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CONSTITUTION *and* BY-LAWS

of the

AGORA CLUB

of

MORNINGSIDE COLLEGE

SIoux CITY, IOWA

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CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE—My Creed.

I believe the Ideal Morningside girl:

Embodies in her own life the ideals of her college expressed in the Greek phrase upon her seal: *Kala Agatha*, the beautiful and the good.

Has a serious purpose in college, realizing that the college is a stepping stone to the realization of constructive dreams.

Is personally attractive, knowing that a charming character and a pleasing appearance are winning assets in the battles of life.

Never does less than her best, believing that a thing worth doing at all is worth doing well.

Stresses spiritual values, knowing that the highest and most lasting good is to be found in soul development.

Is democratic, knowing that true culture precludes snobbishness and real courtesy is all-inclusive.

Is a sincere friend, knowing that the sweetest thing in life is friendship, a giving as well as a receiving.

Realizes that college is a place of growth and development, molding her character to fit the highest ideal of womanhood.

Has broad sympathies, striving toward a vision of world sisterhood, critical toward herself; toward others, lenient.

Is loyal to Morningside, holding dear to her heart the honor of her college, entering freely into its joys and its sorrows, in honest endeavor to be worthy of the institution which shelters her.

ARTICLE I.—Name.

Section 1. The name of this club shall be *Agora*.

ARTICLE II.—Purpose.

The purpose of this club shall be:

1. To afford an opportunity for friendly and helpful fellowship among the girls.
2. To promote the spirit of unity and loyalty.
3. To develop the sense of mutual responsibility in furthering all the College activities.
4. To bring before the members subjects of special interest and importance to college women.

5. To form an official body for the expression of opinion of women, in matters of general college interest.
6. To make and maintain high social standards.
7. To welcome and assist incoming students.

ARTICLE III.—Membership.

Section 1. All women students by virtue of their registration in the College shall be members of this club.

Section 2. The women of the Faculty may become members of this club upon the payment of dues.

Section 3. The wives of the Faculty members, the alumnae, and any active member upon severing her connection with the College may become honorary members.

Section 4. Initiation Ceremony.

1. Welcome by Agora President.
2. Read preamble in unison.
3. Agora President read Articles I, II and III.
4. Oath of membership—read in unison.
5. Welcome by the Dean of Women.
6. Alma Mater.

Oath of Membership.

I will never disgrace this institution nor desert her halls of learning. I will stand for her buildings and public property both alone and with all. I will transmit her ideals, not only not less, but greater and better than they were transmitted to me. I will endeavor to aid the executives who may be in office at any time. I will observe both the existing laws and those which may hereafter be made. If any person seek to annul the laws or to set them at nought, I will do my best to prevent him. I will always honor the works of the Fathers of this institution.

(Taken from Oath of Athenian Ephebes)

ARTICLE IV.—Dues.

Section 1. The dues shall be twenty-five cents for the school year or fraction thereof.

Section 2. Payment of dues shall qualify members to vote at the annual election.

Section 3. These dues shall be available for current expenses and be disbursed according to the discretion of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V.—Officers.

Section 1. The officers of this club shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2. These officers shall be elected the first week of the second semester, shall enter upon their duties immediately, and shall hold office for one year.

Section 3. Installation Ceremony.

1. Invocation—Dean of Women.
2. Welcome—by retiring President.
3. Retiring President reads purpose as embodied in Article II of the Agora Constitution and the Creed which forms the preamble of the constitution.
4. Retiring President reads the duties of the President and the new President takes her oath of office as follows: I do most solemnly promise to perform the duties of the President of the Agora Club to the best of my knowledge and ability, and to strive daily toward the ideals embodied in the Creed.
5. Retiring President reads duties of Vice-President and she takes the same oath of office, using the name of her office.
6. Retiring President reads duties of Secretary and oath is taken.
7. Retiring President reads duties of Treasurer and oath is taken.
8. Speech of acceptance by new President.
9. Alma Mater.

ARTICLE VI.—Duties.

Section 1. The President shall call and preside over mass meetings and meetings of the Executive Board and shall perform the general duties of an executive.

Section 2. The Vice President shall officiate in the absence of the President, shall be chairman of the Advisory committee, and also chairman of the Census committee.

Section 3. The Secretary shall record all minutes of mass meetings and Executive Board meetings.

Section 4. The Treasurer, aided by the committee on Finance, shall collect all moneys of the club, keep and disburse the same upon the order of the President, and shall present quarterly and annual reports. She shall also be custodian of the club dishes and the May Day music belonging to the club.

ARTICLE VII.—Election.

Section 1. The President and Vice President shall be elected from the Junior class, the Secretary from the Sophomore class and the Treasurer from the Freshman class, by formal ballot and majority vote.

Section 2. The Executive Board as the nominating committee shall nominate by ballot four Juniors for President, three Juniors for Vice President, five Sophomores for Secretary, and five Freshmen for Treasurer.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall post one week before election the names of the candidates.

ARTICLE VIII.—Executive Board.

Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of the Dean of Women, the four officers, three members from each of the college classes, three members from the Academy, the chairman of the standing committees, the President of Y. W. C. A. and the outgoing Agora President for the remainder of the college year. The classes shall elect their members one week after the annual election.

Section 2. The powers of the Executive Board shall be:

1. To appoint the chairman of the standing committees.
2. To have general control of all affairs.
3. To consider all matters of concern to women and to refer such matters to mass meetings or to college authorities as the case may demand.
4. To disburse the money of the club.
5. To fill all vacancies in office.

Section 3. Absence from the meetings of the Executive Board may be excused by the President of the club, but only such excuses may be considered as are accepted for absence from class. If the number of unexcused absences exceeds three the member forfeits her place on the Board.

ARTICLE IX.—Standing Committees.

Section 1. The standing committees shall consist of Social, Athletic, Finance, Auditing, Forensic, Self Government, Census, and Advisory committees.

Section 2. Members of said committees, other than the chairmen, shall be appointed by their respective chairmen and the President of the club except in the case of the Self Government committee and the Athletic committee.

Section 3. The Social and Finance committees shall consist of five members each; the Auditing, Forensic, Census and Advisory committees shall consist of three members each; the Athletic committee of six members.

Section 4. The Social committee shall devise and execute the plans for social life of the club.

Section 5. The Finance committee shall assist the Treasurer in the discharge of her duties.

Section 6. The Auditing committee shall audit all bills and Treasurer's reports.

Section 7. The Forensic committee shall have charge of the forensic activities of the college women.

Section 8. The Athletic committee shall have charge of the athletic activities of the college women.

Section 9. The Self Government committee shall consist of the proctors of the rooming houses for girls and shall conserve the interests of the non-resident girls.

Section 10. The Census committee shall keep a register of the activities of each student in the office of the Dean of Women, which shall be accessible to the various women's organizations, shall report to the Executive Board any violation of the regulations governing outside activities, and shall make recommendations to the Executive Board for any variation desired from the schedule.

ARTICLE X.—Meetings.

Section 1. Social meetings shall be held on the first Saturday night in each month.

Section 2. Mass meetings shall be called by the President, or upon the request of the Executive Board, or of ten members of the club.

Section 3. A mass meeting shall be held as soon as possible after the beginning of the college year, at which the President of the club shall explain the purpose and the organization of the club.

Section 4. At properly advertised meetings those present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 5. The Executive Board shall meet regularly the first Thursday of each month.

ARTICLE XI.—Amendments.

Section 1. A two-thirds majority vote of the members present at a properly advertised mass meeting shall be required for amendment of the constitution.

NEW RULES ADOPTED.

1. An Agora Board President cannot be Y. W. President at the same time.
2. An Agora Board President cannot debate inter-society or inter-collegiate.
3. A Y. W. President cannot debate either inter-society or inter-collegiate.
4. A Collegian Reporter Editor cannot debate either inter-society or inter-collegiate.

Permission for variation from the above regulation must be secured from the Executive Board upon the recommendation of the Census committee. In dealing with such requests, health, general ability and scholarship will be taken into consideration.

Any woman shall have the privilege of changing her activities in order to enter upon other activities.

The election of any woman to a position to which she is ineligible according to this constitution shall be declared null and void by the Executive Board.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS *of the* AGORA CLUB

FRESHMAN WALKOUT.

A picnic for Freshman girls and their upper-class advisers is held annually soon after the beginning of school in the fall for the purpose of acquainting new girls with general college activities and helping them to meet informally as many upper-class girls as possible.

COSTUME PARTY.

On the first Saturday night of October the annual costume party is held, at which a prize is given for the most unique costume. This occasion affords an excellent opportunity for students to become acquainted.

GYMNASIUM FROLIC.

The annual gymnasium frolic is held in the gymnasium on the first Saturday night of November.

POST EXAMINATION JUBILEE.

The post examination jubilee is held on the first Saturday night after the mid-year examinations. An invitation to this affair is extended to all men of the school.

WOMEN'S BANQUET.

The annual women's banquet is held the first Saturday night of March. To this banquet are invited all Alumnae, former women students, mothers of students, and girls in the Senior classes of the high schools in Sioux City and vicinity. A prize is given to the class that has the largest representation present and the most tastily decorated table.

STUNT PARTY.

The annual stunt party is held the first Saturday night in May. Stunts are given on this occasion by the Faculty women, the four college classes and the Academy girls.

MAY FETE.

During the last part of May, a May Festival is held on Bass Field under the auspices of the Agora Club. A May Queen, chosen by popular vote from the Junior Class, is crowned at this time by the retiring Queen of the previous year. The new Queen presides over a program of aesthetic dancing and drills in costume. The dances are directed by the Physical Director of Women. The Festival is one of the biggest events of the entire college year.

INVITED GUESTS.

The mothers of all students are cordially invited to all these social affairs.

PRESIDENTS *of the* AGORA CLUB

Ruth Rieke	1913-'14
Mabel Irwin	1914-'15
Katherine Spry	1915-'16
Clara Swain	1916-'17
Ruth Smith	1917-'18
Ruth Reid Fry	1918-'19
Mary Dolliver	1919-'20
Bernice Scoville	1920-'21
Edna Bekins	1921-'22
Joyce Casen	1922-'23
Mayme Hoyt	1923-'24
Bernice Trindle	1924-25
Mereb Mossman	1925-'26



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