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*League for Women Rights*

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE PROVINCIAL FRANCHISE

COMMITTEE.

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the "Provincial Franchise Committee" of the Province of Quebec.

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The President and first Vice-President shall not speak the same mother-tongue. A French-speaking President shall succeed an English-speaking President and vice versa. The same rule shall apply to the first Vice-President. There shall be an equal number of French-speaking and English-speaking Vice-Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers.

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Constitution and By-Laws.

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The Executive shall have the power to fill all vacancies in their number during the current year.

Article X Rules of Order

The deliberations of all meetings shall be governed by Bowring.

Article XI Amendments.

Bylaws and Constitution may be amended by a two thirds vote at a regular meeting, notice of the proposed change having been given at a previous meeting.

Article XII Suspension of Bylaws.

Any of these Bylaws by unanimous consent may be suspended for not more than one meeting, except this article which shall not be suspended.

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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There shall be three classes of membership, namely: Federated Societies, Active members and Sustaining members.

Federated Societies: Any organization of women may federate with the League upon assenting to this constitution. Such federated Societies shall be entitled to be represented to all meetings of the League by two delegates.

Active members: ~~Active~~ Any woman who is interested in the work of the League shall be eligible for active membership upon payment of the stipulated fee. ~~She shall have right to vote.~~

Sustaining members: Any woman in favour of the objects of this organization may become a sustaining member upon payment of the fee stipulated for such membership.

Art. 4. Fees.

~~Federated Societies shall pay an annual fee of two dollars.~~

~~Active members~~

The annual fee for Federated Societies shall be two dollars, for active members, one dollar, and for sustaining members five dollars.

Art. 5. Voting.

Every active member, every sustaining member and the delegates representing the Federated Societies shall be entitled to vote at all meetings of the League on all questions brought before such meetings.

Art. 6. The affairs of the organization shall be managed by an executive board of ? (15) members, each of whom shall be elected for ? (3) years.

*and may not be re-elected for two successive periods. In office until at least a year has elapsed.*



Art. 7. Officers.

The Executive shall elect its officers from its own members. These officers shall be; a President, two Vice-Presidents, two Secretaries, a Treasurer and an Assistant Treasurer. The President and first vice President shall not speak the same mother-tongue. There shall be an equal number of French Speaking and English speaking Vice-Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers. Their duties shall be such as are customary for such offices.

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Art. 8. There shall be a <sup>Advisory Committee</sup> Council which shall consist of the delegates of the Federated Societies and individual members.

Art. 9. Meetings.

Meetings of the Executive: The regular meeting shall be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from October to April inclusive, or at any such other day as the executive may choose. Special meetings may be called by the President at her discretion or at the request of two members of the Executive. No member of the Executive shall commit the League to any policy unless it is first submitted to the Executive. The Annual meeting shall be held ~~on the 4th Friday of April or on such date as the Executive shall determine.~~ Special meetings may be called at any time by the Executive.

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Art. 10. Quorum.

The quorum for the Executive meetings shall be ?  
~~The quorum for meeting of the Council shall be ?~~

Advisory Committee

The meeting of the Council may be called at any time by decision of the Executive.

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Art. 11. Elections.

No person may be nominated unless she is a member in good standing ~~(or a delegate from a Federated Association.)~~

Nominating Committee. A nominating Committee composed of five members shall be appointed by the Executive from among ~~its own members or from among the members of the Council or both,~~ <sup>members of the League in</sup> ~~This Committee shall receive nominations for members of the Executive.~~ <sup>good standing</sup>

This nominating Committee will draw up a slate, but any two (3) members of the League may in writing nominate any member in good standing and send in ~~in~~ such nomination to the nominating Committee 30 days before the Annual meeting.

The Nominating Committee shall include such nominations in its slate but may indicate at the annual meeting which nominees are the nominees of the Nominating Committee and which are the nominees of members of the League.

The Executive shall have the power to fill all vacancies in their <sup>number</sup> during the current year, such appointment to be effective only until the next annual meeting



Art. 12. Rules or order.

The deliberations of all meetings shall be governed by Bourinot.

Art. 13. Amendments.

By-laws and constitution may be amended by a vote of two thirds of the members present at a regular meeting. Notice of the proposed change having been given in the notice sent prior to that meeting.

*Amendments in force for meeting of the General Assembly*

*30 days*

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Constitution and By-Laws.  
of the  
League for Women's Rights.

- Art. 1- The name of this Association shall be the "League for Women's Rights".
- Art. 2- Its aim is to attain and further the political and civic rights of women.
- Art. 3- Its officers shall consist of a President, one or two Vice-Presidents. Two secretaries. A treasurer and such assistant secretaries and treasurers as shall be deemed necessary.
- Art. 4- The Executive Committee shall be composed of an equal number of French and English-speaking members. It shall not exceed fifteen in number including the elected officers. Eight members shall form a quorum.
- Art. 5- There shall be an Annual Meeting for the transacting of League business. Notice of all motions dealing with changes in the Constitution must be given at a meeting at least a month previous to the Annual Meeting and shall be voted on at this Meeting.
- Art. 6- This constitution may be altered or amended by a two-third vote at an Annual Meeting only.
- Art. 7- There shall be an election of officers at least every two years. This election shall take place at the Annual meeting.
- Art. 8- All business brought up at an Annual Meeting must first be approved by the Sub-Executive Committee or by a previous general Meeting.
- Art. 9- Special meetings of the League may be called by the President at her own discretion or at the request of the sub-Executive Committee.
- Art. 9- Section 2- Regular meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held once a month.
- Art. 10 Active members shall pay an annual fee of \$1.00 payable on or before the first of January.

By-Laws...

- 1- The election of officers shall take place at the Annual Meeting following on the report of the Nominating Committee. If there are two or more candidates for the same office the election for this office shall take place by ballot.
- 2- Ordinary rules of parliamentary procedure shall be followed based on Bourinot's Parliamentary procedure and procedure at public meetings.
- 3- In case of resignation or death of an officer or member of the Executive a successor shall be appointed by the Executive Committee to serve the remainder of the term.
- 4- Nominations for officers shall be sent in to the Nomination Committee at least four weeks before the Annual meeting.
- 5- By laws may be altered or amended by a two-third vote at a general Meeting, notice of the proposed change having been given at a previous meeting.



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THE LEAGUE FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I- Name

The name of the organization shall be The League for Women's Rights.

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ARTICLE II- Objects

I- To obtain for women Municipal and Provincial Franchise upon the same terms as men.

II- To secure equality of opportunity for men and women.

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ARTICLE III- Membership

I- Federated Societies: Any organization of women may federate with the League upon assenting to this constitution. It shall be represented by two delegates; they shall have the right to vote.

II- Active members: Any woman who is interested in the work of the League shall be eligible for membership upon payment of fee; she shall have the right to vote.

III- Sustaining members: Any woman in favour of the objects of this organization may become a sustaining member upon payment of a fee of five dollars; she shall have the right to vote.

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ARTICLE IV- Officers

The officers shall be a President, two elected Vice-Presidents, two Secretaries, a Treasurer and an Assistant Treasurer.

The President and First Vice-President shall not speak the same mother tongue. There shall be an equal number of French speaking and English speaking Vice-Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers. Their duties shall be such as are customary for such offices.

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ARTICLE V- Executive

The elected officers shall form the Executive Committee.

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ARTICLE VI- Special Executive

The Special Executive shall consist of the elected officers and the delegates from Federated Societies.

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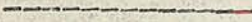
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ARTICLE VII- Meetings

I- Regular: The Regular Meeting shall be held on the third Friday of each month from October to April inclusive.

II- Special meeting may be called by the President at her discretion or at the request of the Executive. Any public action must be first submitted to the Executive.

III- Annual Meeting shall be held on the fourth Friday in April or on such other date as the Executive may determine.



ARTICLE VIII- Fees

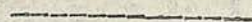
Federated Societies shall pay an annual fee of two dollars; Active members of one dollars; Sustaining members of five dollars. The fees shall be paid on or before the third Friday of November.



ARTICLE IX- Elections

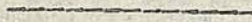
A Nominating Committee composed of five members shall be appointed by the Executive at the April Regular Meeting. This Committee shall receive nominations for officers; each nomination shall be proposed by a member of good standing, and signed by the Nominee. The Committee shall report at the Annual Meeting.

The Executive shall have the power to fill all vacancies in their number during the current year.



ARTICLE X- Rules of Order

The deliberations of all meetings shall be governed by Bourinot.



ARTICLE XI- Amendments

By-Laws and Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote at a regular meeting; Notice of the proposed change having been given at a previous meeting.



ARTICLE XII- Suspension of By-Laws

Any of these By-Laws by unanimous consent may be suspended for not more than one meeting, except this article, which shall not be suspended.





Constitution and By-Laws.

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- Article 9- Special Meetings of the League may be called by the President at her own discretion or at the request of the sub-Executive Committee.
- Article 9- Section 2- Regular meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held once a month.

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By-Laws.....

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- 2- Ordinary rules of parliamentary procedure shall be followed based on Bourinot's "Parliamentary procedure and procedure at public meetings."
- 3- In case of resignation or death of an officer or member of the Executive a successor shall be appointed by the Executive Committee to serve the remainder of the term.
- 4- Nominations for officers shall be sent in to the Nominating Committee at least four weeks before the Annual meeting.
- 5- By Laws may be altered or amended by a two-third vote at a general meeting, notice of the proposed change having been given at a previous meeting.



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THE LEAGUE FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS.

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS.

Draft submitted at annual meeting  
in 1942



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THE LEAGUE FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS.

Constitution and By-laws.

Art. 1. Name.

9 The name of the organization shall be The League for Women's Rights-La Ligue des Droits de la Femme.

Art. 2. Object.

7 The object of the organization shall be to secure equality of opportunity for women in the social, political, civil and economic fields. - add?

Art. 3. Membership.

There shall be three classes of membership, namely: Federated Societies, Active members and Sustaining members.

Federated Societies: Any organization of women may federate with the League upon assenting to this constitution. Such Federated Societies shall be entitled to be represented at all meetings of the League by two delegates.

Active and Sustaining members: Any person interested in the work of the League and in furthering the aims and objects of the organization shall be eligible for active or sustaining membership, as she may desire, upon payment of the stipulated fee.

Art. 4. Fees.

The annual fee for Federated Societies shall be two dollars, for Active members one dollar, and for Sustaining members five dollars. All annual fees shall be due and payable on the 15th day of June in each year.

Art. 5. Executive Board.

2 Number: The affairs of the League shall be managed by an Executive Board of fifteen members, five of whom shall be elected at each annual meeting of the League, to hold office for a period of three years. Nevertheless, of the fifteen members of the Board which takes office immediately upon the adoption of this constitution, five will retire at the expiration of the first year and five at the expiration of the second year, the members so retiring before the expiration of the full three year period to be determined by lot.

Qualification: Only active or sustaining members in good standing shall be eligible for election as members of the Executive Board.

Manner of election: Not less than thirty days before the date of the annual meeting of the League, the Executive Board shall appoint from among the members of the League in good standing, a nominating committee of five. Members of the Executive Board shall be eligible for appointment to this committee. The nominating committee shall draw up a slate of at least five names of members in good standing to be submitted for election as members of the Executive Board at the annual meeting.

Any two members of the League who desire to add names to this slate of nominations may in writing nominate any member in good standing provided they send in such nomination to the nominating committee not less than fifteen days before the annual meeting.



The Nominating Committee shall include all nominations so received in its slate but may indicate at the annual meeting which nominations are the nominations of the Nominating Committee and which are the nominations of members at large.

The Nominating Committee shall make its nominations in such a way that there shall always be at least seven English-speaking and seven French-speaking members of the Executive Board and if more nominations are presented to the annual meeting than there are vacancies to be filled, than there shall be separate voting for the English-speaking and French-speaking nominees.

Casual Vacancy: Any casual vacancy on the Executive Board shall be filled from among the qualified members of the League by the remaining members of the Board and a member so appointed to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office for the balance of the unexpired term of the member of the Board whom she replaces.

Art. 6. Officers.

The officers of the League shall be elected by the Executive Board from among its own members at the first meeting of the Board, to be held immediately after the annual meeting. They shall hold office until after the next annual meeting or until their successors are appointed.

The officers shall be a president, a vice-president, two secretaries, one French-speaking and one English-speaking, and a treasurer.

The president and vice-president shall not both be chosen from the same language group.

Art. 7. Advisory Committee.

There shall be an advisory committee consisting of twenty-one members who shall be elected at the annual meeting upon nomination by the Nominating Committee or by members at large for the same period and in the same manner as members of the Executive Board, save only that seven members of the advisory committee shall retire in each year.

Members of the advisory committee shall be chosen as much as possible from among former members of the Executive Board.

Art. 8. Meetings.

A. Meetings of the Executive Board: The Executive Board shall meet regularly once a month from October to April inclusive. Special meetings may be called by the President, or in her absence by the Vice-president, at her discretion, and shall be called at any time at the request of any two members of the Executive Board.

B. Meetings of the Advisory Committee: Meetings of the advisory committee may be called by the Executive Board from time to time for purpose of consultation upon matters of general interest to the League.

C. Meetings of members: The annual meeting of members shall be held on the 15th day of May in each year.

Special meetings of members may be called from time to time in the discretion of the Executive Board.

Every active member, every sustaining member and the delegates representing the Federated Societies shall be entitled to vote at all meetings of the League on all questions brought before such meetings.

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Art. 9. Notice of meetings.

A. Meetings of the Executive Board and Advisory Committee:

Notice of meetings of the Executive Board or of the Advisory Committee shall be given in writing or by telephone not less than forty-eight hours before the meeting.

B. Meetings of members: A written or printed notice shall be mailed to each member at her last known post-office address, specifying the time and place and purpose of such meeting.

Art. 10. Quorum.

The quorum for meetings of the Executive Board shall be of seven; for joint meetings of the Executive Board and the Advisory Committee of eleven.

Art. 11. Questions of policy:

No member of the Executive Board shall commit the League to any policy unless it is first submitted to and approved by the Board.

Art. 12. Fiscal year:

The fiscal year shall begin on the 1st day of May and terminate on the 30th of April in the following year.

Art. 13. Bank Account:

A bank account or bank accounts shall be kept in the name of the League in such bank or banks as the Executive Board may determine and all cheques drawn on such bank account or bank accounts shall be signed by such officers as the Executive Board may by resolution appoint.

Art. 14. Rules of order:

The deliberations of all meetings shall be governed by Bourinot. If no applicable provision is to be found in Bourinot recourse shall be had as far as possible to the provisions of the Quebec Companies' Act when these are not inconsistent with the provisions hereof.

*This second sentence was struck out at the meeting.*

Art. 15. Amendments:

This constitution and by-laws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at the annual meeting, or at a special general meeting called for this purpose, notices of the proposed change having been given at least thirty days prior to the said meeting.



Section 2. AFFILIATION. The Exec. Board of the A.W.V.P.C. may recognize as an affiliated Local Association a group of women which has fulfilled the following conditions:-

- 1) It shall have a membership of at least fifteen (15), whose names and addresses shall be submitted with the formal application for affiliation, together with a copy of its constitution and a list of its officers.
- 2) The prospective Local Assoc. shall agree by letter to the conditions of affiliation.
- 3) It shall agree to pay into the treasury of the Prov. Assoc. a minimum fee of \$5.00.
- 4) It shall agree not to disband until two months after notice of such intention shall have been given to the Provincial Exec. Board of the Prov. Assoc.

In order to continue to act under the name of the Assoc. of Women Voters an affiliated Association shall maintain the following standards:-

- 1) It shall abide by the By-Laws, make formal reports of its activities to the Provincial Assoc. and shall show progressive effectiveness in promoting the purpose of the Assoc. of W.V.
- 2) It shall adopt and report a budget in conformity to the national financial standard and in support of the Assoc. as a whole, shall have financial responsibilities commensurate with the membership and strength of its Association.
- 3) It shall act on all directives from the Provincial and Nat. Boards, except in special cases where by vote of the Local Board it is considered inexpedient, in which case a report to this effect shall be made promptly to the provincial Board.

Section 3. University Associations. Any woman who is a university undergraduate may become a member of the University Association, and members of such an Association shall be considered to be associate members of the A.W.V.P.C. University Associations shall pay minimum annual dues of            per Univ. Assoc. The services of the several Provincial Association Departments and Committees shall be available for their assistance.

Section 4. Revocation of Affiliation. The Executive Board of the A.W.V.P.C. shall have the power, after due consideration, to revoke the affiliation of any Local Association or any member-at-large for recurrent failure to conform to the affiliation or membership standards. Recognition shall be withdrawn from a Local Association only after investigation of the situation by the Executive Board, and such action shall require a three-fourths vote of that body. Withdrawal of recognition shall become effective immediately upon decision of the Exec. Board.

Appeal. The Local Assoc. from which the Exec. Board has voted to withdraw recognition may by written request signed by a majority of the members of its board appeal from the decision of the Ex. Board to the next Prov. Convention. The convention shall hear the appeal and shall establish its own procedure for such a hearing. The convention on the appeal shall be by majority vote.

#### ARTICLE 11 EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Section 1. Membership. The Executive of the A.W.V.P.C. shall consist of the elected officers, the chairmen of standing and special committees, the presidents of Local Associations. No woman may hold office on any board of the A.W.V.P.C. unless she has a federal vote.

Section 2. Duties. The Executive Board shall attend all meetings of said board and shall direct and control the activities and policies of the A.W.V.P.C. ~~in accordance with the policies of the National Association.~~ The board shall prepare a tentative programme of work composed of items for study, and support, which shall be submitted to the Local Associations at least one month prior to the Annual Convention, at which the programme of work for the year shall be adopted. The Board shall recommend to the Annual Convention the designation and creation of departments and standing and special committees necessary to carry out the programme of work, and recommend an annual budget for same. The Board shall be responsible for the development of plans to carry out the action taken at the Annual Convention. The Exec. Board shall have the power to take action on ~~provin-~~ provin- ~~cial~~ legislation interpreting the objects and policies of the programme of work adopted at the Annual Provincial Convention. The Exec. Board



Section 2. Duties (cont'd)

shall have the power to call a Local Assoc. to meet with it for consultation when there is a difference of opinion between the Local Assoc. and the Board regarding interpretation of Association policy, or at any time when such joint meeting shall seem desirable.

Section 3. Meetings. The Exec. Board shall hold regular monthly meetings from September to June inclusive at such place as shall be designated by the Board. A special meeting may be called at any time at the request of one third of the members of the Board. Notice of the time and place shall be mailed to all the members of the Board not less than one week before the date of the meeting, and in the case of special meetings shall state the purpose thereof.

Section 4. Quorum. One third of the members of the Exec. Board shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 111 DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1 President. The president shall preside at all meetings of the Provincial Association and the Exec. Board unless she shall designate one of the vice-presidents to act in her stead. She shall have general supervision of the activities of the ~~Provincial~~ Assoc. She shall, with the advice and consent of the Exec. Board, appoint all chairmen of standing and special committees and shall be ex-officio a member of all committees, except the nominations committee.

Section 2.

Vice-presidents. A vice-president shall act in the absence of the president and, on request, shall advise with the president on matters concerning the ~~Prov.~~ Assoc.

Section 3. The recording secretary (or the assis. rec. sec.) shall attend all meetings and record the minutes thereof. She shall be responsible for sending copies of the said minutes to all members of the Ex. Board. *X*

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Section 4. The <sup>when required</sup> corresponding secretary shall conduct official correspondence in the name of the ~~U.W.V.~~ <sup>U.W.V.</sup> Official correspondence shall be considered to be the communication of the Ex. Board authorized at the board meetings.

Section 5. The treasurer shall collect, receive, and deposit in the name of the Association of Women Voters of the ~~Province of Quebec~~, in a bank designated by the Ex. Board, all dues, assessments, and contributions to the organization. She shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements. The treasurer shall pay all itemized bills as authorized in the budget, which have been signed by the persons incurring same, or in case of emergency by the budget chairman. She shall render a monthly financial statement to the Ex. Board at the regular <sup>meeting</sup> or <sup>if required</sup> if required, and shall make an annual financial statement at the annual convention. The books of the treasurer shall be audited annually by an auditor to be designated by the Ex. Board. If the Prov. Assoc. act as treasurer for a special committee, all moneys involved shall be kept separate from the Assoc. funds.

Section 6. Directors. The Directors shall be the presidents of the Local Associations until such time as their number becomes unwieldy. The directors in addition to their duties as regular members of the Ex. Board shall assume certain special duties at the request of the Ex. Board.

ARTICLE IV FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

1. The fiscal year shall begin on the first day of April in each year.
2. Financial Support. Financial responsibility for the work of the Assoc. of W.V. as a whole shall be assumed annually by the local associations.
3. In the event of a dissolution of a local assoc. for any cause all monies, securities, and properties, of whatsoever nature, as well as all unexpended income from said monies or property, and any other funds of whatsoever nature shall be held in trust by the Prov. Assoc. for a period of at least three years. If in the three year period no recognized local assoc. has been formed in that community, the funds held in trust shall become the property of the ~~Provincial~~ Association. *if no Provincial Ass. exists*

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ARTICLE V CONVENTIONS

A provincial convention shall be held annually.



Conventions. (cont'd.)

Nominations. A nominations committee consisting of five members of the Ex. Board shall be elected by the Ex. Board at least five months before the annual convention. It shall be the duty of the committee to secure candidates for the offices to be filled. Suggestions for the several offices to be filled may be sent to the nomination committee immediately after its election. Notice of such opportunity shall be sent to the local associations at least four months prior to the convention. The committee shall present its report to the local associations at least 6 weeks prior to the convention. A slate of officers prepared by the committee shall be presented to the convention, at which time an opportunity shall be given for nominations from the floor. The written consent of any nominee must be secured before her name is placed in nomination.

Convention Committee. The convention committee shall consist of a convention chairman, appointed by the president, and the chairmen of departments. It shall be the duty of this committee to arrange a programme, subject to the approval of the Ex. Board. The committee shall arrange for the speakers, shall send out the call for the convention, and shall be responsible for all publicity.

Credentials Committee. The committee on credentials shall consist of a chairman and two or more members appointed by the president of the Provincial Assoc. This committee shall send to the local assoc'ns, their credential blanks, shall receive the credentials and register the delegates at the annual convention. The committee shall prepare an alphabetical list of the accredited delegates and shall furnish a copy thereof for the use of each member of the elections committee.

Representation. Local Assoc'ns, in good standing shall be represented at each annual convention by their several presidents and treasurers, and by one delegate for each twenty-five members. Local assoc'ns, shall elect alternates to serve with full privileges in the absence of delegates. All provincial board members shall, by virtue of their office, be delegates to the annual convention. Vice chairmen of prov. committees may be appointed as alternates. All delegates and alternates must present credentials to show they are the legal representatives of the local assoc'ns, before they can be seated. Only accredited or their alternates have the privilege of voting. Members-at-large shall not be entitled to vote at the annual convention.

Elections Committee. The elections committee shall consist of a chairman and three other members who shall be appointed by the president of the Provincial Assoc. at least one month prior to the annual convention. This committee shall be responsible for conducting the election at the annual convention of the ~~Prov.~~ Assoc. of W.V. of Quebec. All votes shall be by ballot.

Terms of Elected Officers. Each officer shall be elected for a term of two years and until her successor is elected. No officer shall succeed herself for more than one additional term with the exception of the treasurer, who may hold office for three terms. The president, one vice-president and the treasurer and the corresponding secretary shall be elected in odd numbered years. One vice-president and the recording secretary shall be elected in the even numbered years.

## ARTICLE VI

Procedure. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern this organization in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the by-laws.

## ARTICLE VII

Standing and Special Committees.

There shall be the following standing committees:- finance, budget, legislation, organization, public relations, and such others as are deemed necessary which shall be created by the Ex. Board.

Finance Committee. The finance committee shall consist of a chairman of finance, the budget chairman, the treasurer, local Assoc. finance chairmen, and local Assoc. treasurers, and such additional members as shall be appointed by the chairman of this committee. The finance committee shall develop plans for financing the work of the association which shall be submitted to the annual convention after approval by the Ex. Board. The committee shall be responsible for initiating ways of



Finance Committee. (cont'd.)

of securing the funds necessary to meet the requirements of the budget.

Budget Committee. The Budget Committee shall consist of a chairman of finance, the ~~budget-chairman~~ treasurer and any additional members who may be deemed necessary by the chairman of the committee. It shall prepare a budget for the year's work, calling in consultation committee chairmen who may need budgetary items. The chairman shall watch the disbursements during the year to see that the proportions as set forth in the budget are maintained. The budget chairman shall assume full responsibility for all budget accounts other than those of officers and chairmen.

Legislation Committee. The committee on legislation shall consist of a chairman, the chairmen of provincial committees and Local Association chairmen of legislation. Legislative measures brought to the Ex. Board for action must first have the approval of the chairman of the committee concerned and the chairman of legislation.

Organization Committee. The organization committee shall consist of a chairman and such additional members as are necessary. It shall be the duty of this committee to seek opportunities for the development of new Local Assoc'ns. and to supervise the organization of new local groups so that they may qualify for affiliation as set forth in Article 1 of the By-Laws. It shall be charged with the duty of preparing a model constitution, a budget and a method of book-keeping for the use of the local assoc'ns. The chairman shall submit for an organization programme for the coming year at the June Ex. Board meeting following the annual convention. The committee shall be responsible for the supervision of each new Local Assoc'n. for the period of at least one year after its affiliation.

Public Relations Committee. This committee shall be composed of a chairman, the chairman of radio, finance, and membership and such other persons as the chairman finds necessary. This committee shall be responsible for initiating all forms of publicity for the ~~provincial~~ <sup>national</sup> association, for assisting the publicity chairmen of local assoc'ns. and for recommending to the Ex. Board for action projects to broaden the publicity contacts of the Association. A written report shall be submitted to the annual convention by each of the chairmen of standing committees.

~~The term of office of the chairman of each of the standing committees shall coincide with that of the president of the Assoc. of Women Veterans.~~

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The chairmen of the special committees of publications, radio, publicity, bulletin, and such others as may be deemed necessary to carry out the work of the association may be appointed by the president with the advice and consent of the Ex. Board.

An annual written report shall be submitted to the annual convention by each of the chairmen of special committees.

The term of office of the chairmen of the special committees shall coincide with that of the president of the ~~Provincial~~ <sup>national</sup> Association.

ARTICLE VI11  
Programme

Section 1. Platform. The platform shall represent conclusions reached by the Association as a whole in fields of government to which it has given sustained attention.

- 1) The platform may be amended by a 2/3 vote at any annual convention, provided notice of the proposed changes is sent by the provincial board to the ~~provincial~~ <sup>national</sup> assoc'ns. two months prior to the convention.
- 2) The convention may act upon any change proposed by a Local Assoc'n. which has been sent to the Provincial Board three months prior to the convention and has not been recommended by the Prov. Assoc'n., if the convention orders consideration (by 2/3 vote) and adopts the change by a 2/3 vote.

Section 2. The Active List. The active list shall be limited to such current governmental issues as the convention shall choose for concerted action.

- 1) The prov. board shall formulate a proposed active list in January of each year after considering recommendations made by the prov. standing



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committees.

2) The proposed active list shall be sent by the Provincial Board to the Local Associations immediately following the January board meeting for their consideration. Recommended change shall be returned to the Prov. board at least one week prior to the March board meeting.

3) Immediately following the March board meeting the proposed active list, as recommended by the ~~provincial~~ <sup>national</sup> board, together with items proposed by Local Associations and rejected by the ~~Provincial~~ Board, shall be sent to the Local Associations.

4) Further changes in the proposed ~~in the~~ active list (submitted for consideration to, but not recommended by, the ~~provincial~~ <sup>national</sup> board), may be made by the convention, provided that: a) the convention orders consideration by a 2/3 vote, and b) the convention adopts the change by a 2/3 vote.

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS FOR PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN VOTERS

1 NAME AND AFFILIATION

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- 1) THE NAME of this organization shall be the Association of Women Voters of the Province of Quebec.
  - 2) It shall be AFFILIATED with the Association of Women Voters of Canada (when such an organization shall have been set up).

11 OBJECT AND POLICY

- 1) THE OBJECT of this organization shall be to promote political education ~~through active participation of citizens in government.~~
- 2) POLICY- The Association may take action on ~~governmental matters~~ in the public interest. It shall not ally itself with, or support, any political party or candidate. It may endorse any ~~measure~~ *and question* of any political party which, after full investigation, may seem to be for the general welfare of the citizens of the province.

111 MEMBERSHIP

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THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC SHALL BE COMPOSED OF the members of the local Associations of W.V., (voting members, members at large, and associate members). All members shall qualify for membership as prescribed in the By-Laws.

IV Officers

- 1) The OFFICERS of the Association of W. V. of P. Q. shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretaries, Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurer, and Directors.
- 2) They shall be nominated and elected as prescribed in the By-Laws.

V ANNUAL CONVENTION & SPECIAL MEETINGS

- 1) An Annual Convention shall be held (after the Annual Meeting of the National Association of *Can* W.V.), at such time as the Executive Board shall determine. At least 30 (thirty) days notice of the Annual Convention shall be sent to each Local Assoc. of W.V.
- 2) A Special Meeting may be called by a majority vote of the Exec. Board. Notice of such meeting and the purpose thereof shall be given to all local Associations at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

VI AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended at any Annual Convention, or at a special meeting called for that purpose, by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present and voting. Notice and a copy of the proposed amendment shall be sent to each Local Assoc. at least eight (8) weeks prior to said convention or special meeting.

BY-Laws

Article 1 MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Members. Any woman who subscribes to the object and policy of the Assoc. of W.V. of P.Q. shall be eligible for membership in a Local Assoc. of Women Voters.

- a) Voting Members shall be those members who have the federal vote.
- b) Members-at-large. Any woman living in a community in which there is no organized Local Association may become a member-at-large by subscribing to the object and policy of the *Can* A.W.V. and by paying a minimum of 1.00 dues to the associati ~~provincial~~ treasurer.
- c) Associate Members, shall be those who pay an annual fee of 1.00 but do not qualify under a) or b) above.



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THE LEAGUE FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS.

Constitution and By-laws.

**Art. 1. Name.**

The name of the organization shall be The League for Women's Rights-La Ligue des Droits de la Femme.

**Art. 2. Object.**

The object of the organization shall be to secure equality of opportunity for women in the social, political, civil and economic fields.

**Art. 3. Membership.**

There shall be three classes of membership, namely: Federated Societies, Active members and Sustaining members.

Federated Societies: Any organization of women may federate with the League upon assenting to this constitution. Such Federated Societies shall be entitled to be represented at all meetings of the League by two delegates.

Active and Sustaining members: Any person interested in the work of the League and in furthering the aims and objects of the organization shall be eligible for active or sustaining membership, as she may desire, upon payment of the stipulated fee.

**Art. 4. Fees.**

The annual fee for Federated Societies shall be two dollars, for Active members one dollar, and for Sustaining members five dollars. All annual fees shall be due and payable on the 15th day of June in each year.

**Art. 5. Executive Board.**

Number: The affairs of the League shall be managed by an Executive Board of fifteen members, five of whom shall be elected at each annual meeting of the League, to hold office for a period of three years. Nevertheless, of the fifteen members of the Board which takes office immediately upon the adoption of this constitution, five will retire at the expiration of the first year and five at the expiration of the second year, the members so retiring before the expiration of the full three year period to be determined by lot.

Qualification: Only active or sustaining members in good standing shall be eligible for election as members of the Executive Board.

Manner of election: Not less than thirty days before the date of the annual meeting of the League, the Executive Board shall appoint from among the members of the League in good standing, a nominating committee of five. Members of the Executive Board shall be eligible for appointment to this committee. The nominating committee shall draw up a slate of at least five names of members in good standing to be submitted for election as members of the Executive Board at the annual meeting.

Any two members of the League who desire to add names to this slate of nominations may in writing nominate any member in good standing provided they send in such nomination to the nominating committee not less than fifteen days before the annual meeting.



The Nominating Committee shall include all nominations so received in its slate but may indicate at the annual meeting which nominations are the nominations of the Nominating Committee and which are the nominations of members at large.

The Nominating Committee shall make its nominations in such a way that there shall always be at least seven English-speaking and seven French-speaking members of the Executive Board and if more nominations are presented to the annual meeting than there are vacancies to be filled, than there shall be separate voting for the English-speaking and French-speaking nominees.

Casual Vacancies Any casual vacancy on the Executive Board shall be filled from among the qualified members of the League by the remaining members of the Board and a member so appointed to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office for the balance of the unexpired term of the member of the Board whom she replaces.

**Art. 6. Officers.**

The officers of the League shall be elected by the Executive Board from among its own members at the first meeting of the Board, to be held immediately after the annual meeting. They shall hold office until after the next annual meeting or until their successors are appointed.

The officers shall be a president, a vice-president, two secretaries, one French-speaking and one English-speaking, and a treasurer.

The president and vice-president shall not both be chosen from the same language group.

**Art. 7. Advisory Committee.**

There shall be an advisory committee consisting of twenty-one members who shall be elected at the annual meeting upon nomination by the Nominating Committee or by members at large for the same period and in the same manner as members of the Executive Board, save only that seven members of the advisory committee shall retire in each year.

Members of the advisory committee shall be chosen as much as possible from among former members of the Executive Board.

**Art. 8. Meetings.**

A. Meetings of the Executive Board: The Executive Board shall meet regularly once a month from October to April inclusive. Special meetings may be called by the President, or in her absence by the Vice-president, at her discretion, and shall be called at any time at the request of any two members of the Executive Board.

B. Meetings of the Advisory Committee: Meetings of the advisory committee may be called by the Executive Board from time to time for purpose of consultation upon matters of general interest to the League.

C. Meetings of members: The annual meeting of members shall be held on the 15th day of May in each year.

Special meetings of members may be called from time to time in the discretion of the Executive Board.

Every active member, every sustaining member and the delegates representing the Federated Societies shall be entitled to vote at all meetings of the League on all questions brought before such meetings.

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Art. 9. Notice of meetings.

A. Meetings of the Executive Board and Advisory Committee:  
Notice of meetings of the Executive Board or of the Advisory Committee shall be given in writing or by telephone not less than forty-eight hours before the meeting.

B. Meetings of members: A written or printed notice shall be mailed to each member at her last known post-office address, specifying the time and place and purpose of such meeting.

Art. 10. Quorum.

The quorum for meetings of the Executive Board shall be of seven; for joint meetings of the Executive Board and the Advisory Committee of eleven.

Art. 11. Questions of policy:

No member of the Executive Board shall commit the League to any policy unless it is first submitted to and approved by the Board.

Art. 12. Fiscal year:

The fiscal year shall begin on the 1st day of May and terminate on the 30th of April in the following year.

Art. 13. Bank Accounts:

A bank account or bank accounts shall be kept in the name of the League in such bank or banks as the Executive Board may determine and all cheques drawn on such bank account or bank accounts shall be signed by such officers as the Executive Board may by resolution appoint.

Art. 14. Rules of order:

The deliberations of all meetings shall be governed by Bourinot. If no applicable provision is to be found in Bourinot recourse shall be had as far as possible to the provisions of the Quebec Companies' Act when these are not inconsistent with the provisions hereof.

Art. 15. Amendments:

This constitution and by-laws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at the annual meeting, or at a special general meeting called for this purpose, notices of the proposed change having been given at least thirty days prior to the said meeting.



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LA LIGUE POUR LES DROITS DE LA FEMME.

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STATUTS ET REGLEMENTS.

Art. 1. Nom:

Le nom de cet organisme est - La Ligue pour les Droits de la Femme-The League for Women's Rights.

Art. 2. But:

La Ligue a pour but: D'obtenir pour la femme une égale opportunité dans le domaine social, politique, civil et économique.

Art. 3. Membres:

Il y aura trois classes de membres: Les sociétés affiliées, les membres actifs, les membres bienfaiteurs.

Les sociétés affiliées: Toute association féminine peut s'affilier avec la Ligue si elle appuie les buts déterminés dans ces statuts. L'affiliation comporte une représentation de deux déléguées à toutes les réunions de la Ligue.

Membres actifs et membres bienfaiteurs: Toute personne désireuse d'aider au travail que poursuit la Ligue dans le but ci-haut mentionné est éligible comme membre actif ou membre bienfaiteur après paiement de la cotisation annuelle.

Art. 4. Cotisations:

La cotisation annuelle des associations affiliées sera de deux dollars (\$2.00); celle des membres actifs, d'un dollar (\$1.00) et celle des membres bienfaiteurs de cinq dollars (\$5.00). La contribution annuelle sera due et payable le 15 juin de chaque année.

Art. V. Comité Exécutif:

Le bureau de la Ligue se compose actuellement de (15) quinze membres (comité exécutif), dont cinq se retireront à l'expiration de l'année fiscale après l'adoption de ces statuts. Cinq autres la troisième année, le tirage au sort déterminera les sorties. Les membres élus pour les remplacer le seront pour trois années. *et le bureau restera de 15 membres*

*Comp. la 2e année*

Qualification: Seuls les membres actifs ou bienfaiteurs qui sont en règle seront éligibles au conseil exécutif de la Ligue.

Elections: Au moins trente jours avant la date fixée pour l'assemblée de clôture de l'année fiscale de la Ligue, le comité exécutif nommera un comité de nomination de cinq personnes choisi parmi les membres dont la cotisation a été payée *en temps qui sont en règle.*

Les membres du bureau seront éligibles sur ce comité.

*en règle*

Le comité de nomination préparera une liste de cinq membres (qui auront rempli toutes leurs obligations envers la Ligue et la proposera à l'assemblée de clôture pour faire élire ces membres au comité exécutif de la Ligue. Si deux ou plus désirent ajouter des noms à cette liste, il leur est possible de le faire à condition d'envoyer ces noms au comité de nomination (15) quinze jours avant l'assemblée de clôture.

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Le comite de nomination devra toujours presenter une liste ou les membres de langue anglaise et celle de langue francaise seront en nombres egaux, 7 francaise et 7 anglaise. Si les nominations sont plus nombreuses que les vacances, lors de l'assemblee de cloture, il y aura un vote separe pour les candidates de langue anglaise et de langue francaise.

Vacance fortuite: Toute vacance fortuite dans le comite executif sera rempli par un membre qualifiee nommee par le bureau. Ce membre aura la meme tenure d'office que la personne remplacee.

Art. 6. Le bureau:

Le bureau de la Ligue se compose d'une presidente, d'une vice-presidente, de deux secretaires, l'une de langue anglaise, l'autre de langue francaise, et d'une tresoriere.

Ce bureau est élu par les suffrages du comite executif parmi ses membres immediatement apres la seance de cloture de l'annee fiscale.

Le bureau est en office jusqu'a l'assemblee de cloture suivante, ou jusqu'a la nomination d'une remplacee.

La presidente et la vice-presidente ne devront point appartenir au meme groupe linguistique.

Art. 7. Comite de Conseilleres:

Ce comite de 21 membres sera élu a l'assemblee de cloture de la meme maniere que le comite executif. Sept membres se retireront chaque annee.

Les conseilleres devront autant que faire se peut etre choisies parmi les anciens membres du comite executif.

Art. 8. Reunions, Assemblees, Seances:

A. Les seances du comite executif: Le comite executif tiendra regulierement une seance par mois, Octobre a avril inclusivement. La presidente, ou en son absence, la vice-presidente, pourra convoquer une assemblee speciale a la demande de deux membres du comite executif.

B. Reunions des conseilleres: Des seances pourront etre tenues de temps en temps avec le comite executif pour discuter de questions interessant la Ligue pour les Droits de la Femme.

C. Reunions generales: L'assemblee de cloture de l'annee fiscale sera tenue avant le 15 mai de chaque annee. Le comite executif pourra a sa discretion convoquer les membres a des assemblees d'interet general.

Tous membres de la Ligue y compris les deleguees des associations affiliees pourront voter aux assemblees de la Ligue ou on sollicitera leurs suffrages.

Art. 9. Avis de convocation:

A. Convocations du comite executif et du comite des onseilleres: Les avis de convocation seront donnes, par ecrit ou par telephone au moins 48 heures avant la reunion.

B. Convocation des membres: Un avis ecrit ou imprime doit etre envoye par la poste a chaque membre a sa derniere adresse postale indiquant le temps, l'endroit et la raison d'etre de la reunion.

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Art. 10. Quorum:

Le quorum pour une assemblée du comité exécutif sera de 7 membres.

Le quorum pour une assemblée conjointe des comité exécutif et des conseillères sera de 11 membres.

Art. 11. Question de politique:

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Aucun membre du comité exécutif n'a le droit d'engager la Ligue pour les Droits de la Femme dans une attitude, ou une politique qui n'ait été au préalable soumise et approuvée par le bureau.

Art. 12. Année fiscale:

L'exercice financier de la Ligue commencera le 1er mai pour se terminer le 30 avril de l'année suivante.

Art. 13. Finance:

Un compte ou des comptes sera ou seront ouverts dans une ou des banques, selon les instructions du comité exécutif. Les chèques tirés sur ce compte ou ces comptes devront être signés par les officières que le comité exécutif nommera à cet effet par une résolution.

Art. 14. Ordres des délibérations:

*des réunions*

Pour l'ordre des délibérations et des procédures, la Ligue suivra Bourinot, et s'il se présente un cas non prévu par celui-ci, elle aura recours à L'Acte des Compagnies de Québec "Quebec Companies Act", en autant qu'il y aura une solution convenable.

Art. 15. Amendements:

Ces statuts et ces règlements peuvent être amendés par le suffrage des deux-tiers des membres présents à l'assemblée annuelle de clôture de l'année fiscale, ou à une assemblée spéciale convoquée à cette fin. L'avis des changements devra être donné (30) trente jours avant la *terme* de la dite assemblée.



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PROJET DE REMANIEMENT DE LA CONSTITUTION  
A SOUMETTRE AU BUREAU DE DIRECTION

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Des difficultés nouvelles étant survenues dans l'administration de la Ligue, par suite de la formation de filiales à Québec et à Sherbrooke, un Comité de remaniement a été choisi par le Bureau de Direction pour réviser la Constitution et proposer l'amendement de quelques-uns de ses articles.

Ce remaniement est devenu urgent pour une double raison:

1<sup>o</sup>.— Des Ligues affiliées s'étant formées à Québec et à Sherbrooke et des Exécutifs y ayant été élus, le Bureau de Direction devient nécessairement une sorte d'Exécutif supérieur, et doit se constituer de manière à pouvoir diriger les différents Exécutifs et à pouvoir s'occuper des affaires générales de la Ligue qui ne ressortissent pas purement de la régie interne de tel ou tel des Exécutifs.

2<sup>o</sup>. Les deux ans prévus par la Constitution pour le maintien du Bureau tel qu'il est constitué actuellement, expirent en juin. Néanmoins il paraît nécessaire de réorganiser dès maintenant le Bureau de Direction, d'abord afin de donner aux filiales un règlement définitif qui établisse leurs rapports avec le Bureau et qui soit mis en vigueur le plus tôt possible. Ensuite, pour que le Bureau de Direction puisse procéder aussitôt après les élections de l'Exécutif qui auront lieu en mars, à ses propres élections et pour lui permettre d'élire en bonne et due forme celles des anciennes officières de l'Exécutif qui ne seront pas réélues et que le Bureau jugerait aptes à participer à l'administration générale de la Ligue.

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Le Comité de remaniement soumet donc au Bureau de Direction le projet suivant, qui expose les grandes lignes et les principales tendances des règlements proposés concernant:

- 1°. La réorganisation, le rôle et les pouvoirs du Bureau de Direction.
- 2°. Les devoirs et les relations des Exécutifs envers le Bureau.
- 3°. Quelques articles nouveaux: Caisse Générale de la Ligue, membres associés, subdivision des secrétariats en secrétariat des archives et secrétariat de correspondance, etc.. Si ce projet est accepté dans son ensemble, le Comité rédigera le texte de la Constitution ainsi remaniée, qui après avoir été définitivement approuvée par le Bureau de Direction, sera lue à une assemblée générale des filiales et votée suivant la forme ordinaire.

REGLEMENT I. CLASSIFICATION DES MEMBRES

- 1°. - Bureau de Direction.
- 2°. - Comités Exécutifs de Montréal et des filiales.
- 3°. - Membres actifs.
- 4°. - Membres associés.

II. BUREAU DE DIRECTION

Le Bureau de Direction doit devenir une sorte d'Exécutif supérieur chargé de l'administration générale de la Ligue, responsable de tous les actes importants posés par les Exécutifs; il devra garder le contrôle absolu sur les Exécutifs de Montréal et des filiales, tout en laissant à ceux-ci l'indépendance nécessaire, pour toutes les questions



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de régie interne. Ce contrôle d'une administration centrale, représentée par le Bureau de Direction, sera assuré par les rapports des Exécutifs et par les tournées d'inspection annuelles.

Le Bureau de Direction sera composé d'une Présidente qui sera par le fait même Présidente générale de la Ligue, de deux vice-présidentes, d'une secrétaire-archiviste, d'une secrétaire correspondante, d'une trésorière et de quatre conseillères. Le nombre des membres du Bureau sera réduit de quatorze à dix: les assemblées trop nombreuses rendant difficile l'examen et la solution des problèmes en cours. Chacun des membres du Bureau de Direction aura un travail défini à fournir, devra assister régulièrement aux assemblées, et donner à chacune des assemblées un rapport précis et complet du travail qui lui aura été confié.

La Présidente du Bureau de Direction, qui sera en même temps Présidente générale de la Ligue, convoquera et présidera les assemblées du Bureau de Direction et <sup>ou bien</sup> ~~présidera~~ lorsqu'elle y sera présente toutes les assemblées générales.

Les Vice-Présidentes remplaceront la Présidente en l'absence de celle-ci et partageront avec elle le droit de représenter la Ligue.

La secrétaire-archiviste prendra et lira les minutes de chaque assemblée, recevra les rapports des Exécutifs et les lira aux assemblées, tiendra une liste à date des membres des Exécutifs et un tableau des activités comparées de chacune des filiales dans tel ou tel sous-comité, à titre de comparaison et de renseignement.

La secrétaire-correspondante fera parvenir un avis aux membres du Bureau de Direction une semaine avant chaque assemblée, rédigera et enverra aux Exécutifs toutes les communications, avis ou conseils du



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Bureau de Direction et sera chargée, en général, de toute la correspondance. Elle fera un rapport annuel touchant l'ensemble des activités de la Ligue; ce rapport devra être envoyé à chacun des Exécutifs et lu à l'assemblée annuelle de chacune des filiales.

La trésorière sera chargée de l'administration de la Caisse Générale de la Ligue. Elle devra recevoir des trésorières des Exécutifs le sixième des contributions perçues par elles; cette sixième partie sera versée à la Caisse Générale de la Ligue, à titre de participation de toutes les filiales aux dépenses générales et à la responsabilité légale encourue par la Ligue regardant les dettes de l'une quelconque des filiales.

Les conseillères, au nombre de quatre, devront assister à toutes les assemblées du Bureau, auront le droit de vote comme les autres membres de ce Bureau, et devront étudier soigneusement les problèmes soumis au Bureau de Direction.

ELECTIONS DU BUREAU DE DIRECTION

Les membres du Bureau seront nommés pour quatre ans, sauf démission ou raison grave qui puisse justifier un vote de renvoi à l'unanimité des neuf autres membres; les membres du Bureau pourront être réélus. Le remplacement d'un membre se fera par l'élection d'une candidate choisie par quatre membres du Bureau délégués à cet effet. La candidate devra obtenir la totalité des votes. La présidente, les vice-présidentes, les secrétaires et la trésorière devront être choisies parmi les anciennes officières des Exécutifs; mais les conseillères ne devront pas nécessairement avoir fait partie de la Ligue.

*Deux des membres du Bureau doivent démissionner chaque année.*



TOURNEES D'INSPECTION

Le Bureau de Direction devra vers le mois de janvier de chaque année, nommer deux de ses membres qui seront chargés de la tournée d'inspection annuelle. Le Bureau pourra, s'il le juge opportun, envoyer des délégués à n'importe laquelle des filiales en dehors de l'inspection annuelle. Et de même, chacune des filiales pourra, si son Exécutif en décide ainsi, déléguer au Bureau de Direction deux de ses membres, afin d'y faire les représentations jugées nécessaires.

LES COMITES EXECUTIFS DE MONTREAL ET DES FILIALES

devront envoyer au Bureau de Direction un rapport mensuel de leurs activités, demander l'autorisation du Bureau pour toute démarche ou acte public, et pour toute dépense excédant la somme de cinquante dollars. Les Exécutifs devront payer chaque année à la Caisse Générale de la Ligue par l'entremise de la trésorière du Bureau de Direction, le sixième des contributions reçues de leurs membres, et se constituer annuellement, un fonds de réserve égal au quart de leur revenu. Un rapport financier séparé du rapport mensuel des activités devra être dressé par la trésorière et envoyé au Bureau de Direction les 1er octobre, 1er janvier et 1er avril de chaque année.

MEMBRES ASSOCIES