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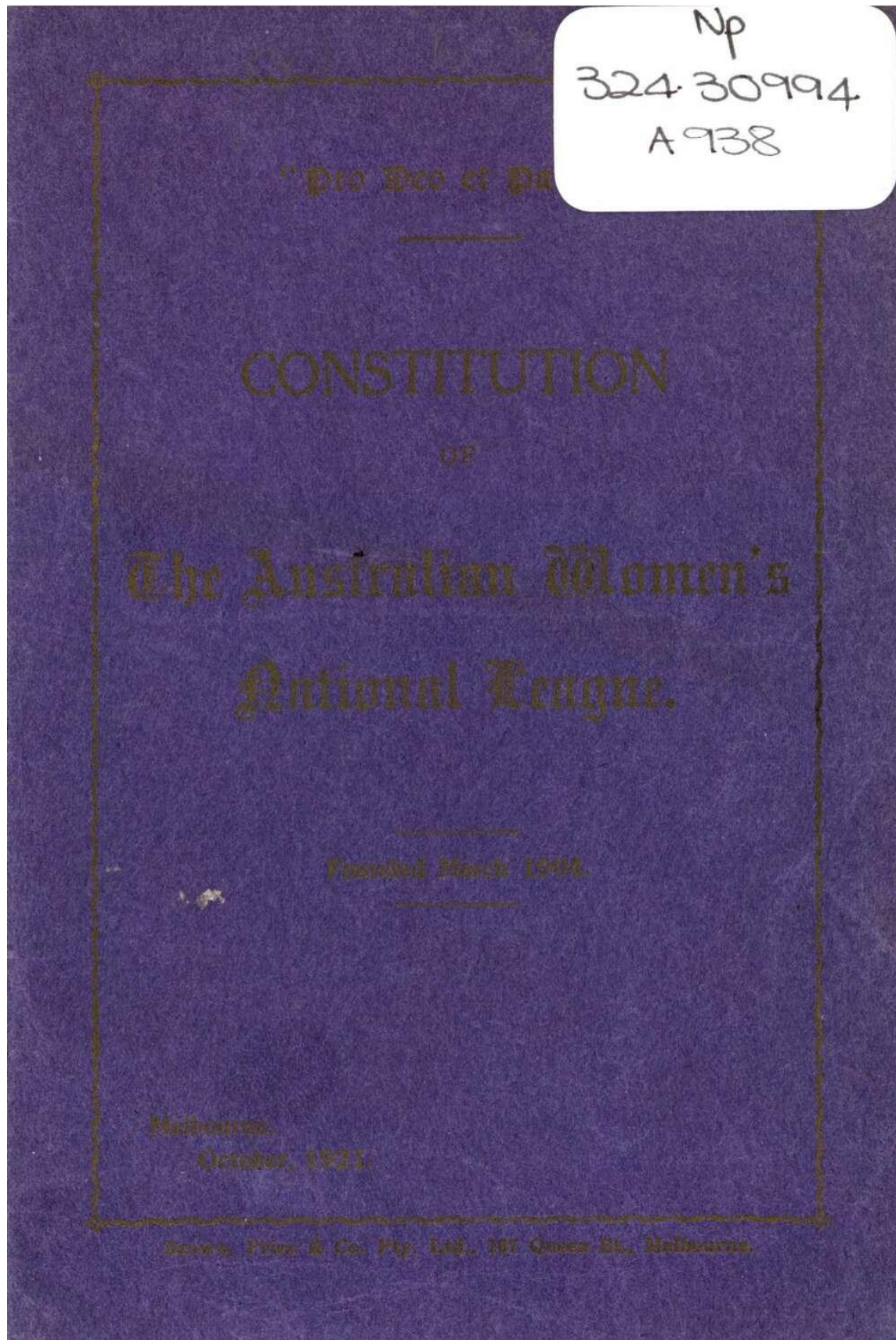
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“ Pro Deo et Patria.”

CONSTITUTION

OF

**The Australian Women's
National League.**

Founded March 1904.

**Melbourne,
October, 1921.**

"PRO DEO ET PATRIA."

The League is strictly national; it takes in all classes of women, rich and poor. It does not matter what their employment or what their denomination is, if they love Australia, and want to work for her prosperity and for freedom of thought and action, the League will welcome them as members. The platform is a broad one and the work disinterested.

The members of the League do not seek place or power ~~(they do not wish to send women into Parliament.)~~ They wish to educate themselves and others to use consciously and intelligently the vote the country has given them, and they wish to keep their homes pure and united, their faith in God undisturbed and unshaken, and to see their country free and prosperous.

FOUNDERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Mrs. A. E. Clarke, Mrs. F. G. Hughes, O.B.E., Miss Sara Derham, Mrs. William Kidgell, Mrs H. P. Douglas, Mrs. C. O'Brien.

C. G. Gellong

LIFE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

Mrs. A. E. Clarke, Mrs. H. P. Douglas, Mrs. F. G. Hughes, O.B.E., Mrs. James Hope, Mrs. W. Kidgell, Mrs. C. O'Brien, Mrs. S. T. Staughton, Mrs. Geo. Landale, Mrs. R. G. McCutcheon. Mrs. William Weatherly, Mrs. A. H. Hoadley.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Australian Women's National League.

I.—NAME.

1. The name shall be The Australian Women's National League.

The motto shall be "Pro Deo et Patria."

The colours shall be Primrose and Purple.

2. The Central Rooms of the League shall be in Melbourne at such place as the Council may from time to time appoint.

II.—OBJECTS.

3. (a) To support loyalty to the Throne and Empire.

(b) To combat Socialism, by strongly advocating equality of opportunity for all classes, and opposing the nationalisation of industries.

(c) To educate women in politics.

(d) To safeguard the interests of the home, women, and children.

III.—MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.

4. Any woman agreeing with the Objects and Platform, and who is not a member of any other Political Organisation, shall be eligible for membership on payment of one shilling (1s.) yearly subscription.

5. Donations are invited to a Central Fund for the necessary Organisation work. Members' annual subscription or sums of money donated for League work may not be diverted to other causes.

IV.—GOVERNMENT AND POWERS OF COUNCIL.

6. The government of the League shall be vested in a Central Council, which shall consist of the President, nine Vice-Presidents (of whom six shall be country), Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer of the League, and eleven Life Members, and one Delegate from each Branch.

7. Committee.—The Council shall meet once in every month, except when in recess, and also as often as is deemed necessary by Members at such time and place as may be determined, or in the opinion of the President in consultation with the Vice-Presidents, a Special Meeting may be considered necessary.

8. The Council shall have full power to carry out the work of the League.

- (a) And shall appoint a General Organising Secretary and other officers.
- (b) And shall appoint from amongst its Members an Executive Committee, and Finance and Organising Committee (members of which shall be the Office-bearers of the League), which shall carry out the detail work of the League and any other duties relegated to it by the Council, and the Council shall have power to dissolve the same. The Executive Committee shall consist of ten (10) Members in addition to the President, Vice-Presidents, Hon. Secretary, and Hon. Treasurer of the League.
- (c) And shall appoint all Sub-Committees, who must be Members of the League, but, except the Executive and Finance and Organising Committees, need not be Members of the Council.
- (d) And shall have power to make and alter by-laws and regulations and issue orders consistent with the Constitution, as shall appear to them necessary in the interests of the League, and such by-laws, regula-

- tions, and orders shall be reported at the next General Meeting of the League.
- (e) The President, Vice-Presidents, Hon. Secretary, and Hon. Treasurer shall be ex officio Members of all Committees.
 - (f) The President, or one of the Vice-Presidents, shall take the chair at all meetings, but in the event of neither being present, the meeting shall appoint a Chairwoman for the occasion, who, with the majority of those present, may adjourn such meeting from time to time until the business under consideration is concluded.
 - (g) There shall be a Roll of Honour, two names to be added annually. Nominations for these to be sent to the President before the meeting preceding that for the election of Office-bearers.

9. Notice of meeting of Council for the election of Office-bearers and Executive Committee shall be sent to the Members of Council at least seven clear days before the date of such meeting, which shall be held in September. Nomination papers must be posted to Council Members before the Council meeting preceding that for election of Office-bearers and Executive.

10. An Acting President must be elected from amongst the Vice-Presidents. In the event of one or more Vice-Presidents being absent on leave. Council shall have power to fill the vacancies created by appointing one or more Acting Vice-Presidents who shall hold office until such leave expires.

11. When a member of the Executive is given leave of absence extending over a period of three months, the Council shall fill the vacancy from amongst the members for the period covering the time asked for.

12. The business of the Council shall be to consider and determine all matters in which the League is interested, and to promote the objects of the League.

13. Any member of Council within the suburban radius, or of any Committees, who fails to attend meetings for three consecutive months shall cease to be a member unless leave of absence has been granted, or apology in writing been received and accepted.

14. No salaried Organiser or Speaker shall be eligible for the position of Delegate to the Council, but it may be desirable that she should attend Council meetings and may take part in discussions, but without a vote.

15. Any member of a Branch Committee who is eligible to act as Delegate to the Council, must be proposed, seconded, and elected at the September Committee meeting. If such Delegates apply for leave of absence at Council Meetings for three consecutive months, the Branch Committee may appoint a proxy from amongst its members, but for no shorter period.

16. Should any Branch whose place of meeting is over 120 miles from Melbourne find that its elected Delegate is unable to attend a particular meeting of the Central Council, such Branch may elect a member of its Committee to attend such Council meeting, and such elected member shall be entitled to attend such Council meeting and vote thereat, provided she previously hands to the President or Organising Secretary at the Central Office a letter from her Branch signed by her President and two other Office-bearers stating that she has been elected by her Branch as its Delegate to attend that particular Council Meeting only.

17. An Auditor shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

18. Each individual member shall have one vote. No member shall exercise more than one vote at any meeting of the League, excepting the Chairwoman, who shall have a deliberative and a casting vote. The Editress of "The Woman" for the time being shall have a seat ex officio on all Committees (except the Finance and Organising Com-

mittee), and a vote at all meetings thereof respectively.

19. The Annual General Meeting of the League shall be held in the month of September in each year, or during such month as the Council may direct, at which meeting a report and financial statement to June 30, previously prepared by the General Organising Secretary and Honorary Treasurer respectively, shall be submitted by the President for adoption, Office-bearers announced, and any other business transacted of which seven days' notice has been given.

20. Special General Meetings of the League may be held from time to time as may be directed by the Council, or upon the request in writing of ten Members of the Council or fifty Members of the League.

V.—QUORUM.

21. Forty members, exclusive of Office-bearers, present at any General Meeting of the League shall constitute a quorum.

22. Fifteen members, exclusive of Office-bearers, present at any meeting of the Council shall constitute a quorum.

23. Three members, exclusive of Office-bearers, present at any meeting of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

24. The quorum of any other Committee may be fixed by the Council when appointing such Committee, failing which the Committee may fix its own quorum.

25. Should there be no quorum present within fifteen minutes from the time for which any meeting is called, such meeting may be allowed to lapse, and the names of Members present shall be recorded in the minute book.

VI.—ELECTIONS OF OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEES.

26. (a) The President, nine Vice-Presidents, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary, and Executive and Finance and Organising Committees. and all other Sub-Committees shall be nominated and elected by Members of the Council, and shall hold office until their successors are appointed. The names of members proposed for election as Office-bearers and Executive Committee shall be posted in the Rooms of the League at least seven clear days before the day of election, consent thereto having been previously given in writing, and the persons whose names are so posted shall alone be eligible.
- (b) All Sub-Committees shall be appointed at first Council Meeting after Annual General Meeting.
- (c) The President, Vice-Presidents, Hon. Secretary, and Hon. Treasurer must be chosen from members of the League, but not necessarily members of Council or Executive.
- (d) Retiring members shall be eligible for re-election.
- (e) Every member eligible to vote shall vote for ten, and not less than ten, Members of the Executive Committee.

VII.—ELECTORATE COMMITTEE SCHEMES.

27. The various branches of the A.W.N. League in each Federal Electorate, shall be linked up by forming Electorate Committees in each, to be called by the name of the Electorate.

- (a) Such Committees shall consist of two delegates (or proxies) appointed by each Branch in the electorate. In the event of the A.W.N. League Electorate Committee conferring with other organisations, with regard to consideration of

- candidates or other matters concerning that particular Electorate, the A.W.N. League shall only do so on the basis of equal voting power with other Leagues.
- (b) Each Electorate Committee at the first Committee meeting after the Annual Meeting of the Branches shall appoint an Honorary Electorate Secretary and Treasurer, who shall send name and address to General Organising Secretary upon appointment.
 - (c) For more convenient working, large country electorates shall be subdivided into two, three or four group Electorate Committees, and a Group Secretary and Treasurer appointed for each subdivision.
 - (d) During State Election Campaigns the Branches in each State Division shall form themselves into State Electorate Committees on the same lines.
 - (e) Electorate Committee Meetings shall be held quarterly, or, in Electorates where group Electorate Committees are formed, annually—during election campaigns or by-elections as often as may be arranged.
 - (f) Group Electorate Conferences shall be held quarterly. Honorary Electorate Secretary to attend these, and report progress in other groups in same Electorate.
 - (g) During election campaigns in subdivided Electorates two delegates from each group (preferably Group Chairwoman and Secretary) shall meet as frequently as necessary in conference with the Hon. Electorate Secretary, and representative delegates of the Men's Electorate Committees in the district to report progress within their groups, arrange for the effective organisation of the whole Electorate, and fix dates of meetings, etc.
 - (h) Each meeting shall appoint its own Chairwoman, who shall hold office until her successor be appointed.
 - (i) Place of meeting shall be the most convenient centre for the Group Electorate Committee, and date and place of each meeting shall be fixed at the previous meeting.

(j) Each Branch shall contribute a yearly sum, from 5s. upwards, towards the expense of Electorate Committees. In subdivided Electorates part of these sums shall be allotted to Honorary Treasurer for the Electorate, and part to each Group Treasurer.

28. The duties of Electorate Committees are:—

- (a) To receive written or verbal reports of organising work and progress in each branch or district, and confer on same.
- (b) To see that every part of each Electorate—State or Federal—is thoroughly organised, new branches formed wherever possible, weak branches strengthened, and the various branches throughout the Electorate kept in close touch.
- (c) To make arrangements for tours of speakers and organisers in the various districts.
- (d) To confer when necessary with the Men's Electorate Committees in reference to State and Federal Candidates; also assisting the Candidates in arranging their tours.

Important.—The representation of the A.W.N. League at such Conferences must be equal to that of other organisations represented.

29. Duties of Honorary Electorate Secretaries or Group Electorate Secretaries shall consist of:—

- (a) The convening of all Electorate Conferences in their division or subdivision in consultation with the Central Office.
- (b) Taking minutes and forwarding reports of meetings held to Central Office.
- (c) In country districts arranging itineraries of Speakers and Organisers in conjunction with the Central Office.

30. A Financial Statement should be presented at each meeting of the Committee. The yearly Balance-sheet must be presented at first Electorate Committee meeting after the 30th June. The Hon. Electorate Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, in common with other Delegates, are entitled to a vote at all Electorate Committee meetings.

CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES.

31. (a) Preferential Voting being the law in our Parliaments—with the exception of the

Senate—the League should give first preference in every case to the Candidates whose services to the country it considers would be the most valuable.

- (b) The combined Branches in each Electorate may, in conjunction with other Liberal Organisations in the Electorate, nominate Candidates for Electoral District when the method of voting be other than Preferential Voting.
- (b a) National Organisations may call conjointly in the press by advertisement, signed by General Organising Secretaries, for names of persons who intend to contest electorates.

Names of such should be in the hands of Secretaries not less than three months before an election. Arrangements could be made whereby Public Halls in central positions could be hired, and Candidates who have forwarded their names for consideration could then state their views, or, alternatively, send their manifestoes for consideration of electors.

No pledge or promise to stand down if not accorded preference is required from those submitting their names.

- (c) Should no suitable Liberal Candidate come forward no endorsement to be made by League, unless in the opinion of the Council there be some special reason for indicating preference. Should the sitting member have given satisfaction and is desirous of re-election he be not opposed.
- (d) If from conscientious or other reasons any member feels that she cannot vote for the Candidate chosen by the majority of the members at any meeting called for the purpose of considering a Candidate, that member is free to vote as her conscience dictates, but in loyalty to the League it is expected that she will not work nor use her influence for a Candidate not chosen by the majority vote.

No new member of the League who has not been financial for one month shall be eligible to vote.

- (e) When a Parliamentary Election is being held wherein Preferential Voting is the law a meeting of the Electorate Committee in any Electorate concerned shall be called, and Candidates accorded the preference by the majority of the delegates present, voting thus, i.e., the preferred candidate first, next preferred candidate second, and so on, always remembering to place the Labor Socialist last on the list.
- (f) The names of Candidates for the League's support to be submitted to the Executive for its consideration and report.
- (g) That in the event of an election or by-election, Branch Committees, with consent of Central Executive or Council, shall be empowered to act in co-operation with Committees of other Liberal Organisations, and to decide upon a Candidate by the preference vote at a properly convened meeting. In the event of seven days elapsing without reply or consent to co-operation from other Liberal Organisations, though being notified of such limit, the A.W.N. League Branch Committees may call for nominations and consider Candidates.
- (h) Municipal Council Elections.—In the event of a Labor Socialist contesting a seat for a Municipal Council, members are urged to work to ensure the return of approved Liberal Candidates.

VIII.—GENERAL.

32. All meetings shall be summoned by the Secretary or Hon. Secretary, or in case of special Committee Meetings, by such other officer as may be appointed for the purpose.

33. Any official or member of a Branch Committee, or Organiser of the League, may, if desired, form a Branch or Sub-Branch of the League in any part of the State and comprising any number of members, but such Branch shall have no power to bind the League or Council, or incur liability on its behalf. Formation of such Branch to be duly notified to Central Office forthwith.

34. The General Organising Secretary shall be in charge of the office and staff, and shall be responsible to the Council for the safe custody of Minute Books and Documents connected with the League's work during her term of office, also for the filing of official papers and correspondence.

35. (a) The Hon. Treasurer shall supervise all receipts and expenditure on behalf of the League, and shall certify same as correct to the Finance and Organising Committee.

(b) All monies, cheques, &c., shall be banked by her or someone authorised by her and approved of by the Finance and Organising Committee. She shall read a monthly statement of receipts and expenditure to the Council for adoption, which shall have been previously passed by the Finance and Organising Committee. If absent she shall depute someone to do this for her.

36. No alteration in, or addition to, the foregoing Constitution shall be made unless by two-thirds of the Members present at a General Meeting of the League, of which at least seven days' notice by circular or advertisement in at least two daily newspapers published in Melbourne shall have been given specifying the alteration or addition proposed.

37. The Ledgerkeeper shall keep correct account of all receipts and expenditure on behalf of the League duly entered in the book provided for same. The Hon. Treasurer shall keep herself fully informed of all monetary transactions.

38. All payments shall be made by cheque, signed by the Hon. Treasurer and another Honorary Office-bearer. In the absence of the Hon. Treasurer, cheques to be signed by two League Officers duly appointed, and whose signatures are recognised by the bank.

39. No expenditure shall be incurred, or accounts passed for payment, unless authorised by the Finance and Organising Committee.

40. The accounts shall be submitted to the Auditor once a quarter.

41. The Hon. Secretary shall be responsible for the arrangements for demonstrations, celebrations, rallies, concerts, &c., in connection with the League, in consultation with a Committee which shall be appointed to act with her. She shall also write the minutes at the Finance and Organising Committee, and accompany the President to meetings, &c., when possible.

42. All General Meetings of the League shall be summoned by the Secretary or such other officer as may be appointed for the purpose, and at least seven clear days' notice shall be given of any such meeting by circular to the Honorary Secretaries of Branches, or by advertisement in two Melbourne daily newspapers, and in the case of any special meeting a notification of the purpose for which such meeting is called shall be given.

43. No subject of a sectarian or religious nature shall be discussed at any meeting of the League or at any Council, Committee, or Branch meeting. Should any attempt be made to introduce such a subject the occupant of the chair shall immediately rule it out of order.

44. No paper in the nature of an essay shall be read to any League conference unless it has first been approved of by the Executive Committee. After it has been read it shall become the property of the League and shall be handed to the President.

45. That the Governing Council of the Australian Women's National League, in the exercise of its full power to carry out the work of the League, shall appoint a Sub-Committee, which shall be known as the A.W.N. League Australian and Empire Trade and Industries Vigilance Committee, to consist of League members who will be active in their encouragement of new industries in Australia and the trade of our Great Empire, and shall be appointed by the Council under the same conditions as other Sub-Committees.

46. There shall be a Debating Society, which shall be called the Australian Women's National League Debating Society, and shall be under the ruling and jurisdiction of the Council of the League.

47. That in no case shall raffle or other tickets be

sold in the Central Office. That collections be not taken up at A.W.N. League meetings. Charge may be made for tea at Club, "At Homes," or Patriotic Working Party. Boxes at doors for parcels for soldiers or donations are allowable.

BY-LAWS FOR BRANCHES,

1. All meetings shall be summoned by the Hon. Secretary, or in case of special Committee Meetings, by any such officer as may be appointed for the purpose.

2. Branches should hold their Annual Meetings as soon as possible after the end of February, in March or April. The financial year for Branches shall end on December 31st.

3. At a general meeting of the Branch the members shall elect from amongst their numbers Office-bearers and Committee, who shall manage the affairs of the Branch, according to the Constitution, for one year, or until their successors be appointed.

4. Each Branch shall appoint at September Committee meeting (and send if possible) a delegate to the monthly Council Meeting of the League, which shall be held on the first Tuesday in the month at 11 a.m. Delegates to all Committees—Electorate and others—should be appointed at the first Committee meeting after the Annual Meeting of the Branch.

5. At the Annual Meeting of a Branch only members of such Branch can nominate, propose, or second Office-bearers and Committee.

6. The Committee of a Branch may fill up any vacancies occurring therein, between two Annual Meetings, but any person so chosen shall retain her position only as long as the person whose place she fills would have retained the same.

7. In the event of an Office-bearer of the League or member of a Branch being guilty of any action detrimental to the interests of the League, such member shall be asked by the Branch of which she is a member to forward her resignation to the Hon. Secretary or President of the Branch to which she

belongs, which resignation shall be forwarded by her to the General Organising Secretary, with reasons stated for such action. Should the Office-bearer or member not agree to do this, and the Branch refuse to move in the matter, action to be taken by the Central Office.

8. The President shall call a special meeting of a Branch as the Committee may direct, or upon receiving a requisition setting forth the objects of the meeting signed by five members of the Committee, or ten members of the branch.

9. The President and Vice-Presidents are *ex officio* Members of every Committee; the President has power to alter the date and time of any meeting.

10. If any member of the Committee fail to attend meetings for a period of three months, she shall cease to be a member, and her place may be filled, unless leave of absence has been granted by the Committee, or apology in writing has been received and accepted.

11. It is inadvisable for any member to be President or Secretary of more than one branch unless under urgent conditions, of which Central shall be notified.

12. Committee meetings shall be held at least once in every calendar month, the number of Branch meetings to be decided by the Committee, but quarterly Branch meetings should be held if possible.

13. Branches shall decide their own Quorum for Branch and Committee meetings.

14. The Committee shall cause an annual report and financial statement, duly audited to the 31st December, of the affairs of the Branch, to be prepared and submitted to the Annual Meeting of Members.

15. Members of Committee may be empowered to receive subscriptions on behalf of the Hon. Treasurer.

16. No new Member of a Branch shall be eligible to vote at a meeting unless she has been a financial Member for one month previous to date of voting.

17. In the event of a Member joining a Branch,

though not living in that district, her name and address shall be sent by the Local Secretary to the Hon. Secretary of the Branch in the district in which she lives.

18. All resolutions must have proposer and seconder, and if the Chairwoman so directs, must be submitted in writing. If any amendments are proposed the last amendment to be put to the meeting first.

19. The Hon. Treasurer shall keep correct accounts of the receipts and expenditure of the Branch, and all moneys received she shall lodge in some bank specified by the Committee—to the credit of the Branch. If absent from a Committee meeting, she shall forward a statement of receipts and expenditure since last meeting, showing the credit in the bank on a certain date.

20. The Chairwoman shall initial all accounts passed at Committee Meetings. No expense shall be incurred or money paid unless passed by the Committee.

21. All cheques on the bank account to be signed by not less than two Branch officers. For the purpose of convenience, specimen signatures of three Members of the Committee—say, President, Hon. Treasurer, and Hon. Secretary—should be lodged at the bank. Any two of the signatures may be honoured by the bank.

22. The Hon. Secretary shall attend and take minutes of all meetings, ordinary or special, send out notices, &c. She should prepare an agenda paper for use of the President (or Chairwoman) at meetings.

23. The books of the Branch shall be kept by the Hon. Secretary, who shall have the custody of all books, papers, and other property belonging to the branch, and be responsible for same to the Committee other than those for which Hon. Treasurer is responsible. On the termination of office of the Hon. Secretary or Hon. Treasurer, by resignation or otherwise, all books, papers, and other property belonging to the Branch shall be handed over forthwith to the President of the Branch. In the event

of the disbandment of a Branch, all papers, monies, etc., belonging thereto shall be sent to Central Office.

24. A Branch can only be disbanded by the majority vote of the members. Before such vote be taken a clear month's notice must be sent to the Central Office advising the General Organising Secretary of reasons for so doing.

25. All important correspondence (inwards and outwards) should be filed for reference. Correspondence from Central Office is for the information of the Committee. If marked "Private and Confidential," the contents should not be divulged to the press. All discussions at Committee Meetings are confidential.

26. All completed blocks of Receipt Books shall be handed to the President of the Branches through the Treasurer.

27. All accredited Members of Country Branch Committees (outside the suburban radius), and unrepresented by a Delegate, may attend a Council Meeting, but may not vote.

28. Reception Committee.—Some Members of Committee should be appointed to act as a Reception Committee at Branch Meetings for the purpose of receiving speakers, performers, and Members of the League.

29. The colours shall signify Australian native flowers, wattle and sarsaparilla—primrose and purple. The Badge shall be: Australia, with A.W.N.L., with motto and scroll above thereon; obtainable at Central Office. These should be worn by all Members of the League.

30. Votes of Thanks.—At Branch Meetings these should be tendered to speakers, performers, and Chairwoman. If possible, the Members of the Branch should be induced to perform these duties.

31. That no testimonial be promoted or presented to any past or present employee of the League, or any independent action taken, which will affect the League as a whole, until the approval of the Council has been obtained. No donation or collection towards

a gift for a member of the League should be initiated at the Central Office without the knowledge and consent of the Executive.

32. In sparsely populated districts arrangements are to be made to form sub-branches where the members of the League do not number ten. These sub-branches to be affiliated with the nearest or most convenient branch of the League. Each sub-branch will have an Hon. Secretary, who will receive the Circular Letter and correspondence, also gratis copy of "The Woman."

33. Each member of a Branch must be notified by the Hon. Secretary of the Branch in writing, or by printed card, of the date, place, and time of the annual meeting of the Branch.

34. In the selection and support of Candidates for the Municipal Council elections, the same procedure may be followed by the Branch as in the case of a Parliamentary election, with the exception that the Branch may, after the nomination of candidates, ask for their manifestoes to be forwarded, for consideration, and the members may agree to work for the Candidates whose ideas are most in accord with the League's platform. In no case can the Branch support a member of the Labor Socialistic Party.

FORMATION OF A.W.N. CLUBS.

35. No Club shall be formed or continued in connection with the League except under the following conditions:—

- (a) Such Club shall have Trustees who have been appointed in accordance with the Rules of the Club, and
- (b) One of such Trustees for the time being shall be a member of the Central Executive Committee of the League, and
- (c) The property of such Club shall be vested in the Trustees for the time being of such Club in trust for the members for the time being, but without any responsibility whatever on the part of such Trustees.

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RULES FOR THE FORMATION OF GIRLS' BRANCHES.

1. The President of any Senior Branch shall report to the Central Council on the formation of a Girls' Branch in her district, a quarterly report of which shall be also furnished—through the Delegate—to Central Council.

2. Girls over 21 years of age may be allowed to join Girls' Branches as Associates, and their names and membership fee of 1/- be on the books of the Senior Branch.

3. Associates of Girls' Branches shall have a vote in both the Senior and the Girls' Branch.

4. The President of the Senior Branch shall be the President of the Girls' Branch in the electorate, and shall attend all Girls' Meetings, or, if unable to do so, appoint a proxy who will undertake to be present.

5. The Secretary of the Girls' Branch shall send in to the Secretary of the Senior Branch a monthly report of meetings held.

6. The Girls present at each meeting shall appoint a Member of the Branch, who shall be called the Presiding Officer, and who shall take the chair and conduct the proceedings.

7. The fee for membership for Girls, one shilling (1s.), shall be paid by the Treasurer of the Branch to the Treasurer of the Senior Branch, who shall keep a separate book for this purpose, the Senior Branch being responsible for moneys so received and disbursed.

8. There shall be a Secretary and Treasurer elected annually by the Girls from amongst their Members.

9. The Central Council shall reserve to itself the power to dissolve a Junior Branch if deemed advisable.

10. At Conferences Members of Girls' Branches shall be eligible to act as non-voting Delegates.



