

BYLAWS OF LEAGUE OF CONSTITUTIONAL VOTERS

A Washington Nonprofit Corporation, UBI No. 606 274 233

PREAMBLE

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Washington by seeing that every office they create is filled by the people's choice; to present every candidate to the public on equal terms; to teach our neighbors how their governments work and how to stand for office; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, county, state, and nation; to give young citizens real responsibility and the confidence to lead; to hold ourselves absolutely nonpartisan, endorsing no candidate and taking no position; and to keep faith with our members through open books and open doors; for these purposes we associate ourselves together as the League of Constitutional Voters.

These Bylaws are adopted under the Articles of Incorporation and chapter 24.03A RCW. In any conflict, the Articles of Incorporation control over these Bylaws, and these Bylaws control over any chapter rule, policy, or charter agreement.

ARTICLE I. NONPARTISANSHIP

Section 1. Absolute nonpartisanship. The League is absolutely nonpartisan. The League does not endorse, rate, rank, score, support, or oppose any candidate for public office or any political party, and does not take positions on questions of public policy, including but not limited to taxation, land use, education, firearms, health care, growth, and water. The League does not make contributions or expenditures in connection with any election, does not register or operate a political committee, and does not require or request any pledge from any candidate.

Section 2. Equal treatment. Every candidate who has qualified for the ballot in a race the League covers shall receive an identical invitation to every League event and voter guide for that race, the same questions, the same time, and the same placement. Candidate responses are published unedited and in full. A candidate who declines or does not respond is listed as "no response" without comment. The League shall keep an invitation and response log for every event and guide sufficient to demonstrate compliance with this Section.

Section 3. Speaking for the League. No director, officer, chapter officer, moderator, trainer, or member may state or imply a League endorsement of, or opposition to, any candidate, party, ballot measure, or policy position, in any forum, in the League's name or while identified by League role. Nothing in this Article limits any member's personal political activity in the member's own name.

Section 4. Leave of absence. A director, officer, chapter officer, or certified moderator who becomes a candidate for public office, or who takes a paid or titled role in any candidate's campaign or in a political committee, shall take a leave of absence from every League role for the duration of the candidacy or role and until the election is certified, and shall not moderate, edit, or select questions for any League event or guide in which that race appears.

Section 5. Application to chapters and programs. This Article binds every chapter, committee, youth program, publication, and event of the League. Violation of this Article by a chapter is cause for suspension or revocation of its charter under Article VII. Violation by a member is cause for discipline under Article III.

Section 6. Entrenchment. This Article may be amended only by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members entitled to vote, cast at an annual or special meeting or by electronic ballot under Article IV, after not less than sixty days' written notice of the exact text of the proposed amendment, and only if the amendment is consistent with section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Article IV of the Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE II. NAME, OFFICES, PURPOSES, AND PILLARS

Section 1. Name. The name of the corporation is League of Constitutional Voters, referred to in these Bylaws as "the League."

Section 2. Offices. The principal office of the League is in the State of Washington at the location the Board designates. The Board may establish other offices.

Section 3. Purposes. The purposes of the League are those stated in Article III of the Articles of Incorporation.

Section 4. Pillars. The League organizes its programs under four pillars: (a) The Constitution; (b) Americanism and Citizenship; (c) The Contested Ballot; and (d) Children and Youth. Every program, budget line, and chapter report shall be assigned to a pillar. The Board may adopt a written description of each pillar consistent with Article I.

Section 5. Core programs. The League and each chartered chapter shall conduct: (a) candidate meet-and-greets, not less than monthly during the months the Board designates; (b) free "Learn to Run" workshops on seeking public office, not less than quarterly; and (c) the annual publication, in February, of an Empty Ballot List identifying offices at risk of being uncontested, followed by a filing-week program.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility. Any person sixteen years of age or older who supports the purposes of the League and agrees to abide by Article I may become a member upon application and payment of

dues. Membership is not conditioned on party affiliation, voter registration, citizenship, or residence.

Section 2. One class. The League has one class of voting members. Each member has one vote regardless of dues tier, and no dues tier, gift, or title confers any additional vote, veto, or right of governance.

Section 3. Dues tiers. Annual dues tiers and lifetime tiers shall be set under Article VIII, Section 2. A household tier admits two voting members at one address. A lifetime tier is a single payment in lieu of annual dues for the life of the member. Dues may be waived by any chapter Chair or by the Secretary upon request, without inquiry into the reason.

Section 4. Junior participants. Persons thirteen through fifteen years of age may, with written consent of a parent or guardian, be enrolled as Junior participants without dues. Junior participants are not members, do not vote, and are not counted for any quorum or charter threshold.

Section 5. Chapter affiliation. Each member is affiliated with the chapter for the county of the member's residence, if one is chartered, or with a campus chapter for which the member is eligible; otherwise the member is a member-at-large of the national body. A member may change affiliation by written notice to the Secretary.

Section 6. Delinquency. A member whose annual dues are unpaid thirty days after the renewal date is in arrears and may not vote. A member whose dues remain unpaid one hundred twenty days after the renewal date ceases to be a member and may rejoin at any time by payment of current dues.

Section 7. Resignation. A member may resign at any time by written notice. Dues are not refunded.

Section 8. Discipline. A member may be suspended or expelled for cause (including violation of Article I, misuse of member data, or conduct that brings the League into disrepute) only after written charges, not less than twenty days' notice, and an opportunity to be heard before the Board or a committee it designates, by a two-thirds vote of the directors present. The decision shall be in writing.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS AND VOTING OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Annual Assembly. The League shall hold an annual meeting of members, styled the Annual Assembly, in June of each year at a date, place, and remote-participation method fixed by the Board, for the election of directors, ratification of dues, receipt of the annual financial report and the Contested Ballot Report, and any other business. Each chartered chapter shall designate one delegate who shall be recognized to report from the floor.

Section 2. Special meetings. Special meetings may be called by the President, by a majority of the Board, or by written demand of not less than ten percent of the members entitled to vote, stating the purpose.

Section 3. Notice. Written notice, which may be electronic, of every meeting of members shall be given not less than twenty nor more than sixty days before the meeting, stating the date, time, place or remote method, and, for a special meeting or any meeting at which an amendment to the Articles or Bylaws will be considered, the purpose and the text of the proposal.

Section 4. Quorum. Ten percent of the members entitled to vote, present in person, remotely, or by electronic ballot, constitute a quorum.

Section 5. Electronic voting. Members may vote at any meeting by electronic means, and the Board may conduct any vote of the members (including elections and amendments) by electronic ballot without a meeting, in the manner and with the notice permitted by chapter 24.03A RCW. Proxy voting is not permitted.

Section 6. Action. Except where the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or chapter 24.03A RCW require a greater vote, action of the members is by majority of the votes cast.

ARTICLE V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Powers. The affairs of the League are managed by the Board of Directors, subject to the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, and the rights of members.

Section 2. Number and composition. The Board consists of not fewer than five nor more than seven directors, the exact number fixed by Board resolution, subject to the transition provisions of Article XVII. At least one seat shall at all times be held by a director who was under thirty years of age on the date of election to that seat. If no member under thirty is nominated for the reserved seat, the seat remains vacant until filled by a qualified member, and the vacancy does not affect quorum.

Section 3. Election and terms. Directors are elected by the members at the Annual Assembly for staggered two-year terms, approximately half the seats being filled each year. A director may serve not more than three consecutive full terms and is again eligible after one year off the Board. Directors serve until their successors are elected and qualified.

Section 4. Qualifications. Every director shall be a member in good standing, shall have completed League Basic Training within ninety days of election, and shall sign the League's Article I acknowledgment and conflict-of-interest disclosure annually.

Section 5. Nominations. A nominating committee of three members, not more than one of whom is a sitting director, appointed by the Board not later than March 1, shall present a slate at least thirty days before the Annual Assembly. Any member may be nominated by petition of ten

members delivered to the Secretary at least twenty days before the Assembly. All nominees shall appear on the ballot on identical terms.

Section 6. Meetings. The Board meets not less than quarterly. Directors may participate remotely by any means through which all participants can hear one another simultaneously, and such participation constitutes presence. A majority of directors in office is a quorum; the act of a majority of directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present is the act of the Board unless a greater vote is required.

Section 7. Vacancies and removal. A vacancy may be filled by the Board for the unexpired term, subject to Section 2. A director may be removed, with or without cause, by the members by the vote required under chapter 24.03A RCW, or for cause (including three consecutive unexcused absences or violation of Article I) by two-thirds of the other directors after notice and an opportunity to be heard.

Section 8. Conflicts of interest. The Board shall adopt and annually review a written conflict-of-interest policy. No director shall vote on any matter in which the director, a family member, or the director's employer has a financial interest, and any transaction with an interested person shall be approved only by disinterested directors after disclosure and on terms documented as fair to the League.

Section 9. Committees. The Board may establish standing committees corresponding to the four pillars and such other committees as it determines. Only directors may serve on a committee exercising Board authority.

Section 10. Compensation. Directors serve without compensation for Board service and may be reimbursed for documented expenses under Article VIII.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers. The officers are a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, elected by the Board from among its members at the first Board meeting following the Annual Assembly, for one-year terms. No person may hold more than one office at a time, and the Treasurer shall not be the President and shall not be a member of the President's household. During the transition period of Article XVII, the Board may combine offices as chapter 24.03A RCW permits, except that the Treasurer and President roles shall be separated as soon as the Board has three or more members.

Section 2. President. The President presides at meetings of the members and the Board, is the chief executive officer, signs charters and contracts authorized by the Board, and reports to the members at the Annual Assembly.

Section 3. Vice President. The Vice President acts in the President's absence and has such duties as the Board assigns, including oversight of chapters and training.

Section 4. Secretary. The Secretary keeps the minutes, the membership roll, the charter register, and the invitation and response logs required by Article I, gives notices, and certifies League records.

Section 5. Treasurer. The Treasurer has custody of League funds, keeps the books, presents a written financial report at each Board meeting and the annual financial report to the members, reports against the administrative goal under Article VIII, files or supervises the filing of all federal and state returns and reports, and is bonded or covered by fidelity insurance under Article VIII, Section 7.

Section 6. Removal. Any officer may be removed by the Board with or without cause; removal is without prejudice to any contract rights.

ARTICLE VII. CHAPTERS

Section 1. Nature. Chapters are unincorporated operating divisions of the League, organized by county or, for student chapters, by campus. A chapter is not a separate legal entity, does not obtain its own employer identification number, and acts only under the League's name, charter, and insurance.

Section 2. Provisional charter. Upon written application by ten or more members residing in a county (or enrolled at a campus) not already chartered, naming a proposed Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer who have each completed League Basic Training, and after review by the Board at its next regular meeting, the Board may issue a provisional charter. Chapters are named for the county or campus and never for a person, party, or cause.

Section 3. Permanent charter. Not less than ninety days after the provisional charter, and after the chapter has (a) held at least one meet-and-greet and one Learn to Run workshop to League standards with complete logs, (b) filed its first quarterly report, and (c) remitted dues under Article VIII, the Board may issue a permanent charter. A provisional charter lapses one year after issuance if a permanent charter has not been granted, unless extended by the Board.

Section 4. Charter agreement. Every charter is issued under a written Charter Agreement in the form approved by the Board, signed by the chapter officers. The chapter adopts these Bylaws as its own; a chapter may adopt standing rules not inconsistent with these Bylaws, and Articles I and II of any chapter rules shall be identical to Articles I and II of these Bylaws.

Section 5. Obligations. Each chapter shall: (a) conduct the core programs in Article II, Section 5, and at least one activity annually under each of the other three pillars; (b) keep the logs required by Article I; (c) file a quarterly activity and membership report and an annual program report with

the Secretary; (d) remit dues under Article VIII; (e) certify a venue's insurance requirements before every public event; (f) ensure that all chapter officers and moderators hold the training required by Article X; and (g) seat a delegate at the Annual Assembly.

Section 6. Suspension and revocation. The Board may suspend or revoke a charter for cause (expressly including any violation of Article I, failure to conduct the core programs for two consecutive quarters, failure to report or remit for two consecutive quarters, or inactivity for six months) after written notice of the grounds and not less than thirty days to respond in writing or at a hearing before the Board or a committee it designates. A chapter may appeal a revocation to the members at the next Annual Assembly. Upon suspension, revocation, or dissolution of a chapter, the Board takes custody of all chapter funds, records, and property, which remain assets of the League.

Section 7. State boards. When three or more chapters are chartered in a state, the Board may establish a state board, composed of one delegate from each chapter in the state, to coordinate programs, conduct the Youth Capitol and state oration final, and recommend charters, under written terms approved by the Board.

ARTICLE VIII. FINANCE

Section 1. Fiscal year. The fiscal year is the calendar year.

Section 2. Dues. The Board shall fix annual and lifetime dues tiers not later than March 1 for the following membership year, subject to ratification by the members at the Annual Assembly. Dues paid in advance for more than one year are accepted at the rate in effect when paid. Dues are the property of the League; a chapter's share is an allocation, not a separate ownership.

Section 3. Allocation to chapters. Of the annual dues paid by each member affiliated with a chartered chapter, the chapter is allocated sixty percent and the national body forty percent, or such other allocation as the Board fixes and the members ratify, provided that the national allocation shall never be less than eight dollars per member per year. Lifetime dues and gifts above the annual tiers are allocated by the Board, and a portion of every lifetime payment shall be placed in the lifetime-dues reserve under Section 5.

Section 4. Administrative goal and the 93-cent pledge. The League's goal is that administrative expenses (defined as state and federal filings, insurance, banking, accounting, and legal fees) not exceed in any fiscal year the greater of seven percent of the League's revenue for that year or eight thousand dollars. Payment-processing fees are classified as fundraising expenses. Every other dollar shall be spent on programs. The Board shall adopt each annual budget consistent with this goal; the Treasurer shall report actual administrative expense against the goal at each Board meeting and in the annual financial report; and any fiscal year in which the goal is exceeded shall

be explained to the members in the annual financial report together with the Board's plan to return to it.

Section 5. Reserves. The Board shall maintain (a) an operating reserve target of three months of administrative expenses and (b) a lifetime-dues reserve into which not less than fifty percent of each lifetime payment is deposited and from which the equivalent of one year's individual dues is released each year for the life of the member.

Section 6. Disbursements. Any disbursement above five hundred dollars requires the signatures or documented electronic approvals of two authorized signers, one of whom is the Treasurer. Every expense shall be supported by a receipt submitted within sixty days. No League funds shall be paid to or for any candidate, party, or political committee for any purpose.

Section 7. Insurance and audit. The League shall maintain directors-and-officers liability insurance and general liability coverage before its first public event, and fidelity or crime coverage for every person who handles League funds, including chapter treasurers. The Board may cause the books of the League or of any chapter to be reviewed or audited at any time.

Section 8. Compensation. No officer shall receive compensation until the League's annual revenue exceeds the first threshold in a written compensation ladder adopted by the Board. Any compensation shall be approved in advance by disinterested directors, on the basis of comparability data for similar organizations, with the decision and the data documented in the minutes contemporaneously, so as to satisfy the rebuttable-presumption procedures of 26 C.F.R. § 53.4958-6. The compensation ladder shall be published with the governance documents.

Section 9. Reports. The Treasurer shall deliver an annual financial report to every member within one hundred twenty days after the close of the fiscal year, and the League shall publish its annual federal information return upon filing.

Section 10. No distributions. The League shall make no distribution to any member, director, or officer, consistent with RCW 24.03A.155 and Article V of the Articles of Incorporation.

Section 11. Expansion Fund. The League shall maintain an Expansion Fund, a program fund expended only on chartering support, kits and their shipping, training, Empty Ballot Tour stops, Filing Week micro-grants, and youth programs, with priority to counties and states without a chartered chapter. Each fiscal year the League shall allocate to the Fund not less than the amount stated in the Board's financial policy, which shall be not less than the greater of ten percent of the League's gross revenue for the year or five dollars per member. Unspent balances carry forward in the Fund. Gifts restricted by the donor to the Fund are held and expended only for its purposes. Expenditures from the Fund are program expenses, classified as the Board's financial policy and the League's annual information return classify them, and no expenditure from the Fund counts toward the administrative goal in Section 4.

ARTICLE IX. PROGRAM STANDARDS

Section 1. Equal-treatment standard. The Board shall adopt, publish, and annually review a written Equal-Treatment Standard for meet-and-greets, forums, and voter guides that requires, at minimum: identical written invitations to every ballot-qualified candidate in a covered race, with proof of delivery; questions prepared by persons who are not candidates or campaign participants and that cover a broad range of subjects relevant to the office; identical time and identical questions for every candidate; a random or alphabetical speaking order announced in advance; a moderator who does not comment on answers or questions; no requests that a candidate agree or disagree with any position; and publication of responses unedited and in full, with non-responding candidates listed as "no response."

Section 2. Learn to Run standard. Learn to Run workshops are open to any person without application, screening, or inquiry into party, affiliation, platform, or viewpoint; are announced publicly; charge no fee; use faculty selected for the offices they have held and balanced across parties on the same panel; and end when instruction ends: the League provides no assistance to any individual campaign.

Section 3. Empty Ballot List. The Empty Ballot List identifies every office in a covered jurisdiction for which fewer than two candidates have filed or are expected to file, without regard to the party, identity, or record of any incumbent or filer, and is published complete or not at all.

Section 4. Data. Member and attendee information is never sold, rented, or shared with any candidate, party, campaign, or data broker, and is used only for League purposes.

ARTICLE X. TRAINING

Section 1. Basic Training. The League shall maintain a free League Basic Training course covering the mission, the pillars, the core programs, Article I, and the Equal-Treatment Standard. Completion is required within ninety days for every director, officer, chapter officer, and holder of a named volunteer role, and before a provisional charter is issued to any chapter.

Section 2. Moderator certification. No person shall moderate a League event or edit a League voter guide without current Moderator Certification issued by the League. Certification is valid for two years.

Section 3. Continuing training. The League shall offer not less than monthly training sessions open to all members and an annual Charter Leadership Academy for chapter and state leaders.

ARTICLE XI. YOUTH PROGRAMS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Section 1. Programs. The League may conduct youth civic-education programs, including Youth County and Youth Capitol simulations and an oration contest, under written program rules approved by the Board that comply with Article I. No real political party, platform, or issue

position shall be used or referenced in any youth simulation, and no candidate for public office shall serve as faculty, judge, or counselor in a youth program during the calendar year of the candidacy.

Section 2. Scholarships. Scholarships and prizes shall be awarded under written criteria adopted by the Board that are objective and nondiscriminatory; selection shall be made by a committee no member of which is related to any applicant or is a candidate for public office; and the League shall keep records of each award, the criteria, and the selection sufficient to demonstrate compliance. Scholarship endowment gifts are held in a restricted fund and expended only for scholarships. Judging rubrics for the oration contest shall state that no points may be awarded or deducted for the position a contestant takes.

ARTICLE XII. RECORDS AND TRANSPARENCY

The League shall keep at its principal office, and make available to any member on request and to the public on its website: the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws as amended; the Equal-Treatment Standard; the compensation ladder; the annual financial report; the annual federal information return; the list of chartered chapters and their officers; and the Contested Ballot Report. Corrections to any League publication shall be published, not silently made. Members have the inspection rights provided by chapter 24.03A RCW.

ARTICLE XIII. INDEMNIFICATION

The League shall indemnify every director and officer, and may indemnify any employee, agent, chapter officer, or volunteer, against liability and reasonable expenses incurred in any proceeding arising from League service, to the fullest extent permitted by chapter 24.03A RCW, except for liability arising from intentional misconduct, a knowing violation of law, or a transaction from which the person derived an improper personal benefit. The League may advance expenses upon receipt of a written undertaking to repay if it is ultimately determined that the person is not entitled to indemnification.

ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Bylaws. Except as provided in Article I, Section 6, and Article XVII, these Bylaws may be amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the votes cast by members at an Annual Assembly or special meeting, or by electronic ballot, provided that the exact text of the proposed amendment has been sent to every member not less than twenty days before the vote. The Board may propose amendments; members may propose amendments by petition of five percent of the members.

Section 2. Articles. Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation shall be proposed and approved as provided in the Articles of Incorporation and chapter 24.03A RCW.

ARTICLE XV. DISSOLUTION

The League may be dissolved only as provided in chapter 24.03A RCW, upon a resolution of the Board and approval by two-thirds of the votes cast by members after not less than sixty days' notice. Upon dissolution, assets shall be distributed as provided in Article IX of the Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE XVI. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised governs the League in all cases to which it applies and in which it is not inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or chapter 24.03A RCW.

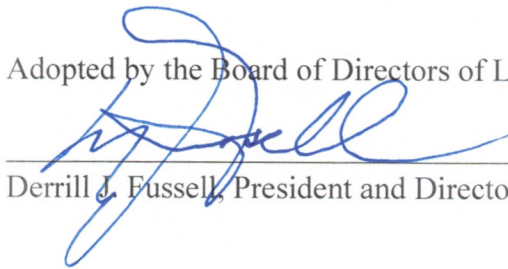
ARTICLE XVII. TRANSITION

Section 1. Initial Board. Until the conclusion of the first Annual Assembly, the Board consists of the directors in office under the Articles of Incorporation, and the number of directors may be fewer than the minimum in Article V, Section 2, but never fewer than the Articles of Incorporation require. At the first Annual Assembly all seats shall be filled, approximately half for initial one-year terms and half for two-year terms, so that the staggered structure of Article V, Section 3 takes effect.

Section 2. Before the admission of members. Until the League admits its first members, the powers these Bylaws give the members are held in abeyance as chapter 24.03A RCW provides, and these Bylaws may be amended by the Board; except that Article I may be amended during that period only by the unanimous vote of all directors then in office, only to conform to law or to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and never to weaken Article IV of the Articles of Incorporation.

Section 3. First Annual Assembly. The first Annual Assembly shall be held not later than June of the calendar year following the admission of the League's first members. This Article ceases to have effect, and may be deleted from published copies, at the conclusion of the first Annual Assembly.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of League of Constitutional Voters on September 17, 2026.



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