

CONSTITUTION OF THE NEBRASKA WOMEN OF TODAY

(REVISED 11/2024)

ARTICLE I **NAME, PURPOSE AND CREED**

Section 1 The name of the organization shall be the Nebraska Women of Today.

Section 2 The purpose of this organization will be to sponsor projects and programs of this organization's choosing for the benefit of its membership, their communities and state.

Section 3 The creed of the Nebraska Women of Today is as follows:

We believe that faith in God gives
meaning and purpose to human endeavor.
That for every wrong, there is a right,
for every foe there is a friend,
that listening to all, then searching for truth
and learning to lose makes winning sweeter.
For we work with our hands,
as well as our hearts.
And we know so well the work that is done
when Women of Today work together as one.

ARTICLE II **MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1 Member Chapters

- A. Chapter membership in the state organization shall be open to any organized local group of people at least 18 years of age.
- B. Requirements for membership in this organization from a local Women of Today group shall consist of a copy of their constitution, a list of no less than five(5) charter members, payment of chartering fee of \$5.00 (five dollars) and state and national dues of these charter members, all of which shall be sent to the state membership vice president.
- C. Chapters must maintain a minimum of five (5) members. If a chapter's

membership drops below five (5) they will have two (2) trimesters to meet this requirement, or they will be dropped.

Section 2 Members of Member Chapters

- A. Each chapter will have the option to allow associate membership and to determine the associate member's rights and privileges. Any associate member whose state and national dues have been paid by their chapter shall have full state and national rights.
- B. Life-membership shall be given to all past State Presidents of the parent organization and Women of Today who shall receive the state newsletter for as long as she likes. Both state and national dues for those past presidents shall be at the expense of the Nebraska Women of Today.

Section 3 U. S. Women of Today

This organization shall be and hereby is affiliated with the U.S. Women of Today and is subject to the Constitution and By-Laws of this body insofar as they affect and prescribe the functions of state Women of Today organizations and are not in conflict with this constitution.

ARTICLE III **MEETINGS**

Section 1 This organization shall convene for two (2) state meetings per year. (See Standing Rules)

Section 2 Contingency Plan

In the event of the Fall Conference and /or Annual Convention cancelled due to "events beyond the reasonable control of the hotel and/or Hosting group", the CONTIGENCY MEETING PLAN will take effect.

Section 3 Special meetings of the general membership may be held upon joint call of the President and three-fourths (3/4) of the Executive Committee, provided that 30- day notice be given each member chapter, stating the time, place and purpose of such special meeting.

Section 4 The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern deliberation of this organization unless they are in direct conflict with this constitution and by-laws.

ARTICLE IV **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND STATE BOARD**

Section 1 Executive Committee

- A. The Executive Committee shall consist of President, Chairman of the Board two (2) Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- B. Presidential Assistants and Executive Director shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Committee with no voting power.

Section 2 State Board

- A. All Executive Committee members shall be voting members of the State Board.
- B. All appointed state program managers shall be voting members of the State Board.

ARTICLE V DISSOLUTION

Section 1 In the event of the dissolution of the Nebraska Women of Today all property will be donated to Habitat for Humanity ReStore.

Section 2. In the event of the dissolution of the Nebraska Women of Today and after all outstanding bills have been paid, all monies will be donated to Foster Care Closet of Nebraska and Nebraska Children & Families Camp Catch-Up divide equally.

Section3. Dissolution of organization upon the affirmative vote of 2/3 of chapters in good standing.

ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS

Section 1

- A. The Constitution or any article or section thereof, may be amended or repealed at any General Membership Business Meeting of this organization upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of chapters in good standing, PROVIDED that such amendment has been submitted to the President, Secretary and Parliamentarian in writing and a copy of same has been sent to the President of all member organizations by mail/email not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the afore mentioned said meeting.
- B. General Membership will be notified by e-mail of all proposed Constitutional changes no less than thirty (30) days prior to the General Membership Business meeting at which the vote will be held.