

SOUTHERN REGION OF THE GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

STANDING RULES

The following are proposed revisions that have been reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors. They will be presented for consideration at the GFWC Southern Region Annual Meeting in Tampa, Florida. Proposed amendments and/or additions are noted in **[bold black text and surrounded by brackets]**. Proposed deletions are noted in ~~strikethrough text~~.

- I. NAME. This organization shall be known as the **[GFWC]** Southern Region. ~~of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.~~

Rationale: To conform with GFWC guidelines for recognition of our organization.

- III. MEMBERS. The membership of the region shall be all members of the five states ~~and island~~ of the **[GFWC]** Southern Region. GFWC State Federations of Women's Clubs: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi **[and]** South Carolina, ~~and Puerto Rico.~~ **International Clubs adjacent to the GFWC Southern Region shall be extended membership by a majority vote of the GFWC Southern Region Board of Directors.**

Rationale: To: (1) delete Puerto Rico; (2) allow international clubs to pay dues and be members of the GFWC Southern Region; and (3) be consistent with the GFWC Constitution and Bylaws.

IV. OFFICERS.

- A. The elected officers of the GFWC Southern Region shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. A Parliamentarian **[or Parliamentary Advisor]** shall be appointed by the President.

Rationale: To make a distinction between a registered Parliamentarian and a Parliamentary Advisor.

- G. If a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the Vice President becomes President. If a vacancy occurs in any other elected office, the Board of Directors will elect a nominee to fill the unexpired term. This may be accomplished by mail, **[electronic means]** or telephone.

Rationale: To allow for electronic voting.

V. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- A. The President shall:

5. Be responsible for implementing the purposes of the conference and shall report to the **[GFWC]** President and **[GFWC]** President-elect ~~of the GFWC.~~

Rationale: To clarify the officers to whom the GFWC Southern Region President reports.

6. Submit copies of the proposed program for the region annual meeting not less than two months in advance of printing to the **[GFWC]** President and **[GFWC]** President-Elect to the ~~GFWC~~;

Rationale: To clarify the officers to whom these copies are submitted.

B. The Vice President shall:

2. Arrange with the State Presidents and Directors of Junior Clubs for their ~~portion~~ **[report]** of **[at]** the annual meeting program, and send a copy of the planned program to the Region President by ~~July~~ **[August]** 1.

Rationale: To clarify and extend the deadline for submission.

[5. Succeed automatically to the Office of President.]

Rationale: To clarify that the Vice President will automatically succeed the President, so that she can attend GFWC training as the incoming Region President and make plans for her term of office.

D. The Treasurer shall:

1. Prepare the annual Budget in consultation with the President **[and present it at the semi-annual meeting each year.]**

Rationale: To clarify.

VI. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. The affairs of the region shall be administered by a Board of Directors consisting of the Officers of the Region, the State/~~Island~~**[International club]** Presidents, Directors of Junior Clubs, the Chairmen of Standing and Special Committees, Past Region Presidents, GFWC Officers and **[GFWC]** Chairmen residing in the Region.

Rationale: To clarify "GFWC" Chairmen and to be consistent with the recommended change of Rule III - Members.

- B. A budget, covering all anticipated expenses, shall be adopted by the Board of Directors at the ~~beginning of each year~~ **[each semi-annual meeting.]** All requests for money from committees must be referred to the Board of Directors for consideration.

Rationale: To be consistent with the proposed changes in Rule V.D.1 and clarify consent by the Board of Directors.

VII. COMMITTEES:

- B. Nominating Committee: A Nominating Committee of 3 members (no two of whom shall be from the same state) shall be nominated from the floor at the ~~first Region meeting~~ **[annual meeting of the even numbered year]**. A plurality shall elect. The nominee receiving the highest number of votes shall be chairman. They shall report one nominee for each office (~~President~~, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer - no two of whom shall be from the same state) by July 1 in order to be included in the Call to the Region meeting ~~in November~~ of the odd-numbered year.

Rationale: To acknowledge that the region meeting is not always in November and to be consistent with the proposed revision regarding the succession of the Vice President.

- C. ~~Revisions~~ **[Standing Rules]** Committee: A ~~Revisions~~ **[Standing Rules]** Committee shall recommend changes in **[to]** the Standing Rules, when considered necessary, so as to expedite the efficient operation of the region. The Region Parliamentarian **[or Parliamentary Advisor]** shall serve as advisor to the ~~Revisions~~ **[Standing Rules]** Committee.

Rationale: To clarify.

VIII. FINANCES

- B. The annual dues shall be thirty dollars (\$30.00) from each state/~~island~~ **[International club]** payable on or before September 1 and delinquent October 1, at which time a note shall be sent by the Treasurer and a late fee of five dollars (\$5.00) shall be added. Dues not received by the Treasurer by ~~November 1~~ **[the annual meeting]** shall cancel voting privileges for delegates from that state/~~island~~ **[International club]**.

Rationale: To acknowledge the fact that the annual meeting is typically held prior to November 1.

- C. ~~An amount not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) shall be allowed annually for the expenses of the President which are incident to the conducting of the duties of her office.~~
- D. ~~An amount not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) each shall be allowed annually for the Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer to cover necessary expenses incident to their attending the Board of Directors and annual meetings.~~

Rationale: To conform with current practice of providing for allowances in the budget.

- E. The printing of the official program, Calls and other materials incident to the business of the ~~conference~~ **[region]**, shall be paid from the treasury of the ~~conference~~ **[region]**.

Rationale: To clarify.

- F. The hostess [state] federation ~~shall be reimbursed each year [will receive from each registration the following:~~
1. ~~Three dollars (\$3.00) paid for each full registration~~
 2. ~~Two dollars (\$2.00) paid for each one day registration] shall be reimbursed each year. Three dollars (\$3.00) shall be taken from each registration fee for those persons attending the entire annual meeting and two dollars (\$2.00) shall be taken from each one day registration and be given to the hostess state. The total amount shall be the same as the total number of those paying registration.~~

Rationale: To simplify the explanation of the reimbursement procedures for the host state federation.

- H. Fundraisers: ~~All fundraising must be approved by the Region President and following GFWC Guidelines. Except for the space paid for by states or allotted to the hostess state, the proceeds will benefit the region.~~
- [Fundraising guidelines are as follows:**
1. **Region Fundraisers must be approved by the Region President and – GFWC Southern Region Board of Directors.**
 2. **Host States for the current and following conference may conduct a fundraiser with prior approval of the Region President.**
 3. **Outside vendors must be approved by the Region President with not less than ten percent (10%) of the proceeds going to the Region treasury. Vendors must bear all costs involved.]**

Rationale: To clarify.

- I. Meals: ~~All overages on tours, meals, and host state federation products shall go to the host state. All other monies not including the three (\$3.00) or two (\$2.00) dollars from the registration shall go to the region. All registration fees, excluding the registration reimbursement shall go to the Region.~~

Rationale: To clarify and delete repetition.

IX. MEETINGS

- C. The hostess state shall appoint the state **[Southern Region]** conference chairman, provide a meeting place **[in consultation with the GFWC President-elect and Southern Region President]** ~~with the approval of the Region President~~ and appoint any committees as deemed necessary by the conference chairman in consultation with the Region President. The chairman of the host State/~~Island~~ shall forward to the next hostess State/~~Island~~ information such as attendance at the Region meeting, Board of Directors meeting pertinent hotel information.

Rationale: To clarify and conform with GFWC Constitution and Bylaws.

- E. The Board of Directors shall meet prior to the **[Region]** Annual Meeting and during **[before the semi-annual meeting]** at the GFWC Convention.

Rationale: To clarify.

X. REGISTRATION

- A. All persons who attend ~~the annual meeting~~ or the GFWC Southern Region Annual Meeting shall register by state as a GFWC Southern Region Board Member, state officers, local club president, club member or visitor. Members of the GFWC Board of Directors from outside the Region shall register separately. Upon paying a registration fee, all persons shall receive and wear a badge for identification.

Rationale: To clarify.

XIII. AMENDMENTS

These standing rules may be amended at any annual meeting of the Region by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting, provided the proposed amendments have been appended to the Call of the meeting **[or a three-fourths (3/4) vote without prior notice.]**

Rationale: To provide for emergency Standing Rule changes.

Revised November, 1997, 1998, 2003.

In addition to any amendments that are adopted at the 2011 GFWC Southern Region Annual Meeting, the Southern Region Standing Rules, when published, will contain several editorial changes. Editorial changes do not affect either the meaning or the application of the Standing Rules, and therefore do not require a vote by the membership.