



LWVO/EF Operational Guidelines: Joining a Coalition (Jan. 2012)

- A. The coalition's major issues should mesh with League positions and be nonpartisan, although there need not be a League position for every issue with which the coalition is concerned. The aims of the coalition must not conflict with League positions.
- B. The major goals of the coalition should be in accord with the state program and the adopted action priorities.
- C. The coalition's activities should provide additional effectiveness to the overall efforts to achieve the League's organizational, advocacy, or educational goals.
- D. The members of the coalition should be organizations and individuals with whom the League can work effectively. The League should have confidence in the leadership of the coalition and may serve in a leadership capacity.
- E. Expenditures for work with the coalition, including staff and volunteer time, as well as cash and in-kind expenses, should be worth the investment.
- F. The League representative to a coalition or appointee to a Board or Commission must have the prior approval of the State League President, or her designee, before making any formal or public statement of League position on a specific issue.
- G. Joining or resigning from a coalition shall be a State Board decision.
- H. If a coalition that the League belongs to or is considering joining will concentrate its activities on supporting or opposing candidates, then the League shall divest itself of association.