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Izaak Walton League of America
2026 National Convention
Bloomington, Minnesota
July 16 - 18, 2026

Convention Delegates and Business

DELEGATE ACCREDITATION

Delegates are the chapter's official representatives at the national convention, and they play a key role in determining the League's direction for the coming year. In addition to electing national officers, delegates serve on committees and vote on conservation policy resolutions.

Chapters may elect or appoint their delegates. The number of delegates allotted to each chapter is determined by the chapter's size. (Allotments are listed on pages 5-8.) Allotments are based on membership figures from the end of the previous year.

After a chapter has named its delegates, the delegate accreditation form on page 4 must be completed by a chapter official and submitted to the national office by **June 30, 2026**. Delegates also must present a signed accreditation form at the delegate registration table to receive delegate credentials.

YOUR VOICE IN LEAGUE POLICY

Every year, Ikes, chapters, and divisions draft resolutions outlining recommendations to local, state, and federal agencies and others about various natural resource issues. Each resolution submitted is considered by an appropriate resource committee composed of members appointed by the League's national president. The resource committees are the following:

- Fish and Wildlife
- Energy and Environment
- Public Lands
- Water Resources
- Sustainable Resources
- Outdoor Ethics
- Agricultural Affairs
- Environmental Education

A separate Resolutions Committee – consisting of the chairs of each resource committee – makes final recommendations on resolutions before they are presented to convention delegates for a vote. Kelly Kistner of Iowa is chair of the Resolutions Committee.

Resolutions that are formally adopted become official League policy and guide the position statements of League staff, officers and members.

BYLAWS CHANGES

The national Izaak Walton League of America bylaws (Section 18.I) stipulate that any proposed amendment to the national bylaws must be received by the Chair of the Governance and Bylaws Committee and national office at least 45 days prior to the meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be considered.

The deadline for submission of any amendment for consideration at the national convention is June 1, 2026.

Email proposed amendments to: Jeff Deschamps, Chair, Governance and Bylaws Committee, jeff.deschamps@verizon.net and Jared Mott, Executive Director, jmott@iwla.org. A complete copy of the national bylaws is available on the League website at iwla.org/chapter-resources/key-documents.

Voting at the Convention

Each delegate is entitled to one vote. However, if the number of chapter delegates at any session is less than the number of delegates to which the chapter is entitled, the chapter delegation may collectively cast the same number of votes as the number of delegates to which that chapter is entitled.

Each chapter is entitled to name one alternate for each delegate. However, an accredited alternate may vote only in the absence of the original delegate. (For more specific information about the voting rights of delegates and alternates, see Article 7 of the Bylaws.)

Major actions of delegates include voting on adoption of convention rules; approving minutes from last year's convention; electing national officers and directors at large; voting on policy resolutions; and voting on the national convention site.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors is composed of the national president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary, in addition to past national presidents, national directors, and directors at large. The directors will hold a short meeting during the convention.

Major actions of the Board include approving minutes of the Midwinter meeting, voting on proposed bylaws amendments, and electing Executive Board members.

ENDOWMENT BOARD

All members of the League are also members of the Izaak Walton League of America Endowment, a separate corporation that receives earmarked and general contributions for financing conservation projects. The Endowment Board will hold a meeting during the convention, and a slate of candidates for election to the Board will be presented. Any Ike at the convention may vote for the candidates.

Nominations Looking for Leaders

NATIONAL OFFICERS

Executive Board Chair Rachel McBride has appointed Vicki Arnold (Iowa) to chair the nominating committee. The committee is responsible for proposing a roster of candidates to serve one-year terms of office in the following positions:

- National President, who presides at meetings of the Board of Directors and must project a strong image for the League.
- Vice President, who substitutes for the president and performs other duties assigned by the President or Executive Board.
- Secretary, who keeps permanent records of all business transacted by the Board of Directors, Executive Board, and at annual meetings.
- Treasurer, who provides general oversight of League financial and budget processes.

The National Officer Nominating Committee is also responsible for presenting a roster of candidates for positions of directors at large. Directors at large represent the interests of states without divisions on the Board of Directors. Terms are three years, and there are three vacancies this year.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

National President Scott Meyer has created the Executive Board Nominating Committee.

The committee will present a roster of candidates for **three open positions** this year. The 14-member Executive Board, which includes four national officers, has full administrative and supervisory responsibility for the national office of the League. Executive Board members must be members of the Board of Directors. They are elected to three-year terms.

ENDOWMENT BOARD

Endowment President Pamela Meara has appointed Patrice Kistner (S.D.) to chair the Endowment Board Nominating Committee.

The committee will present a roster of candidates for **three open positions** this year. Persons elected to the Board hold office for three years. The Endowment Board has full administrative responsibility for the Izaak Walton League of America Endowment Inc., a separate corporation that receives earmarked and general contributions for financing conservation projects.

Nominating Form

NOMINATING FORM

Must be received by May 31, 2026

Address: Izaak Walton League of America
Attn.: Mary Rubin, 707 Conservation Lane
Gaithersburg, MD 20878-2983.

Candidate's name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: (____) _____

IWLA Chapter: _____

Proposed Position (please check one):

Pres. Vice Pres. Sec'y. Treas.

Natl. Dir. at Large Exec. Bd. Endowment Bd.

On a separate sheet please list the following:

1. Any IWLA offices, past or present, held by the candidate and dates during which they were held.
2. Candidate's occupation and employer.
3. Additional skills and experience.
4. A description of the candidate. Complete the statement: "I believe (candidate's name) is qualified for the position of (office) because..."

Nominated by: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: (____) _____

IWLA Chapter: _____

I have talked to the candidate regarding this nomination:

Yes No

Candidate has indicated a willingness to serve:

Yes No

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Nominations must be submitted to the national office by May 31, 2026.

Delegate Accreditation

INSTRUCTIONS

Both delegate accreditation forms must be filled out by a chapter officer. On each form, the officer should:

1. Print the name(s) and membership number(s) of the chapter's delegates. Delegate must be a member in good standing.
2. Assign each delegate a number of votes. The total of all delegates cannot exceed the total allocated to the chapter. (See Delegate Allotments.)
3. Enter the chapter's name and number.
4. Reproduce enough certificates so each chapter delegate and alternate has a copy to bring to convention. (Reproduce forms before the officer has signed the certificate.)
5. Have a chapter officer sign each certificate and provide his or her title. Each certificate must have an original signature. Without the signature, the certificate is not valid.
6. Print the name and address of the person signing the certificate.
7. Give each delegate and alternate a signed certificate to take to the convention.
8. Send the completed, signed national office copy so it is received at the national office by **June 30, 2026**.

Mail to the Izaak Walton League of America, Attn.: Mary Rubin, 707 Conservation Lane, Gaithersburg, MD, 20878-2983 or email to Mary Rubin: maryr@iwla.org

INDIVIDUAL DELEGATE COPY - BRING TO CONVENTION

Delegate Accreditation Certificate • IWLA National Convention - Bloomington, Minnesota, July 16 - 18, 2026

Delegates and Membership Numbers _____ (Please print names and numbers below.)	No. of Votes	Alternates and Membership Numbers (Please print names and numbers below.)
1. _____	___	1. _____
2. _____	___	2. _____
3. _____	___	3. _____
4. _____	___	4. _____
5. _____	___	5. _____
Chapter name and number: _____		Officer's name and title: _____
Total number of allotted delegates: _____		Address: _____
Chapter officer's signature: _____		City/State/Zip: _____

Certificate is not valid unless signed. Delegate(s) cannot vote without a valid certificate.

NATIONAL OFFICE COPY - MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 30, 2026.

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Delegates and Membership Numbers _____ (Please print names and numbers below.)	No. of Votes	Alternates and Membership Numbers (Please print names and numbers below.)
1. _____	___	1. _____
2. _____	___	2. _____
3. _____	___	3. _____
4. _____	___	4. _____
5. _____	___	5. _____
Chapter name and number: _____		Officer's name and title: _____
Total number of allotted delegates: _____		Address: _____
Chapter officer's signature: _____		City/State/Zip: _____

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Delegate Allotments

State	DivChap#	Chapter	M	D
Alabama	01_005	Birmingham	61	2
California	05_040	Fullerton	14	1
	05_090	Orange	57	2
Colorado	06_034	Pikes Peak	923	10
Florida	10_046	Cypress	80	2
	10_060	Florida Keys	35	1
	10_045	Mangrove	13	1
Georgia	11_005	Greater Atlanta	3	1
Idaho	13_005	Caldwell	218	3
Illinois	14_045	Calumet Region	23	1
	14_010	Chicago No. 1	44	1
	14_030	Decatur	113	2
	14_035	Des Plaines	50	1
	14_060	Elgin	48	1
	14_070	Geneseo	101	2
	14_085	Havana	116	2
	14_100	Kewanee	49	1
	14_135	Peoria	57	2
	14_115	Walter Sherry Memorial	57	2
	14_065	Woodford County	266	4
Indiana	15_005	Alexandria	31	1
	15_145	Cass County	27	1
	15_190	Diana	148	2
	15_055	Evansville	562	7
	15_065	Fort Wayne	705	8
	15_080	Glen Park	223	3
	15_150	Grant County	25	1
	15_090	Griffith	323	4
	15_130	Howard County	414	5
	15_110	Huntington County	172	3
	15_225	Marshall County	19	1
	15_170	Miami	212	3

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Indiana	15_155	Michigan City #7	165	3
	15_185	Miller	402	5
	15_165	North Manchester	48	1
	15_020	Porter County	48	1
	15_215	Spring Lake	132	2
	15_195	St. Joseph County	274	4
	15_200	Terre Haute	144	2
	15_205	Wabash	189	3
Iowa	16_010	Ames	779	9
	16_015	Anamosa	120	2
	16_040	B. F. Carroll	107	2
	16_405	Boone Valley	119	2
	16_065	Clinton County	162	3
	16_080	Davenport	86	2
	16_090	Des Moines	196	3
	16_350	Dickinson County	9	1
	16_095	Ding Darling	8	1
	16_025	Dragoon Trail	572	7
	16_105	Dubuque	324	4
	16_005	East Fork	86	2
	16_270	Emerson Hough	738	8
	16_120	Emmet County	13	1
	16_055	Floyd County	67	2
	16_150	Green Bay	53	2
	16_170	Grundy-Tama	32	1
	16_250	Indian Creek	153	3
	16_240	Iowa County	7	1
	16_330	Keokuk County	6	1
16_050	Linn County	645	7	
16_380	Louisa County	37	1	
16_290	Mahaska County	75	2	
16_235	Maquoketa Valley	45	1	
16_245	Marshall County	244	3	

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State	DivChap#	Chapter	M	D
Iowa	I6_260	Muscatine	28	1
	I6_310	Oakdale	52	2
	I6_295	Ottumwa	238	3
	I6_430	Panora Conservation	25	1
	I6_I65	Poweshiek County	23	1
	I6_375	Red Cedar	87	2
	I6_315	Sabula	69	2
	I6_400	Three Rivers	116	2
	I6_I00	Wapsi Valley	8	1
	I6_I90	Warren County	452	6
	I6_390	Waterloo	94	2
	I6_088	West Central	103	2
	I6_415	Worth County	69	2
Maryland	22_010	Bethesda-Chevy Chase	717	8
	22_045	Frederick #1	102	2
	22_055	Free State	77	2
	22_075	Harford County	26	1
	22_I25	Lois Green-Sligo	101	2
	22_040	Mid-Shore	137	2
	22_085	Mt. Airy	306	4
	22_I05	Rockville	606	7
	22_005	Sportsman's	110	2
	22_065	Washington County	808	9
	22_I15	Wildlife Achievement	1,304	14
	Michigan	24_030	Dwight Lydell	182
Minnesota	25_005	Austin	47	1
	25_I55	Bush Lake	131	2
	25_205	Cass County	17	1
	25_065	Gopher State	15	1
	25_I05	Jaques	20	1
	25_I15	Minnesota Valley	177	3
	25_I60	New London	17	1
	25_I65	New Ulm #79	207	3

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Minnesota	25_I70	Owatonna	48	1
	25_045	Prairie Woods	30	1
	25_I80	Rochester	31	1
	25_050	W. J. McCabe	142	2
	25_I45	Walter J. Breckenridge	117	2
	25_200	Wapashaw	20	1
	25_070	Wes Libbey-Northern Lakes	17	1
	25_210	Will Dilg	47	1
	Nationwide	08_015	National Youth Convention	31
Nebraska	29_010	Arapahoe	44	1
	29_025	Columbus	35	1
	29_030	Crete	46	1
	29_045	Fremont	83	2
	29_055	Grand Island	231	3
	29_050	Jessie Benton Fremont	19	1
	29_065	Lincoln	1,136	12
	29_087	Seward County	73	2
	29_095	Southwest	12	1
	29_040	Thayer County	9	1
29_I00	Wayne	6	1	
New Jersey	32_I00	Marlboro Watershed Conservation	12	1
New York	34_065	Central New York	18	1
	34_015	Cortland	35	1
	34_040	Lake Keuka	20	1
	34_045	Rome	22	1
North Dakota	36_I00	St. John #1	31	1
Ohio	37_I01	Anthony Wayne	26	1
	37_025	Buckeye All-State	22	1
	37_200	Buckeye State Youth	57	2
	37_055	Central Ohio	30	1
	37_035	Cincinnati	122	2

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Ohio	37_140	Dry Fork	27	1
	37_086	Fairfield	24	1
	37_090	Fremont	79	2
	37_100	Hamilton	142	2
	37_220	Headwaters	10	1
	37_120	Hocking County	13	1
	37_105	Lawrence County	114	2
	37_080	Lorain County Ely	64	2
	37_115	Martin L. Davey	126	2
	37_125	Medina	131	2
	37_130	Monroeville-Huron County	109	2
	37_135	Mount Healthy	54	2
	37_165	Seven Mile	39	1
	37_146	Tallawanda	145	2
	37_170	Tiffin-Seneca County	456	6
	37_185	Wadsworth	5	1
	37_195	Wayne County	156	3
37_050	Western Reserve	9	1	
Oregon	39_020	Eugene	825	9
Pennsylvania	40_080	Berks County	13	1
	40_010	Franklin County	61	2
	40_090	Harry Enstrom	55	2
	40_040	Lancaster Red Rose	48	1
	40_045	Lebanon County	20	1
	40_055	Oil City	137	2
	40_085	Uniontown	20	1
	40_095	York #67	1,379	15
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South Dakota	43_060	Beadle County	29	1
	43_015	Bon Homme County	27	1
	43_035	Day County	68	2
	43_030	Deuel County	8	1
	43_123	Kampeska	57	2

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South Dakota	43_085	Madison #16	77	2
	43_070	McCook Lake	667	8
	43_105	Rapid City	26	1
	43_125	Rosebud	38	1
	43_110	Sioux Falls	347	4
	43_100	Sunshine	164	3
	43_130	Yankton Area	19	1
	43_130	Yankton Area	19	1
Virginia	48_005	Alexandria	821	9
	48_015	Arlington-Fairfax	2,626	27
	48_017	Arlington-Fairfax Juniors	212	3
	48_025	Christiansburg-Montgomery	394	5
	48_115	Claytor Lake	185	3
	48_045	Fredericksburg-Rappahannock	717	8
	48_075	Loudoun County	609	7
	48_080	Lynchburg	494	6
	48_095	Norfolk-Chesapeake	47	1
	48_090	Prince William	215	3
	48_125	Roanoke Valley	359	5
	48_065	Rockingham-Harrisonburg	33	1
	48_130	Staunton-Augusta	130	2
	48_135	Suffolk-Nansemond	144	2
	48_050	Warren County	272	4
48_155	Winchester	874	10	
West Virginia	50_075	Berkeley County	299	4
	50_025	Jefferson County	883	10
	50_085	Monongalia County	44	1
	50_040	Mountaineer	313	4
	50_100	Tucker	40	1
50_060	Zip Little	16	1	

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State	DivChap#	Chapter	M	D
Wisconsin	51_015	A. D. Sutherland	167	3
	51_005	Beloit	163	3
	51_080	Bill Cook	319	4
	51_020	Brown County	194	3
	51_050	Manitowoc	11	1
	51_110	Southern Brown Conservation	41	1

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Wisconsin	51_008	Southwestern Wisconsin	108	2
	51_135	Upper Mississippi River	44	1
	51_090	Watertown	66	2
Wyoming	52_005	Charles E. Piersall	29	1
	52_025	Traveller	19	1