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CONSTITUTION.



NAME OF ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1.—The name of this Association shall be THE WOMEN'S ENFRANCHISEMENT ASSOCIATION OF CANADA.

OBJECT OF ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 2.—The object of this Association shall be the obtaining for the women of Canada all civil and political franchises on the same terms as men.

MEMBERSHIP OF ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 3.—The membership of this Association shall consist of three classes: 1st—Active members, who shall be women. 2nd—Associate members, who may be of either sex. 3rd—Honorary members, who may be of either sex.

OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 4.—The Officers of this Association shall be: A President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Executive Committee.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

ARTICLE 5.—*Sec. 1.*—The Presidents of Branch Organizations of this Association shall be Vice-Presidents of the Parent Organization.

Sec. 2.—The President shall occupy the chair at all regular meetings of the Association, appoint all standing committees, and fulfil all duties imposed upon her by the By-laws.

Sec. 3.—The Vice-President shall fulfil the duties of the President in her absence, and on any occasion of her leaving the chair.

Sec. 4.—The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all regular meetings of the Association, of all special meetings of the Association, and of meetings of the Executive Committee. She shall also keep a record of outside work organized by the Association.

Sec. 5.—The Corresponding Secretary shall notify all Officers and Committees of their appointment and duties ; all members of their election and of the times of meeting. She shall conduct all the correspondence of the Association and call meetings under the direction of the President.

Sec. 6.—The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds under the direction of the Executive Committee, shall collect all dues, pay all orders signed by the President, and keep an account of all receipts and disbursements.

Sec. 7.—The Executive Committee shall assist the Officers of the Association in the management of its affairs, according to the Constitution and By-laws.

GOVERNMENT OF ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 6.—The above Constitution shall govern THE WOMEN'S ENFRANCHISEMENT ASSOCIATION OF CANADA.

THE BY-LAWS.



MEMBERSHIP.

ARTICLE 1.—The Membership shall consist of three classes: (1) Resident Active Members, women only, who shall pay the annual fee which entitles them to a vote; (2) Associate Members, who may be of either sex, and may contribute an optional sum to the funds of the Association, but may have no vote; and (3) Honorary Members, who may be of either sex, and shall be elected by the Association to its membership in honor of service done the cause.

ARTICLE 2.—A person desiring to become a member or an associate member of this Organization shall send in her or his name to the Corresponding Secretary direct, or through a member of the Association, who shall bring it before the next Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee. Such names as may pass the Executive Committee shall be recommended at the next Regular Meeting of the Association, and a two-thirds vote of members present shall be necessary to their acceptance.

ARTICLE 3.—Honorary Members may be proposed by any Active Member at any of the Regular meetings of the Association. A two-thirds vote of the members present shall be necessary to their acceptance, and reference to the Executive Committee shall not be required.

FEES.

ARTICLE I.—The fee of membership shall be one dollar, paid annually.

THE FINANCIAL YEAR.

ARTICLE I.—The Financial Year shall begin in February, when all fees for the ensuing year shall be due.

Sec. 1.—A part of a year shall count as a whole.

COMMITTEES.

ARTICLE I.—The Officers of the Association together with seven Active Members shall constitute the Executive Committee.

Sec. 1.—The Executive Committee shall be appointed by nomination and ballot.

Sec. 2.—Five shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 2.—There shall be a committee of five Active members appointed by the President, whose duty it shall be to canvass for additional members.

Sec. 1.—Three shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 2.—This Committee shall be called THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

ARTICLE 3.—There shall be a committee of seven Active members appointed by the President, whose duty it shall be to collect items of news in connection with the object of the Association, and bring them before all Regular Meetings.

Sec. 1.—Three shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 2.—This Committee shall be called THE LITERARY COMMITTEE.

ARTICLE 4.—The President and Recording Secretary shall be *ex-officio* members of all committees.

ARTICLE 5.—The Executive Committee shall transact all business that may arise in the interim of Regular Meetings of the Association.

MEETINGS.

ARTICLE 1.—The Regular Meetings of this Association shall be held on the last Friday in each calendar month, with power to adjourn.

Sec. 1.—The hour of meeting shall be 3.30 p.m.

ARTICLE 2.—The Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee shall be held half an hour previous to the Regular Meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE 3.—The Annual Meeting of this Association shall be held in May, at which meeting the Officers for the ensuing year shall be elected, and all official reports be read.

ARTICLE 4.—Special Meetings of this Association may be called at the discretion of the President, and at written request from three members.

Sec. 1.—At such and all Special Meetings no subject shall be officially discussed save that or those mentioned on the notice summoning it.

ARTICLE 5.—At the written request of ten Active Members of the Association, the Secretary shall be empowered to call a Special Meeting of the Association.

Sec. 1.—Section 1 of Article 4 shall govern this Article.

ARTICLE 6.—No Special Meeting of this Association shall be called without every member being properly notified.

GENERAL.

ARTICLE 1.—Elections to office shall be by ballot.

ARTICLE 2.—No Article of these By-laws shall be altered except at a Regular Meeting of the Association.

Sec. 1.—Notice of such proposed alteration shall have been given at a previous meeting.

ARTICLE 3.—No pamphlet, circular, letter, or original or selected matter, shall be put forth apparently in the name or with the sanction of this Association, by any member, until the same has been submitted to and approved by a committee appointed for that purpose by the President.

Sec. 1.—Said committee shall consist of three members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 4.—The badge of this Association shall be a narrow ribbon of a primrose yellow colour.

Sec. 1.—Members shall wear the badge on all suitable occasions, particularly at public meetings called by the Association.

ARTICLE 5.—All Regular Meetings of this Association shall be opened with prayer and closed with the Doxology.

