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To: Diocesan Past Presidents / Historians

Cc: Diocesan Presidents, Provincial Officers, National Past President

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Greeting Past Presidents!

It is election time across the province! I thought I would pass on a few pointers.

- ✦ Ensure your elections register is up to date
- ✦ Keep an accurate record of all responses
- ✦ Remind presidents or their alternate that they will need to bring a copy of their instructed vote to the convention
- ✦ Co-presidents: Even though co-presidency is discouraged, we all know that it is a reality in some parishes. If it the only way for a parish to survive, then ensure that both ladies are aware that one has to be the official contact and is therefore the name that will go forward on the elections register. Also, the other co-president should be prepared to take over as president in the following term if there is not a president-elect.

### **Elections**

9 diocesan councils will be having elections this spring at their conventions (Hamilton, Kingston, Ottawa, Pembroke, St Catharines, Sault Ste. Marie, Thunder Bay, Timmins, Toronto). This is also an election year for Ontario Provincial Council. Convention and elections will depend on the status of the COVID pandemic restrictions.

This information is also outlined in the *National Manual of Policy and Procedure (P&P)* and the *Constitution & Bylaws (C&B)*.

### **News from National** (taken from cwl.ca website)

"By way of review, the instructed voting package initially forwarded to all parish councils in December 2020, with a submission date of March 2021, was subsequently extended due to the inability for councils to meet brought about by

the public health restrictions throughout Canada. As a result, the deadline for submission is now **March 28, 2022**.

As parish councils continue to have difficulty meeting in person as instructed by the original memo, I encourage you to assist your diocesan/parish counterparts in whatever way you may be able to ensure the instructed vote is taken. The further communique of October 26, 2021 gave more information on how parish councils may, with new information, rescind a vote already submitted.

Now that the deadline of March 28, 2022, is nearing, it is extremely important that parish councils have made some type of arrangement to ensure the instructed vote has been taken (on the motion to increase per capita fees; and the proposed amendments to the *Constitution & Bylaws*, with a **quorum** of membership). A quorum equals **10%** of the voting members. A **majority of members present** must vote "yes" to the motion to increase per capita fees in order for the motion to be adopted. For the proposed amendments, two-thirds of **members present** must vote "yes" for each respective proposed amendment in order to be adopted. For example, if there are 50 members of a council, five members would constitute a quorum. Then of those five members present, three members voting "yes" for the motion to increase per capita fees would mean the motion is adopted. For one of the proposed amendments, two-thirds of the five members present would mean four would have to vote "yes" for said proposed amendment to be adopted.

Councils will do the very best they can to ensure they have exercised their membership rights and duty to be part of the process to move the League forward. May the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel keep us grounded in faith as we continue to demonstrate we are *Catholic and Living It!*

God bless and stay safe,

Anne-M Gorman

National Past President and Chairperson of Laws" *Communique #3* <https://cwl.ca/communique-3-past-president/>

I know that everyone will be joining me in prayer for successful elections in your dioceses and at our provincial election.

Blessings,



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