



**Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
United States Section
35th Triennial Virtual Congress
May 29-June 2, 2024**

Congress Rules for 2024 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. National Congress Committee and Other Applicable Active Congress Committees:

- A.** National Congress Committee: Chair Jane Doyle, the WILPF US President, members of the Membership Development Committee and members from the Tech Committee, the Congress Program Committee, and former Congress Coordinators.
- B. Congress Committee Rules:**

As this 35th 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 **National Congress Committee**, who shall consult with the Presiding Officers of the Congress and/or other members of the **National Congress Committee**, as appropriate, on any arising questions.

The members of the **National Congress Committee** have reviewed the exigent circumstances and challenges of holding a Triennial Congress in 2024, relative to the after-effects of 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. However, WILPF's Treasurer, Barbara Nielsen and Board Member Ellen Schwartz will explain the process of resolutions, as well as explain how resolutions will be submitted and voted upon this year.

C. Congress Resolutions Committee:

As earlier stated, this 35th Triennial Virtual Congress will have a member meeting, but no resolutions will be voted on during this congress or plenary sessions and therefore no venue at which resolutions would otherwise have been presented. The Congress Resolutions Working Group consisting of the US Section Board members Ellen Schwartz and Barbara Nielsen, with other volunteers who may present themselves at the Congress, shall have no official duties during the presentations; but shall be available for any questions regarding resolutions that may arise during this Congress.

D. 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-Related Roles and Committees.:

The National Congress Committee may be reached via email to Chair Jane Doyle at cricketwilpf@gmail.com.

The National Program Committee may be contacted via email to Nancy Price at nancytprice39@gmail.com, tinades@gmail.com.

The Technology Committee may be contacted by messaging Chair Dace Zeps at dace.wilpf@gmail.com

The Congress Registrar can be reached by messaging Dace Zeps at dace.wilpf@gmail.com or at congressregistrar@wilpfus.org.

The Congress Coordinator may be reached for questions about any of the above committees or roles by emailing Dee Murphy at congressregistrar@wilpfus.org.

