

# WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF UTAH

## CONSTITUTION

### Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be the "Women's Democratic Club of Utah".

### Article II – Mission Statement

The Purpose of the organization shall be to:  
Encourage women to seek public office  
Support progressive Democrats seeking elective office  
Provide a forum for vigorous discussion of key issues  
Advocate balanced, open, and accountable government  
Work for equal rights and equal protections under law for all

### Article III - Officers, Executive Committee, Board of Directors

**Section 1.** The elected officers shall be: President, Vice-President, Recorder, and Treasurer. The officers shall be elected by secret ballot by a majority of eligible members at the regular meeting held in November of every odd numbered year. Said officers shall hold office for a period of two years or until their respective successors have been elected and installed. No person shall hold more than one elective office at the same time. New officers shall be installed at the meeting held in December.

**Section 2.** The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers and the immediate past-President of the organization.

**Section 3.** The Executive Committee shall appoint six Directors: Technical, Public Relations, Program, Membership, Issues, Events, Field Liaison and a Parliamentarian.

**Section 4.** The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers, the immediate-past President, and the appointed Directors, and the Parliamentarian.

**Section 5.** The Board of Directors shall transact all routine business. The Executive Committee may act in emergencies.

### Article IV - Membership

The membership of the organization is open to Democrats who support its purpose.

### Article V - Eligibility to Serve as Officer, on Board of Directors, or as Committee Chair

Only members in good standing shall be eligible to hold office, serve on the Board of Directors, chair a committee, or serve on the Nominating Committee.

### Article VI - Voting

Only members in good standing shall be eligible to vote on any organization business.

### Article VII- Regular Meetings

**Section 1.** Regular meetings shall be held monthly or at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

**Section 2.** The regular meeting in January shall be the Annual Business meeting.

## **Article VIII - Committees**

**Section 1.** The Executive Committee may establish *ad hoc* committees for the good of the organization.

**Section 2.** Directors shall establish committees to carry out the duties of their office.

## **Article IX - Quorum**

A majority of members present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

## **Article X - Vacancies - Removal from office**

**Section 1.** If an elective office, other than that of President becomes vacant, the office shall be filled by appointment by the Executive Committee, and said appointee shall serve until the next election.

**Section 2.** Whenever an elected or appointed officer fails to perform the duties of their office, the Board of Directors may declare the office vacant by a majority vote.

## **Article XI - Amendments**

**Section 1.** This Constitution may be amended at a regular business meeting by a majority of the members in attendance.

**Section 2.** An amendment must be presented in written form at a regular meeting at least one month before the meeting at which it is to be voted upon.

## **Article XII - Parliamentary Authority**

Meetings of this organization shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order except in cases in which they are not consistent with the Constitution and By-Laws of this organization.

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