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RULES OF WOMEN'S ELECTORAL LOBBY (S.A.), REVISED JULY 1991

1. NAME OF THE SOCIETY

The name of the society will be **WOMEN'S ELECTORAL LOBBY, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.**

2. HEADQUARTERS OF THE SOCIETY

The headquarters of the society shall be situated or established at Adelaide in the State of South Australia.

3. OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY

a) as a women's organisation, to work in the interests of women and to lobby for the appointment to office or election of persons having attitudes or policies which may or will advance and benefit women and therefore the whole community.

b) to examine and investigate the attitudes and policies on matters affecting women, of persons holding political office or public office or candidates for elections or appointment to such offices.

c) to promote the enactment of legislation and the implementation of procedures which will advance and benefit women.

d) to inform, instruct and educate with a view to advancing the opportunities for and condition of women in the political, civil and social fields, as well as in industry, commerce, the professions and the community generally.

4. MEMBERS

Any woman who supports the aims and objects of WEL is eligible to join. All members must agree with and adhere to the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, the U.N. Declaration of the Rights of the Child, and the U.N. Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

5. MEMBERSHIP FEES

a) There shall be an annual subscription which shall include a periodical known as the **WEL (S.A.) NEWSLETTER**, issues to be made bi-monthly and copies posted to members.

b) The period of subscription shall be from June 1st to May 1st of successive years.

c) Members who fail to pay on or before August 31st shall be deemed non-financial.

d) A register of financial members shall be kept.

6. Any member may be expelled from the Lobby, if it is proved by an Extraordinary General Meeting that her actions are malicious and harmful to the interests of the Lobby.
7. Any member who leaves or is de-registered from the Lobby forfeits all claims for the return to her of all or any subscriptions generally made to the Lobby.
8. There shall be seven (7) officers nominated by members. Nominations shall be in writing and must be sent to the Coordinator for publishing in the Newsletter circulated prior to the Annual General Meeting. The agenda, names and any other information about nominees will be attached to this newsletter.

THE SEVEN OFFICERS SHALL BE:

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| 1. Co-ordinator | 5. Newsletter Editor |
| 2. Assistant Co-ordinator | 6. Assistant Editor |
| 3. Membership Officer | 7. Publicity Officer |
| 4. Treasurer | |

They will be elected by secret ballot by a simple majority of votes cast at the A.G.M. Absentee votes should include the position, the name of the person being voted for, the name of the voter and shall be counted once.

- 8a. All offices shall be vacated annually at the A.G.M.
9. The Lobby shall have no affiliation with any political party and no person standing for office or holding political office shall hold any office within WEL. Political office is taken to mean either a candidate after the nominations close for the election for which the person is standing, or a sitting member.
10. No single person shall act on behalf of the Lobby and individual members should not presume to speak for WEL. Any public statement made on behalf of WEL should be considered and approved at a General Meeting if possible, or where any issue requires comment before the next General Meeting, the matter should be discussed by at least three (3) WEL members including a member of any related sub-committee.
- 10a. A bibliography of all submissions, resolutions and policy of the Lobby should be published annually and made available to members.
11. The Co-ordinator and/or Assistant Co-ordinator is obliged to keep minutes of meetings and General Meetings in the minute book, and must number same. They must keep all books of the Lobby and must keep safe all records and copies of the

affairs and operations of the Lobby. They are responsible for the correspondence, must keep the Association seal and all records.

A register of financial members shall be kept by the Membership Officer.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for any funds once handed over to her. She is responsible for the keeping in a safe place and the recording of funds in the Treasury Books of the Association. She must present a detailed report of accounts when required and also loss and profit accounts and statement. She must deposit in the Association's Bank Account all monies of the Association within ten days of receipt of same, and collect all monies of the Association. All cheques issued by the Association must bear the signature of any two of three nominated members.

The Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for collecting, editing and publishing suitable material for a bi-monthly newsletter to be circulated to members.

The Assistant shall organise distribution of the newsletter and generally assist the Editor.

The Publicity Officer shall be responsible for contact with the media and the public on behalf of the Lobby.

All seven members are obliged to report regularly to all General Meetings, either in person or in writing, on the activities in which they are engaged on behalf of the Lobby. Likewise, all Action Group leaders are obliged to give regular reports both to the Officers and to General Meetings on the reports, submissions and general activities of their group.

12. Expenditure of money must have the approval of the seven officers or a General Meeting of members.
13. The Annual General Meeting shall be held annually after the audit, and the attendance of ten (10) persons shall constitute a quorum. The date, time and place of such general meeting shall be notified to all financial members at least seven days prior to the date of such meeting. Such notice must contain an agenda.
14. Extraordinary General Meetings may be called by any fifteen (15) financial members of the Association. Each financial member shall be given at least five days' notice which shall specify the date, the time, the place where it is to be held and the purposes of such extraordinary general meeting. In such meeting the financial members shall be admitted and such meeting shall be considered as having formed a quorum when ten (10) of the members are present.

15. At the Annual General Meeting the members present shall elect a new "Board of Elections" consisting of three (3) members which shall organise and hold new elections.
16. The common seal of the Association shall be circular in shape and shall bear the name of the Association and the Association's insignia.
17. **Non-profit status.** The income and property of the society shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the society, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit, to members or relatives of members of the society, provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officer or servant of the society for any service actually rendered to the society, or reasonable and proper rental for premises let by any member to the society.
- 17a. **Winding-up.** The Association shall be dissolved only when the number of its members shall be reduced to ten (10). In the event of the society being dissolved, the whole property shall be disposed by distribution of the funds to any organisation holding similar aims to WEL, and which prohibits the distribution of income and property to its members, to be nominated at a general meeting.
18. For anything not provided for in this Constitution, the Governing Body, the General Meeting of the members, shall be called to an Extraordinary General Meeting, in accordance with Article 14 of this Constitution. Proposed amendments and variations to articles of this Constitution must accompany notification of the Extraordinary General Meeting.