



**Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
United States Section
34th Triennial Virtual Congress
August 9 – August 22, 2021**

Congress Rules for 2021 Triennial Virtual Congress

- I. **Definition of WILPF-US MEMBER:** A **MEMBER** is a member of the WILPF-US Section in good standing, which means that her or his annual dues or monthly dues pledges are paid up to date, or, she or he is a Life Member.
- II. **Congress PRESIDING COMMITTEE and Other Applicable Active Congress Committees:**
 - A. **Congress PRESIDING COMMITTEE:** The **WILPF-US President**, who is the Presiding Officer of the Congress, the **Congress COORDINATOR** and the members of the **Congress PROGRAM COMMITTEE**, serve as the **Congress PRESIDING COMMITTEE**, and in that capacity, shall appoint the following:

B. Congress RULES COMMITTEE:

As this 34th Triennial Virtual Congress will have no business meetings or plenary sessions which normally take up much of the time and need for parliamentary rules, the **Congress RULES COMMITTEE** shall consist of the **Congress PARLIAMENTARIAN(S)**, who shall consult with the Presiding Officer of the Congress and/or other members of the **Congress PRESIDING COMMITTEE**, as appropriate, on any arising questions.

The members of the **Congress PRESIDING COMMITTEE** have reviewed the exigent circumstances and challenges of holding a Triennial Congress in 2021, relative to the COVID-19 pandemic, internal staffing configurations and funding considerations, and have determined that, during this bold, creative and unusual virtual Triennial Congress, our times together will be shared via plentiful Zoom presentations offered to all our registrants. Our branches and issues committees will have panels and roundtables and WILPF and guest speakers on behalf of our Section. As noted above, there will be no business meetings or plenary sessions and resolutions will not be presented, considered or voted on at this Triennial Congress. The WILPF-US Board has concurred in the advisability of this change and approved it.

C. Congress PARLIAMENTARIAN(S):

The **Congress PARLIAMENTARIAN(S)**, acting as the **Congress RULES COMMITTEE** and as the **Congress RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**, shall be available for any questions regarding procedures or other parliamentary issues that may arise during this **Congress**.

D. Congress RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

As earlier stated, this 34th Triennial Virtual Congress will have no business meetings or plenary sessions and therefore no venue at which resolutions would otherwise have been presented, and the **Congress RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**, consisting of the **PARLIAMENTARIAN(S)**, shall have no official duties during the presentations; but shall be available for any questions regarding resolutions that may arise during this **Congress**.

E. Congress WORKSHOP OUTCOMES COMMITTEE:

The work normally undertaken at a Triennial Congress by the **Congress WORKSHOP OUTCOMES COMMITTEE** will NOT be undertaken because this Triennial Virtual Congress is being held and recorded by Zoom. Some presentations may be posted online for further viewing.

III. Congress Registration and Participation:

A. Registration & Categories of Registrants:

Every person attending this Virtual Triennial Congress shall be registered, for which the registration fee must be paid, either by or on behalf of every registrant, which is then recorded in the WILPF-US registration systems. At the time of registration, a WILPF-US member who owes dues may pay any owing dues simultaneously with online registration.

B. Categories of Registrants – Members & Participants – Including Invited Guests and the General Public:

WILPF-US members are encouraged to be aware that other participants in each of our events at this virtual Triennial Congress may be other WILPF-US **MEMBERS**, invited guests (such as several of our speakers and other presenters) as well as members of the general public. Comments made during workshops that support the global and local aspects of WILPF membership are a way to encourage new memberships. (FYI: you can use this bit.ly for our website JOIN/RENEW page: https://bit.ly/WILPF-USA_Membership.)

C. Participation Eligibility:

All registrants, regardless of WILPF-US membership status, are eligible to attend and participate in all Congress presentations.

IV. Contact Information for Congress PRESIDING COMMITTEE & Other Active Congress Committees:

Contact the members of the **Congress PRESIDING COMMITTEE** via email. The email address to use is president@wilpfus.org.

Contact the members of the **Congress RULES COMMITTEE / PARLIAMENTARIAN(S)** and the **Congress RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE / PARLIAMENTARIAN(S)** via email. Use the president@wilpfus.org email and the inquiries will be forwarded.

