

CONSTITUTION OF
NEW FEMINISTS

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1. NAME

The name of the organization shall be "New Feminists". Hereinafter it shall be called "the organization".

2. OBJECTIVE OF THE ORGANIZATION

The objective of the organization shall be:

The elimination of sex roles.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Only women are eligible for membership.

There shall be two classes of membership in the organization:

(a) Voting members

The following persons are voting members of the organization:

(names have been deleted)

(b) Changes in voting members

(1) A non-voting member may become a voting member if approved unanimously by the voting members.

(2) A voting member shall lose her status if agreed to by two thirds of the remaining voting members.

(c) Non-voting members

The following persons are eligible to be non-voting members:

Any woman whose dues are fully paid and who agrees with the objective of the organization.

Non-voting members are not eligible to become members of the executive committee, or to become Secretary or Treasurer.

4. SUBSCRIBERS

Any person who pays the subscription fee may subscribe to the organization's journal.

5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(a) The following persons are members of the executive committee:

(names have been deleted)

Elaine Landa shall act as advisor to the executive committee. The above persons shall continue acting in this capacity until April 30, 1970 or until such time as they are replaced by a decision of two thirds of the voting members.

(b) The duties of the executive committee shall be:

(1) to make emergency decisions between meetings.

(2) to grant approval to a member to speak in public on feminism.

- (c) If a member of the executive committee resigns during her term of office a replacement will be elected by a vote of a majority of the voting members attending the next regular meeting to serve the remaining term in office of the member who resigned.

6. TREASURER

The treasurer shall be Dorothy Curzon. She shall hold office until April 30, 1970 or until such time as she is replaced by a decision of two thirds of the voting members. She shall receive all monies paid to the organization and deposit them in such bank or banks as the voting members direct. She shall pay all bills authorized by the voting members. She shall keep all necessary financial records and shall present audited financial statements at the Annual Meeting. The financial statements shall be for the period beginning immediately after the period covered by the previous financial statements and ending not more than six months before the Annual Meeting.

7 SECRETARY

The secretary shall be Janet Lawler. She shall hold office until April 30, 1970 or until such time as she is replaced by a decision of two thirds of the voting members. She shall keep minutes of all business meetings of the organization and shall attend to all correspondence.

8. ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the organization shall be held in the month of September of each year. The auditors for the current year shall be appointed at this meeting.

9. BY-LAWS

By-laws to regulate the activities of the organization may be passed by the voting members at a meeting.

10. FEES

The annual membership fees for voting and for non-voting members shall be determined by voting members and shall include a subscription to the journal of the organization. The annual subscription fee for the journal of the organization shall be determined by the voting members.

11 QUORUM

A quorum for general purposes shall be nine voting members.

12 DATE AND DURATION OF THIS CONSTITUTION

This constitution is a pro-tem constitution. It shall come into effect when it has been approved by two thirds of the voting members and shall continue in effect until April 30, 1970 or until such time as it is replaced by another constitution, which must be approved by two thirds of the voting members.

NOTE: This constitution received the approval required on January 26, 1970 and is therefore in effect as of this date.

Amendments to the Pro-tem Constitution:

- 1. That a voting member may be granted a leave of absence and thereby be excluded temporarily from voting requirements in the pro-tem constitution.

Carried unanimously - see Minutes of February 9 and February 16, 1970.

SUGGESTED

CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION AS SET OUT ABOVE, TO BE PUT INTO EFFECT AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 28, 1970

MONDAY

- 1. O.K.
- 2. O.K.
- 3. MEMBERSHIP

1st line, O.K. Delete all remaining instructions. Substitute:

Stage 1 - Participatory but non-voting

Stage 2 - Participatory and voting

Stage 1 - Participation in a cell via attendance at a regular introductory meeting. Progression to Stage 2 at any time after the period of _____ months in the cell.

Stage 2 - Compliance in principle with the Manifesto by signing the Manifesto Book.

Requirements at both stages:

- 1. Payment of dues;
- 2. Adherence to the structural guidelines of the organization as laid down;
- 3. Access to the Co-ordinating Council for the purpose of clarifying any policy matter of the organization, or for the purpose of proposing change;
- 4. Access to all meetings.

A. Changes in members:

Any member who disregards the minuted procedures or structural guidelines and acts in a manner calculated to disassociate her actions from the objective of unification of ^{organizational} policy, will be subject to withdrawal from ^{active participation} until such time as a meeting can

be called of all voting members, to resolve the matter.

- 4. O.K.
 - 5. Delete
 - 6. O.K. Add: The treasurer shall submit a financial report
to the Co-ordinating Council each month. (Change names & dates)
? 2/3 vote
 - 7. Change names and dates. Possibly two people can take
responsibility for this function.
 - 8. O.K.
 - 9. O.K.
 - 10. O.K.
 - 11. ?
 - 12. Update.
- Amendments.... O.K. but update.



Additional:

CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL

- For the purpose of co-ordinating the activities of the organization,
- to be composed of one person from each cell
 - to be kept fully informed of committee activities (interest groups)
 - to relay information back to the cells and to the voting members
 - to keep all members informed of general meetings of any kind
 - to request all members' support in matters requiring total-member resolution
 - to keep minutes, one copy to be available for members to view

Note: The function of this Co-ordinating Council will be dependent upon what resolutions are made regarding cell activities at the Stage 2 level. As you will see from the Agenda, there are a number of committees already formed and just starting to function - please consider carefully how the responsibilities of the Council are to affect the organization, or, perhaps, more likely, the reverse.

Janet Lawler