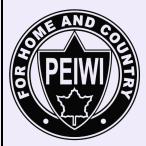
# Federated Women's Institute of Prince Edward Island



# **Constitution and Bylaws**

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#### SECTION 1 CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERATED WOMEN'S INSTITUTE OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

# ARTICLE 1 - NAME

This organization shall be called the Federated Women's Institute of Prince Edward Island (PEIWI) and shall consist of the following:

- a) Local Branches
- b) District Areas
- c) Provincial Board of Directors

# **ARTICLE 2 - VISION**

**Community Vision:** Women are a strong voice, taking action and creating change in PEI communities.

**Women's Institute Vision:** Women's Institutes are gatherings of inspired women where various learning opportunities create stronger women, families, and PEI communities.

# **ARTICLE 3 - PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES**

- **a)** To develop a greater understanding and appreciation of family life;
- b) To stimulate and to develop leadership;
- **c)** To establish Institutes as educational, cultural, and social centres in all communities;
- **d)** To promote a greater understanding and appreciation of the importance of the agricultural industry in the province;
- e) To promote a greater understanding of social and economic problems affecting families;
- **f)** To promote local, national, and international understanding, tolerance, and goodwill.

#### **ARTICLE 4 - PRINCIPLES**

- a) We focus on women, home, and family.
- b) We believe in a culture of collaboration and sharing.
- c) We support our agricultural needs and protect our environment—now and for future generations.
- **d)** We believe that through education, leadership, and goodwill, we can build stronger communities.

#### SECTION 2 BYLAWS OF THE FEDERATED WOMEN'S INSTITUTE OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

(Applicable to Local Branches, District Areas and Provincial Board of Directors)

#### ARTICLE 1 - MOTTO

The motto of the organization shall be "For Home and Country".

#### ARTICLE 2 - BADGE

The badge of this organization shall be a royal blue and gold circle with PEIWI in gold letters in the central motif, a maple leaf below, and around the outer portion in gold letters on blue the motto "For Home and Country".

#### **ARTICLE 3 - COLOURS**

The colours of the organization shall be royal blue and gold.

#### **ARTICLE 4 - REQUIREMENTS**

The organization will be non-partisan, non-sectarian, and non-racial.

#### **ARTICLE 5 - MEMBERSHIP**

All women at least 16 years of age shall be eligible for membership as an individual or as a branch member. A person may be a member of more than one (1) branch, providing membership fees are paid in each, but may vote and hold office in one (1) branch only.

*[Passed—2016]* Single memberships were approved and are referenced "as an individual".

*[Passed—2017]* Individual members will not have voting privileges at the District Area Conventions, nor at the Provincial Convention.

#### **ARTICLE 6 - OFFICERS, CONVENERS AND DIRECTORS**

Each level shall elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer (or Secretary-Treasurer), and Conveners.

#### **ARTICLE 7 - COMMITTEES**

The President shall be an ex-officio (non-voting) member of all committees. Special and/or ad hoc committees may be appointed as required.

#### **ARTICLE 8 - RULES OF PROCEDURE**

*Robert's Rules of Order* shall be the authority in all questions of Parliamentary Law not covered by the Women's Institute Constitution and Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE 9 - AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

No addition, alteration, or amendment of the Constitution and Bylaws of PEIWI shall be made except at the Provincial Convention and after three (3) months notice has been sent to the branches for review, and then approved by the Provincial Convention by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members present and voting.

# SECTION 3

# BYLAWS OF LOCAL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE BRANCHES

# ARTICLE 1 - MEETINGS

- a) It is usual for each Institute to hold monthly meetings.
- **b)** One-quarter of the members may request a special meeting by contacting the President. If a special meeting is required, the President shall call the meeting and the Secretary will inform the members.
- c) The Annual Meeting of each branch shall be held during either the month of September or October. Membership fees for the ensuing year shall be paid at this meeting and the officers for the ensuing year shall be elected.

# **ARTICLE 2 - MEMBERSHIP FEE**

Following a recommendation by the Provincial Board, the annual membership fee shall be determined by a majority vote at a Provincial Convention or at County Conventions.

Annual membership fees, reports, and financial summaries, as requested by the PEI Women's Institute Office, shall be returned by the deadline set.

The Branch Institute year shall end August 31. Any members joining after January 31 shall be listed as members for the following Institute year.

Persons' names should not be recorded in the minute book or forwarded to the Provincial Office until the membership fee for the current Institute year has been paid in full.

Those who have not paid their fees following the Annual Meeting may attend Institute meetings and be allowed the privileges of the Institute, but will not be able to vote upon business matters brought before the Institute until they have paid their membership fees in full.

# ARTICLE 3 - QUORUM

At all branch Institute meetings five (5) members or two-thirds shall constitute a quorum.

# **ARTICLE 4 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Members of the current year who have paid the fee for the ensuing year, and who are present at the Annual Meeting, shall have a voice in electing the officers. Only those entitled to vote shall be eligible for election.

The election of officers for the ensuing year shall take place at the Annual Meeting. A typical slate of officers is a President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. If thought advisable, a second Vice-President may be appointed and the office of Secretary-Treasurer may be divided.

Officers and conveners could be recommended by a previously appointed nominations committee or by nominations from the floor. It is not advisable to elect an absent person, unless by prior consent. Voting may take place by a secret ballot, a show of hands, a standing vote, or a verbal vote. The candidate receiving the majority of votes shall be elected to the office.

In the event of any of the officers, with the exception of the President, retiring or otherwise vacating from office during the year, the vacancy shall be filled at the next regular meeting, or at a special meeting, by members in attendance provided there is a quorum (five [5] members or two-thirds). Notice of such an election must be given to each member before the meeting. The position of President is to be filled by the Vice-President, when possible.

Newly elected officers shall be fully informed by the retiring officers regarding any work which has not been completed.

Officers shall hold office until their successors are elected, preferably not more than a two (2) year term.

# **ARTICLE 5 - FINANCES**

Branches secure funds from the following sources:

- membership fees;
- collections at meetings;
- net receipts from Branch projects, donations, or other sources.

The funds of a local Branch shall be used for any expenses incurred while carrying out the regular business of branch meetings, Women's Institute projects (local and provincial), and in such other ways as thought advisable by the officers and members of the Branch.

The officers and members of the Institute have full control of the finances; however, they shall not sell, let, exchange, mortgage, or dispose of any real or personal property of the Institute unless authorized to do so by a special general meeting called for that purpose.

# **ARTICLE 6 - COMMITTEES**

Committees may be appointed at a meeting of the Institute by the President, or from the floor.

Conveners of educational committees hold office for the year. Each local branch is asked to appoint conveners to correspond with Provincial Conveners.

Special and temporary committees are chosen to take charge of special work. Unless otherwise stated, the first person named on a committee is considered the chair.

When a special or standing committee is appointed, it should receive clear instructions on (1) whether or not it may add to its numbers, and (2) whether or not it may take action, or must report back to the Executive for authority before taking action. A committee may not undertake financial responsibility unless it is given such power by the Executive. It first must submit to the Executive an estimate of the probable expenditure. The proceeds from branch projects shall be handed over to the treasurer of the Branch by the special committee. A complete financial statement shall be provided.

# **ARTICLE 7 - CONVENTION DELEGATES**

Each Institute shall be allowed two (2) voting delegates at the Annual District Area, and Provincial Convention and County Conventions. These shall be official delegates with voting privileges, which include moving or seconding motions or resolutions. When voting, the delegates shall do so by showing their voting cards. When only one (1) delegate per Institute is in attendance, she is entitled to cast two (2) votes.

# ARTICLE 8 - LIFE MEMBERSHIP

It is a special honour for a Women's Institute member to be presented with a Life Membership badge. The Life Membership badge consists of the member's badge imposed on a maple leaf, hanging from a bar bearing the words "Life Member" in gold letters on a blue background.

A Life Membership may be granted to a member who has been actively involved for at least 20 years in any local branch Institute(s) in PEI. A Life Membership must be approved by the branch institute. The name of the member to receive Life Membership must be submitted to the Provincial Board of Directors for approval. In certain emergency situations the President of the Provincial Board may approve a Life Membership. The application, citation, and cost of Life Membership must accompany the request and be submitted at least six (6) weeks in advance of the presentation, if possible.

Cost of a Life Membership will reflect the purchase price of the badge. If a badge belonging to a former member is to be presented, nominal fee for citation preparation will be charged.

The annual membership fees of a Life Membership recipient must be paid by either the branch who nominated the recipient, or the recipient. Life Members over the age of 80 years are not required to remit annual dues, but may do so if they wish. The nominating branch will no longer be responsible for payment of the annual membership fees of life members who have left that branch.

# **ARTICLE 9 - BRANCH FORMATION**

- a) A Women's Institute branch may be organized in any locality where a sufficient number of women will hold monthly meetings to provide educational and social opportunities for women and carry on enterprises for the benefit of the community.
- **b)** The group wishing to organize a Women's Institute shall contact the Provincial President or the Women's Institute Office.
- c) One (1) week's notice shall be given to those interested, for a special meeting called for the purpose of organizing a Women's Institute branch.
- d) Under the guidance and acceptance of the Provincial Board of Directors, a new branch may be established in accordance with Constitution and Bylaws of PEIWI.
- e) The first year's membership fees shall become the property of the new branch to assist with their organization.

### **ARTICLE 10 - REORGANIZATION**

In the event of a previously formed branch wishing to reestablish under the former branch name, it shall follow the process in Article 9 – *Branch Formation*.

### **ARTICLE 11 - RENAMING**

In the event of renaming a branch with the membership intact, the branch shall add to their name "doing business as" and insert the new name. A letter must be sent to PEIWI for approval and endorsement, and then added to the branch file.

#### **ARTICLE 12 - AMALGAMATION**

When two (2) or more Institutes wish to combine to form one (1), or when two (2) or more Institutes have informally combined, the certificates of original incorporation may be cancelled by the Minister and a new certificate of incorporation may be issued by the Minister to the newly formed Institute. The groups forming the new Institute shall organize according to the terms set forth in Section 4 of the Women's Institute Act.

# ARTICLE 13 - DISBANDMENT

An Institute may surrender its certificate of incorporation by passing a special resolution at a meeting of the Institute at which one (1) month's notice has been given to the members by the secretary of the Institute. The Minister, after being satisfied:

- a) that sufficient notice in writing of the Institute's intentions has been submitted to the Women's Institute Office;
- **b)** that no debts or liabilities of the Institute are outstanding;

and

c) that all assets have been disposed of; may accept the surrender of the certificate, cancel it, and fix the date on which the Institute is dissolved.

Where it is made to appear to the Minister upon the recommendation of the Provincial Board that an Institute should be dissolved, or where an Institute has informally been dissolved, the Minister may appoint a liquidator to adjust and settle the assets and liabilities of the Institute. The liquidator, with the approval of the Minister, shall have the power to sell, dispose of, transfer, and convert into money all of the assets and property of the Institute and to apply such money in payment, first, of his remuneration to be fixed by the Minister, second, of the liabilities of the Institute, and third, the surplus, if any, shall be held in trust by the Minister for Institute work in the locality in which the money was raised and at the end of ten (10) years any amount not used for these purposes shall be paid into the funds of the Provincial Board.

After the assets and liabilities of the Institute have been settled, the Minister may order that on and after a day to be named by him/her, the certificate of incorporation of that Institute shall be cancelled, and the Institute shall thereupon cease to exist, subject however to any liabilities.

All Institute records (minutes, finances, scrapbooks, etc.) should be forwarded to the Women's Institute Office for preservation at the Provincial Archives.

### **ARTICLE 14 - RETENTION OF HISTORICAL RECORDS**

Institute records (minutes, finances, scrapbooks, etc.) should be forwarded to the Women's Institute Office so a file may be established at the Provincial Archives to preserve all valuable information.

# SECTION 4 BYLAWS OF DISTRICT AREAS

### ARTICLE 1 - PURPOSE

- a) To co-ordinate the work and plans of local Branch Institutes within the District Area;
- b) To promote projects of interest of the District Area;
- c) To co-operate with the Provincial Board to promote Women's Institute in the province.

### **ARTICLE 2 - OFFICERS AND CONVENERS**

Each District Area shall elect for a one (1) or two (2) year term a President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer (this office may be divided), and Conveners corresponding to the Provincial Conveners. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

# ARTICLE 3 - QUORUM

At all District Area Conventions 60% of voting delegates (two [2] per branch) shall be considered a quorum.

# **ARTICLE 4 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND CONVENERS**

The officers and conveners could be recommended by a previously appointed nominating committee or by nominations from the floor. If nominees are not declared by acclamation, officers and conveners may be elected by the use of a secret ballot by two (2) votes per branch. The candidate receiving the majority of votes shall be elected to the office. In the event of any of the officers, with the exception of the President, vacating office, the vacancy may be filled by the local branch in which the incumbent held membership. The Vice-President shall fill the vacancy of the President.

# **ARTICLE 5 - CONVENTION**

The Annual District Area Convention shall be held once per calendar year. The convention date shall be fixed by the District Area Executive in co-operation with the Provincial Board. All reports should be based on the previous 12 months.

### **ARTICLE 6 - BRANCH REPRESENTATIVES/DELEGATES**

- a) Each local Branch shall be entitled to two (2) representatives with the power to vote at all meetings called to promote the work of the District Area, such as the Planning Meeting for the Annual District Area Convention.
- b) Only two (2) accredited delegates from any Branch Institute may make a motion, or vote at a District Area Convention by the use of voting cards. Any member shall be entitled to speak to a question on the approval of the chair. Members from all branches in the District Area and any interested persons are welcome to attend.

# **ARTICLE 7 - FINANCES**

A fund may be set up to defray convention costs, expenses on behalf of the District Area, or other incidentals. This fund could be financed by registration fees, collections, levies, or other means as determined by the District Area.

#### SECTION 5 BYLAWS OF PROVINCIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

#### **ARTICLE 1 - PURPOSE**

- **a)** To develop and implement the policies and programs for the provincial organization;
- b) To unite the Province and provide representation in the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada (FWIC) and to the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW);
- c) To express the views of the Local Branch Institutes on all matters of provincial and national importance within the scope of Institute work and responsibility;
- d) To co-operate with the Prince Edward Island Department of Agriculture to improve educational, cultural, social, and economic conditions in the Province.

#### ARTICLE 2 - QUORUM

At all Provincial Board meetings 60% of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.

### **ARTICLE 3 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Provincial Board of Directors of the Federated Women's Institute of Prince Edward Island (PEIWI) shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer (or Secretary-Treasurer), Educational Conveners, and Chairs of Committees. The Executive shall include the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer (or Secretary-Treasurer) and FWIC Provincial Representative.

# **ARTICLE 4 - ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

#### a) Provincial Board

Those eligible for nominations as Directors to the Provincial Board shall be PEIWI members who are in good standing in their branches. To be eligible for ascension to the office of President, a Director must have served on the current or previous Provincial Board for a minimum of one (1) term prior to be elected as Vice-President.

The Nominating Committee shall submit to the Provincial Board a slate of officers consisting of the Executive, the Educational Conveners, the Chair and Chair-in-Training of the Handcrafts, Horticulture and Arts Show of the PEI Provincial Exhibition (henceforth referred to as Exhibition Chair and Chair-in-Training, or simply as the Exhibition Committee), and chairs and members of committees. Once approved by the Provincial Board, this slate of officers shall be distributed to all local branches at least one (1) month prior to the date of the Provincial Convention.

The President and Vice-President shall each be elected at a Provincial Convention for one (1) term only. They may be elected alternately from the three (3) counties of the province, if possible.

The Secretary and Treasurer shall each be elected at a Provincial Convention. They may be reelected for more than one (1) term.

Educational Conveners shall each be elected for Agriculture; Citizenship and Legislation; Cultural Activities; Environment; Home, Family and Nutrition; Health and Safety; and International Affairs at a Provincial Convention. They may be elected alternately from the three (3) counties of the province, if possible. Educational Conveners may be reelected for a second term only.

The Exhibition Chair and Chair-in-Training shall each be elected at a Provincial Convention for one (1) term only.

Executive Board members shall not hold more than on (1) appointment, except for the position of Secretary-Treasurer on the Executive.

#### b) Nominating and Resolution Committees

At a Provincial Convention, elections shall include three (3) committee members from the general membership, for each of the Nominating and Resolution Committees. They may be elected alternately from the three (3) counties of the province, if possible.

#### c) Honourary President

The Provincial Board may approve the appointment of an Honourary President. This is to be announced at the Provincial Convention.

### **ARTICLE 5 - FILLING OF VACANCIES**

In the event the President resigns or otherwise vacates office before her term expires, the Vice-President will be appointed to complete that term. If the period of time to be completed is half the term or more, the appointee would automatically become President and then Past President.

When an Executive Member or Director resigns or otherwise vacates her position before her term expires, the person appointed in her stead by the Provincial Board of Directors will be considered to have served a full term if she is in office for half of the term or more. Thus, she would be eligible only for one more consecutive term on the Provincial Board.

### **ARTICLE 6 - ANNUAL CONVENTION**

The PEIWI Provincial Convention shall be held in May or June at a time and location determined by the Provincial Board.

# ARTICLE 7 - DUTIES

### a) Provincial Board of Directors

The President or her designate shall preside at all meetings of the Provincial Board, at the Provincial/ County Conventions, and shall perform such other duties as are applicable to the office. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform all the duties of the office. In their absence, an acting chairperson shall be appointed by those in attendance. The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the meetings of the Provincial Board, as well as the meetings of the Provincial Conventions.

The Treasurer and signing authorities shall be insured and have charge of all provincial funds. The Treasurer will provide financial statements at regular intervals throughout the year.

The attendance of all Board Members at Provincial Board meetings is imperative. A Board member who fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings without just cause and notification to the President may have her position declared vacant by a majority vote of the Provincial Board members.

It will be the duty of the Provincial Board to select members from the Provincial Board to represent PEIWI on boards or organized groups upon invitation.

Members, or representatives of the Provincial Board, who represent PEIWI at conferences, conventions, and meetings, and who are financed by PEIWI, will forfeit their support finances if they attend only part of the conferences, conventions, or meetings without just and accountable cause. A report back to the Provincial Board is also considered part of the obligation. Representatives of the Provincial Board, representing PEIWI, must reflect the viewpoint of PEIWI and not their own.

#### b) Educational Conveners

They should:

- understand the function of their convenership;
- keep in touch with work being carried on in local branches;
- determine a plan of activities for the convenership, such as developing program kits, speaker lists, or organizing workshops;
- attempt to become acquainted with work of conveners in other provinces/at national level;
- be ready to help local Branch and District Area Conveners to better understand and accomplish their work.

#### c) Exhibition Committee

The Exhibition Chair and Chair-in-Training shall supervise and carry out all the duties of organizing the Show. Additional members may be added to assist the Chair and Chair-in-Training, as required.

#### d) Committees

The President shall be the chair of the Nominating Committee. The committee shall solicit and receive nominations, interview all nominees, and prepare the slate of officers for approval by the Provincial Board prior to presenting it at the Provincial Convention. The Chair shall preside at the election and installation of officers at the Provincial Convention.

The Vice-President shall be the Chair of the Resolution Committee. The committee shall receive and review resolutions, edit if necessary, and present the resolutions for approval by the Provincial Board. All approved resolutions will be forwarded to local branches, one month prior, in preparation for voting at the Provincial Convention. The Chair will present the resolutions at the Provincial Convention.

An emergency resolution will be accepted by the Resolution Committee until the time of the Provincial Convention, provided it is of an urgent nature and which has occurred after the resolution deadline.

A recommendation is much less formal than a resolution. It is moved and seconded in the same manner - only the term *"…be it recommended…"* is used rather than *"…be it resolved…"*.

# **ARTICLE 8 - MEETINGS**

The Provincial Board shall meet at the call of the President to confer on matters affecting the welfare and progress of the organization.

# ARTICLE 9 - PROVINCIAL FUNDS

The Department of Agriculture may provide an annual grant to the PEIWI Board of Directors to be credited to a Central Fund. This amount shall be determined by the Department of Agriculture.

The Provincial Board shall submit a budget annually to the Minister of Agriculture for review.

The annual membership fee will be determined by the Provincial Board, and approved by a majority vote of the membership. Membership fees and monies raised shall also constitute funds for the PEIWI.

The grant and all other monies of the PEIWI shall be deposited in a chartered bank in the name of the PEIWI and may be withdrawn on signatures of both the Treasurer and the Provincial President and is under control of the Provincial Board of Directors. A third person, preferably the Vice-President, shall be added to the account as an alternate signing authority in the event that either the Treasurer or the President is unavailable.

The Central Fund shall be used to pay expenses of the Provincial Convention and County Conventions, the expenses of Directors attending Board Meetings, to supply affiliation fees to other organizations, and such other expenses as may be incurred by the Provincial Board in furthering the work of Women's Institutes.

A Delegates' Travel Fund has been established for the purpose of paying the expenses of a delegate to FWIC board meetings, ACWW conferences, and such meetings which, in the opinion of the Provincial Board, may be necessary for the promotion of Women's Institute work.

The Mrs. Alfred Watt Memorial Trust has been established to pay \$400 annually to cover expenses of the Canada Area President of the ACWW. As well, it is to cover the expenses of the PEIWI representative to the ACWW to attend yearly ACWW World Council Meeting in England.\* Only the interest earned from this Trust may be spent.

[\*The ACWW World Council Meeting in England is no longer being held. The Board of Trustees for this fund is currently revising the use of this money. When these changes become legal they will be reflected here.]

#### ARTICLE 10 - LEADERSHIP AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Leadership training is an important part of Women's Institute objectives. To achieve a high level of leadership, the Provincial Board shall conduct workshops for local branches and district area leaders each year at times and places selected by the Provincial Board.

Seminars for Provincial Leaders and other courses may be held at such times as the Provincial Board deems necessary.

#### ARTICLE 11 - PRESIDENT'S and PAST PRESIDENTS' BADGES

The badge of the President shall be a royal blue and gold circle with PEIWI in gold letters in the central motif, with a diamond embedded in the maple leaf below, and around the outer portion in gold letters on the blue background the motto "For Home and Country". This hangs from a blue bar with the words "President" in gold, with a gavel hanging from the centre of the bar emblematic of the office.

At the Provincial Convention the retiring President shall present to the newly elected President the badge and the gavel emblematic of the office.

The badge of the Past President is very similar to the President's badge, without the diamond. The words "Past President" replace the word "President".

Each retiring President automatically receives a citation and a Past President's Badge, which is hers to wear for life.

### ARTICLE 12 - OPENING NEW BRANCHES

a) The President of the PEIWI, or her designate, shall preside at the organizational meeting. This person shall explain the objectives of the PEIWI and preside at the election of officers.

b) The Report of Organization Form should be sent to: PEI Women's Institute Office PO Box 2000

Charlottetown, PE C1A 7N8

and shall be accompanied by a certified list of Charter Members.

#### ARTICLE 13 - REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FEDERATED WOMEN'S INSTITUTES OF CANADA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The PEIWI has one (1) voting member, the Provincial Representative on the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada (FWIC) Board of Directors, in keeping with the FWIC Constitution.

At National Conventions each province is entitled to the number of votes as designated by the FWIC Constitution.

The FWIC Provincial Presentative on the FWIC Board will be appointed by the Provincial Board from officers who have served on the FWIC Board during the past two (2) trienniums. Failing that, the Provincial Board will appoint a member who has served at least one (1) term on the Provincial Board during the past two (2) trienniums of the FWIC.

#### ARTICLE 14 - REPRESENTATION AT THE ASSOCIATED COUNTRY WOMEN OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE

PEIWI is a Category I (formerly known as Constituent Society) of the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) and as such is entitled to five (5) votes at the ACWW Triennial Conference.

PEIWI representative shall be the Provincial President or her designate.

#### ARTICLE 15 - AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

No addition, alteration, or amendment of the Constitution and Bylaws of PEIWI shall be made except at the Provincial Convention and after three (3) months notice has been sent to the branches for review, and then approved by the Provincial Convention by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members present and voting.

#### SECTION 6 GUIDELINES FOR ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTE DIRECTORS' ALUMNAE

#### NAME:

Prince Edward Island Women's Institute Directors' Alumnae

# PURPOSE:

- a) To retain liaison between past directors and present Board of Directors;
- **b)** To provide an opportunity to retain friendships among directors with whom they have worked;
- **c)** To organize and maintain the historical records of the PEIWI;
- **d)** To assume specific short term projects in liaison with the Board of Directors.

#### MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA:

Must have served at least two (2) years on the Provincial Board of Directors and pay the membership fee as set by the Alumnae.

