

# Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc



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**OFFICIAL CALL  
BIENNIAL NATIONAL CONVENTION**

Dear Sisters:

In accordance with Article XIX, Sections 1 through 23 of the National Constitution, it becomes our duty to call the accredited delegates of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc. to attend the Biennial National Convention which will open on:

**Thursday, July 16 – Saturday, July 19, 2026, at the Hilton Omaha Downtown at 1001 Cass Street, Omaha Nebraska, 68102**

The business sessions of Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc. will convene at the Hilton Omaha Downtown. The Constitutional provision for representation to Convention is as follows:

**ARTICLE XIX  
NATIONAL CONVENTIONS**

**Section 4.** The National President shall authorize all Committee Meetings to be held via electronic platform prior to the National Convention. Committees will consist of all interested members in good standing. The report of each Committee must be approved by the Delegates in the general session. Any Committee Meetings held prior to the Convention, must provide the committee report to the National President and National Secretary within 30 days before the Start of the Convention. **If a Constitutional Convention is held prior to the start of the National Convention, there shall be no other Constitution Committee meeting held during the National Convention.**

We are having a Constitutional Convention on Tuesday July 14, 2025 and Wednesday July 15, 2026. A separate call will be issued for this.

**Section 5.** Copies of any proposed resolutions, proposed changes, or proposed amendments to the Constitution or the Ritual that have been approved by the National Board, a State Convention, or a State Board shall be forwarded to the National President at least ninety (90) days prior to the opening of the National Convention. There will be no proposed resolutions, proposed changes or proposed amendments to the Ritual and/or Constitution accepted from a State unless the proposal has first been approved by a State Convention or a State Board. Copies of proposed amendments shall be sent electronically to the State Board Presidents and State Board.

**Section 6.** Reports of the National Board Officers, Past National Board Presidents, and National Board Appointees shall be sent electronically to the State Board Presidents a minimum of twenty-one (21) days prior to the opening of the National Convention. The State Board President is to forward these reports to her delegates.

**Section 7.** National Convention sites shall be determined by the combined vote of the delegates to the National Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America Inc., and the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc.

**Section 8.** The delegates to the National Convention shall be:

A. The National Board Officers of the Order.

B. The National Board Appointees.

C. In each State, the seven (7) elected State Officers, or their duly elected alternates.

D. Each State is authorized one (1) At-Large Delegate for each county in which Divisions are established. In states that adhere to the County Board Structure, the At-Large Delegate shall be the County Board President or her designated Alternate according to the State Board and County Board Bylaws.

E. In states with one Division, this state shall be entitled to seven (7) officer delegates.

F. In each state, the Division President or her duly elected alternate.

G. Each state shall be entitled to one (1) At-Large Delegate for every fifty (50) members. Each state is required to specify how the At-Large delegate(s) will be chosen in their Bylaws.

H. All Past National Board and Past State Board Presidents. Only the Immediate Past State Board President is entitled to an alternate.

**Section 9.** Proposed changes to Ritual shall be approved by the delegates in session at the National Convention.

**Section 10.** Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be approved by the delegates in session at the duly convened National Constitutional Convention. In the absence of a duly convened National Constitutional Convention, proposed amendments shall be approved by the delegates at the duly convened National Convention.

**Section 11.** The National President of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc. shall appoint all necessary committees for the National Convention, and for this purpose, each State Board President shall submit names in writing for the various committees not less than thirty (30) days prior to the National Convention.

**Section 12.** The National Board President shall appoint the chair of each committee not less than sixty (60) days prior to the National Convention.

**Section 13.** All delegate certification sheets shall be in the hands of the State Secretary not less than sixty (60) days prior to the National Convention.

**Section 14.** The State Board Secretary shall have fifteen (15) days from receipt of the delegate certification sheet to certify the number of delegates entitled from each state.

**Section 15.** The number of entitled delegates is closed thirty (30) days prior to the National Convention

**Section 16.** The State Board Secretary shall provide to the National Board Secretary a list of the names of the delegates, alternates, and observers and their recommended committee assignments thirty (30) days before the National Convention.

**Section 17.** The State Board Secretary or the State Board President shall report to the National Board Secretary to receive her states' credential cards at the time designated by the National Board Secretary.

**Section 18.** No credentials or changes to credentials shall be accepted after the close of the business on the second day of the convention.

**Section 19.** State Boards, County Boards, or Divisions in arrears shall not be entitled to a voice or vote at the National Convention.

**Section 20.** A quorum is established at a National Convention when a delegate representative is present from 50% of the states where LAOH Divisions are organized.

**Section 21.** A meeting quorum for the National Convention is established when 50% of registered delegates are present.

**Section 22.** The business of the National Convention shall be conducted as dictated by the Rules of Order.

- A. Opening of the convention.
- B. Opening prayers.
- C. Reading of the convention call.
- D. First report of the Credentials Committee.
- E. Report of the Rules of Order Committee.
- F. Appointment of judges and clerks of election.
- G. Appointment of all other committees.
- H. Reading of minutes of the last National Convention.
- I. Summary reports only of the National Board Officers, Past National Board Presidents, and National Board Appointees.
- J. Financial reports of all audited committees.
- K. Nomination of officers.
- L. Reports of National Board Appointees.
- M. Reports of all other committees (Committee reports to be read as they become available).
  - 1. Appeals for Aid.
  - 2. Audit.
  - 3. Catholic Action.
  - 4. Constitution.
  - 5. Freedom For All Ireland.
  - 6. Grievance.
  - 7. Immigration and Education.
  - 8. Irish History.
  - 9. Juniors.
  - 10. Missions & Charities.
  - 11. Public Relations.
  - 12. Resolutions.
  - 13. Scrapbooks Junior & Adult.
  - 14. Supplies.
  - 15. Any other appointed Committees.
- N. Unfinished Business.
- O. New Business.
- P. Final Report of Credentials Committee.
- Q. Election of Officers.
- R. Installation of Officers (unless planned by Convention Committee to be part of program at the closing banquet).
- S. Copies of all convention reports shall be provided to the National Board President, as well as, to the National Board Secretary. This process will enable the President to fulfill her obligation to have the amendments published within sixty (60) days.
- T. Adjournment: The convention shall not be closed until all business has been completed and all committees have completed their reports.

**Section 23.** The National Convention Proceedings, National Constitution and National Ritual shall be made available electronically via the National website ([www.ladiesaoh.com](http://www.ladiesaoh.com)).

As you can see above that there are many regulations that dictate our National Convention. In addition, here is some further information and requests.

### **State Delegate Count Sheet**

Attached you will find a State Delegate Count Sheet which will serve as the delegate certification sheet. This sheet shows how many delegates your state is entitled to at the National Convention. The sheet indicates how many State Board delegates, Past State Presidents, number of Counties where you have Divisions, number of Divisions, and At-Large Delegates based on the number of members your state reported on the year end reports. **If you have a disagreement with the numbers, please let me know as soon as possible. As noted above, you will have 15 days to certify the number of delegates.**

### **State Delegate Listing**

On or about the first week of April, you will receive an excel spreadsheet via e-mail that must be completed and returned to me no later than May 2, 2026. The spreadsheet will be formatted for your state to enter each delegate's name, position, email address (to receive the reports of the National Board prior to the National Convention) and requested committee assignments. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE NAME ON THE DELEGATE LISTING MUST EXACTLY MATCH THE MEMBER'S DUES CARD. No paper reports will be available at the National Convention. Three weeks before the National Convention, an email will be sent to each State President to distribute to their delegates. That email will contain an attachment which will be the reports of the National Board.

Sisters, if you have any questions or concerns, please let me know as soon as possible. As National Secretary, I am charged with certifying the delegates for the National Convention. This makes me the only one that can make changes, so please contact me, and not another member of the National Board, to discuss your questions and concerns on the delegates/credentials. My email address is [natlsecretarylaoh@gmail.com](mailto:natlsecretarylaoh@gmail.com).

I am looking forward to seeing you at the upcoming convention.

Respectfully submitted,

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