



Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association Records.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF THE
**Minnesota Woman Suffrage
Association**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, the undersigned, all residents of the State of Minnesota, have hereby associated ourselves together to become incorporated, and do hereby form a corporation under Sections 3102 to 3109 inclusive of the Revised Laws of 1905 of the State of Minnesota, and the acts amendatory thereof, and to that end have adopted and do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I.

Section 1. The name of this corporation shall be "Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association."

Section 2. Its general business shall be for social and economic advancement and to secure for the women of the State of Minnesota and of the United States the right of suffrage.

Section 3. The location of this corporation shall be in the City of St. Paul, Minnesota.

ARTICLE II.

Section 1. The following persons may be members of this corporation, and entitled to vote at the annual meeting and at any special meeting thereof:

First: Each and every member of the executive board of this corporation.

Second: The president and three delegates from each auxiliary association as hereinafter defined, and one additional delegate for every ten members, after the first ten, of any such auxiliary association.

Section 2. Any Suffrage Society may become auxiliary to this corporation by the payment annually to its treasurer of ten cents per member on or before June 30th on not less than ten members.

Section 3. All dues are payable on or before the thirtieth day of June, annually.

Section 4. Any person who pays fifty dollars in to the treasury shall become a life member of this corporation with the right to a voice on the floor but without the right to vote at any meeting of said corporation.

ARTICLE III.

This corporation shall have no capital stock.

ARTICLE IV.

Section 1. The general officers of this corporation shall be a president, five vice-presidents, a corresponding secretary, recording secretary, treasurer and two auditors, all of whom must be members of said corporation or of an affiliated club or be life members thereof.

Section 2. The executive board of this corporation shall consist of its general officers, the chairmen of its standing committees, and eight additional members elected at the annual meeting for that purpose, and said eight additional members must be members of this corporation; and said executive board shall have the entire management and control of the affairs of this corporation, and shall at all times carry

out the will of said corporation as expressed at any meeting thereof. Said executive board shall have power to fill all vacancies which may occur in its membership during the year. Seven members of said executive board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 3. The annual meeting of this corporation shall be held on the second Friday and Saturday of October of each year at ten A. M., at the City of St. Paul, Minnesota, but said corporation may hold any of its meetings or transact any of its business at such other time, place, or places, within the State of Minnesota as the majority of its members may determine by vote direct or through its executive board. Other meetings may be called by the president with the consent, or at the request of three members of the executive board.

Section 4. The general officers of this corporation and eight elective members of the executive board shall be elected on the last day of the annual meeting at 10 A. M. Election shall be by formal ballot.

Section 5. The term of officers of this corporation and of members of the executive board shall expire with the last session of the annual meeting and the term of the newly elected officers shall commence forthwith.

Section 6. Amendments to these articles of incorporation may be proposed by any member of this corporation provided however that notice of such proposed amendment shall be filed with the recording secretary of this cor-

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poration not less than thirty days before the annual meeting thereof. A two-third vote shall be necessary to amend these articles of incorporation.

BY-LAWS

1. Any club represented by at least one delegate at the convention may empower said attending delegate to cast by proxy the votes of all other delegates not attending to which the club is entitled by these articles, provided the credentials of said absent delegates are presented to the convention duly signed by the president and recording secretary of the club electing them and one other witness. No other proxy shall be accepted.

2. These by-laws may be amended at any meeting by a majority vote provided that notice of proposed amendment be appended to the call for the convention.

3. Nominations shall be from the floor. An informal ballot shall first be taken, the three receiving the highest number of votes shall stand as nominees on the formal ballot. A majority vote shall elect.

4. Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern the parliamentary procedure at all annual or special meetings except in all cases where this corporation has made its own rules of procedure.

5. Quarterly reports shall be sent to each club in the state by the executive board and said clubs shall make a like report to the executive board.

6. This association shall be auxiliary to the National American Woman Suffrage Association.

7. One vice-president shall be elected from the Twin Cities and four from the state at large.

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C O N S T I T U T I O N

ARTICLE I.

NAME

The name of this organization shall be "Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association."

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT

The object of this organization shall be to secure the right of suffrage to the women of Minnesota and of the United States in order that they may obtain industrial and legal as well as political equality.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. There shall be three (3) classes of members in this organization:

Legislative District organizations

Suffrage Societies

Life Members

Section 2. Any suffrage society in this state numbering ten (10) members may become auxiliary to this organization.

Section 3. Any person who shall make a payment of fifty dollars (\$50.00) into the treasury of the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association shall become a life member of the organization.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this organization shall be-

a President

five Vice Presidents

one Corresponding Secretary

one Treasurer

two Auditors,

all to be elected from its membership.

Section 2. The Vice Presidents shall be elected one from each of the cities of first class, Saint Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth, and two from the state outside of these cities.

Section 3. The control and management of this organization shall be vested in an Executive Board which shall be composed of its officers and the chairmen of its standing committees, all to be elected from the membership of the organization at the annual meeting, and the eight (8) Directors of the Legislative District groups.

ARTICLE V.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall perform all the duties pertaining to her office:

She shall preside at the annual Convention and at the meetings of the Executive Board.

She shall be, ex officio, a member of all committees.

She, with the Corresponding Secretary, shall issue calls for all regular meetings and shall call special meetings of the Executive Board when necessary.

She shall be the accredited representative of this organization at all suffrage meetings outside of Minnesota to which this state organization shall send a delegate.

The expense of the President at such meetings shall be defrayed from the treasury of the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association.

Section 2. The Vice Presidents, in order, shall perform the duties of president in her absence.

Section 3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the organization, call all meetings, at direction of the President, and shall send all notices to auxiliary societies, and blanks for their annual reports; which must be returned in thirty (30) days.

[Nov. 3, 1902]

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

MINNESOTA WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, the undersigned, all residents of the State of Minnesota, have hereby associated ourselves together to become incorporated and do hereby form a corporation under Title Three (3), Chapter Thirty-four (34) of the 1894 General Statutes of Minnesota and acts amendatory thereof, and to that end have adopted and do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I.

The name of this corporation shall be "Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association." It shall be auxiliary to the National American Woman Suffrage Association. Its location or executive office shall be in the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, but said executive office may be changed at any annual meeting of said corporation. Its general purpose and object shall be to secure suffrage to the women of the State of Minnesota and of the United States by appropriate legislation and its general plan of operation shall be determined by the members of the corporation or its officers and directors, from time to time as occasion may require.

ARTICLE II.

The general officers of this association including the Board of Directors with the President and three (3) delegates from each auxiliary as hereinafter defined, and one additional delegate for every ten (10) members of any auxiliary, shall constitute the membership of this association. The amount of contributions required of said members shall be determined by the Executive Committee as said Executive Committee is hereinafter defined.

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ARTICLE III.

This corporation shall have no capital stock.

ARTICLE IV.

Section I. The officers of said corporation shall be a President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Two Auditors and a Board of eight (8) Directors all of whom must be members of said association. Said officers and Board of Directors shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Association, and shall be elected at the regular annual meeting of said association. Said Executive Committee shall have the entire management and control of the affairs of said association and power to adopt by-laws for the government thereof. Five (5) members of said Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Said Executive Committee shall at all times carry out the will of said association as expressed at any convention of said association. Until the time of said election said Executive Committee shall be composed of the following persons, to-wit:

President, Mrs. Maud C. Stockwell, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Vice-President, Hannah Eggleston, Wykoff, Minnesota.

Recording Secretary, Dr. Ethel E. Hurd, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. W. Kissam, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Treasurer, Dr. Margaret Koch, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

First Auditor, Mrs. L. G. Chase, Anoka, Minnesota.

Second Auditor, Mrs. L. B. Castle, Stillwater, Minnesota.

Board of Directors:

Mrs. Margaret R. Rogers, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Miss Augusta A. Connor, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mrs. M. J. Kelly, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Russell, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mrs. Lizzie McClary, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mrs. Ima Winchell Stacy, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mrs. Jennie Knight Brown, Luverne, Minnesota.

Mrs. Sarah Burger Stearns, Duluth, Minnesota.

The Executive Committee shall have the power to fill all vacancies occurring during the year.

Section 2. The general officers of this association shall be elected on the last day of the annual meeting in the following manner: An informal ballot being taken, the three persons receiving the highest number of votes for any office shall be considered the nominees of the convention, and the election shall be by a formal ballot.

Section 3. The term of officers shall expire with the last session of the convention proper, and the term of the newly-elected officers shall commence with a session of the Executive Committee, held after the conclusion of the convention.

Section 4. Any Political Equality Club of Suffrage Society may become auxiliary to this Association by the payment of twenty-five cents per member annually into the treasury on not less than four members. These fees are to be paid on or before June first of each year.

Section 5. The annual meeting shall be held at such time and place as shall be designated by the Executive Committee. Other meetings may be called by the President, with the consent or at the request of three members of the Executive Committee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and seals this third day of November, 1902.

In Presence of

CORA SMITH EATON,

ROBERT E. ESTERLY.

Maud C. Stockwell, (SEAL)

MRS. M. J. KELLY, (SEAL)

AUGUSTA A. CONNOR, (SEAL)

LIZZIE MCCLARY, (SEAL)

MARGARET KOCH, (SEAL)

State of Minnesota)
)ss
County of Hennepin)

On this Third day of November, 1902, before me personally appeared Maud C. Stockwell, Mrs. M.J. Kelly, Augusta A. Connor, Lizzie McClary and Margaret Koch to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and they severally acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

ROBERT E. ESTERLY.

Notary Public

Hennepin County

Minnesota.

(Notarial Seal)

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
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ASSOCIATION.

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Articles of Incorporation.

of

"Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association."

Know All Men by These Presents, That we, the undersigned, all residents of the State of Minnesota, have hereby associated ourselves together to become incorporated, and do hereby form a corporation, under Sections 3102 to 3109 inclusive of the Revised Laws of 1905 of the State of Minnesota, and acts amendatory thereof, and to that end have adopted and do hereby adopt the following articles of Incorporation.

Article I

Sec. I- The name of this corporation shall be "Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association."

Sec. 2- Its general purpose and plan of business shall be to give suffrage to the women of the State of Minnesota and of the United States by appropriate legislation, education, discussion, lectures, or such other lawful means or methods as may be from time to time determined by the members of the corporation, or by its executive board.

Sec. 3- The location of this corporation shall be in the City of St. Paul, but said corporation may hold any of its meetings or transact any of its business at such other ^{place, or} places, within the State of Minnesota as the majority of its members may determine by vote direct, or through its Executive Board.

Article -2-

Sec. I- The following persons may be members of this corporation, and entitled to vote at the annual ^{meeting} ~~convention~~, and at any special ^{meeting} ~~convention~~ thereof:

First: Each and every member of the Executive Board of this corporation.

Second: The President and three delegates from each auxiliary association as hereinafter defined, and one additional delegate for every ten members of any said auxiliary association.

Third: Any person living where there is no auxiliary Association who pays into the treasury of this corporation the sum of fifty cents annually.

Miss. Given M. Anderson

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Sec.2- The following persons may also be members of this corporation, with the right to a voice on the floor, but shall not have the right to vote.

First: One delegate from each state organization other than suffrage which affiliates with this corporation by the payment into the treasury of said corporation, of the sum of five dollars annually; and one delegate from each local club other than suffrage which affiliates with this corporation by the payment into the treasury of said corporation, of the sum of two dollars annually.

Second: Any person who becomes a life member of this corporation by the payment of ten dollars into the treasury of said corporation.

Sec. 3- Any Political Equality club or Suffrage Society may become auxiliary to this corporation by the payment of twenty-five cents per member annually into the treasury of said corporation on not less than four members. These fees must be paid on or before Sept. first of each year; and any auxiliary whose dues are unpaid on Sept. 2nd., shall forfeit all its rights in the Annual convention for that year, and in any special convention which may be called for that year. And the representation to which each auxiliary association is entitled at any state convention shall be determined by the amount of dues due and paid on the preceding first of Sept.

Article 3-

This corporation shall have no capital stock.

Article 4-

Sec. I- The general officers of this corporation shall be a president, vice president, corresponding secretary, recording secretary, treasurer, and two auditors, all of whom must be members of said corporation;

Sec. 2- The Executive Board of this ~~association~~^{corporation} shall consist of its general officers, the chairmen of its standing committees; and eight additional members elected at the annual ~~convention~~^{meeting} for that purpose, and said eight additional members must be members of this corporation; and said

Executive Board shall have the entire management and control of the affairs of this corporation and power to adopt by-laws for the government thereof not in conflict with these articles, and shall at all times carry out the will of said ~~association~~^{corporation} as expressed at any ~~convention~~^{meeting} thereof. Said Executive Board shall have power to fill all vacancies which may occur

in its membership during the year. And five members of said Executive Board shall constitute a Quorum for the transaction of business.

Sec. 3- The annual meeting ^{of this corporation} shall be held on the second Friday of October of each year, at the city of St. Paul, Minnesota, or at such other time and place as shall be designated by the corporation through the Executive Board thereof. Other meetings may be called by the President with the consent, or at the request, of three members of the Executive Board.

Sec. 4- The general officers of this corporation and the eight elective members of the Executive Board shall be elected on the last day of the annual meeting.

Sec. 5- The term of officers of this corporation and of members of the Executive Board shall expire with the last session of the annual ~~convention~~ ^{meeting} and the term of the newly-elected officers ^{of the elective members of the Executive Board} shall commence forthwith.

Sec. 6- The following persons shall act as general officers and members of the Executive Board of this corporation until their successors are duly elected and qualified at the annual meeting in the fall of 1910:

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this day of

-----, 1910:

In Presence of

State of Minnesota }
County of } SS

On this -----day of -----1910-----,
before me a notary public in and for the county of -----
appeared personally.

to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing
instrument and they severally acknowledged that they executed the
same as their free act and deed.

Notary Public,

Co., Minn.

My Commission Expires

CONSTITUTION

of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, adopted by the Convention at Washington, December, 1913:

NOTE: All new matter is set in Italics. References in brackets are to the old Constitution.

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this body shall be the NATIONAL AMERICAN WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION. (Art. I.)

ARTICLE II

OBJECT

The object of this Association shall be to secure protection, in their right to vote, to the women citizens of the United States, by appropriate National and State legislation. (Art. II.)

ARTICLE III

CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP, DUES AND OBLIGATIONS

SECTION 1. There shall be five classes of members, viz.: Affiliated, Auxiliary, Associate, Co-operating and Life Members. (See Art. III.)

SEC. 2. Any suffrage organization of 200 or more certified members may become an Affiliated member.

a. An Affiliated member shall, eight weeks prior to the National Convention, certify to the Treasurer, in a writing signed by three officers, the membership recognized by it at that date.

b. An Affiliated member shall pay annual dues of ten cents for every certified member up to and including 5,000 members, and may pay similar dues on certified members in excess of that number.

c. Annual dues shall be paid within three months after the National Convention and in amount shall be determined upon the membership certified to the Treasurer in the manner provided for in this Article; except that an Affiliated body joining the Association more than 90 days after the Annual Convention shall pay its dues immediately upon joining, the amount thereof being determined upon its membership certified at the date of joining.

d. An Affiliated member shall, eight weeks prior to the National Convention, submit to the National Treasurer a budgetary estimate of its total expenditures for its current fiscal year, based upon its actual expenditures during the first ten months of that year. No gift from an affiliated member to a campaign state shall be included in such estimate.

e. Whenever its total membership dues payable shall amount to less than 5 per cent of its year's expenditures so computed, an Affiliated member shall make additional payment of the difference between such 5 per cent, and its said total dues, such payment to be made within the second quarter of the National Association's fiscal year, upon notice and requisition by the Treasurer; except that no affiliated member in any campaign state shall be required to make any such additional payment.

f. For the purposes of this article a campaign state shall be any state in which a woman suffrage referendum shall be pending in consequence of final action by the state legislature or the due filing of an initiative petition.

SEC. 3. Any non-affiliated suffrage organization may become an Auxiliary member upon approval by two-thirds of the Executive Council and upon payment of annual dues of \$100.00. (Art. III, sec. 2.)

SEC. 4. Any organization which officially endorses woman suffrage may become an Associate member upon approval by two-thirds of the Executive Council and upon payment of annual dues of \$25.00. (Art. III, sec. 6.)

SEC. 5. Any individual may become a Co-operating member upon payment of annual dues of \$10.00. (Art. III, sec. 5.)

SEC. 6. Any individual may become a Life member upon payment of \$100.00. (Art. III, sec. 3.)

SEC. 7. Dues of other than Affiliated members shall be paid by such members immediately upon their joining the Association and thereafter annually within 30 days following the close of the National Convention.

ARTICLE IV

PRIVILEGES AND REPRESENTATION

SECTION 1. An AFFILIATED member shall be entitled to representation at the Annual Convention as follows:

a. By its president and one delegate for every 100 certified members, or major fraction thereof, for whom it pays annual dues of ten cents per member. (Art. III, secs. 1 and 4.)

b. By one delegate for every \$10 of any assessment paid by it under Article III, Section 2, e., provided, however, that for every \$10 so paid a membership of 100 shall be certified to as existing in addition to that membership upon which dues shall already have been paid.

SEC. 2. An AUXILIARY member shall be entitled to representation at the Annual Convention by ten delegates. (See Art. III, secs. 1 and 4.)

SEC. 3. An ASSOCIATE member shall be entitled to representation at the Annual Convention by one delegate. (See Art. III, sec. 6.)

SEC. 4. A CO-OPERATING member shall be entitled to receive reports published by the Association and to attend all of its public meetings, but shall not be entitled to vote. (See Art. III, sec. 3.)

SEC. 5. A LIFE member shall be entitled to receive all reports published by the Association, to attend all of its public meetings and to participate in all of its discussions, but shall not be entitled to vote. (Art. III, sec. 3.)

SEC. 6. No representation shall be allowed to any member that has failed to pay annual dues or meet obligations imposed by Article III, and the number of delegates' credentials issued to any member shall be determined six weeks in advance of the National Convention by the member's standing in the Association at that date.

ARTICLE V

DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors of the Association shall consist of the Officers thereof as elected at the Annual Convention, in the manner hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. Vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be filled for the unexpired term by a majority vote of the remaining directors at any special meeting called for that purpose, at any regular meeting, or by correspondence. (New in form. See Art. VII, sec. 3.)

SEC. 3. In case the entire Board of Directors shall die or resign, the Secretary of the Executive Council shall call a special meeting of the Executive Council by which body directors shall then be elected for the unexpired term in the manner provided for their election at annual meetings.

SEC. 4. A person chosen to fill a vacancy in the Board shall serve until the close of the next annual convention.

SEC. 5. The Board of Directors may adopt such rules and regulations for their meetings, the conduct thereof, and the management of the affairs of the Association as they may deem proper, not inconsistent with the laws of the District of Columbia, the Constitution of the United States or this Constitution. But in their management of the affairs of the Association, the Board of Directors shall incur no financial obligations for which the Annual Convention shall not have voted the necessary funds unless they shall themselves have, or through their own efforts provide, means to meet such obligations.

SEC. 6. The Board, immediately after the Annual Convention, shall appoint a legal advisor and Standing Committees as follows:

Congressional Work
Elections
Finance
Literature
Local Arrangements and Railroad Rates
Presidential Suffrage
Press Work
Program

The President of the Association shall be the Chairman of the Program Committee. (By-law III, sec. 1.)

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS—DUTIES AND LIABILITIES

SECTION 1. The Officers shall be a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Third Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, a First Auditor and a Second Auditor. (Art. IV, sec. 1.)

Each of such officers shall serve for the term of one year beginning immediately upon the close of the Annual Convention. (Art. VII, sec. 2.)

SEC. 2. The President shall perform all the duties incident to her office. (Art. V, sec. 2.)

SEC. 3. The First, the Second, or the Third Vice-President in said order shall, in the absence or incapacity of the President, perform the duties of the President. (Art. V, sec. 3.)

SEC. 4. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Association, and a record of all its proceedings, and shall perform all the duties incident to her office. (Art. V, sec. 4.)

SEC. 5. The Corresponding Secretary shall act as the Executive Secretary of the organization and make a detailed report to the Convention. (See Art. V, sec. 5.)

SEC. 6. The Treasurer shall have the custody of all funds and securities of the Association, shall pay the bills of the Association, and sign all checks and orders for the disbursement of the Association's moneys, which shall be countersigned by another director, preferably the President.

The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of receipts and disbursements and shall send a monthly summary to the directors. (Art. V, sec. 6.)

The Treasurer shall compute the sums due from members under Article III, Section 2, *e.*, shall make requisition upon the respective members therefor, and shall, to the best of her ability, collect all pledges and moneys payable to the Association.

The Treasurer by and with the advice and assistance of the Board of Directors shall prepare a tentative budgetary estimate of the disbursements of the Association for the ensuing year, and four weeks before the Annual Convention shall present such tentative budget to the members of the Executive Council and to all Affiliated and Auxiliary Associations.

The Treasurer shall, six weeks before the Convention, provide the Affiliated and Auxiliary Associations with blank credentials for delegates and alternates to the Annual Convention and shall be ex-officio chairman of the Committee on Credentials. (Art. V, sec. 6.)

The books of the Treasurer shall close four weeks before the Annual Convention and the report of the Treasurer shall be made at the first business session of the Annual Convention. (Art. V, sec. 6.)

The Treasurer shall give bond for the faithful performance of her duties in such sum as the Board may determine. (See By-law V.)

SEC. 7. The books of the Association shall be audited by a certified public accountant every six months.

SEC. 8. The Auditors shall examine and verify the books of the Treasurer and shall give a report thereof at the first business session of the Convention. (Art. V, sec. 7.)

ARTICLE VII

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL—DUTIES AND POWERS

SECTION 1. The Executive Council shall consist of the Directors of the Association, the Chairmen of Standing and Special Committees, the Presidents of Affiliated and Auxiliary Suffrage Organizations, and one member from each Affiliated organization, of whom fifteen shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. (Art. VII, sec. 1.)

The President of the Association shall act as President of the Council. A Secretary other than a Director shall be nominated and elected by acclamation at the post-convention meeting of the Council.

SEC. 2. Regular meetings of the Executive Council shall be held immediately preceding and immediately following the Annual Convention of the Association. (Art. VI, sec. 2.) Special meetings may be called at any time by a majority of the Directors, or by the President upon the written request of fifteen members of the Executive Council.

Notice of a special meeting shall be mailed to each member at least two weeks before the date of such meeting.

SEC. 3. The Executive Council shall deliberate concerning the plans and policies of the Association and the opportunities and means for their advancement in the several sections of the United States as well as in the nation as a whole, and shall make recommendations and suggestions to the Association in regard thereto at the business sessions of the Convention and to the Directors from time to time as occasion or prudence may urge. (See Art. VI, sec. 3.)

SEC. 4. The members of the Executive Council shall act also by correspondence, a majority vote determining, upon all matters referred to the Council by the Directors (Art. VI, sec. 4) and, whenever requested or empowered by the Directors, they or any of them shall advise or co-operate with the Board or advise, act or co-operate with or upon any of its committees for the transaction of Association business.

SEC. 5. The Executive Council shall at its pre-convention session give especial considera-

tion to the budget for the following year and shall make written recommendations to the Convention in regard thereto.

SEC. 6. The Executive Council shall, at its regular post-convention session, elect from its own number a Committee on Membership, consisting of five members, which shall pass upon the qualifications of organizations applying for auxiliary or associate membership in the Association. (By-law III, sec. 3.)

SEC. 7. The Executive Council may elect as Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Association distinguished adherents of the cause of Woman Suffrage who cannot do active work in the National Association. (Art. VI, sec. 5.)

SEC. 8. In case an Affiliated or Auxiliary organization shall be unrepresented at the sessions of the Executive Council by its President or duly chosen member, the delegation from such organization shall have power to elect from its own number a representative to the Council. (By-law I, sec. 2.)

ARTICLE VIII

ANNUAL MEETING

SECTION 1. There shall be an Annual Convention of the Association for the election of Directors, the adoption of a budget and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it. (By-law I, sec. 1.)

The Convention shall be held upon days and in a city to be designated by the Directors, and shall be in session for at least four business days.

Notice of the Convention shall be mailed to all Affiliated, Auxiliary and Associate members and shall be published in three of the leading suffrage periodicals at least six weeks before the opening of the Convention.

SEC. 2. The Convention shall be composed of the Directors and ex-presidents of the Association, Chairmen of Standing Committees, Presidents of Affiliated and Auxiliary Organizations and members thereof elected to the Executive Council, and all delegates regularly chosen by Affiliated, Auxiliary and Associate organizations and duly accredited to the Convention, each of whom shall be entitled to vote thereat. (Art. III, sec. 4.)

SEC. 3. Affiliated and Auxiliary organizations shall have communicated the names and addresses of their respective delegates and alternates in writing to the Credentials Committee at least twenty-four hours before the opening of the Convention.

SEC. 4. No credentials shall be issued after the close of the first business day of the Convention.

SEC. 5. Delegates holding certificates signed by the President and the Recording Secretary of their respective organizations and presenting the same to the Credentials Committee before the close of the first business day of the Convention shall be deemed *prima facie* entitled to their seats and pending the final report of the Credentials Committee shall have the right to vote upon all questions except that of their right to their own seats. (See By-law I, sec. 5.)

SEC. 6. Accredited delegates to the Convention shall sit together by delegations in the section of the Convention hall reserved for them. Alternates shall be seated together elsewhere and shall not be admitted to seats in the delegates' section except when duly recognized as acting delegates.

SEC. 7. The Committee on Resolutions shall consist of representatives from the several States and the District of Columbia, one person to be elected from each State and one from the District of Columbia by the delegations therefrom, at a joint meeting during the Convention called by the President of the senior organization thereof. This committee shall choose its own chairman. (By-law II and By-laws III, sec. 2.)

SEC. 8. The morning session of the second business day, or as much thereof as may be necessary, shall be given to discussion of the tentative budget.

SEC. 9. Beginning with the morning session of the fourth business day, no further business shall be considered until a budget for the ensuing year shall have been adopted.

SEC. 10. Pledges made at the Convention shall be payable not later than April first of the following year. (By-law I, sec. 6.)

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENT

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of any annual meeting, after one day's notice in the Convention, provided that notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given to the Board and said Board shall have made publication thereof in at least three of the leading suffrage periodicals, not less than six weeks before the opening of the Convention. (Art. VIII.)

Convention - October - 7, 8, 9 - in The St. Paul Hotel

Proposed Constitution and By-Laws of the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

The name of this organization shall be the "Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association."

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.

The object of this organization shall be to secure the right of suffrage to the women of Minnesota and of the United States in order that they may obtain industrial and legal as well as political equality.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. There shall be three (3) classes of members in this organization:—

Legislative District organizations, Suffrage Societies, and Life Members.

Section 2. Any suffrage society in this state numbering ten (10) members may become auxiliary to this organization.

Section 3. Any person who shall make a payment of fifty dollars (\$50.00) into the treasury of the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association shall become a life member of the organization.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

Section 1. The officers of this organization shall be—

a President,
five Vice Presidents,
one Recording Secretary,
one Corresponding Secretary,
one Treasurer,
one Auditor,

all to be elected from its membership.

Section 2. The vice-presidents shall be elected one from each of the cities of first class, Saint Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth, and two from the state outside of these cities.

Section 3. The control and management of this organization shall be vested in an executive Board which shall be composed of its officers and eight (8) directors, all to be elected from the membership of the organization at the annual meeting; and the chairmen of its standing committees.

ARTICLE V.

AMENDMENTS.

Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by any member of the organization, provided that notice of such proposed amendment shall be filed with the Recording Secretary of the organization not less than thirty (30) days before the annual meeting at which such amendment is to be considered.

Section 2. A two thirds (2-3) vote of those present, entitled to vote, shall be necessary to amend this Constitution.

Section 3. Thirty (30) shall constitute a quorum for amending this Constitution.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

ELECTIONS.

Section 1. The General Officers of this organization shall be elected on the second day of the annual meeting.

Section 2. Election shall be by formal ballot.

Section 3. Nominations for General Officers shall be made in writing on sheets prepared and posted in the assembly hall on the first day of the annual meeting by the chairman of the Elections Committee.

Section 4. The three candidates for each office receiving the largest number of votes on the informal ballot shall be the nominees for the formal ballot.

Section 5. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for an election.

ARTICLE II.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Section 1. The duties of all officers shall be such as pertain to their offices.

Section 2. The Vice Presidents, in order, shall perform the duties of president in her absence.

Section 3. The Treasurer shall keep books of itemized accounts.

She shall render reports at all Executive Board meetings and at the annual Convention.

She shall furnish credential blanks to all auxiliary societies.

She shall pay bills only upon order of the Executive Board.

She shall give bond in such sum as the Executive Board may require. The expense of such bond shall be paid from the treasury of the organization.

Section 4. The Auditor shall examine the books and reports of the Treasurer quarterly and report concerning them to the Executive Board.

Section 5. The Executive Board shall at all times carry out the will of the organization as expressed at any legal meeting.

ARTICLE III.

TERM OF OFFICE.

Section 1. Newly elected officers shall assume office directly after the last session of the annual meeting at which they have been elected.

ARTICLE IV.

ORGANIZATION.

Section 1. Each Legislative District in Minnesota shall be entitled to one District Suffrage organization, auxiliary to this organization.

Section 2. The Legislative District organization shall be presided over by a Leader who shall be a member of that District organization, elected for one year at the annual meeting of that District organization.

Section 3. The Legislative Districts of the state shall be combined into not less than eight groups.

Section 4. The Leaders of each group of Legislative Districts shall, before October eighth (8th) of each year select one of their number to be the state member for that group on the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V.

VACANCIES.

Section 1. The Executive Board shall have power to fill all vacancies which may occur in its membership during the year.

ARTICLE VI.

REPRESENTATION.

Section 1. All members of the Executive Board are entitled to vote at any meeting of this organization.

Section 2. The President and three (3) accredited delegates from each auxiliary club of ten members shall each have a vote.

Section 3. For each ten members, after the first ten, each auxiliary club may send one accredited delegate.

Section 4. Each Legislative District group shall be entitled to ten (10) delegates who shall be chosen as the District organization shall decide.

ARTICLE VII.

DUES.

Section 1. Each auxiliary society or club of the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association shall send to the Treasurer of the state organization ten cents (\$.10) per member on or before August 30th of each year.

Section 2. Each Legislative District of the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association shall send to the Treasurer of the state organization five dollars (\$5.00) on or before August 30th of each year.

ARTICLE VIII.

MEETINGS.

Section 1. The annual meeting of this corporation shall be held on the second Friday and following Saturday of October of each year at ten A. M., at the City of St. Paul, Minnesota, but said corporation may hold any of its meetings or transact any of its business at such other time, place, or places, within the State of Minnesota as the majority of its members may determine by vote direct or through its executive board. Other meetings may be called by the president with the consent, or at the request of three members of the executive board.

Section 2. Three quarterly conferences, beginning in January, shall be held during the year outside of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall meet the first Saturday of each month alternating between Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

Section 4. Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President, or at the request of five members of the Executive Board.

Section 5. Written notice of each meeting shall be sent to every member of the Executive Board.

Section 6. The Legislative District organizations of the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association shall hold their annual meetings not later than September 30th of each year.

ARTICLE IX.

QUORUM.

Section 1. Seven (7) members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 2. Thirty (30) members of the state organization shall constitute a quorum for the annual meeting.

ARTICLE X.

COMMITTEES.

Section 1. The Standing Committees shall be:

1. Finance.
2. Press and Publicity.
3. Suffrage Periodicals.
4. Congressional.
5. Legislative.
6. Public Demonstrations.
7. Member of National Executive Council.

Section 2. Special Committees shall be appointed from time to time by the Executive Board as it shall deem them desirable.

ARTICLE XI.

PUBLIC AUDITOR.

Section 1. All accounts of the Treasurer shall be audited by a public auditor who shall report upon his findings at the annual meeting.

Section 2. This auditor, to be paid from the treasury of the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association.

ARTICLE XII.

PROCEDURE.

Section 1. At all meetings of this organization the procedure shall be according to "Robert's Rules of Order," unless covered by this Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE XIII.

AMENDMENTS.

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended by filing notice of amendment with the Recording Secretary of the state organization, not less than thirty (30) days before the meeting at which the amendment is to be considered and appending notice of amendment to the call for the meeting.

Section 2. A vote of a majority of the members present shall be necessary to amend the By-Laws.

\$50.00 for the Hotel

#49 Dinner Banquet
Senator Chapp
Mrs. Ueland

#20.00 P.E. Club

(Mrs. Earley
Treasurer of the
Committee on
Arrangements)

\$72.00 raised

\$90.00 theme

[Oct 8, 1915]

CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT

to the
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
of the
MINNESOTA WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

The undersigned, Chara Ueland the
president and presiding officer, and Eva W. Moore
secretary and recording officer of the Minnesota Woman
Suffrage Association, held pursuant to call on the 7th day
of October, 1915, do hereby certify that, at the regular
annual meeting of the members of said corporation, a quorum
being present, adopted the following resolution by a
unanimous vote, to-wit:

" RESOLVED, Be it resolved that the Articles of
Incorporation of the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association
be and they are hereby amended so as to read as follows:

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
of the
MINNESOTA WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, the under-
signed, all residents of the State of Minnesota, have hereby
associated ourselves together to become incorporated, and do
hereby form a corporation under Sections 3102 to 3109 inclu-
sive of the Revised Laws of 1905 of the State of Minnesota,
and the acts amendatory thereof, and to that end have adopted
and do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I.

Name, Object, Plan of Operation, Location.

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"Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association."

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of its members may determine by vote direct or through its executive board. Other meetings may be called by the president with the consent, or at the request of three members of the executive board.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our names as president and presiding officer and as secretary and recording officer respectively of said meeting this 8th day of October, 1915.

In the presence of

Parvin Hall
Emily H. Bright

Clara Ueland

President and
Presiding Officer.

Eva W. Morse

Secretary and
Recording officer.

State of Minnesota, }
Ramsey County. } ss.

On this 8th day of October, 1915, before me a Notary Public, within and for said county, personally appeared CLARA UELAND and EVA W. MORSE to me personally known and being by me duly sworn did say that they are respectively the President and Presiding Officer and Secretary and Recording Officer of the regular annual meeting of the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association referred to in the foregoing certificate, and that they know the contents of said certificate to be true and that said certificate was duly signed in behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors and the said CLARA UELAND and EVA W. MORSE acknowledged that they executed said certificate as the free act and deed of said corporation.

Janette M. Bailey
Notary Public,

Ramsey County, Minnesota

My commission expires March 6, 1920

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

I hereby certify that the within
instrument was filed for record
in this office on the 8th day
of October A. D. 1915
at 11 o'clock AM., and was duly
recorded in Book A-4 of

INCORPORATION

on page 60
Yellus A. Schmah
Secretary of State.

Yellus A. Schmah
Myself -