

Suggestions for Local Organizations

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**  
OF THE  
**WOMAN'S COMMITTEE**  
**COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE**

Illinois Division  
and Women's Organizations,  
**STATE COUNCIL OF DEFENSE**

\_\_\_\_\_ Unit

**ARTICLE I**

**Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Woman's Committee of the Council of National

Defense, Illinois Division.....Unit.  
(Insert name of your town.)

**ARTICLE II**

**Object**

To avoid duplication of effort; to utilize organizations already in existence; to promote efficiency and give every woman an opportunity for patriotic service at home or abroad.

**ARTICLE III**

**Membership**

Any woman in town desirous of rendering patriotic service to her country, may become a member of this organization upon signifying such to be her desire by registering upon a card provided for that purpose, and paying a fee of ten cents.

**ARTICLE IV**

**Board of Control**

Sec. 1. There shall be a Board of Control consisting of representatives of all organizations among women. To this number may be added also a number of the representative women of the town.

Sec. 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers and the chairman of standing departments and members at large. The control and management of the affairs of the organization between the meetings of the Board of Control shall be vested in the Executive Committee. It shall have power to fill vacancies in its own body.

**ARTICLE V**

**Officers**

The officers of this association shall be a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer. They shall be elected by the Council, and shall serve for..... years.

**ARTICLE VI**

**Duties of Officers**

The duties of the officers shall be such as usually appertain to such offices.

**ARTICLE VII**

**Departments**

Sec. 1. The Board of Control shall appoint the chairmen of as many of the following standing departments as seems advisable.

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| Finance.                               | Recreation and Health.             |
| Red Cross.                             | Food Production.                   |
| Allied Relief.                         | Women and Children<br>in Industry. |
| Home Charities.                        | Publicity.                         |
| Registration for Service.              | Membership.                        |
| C o n s e r v a t i o n<br>and Thrift. | Courses of Instruction.            |

Sec. 2. The chairmen of these departments shall nominate the members of their committees, subject to the approval of the Committee.

Sec. 3. The chairmen of the standing committees shall submit plans of work desired to be undertaken to the Executive Committee for approval, and shall report to the Board of Control all work accomplished.

**ARTICLE VIII**

**Dues**

There shall be a registration fee of ten cents for each member of the organization (one-half of which is sent to the regular headquarters in Chicago, one half of which is kept in the local treasury). Contributions of larger sums may be made to the Finance Committee.