**OFFICIAL CALL FOR TWENTY-NINTH STATE CONVENTION**

**LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS IN AMERICA, INC.**

**of MICHIGAN**

**Article VII of the LAOH Michigan State By-Laws state a “State Convention shall be held every odd numbered year.”**

It becomes our duty to call the accredited Delegates of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians to attend the Twenty-Eighth State Convention, which will convene at **St. Patrick Catholic Church 711 Rickett Rd. Brighton, MI 48116.** The delegates will be called to order promptly at

**Any proposed amendments to the State By-Laws must be submitted in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the State Convention, and shall include the reason for the proposed changes. The deadline for submitting changes September 4, 2025.**

The Constitutional provision for representation to this Convention shall be as follows:

**ARTICLE VII – CONVENTION**

**C. Delegates.**

**1. Who are Delegates?** The following shall be eligible for seats at the State Convention. State and Division Officers or their alternates, the immediate**-**Past State President, current and past National Officers from the State**.** Alternates are allowed only when specified.

 a. In addition to the specified Delegates, each Division is allowed one (1) delegate for every ten (10) members or major fraction thereof, as stated on the annual report.

 b. The Delegates to the State Convention shall be determined at least thirty (30) days prior to the State Convention. At the same time, alternates shall be chosen from the remaining members and assigned to the vacant delegate seats.

**2. Delegate Requirements.**

a. No member shall be designated as a delegate or alternate unless she is a member in good standing at least thirty (30) days prior to the State Convention.

b. No division Officer shall be a delegate if she has missed three (3) meetings within six (6) months prior to the State Convention unless excused by the Division President.

c. A delegate or alternate shall agree to attend all sessions of the State Convention and remain until Convention adjourns.

d. The delegates from a Division that has not remitted its National or State Per Capita Tax shall not be admitted to the State Convention.

**3. Members at Large.** An LAOH member at large, upon proper identification, shall be entitled to register as a guest, but with no voice or vote.

**D. Credentials.** At least three (3) weeks prior to the State Convention, each Division Secretary shall forward to the State Secretary a list of the duly-appointed delegates or alternates from her Division. This shall be the official list for the Committee of Credentials and for the Proceedings of the Convention. Credentials shall include: member's name, Date of membership, Date Degrees were conferred, Division, State and National offices held.

**E. Eligibility to Run For Office.** For the purpose of determining the eligibility of candidates for office, each Division Secretary must submit a separate list of delegates from her Division indicating current or Past Division Offices held.

**F. Quorum.** For the purpose of transacting the business of the State Convention, The State Officers and Division Presidents or their alternates will constitute a quorum.

**G. Reports.** Written reports shall be prepared in duplicate by each State Officer and Chairman. One copy of the report will be submitted to the State Secretary prior to the opening of the State Convention and one copy shall be kept in the permanent file of the Officer or Chairmanship.

**H. Installation.** Installation of Officers of the State Convention shall be conducted after the close of the Convention or within seven (7) days of the State Convention.

**I**. **Michigan Hibernian Woman Award**

 1. Each division must submit the name of the nominee from their division along with a biography of not more than (1) page to the State Secretary no later than thirty (30) days prior to the State Convention.

 a. The nominee must be an active member of LAOH in the State of Michigan and in good standing.

 b. The nominee must have made significant contributions to LAOH in Michigan

 c. The nominee must be a member who promotes the ideals of our noble Order of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

 2. The State Board Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary Treasurer, Historian, Chairman of Missions and Charities, and Chairman of Catholic Action will cast votes through the President for Michigan Hibernian Woman Award.

 3. The Michigan Hibernian Woman shall be presented with an award; cost not to exceed $100.

**All Delegates and Members-At-Large must show their travel card to gain admittance to the Convention. Please bring a copy of the Michigan State By-Laws to the Convention**.

The following Committees and Appointments will be made for the Convention.

1. Credentials 2. Rules of Order

3. Audit 4. Grievance

5. Sentinel (s) 6. Mistress At Arms

7. Judge and Tellers 8. Hospitality

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

**Chaplain:** *Fr. Brendan McCarrick*
**President**: ***Stacey Blair***

**Vice President**: *Mary Marx*
**Secretary**:Maureen Kelly
**Treasurer**: Mary Marx

**Historian & Archivist**: Anne Lezotte
**Missions & Charities**: Karen Fleming
**Catholic Action**: *Peggy Gray*
**Organizer**: Barb Weir
**Freedom for All Ireland**: Agnes Gowdy
**Bylaws**: TBD

**Nominating:** TBD

**Immigration & Education**: Vacant
**Publicity**: Ann Aschenbrener
**Webmaster**: Vacant