

LWML Iowa East District Bylaws

Proposed June 22, 2024

**Proposed Amendments**

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**RATIONALE:** The district can request, but ultimately has no control over compliance of this section. Therefore, it should be removed.

**Article V Section 4**

Existing bylaws read:

**Section 4**

Each zone shall adopt bylaws that are not in conflict with IED or LWML bylaws. The Zone President shall send a copy of the proposed amendments to the IED Structure Committee for approval prior to adoption. Following adoption of the proposed amendments, one copy shall be sent to the IED Structure Committee Chairman.

If adopted, will read:

**Section 4**

Each zone shall adopt bylaws that are not in conflict with IED or LWML bylaws.

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**Rationale:** Although it is recognized that change in leadership is beneficial for the organization, no woman should feel they are unable to serve in a capacity that best fits their God given skills and abilities. This amendment aims to serve both of these needs.

**Article VII Section 2**

Existing bylaws Read:

Sub-Section A

The elected officers shall be elected by ballot at the biennial convention to serve for a term of four (4) years and shall never be eligible for re-election to the same office;

If adopted will read:

Sub-Section A

The elected officers shall be elected by ballot at the biennial convention to serve for a term of four (4) years and shall be eligible for re-election to the same office after a minimum of four (4) years.

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**Rationale:** Consistent with current practice

**Article VIII Section 3**

Existing bylaws Read:

Sub-Section C

Be a member of the Structure and Convention Committees;

If adopted will read:

Strike

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**Rationale:** Consistent with current practice

**Article VIII Section 6**

Existing bylaws Read:

If adopted will read:

Sub-Section C

Strike

Be member of Convention Committee;

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**Rationale:** Consistent with current practice

**Article VIII Section 8**

Existing bylaws Read:

If adopted will read:

Sub-Section C

Strike

Be member of Convention Committee;

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**Rationale:** Consistent with current practice

**Article VIII Section 9**

Existing bylaws Read:

If adopted will read:

Sub-Section C

Strike

Be member of Convention Committee;

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**Rationale:** Consistent with current practice.

**Article XIII**

Existing Bylaws Read:

**Section 2**

The Structure Committee shall consist of the Vice President of Organizational Resources as chairman, the Vice President of Communication, and one (1) Zone President as outlined in the IED Procedures Manual, the two (2) Pastoral Counselors, and the President.

If adopted, will read:

**Section 2**

The Structure Committee shall consist of the Vice President of Organizational Resources as chairman, and two (2) Zone Presidents as outlined in the IED Procedures Manual, the two (2) Pastoral Counselors, in an advisory capacity, and the President.

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**Rationale:** Consistent with current practice.

**Article XIV**

Existing Bylaws Read:

**Section 1**

The appointed personnel shall be the members of the Communication Department as outlined in the IED Procedures Manual, Parliamentarian, Speakers Bureau Coordinator, Short-Term Mission Coordinator, Heart-to-Heart Coordinator, Retreat Chairman or Co-Chairman, Meeting Manager, District Registrar,

If adopted, will read:

**Section 1**

The appointed personnel may include the members of the Communication Department (as outlined in the IED Procedures Manual), Parliamentarian, Speakers Bureau Coordinator, Short-Term Mission Coordinator, Heart-to-Heart Coordinator, Retreat Chairman or Co-Chairman, Meeting Manager, District Registrar, and other positions appointed by the president and approved by the BOD.

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Rationale: All students intending on full time church work should benefit from this assistance

Article XVII

Current Bylaws Read:

Section 2

The purpose of the Fund is to receive gifts or bequests to make student aid available to all LCMS students in IDE who will be or are attending LCMS colleges or universities and who intend to go into full-time church work.

If adopted will read:

Section 2

The purpose of the Fund is to receive gifts or bequests to make student aid available to all LCMS students in IDE who will be or are attending LCMS colleges, universities or seminaries and who intend to go into full-time church work.

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Rationale: Consistency to Fiscal Year.

Article XVII

Current Bylaws Read:

Section 9

The fiscal year of The Fund will coincide with IED's fiscal year. (April 1 to March 31 inclusive);

If adopted will read:

Section 9

The fiscal year of The Fund will coincide with IED's fiscal year. (July 1 to June 30 inclusive);

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Rationale: Consistent with current practice.

Article XVIII

Current Bylaws Read:

Section 2A

Mileage shall be paid from the IED treasury to the elected IED officers, Zone Presidents, Pastoral Counselors, and appointed committee members for attendance at all official meetings upon request

If adopted, will read:

Section 2A

Mileage shall be paid from the IED treasury to the elected IED officers, Zone Presidents, Pastoral Counselors, and appointed committee members for attendance at all official meetings upon request at the rate set annually by the LCMS IDE;

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All committee chairmen are board members. Clears redundancy. The subsidy should only be paid after BOD approval.

Article XVIII

Current Bylaws Read:

Section 2H

All IED Board members and appointed committee chairmen shall be encouraged to attend the LWML Convention. Those who receive no other monetary assistance may request to be partially subsidized from the IED treasury upon request;

If adopted, will read:

Section 2H

All IED Board members shall be encouraged to attend the LWML Convention. Those who receive no other monetary assistance may request to be partially subsidized from the IED treasury to be paid upon BOD approval;

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Rationale: To bring Budget approval, fiscal year, annual Mite Collection and LWML best practices more closely in line.

Article XIX

Current Bylaws read:

The IED's fiscal year shall be from April 1 to March 31 inclusive.

If adopted will read:

The IED's fiscal year shall be from July 1 to June 30 inclusive.

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Rationale: Consistent with current practice.

Article XXI AMENDMENTS

Current bylaws read:

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present and voting at any regular convention of IED, provided the proposed amendments have been presented at a previous meeting of the BOD, reviewed by the LWML Structure Committee, distributed to each society at least two (2) months before the time of the IED Convention, and provided they do not conflict with the doctrinal position of the LCMS.

If adopted will read:

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present and voting at any regular convention of IED, provided the proposed amendments have been presented at a previous meeting of the BOD, reviewed by the LWML Structure Committee, posted on the IED website at least two (2) months before the time of the IED Convention, and provided they do not conflict with the doctrinal position of the LCMS.

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Rationale: Corrects verbiage

Current Rules Read:

Rule 2. At IED Conventions, to conserve time, the following may be done: shorten the opening devotional service, allot a definite time to the speakers, print the reports of all IED officers and committees in the convention manual, and dispense with the reading of same.

If adopted will read:

Rule 2. At IED Conventions, to conserve time, the following may be done: shorten the opening devotional service, allot a finite time to the speakers, print the reports of all IED officers and committees in the convention manual, and dispense with the reading of same.

Rationale: Condenses 2 standing rules

Current rules Read:

Rule 3. There may be two (2) offerings at the IED Convention.

If adopted, will read:

Rule 3. There may be two (2) offerings at the IED Convention. The first will be designated for IED Mission Grants.

Rationale: District is not able to ensure compliance with the rule, therefore it should be eliminated.

Current Rule Reads:

Rule 4. Delegates to the LWML convention shall be invited to report to each society or combination of societies within the zone.

If adopted, rule will read:

Strike

Rationale: Clarification

Current Rule Reads:

Rule 5. The main purpose of missionary speakers shall be to furnish knowledge and inspiration for mission activities rather than to promote immediate contributions.

If adopted, rule will read:

Rule 5. The purpose of missionary speakers shall be to furnish knowledge and inspiration.

Rationale: Clarification

Current Rule Reads:

Rule 6. The BOD will not hear requests for funds or grant promotions at Board meetings.

If adopted, rule will read:

Rule 6. The BOD will not hear requests for funds or grant proposals at Board meetings.

Rationale: Included in bylaws

Current rules read:

Rule 7. Mileage shall be reimbursed at a rate to be determined yearly by the BOD at the first meeting of each calendar year

If adopted, rule will read:

Strike

Rationale: Consistent with current practice

Current rule reads:

Rule 8. It is recommended that candidates for the office of President should have previously served as an elected officer of the BOD.

If adopted, rule will read:

Strike

Rationale: District is not able to ensure compliance with the rule, therefore it should be eliminated.

Current rules reads:

Rule 9. Zones shall conduct two (2) rallies annually for the purpose of mission inspiration and education.

If adopted, rule will read:  
Strike

Rationale: Included in bylaws

Current Rule Reads:

Rule 10. It is recommended that, if possible, a representative of the BOD attend zone rallies. The President and/or any other representative from the BOD shall receive reimbursement for mileage and meal, if not otherwise provided.

If adopted, will read:  
Rule 10. It is recommended that a representative of the BOD attend zone events.

Rationale: Rule is addressed in the convention planning guide.

Current Rule reads:

Rule 12. IED Conventions shall be hosted by the zones in alphabetical order.

If adopted, will read:  
Strike

Rationale: Rules are more than recommendations

Current rule reads:

Rule 13. It is recommended that anyone desiring to bring any business or resolution before a convention shall submit it in writing to the President at least two (2) weeks prior to the convention.

If adopted, will read:  
Rule 13. Anyone desiring to bring any business or resolution before a convention shall submit it in writing to the President at least two (2) weeks prior to the convention.

Rationale: Included as the duty of the treasurer.

Current rule reads:

Rule 14. The BOD shall be fiscally responsible in the stewardship of all BOD mite contributions and gifts.

If adopted, will read:  
Strike

Rationale: Consistent with current practice

Current rule reads:

Rule 16 Societies that become inactive shall be given two (2) subscriptions to the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly and the IED newsletter from IED.

If adopted, will read:  
Strike

Rationale: Clarification

Current rule reads:

Rule 17. In honor of ladies receiving their Crown of Life who have served as the President of IED, a memorial of fifty dollars (\$50.00) will be sent to the Endowment Fund.

If adopted, will read:  
Rule 17. In honor of IED Past Presidents who have received their Crown of Life, a memorial of fifty dollars (\$50.00) will be sent to the Endowment Fund.

Rationale: Previously Stated

Current rule reads:

Rule 18. The first offering at each IED convention shall be for IED mission grants.

If adopted, will read:  
Strike

Rationale: Rule is addressed in the convention planning guide.

Current rule reads:

Rule 19. IED and Zone Expenses for Conventions: Zone expense is Song leader-registration covers expenses, honorarium – amount set by host zone. Electronic support – registration covers expenses, honorarium – amount set by host zone.

Convention manual – registration covers expense.

IED expense is

Keynote speaker – IED covers expenses and honorarium - \$100-200.

LWML Representative. – IED covers expenses and honorarium - \$100.

Interest Session leaders – IED covers expenses and honorarium - \$50.

Parliamentarian – IED covers expenses and honorarium - \$50-100.

If adopted, will read:  
Strike

Rationale: Rule is addressed in the convention planning guide.

Current rule reads:

Rule 21. All past District Presidents of the IED will have their IED Convention registrations paid for by the IED for their lifetime.

If adopted, will read:  
Strike