

100 WOMEN OF YANKTON BYLAWS

Article I- Name

The official name of this organization is: 100 Women of Yankton

Article II– Purpose

The purpose of 100 Women of Yankton is to bring women together to make a large financial impact on their community. Members, or teams of up to four members, commit to a twice yearly \$100.00 contribution (\$200.00 annually) to a selected cause serving Yankton County. 100+ members/teams x \$100.00 per member/team = impact award of \$10,000.00+

100 Women of Yankton is not organized for the benefit of any one person or business. It is organized for charitable purposes. While faith based organizations may be eligible charities, there is no implied affiliation between any such faith based organization and 100 Women of Yankton.

Article III– Political Activity

None of the activities of 100+ Women of Yankton shall be associated with any political party, propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. 100 Women of Yankton shall not participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for political office.

Article IV– Membership

Membership is open to individuals or teams of up to four individuals who commit to making a twice yearly contribution of \$100.00 (\$200.00 annually) given directly to agencies and organizations selected by the membership of the organization that provide services in Yankton, County South Dakota. Members shall fulfill their donation commitment even if they do not: (a) attend the twice yearly meetings, or (b) vote for the charity selected by the majority vote to receive the twice annual impact award.

Membership is continuous as long as the member or team remains current with their twice year contributions. A member or team may cancel its membership at any time by giving notice to a member of the steering committee. Membership may be automatically terminated for a member or team that fails to make their \$100.00 contribution within five days of each meeting. In such instance a member may reapply for membership.

Article V– Membership Meetings

Membership meetings are held two times per year at a time and location determined by the steering committee. Notice of the dates, times and locations of the meetings will be announced via email and published on the 100 Women of Yankton Facebook page.

During each meeting, five members will make a five minute presentation to the membership in support of a nominated organization as set forth in Article VI. One organization shall be selected by majority vote as set forth in Article VI to receive the impact award. Each meeting shall be one hour and may be preceded by a social hour. Members may bring guests to learn about the organization, however, guests are not permitted to vote on the impact award unless they join the organization at the meeting.

Article VI– Impact Awards

- (A) Eligibility. To be eligible for consideration an organization must:
- Be a 501(c)(3) charity OR approved specifically by the steering committee, taking into consideration all special circumstances;
 - Serve Yankton County;
 - Sign a non-disclosure form confirming they will NOT use the names or contact information of members for future solicitations nor give the information out to the public; and
 - If selected for an impact award and a 501(c)(3), provide letters to members acknowledging their gift for tax purposes and return to the next quarterly meeting to provide a ten minute presentation about how the impact award has helped their organization.

Nominated Organizations must NOT:

- Be a single person/family beneficiary;
 - Be a political campaign or organization;
 - Discriminate based on a person’s age, disability; family circumstance; gender, political opinion, race, color, nationality, ethnic or national origin; religion or belief; sexual orientation; socio-economic background, or other identities.
 - Have been selected as the recipient of a 100 Women of Yankton impact award in the past two (2) years.
- (B) Nominations. All nominations must be submitted in writing on the form provided to a member of the steering committee at least two weeks prior to the meeting. Nomination forms that are incomplete will not be considered. Upon confirmation of eligibility by the steering committee, five unduplicated nominations will be randomly selected for consideration at the next meeting. The membership will be notified of the selected nominations via email and the organizations Facebook page in advance of the meeting.
- (C) Presentations. The member or team who nominated each of the five selected organizations will give a five (5) minute presentation about the organization and why the organization was nominated. If the nominating member or team cannot be present at the meeting, they may request that the presentation be given by another member or team who is in good standing with their contributions.
- (D) Voting. A ballot will be distributed to all team captains at the beginning of each meeting. Team captains are members who: (a) have committed to the \$200.00 annual contribution

as an individual; or (b) are designated by their teammates to represent their team. Team captains who are not able to be present at the meeting may ask another member in good standing to be a proxy for their vote by sending a check with that member to the meeting. After the presentation, ballots will be filled out and collected by the steering committee. The ballots will be counted and the cause that receives the majority votes will be given the impact award. In the event of a tie, an additional vote will be taken and the organization that receives the majority votes from the revote will receive the impact award.

- (E) Payment. Each member or team shall make their check(s) directly to the selected organization. Unless a member or team is not present, payment shall be made at the meeting. A member or team who is not present shall have five (5) days from the date of the meeting to make payment to a member of the steering committee.

Article VII– Steering Committee

The activities and affairs of the organization shall be managed by or under the direction of a five member steering committee. Steering committee members shall serve until: (1) they resign and find a replacement; (2) they are removed by a majority vote of the other members of the steering committee; or (3) their membership in the organization is terminated. The steering committee shall establish the overall policy of the organization and shall be responsible for:

- Planning and coordinating membership meetings;
- Vetting the eligibility of nominated charities;
- Preparing and counting ballots;
- Conveying awards to the selected causes;
- Maintaining membership records;
- Communicating with the membership and maintaining email and social media accounts;
- Maintaining organizational records, including accurate accounting of the funds donated by the membership of the organization; and
- Recruiting members to the organization

All actions of the steering committee shall be by majority vote. Any action that can be taken by the steering committee may be taken without a meeting if the majority of the steering committee members consent in writing to the action.

Positions for the membership of the steering committee shall be as follows:

- New Member Recruitment;
- Event Planning;
- Public Relations;
- Member Communication; and
- Administration.