

General Federation of Women’s Clubs of Massachusetts, Inc.

The **Bylaws Committee** presents the following three amendments to the Bylaws for consideration at the **GFWC Massachusetts Combined Midwinter Meeting** to be held on January 22, 2022.

These Bylaws are being presented with the recommendation of the Board of Directors from their December 4, 2021 meeting.

#1.

Currently reads:

Article XI—Nominations and Elections

Section 2. Responsibilities of Nominating Committee, subsection A (2)

Each candidate must be endorsed for a specific office by a majority vote of her club, properly documented.

Proposed amendment:

Insert after “properly documented” “with a copy of the club minutes showing the vote of their club.”

Rational: To clarify.

If approved shall read:

Article XI—Nominations and Elections

Section 2. Responsibilities of Nominating Committee, subsection A (2)

Each candidate must be endorsed for a specific office by a majority vote of her club, properly documented **with a copy of the club minutes showing the vote of their club.**

#2.

Currently reads:

Article XI—Nominations and Elections

Section 2. Responsibilities of Nominating Committee, subsection F

Only the Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall issue confirmations in writing to all nominees for Officers. These confirmations will be issued prior to the Board of Directors meeting before Midwinter Meeting. Replies to this confirmation shall be due no later than two weeks after receipt.

Proposed amendment:

In the last sentence after “Replies” and before “this confirmation” insert “to accept or reject” and insert “via email or postal mail” after “due and before “no”.

Rational: To clarify.

If approved shall read:

Article XI—Nominations and Elections

Section 2. Responsibilities of Nominating Committee, subsection F

Only the Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall issue confirmations in writing to all nominees for Officers. These confirmations will be issued prior to the Board of Directors meeting

before Midwinter Meeting. Replies to accept or reject this confirmation shall be due via email or postal mail no later than two weeks after receipt.

#3.

Currently reads:

Article VIII-Junior Membership

Section 3. Membership. Applications for admission of a Junior Woman's Club to GFWC Massachusetts shall be made in writing by the President or Secretary of the club or organization, addressed to the Corresponding Secretary of Junior Membership and accompanied by a copy of the club or organization Bylaws, a list of the Officers and a statement of its total membership.

A. The Corresponding Secretary of Junior Membership shall present each application to the Executive Board at the meeting following its receipt;

B. A majority vote of the members present and voting shall recommend the club to GFWC Massachusetts for membership. The Corresponding Secretary of Junior Membership shall send notification of the action of the Board and the application to the Corresponding Secretary of GFWC Massachusetts. On approval of the Board of Directors, the Corresponding Secretary of GFWC Massachusetts shall send notification to the club and to the Corresponding Secretary of Junior Membership;

C. Resignations of clubs shall be by a two-thirds vote of the membership present and voting; proper notice having been given to every member. A copy of the notice shall be sent to the Director of Junior Clubs at the same time. Resignation of clubs shall be in writing to the Corresponding Secretary of Junior Membership for action by its Executive Board. A letter of resignation, copy of the notice, the record of the voting and the recommendation of the Junior Executive Board shall be submitted to the Corresponding Secretary of GFWC Massachusetts for action by its Board of Directors. Upon action of GFWC Massachusetts Board of Directors, the Corresponding Secretary of GFWC Massachusetts shall send notification to the club and the Corresponding Secretary of Junior Membership;

Section 4. Officers.

A. The Officers shall be a Director, an Assistant Director, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary-and a Treasurer, whose duties shall be as prescribed in the Standing Rules of Junior Membership;

Section 6. Dues and Finances.

C. In June, the Corresponding Secretary of GFWC Junior Membership shall send GFWC Massachusetts' Corresponding Secretary a copy of the annual budget approved by Junior Membership Executive Board for distribution to GFWC Massachusetts' EC.

Proposed amendment:

Article VIII-Junior Membership Section 3, and also sections A, B, and C, to strike the word Corresponding wherever it appears,

Section 4, Officers, A in the first sentence after "Director" strike the word "Recording" and in the second sentence after the word "Secretary" strike "a Corresponding Secretary" and

Section 6, Dues and Finances, C in the first sentence strike the word Corresponding.

Rational: By vote of Junior Membership the positions of Corresponding and Recording Secretaries can be combined into one position of Secretary.

If approved will read:

Article VIII-Junior Membership

Section 3. Membership. Applications for admission of a Junior Woman's Club to GFWC Massachusetts shall be made in writing by the President or Secretary of the club or organization, addressed to the **Corresponding** Secretary of Junior Membership and accompanied by a copy of the club or organization Bylaws, a list of the Officers and a statement of its total membership.

A. The **Corresponding** Secretary of Junior Membership shall present each application to the Executive Board at the meeting following its receipt;

B. A majority vote of the members present, and voting shall recommend the club to GFWC Massachusetts for membership. The **Corresponding** Secretary of Junior Membership shall send notification of the action of the Board and the application to the Corresponding Secretary of GFWC Massachusetts. On approval of the Board of Directors, the Corresponding Secretary of GFWC Massachusetts shall send notification to the club and to the **Corresponding** Secretary of Junior Membership;

C. Resignations of clubs shall be by a two-thirds vote of the membership present and voting; proper notice having been given to every member. A copy of the notice shall be sent to the Director of Junior Clubs at the same time. Resignation of clubs shall be in writing to the **Corresponding** Secretary of Junior Membership for action by its Executive Board. A letter of resignation, copy of the notice, the record of the voting and the recommendation of the Junior Executive Board shall be submitted to the Corresponding Secretary of GFWC Massachusetts for action by its Board of Directors. Upon action of GFWC Massachusetts Board of Directors, the Corresponding Secretary of GFWC Massachusetts shall send notification to the club and the **Corresponding** Secretary of Junior Membership;

Section 4. Officers.

A. The Officers shall be a Director, an Assistant Director, a **Recording** Secretary, a **Corresponding-Secretary** and a Treasurer, whose duties shall be as prescribed in the Standing Rules of Junior Membership;

Section 6. Dues and Finances.

C. In June, the **Corresponding** Secretary of GFWC Junior Membership shall send GFWC Massachusetts Corresponding Secretary a copy of the annual budget approved by Junior Membership Executive Board for distribution to GFWC Massachusetts EC.