

**IOWA WOMEN BOWLING WRITERS
BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE I
Name**

This organization shall be known as the Iowa Women Bowling Writers.

**ARTICLE II
Purposes**

The Iowa Women Bowling Writers (IWBW) is formed for the following purposes:

SECTION A. To bring together in an atmosphere of friendliness and cooperation all members of the Iowa Women's Bowling Association who are interested in the promotion and the writing about the sport of bowling.

SECTION B. To promote the exchange of publicity material among the women bowlers of Iowa

SECTION C. To encourage each local association to make available for publication feature story material and news items that are of interest to other bowlers.

SECTION D. To provide a medium for publicizing special events and outstanding accomplishments of associations and individuals in the state.

SECTION E. To encourage participation by individuals who are interested in publicizing bowling activities.

**ARTICLE III
Membership and Organization**

SECTION A. Charter Members. Charter Membership shall be held by those members who were in attendance at the organizational meeting in March 1987 and at the first annual meeting in March 1988.

SECTION B. Active Members.

1. Members who are league or association publicity chairmen, or any individual who prepares publicity for a local paper, radio or television station, a state newsletter, an association or league newsletter, or in any way makes news concerning bowling activities available to the public and members who maintain an interest in bowling activities and who wish to foster the writer's organization, but do not actively participate in the writing or distribution of publicity.
2. New applicants for membership in the IWBW must be members of the Iowa Women's Bowling Association. Membership renewals may be issued to those members physically unable to bowl, and to those who are no longer members of the Iowa Women's Bowling Association.
3. All members may attend meetings of the IWBW and shall be entitled to vote.

**ARTICLE IV
Officers and Election**

SECTION A. Officers of the IWBW shall be a president, a vice president, a secretary-treasurer and a sergeant-at-arms. Such officers shall constitute the Board of Directors.

SECTION B. An officer must be a member of the Iowa Women's Bowling Association at the time of election and throughout her term of office. Upon proof that membership has been obtained in another state association, her office may be declared vacant.

SECTION C. Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting and shall hold office for a term of two years

commencing August 1 following election. Each office shall be filled by the candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast. All voting shall be by written ballot except that a voice vote may be taken when only one candidate is nominated.

SECTION D. The president and sergeant-at-arms shall be elected in the even numbered years. The vice president and secretary-treasurer shall be elected in the odd numbered years.

SECTION E. If the office of president becomes vacant, the vice president shall become president and shall hold that position for the unexpired term. With the approval of the other officers, she shall fill all other vacancies.

ARTICLE V Officers and Their Duties

SECTION A. The management of this organization shall be vested in the board of directors who shall have full control and authority to carry out the purposes of the IWBW.

SECTION B. The president shall preside at all meetings, appoint the members of all committees as deemed necessary by her or the board of directors and, as executive officer of the organization, she shall enforce all of the provisions, objects and purposes of the organization. She shall perform all other duties pertaining to her office and shall make a report in writing with recommendations, if any, at each annual meeting. She shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.

SECTION C. The vice president, in the absence of the president, shall perform the duties of that office and shall discharge such other duties as may be required of her.

SECTION D. The secretary-treasurer shall record the proceedings of all meetings. She shall keep a complete membership record and shall issue individual membership receipts for dues received. She shall keep a true record of receipts and disbursements and shall deposit all funds in a bank whose deposits are insured in the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation in the name of the Iowa Women Bowling Writers. She shall make a report in writing, including all financial transactions, at each annual meeting. She shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.

SECTION E. The sergeant-at-arms shall perform such duties as may be required of her by the president.

ARTICLE VI Meetings

SECTION A. The annual meeting of the IWBW shall be held in the convention city at the time of the annual meeting of the Iowa Women's Bowling Association. The president may call special meetings of the members and/or the board of directors when advisable and feasible.

SECTION B. Written notices of all IWBW meetings shall be sent via IWBW or IWBA publications.

SECTION C. Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the proceedings of the meetings when not inconsistent with the IWBW bylaws.

ARTICLE VII Dues

Membership dues are payable annually in advance and shall cover a period of one year from August 1 through July 31. Members who have not paid dues by January 1 shall be considered in arrears and shall be dropped from the membership until dues have been received. Annual dues shall be \$3.00 per member. Dues shall include a subscription to the IWBW publication.

ARTICLE VIII
Official Insignia

The official insignia of the IWBW shall be the outline of the state of Iowa with a bowling pin, bowling ball and inkwell with a feather quill imposed in and over the outline. The name of the organization "Iowa Women Bowling Writers will also be included in the outline above and to the right of the quill.

ARTICLE IX
Amendment of Bylaws

SECTION A. All proposed amendments to the bylaws of the IWBW shall be presented at the annual meeting and shall require a majority vote of those present and voting for approval.

SECTION B. Proposed changes must be submitted to the secretary-treasurer at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting and be distributed to the members prior to the annual meeting.

SECTION C. All approved changes shall become effective on August 1 following the Annual Meeting unless otherwise stated in the proposal at the time of approval.

ARTICLE X
Awards

The IWBW may initiate an awards program which will be under the direction of a committee appointed by the president.