

LWML Central Illinois District Bylaws  
May 1, 2021  
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS  
(October 9, 2020)

To change “societies” to “groups” and “society” to “group” throughout the entire document.  
*Rationale: To bring Central Illinois District bylaws into conformity with national bylaws since this change was approved at the 2019 Mobile national convention.*

To insert “February or” before “March” in all references to LWML CID Board of Directors meetings throughout the entire document.  
*Rationale: To bring the bylaws in-line with current practice.*

To change “Young Woman Recruitment” to “Young Women’s Recruitment” throughout the entire document.  
*Rationale: To bring the bylaws inline with current LWML CID practice of referring to “Young Women’s Recruitment” and “Young Woman Representatives.”*

To make any non-substantive changes to be consistent in formatting, punctuation, consistency between articles and subsections regarding lettering, non-capitalization, etc.

**ARTICLE III – STRUCTURE**

Rationale: To clarify first use of the LCMS CID acronym

**Existing Bylaws read:**

**ARTICLE III - STRUCTURE**

The LWML CID is composed of individual women and societies within the congregations, on campuses, in resident homes or in other settings of the CID of the LCMS. Societies are united to form zones, zone are united, following LCMS circuit lines where possible, to form the district. The LWML CID is united with all districts to form the LWML.

**If adopted, will read:**

**ARTICLE III - STRUCTURE**

The LWML CID is composed of individual women and groups within the congregations, on campuses, in resident homes, or in other settings of the Central Illinois District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (hereinafter referred to as LCMS CID). Groups are united to form zones, zones are united, following the LCMS circuit lines when possible, to form the district. The LWML CID is united with all districts to form the LWML.

**ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1(a):

Rationale: To clarify the CID that is being referred to in this section

**Existing Bylaws read:**

**ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1(a)

Women’s organizations within LCMS congregations, on a campus or in a resident home, within the areas covered by the CID shall be eligible for membership as societies.

**If adopted, will read:**

**ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1(a)

Women’s organizations within LCMS congregations, on a campus, or in a resident home, within the areas covered by the LWML CID shall be eligible for membership as groups.

Section 2(b):

Rationale: To simplify the language of CID or LWML

**Existing Bylaws read:**

**ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP**

Section 2 (b)

Individual membership is not considered a society, or unit, nor does it confer voting privileges at CID or LWML convention.

**If adopted, will read:**

**ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP**

Section 2 (b)

Individual membership is not considered a group, or unit, nor does it confer voting privileges at district or national conventions.

Section 2(e):

Rationale: To simplify the language of LWML CID or LWML

**Existing Bylaws read:**

**ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP**

Section 2 (e)

An individual member may serve as an officer or committee chairman/member of zone, LWML CID or LWML levels, and shall have voting privileges afforded the position to which she may be elected or appointed.

**If adopted, will read:**

**ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP**

Section 2 (e)

An individual member may serve as an officer or committee chairman/member at zone, district, or national levels, and shall have voting privileges afforded the position to which she may be elected or appointed.

**ARTICLE VI – CONVENTIONS AND REPRESENTATION**

Section 3 (c)

Rationale: To substitute the word “congregation” for “church”; per LCMS bylaws.

**Existing Bylaws read:**

**ARTICLE VI – CONVENTIONS AND REPRESENTATION**

Section 3 (c)

all LWML CID Past District Presidents holding membership in a CID LCMS church.

Section 6: Intro paragraph

Rationale: To update how national convention sites are determined

**If adopted, will read:**

**ARTICLE VI – CONVENTONS AND REPRESENTAION**

Section 3 (c)

all LWML CID Past District Presidents holding membership in an LCMS CID congregation.

**Existing Bylaws read:**

**ARTICLE VI – CONVENTIONS AND REPRESENTATION**

Section 6

A convention for the purpose of transacting the business of the LWML shall be held biennially in the odd-numbers years at a site determined in a prior convention. District representation shall be as follows:

**If adopted, will read:**

**ARTICLE VI – CONVENTIONS AND REPRESENTATION**

Section 6

A convention for the purpose of transacting the business of the LWML shall be held as specified in the bylaws of the LWML. District representation shall be as follows:

**ARTICLE VII--DISTRICT OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS**

Section 1

Rationale: Add the position of Vice President of Communication

**Existing Bylaws read:**

**ARTICLE VII – DISTRICT OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS**

Section 1

The elected officers shall be as follows:

- President
- Vice President of Christian Life
- Vice President of Gospel Outreach and Mission Grants
- Corresponding Secretary
- Recording Secretary
- Financial Secretary
- Treasurer

**If adopted, will read:**

**ARTICLE VII – DISTRICT OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS**

Section 1

The elected officers shall be as follows:

- President
- Vice President of Christian Life
- Vice President of Gospel Outreach and Mission Grants
- Vice President of Communication
- Corresponding Secretary
- Recording Secretary
- Financial Secretary
- Treasurer

Section 2(b) (1)

Rationale: to insert Vice President of Communication into the list of officers elected; and to clarify which elections are held in which even-numbered years

**Existing Bylaws read:**

**ARTICLE VII-DISTRICT OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS**

Section 2(b) (1)

the President, Vice President of Christian Life, and Financial Secretary shall be elected at one (1) LWML CID convention, in the even-numbered years.

Section 2 (b) (2)

the Vice President of Gospel Outreach and Mission Grants, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and the Treasurer shall be elected at the next convention in the even-numbered years;

**SECTION VIII-DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Rationale: To change Section VIII to Article VIII since this is a new Article and not a section of an article

**Existing Bylaws read:**

**SECTION VIII-DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Section 1(n)

Rationale: to bring LWML CID bylaws into alignment with the LWML new board structure.

**Existing Bylaws read:**

**SECTION VIII-DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Section 1(n)

Be a member of the LWML Board of Directors. If unable to attend a Board of Directors meeting, any elected LWML CID officer shall be authorized to attend as the President’s non-voting representative.

**If adopted, will read:**

**ARTICLE VII-DISTRICT OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS**

Section 2(b) (1)

the President, Vice President of Christian Life, Vice President of Communication, and Financial Secretary shall be elected at one (1) LWML CID convention, in the even-numbered years divisible by four;

Section 2 (b) (2)

the Vice President of Gospel Outreach and Mission Grants, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and the Treasurer shall be elected at the next convention in the even-numbered years not divisible by four;

**If adopted, will read:**

**ARTICLE VIII—DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

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Section 1(n)

Be a member of the LWML Presidents Assembly. If unable to attend a Presidents Assembly meeting, any elected LWML CID officer shall be authorized to attend as the President’s representative having voice and vote.

Section 3

Vice President of Gospel Outreach and Mission Grants

Rationale: insert “Office of the President” for consistency with other officer descriptions in the bylaws.

**Existing Bylaws read:**

**Vice President of Gospel Outreach and Mission Grants**

Section 3

The Vice President of Gospel Outreach and Mission Grants may perform the duties of the president in the absence of, or at the request of, the President or the Vice President of Christian Life, and shall:

**If adopted, will read:**

**Vice President of Gospel Outreach and Mission Grants**

Section 3

The Vice President of Gospel Outreach and Mission Grants may perform the duties of the Office of the President in the absence of, or at the request of, the President and the Vice President of Christian Life, and shall:

Section 4

Rationale: Section 4 will now become the duties for the Vice President of Communication; and current Sections 4 through 7 will become Sections 5 through 8

**Existing Bylaws read:**

Section 4

Corresponding Secretary

**If adopted, will read:**

Section 4

Vice President of Communication

The Vice President of Communication may perform the duties of the Office of the President, in the absence of, or at the request of, the President, the Vice President of Christian Life, and the Vice President of Gospel Outreach and Mission Grants, and shall:

(a) serve as the chairman of the Communication Committee;

(b) coordinate and assist as needed with District communication activities including, but not limited to, *The Clarion* editor, Public Relations chairman, and the Technology chairman (website and social media);

(c) serve as a member of the Executive Committee, Structure Committee, and the Convention Steering Committee;

(d) report to the regular meetings of the Board of Directors upon request;

(e) submit a written report for the district convention manual.

Section 4  
Corresponding Secretary

Section 5  
Corresponding Secretary

Section 5  
Recording Secretary

Section 6  
Recording Secretary

Section 6  
Financial Secretary

Section 7  
Financial Secretary

Section 7  
Treasurer

Section 8  
Treasurer

#### **ARTICLE X – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

##### Section 2(b)

Rationale: To make the quorum an unspecified number to accommodate additions, or absences, to the Executive Committee.

**Existing Bylaws read:**

**If adopted, will read:**

#### **ARTICLE X – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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##### Section 2(b)

Three (3) voting members shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Committee.

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A majority of voting members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

##### Section 1(b)

Rationale: To insert Archivist-Historian as a chairman who can be reappointed.

**Existing Bylaws read:**

**If adopted, will read:**

#### **ARTICLE XII – STANDING COMMITTEES**

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**ARTICLE XV – MISSION GRANTS PROCEDURE**

Section 1: change the date to October 31 to reflect current deadlines

Section 2 (a) & (b): insert “February or” before March to reflect current LWML CID board meeting dates.

**Current Bylaws read:**

**ARTICLE XV – MISSION GRANTS PROCEDURE**

Section 1

Proposals for Gospel-centered mission grants shall be submitted to the LWML CID Vice President of Gospel Outreach and Mission Grants and bear a postmark of no later than December 31. The proposed mission grants may be submitted by individual members, societies, zones and by CID and other LCMS Mission Boards.

**If adopted, will read:**

**ARTICLE XV – MISSION GRANTS PROCEDURE**

Section 1

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**Current Bylaws read:**

**ARTICLE XV – MISSION GRANTS PROCEDURE**

Section 2 (a)

Proposals for mission grants shall be evaluated by the Mission Grants Committee and the LCMS CID President, or his representative, prior to the March meeting of the Board of Directors.

**If adopted, will read:**

**ARTICLE XV – MISSION GRANTS PROCEDURE**

Section 2 (a)

Proposals for mission grants shall be evaluated by the Mission Grants Committee and the LCMS CID President, or his representative, prior to the February or March meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 2 (b)

A copy of the proposed mission grants shall be provided to the Corresponding Secretary. She will send a copy to each member of the Board of Directors, prior to the March meeting. (See Article VIII, Section 5, (f).

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