

GLOSSARY OF LEAGUE TERMS

ACTION: Steps taken to influence public policy consistent with League positions at all levels.

ANNUAL MEETING: General meeting which is the main business meeting of the year for local League membership.

CONCURRENCE: Members are asked to concur, or agree, with a statement that may be a position held by another League or a decision statement recommended by a League board or study committee. The statement must be approved or rejected as written.

CONSENSUS: Substantial agreement reached through group discussion. Consensus is the “sense of the group” rather than a majority opinion.

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS: Specific questions prepared by a study committee to stimulate interaction, focus discussion, and facilitate conclusions by the group. Questions vary in style from open-ended to multiple choice. Questions are approved in advance by the appropriate League board.

OBSERVERS: Representatives of the League who silently monitor the public meetings of elected and nonelected governmental bodies.

PMP: Per Member Payment. An annual assessment for each local League that is paid by the local League to the state and national Leagues. About 90% of local dues are paid out in this way. Dues and PMP amounts are debated and voted upon at each level of League at conventions or annual meetings.

PORTFOLIO: A specific responsibility carried out by a board member or an off-board member to monitor one of the main areas of program and action activities, for example, Government, Natural Resources, or Social Policy.

POSITION: The stand of the League on a public policy issue and the basis for action.

PROGRAM: Those issues impacted by government chosen by members for concerted study and action.

STUDY: The process of gathering information on a specific issue for discussion and subsequent consensus in order to establish positions.

UNIT MEETINGS: Small group meetings held monthly for League members from contiguous geographic areas. Used for discussion of study topics or other activities of interest to members.

VERTICAL POSITION: Authorization for one level of League to take action on the basis of a position reached at a higher level of League.