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FRAMEWORK CONSTITUTION
OF
THE PAN AMERICAN ROUND TABLES
OF TEXAS

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Pan American Round Table

Of _____

Article II. Object

The object, being non-political, non-sectarian, non-federated and non-profit sharing, is to provide mutual knowledge, understanding and friendship among the women of the Western Hemisphere and to foster movements leading to a higher civilization, especially those affecting the women and children of these countries.

Article III. Insignia

1. The insignia shall consist of a circle, symbolizing the unit and common destiny of the Americas, on which is inscribed the name of the organization; within the circle shall be depicted a device characteristic of the locality, as a distinguishing feature; for example, the Lone Star for Texas, the Aztec Calendar for Mexico, etc., and below the circle shall be emblazoned the flags of all the American Republics.

2. The insignia when reproduced in color shall be restricted to the use of gold for the circle and royal blue for the lettering with the flags in true colors.

Article IV. Affiliations

Affiliation with organizations of Pan American Round Tables, National or International, is authorized provided local autonomy is reserved. Tables may co-sponsor educational and cultural activities which are in accordance with Article II. *Object* of the Framework Constitution. A Table, as an organization, may not become a member of another organization other than the Pan American Round Tables of Texas and the Alliance of Pan American Round Tables.

Article V. Membership

1. The membership may consist of active, associate, non-resident and honorary members.
2. a. Each of the American Republics and Canada may be represented by a member or members, following the pattern of the Secretariat of the Organization of American States.
b. Active members must be active or forfeit their membership.
3. The active membership may not exceed 150.
4. Non-resident members shall consist of:

Article V. Membership continued

- a. Members, who on change of residence and payment of annual dues, wish to retain their membership.
 - b. Members from adjacent communities, the number being limited to five from each community. These members have the same status as associate members.
5. Vacancies in the active membership may be filled from the associate membership.
 6. The title of honorary membership may be conferred upon a man or woman for distinguished service to the Round Table, and upon accredited representatives of the American countries during the residence in the locality.
 7. Any member of this Table, who at the discretion of the Executive Committee no longer qualifies, may be dropped from membership by a two-thirds vote of the members of said executive committee.
 8. Only active members have the privilege of voting and serving as officers or chairman of standing committees.

Article VI. Officers

1. The officers of the Pan American Round Table of _____ may be a Director, and Associate Director, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, a Custodian, a Historian, and a Parliamentarian.
2. Officers shall be elected for one year, but may be re-elected only once consecutively, to the same office.
3. Election of officers shall be by secret ballot.

Article VII. Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the voting members, provided due notice of the amendment has been given at a previous regular meeting.

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Article I. Duties of Officers

The duties of the officers shall be as stated in Robert's Rules of Order.

Article II. Dues

The annual dues of _____ shall be payable at the meeting in _____ (month).

Article III. Committees

1. The standing committees shall be as follows: Executive, _____, etc.
2. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the elected officers and chairmen of standing committees.

Article IV. Amendments

These by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the voting members provided due notice of the amendment has been given at a previous regular meeting.

Article V.

"Robert's Rules of Order" shall govern the Tables in all cases not covered by the constitution and by-laws, providing it does not conflict with the laws of their country.

It is obligatory to include in the constitution of the new Table those paragraphs or articles of this constitution which are underscored. The other articles in the framework constitution are included merely for guidance in drawing up a new constitution, as local conditions differ.

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