

BYLAWS OF THE MONTICELLO WOMEN OF TODAY

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this corporation shall be the Monticello Women of Today.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE, MISSION STATEMENT AND CREEDS

- Section 1. To promote civic, educational, social, and recreational activities for the members of this corporation.
- Section 2. To provide an opportunity for leadership training and development.
- Section 3. To instill a spirit of patriotism in chapter members.
- Section 4. The mission of this corporation is to help members improve their own lives and the lives of the people in the communities around them. This organization shall be a place in which all members are actively encouraged to become involved and hold positions of leadership. This organization shall provide opportunities for members:
- A. To contribute to their communities by raising funds for worthy causes and by providing services or education to benefit community members.
 - B. To develop and to foster skills and talents related to becoming successful individuals, interacting well with other people, and becoming capable leaders.
 - C. To develop friendships and to find personal support within the organization.
- Section 5. Minnesota Women of Today Creed: We, the Women of Today, are Service, Growth, and Fellowship. We believe that through us great lessons can be learned, worthy deeds performed, and a hand of fellowship extended to millions of women everywhere. May we leave this world a better place because we lived and served within it.
- Section 6. United States Women of Today Creed: We, the United States Women of Today, are dedicated to serving our community and nation, are committed to strengthening our individual talents, and stand united by our friendship and belief in the future.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. This organization is a member of the United States Women of Today, Minnesota Women of Today, and the District 6 Women of Today regarding the dues, support of projects whenever possible, and compliance with the bylaws and policies.
- Section 2. The location of the registered office of this organization is 206 East 7th Street, P.O. Box 1202, Monticello, Minnesota 55362.
- Section 3. Members in good standing are at least 18 years of age and their dues are paid, and they shall have full voting privileges pertaining to chapter, district, or state business.
- Section 4. Any member may resign from this corporation. At such time, they shall be required to turn over all records belonging to this organization to the local chapter President.
- Section 5. The objectives of this corporation are purely civic, educational, recreational, and social. It is not organized for religious, political, or private purposes and shall not function for profit or for personal

gain of any of its members.

ARTICLE IV - FISCAL YEAR AND DUES

- Section 1. The fiscal year shall begin June 1 and end May 31 of each year.
- Section 2. State and National dues must be paid by all the individual members of this corporation. Fifty dollars (\$50.00) must be paid to the Minnesota Women of Today per member. Forty-five (\$45.00) are for State dues and five (\$5.00) are for National dues. These dues shall be payable in each member's respective anniversary trimester.
- Section 3. A member transferring within the state will not pay their dues until their next dues renewal date. A member transferring in from out-of-state shall be treated as a new member regarding dues.
- Section 4. Members up for renewal must be notified by the Membership Vice President by the beginning of each anniversary trimester. Dues shall be paid to the Chapter via cash, check, or Venmo.
- Section 5. The Treasurer shall remit renewals to the Chapter Service Center after they have received payment in full from the renewing members. Dues may be paid in monthly installments, the full payment being due by the member's anniversary trimester due date. Any member whose dues are not paid by the end of their anniversary trimester shall no longer be a member.

ARTICLE V - FINANCE AND MANDATORY LIABILITY INSURANCE

- Section 1. The official bank of this corporation shall be located within the city of Monticello. Monticello Women of Today shall maintain a checking and a savings account. The incoming Secretary shall amend the bank signatures after May 31 of each year, consisting of the President, Treasurer, Programming Vice President(s), and/or State Delegate.
- Section 2. The President and the Treasurer shall be required to co-sign all checks; however, in the absence of the President or Treasurer, a Programming Vice President or State Delegate may co-sign. No check shall be signed by the Treasurer unless it is completely filled out.
- Section 3. The Budget Committee shall be made up of the incoming Board of Directors, outgoing President, and the outgoing Treasurer (Budget Committee chair). The proposed budget shall be presented for approval no later than the June meeting.
- Section 4. The Audit Committee shall be comprised of the incoming Treasurer (Audit Committee Chair), one outgoing board member and one general member. The outgoing Treasurer shall provide the records and be available to assist as needed but is not a member of the committee. In the instance of the Treasurer holding the position for two terms, another incoming board member will act as Audit Committee Chair. They shall audit the books after the close of the fiscal year and shall present their report no later than the September meeting.
- Section 5. The Board of Directors shall be able to authorize disbursements of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or less. All disbursements more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be made only upon the authorization of the general membership. All disbursements authorized by the Board of Directors shall be reported at the following general meeting.
- Section 6. Liability insurance shall be obtained through the Minnesota Women of Today with remittance made annually at the request of the state organization.

- Section 7. At any function where cash is used, two members attending the event shall count the money and must complete a Receipt Memo. Funds shall be given to the chapter Treasurer to be deposited within two weeks of a project/event.
- Section 8. Check Requisition forms for reimbursement of expenses must be turned in to Treasurer within 60 days of project completion or no later than May 31st of current chapter year.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS AND DUTIES

- Section 1. The officers of this corporation shall be the President, Programming Vice President(s), Membership Vice President(s), Secretary, Treasurer, State Delegate and Past President/Parliamentarian.
- Section 2. The duties of the officers shall be as follows:
- A. President:
 - 1. Shall preside at all general membership, Board of Directors, and any special meetings of this corporation and perform all duties pertaining to this office.
 - 2. Shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the nominating committee.
 - 3. Shall not be a voting member, except in the case of breaking a tie.
 - 4. Shall see that the Success System and all District, State and National Awards get submitted on time.
 - 5. Shall attend new member orientations coordinated by the Membership Vice-President.
 - 6. Shall submit monthly reports to the District Director and State President.
 - B. Programming Vice President(s):
 - 1. Shall preside at the general membership, Board of Directors, and any special meetings in the absence of the President and Past President/Parliamentarian.
 - 2. Shall oversee the Programming areas including trimester programming reports. May recognize an Outstanding Local Program Manager of the Trimester.
 - 3. Shall perform such duties as assigned by the President.
 - 4. Shall assist the President with the year-end awards.
 - 5. Shall notify all local program managers to review Chapter Information Packets (CIPs) and prepare a written report for the next general meeting.
 - 6. May sign checks in the absence of the President or Treasurer.
 - 7. Shall serve as chair of a chapter committee for any MNWT Outstanding Awards nominations.
 - C. Membership Vice President(s):
 - 1. Shall initiate activities that encourage new member adds and activation, promote member retention, and help plan orientations.
 - 2. Shall notify members up for renewal by the beginning of each anniversary trimester.
 - 3. Shall coordinate with Chapter Treasurer to send the dues along with a renewal form to the Minnesota Women of Today Chapter Service Center for each member by the state deadline.
 - 4. Shall submit new members and name/address changes to the Chapter Service Center (on an Add & Change form) each month.
 - 5. Shall oversee the ordering of the name badges.
 - 6. Shall coordinate and facilitate new member orientations to include the President & State Delegate.
 - 7. Shall be in charge of The Big Sis/Little Sis program (optional).
 - 8. Shall introduce new members through chapter communications.
 - 9. Shall assist in keeping an up-to-date membership roster.
 - D. Secretary:
 - 1. Shall keep minutes of all proceedings at all general membership meetings and may keep minutes at all Board of Directors, and any other special meetings, as necessary.
 - 2. Shall amend the bank signatures after May 31 of each year, by the incoming secretary.

3. Shall coordinate Year End gift for the President, not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00). A scrapbook commemorating the President's year is a suggested gift.
 4. Shall record all motions by using motion slips.
 5. Shall inform the general membership of any motions made at the prior board meeting.
 6. Shall distribute minutes to membership prior to the next general meeting.
 7. Shall perform other duties as the office shall require.
- E. Treasurer
1. Shall keep the books of the corporation, disburse funds upon authorization and report monthly on the financial condition of the corporation.
 2. Shall file Sales Tax, liability insurance, annual state registration, and 990 forms when they are due.
 3. Shall coordinate with the Membership Vice President(s) to remit dues for new members to the Chapter Service Center each month.
 4. Shall coordinate with the Membership Vice President, to send to the Chapter Service Center for each renewing member, that has paid their dues in full, by the state deadline each trimester.
 5. Shall serve as chairman of the Budget Committee and Audit Committee.
 6. Shall require the submission of a completed Check Requisition Form with receipts attached prior to making reimbursements, preferably within two weeks.
 7. Shall require the submission of a completed Receipt Memo with two signatures for any deposit and shall deposit monies in the official bank of the chapter.
- F. State Delegate:
1. Shall represent the chapter as the head of the voting delegation at all District and State meetings, selecting voting delegates from members in good standing who are attending the meetings.
 2. Shall inform chapter members when CIPs are available online at mnwt.org
 3. Shall attend to all District, State, and National correspondence.
 4. Shall endeavor to bring a large delegation to state, regional, and district meetings.
 5. Shall oversee registrations for LOTS, district meeting, regional meeting, and conventions.
 6. Shall see that news articles concerning the local chapter are submitted to the District and State Newslet for publication.
 7. Shall complete and send in the State Delegate's Trimester Report to the District Director.
 8. Shall promote visitations to other chapters and attendance at District, State and National meetings.
 9. Shall be responsible for seeing that the State President's quilt square/scrapbook page and the District Director's gift (Christmas and Year End) has been prepared and delivered.
- G. Past President/Parliamentarian:
1. Shall preside at the general membership, Board of Directors, and any special meetings in the absence of the President.
 2. Shall act as an advisor to the Board of Directors.
 3. Shall advise and work with the President ~~and work with them in selecting~~ on the proper procedure to transact business.
 4. Shall be in charge of revising Bylaws and Policies and shall present to the general membership minimum of 30 days prior to the September meeting to be voted on at that meeting.
 5. Shall serve as the chair of the Nominating Committee.
 6. Shall submit Chapter Officer Sheet to the Chapter Service Center in March.
 7. Shall be in charge of the Past Presidents Club.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS AND QUORUM

- Section 1. The general membership meeting shall be held on the first Thursday of each month unless changed by the majority of the chapter.

- Section 2. The March general membership meeting shall be known as the Annual Meeting and shall be for the purpose of electing officers and any other business.
- Section 3. One-third (1/3) of the membership in good standing, including three (3) members of the Board of Directors, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Past President/Parliamentarian or designee shall establish the quorum at meetings.
- Section 4. Special meetings may be called by the President or a majority of the members, provided a three (3) day notice is given.
- Section 5. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at the Board of Directors meetings.
- Section 6. All members present in good standing shall have voting privileges. Absentee and proxy votes shall not be accepted.
- Section 7. In matters where an order of business needs to be conducted prior to a membership meeting, an email vote may be acceptable by following the criteria as indicated in the policies.

ARTICLE VIII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Section 1. This Board shall be composed of the elected officers of the corporation and the immediate Past President/Parliamentarian.
- Section 2. The Board of Directors shall meet monthly or at any additional time deemed advisable by the President or a majority of the members of the Board.
- Section 3. Shall designate a board member to manage the chapter email account and distribute such emails to the appropriate member or chapter membership.
- Section 4. The Board of Directors shall be authorized to act on all matters relative to the policies of the corporation, its welfare and membership, and may direct activities for the general good of the corporation.
- Section 5. The Board of Directors shall report at the following general meeting any changes made that will affect the membership. The general membership can overrule any decision made by the Board of Directors by a simple majority vote.
- Section 6. Any Board member who misses three (3) consecutive Board of Directors' meetings without a legitimate reason may be dropped from the Board and another member appointed to the position by the Board.
- Section 7. Any Board member not fulfilling assigned duties may be asked to resign by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Section 1. The Nominating Committee shall be composed of three (3) members, with the Past President/Parliamentarian serving as chair. At the November general meeting two (2) members shall be appointed to this committee by the membership.
- Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall present its slate of candidates at the February general meeting.
- Section 3. The Nominating Committee shall conduct the election at the Annual Meeting (March), with paper

ballot for a contested position. The candidate receiving the majority number of votes shall be declared elected. In case of a tie, nominees are each allowed a 2-minute speech. Ballots will be passed again for a revote.

- Section 4. Vacancies in any elected office shall be filled within 30–60 days by majority vote of the Board of Directors for the unexpired term of that office. In the case of a vacancy in the office of president, Past President/Parliamentarian shall take over until the election of a new president.
- Section 5. The officers of this corporation are elected for a term of one (1) year. They are not eligible for election to the same office until a one (1) year period has elapsed, except that an appointed officer shall be eligible to run for the same office the following year. The treasurer position shall be exempt with a maximum term of two (2) years. Outgoing treasurer may serve an additional year as advisor to the incoming treasurer.

ARTICLE X - DISSOLUTION OF THE MONTICELLO WOMEN OF TODAY

- Section 1. In the event the membership desires to dissolve this corporation, a special meeting shall be called to vote on dissolution of the chapter with a written notice sent to all members, the State President, and the District Director ninety (90) days prior to the special meeting.
- Section 2. This corporation may be dissolved at the special meeting called for that purpose upon the affirmative vote by ballot of two-thirds (2/3) of the membership.
- Section 3. Upon dissolution of the chapter, all debts owed to the Minnesota Women of Today shall be paid. All remaining assets shall be given to organizations that qualify exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as organized for charitable, educational, or scientific purposes.
- Section 4. Dissolution will not be final until the proper papers have been completed and received by the Chapter Service Center and all required records turned over to the Minnesota Women of Today.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS AND SUSPENSION OF THESE BYLAWS

- Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting, a quorum being established, provided the amendments have been submitted via email and/or in person to all members in good standing at least thirty (30) days prior to voting on the proposal.
- Section 2. Such proposed amendments may be revised at the meeting, before being acted upon, without further notice being given to the membership.
- Section 3. These Bylaws may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present at a meeting.

ARTICLE XII - AUTHORITY

- Section 1. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the corporation except when in conflict with these Bylaws.
- Section 2. The Minnesota Women of Today Bylaws and Policies shall have final authority over the Monticello Women of Today.

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