

**RIVER OAKS AREA DEMOCRATIC WOMEN
BYLAWS**

ARTICLE I

The name of this organization shall be River Oaks Area Democratic Women, also known as ROADwomen.

ARTICLE II

This organization shall have as its objectives and purposes:

- A. To elect Democrats to office, with a special emphasis on electing pro-choice Democratic women.**
- B. To influence the Democratic Party to continue its historic role as a party that promotes social justice and equal rights for all people.**
- C. To educate Houstonians about important political issues affecting them.**

ARTICLE III

All Democrats are eligible for membership in the organization. Except for Life Members, dues will be payable annually with renewal due on the anniversary of the last renewal date.

A person is eligible to vote at ROADwomen meetings if her or his dues are current; that is, if she or he is a Life Member or if he or she joined or renewed membership within the 12 months preceding the date of the vote.

Changes in membership dues shall be recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by a majority of the membership at a general meeting.

ARTICLE IV

The organization's officers shall be a seven (7)-member Executive Committee. The duties of the Executive Committee will include, but not be limited to, the following: planning and presiding at meetings,

providing hospitality to members and guests, maintaining the organization's website, maintaining the organization's treasury, maintaining the organization's membership rolls and working to increase the membership, operating the organization's e-mail list serve, coordinating volunteers for campaigns and social action, publishing the organization's newsletter, fund-raising, planning special events, and creating ad hoc committees, as necessary.

To be eligible to serve on the Executive Committee, a person must have become a dues-paying member at least six(6) months before election to the Executive Committee. Executive Committee members shall serve for a period of three (3) years, with three (3) positions becoming open for election the year the by-laws are adopted and two (2) positions becoming open for election each of the next two (2) years and continuing every year thereafter in rotation. Elections shall be held at the regular January meeting of the organization. Vacancies will be filled for any unexpired term by election by members present and voting at the next regular meeting after the vacancy occurs.

ARTICLE V

River Oaks Are Democratic Women will meet monthly, except in the month of December and in June of every even-numbered year when the Texas Democratic Party holds its convention. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee has the discretion to combine a ROADwomen monthly meeting with another special event occurring in the area.

ARTICLE VI

These Bylaws shall take effect upon adoption by a two-thirds vote of those in attendance at a mass meeting of the membership.

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a meeting, provided the proposed amendment has been read as a proposed amendment at the preceding meeting.