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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEBRASKA, INC.
BYLAWS

ARTICLE I NAME

Section 1. Name. The name of this corporation shall be the League of Women Voters of Nebraska, Inc., hereinafter referred to in these bylaws as LWVNE or as the State League. The State League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States, hereinafter referred to in these bylaws as LWVUS.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE AND POLICY

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of the LWVNE is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government and to act on selected governmental issues. LWVNE is a public benefit organization. It is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to League of Women Voters organizations that qualify as exempt organizations described under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 2. Political Policy. The League shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility. Any person who subscribes to the purpose and policy of the LWVUS shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. Types of Membership.

a) Voting Members. Persons at least 16 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of the local Leagues, state Leagues and of the LWVUS.
   (1) those who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League;
   (2) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large;
   (3) those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues.

b) Associate Members. All others who join the League shall be associate members.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers. The officers of the League of Women Voters of Nebraska shall be a president, vice presidents, a secretary and a treasurer.

Section 2. Election and Term of Office. The officers shall be elected for a two-year term by the Annual Meeting in odd years, shall assume their duties at the close of that Annual Meeting, and shall serve until the conclusion of the next odd-year Annual Meeting or until their successors have been elected.

Section 3. Co-Officers. If an elected office or appointed office cannot be filled by one member, the office may be filled by two members serving as co-officers with the directors determining the duties of each co-officer. Co-officers share equally the one vote allotted for the office. If only one co-officer is present at a meeting, the co-officer has the full vote. If both are present, but do not agree on a vote, each may cast a half-vote for the side of the question they support. Presidents and co-presidents may only vote to create or to break a tie; therefore, unlike other co-officers, co-presidents cannot split their vote unless a ballot vote is taken.

Section 4. Vacancies. A vacancy in the office of president shall be filled by a vice president as determined by the Board of Directors to serve until the next odd-year Annual Meeting. If no vice president can serve in this capacity, the Board of Directors shall elect one of its members to fill the vacancy. The resulting vacancy or any other elected or appointed vacancy shall be filled by the Board of Directors.
Section 5. Duties of Officers. The elected officers shall perform the duties given in this section and such other duties as are prescribed by these Bylaws, by the General Policy, by the Board of Directors, by the president and by Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised.

a) The President. The president shall preside at all meetings of the corporation and of the Board of Directors unless someone else has been designated by the president to preside. The president may, in the absence or disability of the Treasurer, sign or endorse checks, drafts and notes; shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee; and shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of the president and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board.

b) The Vice Presidents. The vice presidents shall perform such duties as the president and Board of Directors may designate.

c) The Secretary. The secretary shall keep minutes of Annual Meetings and of meetings of the Board of Directors. The secretary shall notify all officers and directors of their election; shall sign, with the president, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board; and shall perform such other functions as may be incidental to the office.

d) The Treasurer. The treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due. The treasurer shall be the custodian of these moneys, shall deposit them in a bank or banks designated by the Board of Directors and shall disburse them upon the order of the Board of Directors. The treasurer shall present periodic statements to the Board at its regular meetings and an annual report to the Annual Meetings. The books of the treasurer shall be audited annually at the end of the fiscal year and at such other times, as necessary.

ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Composition. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the State League, local League and recognized Member-at-Large (MAL) Unit selected liaisons, a minimum of four elected directors, and a minimum of four appointed directors.

Section 2. Manner of Selection and Term of Office. The elected members of the Board of Directors shall appoint a minimum of four additional directors as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The term of office of the appointed directors shall begin upon appointment and continue to the close of the next odd-year Annual Meeting to coincide with the term of office of the elected officers.

Section 3. Qualifications. No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an officer or director of this corporation unless that person is a member of the League of Women Voters in the state of Nebraska.

Section 4. Co-Directors. If an elected or appointed director office cannot be filled by one member, two members may serve as co-directors. Co-directors share equally the one vote allotted for the directorship. If only one co-director is present at a meeting, the co-director has the full vote. If both are present, but do not agree on a vote, each may cast a half-vote for the side of the question they support.

Section 5. Vacancies. Any elected or appointed vacancy may be filled, until the next odd-year Annual Meeting, by a member appointed by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Powers and Duties. The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the corporation with full power and authority to manage and conduct the same, subject to the instructions of the general membership at the Annual Meeting. The Board shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the Program on state governmental matters as adopted by the Annual Meeting. It shall accept responsibility delegated to it by the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of the United States for the organization and development of local Leagues, for the carrying out of Program, and for promotion in the local Leagues of finance programs requisite to further the work of the League as a whole, including transmission of funds toward the support of an adequate national budget. The Board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.
Section 7. Regular Meetings. There shall be at least four regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The president shall notify each member of the Board of Directors of the time and place of all regular meetings. No action taken at any regular Board meeting attended by three-fourths of the members of the Board shall be invalidated because of the failure of any member or members of the Board to receive any notice properly sent or because of any irregularity in any notice actually received.

Section 8. Special Meetings. The president may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five members of the Board. Members of the Board shall be notified of the time and place of special meetings by telephone or e-mail at least six days prior to such meeting. During an Annual Meeting, the president may or, upon the request of five members of the Board, shall call a special meeting of the Board by notifying the members of the Board of the time and place of said meeting.

Section 9. Quorum. The quorum for a meeting of the Board of Directors shall be five including at least two of the elected officers.

Section 10. Voting. The Board of Directors shall be authorized to vote by mail or by electronic means when it is deemed necessary or by phone in an emergency. The electronic process shall use a reply back verification for documentation that all members received the communication. If a quorum shall vote on a question sent to all members of the Board, the vote shall be counted and shall have the same effect as if cast at a meeting of the Board. The vote shall be made a part of the minutes at the next meeting of the Board.

ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES/ACTION TEAMS

Section 1. There shall be a Budget-Finance Committee as described in Article VIII, Section 2.

Section 2. There shall be an Education Fund Committee as described in Article VIII, Section 3.

Section 3. There shall be an Endowment Fund/Investment Committee as described in Article VIII, Section 4.

Section 4. The vice presidents, on-board directors and off-board directors may create committees to carry out their duties.

Section 5. Other committees/action teams may be appointed by the board as deemed necessary.

ARTICLE VII RECOGNITION OF LOCAL LEAGUES AND MAL UNITS

Section 1. Local Leagues.

a) Local Leagues are those Leagues which have been so recognized by the League of Women Voters of the United States.

b) The Board of Directors shall recommend to the national Board that the national Board recognize as a local League any group of members of the League of Women Voters of the United States in any community within the state, provided the group meets recognition standards for local Leagues as adopted by the national Convention.

c) In the event of recurring failure of a local League to meet recognition standards, the Board of Directors shall recommend to the national Board that the national Board withdraw recognition from the local League. All funds held by a local League from which recognition has been withdrawn shall be paid to the League of Women Voters of Nebraska.

Section 2. Members-at-Large. All members of the League of Women Voters of Nebraska not enrolled in a local League or Member-at-Large (MAL) unit shall be members-at-large.
Section 3. Member-at-Large (MAL) Units.

a) Member-at-Large (MAL) units are those groups of Members-at-Large that have been so recognized by the League of Women Voters of Nebraska.

b) The Board of Directors has responsibility for the establishment of new MAL units. For this purpose, the Board may organize a group of Members-at-Large in a community in which no local League exists and shall recognize the group as a MAL unit when it meets the guideline standards adopted by the Board of Directors.

c) The Board of Directors shall withdraw recognition from a MAL unit for recurring failure to meet guidelines. All funds held by a MAL unit from which recognition has been withdrawn shall be paid to the League of Women Voters of Nebraska. Members of MAL units from which recognition has been withdrawn shall then be considered members-at-large.

ARTICLE VIII FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the League of Women Voters of Nebraska shall commence on the first of April of each year.

Section 2. Budget-Finance Committee. At the summer board meeting in odd years the president shall appoint a budget committee to advise the board on financial matters and to prepare the annual budget. The treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of the Budget Committee but shall not be eligible to serve as chair. Any vacancy shall be filled by a member appointed by the president to serve until the next odd-year summer board meeting.

Section 3. Education Fund Committee. The president, secretary and treasurer serve on this committee. In addition, in odd years at the summer board meeting, two on-board directors are selected by the board to serve on this committee. This committee reviews grant proposals from local Leagues and/or participation of the state League in cooperative activities with other non-profit organizations. Proposals recommended for funding by the committee are forwarded to the Board of Directors for final approval by a vote taken at a meeting or by email as required by Nebraska Revised Statute 21-1895. Proposals not recommended for funding by the committee are reported at the next board meeting or by email.

Section 4. Endowment Fund/Investment Committee. At the summer board meeting in odd years, three members shall be appointed by the board to serve on this committee in addition to the president and treasurer. The Committee shall provide a secure fund, with a reasonable return based on investments reflecting our written investment strategy, to provide for payment of the League’s operating expenses and for special initiatives approved by the LWVNE Board of Directors. The committee shall select the chair. Any vacancy shall be filled by a member appointed by the Board of Directors to serve until the next odd-year summer board meeting.

Section 5. Budget. The Board shall submit a budget for the ensuing year to the Annual Meeting for adoption. This budget shall provide for the support of the State League including a per member payment from the local Leagues. Members-at-large shall pay dues to the State League which shall include a Per Member Payment (PMP) to the League of Women Voters of the United States. A copy of the budget shall be sent to each local League president and each member-at-large at least 30 days in advance of the Annual Meeting.

Section 6. Distribution of Funds on Dissolution. In the event of the merger or dissolution of this corporation for any reason, all money and securities or other property of whatsoever nature which at the time is owned or under the absolute control of the corporation shall be distributed at the discretion of the board, or such other persons as shall be charged by law with the liquidation or winding up of the corporation and its affairs; to any member organization of the League of Women Voters national organization, which is exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code; or if none of these organizations are then in existence or exempt under those tax provisions, then, at the discretion of the board, to another organization that is organized and operated exclusively for
charitable and educational purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under such designated tax provisions. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction in Lancaster County, Nebraska, exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE IX ANNUAL MEETING

Section 1. Place, Date and Call. An Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Nebraska shall be held at a time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors. The president shall send a first call to the presidents of the local Leagues, chairs of MAL units and members-at-large not less than three months prior to the opening date of the Annual Meeting fixed in said call. Thereafter, the Board of Directors may advance or postpone the opening date of the Annual Meeting by not more than two weeks. A final call for the Annual Meeting shall be sent to the presidents of the local Leagues, chairs of MAL units and members-at-large at least two months before the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. Voting Body.

a) The voting body shall consist of members from local Leagues who are current in Per Member Payment (PMP) to LWVNE and members-at-large whose LWVNE dues are current, who are properly registered, and who are in attendance.

b) No member shall vote in more than one capacity, and there shall be no proxy voting.

Section 3. Powers. The Annual Meeting shall consider and authorize for action a Program, shall elect officers in the odd years, shall adopt a budget for the ensuing year, and shall transact such other business as may be presented.

Section 4. Quorum. A majority of voting members in attendance shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of the Annual Meeting provided that at least two local Leagues are represented, and, in addition, two elected officers and two on-board directors are present.

Section 5. Reporting. It shall be the responsibility of the president of the League of Women Voters of Nebraska to report to the members, in the next consecutive Voter, all action taken at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE X NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members, two of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. The chair and two members, who shall not be members of the Board of Directors, shall be elected by the Annual Meeting in odd years.

a) Nominations for these three positions shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. The other two members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors immediately after the Annual Meeting in odd years.

b) Any vacancy occurring in the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors. The President of the League of Women Voters of Nebraska shall send the name and address of the chair of the Nominating Committee to the president of each recognized local League, chairs of MAL units and members-at-large.

Section 2. Suggestions for Nominations. The chair of the Nominating Committee shall request, through the president of each local League, the chair of each recognized MAL unit and other members-at-large, suggestions for nominations. Suggestions for nominations shall be sent to the chair of the Nominating Committee at least two months before the Annual Meeting. Any member may send suggestions to the chair of the Nominating Committee.

Section 3. Report of Nominating Committee and Nominations from Floor at the Annual Meeting. The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for officers, directors, and the chair and two members of the succeeding Nominating Committee shall be sent to local Leagues, MAL units and members-at-large no later than one month before the date of the Annual Meeting. Immediately following
the presentation of the Nominating Committee report, nominations may be made from the floor provided that the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.

Section 4. Election. The election shall be by ballot, except that when there is but one nominee for each office, the vote may be by voice. A majority vote shall constitute an election.

ARTICLE XI PROGRAM

Section 1. Principles. The governmental principles adopted by the national Convention and supported by the League as a whole, constitute the authorization for the adoption of Program.

Section 2. Program. The Program of the League of Women Voters of Nebraska shall consist of:

a) Action to protect the right to vote of every citizen.

b) Those state governmental issues chosen for concerted study and action.

Section 3. Annual Meeting Action. The Annual Meeting shall act upon the Program using the following procedures:

a) Local League boards and MAL unit committees may make recommendations for a Program to the Board of directors at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting.

b) The Board of Directors shall consider the recommendations and shall formulate a proposed Program of recommended and non-recommended proposals, which shall be submitted to the local League Boards, MAL units and members-at-large at least one month prior to the Annual Meeting.

c) Recommendations for changes submitted in writing by local League Boards and MAL unit committees and received by the Board of Directors at least two months before the opening of the Annual Meeting shall be considered by the Board prior to the Annual Meeting at which time the Board may change the proposed program.

d) A majority vote shall be required for the adoption of the Program proposed by the Board of Directors.

e) Any recommendation for the Program submitted to the Board of Directors at least two months before the Annual Meeting, but not recommended by the Board, may be adopted by the Annual Meeting provided consideration is ordered by a majority vote and the proposal for adoption receives a majority vote.

Section 4. Member Action. Members may act in the name of the League of Women Voters of Nebraska only when authorized to do so by the elected officers of the League of Women Voters of Nebraska.

Section 5. Local Leagues or Member-at-Large (MAL) Unit Action. Local Leagues or MAL units may take action on state governmental matters only when authorized to do so by the elected officers of the League of Women Voters of Nebraska. Local Leagues or MAL units may act only in conformity with, or not contrary to, the positions taken by the League of Women Voters of Nebraska.

ARTICLE XII NATIONAL CONVENTION AND COUNCIL

Section 1. National Convention. The Board of Directors, at a meeting before the date on which names of delegates must be sent to the National office, shall appoint delegates to that Convention in the number allowed the League of Women Voters of Nebraska under the provisions of the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Section 2. National Council. The Board of Directors, at its meeting preceding the meeting of the Council of the League of Women Voters of the United States, shall appoint delegates to such Council in the number allowed the League of Women Voters of Nebraska under the provisions of the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of the United States.
ARTICLE XIII PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Parliamentary Authority. The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the corporation in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

ARTICLE XIV AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended by:

a) A two-thirds vote at any Annual Meeting, using the following procedures:
   i. Proposals for change shall be submitted by any local League Board, chair of MAL unit, or committee appointed by the President to the Board of Directors at least three months prior to Annual Meeting.
   ii. All such proposed amendments together with the recommendations of the Board shall be sent to the presidents of local Leagues, chairs of MAL units and members-at-large at least 30 days prior to Annual Meeting.
   iii. The presidents of local Leagues and chairs of MAL units shall notify the members of their respective Leagues or MAL units of the proposed amendments. Failure of a local League president or MAL unit chair to give such notice or failure of any member to receive such notice shall not invalidate amendments to the Bylaws.

b) A two-thirds vote of the voting members of the board of directors present and voting at a regularly scheduled board meeting, provided the amendment(s) was (were) reviewed and recommended by the board and submitted to the local League presidents, chairs of MAL units and the members-at-large at least two months in advance of the meeting for comment. If a bylaw amendment is not approved by the board, it may be directly submitted at the next Annual Meeting for consideration by the general membership.

Section 2. After each LWVUS Convention, it shall be the responsibility of the LWVNE president and office administrator to bring the LWVNE bylaws into conformity with the LWVUS bylaws. Such amendments shall not require a vote of the LWVNE members.

As adopted by the Convention, 1948 and as amended by the Convention, May 1950; Convention, April 1953; Convention, May 1955; Convention, May 1956; Convention, April 1957; Convention, May 1963; Convention, April 1967; Convention, April 1971; Convention, April 1973; Convention, May 1975; Convention, May 1977; Convention, May 1979; Convention, May 1981; Convention, May 1983; Convention, May 1985; Convention, May 1987; Convention, May 1989; Convention, May 1991; Convention, May 1992; Convention, May 1995; Convention, May 1997; Convention, May 2001; Convention, April 2003; Convention, April 2005; Convention, April 2007; Convention April 2013; Annual Meeting April 2015; Annual Meeting April 2016; Annual Meeting April 2017; Board Meeting October 2017; Board Meeting March 2019; Annual Meeting April 2019, and Board Meeting March 2020.