

LEGISLATION/PUBLIC POLICY

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Raise Our United Voices is the theme of the Legislation/Public Policy Committee, 2024–2026 Administration. The goals include:

- Increasing advocacy through the Legislative Action Center.
- Educating members about GFWC's legislative priorities.
- Promoting Legislative Advocacy as the natural extension of our members' volunteer work for each of the Special Programs and all the Community Service Programs.
- Building relationships with the local, state, regional, and national decision-makers.
- Establishing the GFWC name as a brand that lawmakers and the community recognize.
- Mobilizing our members to raise a united voice to advocate for GFWC and its legislative priorities.

CLUB CONNECTION INITIATIVE:

Clubs are challenged to use the steps of the ladder in any order they chose and multiple times but only reported on once each year. The points are accumulated annually with certificates awarded for activities totaling 35 points or more at the 2025 and 2026 GFWC Conventions.



Step 1. Increase LAC enrollment in your club by 10%.	25 points
Step 2. Request a proclamation from a decision maker, i.e. town council, mayor,	
governor, recognizing a week promoted in one of the CSPs or a club anniversary.	5 points
Step 3. Conduct a program on GFWC's Resolutions and how and why they are	
created and adopted.	5 points
Step 4. Invite a local decision maker to discuss relevant issues in your community.	10 points
Step 5. Identify a GFWC Resolution and develop a club project to support it.	15 points
Step 6. Take action on a current GFWC/State Resolution, i.e. write an email, send a	
letter to the editor, speak a government meeting.	10 points
Step 7. Draft a resolution to submit to your State for consideration.	15 points
Step 8. Visit a State legislator/staff to advocate on an issue of your choice.	15 points

You can find the fillable copy of the Legislative Ladder form on page 171 of the GFWC Club

Manual and on the GFWC MA website.

To see the full GFWC Manual page for the Legislative/Public Policy Advancement Plan, go to gfwcma.org > About GFWC > What We Do~GFWC Manual > Scroll to Legislative/Public Policy Advancement