

Proposed changes to Bylaws October 2019

Article III, Section 3.2 Types of members. Active membership shall be the only type of membership. All clubs within GFWC MT shall automatically become members of GFWC International and of the District Federation in which the club is located, with the exception of statewide clubs. Active members shall be categorized as follows:

- A. ~~1. Women's~~ Woman's Clubs: statewide or local clubs that have met the requirements for membership in GFWC MT ~~shall hold active membership and shall participate in the regular program of GFWC.~~
- B. ~~2. Junior Women's~~ Woman's Clubs: local clubs whose membership is composed of young women, shall hold active membership and participate in the regular program of GFWC.
- C. ~~3. Juniette Clubs: clubs that are sponsored by Women's~~ Woman's Clubs or Junior Woman's Clubs and whose membership is composed entirely of middle school/junior high and high school age students.
- D. Member-at-large: any GFWC member whose local club is no longer federated may retain her membership in GFWC MT by paying dues to the GFWC MT Treasurer. She will then be known as a Member-at-large with all membership privileges.

~~All clubs within GFWC MT shall automatically become members of GFWC International and of the District Federation in which the club is located, with the exception of statewide clubs.~~

RATIONALE: To clarify membership. To align our language with the official language of GFWC, which refers only to Woman's Clubs.

IF AMENDED, WOULD READ:

Section 3.2 Types of members. Active membership shall be the only type of membership. All clubs within GFWC MT shall automatically become members of GFWC International and of the District Federation in which the club is located, with the exception of statewide clubs. Active members shall be categorized as follows:

- A. Woman's Clubs: statewide or local clubs that have met the requirements for membership in GFWC MT.
- B. Junior Woman's Clubs: local clubs whose membership is composed of young women, shall hold active membership and participate in the regular program of GFWC.
- C. Juniette Clubs: clubs that are sponsored by Woman's Clubs and whose membership is composed entirely of middle school/junior high and high school age students.
- D. Member-at-large: any GFWC member whose local club is no longer federated may retain her membership in GFWC MT by paying dues to the GFWC MT Treasurer. She will then be known as a Member-at-large with all membership privileges.

Section 3.3 Application for membership. Application for active membership by ~~Women's~~ Woman's Clubs, Junior ~~Women's~~ Woman's Clubs and Juniette Clubs shall be ~~accompanied by a written application, a copy of the bylaws of the club, a list of officers and members and payment of GFWC, GFWC MT and District per capita dues and sent to the~~ GFWC MT President. GFWC shall precede the name of all clubs applying for active membership. The application must include:

- A. A written application.
- B. A copy of the bylaws of the club.
- C. A list of officers and members.
- D. Payment of GFWC, GFWC MT and District per capita dues.

RATIONALE: To reformat section.

IF AMENDED, WOULD READ:

Section 3.3 Application for Membership. Application for active membership by Woman's Clubs, Junior Woman's Clubs and Juniette Clubs shall be sent to the GFWC MT President. GFWC shall precede the name of all clubs applying for active membership. The application must include:

- A. A written application.
- B. A copy of the bylaws of the club.
- C. A list of officers and members.
- D. Payment of GFWC, GFWC MT and District per capita dues.

Article III, Section 3.4 Termination of Membership. ~~Any club desiring to withdraw from GFWC MT must:~~ Termination of Club membership may occur in two ways:

- A. Resignation in good standing – The club must:

1. Receive a ~~2/3~~ two-third affirmative vote from ~~the~~ club's members to terminate membership.
2. Announce and publish to club members, GFWC MT President and GFWC MT Membership Chairman that a vote will take place at a designated club meeting. This must occur 30 days prior to meeting.
3. Vote by ballot with each member signing her ballot. A vote by mail shall be allowed for those members physically unable to attend the meeting at which the vote will take place.
4. ~~Shall~~ Submit a written resignation to GFWC MT President accompanied by the minutes of the meeting at which the vote to withdraw took place showing that a ~~2/3~~ two-third vote was ~~taken~~ obtained and include the numbers listed in the minutes both for and against. If five or more members choose to remain a federated club, and they are willing to be the basic responsible officers of the club, they shall retain all the rights and privileges to the name and property of the club including funds.
5. Upon acceptance of resignation, all rights and privileges of membership cease.

B. Non-payment of dues

1. Clubs failing to pay dues by December 31st will automatically be terminated from GFWC MT.
2. Once terminated, the Club Name is permanently retired from future use.
3. Any Club that has been dropped from membership for nonpayment of dues may be reinstated by following the procedure governing admission of new clubs, and the payment of dues in arrears for the year in which they are dropped.

RATIONALE: To clarify termination.

IF AMENDED, WOULD READ:

Section 3.4 Termination of Membership. Termination of club membership may occur in two ways:

- A. Resignation in good standing – The club must:
 1. Receive a two-third affirmative vote from club members to terminate membership.
 2. Announce and publish to club members, GFWC MT President and GFWC MT Membership Chairman that a vote will take place at a designated club meeting. This must occur 30 days prior to meeting.
 3. Vote by ballot with each member signing her ballot. A vote by mail shall be allowed for those members physically unable to attend the meeting at which the vote will take place.
 4. Submit a written resignation to GFWC MT President accompanied by the minutes of the meeting at which the vote to withdraw took place showing that a two-third vote was obtained and include the numbers listed in the minutes both for and against. If five or more members choose to remain a federated club, and they are willing to be the basic responsible officers of the club, they shall retain all the rights and privileges to the name and property of the club including funds.
 5. Upon acceptance of resignation, all rights and privileges of membership cease.
- B. Non-payment of dues
 1. Clubs failing to pay dues by December 31st will automatically be terminated from GFWC MT.
 2. Once terminated, the Club Name is permanently retired from future use.
 3. Any Club that has been dropped from membership for nonpayment of dues may be reinstated by following the procedure governing admission of new clubs, and the payment of dues in arrears for the year in which they are dropped.

Article IV Section 4.2 Dues. ~~Dues shall be paid annually to the GFWC MT Treasurer in the specified amounts on or before July 1st.~~

- A. All clubs shall pay dues annually to the GFWC MT Treasurer in the specified amounts, on or before July 1.
~~B. A. Women's Clubs, Junior Women's clubs and Juniorette Clubs shall pay per capita dues annually in an amount established to be sufficient to meet GFWC, GFWC MT and District dues. The annual dues shall be established by vote at a Board of Directors Meeting or the GFWC MT Convention.~~

RATIONALE: To correct formatting and delete repetitive language.

IF AMENDED, WOULD READ:

Article IV Section 4.2 Dues.

- A. All clubs shall pay dues annually to the GFWC MT Treasurer in the specified amounts, on or before July 1.
- B. The annual dues shall be established by vote at a Board of Director's Meeting or the GFWC MT Convention.

Article 4.6 Dissolution. ~~If GFWC MT should dissolve, its net assets shall be distributed to another organization(s) qualified under the Internal Revenue Code to be charitable.~~

RATIONALE: Moved to new Article XV – Dissolution

Article V Section 5.1 Titles. The elected officers of GFWC MT shall be A. President, President-elect, ~~First~~ Vice President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer. ~~The Corresponding Secretary shall be appointed by the President.~~ C. No person may hold more than one office. D. No officer shall receive any salary or other compensation for services rendered to the Federation. B. The appointed officers shall be Corresponding Secretary, Budget and Finance Chairman and Parliamentary Advisor.

RATIONALE: To clarify officer positions. The term First Vice President will be changed to Vice President in all other references in these bylaws.

IF AMENDED, WOULD READ:

Article V Section 5.1 Titles

- A. The elected officers of GFWC MT shall be President, President-elect, Vice President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer.
- B. The appointed officers shall be Corresponding Secretary, Budget and Finance Chairman, and Parliamentary Advisor.
- C. No person may hold more than one office.
- D. No officer shall receive any salary or other compensation for services rendered to the Federation.

Article V Section 5.5 Duties of Officers

Each officer shall send to her successor all property in her custody, unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Committee, within 30 days after expiration of her term of office.

- A. The PRESIDENT/President shall:
 - ~~1.~~ 1. ~~The President shall~~ Be the official representative of GFWC MT.
 - ~~2.~~ 2. ~~She shall~~ Supervise the work of GFWC MT.
 - ~~3.~~ 3. ~~She shall~~ Preside at all meetings of GFWC MT, the Board of Directors and Executive Committee.
 - ~~4.~~ ~~She shall serve as the Dean of District Presidents.~~
 - ~~5.~~ 4. ~~She shall~~ Be an ex-officio member of all ~~department~~ programs and committees except the Elections Committees.
 - ~~6.~~ 5. ~~She shall~~ Sign all contracts and vouchers upon the treasury for the payment of all bills as authorized by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee.
 - ~~7.~~ 6. ~~She shall~~ Authorize expenditures within the budget allocations.
 - ~~8.~~ 7. ~~She shall~~ Sign contracts during her administration regarding meetings and conventions only upon approval of the Budget and Finance Chairman.
 - ~~9.~~ 8. ~~She shall~~ Appoint a Corresponding Secretary, a Budget and Finance Chairman, a Parliamentary Advisor, a Bylaws Committee, and members of special committees.
 - ~~10.~~ 9. ~~She shall~~ Present to the Executive Committee names of persons for appointment as ~~Parliamentary Advisor,~~ Chairmen of Committees and ~~Department~~ Programs and fill vacancies of appointees.
 - ~~11.~~ 10. ~~She shall~~ Serve on the Board of Directors of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs, ~~and~~ attend all GFWC meetings, and report for her administration.
 - ~~12.~~ 11. ~~She shall~~ Prepare and issue, with the Corresponding Secretary, the Call to the Convention and to all regular and special meetings of the GFWC MT Board of Directors and Executive Committee.
 - ~~13.~~ 12. ~~She shall~~ Supervise the publication of The Montana Woman.
 - 13. Set dates for District Meetings in conjunction with the District Presidents.
- B. The PRESIDENT-ELECT/President-Elect shall:
 - 1. In the absence of the President ~~she shall~~ perform the duties of the President.
 - 2. ~~She shall~~ Perform such other duties as may be assigned to her by the Board of Directors.
 - 3. ~~She shall~~ Serve as Chairman of the Membership ~~Committee.~~
 - 4. ~~She shall~~ Serve as coordinator of activities of the District Presidents and the District Conventions.
 - ~~5.~~ 4. ~~She shall~~ Be responsible for compiling the GFWC MT Contact and Information Booklet.
 - ~~6.~~ 5. ~~She shall~~ Plan and prepare for the program of work for her administration.
 - ~~7.~~ 6. ~~She shall~~ Sign contracts prior to her administration regarding meetings and conventions during her term only upon approval of the Budget and Finance Chairman.
 - ~~8.~~ 7. Maintain the official list of club members and anniversaries.
- C. The FIRST VICE PRESIDENT/Vice-President shall:

- ~~1. She shall~~ Perform such other duties as may be assigned to her by the Board of Directors.
- ~~2. She shall~~ Serve as Dean of ~~Departments~~ Chairmen, providing coordination of the annual GFWC reports by notifying local clubs of the reporting guidelines and the importance of submitting reports. Once reports have been submitted to her, she shall distribute reports to corresponding GFWC MT Chairmen and GFWC MT President for their compilation and submission to GFWC.
- ~~3. She shall~~ Communicate current GFWC and GFWC MT reporting procedures and guidelines to GFWC MT Executive Committee, Club Presidents, District Presidents, Community Service Program Chairmen and Special Projects Chairmen.

D. The ~~RECORDING SECRETARY~~ Recording Secretary shall:

1. ~~She shall~~ Keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings of GFWC MT, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.
2. Within six weeks, ~~she shall~~ send the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings, the Board of Directors meetings, and the Biennial Convention meetings to the Executive Committee.
3. ~~She shall~~ Compile and keep up to date a catalog of all resolutions adopted.
4. ~~She shall~~ Send a complete set of minutes of the administration to the President within 30 days after expiration of her term of office.

E. The ~~CORRESPONDING SECRETARY~~ Corresponding Secretary shall:

1. ~~She shall~~ Assist with the correspondence of GFWC MT as directed by the President.
2. ~~She shall~~ Send out all notices of meetings, and issue with the President, the Call to the Convention.
3. ~~She shall maintain an official list of GFWC MT clubs.~~ Manage the registration process for Board of Directors meetings and the State Convention.
4. ~~She shall~~ Serve as Chairman for the ~~Committees on~~ Credentials Committee, Nominations and the Elections Committee.

F. The ~~TREASURER~~ Treasurer shall:

- ~~1. She shall~~ Receive all dues from clubs.
- ~~2. She shall~~ Remit per capita dues to the General Federation of Women's Clubs by February 15.
- ~~3. She shall~~ Remit per capita dues to each District in the state by February 15.
- ~~4. She shall~~ Maintain an official list of GFWC MT clubs.
- ~~5. She shall~~ Disburse funds only upon voucher signed by the President and the Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee.
- ~~6. She shall furnish bond in such a sum as approved by the Board of Directors, the cost to be borne by GFWC MT.~~
- ~~6. She shall~~ Keep in a permanent ledger, a separate record of income and expenses for each fund.
- ~~7. She shall~~ Prepare and submit a financial report at each meeting of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors and Convention.
- ~~8. She shall~~ Serve on the ~~Committees on~~ Budget and Finance Committee and the Credentials Committee.
- ~~9. She shall~~ Prepare all records at the close of each fiscal year to present to a certified public accountant, who shall prepare and file all necessary tax forms for GFWC MT.

RATIONALE: To update formatting overall. Section C.2. is moved from Article IX. E. to this Article. Section F.6. is moved from this article to Article VII, Section 7.2 Duties of the Executive Committee.

IF AMENDED, WOULD READ:

Article V Section 5.5 Duties of Officers

Each officer shall send to her successor all property in her custody, unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Committee, within 30 days after expiration of her term of office.

A. The President shall:

1. Be the official representative of GFWC MT.
2. Supervise the work of GFWC MT.
3. Preside at all meetings of GFWC MT, the Board of Directors and Executive Committee.
4. Be an ex-officio member of all programs and committees except the Elections Committee.
5. Sign all contracts and vouchers upon the treasury for the payment of all bills as authorized by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee.
6. Authorize expenditures within the budget allocations.
7. Sign contracts during her administration regarding meetings and conventions only upon approval of the Budget and Finance Chairman.

8. Appoint a Corresponding Secretary, a Budget and Finance Chairman, a Parliamentary Advisor, a Bylaws Committee, and members of special committees.
 9. Present to the Executive Committee names of persons for appointment as Chairmen of Committees and Programs and fill vacancies of appointees.
 10. Serve on the Board of Directors of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, attend all GFWC meetings, and report for her administration.
 11. Prepare and issue, with the Corresponding Secretary, the Call to the Convention and to all regular and special meetings of the GFWC MT Board of Directors and Executive Committee.
 12. Supervise the publication of The Montana Woman.
- B. The President-Elect shall:
1. In the absence of the President, perform the duties of the President.
 2. Perform such other duties as may be assigned to her by the Board of Directors.
 3. Serve as Chairman of Membership.
 4. Be responsible for compiling the GFWC MT Contact and Information Booklet.
 5. Plan and prepare for the program of work for her administration.
 6. Sign contracts prior to her administration regarding meetings and conventions during her term only upon approval of the Budget and Finance Chairman.
 7. Maintain the official list of club members and anniversaries.
- C. The Vice-President shall:
1. Perform such other duties as may be assigned to her by the Board of Directors.
 2. Serve as Dean of Chairmen, providing coordination of the annual GFWC reports by notifying local clubs of the reporting guidelines and the importance of submitting reports. Once reports have been submitted to her, she shall distribute reports to corresponding GFWC MT Chairmen and GFWC MT President for their compilation and submission to GFWC.
 3. Communicate current GFWC and GFWC MT reporting procedures and guidelines to GFWC MT Executive Committee, Club Presidents, District Presidents, Community Service Program Chairmen and Special Projects Chairmen.
- D. The Recording Secretary shall:
1. Keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings of GFWC MT, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.
 2. Within six weeks, send the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings, the Board of Directors meetings, and the Biennial Convention meetings to the Executive Committee.
 3. Compile and keep up to date a catalog of all resolutions adopted.
 4. Send a complete set of minutes of the administration to the President within 30 days after expiration of her term of office.
- E. The Corresponding Secretary shall:
1. Assist with the correspondence of GFWC MT as directed by the President.
 2. Send out all notices of meetings and issue with the President the Call to the Convention.
 3. Manage the registration process for Board of Directors meetings and the State Convention.
 4. Serve as Chairman for the Credentials Committee and the Elections Committee.
- F. The Treasurer shall:
1. Receive all dues from clubs.
 2. Remit per capita dues to the General Federation of Women's Clubs by February 15.
 3. Remit per capita dues to each District in the state by February 15.
 4. Maintain an official list of GFWC MT clubs.
 5. Disburse funds only upon voucher signed by the President and the Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee.
 6. Keep in a permanent ledger, a separate record of income and expenses for each fund.
 7. Prepare and submit a financial report at each meeting of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors and Convention.
 8. Serve on the Budget and Finance Committee and the Credentials Committee.
 9. Prepare all records at the close of each fiscal year to present to a certified public accountant, who shall prepare and file all necessary tax forms for GFWC MT.

Article VI – Board of Directors

Section 6.2 Composition. The Board of Directors shall consist of:

- A. Elected Personnel: GFWC MT Officers, District Presidents, Club Presidents, Past State Presidents and Past State Directors of Junior Clubs. ~~and Honorary Vice Presidents.~~
- B. Appointed Personnel: Chairmen of Community Service Programs, Chairmen and committee members of Special Projects, Special Assignments and Standing Committees, Parliamentary Advisor, Corresponding Secretary, Chairman of Budget & Finance Committee, and The Montana Woman ~~staff~~ Editor.

RATIONALE: GFWC MT does not have Honorary Vice Presidents. The Montana Woman does not have staff.

IF AMENDED, WOULD READ:

Article VI – Board of Directors

Section 6.2 Composition. The Board of Directors shall consist of:

- A. Elected Personnel: GFWC MT Officers, District Presidents, Club Presidents, Past State Presidents and Past State Directors of Junior Clubs.
- B. Appointed Personnel: Chairmen of Community Service Programs, Chairmen and committee members of Special Projects, Special Assignments and Standing Committees, Parliamentary Advisor, Corresponding Secretary, Chairman of Budget & Finance Committee, and The Montana Woman Editor.

Section 6.5 Meetings. The Board of Directors shall:

- A. Meet in the fall of each year, with six week notification.
- B. ~~B. Hold other meetings shall be held~~ at the call of the President or upon written request of three members of the Executive Committee.
- C. ~~All Board of Directors and club members shall pay a~~ the required registration fee.

RATIONALE: To correct formatting and provide for a six week notification of Board of Directors meetings.

IF AMENDED, WOULD READ:

Section 6.5 Meetings. The Board of Directors shall:

- A. Meet in the fall of each year, with six week notification.
- B. Hold other meetings at the call of the President or upon written request of three members of the Executive Committee.
- C. Pay the required registration fee.

Article VII – Executive Committee

Section 7.2 Duties. The Executive Committee shall:

- ~~A.~~ A. Transact business of GFWC MT between meetings of the Board of Directors.
- ~~B.~~ B. Approve all appointments for Chairmen of Community Service Programs and Standing Committees, Parliamentary Advisor and Budget & Finance Chairman made by the President except Convention Program Chairman, and Corresponding Secretary.
- ~~C.~~ B. Authorize contracts when necessary for the business of GFWC MT.
- ~~D.~~ C. Approve the sites and dates for the Board of Directors meetings and the biennial convention.
- ~~E.~~ C. Select financial institution(s) in whose custody securities shall be placed.
- ~~F.~~ D. Report to each meeting of the Board of Directors.
- ~~G.~~ E. Approve a certified public accountant.
- ~~H.~~ E. Review and approve the budget recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee; to present said budget to the Board of Directors for final action.
- ~~I.~~ G. Approve the registration fees for the convention and Board of Directors meetings.
- ~~J.~~ H. Create and dissolve special committees.
- ~~K.~~ J. Prepare and submit standing rules to the Board of Directors for final approval.
- ~~L.~~ J. Review proposed amendments to the bylaws and resolutions and present them to the Board of Directors for final approval.
- ~~M.~~ K. Ensure bonding of the President, Treasurer and Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee.
- ~~N.~~

RATIONALE: To update.

IF AMENDED, WOULD READ:

Article VII – Executive Committee

Section 7.2 Duties. The Executive Committee shall:

- A. Transact business of GFWC MT between meetings of the Board of Directors.
- B. Authorize contracts when necessary for the business of GFWC MT.
- C. Select financial institution(s) in whose custody securities shall be placed.
- D. Report to each meeting of the Board of Directors.
- E. Approve a certified public accountant.
- F. Review and approve the budget recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee; to present said budget to the Board of Directors for final action.
- G. Approve the registration fees for the convention and Board of Directors meetings.
- H. Create and dissolve special committees.
- I. Prepare and submit standing rules to the Board of Directors for final approval.
- J. Review proposed amendments to the bylaws and resolutions and present them to the Board of Directors for final approval.
- K. Ensure bonding of the President, Treasurer and Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee.

Article VIII – Community Service Programs

Section 8.3 Duties. The Community Service Program chairmen shall:

- A. Be responsible for the implementation of the designated programs consulting with the ~~First~~ Vice President or President ~~or president-elect~~ to plan, outline and promote programs of work and study.
- B. Work with their corresponding General Federation of Women’s Clubs Chairmen.
- C. Submit reports as ~~required~~ requested.
- A. Keep a complete record of work done and turn it over to their successors at the close of the administration.

RATIONALE: To update.

IF AMENDED, WOULD READ:

Section 8.3 Duties. The Community Service Program chairmen shall:

- A. Be responsible for the implementation of the designated programs consulting with the Vice- President or President to plan, outline and promote programs of work and study.
- B. Work with their corresponding General Federation of Women’s Clubs Chairmen.
- C. Submit reports as requested.
- B. Keep a complete record of work done and turn it over to their successors at the close of the administration.

Article IX – Committees and Special Assignments

Section 9.1 Standing Committees.

~~E.—Dean of Chairmen. The First Vice president shall be Dean of Chairmen. Her duties shall be to notify local clubs of the GWC MT reporting guidelines and the importance of submitting reports. Once reports have been submitted to her, she shall distribute reports to corresponding GFWC MT Chairmen and GFWC MT President for their compilation and submission to GRWC.~~

RATIONALE: Moved to Article V, Section 5.5, Duties of Officers, Vice President

Section 9.1 Standing Committees

~~H. Membership The President elect shall be Chairman of Membership. Her duties are to promote membership.~~

RATIONALE: Moved to Article V, Section 5.5, President-elect. All of Section 9.1 will be renumbered as follows:

- A. Budget and Finance
- B. Bylaws
- C. Convention and Meetings
- D. Credentials
- E. Elections

- F. Legislation/Public Policy
- G. Resolutions
- H. Women's History and Resource Center

Section 9.2 ~~Special~~ Other Committees. Other committees ~~shall~~ may be created as deemed necessary by the President, Executive Committee, or the Board of Directors. Appointments to these committees shall be made by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee.

RATIONALE: To distinguish these committees from other special committees and assignments.

IF AMENDED, WOULD READ:

Section 9.2 Other Committees. Other committees may be created as deemed necessary by the President, Executive Committee, or the Board of Directors. Appointments to these committees shall be made by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Article XI – Constituent Divisions

Section 11.4 Districts. ~~Women's~~ Woman's Clubs shall be grouped into Districts by geographical divisions, determined by the Board of Directors and listed herein. In order to be recognized by GFWC MT, districts shall elect a president and secretary and such additional officers or directors as the district may provide in its bylaws. Each district shall hold at least one convention during an administration, the dates to be determined jointly by the ~~GFWC MT Executive Committee, in consultation with the~~ GFWC MT President and the District President.

RATIONALE: To clarify responsibility for choosing dates for District conventions.

IF AMENDED, WOULD READ:

Article XI – Constituent Divisions

Section 11.4 Districts. Woman's Clubs shall be grouped into Districts by geographical divisions, determined by the Board at least one convention during an administration, the dates to be determined jointly by the GFWC MT President and the District President.

Article XII – Conventions

Section 12.1 Biennial Convention. GFWC MT shall hold a biennial convention in the even-numbered years. ~~That place and date shall be determined by the President with approval of the Executive Committee.~~ The Call to Convention shall be issued at least six weeks prior to the convention to all active members.

RATIONALE: The President-elect is responsible for determining the date and site for the Convention to be held during her term.

IF AMENDED, WOULD READ:

Section 12.1 Biennial Convention. GFWC MT shall hold a biennial convention in the even-numbered years. The Call to Convention shall be issued at least six weeks prior to the convention to all active members.

Section 12.2 Representation. The voting body shall be accredited delegates or alternates from clubs in active membership.

- A. One delegate from each club of 10 members or fewer, and one additional delegate for each additional 10 members, or major fraction thereof, based on per capita dues paid by ~~March 20~~ December 31.

RATIONALE: This date matches the date clubs will be terminated for non-payment of dues.

IF AMENDED, WOULD READ:

Section 12.2 Representation. The voting body shall be accredited delegates or alternates from clubs in active membership.

- A. One delegate from each club of 10 members or fewer, and one additional delegate for each additional 10 members, or major fraction thereof, based on per capita dues paid by December 31.

Section 12.5 Registration. The Executive Committee shall determine the biennial convention registration fees which shall be used to finance the convention. All in attendance shall pay the registration fee. All ~~election~~ voting credentials shall be claimed ~~by 6:00 PM on the day preceding the election~~ prior to the vote.

RATIONALE: This will allow those who register on the second day to be allowed to vote, if the election is held on the second day.

IF AMENDED, WOULD READ:

Section 12.5 registration. The Executive Committee shall determine the biennial convention registration fees which shall be used to finance the convention. All in attendance shall pay the registration fee. All voting credentials shall be claimed prior to the vote.

Section 12.6 Quorum. The quorum for a convention shall be 30 delegates representing at least ~~1/3rd~~ one-third of active clubs.

RATIONALE: To correct.

IF AMENDED, WOULD READ:

Section 12.6 Quorum. The quorum for a convention shall be 30 delegates representing at least one-third of active clubs.

Article XIII – Amendments

These bylaws may be amended at any Board of Directors meeting or biennial convention by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, provided the proposed amendment has been published 30 days prior to meeting. Amendments of an emergency nature may be considered at these same meetings by ~~unanimous~~ three-fourths vote of those present and voting.

RATIONALE: A three-fourths vote is sufficient to make emergency changes to the bylaws.

IF AMENDED, WOULD READ:

Article XIII – Amendments

These bylaws may be amended at any Board of Directors meeting or biennial convention by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, provided the proposed amendment has been published 30 days prior to meeting. Amendments of an emergency nature may be considered at these same meetings by three-fourths vote of those present and voting.

Article XV – Dissolution

If GFWC MT should dissolve, its net assets shall be distributed to one or more organizations qualified under the charitable Internal Revenue Code 501(C)(3).

RATIONALE: This is a new article, moved from Article IV, Section 4.6.

IF AMENDED, WOULD READ:

Article XV – Dissolution

If GFWC MT should dissolve, its net assets shall be distributed to one or more organizations qualified under the charitable Internal Revenue Code 501(C)(3).