GFWC Massachusetts Fall Meeting ~ October 17, 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 Sheridan(aliciasheridan01@gmail.com) before the Fall Meeting. 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 May 2, 2026, posted on the website.

1. Currently Reads:

Article IV- Dues, Finances, and Fiscal Year Section 4

Section 4. Dues remaining unpaid on February 28 shall be reported at the next meeting of the Board of Directors. By majority vote of the Board present and voting, the names of such clubs shall be dropped from membership.

Proposed Amendment: Amend by inserting a new sentence after the first sentence: "Any club not current in paid dues will be notified in writing of the proper resignation procedures" and after "voting" insert "at the next Board of Directors meeting".

If amended will read:

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Rationale: To remove a potential loophole

2. Currently Reads:

Article IV- Dues, Finances, and Fiscal Year, Section 5. Finance Committee F

F. GFWC Massachusetts shall maintain an institutional account designated as the Memorial Education Account. This institutional account shall be managed per the Uniform Prudent Management Rules of MGL Chapter 180A. The available income from said fund shall be determined by the Finance Committee with approval of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors and be expended by the Memorial Education Scholarship Committee for scholarships honoring of GFWC Massachusetts Past Presidents, either individually or collectively, for graduate studies in a filed or fields of particular interest to the Past Presidents being honored.

Proposed Amend: In the fourth line after the word 'determined" insert "annually" and after "Scholarship Committee for" insert "all GFWC Massachusetts graduate"; strike "honoring" through the remainder of F**.**

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Rationale: A streamlined explanation focused on the Finance Committee; scholarship details are covered in Article XIV Memorial Education Scholarships for Graduate Studies.

3. Currently reads

Article XIV—Memorial Education Scholarships for Graduate Studies, Section 1. A.
Section 1- GFWC Massachusetts shall maintain an institutional fund designated as the Memorial Education Scholarships for Graduate Studies to fund all graduate scholarships.

A. The scholarships should honor GFWC Massachusetts Past Presidents and be given for graduate studies in a field or fields of particular interest to the Past President being honored.

Proposed Amendment: In A Strike "The scholarships" and insert "One scholarship, the Memorial Education Scholarship,".

If amended will read:
Article XIV- Memorial Education Scholarships for Graduate Studies
Section 1- GFWC Massachusetts shall maintain an institutional fund designated as the Memorial Education Scholarships for Graduate Studies to fund all graduate scholarships.

A. ~~The scholarships~~ One scholarship, the Memorial Education Scholarship, should honor GFWC Massachusetts Past Presidents and be given for graduate studies in a field or fields of particular interest to the Past President being honored.

Rationale: To maintain the origin and focus of the Memorial Education Scholarship while acknowledging that the Memorial Education account now funds additional GFWC Massachusetts graduate scholarships.