

# **GLOSSARY OF LEAGUE TERMS**

**ACTION** – Implementing League program positions or principles by making public statements, lobbying legislators, litigation, monitoring issues, and citizen education. “A Call to Action” is an alert that an important issue is at the point where action can be most effective.

**ANNUAL MEETING** – Locally, a mini convention which must be held each year for the members to elect officers, a board of directors and members of the Nominating Committee, adopt a budget and a local program for the following year, and any amendments to the Bylaws. Sometimes called an Annual General Meeting (AGM).

**CALL** – Announcement sent annually to the membership listing the annual meeting date, proposed budget, directors, and agenda.

**CONCURRENCE** – Agreement by League members or League boards with a position reached by another League, a resource committee or a task force.

**CONSENSUS** – Member agreement reached through study and discussion of an issue. It describes both the process and the result.

**CONVENTION** – A biennial meeting at which League delegates elect officers, adopt a budget, and choose study and action priorities. Conventions are scheduled at the state and national levels.

**COUNCIL** – Biennial meeting of LWV delegates scheduled in the years between state conventions. Representation is limited and the purpose is to review program and adopt a budget.

**OPEN MEETING** – Local meetings open to the public scheduled at least four times a year.

**PMP** – Per Member Payment of dues to state and national leagues.

**PORTFOLIO** – Description of a board member’s responsibilities in a specific area, which are in addition to general Board responsibilities.

**POSITION** – The League’s point of view on a governmental issue, which may be a position of the LWVUS, the LWVCT or this League. A position is determined through consensus, concurrence or application of the League’s principles.

**PROGRAM** – See “Your Place in the League.”

**STUDY ITEM** – A subject chosen for in-depth research and analysis by the membership to be presented for consensus at the conclusion of the study.

**VOTER SERVICES** – See “Your Place in the League.”