



Young Ladies' Grand Institute

A Catholic Women's Organization

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Dear Sisters,

The Laws and Supervision Committee that reviews By Laws is working to provide general information to all Institutes regarding By Laws content. The Constitutional Convention and Meeting Procedure Convention have resulted in clarifications and changes that effect By Laws. In reviewing submitted By Laws, there are several areas that are often inconsistent with the Constitution.

We have identified the items that are most often out of compliance.

1) Article I: Name of Institute should read:

Young Ladies' Grand Institute _____

Institute Number Institute Name

2) Article II: Membership

- a. Beneficial Members must be 18 years old to 56 years old at the time of initiation
- b. Associate Members must be at least 14 years old at the time of initiation

3) Article III: Meetings

- a. Changes to meeting day, date or location should use the language of Article III in the Constitution Article.

4) Article VII: Fees and Dues

- a. The Constitution does not list a monetary value for dues.
- b. The Institute must include the dues for both Beneficial and Associate members.
- c. The Constitution lists the initiation fee as two dollars (\$2.00).

5) Signature page:

- a. Include the original signatures of By Laws' committee members on the final page.
- b. Include the date the By Laws were accepted by vote of the Institute on the final page.

6) Send three (3) original copies of the By Laws with original signatures of committee members to the chair of the Laws and Supervision Committee:

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Contact info available from Grand Secretary

An outline of By Law content has been developed by the Laws and Supervision Committee. The outline will be added to the Documents & Forms page on the YLGI website, ylionline.org. If submitted By Laws are returned for revision, a Laws and Supervision committee member will be listed as an advisor to answer questions, review information, and support the Institute By Laws committee.

With Sisterly Love,

Laws and Supervision Committee