



Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc.
National Board
Established 1894

Office of the National Organizer/Immediate Past President
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Dear Sisters,

At the 2024 National Convention, the delegates made history by including Membership at Large in our Constitution. With Membership at Large we now have a method of welcoming a person who reaches out to us from a state without a LAOH presence. We already have our first Member at Large from the State of Kansas. This Friday November 8, LAOH History will be made when the first Member at Large Member will be initiated into our Order.

Membership at Large Information can be found in the 2024-2026 National Constitution Article IV Membership
QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The following are the requirements for membership:

1. Any women eighteen (18) years of older
2. Practicing Roman Catholic
3. Irish or of Irish descent through either parent, or who is legally adopted. If not Irish by descent,
 - The mother of a member of the of the LAOH, or the Ancient Order of Hibernians of America, Inc. including Junior Divisions.
 - Wife of a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of America, Inc.
 - A member of a Catholic religious Order.

AT-LARGE MEMBERSHP

Section 4. A woman who meets the requirements in Section 1 but resides outside a reasonable distance (60 minutes) to a local established division of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Inc may apply for at-large membership.

Section 5. Membership at-large applications would be processed by the State's Immediate Past President. It will be her responsibility to check that all requirements for membership are met. Once per capita taxes are paid and application is processed, the applicant can be initiated into the order. The State Immediate Past President can have virtual meetings with the at-large members. There is also the opportunity if available to link at-large members to established divisions in the state that offer Zoom at their meetings. Immediate Past

President will arrange for said members to be included on National and State email lists, they will be provided with password to National & State websites members only page.

Section 6. Membership at-large applications from states with no established divisions shall be processed by the Immediate Past National President. The Immediate Past National President will work with the prospective applicant to ensure all Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Inc requirements are met. Once per capita dues and application are completed the Immediate Past National President will initiate the at-large member virtually. The Immediate Past National President will ensure the at-large members inclusion on National email list & supply them with member password for the National website. The Immediate Past National President shall preside over meetings with at-large members with all protocols, rituals, constitution, by-laws as divisions must follow.

Section 7. At-large members will have the opportunity to participate in State and National Conventions as observers. At-large members will be counted for determining overall delegates

State Membership at Large

The potential member will fill out the Membership Application as usual. If the potential member resides 60 miles or more from an established division, the applications would be processed by the State's Immediate Past President. It will be her responsibility to check that all requirements for membership are met. The Dues for State Members at Large will be determined by each individual State. In determining the dues, all National per capita taxes and assessments and any additional State fees need to be considered. The Immediate Past State President needs to maintain a list of State Members at Large including all dues paid. Once per capita taxes are paid, application is processed, applicant can be initiated into the order. The State Immediate Past President can have virtual meetings with the at-large members. There is also the opportunity, if available, to link at-large members to established divisions in the state that offer Zoom at their meetings. Immediate Past President will arrange for said members to be included on National and State email lists, they will be provided with password to National & State websites members only page.

National Members at Large

Membership at-large applications from states with no established divisions shall be processed by the Immediate Past National President. The Immediate Past National President will work with the prospective applicant to ensure all Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc. requirements are met. Dues for National At Large Members will cover per capita taxes and any assessments that are assessed to our current members. Once per capita dues and application are completed, the Immediate Past National President will initiate the at-large member virtually. The Immediate Past National President will maintain a list of National Members at Large including all dues paid. The Immediate Past National President will ensure the at-large members inclusion on National email list & supply them with member password for the National website. The Immediate Past National President shall preside over meetings with at-large members with all protocols, rituals, constitution, by-laws as divisions must follow.

With this Membership at Large Program, we can help our Order continue to grow and look towards our future as the best Irish Catholic Women's Organization. We are a Strong Sisterhood and together with our AOH Brothers are a dedicated and committed Hibernian family. Many potential members reach out to the AOH. I appreciate that our AOH Brothers send these applications to me. If the applications are from an established State, the applications are forwarded to that State. I reach out to those in other areas. Any questions, please feel free to send me an email at laohnationalorganizer@gmail.com or call 216-470-3773

