

**GFWC Massachusetts Annual Convention ~ May 2, 2026**  
**Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws**

*The following Bylaw amendments are recommended by the Board of Directors for your review. Please direct any questions to Chairman Rouvalis (trouvalis@msn.com) before the Annual Convention.*

*Digital copies will be accessible via QR code at the event, or you may bring your own printed copy. For full content, see the Bylaws as amended January 31, 2026, posted on the website.*

**1. Currently reads:**

**Article V—Officers, Executive Committee and Their Duties, Section 2. Duties of Officers and Executive Committee, H. The Executive Committee shall:**

3. Nominate an at-large member of the Finance Committee; the at-large member of the GFWC Massachusetts Scholarship Committee, who will serve as its Chairman; three committee members of the Memorial Education Scholarship Committee for Graduate Studies, one of whom will be named Chairman; appoint up to three Memorial Forest and Building Committee members; the Nominating Committee Chairman; and two members of the Memorial Forest to be elected by the Board of Directors per the Bylaws.
4. Appoint three members of Bylaws Committee; two members of the Resolutions Committee; and three members of the Election Committee.

**Proposed Amendment: Article V Section 2, H 3 & 4**

In No. 3 in the first sentence after the word “Committee” strike the remainder of the paragraph and add “the Nominating Committee Chairman”. Strike No. 4 in its entirety and insert a new No. 4 to read:

4. Appoint three members of Bylaws Committee; two members of the Resolutions Committee; three members of the Elections Committee; the at-large member of the GFWC Massachusetts Scholarship Committee, who will serve as its Chairman; three committee members of the Memorial Education Scholarship Committee for Graduate Studies, one of whom will be named Chairman; and up to three members of the Memorial Forest and Building Committee.

**To read if Approved: Article V Section 2, H**

3. Nominate an at-large member of the Finance Committee and **the Nominating Committee Chairman**; to be elected by the Board of Directors per the Bylaws.
4. **Appoint three members of Bylaws Committee; two members of the Resolutions Committee; three members of the Elections Committee; the at-large member of the GFWC Massachusetts Scholarship Committee, who will serve as its Chairman; three committee members of the Memorial Education Scholarship Committee for Graduate Studies, one of whom will be named Chairman; and up to three members of the Memorial Forest and Building Committee.**

**Rational:** To agree with the approved amendments made on 10/18/2025 at Fall Meeting to the Bylaws, Article V., Section 2.

**2. Currently Reads:**

**Article V—Officers, Executive Committee and Their Duties, Section 2. Duties of Officers and Executive Committee, H. The Executive Committee shall:**

11. Nominate a Past President, following the line in order of service to GFWC Massachusetts, to fill positions on the GFWC New England Region Board in accordance with its rules and submit the nomination to the Board of Directors for an endorsement at any regular meeting;

**Proposed amendment: Article V Section 2, H – 11.**

In the first sentence, strike “following the line in order of service to GFWC Massachusetts” and insert “or Past Director of Junior Clubs”

**To read if Approved: Article V Section 2, H. The Executive Committee shall:**

11. Nominate a Past President **or Past Director of Junior Clubs** to fill positions on the GFWC New England Region Board in accordance with its rules and submit the nomination to the Board of Directors for an endorsement at any regular meeting;

**Rational:** To allow any viable candidate who has served GFWC Massachusetts the opportunity to serve GFWC New England Region

**3. Currently Reads:**

**Article X-Representation and Voting**

**Section 4.** Past Presidents of GFWC Massachusetts shall be entitled to all delegate privileges.

**Proposed Amendment: Article X, Section 4**

Strike "Past Presidents of", after "Massachusetts" Insert "Past Presidents and Past Directors of Junior Clubs"

**To read if approved: Article X, Section 4**

GFWC Massachusetts **Past Presidents and Past Directors of Junior Clubs** shall be entitled to all delegate privileges.

**Rational:** To recognize the position