



## **2021 National Convention President's Report**

Fellow Ikes,

Where have the last three years gone? I am looking forward to this year's national convention, however, it will not be the same as seeing everyone in person. This is my last convention as National President, and I am proud of the League's progress over the past three years and humbled by the trust all of you have placed in me. We will continue to move forward and with the individuals that are stepping up to higher leadership positions, I have every confidence in them moving us forward into the next century.

During my tenure as President, I have prioritized strengthening communication between all levels of the League. We initiated quarterly leadership conference calls, and they have been a great success. If you have not attended a quarterly call, national leaders and staff brief everyone about national programs, priorities and developments. Chapter and division leaders and National Directors share updates from across the country. These meetings have been very informative and casual. They are opened at the end for people to ask questions about the League or issues with their chapter/division. I encourage a wide range of chapter and division leaders to take the time out of their busy schedules and attend.

As a group, we have made critical updates to the League's bylaws and streamlined membership processing at the national office. I would highly encourage chapters that do not use the online portal to renew members and add new members to investigate the system. By submitting our members online, my chapter is getting membership cards out to members much more quickly. This process moves a lot faster if your chapter submits dues via credit card or PayPal. Even if you use the online system to submit members and mail a check for dues, as soon as the check is processed by the national office, your membership cards are mailed out.

I have enjoyed working with the leaders of the IWLA for the last five years. I have learned a lot in the process and have grown as an individual with those experiences. I will still be mentoring the leadership that will be voted on at this convention and always answer their questions when asked. I would encourage everyone to look at the opportunities the League offers with the committees and officer and Executive Board positions.

I am not going anywhere anytime soon. As immediate past President, I will continue to serve on the Executive Board. In the future, I plan on getting more active with the water resources committee and lend my expertise to the group.

It has been my privilege leading this fine group of Izaak Walton League members, and I look forward to the next century.

Sincerely

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National President