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CONSTITUTION
OF THE
SPRINGFIELD WOMEN'S
POLITICAL CLASS



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ARTICLE I.

This organization shall be called "The Springfield Women's Political Class."

ARTICLE II.

The object shall be the study of politics or the science of government, current events, and the practice of parliamentary law.

ARTICLE III.

The officers shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor.

These officers shall be chosen each year by ballot at the annual meeting, which meeting shall occur on the first Tuesday in April.

No person shall be eligible to the same office more than three years consecutively.

ARTICLE IV.

The President or the presiding officer shall have power to fill vacancies in office which may occur during the year.

ARTICLE V.

At the meeting following the annual meeting a Program Committee, consisting of five

members, shall be appointed by the chair, which shall have charge of all the work of the class, together with a sub-committee of three for parliamentary practice, two members to be chosen from the floor and one from the Program Committee.

ARTICLE VI.

The class shall hold meetings weekly from the second Tuesday in October until and including the second Tuesday in April. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII.

Any woman may become a member of the Class by signing the Constitution and shall pay a fee of five cents at each meeting.

Visitors are welcome except at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VIII.

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any meeting, provided such amendment shall have been submitted in writing to the Secretary and notice given to the Class at a previous meeting.

ARTICLE IX.

Special meetings of the Class shall be called by the Secretary at the request of the President or any five members

SPECIAL RULES

1. A part of the program of each meeting shall consist of resumés of the doings of the City Government, the Legislature, and Congress, when those bodies are in session, each report to be limited to six minutes, discussion following.

2. Charter members shall be considered honorary members, and their names shall be included in the roll call at the annual meeting.

3. The Secretary shall at each regular meeting call the name of any person paying an annual fee of two dollars.

4. Each meeting shall be called at three o'clock and adjourned at 4.30.

5. Standing Committee for special work may be appointed at the discretion of the class.

6. This Constitution with Special Rules shall be read at each annual meeting.

7. The Woman's Manual of Parliamentary Law, by Mrs. Harriette R. Shattuck, shall be the recognized authority in the order of business and parliamentary work of the class.

8. These rules may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members present and voting at any meeting of the Class.