



Girls State is a program of the American Legion Auxiliary and shall function as such.

GIRLS STATE BYLAWS

ARTICLE I MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

SECTION 1. The Girls State Committee shall consist of five members. At a given time, three people shall be serving on a three year term and two people shall be serving on a one year term. Each year the Department President shall appoint a member to serve a three year term, and two members to serve a one year term.

SECTION 2. The Department President, with the aid of the Girls State Committee, shall appoint the Girls State Director from within the Girls State Committee. The Girls State Director will serve as Chairman of the Girls State Board.

If a committee member leaves mid-term, the Department President shall appoint someone to fill that position. If the member leaving was serving as the Director, the Department President will first fill the vacant committee position, and then the Department President and Girls State Committee of five shall appoint a new Director from within the Committee.

SECTION 3. The Girls State Board shall consist of the Girls State Committee, the Department President, the Department Secretary and the Department Treasurer. The Department President, Department Secretary and the Department Treasurer shall serve as ex-officio members of the Girls State Board.

ARTICLE II MEETINGS

SECTION 1. The regular annual meeting of the members of this corporation shall be held at such time and place as may be selected by the President or whomever she shall authorize or direct. The failure to hold an annual meeting in any year shall not operate a forfeiture of the charter of the corporation and shall in no manner affect the existence of the corporation. Notice of the annual meeting shall be given to each member by mail at least five days prior to the time fixed for such meeting.

SECTION 2. Special meetings of the members of the corporation may be called by the Department President at any time when she shall deem a meeting to be necessary or advisable. Notice of such special meeting shall be given in the same manner as in the case of a regular meeting.

SECTION 3. A majority of members of the corporation shall constitute a quorum for any meeting of the members.

ARTICLE III OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The officers of this corporation are Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. There may be such other officers as the Girls State Board shall determine from time to time to be necessary.

SECTION 2. The chairman shall manage the affairs of the corporation according to the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws and other rules and regulations as may be established by the Girls State Board. The chairman of the Girl State Board shall preside at the meetings of the corporation.

SECTION 3. The Vice Chairman shall act as presiding officer at meetings and discharge the duties of the Chairman in the case of absence of the Chairman for any reason whatsoever. The Vice Chairman shall be appointed by the Board from among the five appointive members of the corporation and she shall hold office for one year and until her successor has been selected and qualified.

SECTION 4. The Department Secretary of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of North Dakota, shall be secretary of the corporation. She shall keep the corporate Seal and all papers and records of the corporation and shall take care of such correspondence in connection with the affairs of the corporation as shall be delegated to her by the Chairman. She shall keep minutes of all meetings.

SECTION 5. The Treasurer shall be the Department Treasurer of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of North Dakota. The Treasurer shall have custody of the corporation funds, which shall be handled in such manner as the Board shall direct.

SECTION 6. The Department Girls State Director need not be a member of the Corporation; she may be any member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of North Dakota, who is qualified for this appointment in the opinion of the Board. She shall have general charge of the organization and functioning of the annual Girls State held in the Department of North Dakota. She shall have such authority and responsibility as shall be delegated and assigned to her by the Board.

ARTICLE IV

PROPERTY

SECTION 1. This corporation is authorized to buy, lease, sell, mortgage, or otherwise acquire or dispose of such real or personal property as may be appropriate and useful in carrying out the purpose of the corporation.

SECTION 2. All instruments in connection with the purchase, sale or encumbrance of corporation property shall be executed in behalf of the corporation by the Chairman or Vice Chairman and attested by the secretary or Treasurer.

SECTION 3. The affirmative vote of at least four members of the Board shall be required in order to authorize the purchase, sale or encumbrance of any real property of the Corporation.

ARTICLE V 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 and any special rules of order the corporation may adopt.

ARTICLE VI AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These bylaws, or any part thereof, may be amended at any Girls State Board meeting by a two-thirds vote, providing that all voting board members are present; and further provided that such proposed amendment has the approval of the Department Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII GIRLS STATE FOUNDATION

SECTION 1. The Board of this corporation is authorized to set up a Girls State Foundation which shall be funded through specific donations of money and/or property to such Foundation.

SECTION 2. The Girls State Foundation shall be managed and controlled by the Girls State Board who shall be responsible for soliciting donations to the Foundation from the membership of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of North Dakota and any other donors.

SECTION 3. All donations to the Girls State Foundation shall be invested and re-invested with the income thereafter used exclusively for the benefit of, and to carry out the purposes of this corporation.

SECTION 4. The Girls State Board, as managing body of the Girls State Foundation, shall not use or withdraw the principal amounts donated to the Foundation, but only the income therefrom, unless the purposes of this corporation ceases and this corporation is dissolved. Upon dissolution of this corporation all funds and property held in the Girls State Foundation shall be disposed of accordingly to the procedure outlined in the North Dakota Non-Profit Corporation Act as that act exists as of the date of dissolution.

CERTIFICATION

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