

GLOSSARY FOR SPECIAL LEAGUE TERMS

Adapted from "League Basics"

<https://www.lwv.org/sites/default/files/2018-07/league-basics.pdf>

PROGRAM: Selected governmental issues chosen by members at the local, state and national levels for study and action.

POSITION: A statement of the League's point of view on an issue, arrived at through member study and agreement (consensus or concurrence), approved by the appropriate board and used as a basis for League action.

CONSENSUS: Collective opinion of a substantial number of League members, representative of the membership as a whole, after objective study of an issue.

CONCURRENCE: Agreement by League members with a position on an issue reached by a small group of members or by another League.

CONVENTION: A state or national League meeting held every other year at which delegates elect officers and directors for the biennium, adopt program, make bylaw changes and adopt a budget, usually for one year. Local Leagues send delegates to state convention, local and state Leagues send delegates to national convention.

There are several types of programs at conventions.

- Plenary Session
- Workshop - program organized by LWVUS staff
- Caucus - program organized by local and state League members

COUNCIL: An assembly held in alternate years. Local Leagues send delegates to state council, state Leagues send delegates to national council.

Bi-WEEKLY LEADERS UPDATE: A LWVUS electronic mailing to all League board members (and others who subscribe) sent out every other week. It includes information from the national League on Advocacy issues, Membership and League Support, Education Fund projects and grants and other important items of interest to League leaders.

ACTION ALERT: Request from the LWVUS or state League to take action in support of a League position (usually circulated in the "UPDATE."

FEDERAL ACTION REQUEST FORM (FARF): Unless there has been an ACTION ALERT to take action at the federal level on a non-priority issue (basically anything but Making Democracy Work), Leagues must submit a Federal Action Request Form (available here). It doesn't mean one can't do the advocacy on that issue, but it takes an extra step.

