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## Constitution and By-Laws of the New Century Club

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*"Equality Before the Law."*

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CONSTITUTION

AND...

BY-LAWS 

...OF THE...

New...  
Century  
Club...

—OF CINCINNATI.

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REVISED,

CINCINNATI, O., APRIL, 1897.

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*"Educate, Agitate, Organize."*



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## PREAMBLE

*Whereas, in a Republican form of government, all classes of citizens should be represented, we protest against a political aristocracy of sex. Therefore, we, citizens of Cincinnati, do associate ourselves together for the purpose of securing suffrage for women as an inherent right.*

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# CONSTITUTION.

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## ARTICLE I.

### *Name.*

This organization shall be called "The New Century Club." Auxiliary to the State of Ohio and through that Association auxiliary to the National American Woman's Suffrage and County Association.

## ARTICLE II.

### *Object.*

It's object shall be to secure for women the exercise of the right of suffrage, and to effect such changes in the laws as shall give women equal rights with men.

## ARTICLE III.

This association is, and will remain non-partisan and non-sectarian.

## ARTICLE IV.

### *Officers.*

The officers of this association shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer,

Historian and Auditor. The above officers shall constitute an executive committee and shall be elected annually in March.

## DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

### *President.*

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings and to appoint such committees as the Club may direct.

### *Vice-President.*

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to perform the duties of the President during the absence of the latter.

### *Recording Secretary.*

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings, keep a list of the members of the Club, read the minutes and call the roll.

### *Corresponding Secretary.*

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to send notices of all called meetings, notify new members of their election, and conduct the general correspondence of the Club.

### *Treasurer.*

SEC. 5. The Treasurer shall collect all moneys, keep an account thereof, and shall disburse the same at such times and for such purposes as the Club may direct, and make a monthly report.

### *Auditor.*

SEC. 6. The Auditor shall review the income and expenses of the Club each month to ascertain the correctness of the Treasurer's report.

### *Librarian.*

SEC. 7. The Librarian shall have charge of all books, papers, and other documents not in direct charge of other officers, and shall attend to the collecting and distributing thereof.

### *Executive Committee.*

SEC. 8. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the officers of the Club. The duty of this committee shall be to have general supervision of the business of the Club, and to act on all names presented for membership. Three shall constitute a quorum.

### *Reports.*

SEC. 9. It shall be the duty of each officer and chairman of standing committees to present a report at the annual meeting.

## ARTICLE V.

### *Rules.*

The proceedings of this association shall be carried on under the usual parliamentary rules of deliberative assemblies, as near as may be, and the members shall submit to and be governed by said rules.



# BY-LAWS.

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## *Dues.*

SEC. 1. Each member shall pay an annual membership fee of one dollar.

## *Meetings.*

SEC. 2. This club shall meet Wednesday, P. M. and there shall be an open meeting at such time and place as the members shall deem best.

## *Quorum.*

SEC. 3. Three members shall constitute a quorum for a membership of ten, and two be added for each additional ten.

## *New Members.*

SEC. 4. The name and address of each candidate must be presented with a voucher to the Club and laid over for one week. One adverse vote rejects.

## *Parliamentary Authority.*

SEC. 5. This Club shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, and the duties of officers prescribed therein, followed.



### *Bills.*

SEC. 6. Bills must be presented the first meeting in the month. The Treasurer must make a report at the same meeting.

### *Reports.*

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of each officer and chairman of standing committees to present a report at the annual meeting.

### *Club Work.*

SEC. 8. The club work shall consist of the following divisions :

- 1 Legislative.
- 2 Industries.
- 3 Political Economy.
- 4 Social Science and Prevention of Crime
- 5 Literature.
- 6 Ethical and Physical Culture.
- 7 Parliamentary Ruling and Civil Government.
- 8 Press.
- 9 Home and Local Affairs.
- 10 Hygiene.

### *Called Meetings.*

SEC. 9. Meetings may be called by the Secretary, or at the written request of five members.

### *Order of Business.*

- 1 Call to order.
- 2 Appointment of temporary officers.
- 3 Reading of minutes.
- 4 Communications.
- 5 Reports of Committees.
- 6 Election of new members.
- 7 Applications for membership.
- 8 Roll Call.
- 9 Bills and orders.
- 10 Unfinished business.
- 11 New business.
- 12 Good of the society.

### *Amendments.*

RESOLVED, that we work for the repeal of unjust laws found on the statute books, and to ask for such form of suffrage possible for the Legislature to grant.

No member shall be eligible to office in the Club, until the expiration of one year's membership.