for individuals at LWML conventions.

STANDING RULES

<i>Now Reads:</i>	<i>If Adopted, Will Read:</i>
11. The district will pay the expenses for the following people who attend the LWML convention: e. Nominees for National Office: travel and housing. f. The Executive Committee will determine the amount the district will pay for housing at the LWML convention for certified delegates, the amount to be included in equalization fees.	11. The district will pay the expenses for the following people who attend the LWML convention: e. Nominees for National Office: travel and <u>a percentage of housing</u> . f. The Executive Committee will determine the amount the district will pay for housing at the LWML convention for certified delegates <u>and individuals nominated for national offices</u> , the amount to be included in equalization fees.

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