

**RECOMMENDED BY-LAW CHANGES
FOR 2018 STATE CONVENTION**

CURRENTLY READS:

ARTICLE II
OBJECT

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- Section 2. It shall be nonpartisan, nonsectarian, and non-profit.
- Section 3. The motto shall be "Wisdom, Justice, and Moderation."

PROPOSED CHANGES TO READ:

ARTICLE II
OBJECT

The object of GFWC Georgia Federation shall be to bring into communication and to unite women's clubs throughout the State of Georgia for the purposes of mutual benefit, and for the promotion of their common interest in volunteer service.

ELIMINATES

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RATIONALE

Brings the objectives of GFWC Georgia more in line with the objectives of the General Federation of Women's Club

CURRENTLY READS

**ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP**

- Section 1. ELIGIBILITY: Any woman's club or organization whose object is in accord with the work of the GFWC Georgia shall be eligible for membership.
- Section 2. APPLICATION: Application for membership shall be secured from the State Office, must be submitted according to guidelines established by the State Membership Committee.
- A. All applications shall be accompanied by a copy of the bylaws of the club, a list of members, and payment of per capita dues.
 - B. GFWC shall precede the name of all clubs applying for active membership.
 - C. All accepted or rejected applications for membership shall be placed on file at the State Headquarters.

PROPOSED CHANGES

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ADD'S

Club to type of membership

RATIONALE

To make clearer

CURRENTLY READS

ARTICLE IV STATE OFFICERS

- Section 1. The elected officers of the GFWC Georgia shall be a President, a First Vice President/President-Elect, a Second Vice President, a Third Vice President, a Director of Junior Clubs, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer. A Corresponding Secretary and a Parliamentarian (or Parliamentary Advisor) shall be appointed by the President.
- Section 2. Members of Clubs paying per capita dues to the GFWC Georgia and their District shall be eligible to serve as officers provided they meet required qualifications.

PROPOSED CHANGES

- Section 2. Members of **General and Junior** Clubs paying per capita dues to the GFWC Georgia and their District shall be eligible to serve as officers provided they meet required qualifications

ADD's

General and Junior to specify what type of members

RATIONALE

Makes it clearer who is eligible to serve as a state officer.

CURRENTLY READS

ARTICLE VI NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- Section 1. Election of the Officers shall be biennially and shall be by ballot. When only one candidate is nominated for each office and then the election may be by voice vote. The majority of votes cast by those present and voting shall constitute an election. No proxy vote shall be permitted.
- Section 2. No elected officer other than the Treasurer shall be eligible to serve more than one term in any office. An individual may serve as Treasurer for no more than two (2) consecutive terms.
- Section 3. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

- A. There shall be a Nominating Committee which shall nominate a slate of candidates, to include one nominee for each elected office, other than the President and Director of Junior Clubs.
- B. Composition of Committee. This committee shall be composed of one member from each District. The Parliamentarian or Parliamentary Advisor shall serve as Chairman of the Committee, without a vote.
- C. Election of Committee Members. At the fall meeting in the odd-numbered year, each district shall elect one member and an alternate to serve as the district representative on the nominating committee. In the event an elected representative is unable to serve, her alternate may serve in her place. Only the elected members or alternates may serve.
- D. Eligibility. To be eligible to serve on the nominating committee, a person must hold membership in an active club, must have attended at least two State meetings of the current Administration, and must have served as a Club or District President or a member of the State Board. Candidates for GFWC Office are ineligible to serve. No member of the Nominating Committee may serve twice in succession.
- E. Quorum. The quorum for any meeting of the Nominating Committee shall be four.

Section 4: Nominations:

- A. Clubs and Districts may propose a candidate for office by submitting a letter to the Nominating Committee and enclosing the resume of the proposed candidate. Letters should be addressed to the committee chairman and postmarked no later than December 1 of the odd-numbered year.
- B. To qualify for any elected office of GFWC Georgia you must have served as a District President or State Director of Junior Clubs
- C. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall send a report for inclusion in the official call to Convention in the election year. This report shall include the qualifications of all candidates nominated by the Committee.

Section 5: Nominations From The Floor:

- A. Nominations may be made from the floor for any office other than President and Director of Junior Clubs.
- B. To be eligible for nomination from the floor, a member must have submitted or resubmitted her qualifications to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee at least 15 days prior to the Convention at which the election will be held.
- C. No member may be nominated of office without her consent.

PROPOSED CHANGES

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- C. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall send a report for inclusion in the official call to Convention in the election year. This report shall include the qualifications of all candidates nominated by the Committee.

ELIMINATES

State Director Junior Clubs as a qualification for state office

RATIONALE

The position of District President provides valuable experience needed to serve as a State Officer.

CURRENTLY READS

ARTICLE XI
STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the elective officers, the immediate past President, three Life Directors, the Corresponding Secretary, the Parliamentarian (or Parliamentary Advisor), Junior Conference First Vice President/Director of Junior Clubs-Elect, the Chairman of the Ella F. White Memorial Endowment Fund Committee, the District Presidents, and three members-at-large. In the event the President of any District or the Chairman of the Ella F. White Memorial Endowment Fund Committee cannot attend a meeting of this committee, they may be represented by the First Vice President of the Districts and the Secretary of the Ella F. White Memorial Endowment Fund Committee. If a GFWC Georgia club member is serving as a GFWC Officer or GFWC Southern Region Officer she shall serve as a voting member of the Executive Committee. The Chairman of the Tallulah Falls School Board shall be invited to attend the Executive Committee meetings without a vote. No proxy shall be allowed.

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RATIONALE

The Chairman of the Board of Trustees may not always be a member of the Georgia Federation of Women's Club.

CURRENTLY READS

ARTICLE XIII COMMITTEES

- Section 1. State Standing Committees.
- A. Budget and Finance. There shall be a State Budget & Finance Committee composed of the Treasurer as Chairman, the President, the First Vice President/President-Elect, the Second Vice President, the Director of Junior Clubs, and the Junior Conference Treasurer. The duties of the Budget & Finance Committee shall be to exercise general overseeing of the financial affairs of the GFWC Georgia which shall include the preparation and presentation of the budget to the Executive committee for approval and to the Annual Convention for adoption.

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RATIONALE

The budget would affect the Director-Elect of Junior Club when she is the Director of Junior Clubs. The Junior Conference Treasurer is not involved in the budget process for GFWC Georgia and does not have a need to be in attendance during the planning process.

CURRENTLY READS

ARTICLE XIV
DISTRICTS

- Section 2. Dues:
- A. All clubs shall pay annual per capita dues of two dollars (\$2.00) to their respective Districts and payment should be sent to the District Treasurer
 - B. The District Treasurer shall forward one dollar (\$1.00) per members to the State Office for deposit into the state convention fund. This payment shall be made no later than January 15th of each year.
 - C. District dues are due June 1. For a club or its members to be eligible for District, State or National awards, its dues must be paid no later than December 1st.

PROPOSED CHANGE

- Section 2. Dues:
- A. **All clubs shall pay annual per capita dues as determined in their respective Districts and payment should be sent to the District Treasurer.**
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CHANGES:

Amount of dues to be determined by district

RATIONALE

To give the District more say over the amount of dues collected in their District

CURRENTLY READS

Section 8. Meetings:

- A. Each District shall hold a Fall Meeting and an Annual Meeting in the Spring.
- B. The voting body of District Meetings shall be the elected officers, the Corresponding Secretary, the District Community Service Program Chairmen, the Chairmen of Standing and Special Committees, the President, the First and Second Vice Presidents, the Treasurer, and the Recording Secretary of each club in the District, and Club delegates. Each club is entitled to one delegate for every twenty-five (25) members. Such delegates shall be elected from the club's general membership and no club shall be entitled to more than three delegates. No proxy voting shall be allowed.
- C. Districts shall meet in the fall following the State Board Meeting of the GFWC Georgia.
- D. The District Presidents shall work with the President in determining the date of the Fall District Meeting.
- E. Districts shall hold their Annual Meeting in the Spring of each, with the date to be determined by the District President and the hostess clubs. Annual Spring Meeting shall be held prior to that year's Annual Convention and no meeting shall conflict with a State meeting. The purpose of this meeting shall be to conduct any business and to present awards.
- F. The call to the District Meetings shall be mailed 45 days in advance of the meeting.
- G. Quorum. The quorum for District Meetings shall be at least 10% of the District's members representing at least 25% of the District clubs.

PROPOSED CHANGE

Section 8. Meetings:

- B. The voting body of District Meetings shall be composed of the District elected officers, the District Corresponding Secretary, the District Parliamentarian (or Parliamentary Advisor), the District Community Service Program Chairmen, the Chairmen of District Standing and Special Committees, the President of each club in the District (or her alternate). Each club is entitled to one delegate for every twenty-five (25) members or less, and for each additional twenty-five (25) members by one additional delegate. In addition, Past District Presidents and Life Directors with membership within the District also have a vote**

RATIONALE

To make it more clear who the voting delegates are and to be equitable between small and large clubs as to the number of voting delegates each club can have at a District Meeting.

CURRENTLY READS

**ARTICLE XVI
JUNIOR CONFERENCE OFFICERS**

- B. The First Vice President/Director of Junior Clubs-Elect:**
 - 5. Shall serve as a member of the Board of Associates of Tallulah Falls School.

PROPOSED CHANGE

**ARTICLE XVI
JUNIOR CONFERENCE OFFICERS**

- B. The First Vice President/Director-Elect of Junior Clubs**
 - 5. Shall serve as a member of the Committee of Associates of Tallulah Falls School.

RATIONALE

Editorial change as the official name of the Board of Associates has been changed to Committee of Associates by the Board of Trustees of Tallulah Falls School.

CURRENTLY READS

- E. The Treasurer:**
 - 8. Shall have accounts audited at the end of each Administration and by June 1 after close of her term of office, shall deliver to the incoming Treasurer all money, vouchers, books and papers in her custody.

PROPOSED CHANGE

- E. The Treasurer:
8. Shall have a financial review of accounts at the end of each Administration and by June 1 after close of her term of office, shall deliver to the incoming Treasurer all money, vouchers, books and papers in her custody.

Rationale

To reflect current practices of what type of financial review is being completed on financial records

CURRENTLY READS

**ARTICLE XVII
JUNIOR CONFERENCE NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

- Section 1.** There shall be a Junior Conference Nominating Committee composed of five members and three alternates. The Parliamentarian (or Parliamentary Advisor) of the Junior Conference shall be a member and shall serve as Chairman. The other four members and three alternates shall be elected at the meeting of the Junior Conference Board prior to election year. The committee shall submit a report to the State Federation Office by February 1 of election year and the Junior Conference Annual Business Meeting at the State Convention. Only elected members and alternates may serve.

PROPOSED CHANGES

**ARTICLE XVII
JUNIOR CONFERENCE NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

- Section 1.** There shall be a Junior Conference Nominating Committee composed of ***four*** members and ***two*** alternates. The Parliamentarian (or Parliamentary Advisor) of the Junior Conference shall be a member and shall serve as Chairman ***with no vote***. The other ***three*** members and ***two*** alternates shall be elected at the meeting of the Junior Conference Board prior to election year. The committee shall submit a report to the State Federation Office by February 1 of election year and the Junior Conference Annual Business Meeting at the State Convention. Only elected members and alternates may serve.

RATIONALE

Smaller number of Districts and clarifies who cannot vote on the committee

CURRENTLY READS

**ARTICLE XIX
JUNIOR CONFERENCE BOARD**

Section 1. The voting body of the Junior Conference Board shall be composed of the elective Junior Conference officers, the Corresponding Secretary, the Parliamentarian (or Parliamentary Advisor), the immediate Past Director of Junior Clubs, the two (2) Members-at-Large of the Junior Conference Executive Committee as appointed by the Director of Junior Clubs, the Junior Community Service Program Members, the Chairmen of State Standing Committees, the Chairmen of Special Committees, all District Junior Directors and Junior Conference Club Presidents or their alternates with the State President of the GFWC Georgia as ex-officio member.

**PROPOSED CHANGE
ARTICLE XIX
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Section 1. The voting body of the Junior Conference Board shall be composed of the elective Junior Conference officers, the Corresponding Secretary, the Parliamentarian (or Parliamentary Advisor), the immediate Past Director of Junior Clubs, the two (2) Members-at-Large of the Junior Conference Executive Committee as appointed by the Director of Junior Clubs, the Chairmen of State Standing Committees, the Chairmen of Special Committees, all District Junior Directors and Junior Conference Club Presidents or their alternate Director's with the State President of the GFWC Georgia as ex-officio member.

ELIMINATES

Junior Community Service Program Members

RATIONALE

While there may be Juniors serving as Program Chairman there are no longer positions referred to by the General Federation of Woman's Club or GFWC Georgia as Junior Community Service Programs.

CURRENTLY READS

**ARTICLE XXI
JUNIOR CONFERENCE COMMITTEES**

- Section 1.** There shall be a Junior Conference Awards Chairman; who with the State Awards Chairman shall be responsible for collecting and compiling the information for the annual Junior Conference Awards and for the distribution and location of all Junior Awards during her term as Chairman of this Committee. She shall deliver to her successor not later than June 1 following her term of office all records concerning the Junior Conference Awards and Properties.
- Section 2.** There shall be a Junior Conference Credentials Chairman who will serve on the State Credentials Committee.
- Section 3.** There shall be a Junior Conference Membership Committee composed of the Junior Conference First Vice President/Director of Junior Clubs-Elect as Chairman with the District Junior Directors as members.

PROPOSED CHANGE

**ARTICLE XXI
JUNIOR CONFERENCE COMMITTEES**

- Section 4.** Other committees necessary to the work of the Junior Conference may be created by the Director of Junior Clubs or the Executive Junior Committee. Appointments to these committees shall be made by the Director of Junior Clubs with the approval of the Executive Junior Committee.

ADD

Create an additional Section 4

RATIONALE

Gives the Director of Junior Clubs and Executive Committee authority to appoint additional committees as needed

RECOMMENDED STANDING RULES

FOR 2018

CURRENTLY READS

STATE STANDING RULES

1. Two Districts will host the Annual State Convention. The Annual State Convention location will be determined by the State President taking in consideration the district that are is hosting.

PROPOSED CHANGE

1. One District will host the Annual State Convention. The Annual State Convention location will be determined by the State President taking in consideration the district that are is hosting.

CHANGES

Two Districts to One District

RATIONALE

Since reducing the number of District in GFWC Georgia current practice is for one District to host the Annual Convention

7. Tallulah Falls School:

e. The First Vice President/President Elect, the First Vice President of the Junior Conference, all District Presidents, and the TFS State Chairman of GFWC Georgia shall serve on the Board of Associates of Tallulah Falls School, ex officio.

PROPOSED CHANGE

e. The First Vice President/President Elect, the First Vice President of the Junior Conference, all District Presidents, and the TFS State Chairman of GFWC Georgia shall serve on the Committee of Associates of Tallulah Falls School, ex officio.

CHANGES

Board to Committee

RATIONALE

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DISTRICT STANDING RULES

CURRENTLY READS

4. District dues of \$1.00 are payable to the District Treasurer. Dues are due June 1 and delinquent after December 1st. No club is eligible for awards if payment of per capita State and District dues is not postmarked on or before December 1st. The number of members for whom dues are paid to State and District must be the same.

PROPOSED CHANGE

4. **District dues as determined by the District** are payable to the District Treasurer. Dues are due June 1 and delinquent after December 1st. No club is eligible for awards if payment of per capita State and District dues is not postmarked on or before December 1st. The number of members for whom dues are paid to State and District must be the same.

CHANGES:

Amount of dues to be determined by district

RATIONALE

To give the District more say over the amount of dues collected in their District

CURRENTLY READS

18. The voting body of the Annual District Meeting in the spring shall be as stated in Article ***XV, Section 8*** a: of the State Bylaws.

PROPOSED CHANGE

18. The voting body of the Annual District Meeting in the spring shall be as stated In Article ***XIV, Section 8*** B: of the State Bylaws.

CHANGES

Article number XV Section 8 a: to XIV Section XIV Section 8 B

RATIONALE

To reflect the previous re-numbering of the bylaws.

CURRENTLY READS

24. District Presidents shall mail District newsletters and CALLS to District meetings to all Club Presidents, Past District Presidents and any Life Director who is a member of the district.

PROPOSED CHANGE

24. District Presidents shall mail ***or electronically*** send District newsletters and CALLS to District meetings to ***all Club Presidents***, Past District Presidents and any Life Director who is a member of the district.

ADDS:

Electronically and Club Presidents

RATIONALE

Gives District Presidents the option to use email or other electronic means to mail the CALL and newsletters

