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

Concurrence - Agreement by League members or Boards with a position reached by another League, a study committee or 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 held at the State level in even-numbered years and at the National level in odd-numbered years.

Council - A biennial meeting of League delegates, held in years between conventions and with a more limited representation, to review program and adopt a budget.

ILO - An Inter-League Organization coordinates the activities of a group of Leagues with shared interests within a county, metropolitan area or region. ILOS adopt bylaws, hold conventions, elect officers and directors, choose program and approve a budget.

MAL — A Member-at-Large is someone who is enrolled in and pays dues to the State and National Leagues, but can reside within a local League area. MALs receive selected publications, including the state and national *VOTER*.

Observer Corps - League members who attend and report on meetings of local community Boards, Commissions and committees.

PMP - The Per-Member-Payment is the amount which a local League pays to the State and National Leagues for each of its members to cover the cost of services to local Leagues and members. The PMP is set at the biennial Conventions.

Position - The League’s point of view on a governmental issue. A position is determined through consensus, concurrence or application of the League’s principles.

Program - Those issues chosen by the members for study and action at each level of the League.

Program Planning - is used for:

- 1) study and action planning and
- 2) planning the calendar of general membership activities.

Board Report - The State Board Report is the major vehicle of communication between Officers and Directors of the LWVCT and their counterparts in local Leagues. It is e-mailed to local League Boards monthly, usually within a week of each state Board meeting.

SIR - The LWVCT Symposium on International Relations, a conference usually held in March or April.

Total Board Responsibility - The cooperative approach to board operation which requires the active participation of all board members in those key areas which will

advance the League's goals, such as policy oversight, membership recruitment and retention, program (voters service, study, action, education) and financing the organization.

Voters Service - The activities which provide nonpartisan, factual information to citizens to make them politically aware and effective. This includes activities in connection with registration, voting, publication of community information, etc.