

LWML Central Illinois District Bylaws
May 1, 2021
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
(September 5, 2020)

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

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 V – ZONE ORGANIZATION

Section 2

Rationale: change “in” to “with”; minor change

Existing Bylaws read:

Each zone shall write its own bylaws which shall conform with the object of the LWML CID Bylaws. These bylaws and all subsequent amendments shall be submitted in the requested number of copies to the Structure Committee of the LWML CID for approval before being submitted to the membership for adoption.

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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.

If adopted, will read:

ARTICLE VI – CONVENTIONS AND REPRESENTATION

Section 3 (c)

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

Section 6: Intro paragraph

Rationale: To update how national convention sites are determined

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

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;

If adopted, will read:

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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;

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

If adopted, will read:
ARTICLE VIII—DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1(n)

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

Existing Bylaws read:

If adopted, will read:

SECTION VIII-DUTIES OF OFFICERS

ARTICLE VIII-DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1(n)

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.

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:

If adopted, will read:

Vice President of Gospel Outreach and Mission Grants

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Section 3

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:

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Section 3 (d)

Rationale: to make this item consistent with the same item in other officers' job descriptions.

Existing Bylaws read:

Vice President of Gospel Outreach and Mission Grants

Section 3(d)

prepare a written report for the LWML CID convention manual;

If adopted, will read:

Vice President of Gospel Outreach and Mission Grants

Section 3(d)

submit a written report for the convention manual;

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 IX – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 2(a)

Rationale: to insert “February” before March to comply with current LWML CID board meeting practice.

Existing Bylaws read:

If adopted, will read:

ARTICLE IX – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Section 2(a)

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Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held three (3) times a year, the time and place shall be determined by the District president. These meetings are generally held in March, June or July, and October or November.

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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

ARTICLE X – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 2(b)

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

Section 2(b)

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

ARTICLE XII – STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1(a)

Rationale: To change Young Woman Recruitment to Young Women’s Recruitment to reflect current title on LWML CID board.

Existing Bylaws read:

ARTICLE XII – STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1(a)

The standing committees shall be Christian Life, Human Care, Leader Development, Mission Grants, Public Relations, Structure, Young Woman Recruitment, and Technology.

If adopted, will read:

ARTICLE XII – STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1(a)

The standing committees shall be Christian Life, Human Care, Leader Development, Mission Grants, Public Relations, Structure, Young Women’s Recruitment, and Technology.

Section 1(b)

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

Existing Bylaws read:

ARTICLE XII – STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1(b)

The standing committee chairmen and members shall serve a term concurrent to that of the President with the exception of the Public Relations, Structure, and Technology Chairmen who may be considered for reappointment or serve until a successor is appointed.

If adopted, will read:

ARTICLE XII – STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1(b)

The standing committee chairmen and members shall serve a term concurrent to that of the President with the exception of the Public Relations, Structure, Technology, and Archivist-Historian Chairmen who may be considered for reappointment or serve until a successor is appointed.

Section 8

Young Woman Recruitment

Rationale: To be consistent with current practice in referring to this chairman and committee as “Young Women’s Recruitment” in practice at the LWML CID board level.

Current Bylaws read:

Young Woman Recruitment

The Young Woman Recruitment Committee, composed of a chairman appointed by the President and approved by the Executive committee and at least two (2) Committee members appointed by the chairman and appointed by the president, shall:

If adopted, will read:

Young Women’s Recruitment

The Young Women’s Recruitment Committee, composed of a chairman appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Committee and at least two (2) committee members appointed by the chairman and appointed by the President, shall:

Section 9

Technology

Rationale: to clarify that the district Technology facilitates the district’s social network and not National’s.

Current Bylaws read:

(c) Facilitate LWML presence in social networking

If adopted, will read:

(c) facilitate LMWL CID presence in social networking

ARTICLE XIV – SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Section 5(c)

Rationale: to insert “February” before March to reflect current practice of LWML CID board meetings to be held in February with a snow date of March.

Current Bylaws read:

ARTICLE XIV – SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Section 5(c)

Submit to the LWML CID President, IMMEDIATELY, after the March Board of Directors meeting, those resolutions authorized by the Board of Directors for printing in the convention manual and for presentation to the LWML CID convention.

If adopted, will read:

ARTICLE XIV – SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Section 5(c)

Submit to the LWML CID President, IMMEDIATELY, after the February or March Board of Directors meeting, those resolutions authorized by the Board of Directors for printing in the convention manual and for presentation to the LWML CID convention.

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.

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.

Section 2(b)

A copy of the proposed mission grants selected by the above-named 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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Section 2(b)

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

ARTICLE XX – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Rationale: Insert “CID” to clarify which LWML shall be governed by Robert’s Rules of Order.

Current Bylaws read:

The rules contained in the current edition of “Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised” shall govern proceedings of the LWML in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the LWML Bylaws, applicable law, or Christian principles.

If adopted, will read:

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern proceedings of the LWML CID in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the LWML Bylaws, applicable law, or Christian principles.

END OF BYLAWS

Rationale: To change the date of revision and adoption date from 2020 to 2021.

Current Bylaws read:

Revised May 1, 2020

If adopted, will read:

Revised and adopted May 1, 2021