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BY-LAWS

CENTRAL MIDWEST DISTRICT of the UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST WOMEN'S FEDERATION

ARTICLE I NAME This organization shall be known as the Central Midwest District of the Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation, the latter being a Massachusetts corporation not for profit.

ARTICLE II OBJECTS The objects of this organization shall be:

- A. To provide better communication between the Unitarian Universalist Women's organizations within the Central Midwest District of the Unitarian Universalist Association;
- B. To stimulate their interest in aspects of the Unitarian Universalist movement and in problems of the world through an annual Institute and other means.

ARTICLE III ORGANIZATION The District shall comprise:

- A. Geographical area federations of units within the Central Midwest District of the Unitarian Universalist Association, formed or to be formed with the knowledge of the Governing Board;
- B. Women's units within the District which are unaffiliated with any of the above area federations.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP The following may become members upon payment of dues:

- A. Members of women's units of churches and fellowships in the Central Midwest District of the Unitarian Universalist Association;
- B. Individuals at large within the District who wish to affiliate.

ARTICLE V GOVERNMENT The general Government of the organization shall be vested in the following:

- A. A governing Board which shall be composed of President, Secretary, and Treasurer; four Directors, chosen with respect to geographical location by the Nominating Committee, and elected at an annual meeting, two to be elected in every even numbered year and two to be elected in every odd numbered year; from which a Vice-President, Communication Chairman, and the Chicago Area Council Chairman will be selected. The Institute Chairman shall be appointed, annually, by the prior Governing Board and shall have Board status.

The Governing Board shall approve plans for the annual Institute, authorize expenditures, plan communications, and plan other activities appropriate to the District. Each member shall familiarize herself with the By-Laws of the District, attend all Board meetings or if unable to attend, shall notify the President three days prior to meeting date. Each member shall be given reasonable notice before a meeting. The members shall serve for a two year term or until their successors take office. Officers and Directors shall assume office at the beginning of the new fiscal year. Vacancies shall be filled by the Board.

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B. THE OFFICERS, who shall be:

1. President, to be elected at an annual meeting, every odd numbered year; she shall call all meetings of the Governing Board and the membership and preside at these.
2. Vice-President, to be chosen by the Governing Board from among its members; she shall serve as President if necessary;
3. Secretary, to be elected at an annual meeting, every odd numbered year; she shall have the usual duties of this office;
4. Treasurer, to be elected at an annual meeting, every even numbered year; she shall have the usual duties of this office and shall be bonded.
5. Officers and Directors shall assume office at the beginning of the new fiscal year.

ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES The Standing Committees, appointed by the Governing Board, with Institute Chairman appointed by the prior Board and the remaining by the newly elected Board, shall be:

- A. Institute Committee of three, to plan the Institute for the ensuing year, subject to Governing Board approval and to carry out these plans;
- B. Communications Committee of two, to arrange for contact with women's units in the District and to arrange for other publicity;
- C. Nominating Committee of three, to nominate: President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors.

ARTICLE VII FINANCES

A. Funds of the organization shall be;

1. An Operating Fund, maintained for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the organization. It shall be made up of annual dues from women's units within the District and dues from Individuals desiring to affiliate, at a rate per local member as designated by the Board and approved by the membership, payable Jan. 1, plus any earnings, donations, or bequests which become available. Only the President and the Treasurer may make disbursements from this Fund, with the approval of the Governing Board. This money shall be held in a checking account.
2. A Reserve Fund, which may be created and maintained if funds not needed for current operations become available. Such money shall be held in a savings account. Expenditures from this Fund shall be authorized by vote of the membership.

B. The Fiscal year shall be August 1 to July 31.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS

A. Membership meetings shall be;

1. Annual Meeting of the membership held in June at the time of the Institute for the purpose of hearing reports of the past year's activities and of the financial conditions and for elections;
2. Special meetings called at any time by vote of the majority of the Governing Board.

B. Board meetings shall be held following elections and at least one other time during the year. A quorum shall be five.

C. A majority of those present and voting shall carry any measure, except as specified otherwise.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended by two-thirds vote of those members present and voting at an Annual Meeting, provided notice of the amendment has been mailed at least thirty days in advance of the meeting.

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