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125th ANNUAL GFWC ILLINOIS CONVENTION

May 1, 2021

Virtual Video Conference via Zoom

Reservation Deadline: April 15, 2021



SPECIAL CONVENTION ISSUE



JIVE FROM THE HIVE

BY TERESA SANFORD-SHIPPLETT, GFWC ILLINOIS PRESIDENT 2020-2022

Let's BEE positive...There will be a 2021 GFWC Illinois Convention this spring! How that will look is a little tentative. Once again GFWC Illinois makes history. Our first virtual convention. Sometimes flying by the seat of your pants can get a little crazy...kind of like hopping on the back of a bee. We certainly don't want to feel the sting of the bee because things don't go as we would like or have planned.

Let's prepare for an adventure:

BEE-cause this will be a new journey. One in which we have dipped our toe in but may not have dived into until now.

BEE-cause on Friday night there will be a scheduled Fun Night and awards.

BEE-cause we will recognize the work our club members have done this past year despite what has come our way,

that means the announcement of award winners selected from the award entries sent in to our state chairmen.

BEE-cause we will have the privilege of hearing from our GFWC President Marian Simmons-St. Clair.

BEE-cause you have the opportunity to learn more about how our organization will move into the future, and these decisions will be determined by your vote.

BEE-cause we must learn from the past, live in the present, and believe in the future of GFWC Illinois!

And finally, at some point we want to gather **BEE-cause** there are plans to see friends that have been missing each other for a year. ■



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY MARIAN SIMMONS-ST. CLAIR, GFWC INT'L PRESIDENT 2020-2022



February 16, 2021

Dear Members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Illinois,

I'm honored and excited to send a message on this important occasion, the 2021 GFWC Illinois State Convention! All of us have been challenged to new heights in the past months and now have an opportunity to recognize and celebrate each other's accomplishments and enjoy a well-deserved pat on the back.

I'm tremendously proud of each GFWC member and all that you and your club have undertaken in your local communities, as well as in communities around the world. I know it has not been easy. From learning to conduct remote meetings and fundraisers, to championing health care workers, first responders, teachers, and students, and assisting those in dire circumstances – you have done it all – while also embracing a wide variety of GFWC Special, Community Service Program, and Advancement Plan projects.

One of the greatest benefits of belonging to a state and international volunteer organization such as GFWC is the opportunity to come together as friends, remotely or in person, to exchange ideas and learn from one another. After such a difficult year, I hope you will find your upcoming event to be the most meaningful ever.

Congratulations to President Teresa Sanford-Shipplett, Director of Junior Clubs Patti Kuchar and the many other Illinois leaders who have paved the way to success. Well done!

I send my compliments and best wishes to each of you, as you continue your efforts to enhance communities and improve the lives of others. ■

Yours in **Living the Volunteer Spirit!**

Marian Simmons-St. Clair
2020-2022 GFWC International President



LIGHTING THE WAY WITH PATTI

BY PATTI KUCHAR, GFWC ILLINOIS DIRECTOR OF JR. CLUBS 2021-2022



Please note that Amy Vicioso resigned as GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs due to personal reasons, effective February 20, 2021.

“Volunteers Light the Way...Shine on Juniors”

Lighting the Way

“I pledge my loyalty to the Junior Club Women by doing better than ever before what work I have to do; by being prompt, honest, courteous; by living each day trying to accomplish something not merely to exist.”

This has never just been something we say at every Junior meeting. It is what I strive for every day. Finding ways to improve the circumstances; doing what needs to be done; trying to make it better. Trying to keep a positive outlook. We see the challenges and are meeting them head on!

Shine on Juniors

We have found new ways to communicate and keep in touch with our fellow Juniors, utilizing remote meetings

using technology and media services, we still find ways to work on our Special Projects, Programs and Events whenever and however possible. So many communities continue to benefit from having a Junior Club in their area. BEE Connected and BEE Creative!

Hours, Monies, and Junior-Power have been reported!!! GFWC Illinois Convention will be happening soon with speakers, awards, information, business and some fun!!! I want to thank and congratulate every Junior Club that submitted an annual, and, hopefully, an award-winning report.

Illinois Juniors are shining their light on the changes we've been challenged with. We are not simply existing, we are thriving and letting others know we are here, we are shining on! ■



CALL TO CONVENTION 2021

GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Club Bylaws Article VII, CONVENTIONS Section 1. Annual Convention

GFWC Illinois shall hold an annual convention in May. The Call to Convention and proposed Bylaw Amendments, Resolutions and Revisions shall be sent to the voting body of GFWC Illinois by the Headquarters Executive Secretary or included in the Convention issue of the "GFWC Illinois Clubwoman" six weeks before the Annual Convention.

After much consideration, due to the continuing concern related to COVID-19 and current state restrictions, as well as the safety of our members, the GFWC Annual Illinois Convention Business Session will be held virtually on May 1st via Zoom. The GFWC Illinois Annual Convention is open to all members. Per our normal practice, a \$25 registration fee will be required. The registration fee covers the cost of both Friday/Saturday participation and attendance. (A side note: Virtual meetings via Zoom are not free to our organization.)

Each registered member is entitled to vote, and, this year, there are proposed bylaws amendments requiring member approval. **We will be focusing on just the Tier I Bylaws at this time.** If you choose to attend the Zoom meeting in a group, only the member logged into the Zoom meeting will be counted for voting purposes. ■



GFWC ILLINOIS 2020-2022 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Teresa Sanford-Shipplett

Director of Junior Clubs: Patti Kuchar

President Elect: LeeAnn Conlon

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Annette Andretich-Gross

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THE DEADLINE FOR STORIES & PHOTOS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF "THE CLUBWOMAN" IS MAY 15, 2021

GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS 125th ANNUAL CONVENTION VIRTUAL/VIDEO CONFERENCE (ZOOM) | MAY 1, 2021



AGENDA

BEE AWARE...AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

Bee in the race for GFWC...**“WIN, PLACE or SHOW”**
This weekend is traditionally Derby Day in Kentucky.
Wear a hat at your own *Place* and *Show* us a *Win!*



PRECONVENTION ACTIVITIES

Friday, April 30 | Begins at 7:00 p.m.

Race into FUN Night...Hats Encouraged!

Award Recognition:

Make a Difference Day | WHRC | ESO | Membership Contests
Virtual Arts Contests
(Painting, Photography, Upcycled Art, Piggies on Parade)

GFWC ILLINOIS BUSINESS MEETING

Saturday, May 1 | 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

General Session 1 – “Open for Buzz-ness” 9:00 a.m.

Opening

Secretary’s Minutes | Treasurer’s Report
Memorial Ceremony
Bylaws

Award Recognition:

Education & Libraries...Scholarships
Legislation & Public Policy | Fundraising & Development

COMFORT BREAK

General Session 2 – “Bee-ing Engaged” 10:15 a.m.

Award Recognition:

Health & Wellness | Environment
Communications & Public Relations | Arts & Culture
Bylaws

LUNCH BREAK

General Session 3 – “Bee the Light” 1:00 p.m.

GFWC President Marian Simmons–St. Clair – Keynote address
Bylaws

Award Recognition:

Leadership | Membership
Domestic & Sexual Violence & Awareness Prevention
Our Promise...A Safe Place For Every Child
Advocates for Children

ADJOURN OR RECESS



STATEWIDE SUMMER CONFERENCE

IT'S ALL THE BUZZ!

Let’s BEE optimistic... We are planning to meet in person this summer. Of course that all depends on COVID vaccinations, lower incident rates, state guidelines or restrictions and so on. When we will meet and where could depend on all of the above. So, stay tuned for updates and announcements. We will continue with more recognition of our members and their amazing volunteer activities. Plus, we hope to include information on GFWC programs. As an added bonus, “BuzzBee” will make an appearance! Come join us – you’ll BEE glad you did!



CONVENTION 2021 | REGISTRATION FORM



GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS 125th ANNUAL CONVENTION

May 1, 2021 (9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.) | Virtual/Video Conferencing via ZOOM
Link will be sent to registered members

Mail this registration form by **APRIL 15, 2021** with your payment (checks payable to **GFWC Illinois**) to:
Michelle Schultz, GFWC Illinois Convention Treasurer | 828 W. Reynolds St., Pontiac, IL 61764

MEMBER/CONTACT INFORMATION

Full Name	Badge Name
Club Name	District Check here if you belong to a Junior Club <input type="checkbox"/>
Mailing Address	City, State, ZIP
E-Mail Address	Best Phone Number to Call

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **Registration must be postmarked on or before APRIL 15, 2021, to avoid a late fee.**
- **ALL** attendees must pay a registration fee of \$25. Late registrations pay \$35 if postmarked after April 15, 2021.
- Registration fee for GFWC Illinois Past State Presidents and Past State Directors of Junior Clubs is waived.

PLEASE INDICATE IN WHAT CAPACITY YOU ARE ATTENDING (select only one)

<input type="checkbox"/> Club Delegate	<input type="checkbox"/> Guest
<input type="checkbox"/> Past GFWC Illinois State President	<input type="checkbox"/> GFWC International Officer
<input type="checkbox"/> Past GFWC Illinois State Director of Junior Clubs	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2020–22 GFWC IL Executive Committee	Office _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 2020–22 GFWC IL Board of Directors	District President/Committee _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 2020–22 GFWC IL Junior Executive Committee	Office _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 2020–22 GFWC IL Junior Board of Directors	District DJC/Committee _____

REGISTRATION

CONVENTION REGISTRATION Saturday, May 1, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. (if BEFORE April 15, 2021)	\$25.00	\$ _____
FUN NIGHT Friday, April 30, 7:00–9:00 p.m. (included with Registration Fee)	N/C	_____
LEADS WORKSHOP Saturday, April 24, 10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	\$10.00	\$ _____
DEB'S DIAMOND DIVAS ZOOM MEETING Wednesday, April 28, 6:00–7:30 p.m. Convention registration required if planning to attend this meeting	N/C	_____
PAST & PRESENT STATE BOARD MEMBERS ZOOM MEETING Thursday, April 29, 6:00–7:30 p.m. Convention registration required if planning to attend this meeting	N/C	_____
LATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE Required AFTER APRIL 15, 2021	\$35.00	\$ _____
FELLOWSHIP 125 SUPPORTING – Donation of \$125 or more; CONTRIBUTING – Less than \$125		\$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED		\$ _____

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Online registration is available at www.gfwcillinois.org – click on the “Events” tab.

CONVENTION 2021 | GFWC ILLINOIS PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS | TIER 1

As recommended by the Bylaws Committee

Chairman Jeanette T. Wells, Central Region Vice President Cathy Marsoun, District President Susan Haa, President Elect LeeAnn Conlon, Director of Junior Clubs Patti Kuchar, Parliamentarian Diane Addante and President Teresa Sanford-Shipplett, ex-officio

Note: In order to conduct the business of GFWC Illinois under extenuating circumstances, the following bylaw is presented for your consideration to allow for electronic or virtual meetings and voting capabilities. These proposed amendments will be presented for consideration at our 2021 Annual Convention.

Add Article XIII as follows:

ARTICLE XIII—DECLARED EMERGENCY/DISASTER

Section 1. In the event an Emergency/Disaster is declared affecting the viability of holding a meeting, the GFWC Illinois President, with consent of the Executive Committee, may authorize all meetings, including Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and/or Annual Conventions, to be conducted through use of virtual meeting services.

Section 2. Meetings Held Virtually

- A. The virtual meeting service shall be selected by the Executive Committee.
- B. Such meetings should allow full-featured virtual meeting services that integrate audio, video, text, and voting capabilities.
- C. Procedures for conducting virtual meetings shall be established by the Executive Committee.
- D. A vote conducted through the virtual meeting service shall be considered a ballot vote, fulfilling any requirement set forth in these bylaws that a vote be conducted by ballot.

Section 3. Board of Directors. In the absence of an in-person Board of Directors meeting, any business may be approved electronically in accordance with procedures approved by the GFWC Illinois Executive Committee. Members shall be required to register for a remote Board of Directors meeting.

Section 4. Virtual Annual Convention. In the absence of an in-person Annual Convention, a virtual Annual Convention may be held. This convention may be pre-recorded, whole or in part, or held with members attending remotely while it is in session.

- A. Registration: Registration shall be required for members to participate in discussion and voting at any virtual convention.
- B. Voting: See Article VII of these bylaws for the voting body. The Credentials Committee Chairman shall verify the voting members.
- C. Pre-recorded virtual Annual Convention: The GFWC Illinois Executive Committee shall establish a timeline to provide registered members with proposed bylaws amendments, resolutions, endorsed candidates' resumes and ballots. The voting body shall be those who have registered.
- D. Virtual Annual Convention (Real Time): The sessions of this type of Annual Convention shall be conducted through use of virtual remote meeting services designated by the Executive Committee. These services shall:
 1. Support anonymous voting;
 2. Support identifying information of those participating;
 3. Identify those seeking recognition from the chair for permission to speak;
 4. Display the text of pending motions; and
 5. Display the results of votes.

RATIONALE: Authorizes the use of virtual meetings during a declared emergency/disaster.

Note: These proposed amendments were printed in the 2020 Convention Issue of *The Clubwoman* magazine; however, they were not voted on due to the cancellation of the 2020 Annual Convention. They will be presented for consideration at our 2021 Annual Convention.

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS, Section 2. CANDIDACY,

- A. Eligibility, 2.b.

Strike "as an officer of", "GFWC Illinois", and "Organization" and inserting "Board" after "Organization".

To Read: b. Have served an additional two years as a voting member of the Board of Directors or Junior Board.

Rationale: More eligibility for both Boards.

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS, Section 4. VACANCY

Insert a new D.

To Read: D. An officer may be removed from office with cause by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

Rationale: This is not currently addressed in the bylaws and aligns with GFWC bylaws.

ARTICLE VII—CONVENTIONS, Section 1. ANNUAL CONVENTION

Strike "May" and insert "the spring" in the first sentence.

To Read: GFWC Illinois shall hold an annual convention in the spring.

Rationale: Allows more flexibility in scheduling.

ARTICLE VII—CONVENTIONS, Section 2. REPRESENTATION, A.

In 1., Delete "Club Delegates" and "may attend Convention as a delegate", Delete 2., 3., and 4., renumber 5. and 6.

To Read: A. The voting body of the GFWC Illinois shall consist of:

1. Any member in good standing.
2. GFWC Illinois Past Presidents.
3. GFWC Illinois Past Directors of Junior Clubs.

Rationale: All members in good standing who attend convention can vote.



Note: These proposed amendments will be presented for consideration at our 2021 Annual Convention as recommended by the 2020–2022 Bylaws Committee.

Article XI—AMENDMENTS, Section 1. AMENDING PROCEDURE, Subsection B. and C.

Insert a new B.

To Read: B. Bylaws may be amended at any statewide meeting by two-thirds vote of those present and voting, providing that notice of the proposed amendment has been sent to the GFWC Illinois voting body 30 days prior to the meeting.

B. becomes the new C.

Rationale: To allow for an additional opportunity to propose and vote on needed amendments.

Article V—OFFICERS, Section 3. Elections, Subsection B., Items 5. and 6.

Delete B.5. In its entirety and replace.

To Read: 5. If there are contested races, all candidates will be elected by ballot. A plurality vote shall elect. If there are not contested races, the election may be by voice vote.

Rationale: To clarify.

Add a new 6.

To Read: 6. In the event an emergency forces the cancellation of a convention in an election year, contested races will be determined by electronic ballot. The voting body will consist of the voting members of the board of directors and club presidents. If there are no contested races, the candidates will be elected by acclamation. Their term will begin when the convention was scheduled to end.

Rationale: To address the process of the election if convention needs to be cancelled.

Article VI—BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 5. Duties, Subsection L.

L. Strike “by mail” after “election” and before “in”.

To Read: L. Cancel the annual convention and adopt rules for the conduct of the election in an emergency.

Rationale: We would not vote by “snail mail” and this has been addressed elsewhere in the bylaws.

Article VI—BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 10 COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM, ADVANCEMENT, STANDING, AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES, Subsection B., Item 1.b.

In the second sentence insert “or electronic” after “voice” and before “vote”.

To Read: b. Chairmen and committee members of Community Service Program, Advancement, Standing and Special Committees shall be elected by the Board of Directors no later than the Spring Meeting in the even-numbered years. Election shall be by voice or electronic vote unless there is more than

one nominee for any chairmanship; then election shall be by ballot. A majority vote shall elect.

Rationale: To allow for electronic votes if needed.

Article IV—DUES AND FINANCE, Section 4. FINANCIAL AUTHORIZATION, Subsection A. and B.

A. In the first sentence strike “shall” and insert “may” after “funds” and before “be”; insert “paid” after “be” and before “by”.

To Read: A. Disbursement of GFWC Illinois funds may be paid by check which shall bear two signatures. The authorized signatures shall be the Treasurer’s and the President’s. In the absence of either officer, the President Elect shall be authorized to co-sign checks.

Rationale: Not all disbursements are paid by check.

B. Insert the words “Headquarters Executive Secretary or” after “the” and before “or”.

To Read: B. The Board of Directors shall authorize the Headquarters Executive Secretary or accounting firm to pay recurring bills from vendors by check or electronically.

Rationale: The Headquarters Executive Secretary also processes recurring bills electronically.

Article VI—BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 2. ELIGIBILITY, Subsection B.

2.B. Strike “concurrently hold more than one position on the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors, the Junior Board of Directors, or on both the GFWC Illinois and the Junior Board of Directors, permitting them only one vote per issue” and insert “hold one position on the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors” after the word “to”.

To Read: 2.B. GFWC Illinois members shall be eligible to hold one position on the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors.

Rationale: To allow more opportunities to join the Board of Directors.

Article VI—BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 3. TERM, Subsections B., C. and D.

B. Strike “member” and insert “Chairman” after “A” and before “may”; strike “with the exception of Executive Committee Officers” at the end of the sentence.

To Read: B. A Chairman may serve in the same position for a maximum of two consecutive terms.

Strike C. and D. in their entirety.

Rationale: Update to current practice (and the Executive Committee is addressed elsewhere).

Article VII—CONVENTIONS, Section 2. Representation, Subsections B. and C.

B. Strike “Delegates” and insert “Members” at the beginning of the sentence.

To Read: B. Members shall pay registration fees for the entire convention to be entitled to vote.

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C. Strike “delegate” and insert “member” after “A” and before “shall”.

To Read: C. A member shall represent only one club and shall have only one vote at the annual convention.

Rationale: All members in good standing who attend convention and pay registration fees can vote.

Article VII—CONVENTIONS, Section 4. Registration, Subsection A.

A. Strike “delegate” and insert “member” after “every” and before “attending”.

To Read: A. A registration fee shall be required of every member attending convention. Registration fees shall be waived for visitors.

Rationale: All members in good standing who attend convention and pay registration fees can vote.

Proviso: The following, if adopted, will be effective at the start of the 2022–2024 Administration.

Article V—OFFICERS, Section 1. OFFICERS

Insert “Director Elect of Junior Clubs” after “Elect” and before “a”.

To Read: 1. The GFWC Illinois officers shall be President, Director of Junior Clubs, President Elect, Director Elect of Junior Clubs, a Vice President from each Region, Secretary and Treasurer.

Rationale: Consolidating the Executive Committees

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS, Section 3. ELECTIONS, Subsection A., Item 1.

Insert “Director Elect of Junior Clubs” after “Elect” and before “a”

To Read: 1. The following officers shall be elected in the even-numbered years: President Elect, Director Elect of Junior Clubs, a Vice President from each Region, Secretary and Treasurer.

Rationale: Consolidating the Executive Committees

ARTICLE V—Section 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Subsection B. Director of Junior Clubs

B.1. Strike in its entirety and replace as follows:

To Read: B.1. Perform the duties of the President in her absence or at her request.

B.2. Strike in its entirety and replace as follows:

To Read: B.2. Direct the planning of and preside over GFWC Illinois Junior Meetings.

B.3. Strike in its entirety and replace as follows:

To Read: B.3. Lead the Junior Organization to deliver the goals and objectives of GFWC Illinois as guided by the GFWC Illinois Strategic Plan.

B.5. Strike in its entirety and replace as follows:

To Read: B.5. Serve as chairman of the Illinois Junior delegation at the GFWC Annual Convention in the odd year during her administration and the even year following.

B.6. Strike in its entirety and replace as follows:

To Read: B.6. Serve as ex-officio member of all committees, except for Elections Committee.

B.7. Strike in its entirety and replace as follows:

To Read: B.7. Educate Junior Club members on GFWC and GFWC Illinois. Mentor and coach District Directors of Junior Clubs for leadership development and encourage participation in LEADS.

Add a new B.8. as follows:

To Read: B.8. Prepare and conduct orientation and training for the Board of Directors with the President.

Add a new B.9. as follows:

To Read: B.9. Participate in the full financial audit or review held in the Fall each year of the administration. As Immediate Past Director of Junior Clubs participate in the full financial audit in the Fall immediately following her administration.

Add a new B.10. as follows:

To Read: B.10. Oversees fiduciary management of the organization with the President and may co-sign GFWC Illinois checks.

Add a new B.11. as follows:

To Read: B.11. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.

Rationale: Consolidating and updating roles of each Executive Officer

ARTICLE V—Section 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Subsection C. President Elect

C.1. Strike “her” and insert “the” after “President” and before “absence”; strike “or at her request” and insert “of both the President and the Director of Junior Clubs” at the end of the sentence.

To Read: C.1. Perform the duties of the President in the absence of both the President and the Director of Junior Clubs.

C.4. Strike in its entirety and replace as follows:

To Read: C.4. Conduct activities to prepare for her administration.

C.7. Strike in its entirety and replace as follows:

To Read: C.7. Coordinate all annual state GFWC Award Entries by GFWC deadlines annually and assist the Reporting Committee and President in compiling the reported statistics of all GFWC Illinois Chairmen.

C.8. Strike in its entirety and replace as follows:

To Read: C.8. Member of the Executive Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, Bylaws Committee, Finance and Budget Committees, Legislation/Public Policy Committee, Governance Committee and the Isabella Candee Foundation.



Add a new C.9. as follows:

To Read: C.9. Conduct orientation workshop for incoming committees with the Director Elect of Junior Clubs.

Add a new C.10. as follows:

To Read: C.10. Mentor and coach Committee Chairmen and/or Committee Members for leadership development and encourage participation in LEADS.

Add a new C.11. as follows:

To Read: C.11. Attend GFWC Orientation prior to the start of her administration.

Add a new C.12. as follows:

To Read: C.12. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President and/or the Director of Junior Clubs.

Rationale: Consolidating and updating roles of each Executive Officer

ARTICLE V—Section 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Subsection D. Vice Presidents

D. Inserting a new D:

To Read:

D. Director Elect of Junior Clubs – The duties of the Director Elect of Junior Clubs shall be to:

1. Perform the duties of the Director of Junior Clubs in her absence or at her request.
2. Perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President, the Director of Junior Clubs and the President Elect.
3. Serve as Reporting Committee Chairman.
4. Serve as Chairman of sub-committee for Junior Standing Rules, Policy & Procedures.
5. Member of the Executive Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, Membership Committee and Leadership Committee.
6. Conduct activities to prepare for her administration.
7. Conduct orientation workshop for incoming committees with the President Elect.
8. Mentor and coach Committee Chairmen and/or Committee Members for leadership development and encourage participation in LEADS.
9. Attend GFWC Orientation prior to the start of her administration.
10. Perform other such duties as may be assigned by the Director of Junior Clubs and/or the President.

E. becomes Vice Presidents

F. becomes Secretary

Insert new G. Treasurer

Rationale: Consolidating and updating roles of each Executive Officer.

ARTICLE V—Section 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Subsection F. Secretary, Item 6.

Insert “and/or Director of Junior Clubs” at the end of the sentence.

To Read: F.6. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President and/or Director of Junior Clubs.

Rationale: To Streamline the structure of the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V—Section 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Subsection G. Treasurer Item 9.

G.9. Insert “and/or Director of Junior Clubs” at the end of the sentence.

To Read: F.9. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President and/or Director of Junior Clubs.

Rationale: To Streamline the structure of the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS, Section 6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Subsection A.

Insert “Director Elect of Junior Clubs” after “Elect” and before “a”.

To Read: A. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Director of Junior Clubs, President Elect, Director Elect of Junior Clubs, a Vice President from each Region, Secretary, Treasurer, and appointed Parliamentarian.

Rationale: Consolidating into one Executive Committee

ARTICLE V—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Section C. Meetings

Insert “or Director of Junior Clubs” after “President”.

To Read: Executive Committee meetings shall be held at the call of the President or Director of Junior Clubs.

Rationale: Consolidating into one Executive Committee. ■

CONVENTION 2021 | IN MEMORIAM | 25- & 50-YEAR MEMBERS

Club presidents, please submit the names of your members who passed (April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021). They will be honored at a memorial service during Convention on Friday, May 1.

Please also send the names of your members who celebrated their 25th or 50th anniversary as a member of GFWC during 2020.

Please e-mail all names to GFWC IL Headquarters, gfwc-illinois@sbcglobal.net, or mail to 5 E. Van Buren St., Suite 208, Joliet, IL 60432-4224 by April 1, 2021. ■



DEB'S DIAMOND DIVAS ANNUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2021 | 6:00–7:30 p.m. | ZOOM MEETING

The GFWC Illinois Deb's Diamond Divas will hold their Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 28, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom, in conjunction with the GFWC Illinois Convention. The Zoom meeting is open to all, as everyone is welcome to attend and join the club as we take the next steps toward Deb Strahanoski being installed as GFWC President in 2022. You will want to be there as we make and reveal plans for the GFWC Installation next year.

Send your reservation to Jeanette T. Wells (gfwc.jtw@gmail.com) by **April 15, 2021**, if you will be joining our Zoom Meeting. Please put "**Deb's Diamond Divas**" in the subject line of your e-mail. Jeanette will e-mail the Zoom link, ID, passcode and the agenda to those who register by April 21, 2021.

We will continue to sell the **Deb's Diamond Diva Patron's Pin** for \$50.00 each. Contact Phyllis Skubic or Debbie Bach to purchase one and support our own Deb Strahanoski. All Diamond Patrons will be acknowledged in the GFWC Installation Program in June 2022.



Dues for 2021–2022 are payable by April 15, 2021, to Treasurer Michelle Schultz. ■

DUES FORM

NAME _____

CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

Make check payable for \$35 to **Deb's Diamond Divas** | Mail to **Michelle Schultz, 828 W. Reynolds St., Pontiac, IL 61764**

THE ORGANIZATION OF PAST STATE BOARD MEMBERS OF GFWC ILLINOIS ANNUAL MEETING



THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2021 | 6:00–7:30 p.m. | ZOOM MEETING

You are cordially invited to attend the Zoom Annual Meeting for The Organization of Past State Board Members. Everyone is encouraged to renew their membership or to join the Organization of Past State Board Members. Anyone who has served or is currently serving on the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors is eligible for membership. Dues remain a very friendly \$3.00.

We are going with the times, so join us and meet up with old friends and make new friends. This club meets only once a year and we will be voting for officers and directors, voting on donations and holding a Memorial Service.

Send your reservations to **Carol Jablonski** at caroljablonski@att.net by **April 15, 2021**, if you will be joining our Zoom Meeting. Carol will send out the Zoom link, ID, passcode and agenda to those who register by April 22, 2021.

Members may mail their \$3.00 dues to Treasurer Carol Jablonski at 818 Tamarack Drive, Darien, IL 60561-4042 by June 1, 2021. Checks are to be made payable to **Organization of Past State Board Members. ■**

QUESTIONS? Please contact **Debbie Bach**, President | debbiegfwcil@aol.com | (708) 542-2390

GFWC ILLINOIS LEADERSHIP EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

GFWC ILLINOIS LEADS



Saturday, April 24, 2020 | 10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
VIRTUAL VIDEO CONFERENCING VIA ZOOM



REGISTRATION FEE: \$10

(Register for LEADS on the Convention Registration Form on page 5, **due April 15, 2021**)

Hey, you – club member! Are you entertaining the idea of stepping into a leadership role but not sure where to start? Maybe you're scared? Worried about failure? Rest assured we have all been there. Club leaders – who do you see leading your club in the future? This is a great opportunity! Please suggest that your members attend.

GFWC Illinois has a phenomenal leadership seminar that is open to EVERYONE! LEADS (Leadership Education and Development Seminar) will be held in Illinois on the Saturday before our GFWC Illinois spring convention. That's **Saturday, April 24th from 10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

This year LEADS will look different – it will be virtual, on Zoom. However, the content will be amazing, and you will want to attend. Because it will be virtual, we will be able to bring speakers who would not normally be there – what??? GFWC and GFWC Illinois leaders will give you information you can use to move forward on your GFWC leadership journey!

Registration is only \$10 – no lunch fee, no hotel fee, no gas fee, no travel! We are hoping many of you will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity!!! Registration is on the Convention Registration Form on page 5 of this issue of *The GFWC Illinois Clubwoman*. ■

Your GFWC Illinois Leadership Team: Cathy Marsoun, Helen Crause, Carol Jablonski & Kim Kalafut

QUESTIONS? Contact Cathy Marsoun, GFWC IL Leadership Chairman | cmarsoun@hotmail.com | (309) 738-5003

CONVENTION 2021 | ARTS & CULTURE CONTESTS

Since we are unable to have an in-person convention this year, we have made a few changes so that you will still have an opportunity to participate in at least a few of the art contests. We are going virtual! The photography, painting and Upcycled Art contests, as well as Piggies on Parade, will be done online by e-mailing high-resolution photos of your artwork to the Arts & Culture Chairman at mhoward4030@sbcglobal.net.

Photography Contests: The guidelines for the GFWC photography contests are in the 2020-2022 GFWC Club Manual. The categories and guidelines will remain the same with the following exceptions:

- Send a high-resolution JPEG photo via email to the GFWC Illinois Arts & Culture Chairman by April 1.
- Include the information that would accompany your photo if you were submitting it at the convention art show.
- Winners will need to provide a signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver (available on the GFWC Illinois website) and their mounted 8 x 10" photograph to the Illinois Arts & Culture Chairman by May 1.

Painting Contest: The guidelines will remain the same with the following exceptions:

- E-mail a high-resolution JPEG photo of your entry to the GFWC Illinois Arts & Culture Chairman by April 1.

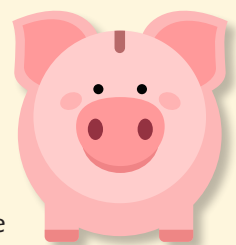
- Entries may be any size up to 24 x 30".
- No glass on the entries due to the glare.

Upcycled Art Contest: This was originally scheduled to debut at the 2020 convention. The Environment and Arts & Culture committees have collaborated to present it virtually in 2021! Rules will remain the same except that entries must be photographed and the high-resolution JPEGs, along with the entry form, **must be sent via e-mail to the GFWC Illinois Environment Chairman (terri.merrell@gmail.com) by April 1.** Complete rules can be found on the GFWC Illinois website.

- Send 2 or 3 photos from different angles.

Piggies on Parade: Decorate your piggy in any way you choose. Send 2 or 3 high-resolution JPEG photos from different angles to the Arts & Culture Chairman by April 1.

- Include club name, district, name, address, phone and e-mail of contact member.
- Piggies will be judged by a panel of judges from several clubs this year since the convention is not being held in person.
- Remember to send your check for the **Pennies for Art** to GFWC Illinois Headquarters at the same time. ■





SHOPPING WITH MARGIE

BY MARGIE NILSON, GFWC ILLINOIS FUNDRAISING CHAIRMAN

Many GFWC imprinted items are available for sale through Fundraising Chairman Margie Nilson. Please use the order form below to place an order. Prices include **FREE shipping!**

A GFWC Insulated Quilted Tote Bag \$15.00
Great for transporting cold items! 15" x 13" x 9" size.

B GFWC Baseball-Style Hat \$19.00
Nice size brim for women with an adjustable back.

C Small GFWC Spiral Notebook with Pen \$8.00
Book measures 5" x 6" closed and comes in assorted colors.
Handy size for taking with you on the go.

D 2021-2022 Appointment Book (8.5 x 6 inch size) \$14.00

E GFWC Illinois 2020-2022 President's Pin \$7.00
Show your support for our Madame President and to the world for saving the bees. Pins are about the size of a 50-cent piece and have a double pin backing to keep them hanging nice.

F GFWC Bee Kind Shirt \$17.00
Beautiful sunshine yellow color. Sizes Medium to XX-Large.

G 3/4-Sleeve V-Neck GFWC Shirt \$29.00
Sizes Medium to X-Large. Red with silver glitter GFWC emblem on chest and the letters "GFWC" on the sleeve.

H GFWC Emblem Fleece Vest (Med., Large, X-Large) \$38.00
(XX-Large) \$40.00
A soft microfiber fleece vest in a neutral Dove Gray color with a white embroidered GFWC logo. Women's sizing with a slightly fitted contour, slightly longer in the back. XXX-Large available for special order.



GFWC ILLINOIS FUNDRAISING MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM

NAME _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

ITEM #1 _____ SIZE/COLOR _____ QTY. _____ TOTAL \$ _____

ITEM #2 _____ SIZE/COLOR _____ QTY. _____ TOTAL \$ _____

ITEM #3 _____ SIZE/COLOR _____ QTY. _____ TOTAL \$ _____

ITEM #4 _____ SIZE/COLOR _____ QTY. _____ TOTAL \$ _____

ITEM #5 _____ SIZE/COLOR _____ QTY. _____ TOTAL \$ _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ **AMOUNT DUE \$** _____

Make check payable to **GFWC Illinois** | Mail order to **Margie Nilson**, 35360 N. Shoreline Drive, Ingleside, IL 60041
Or e-mail order to sewnsewm@gmail.com | **Questions?** Contact Margie at (630) 464-3974



IT'S A HONEY OF A RAFFLE!

A FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT THE GFWC ILLINOIS ORGANIZATION



PRIZE #1

Raffle Prize #1: Let's get prepared to travel again! Whether it's to a GFWC event or to see family, this **Vera Bradley Grand Weekend Travel Bag** is a must. Measures 21" w x 14.5" h x 8.5" d. **Value \$149.** Plus, includes **\$100 or more in assorted gift cards.**



PRIZE #2

Raffle Prize #2: Who couldn't use a sweet travel bag like this? The perfect size for that long overdue overnight. This **Vera Bradley Compact Weekend Travel Bag** measures 26" w x 10" h x 7" d. **Value \$109.** Plus, includes **\$100 or more in assorted gift cards.**



PRIZE #3

Raffle Prize #3: Bee Kind to Yourself. This adorable **Vera Bradley super soft fleece throw** measures 80" x 50". **Value \$59.** Plus, includes special goodies... Burt's Bee hand cream, foot cream, lip balm, facial mask, a book - "The Healing Powers of Honey," Tough Girl nail polish strips, Bee bracelet and honey sticks. **Total value \$120.**

Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$20 and must BEE ordered ahead of time.

Winners will BEE drawn via Zoom at the GFWC Illinois Convention on May 1, 2021. **Please specify total number of tickets purchased and how many chances you would like to take on each raffle prize.** Your name will be entered into the "honey pot" one time for the selected raffle prize for each chance you purchase. Ticket orders must be received by April 28.

We thank you in advance for your support!

GFWC ILLINOIS RAFFLE TICKET ORDER FORM

NAME _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF CHANCES TAKEN FOR EACH RAFFLE PRIZE:

PRIZE #1 _____ **PRIZE #2** _____ **PRIZE #3** _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS PURCHASED _____ **AMOUNT DUE \$** _____

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Questions? Contact Margie at (630) 464-3974 or sewnsewm@gmail.com

24th ANNUAL GFWC ILLINOIS

BLUE RIBBON FUNDRAISER A “NO FASHIONS” FASHION SHOW!

OUR PROMISE: A SAFE PLACE FOR EVERY CHILD

*Join us in keeping “OUR PROMISE” alive from the safety of your home.
Watch how we can prove that LESS IS MORE!*

The Blue Ribbon Fashion Show Committee has an answer to COVID-19 cancelling, once again, our beautiful April event, while still being able to continue our much needed support of the work of Prevent Child Abuse Illinois. If we could, we would so very much LOVE to see your face, in person, at Bolingbrook Country Club when spring fills the air...but since we cannot gather that big of a crowd yet, socially, we came up with a plan.

First, Bolingbrook Country Club is returning our deposit to us, which will become a donation directly to PCA ILLINOIS. With that in mind, we thought, “Let’s just imagine ourselves having a “NO FASHIONS” Fashion Show and Luncheon!” The beauty of it all is that the money we will save from producing the actual event can become a 100% DONATION to PCA Illinois. As you can imagine, because of the pandemic, the need for the wonderful work PCA does has increased greatly, and their ability to fundraise has decreased proportionately. We, GFWC Illinois, have an opportunity to make a real difference here.

We would like to ask you to still “purchase a ticket” to this year’s Blue Ribbon Fundraiser for the same amount as last year’s show and luncheon - \$50.00. With no fashions, no luncheon, no travel, no raffle prizes to donate or tickets to buy...truly NO EXPENSE of being there in person...WE CAN STILL MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE! We can keep “OUR PROMISE: A SAFE PLACE FOR EVERY CHILD.”

Traditionally, we have Clubs and Districts who generously donate to the success of The Blue Ribbon, and we welcome, again this year, that wonderful support. Some donations have already been made to use as “raffle” prizes this year, and the Committee has chosen to use 5 of these, instead, as “NO DOOR” Door Prizes. The name of every person who donates \$50.00 will go into a drawing, and the same incentive applies for Clubs and Districts. For every additional \$50.00 donated, an additional entry and chance to win one of the prizes goes into the pot! Friends and family, as always, are invited to “ATTEND” and their names will go into the pot as well. On the next page, please be sure to fill out the “NOT A RESERVATION FORM” with information we need to be sure winners get their prize! ■

No Fashions!
No Travel!
No Luncheon!
Just \$\$\$ for PCA!



**Prevent Child Abuse
Illinois™**

Prevent Child Abuse Illinois (PCA Illinois) is a freestanding 501(c)(3) charitable organization and the chartered state chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America. Established in 1990, PCA Illinois provides key leadership for child abuse prevention in Illinois. PCA Illinois is actively involved in prevention education and public awareness, community outreach, public policy advocacy, and promotion of effective prevention programs.

Child Abuse Prevention Month has been observed each April since its first presidential proclamation in 1983. Since that time millions of Americans have participated in this exciting public awareness campaign. Individuals, organizations and communities across the country plant pinwheels, tie ribbons, organize trainings, host fundraisers, hold family events, and support a multitude of other activities celebrating childhood and raising awareness that all children deserve to grow up in happy, healthy environments.

**CHILD ABUSE
PREVENTION MONTH**
APRIL 2021 

24th ANNUAL GFWC ILLINOIS

BLUE RIBBON FUNDRAISER A “NO FASHIONS” FASHION SHOW!

ALL DONATIONS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2021

(Clubs and Districts, this gives you most of APRIL – Child Abuse Prevention Month – to work your magic!)

“NO DOOR” DOOR PRIZES

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|---|---------------------------|
| 1. Destination Kohler SPA - Products or services at Illinois or Wisconsin locations | Value: \$400 |
| 2. Michael Kors Purse with \$100 tucked safely inside! | Value: \$300 |
| 3. Lettuce Entertain You Gift Cards (3) – \$100, \$50, and \$10 amounts | Total Value: \$160 |
| 4. Two \$50 SPA Gift Certificates in Libertyville, IL | Total Value: \$100 |
| 5. “Lucky 13” – 13 Illinois Lottery Scratch-Off Tickets (could be worth THOUSANDS of \$\$\$!) | Total Value: \$100 |

A FEW OTHER FUN THOUGHTS ABOUT A “NO FASHIONS” FASHION SHOW

IF YOU WOULD NORMALLY...

CONSIDER ADDING THIS TO YOUR TICKET PRICE:

Buy some raffle or “Split-the-Pot” tickets	\$10–\$20
Have a glass of wine or a fancy cocktail	\$10–\$15
Make the trip to Bolingbrook from Central or Southern region	\$25
Have those nails done for the big day	\$30
Ordinarily buy a new article of clothing or shoes	\$??????
Ask a friend, sister or Mom to be your guest	\$50

REMEMBER, EVERY DOLLAR IS A TAX DONATION TO THE WORK OF PREVENTING CHILD ABUSE IN ILLINOIS.

WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE! *The Blue Ribbon Fashion Show Committee*

THE “NOT A RESERVATION” FORM

NAME _____

CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

PLEASE INCLUDE ME IN THE “NO DOOR” DOOR PRIZE DRAWING _____ TIMES @ \$50 EACH

TOTAL DONATION ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Make check payable to: **GFWC ILLINOIS** | Mail to: **Mary Jo Murphy**, 30W025 Laurel Court, Warrenville, IL 60555
Or pay online at www.gfwcillinois.org/events

PLEASE POST YOUR DONATION BY FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2021

THANK YOU! WE HOPE TO SEE YOU “FOR REAL” ASAP!

FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION | GFWC ILLINOIS PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS | TIER 2

As recommended by the Bylaws Committee

Chairman Jeanette T. Wells, Central Region Vice President Cathy Marsoun, District President Susan Haa, President Elect LeeAnn Conlon, Director of Junior Clubs Patti Kuchar, Parliamentarian Diane Addante and President Teresa Sanford-Shipplett, ex-officio

Note: These proposed amendments were printed in the 2020 Convention Issue of *The Clubwoman* magazine; however, they were not voted on due to the cancellation of the 2020 Annual Convention.

ARTICLE IV—DUES AND FINANCE, Section 2. ANNUAL DUES, B.

In the first sentence, strike “five dollars (\$5.00)” and insert “ten dollars (\$10.00).” Strike the second sentence

To Read: B. Each member of a club shall pay annual GFWC Illinois dues of ten dollars (\$10.00). The GFWC Illinois dues structure shall be reviewed every four years beginning with the year 2024.

Rationale: Recommendation by the Finance Committee. At the 2017 GFWC Illinois Convention, delegates passed an increase in dues from \$5.00 to \$10.00, by \$1.00/year. Increasing to the \$10.00 in one year will lessen confusion from members.

Clarification: This would mean in 2021 dues would be \$10.00 instead of \$9.00 AND then this wouldn't be reviewed again until 2024.

ARTICLE IV—DUES AND FINANCE, Section 5. AUDITING AND BONDING

Strike A. and insert a new A.

To Read: A. At the close of the fiscal year, a Review of the books shall be made of the first year of an administration and a full Audit shall be made at the close of an administration. Both will include the records of the Treasurer, Headquarters Executive Secretary, Meetings and Convention Treasurer, Fund Raising Chairman, and Treasurer of the Junior Organization.

Rationale: It is not necessary to have a full audit performed every year as a review will provide the necessary documentation to file the proper tax documents. Additionally, a C.P.A. is not necessary if the person or business performing the review or audit has the correct credentials. Both can save GFWC Illinois money.

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS, Section 6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, B. Duties, 5.

Insert “or a qualified third party” after “auditor:

To Read: 5. Retain an auditor or a qualified third party by spring of each year, subject to approval of the Board of Directors at the Spring Meeting.

Rationale: Allows for more flexibility and could save GFWC Illinois money.

ARTICLE VI—BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 5. DUTIES, I., 4.

Strike “annual” and insert “review or”.

To Read: I. 4. Approve the Review or Audit.

Rationale: Consistency with the previous bylaw amendment.

Note: These proposed amendments are for future consideration as recommended by the 2020–2022 Bylaws Committee.

Article IV—DUES AND FINANCE, Section 3. FUNDS, Subsection A., Item 2.

In the last sentence strike “paid” and insert “transferred” and delete “General” and insert “Working Cash”.

To Read: 2. Isabella Candee Foundation – The Foundation principal and additional contributions received for the Isabella Candee Foundation shall be invested to help secure the future of GFWC Illinois. The principal of this Foundation shall remain in perpetuity. Income from these invested funds shall be transferred to the GFWC Illinois Working Cash fund.

Rationale: To reflect current practices.

Article IV—DUES AND FINANCE, Section 3. FUNDS, Subsection A., Item 3.

In the first sentence insert “Consist of the Scholarship Fund,” after “Funds” and before “GFWC” and strike “Very Special Arts, Pennies For Art and the Scholarship Fund” after “Projects” at the end.

To Read: 3. Special Funds – Consist of the Scholarship Fund, GFWC and GFWC Illinois Monetary Projects. Expenditures from Special Funds shall be limited to the purpose of the funds. Funds may be diverted to other projects by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors, previous notice having been given.

Rationale: No other monetary projects are listed in the bylaws.



ARTICLE V—OFFICERS, Section 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Subsection E. Secretary

E.1. Strike “Keep” and insert “Record” at the beginning of the sentence; insert “and submit for review and approval as per the Policy/Procedure manual.” at the end of the sentence.

To Read: E. 1. Record minutes of the meetings of GFWC Illinois, its Board of Directors and Executive Committee and submit for review and approval as per the Policy/Procedure manual.

E.2. Strike in its entirety.

E.3. Strike in its entirety.

E.4. Becomes the new E.2.

E.5. Becomes the new E.3.

E.6. Becomes the new E.4.

Rationale: To align with current practice and to clarify.

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS, Section 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Subsection F. Treasurer

F.2. Strike “on a monthly basis” and insert “at each meeting” at the end of the sentence.

To Read: F.2. Monitor the budget and submit a written accounting to the members of the Executive Committee at each meeting.

F.3. Strike “monthly” after “written” and before “financial”.

To Read: F.3. Study and review the financial accounts with the Headquarters Executive Secretary prior to each Board of Directors Meeting, submitting a written financial report to the members of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors at each meeting.

F.5. Strike in its entirety and replace as follows:

To Read: F.5. Prepare and communicate dues collection guidelines to clubs and submit dues to GFWC.

F.6. Strike in its entirety and replace as follows:

To Read: F.6. Oversee and execute actions required to fulfill information requests for financial audit or review. Participate in the full financial audit or review held in the Fall each year of the administration. As Immediate Past Treasurer participate in the full financial audit in the Fall immediately following her term.

Rationale: To align with current practice and to clarify.

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS, Section 6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Subsection B. Item 3.

3. Strike in its entirety.

Rationale: To align with current practice of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS, Section 6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Subsection B. Item 7.

7. Strike “and an Assistant Secretary as needed” at the end of the sentence.

To Read: 7. Approve the employment of a Headquarters Executive Secretary.

Rationale: To align with current practice.

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS, Section 6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Subsection B. Item 11.

11. Strike “any such essential” and insert “time-sensitive” after “on” and before “matters”; strike “as require” and insert “requiring” after “matters” and before “immediate”.

To Read: 11. Act on time-sensitive matters requiring immediate action between Board of Directors’ meetings.

Rationale: More concise.

Renumber items 3. through 15.

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS, Section 6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Subsection E.

Insert “Recommendations for action from” before “The” at the beginning of the sentence; insert “be reported via the Secretary’s” after the word “shall” and before the word “report”.

To Read: Recommendations for action from the Executive Committee shall be reported via the Secretary’s report at each Board of Directors’ meeting.

Rationale: To align with current practice.

Article VI—BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 10. COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM, ADVANCEMENT, STANDING, AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES, Subsection C.

Strike it its entirety and replace as follows:

To Read: C. The two-year term for Chairmen and committee members shall commence at the close of the convention following their election.

Rationale: To clarify.

Article VIII—GFWC ILLINOIS HEADQUARTERS, Section 2. Headquarters Staff, Subsection B.

2.B. Insert “Headquarters after “The” and before “Executive”.

To Read: 2.B. The Headquarters Executive Secretary shall file with the Recorder of Deeds of Will County and with the Secretary of State in Springfield, within thirty days of the election of officers, certificates of their election.

Rationale: Consistency in the title of the Headquarters Secretary.

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FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION | GFWC ILLINOIS PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS | TIER 2



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ARTICLE V—Section 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Subsection A. President

A.1. Strike “Have general supervision of the work of GFWC Illinois” and in its place insert “Lead the organization to deliver the goals and objectives of GFWC Illinois as guided by the GFWC Illinois Strategic Plan.”

To Read: A.1. Lead the organization to deliver the goals and objectives of GFWC Illinois as guided by the GFWC Illinois Strategic Plan.

A.2. Strike “Call and preside at all meetings of GFWC Illinois, the Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee” and in its place insert “Direct the planning of and preside over all GFWC Illinois meetings and annual conventions.”

To Read: A.2. Direct the planning of and preside over all GFWC Illinois meetings and annual conventions.

A.4. Insert “except for Elections Committee” at the end of the sentence.

To Read: A.4. Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees, except for Elections Committee.

A.5. Insert “Oversee fiduciary management of the organization and” at the beginning of the sentence.

To Read: A.5. Oversee fiduciary management of the organization and sign contracts and may co-sign GFWC Illinois checks.

A.6. Strike in its entirety and replace as follows:

To Read: A.6. Appoint the following to serve during her term of office

- a. Parliamentarian
- b. Meetings and Convention Committee
- c. Historian
- d. Special Committee Chairmen with associated duties
- e. Three additional members to the Strategic Planning Committee, one from each region
- f. Appoint committees for the auditing of the minutes of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors meeting for the immediate prior administration. Each committee shall consist of the Secretary as Chairman and 2 additional members.

A.7. Strike in its entirety and replace as follows:

To Read: A.7. Serve as chairman of the Illinois delegation at the GFWC Annual Convention in the odd year during her administration and the even year following.

A.8. Strike in its entirety and replace as follows:

To Read: A.8. Prepare and conduct orientation and training for the Board of Directors with the Director of Junior Clubs.

A.9. Strike in its entirety and replace as follows:

To Read: A.9. Manage the activities of the Headquarters Executive Secretary.

A.10. Strike in its entirety and replace as follows:

To Read: A.10. Participate in the full financial audit or review held in the Fall each year of the administration. As Immediate Past President participate in the full financial audit in the Fall immediately following her administration.

A.11. Strike in its entirety and A. 12 becomes A.11.

Insert a new A. 12

To Read: A.12. Mentor and coach District Presidents for leadership development and encourage participation in LEADS.

Rationale: Consolidating and updating roles of each Executive Officer

Article V—Section 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Subsection E. Vice Presidents, Item 5

Strike “when” and insert “as” after “Districts” and before “scheduled” and strike “President” and insert “Executive Committee” at the end of the sentence after “Illinois”

To Read: E.5. Coordinate arrangements for GFWC Illinois Region Meetings of the Districts as scheduled by the GFWC Illinois Executive Committee.

Rationale: To clarify. ■

FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION | GFWC ILLINOIS PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS | TIER 3



Note: These proposed amendments are for future consideration as recommended by the 2020–2022 Bylaws Committee.

Proviso: The following, if adopted, will be effective at the start of the 2022–2024 Administration.

Rationale: To Streamline the structure of the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors.

Article III—MEMBERSHIP, Section 7. CONSTITUENT DIVISIONS, Title and Subsections A. and B.

Rename Section by striking “Constituent” and inserting “Region” before “Divisions”.

To Read: Region Divisions.

Strike B. in its entirety.

Number 1. becomes new letter A.

A. At the beginning strike “Regions” and insert “GFWC Illinois shall be divided into six (6)” and strike “three” before “Regions”; strike “Northern, Central, and “Southern” at the end of the sentence and insert “West Central Region, North East Region, North Metro Region, North Central Region, East Central Region and Southern Region”.

To Read: A. GFWC Illinois shall be divided into six (6) Regions – West Central Region, North East Region, North Metro Region, North Central Region, East Central Region and Southern Region.

Number 2. would become the new letter B.

Article III—MEMBERSHIP, Section 2. CLASSIFICATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

Propose to revise the last paragraph:

Strike the first sentence and replace with the following: “All member clubs shall belong to the Region which encompasses the area in which they chartered.” In the second sentence strike “District” and insert “Region.”

Strike the entire last sentence.

To Read: All member clubs shall belong to the Region which encompasses the area in which they chartered. Club members shall pay dues to the Region, GFWC Illinois and GFWC.

Article III—MEMBERSHIP, Section 3. ADMISSION OF NEW CLUBS TO GFWC ILLINOIS, Subsections B.3., C., D. & E.

B.3. Insert “/Standing Rules” after “Bylaws” and before “of” at the beginning of the sentence; strike “District” and insert “Region” after “the” and before “and/or”; insert “/Standing Rules” after “Bylaws” at the end of the sentence.

To Read: B.3. Bylaws/Standing Rules of the applicant, which shall not conflict with any provision of the Region and/or GFWC Illinois Bylaws/Standing Rules.

C. Strike “District and/or Junior District” and insert “respective Region” after “the” and before “for” and strike “by the respective District Board” at the end of the sentence.

To Read: C. Application for membership shall be made to the Respective Region for approval.

Strike D. & E.

Insert a new D.

To Read: D. The Region President and/or Region Director of Junior Clubs will present the application for new clubs to the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors.

Article III—MEMBERSHIP, Section 5. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP, Subsection A.3.

A.3. Strike “District” and insert “Region” after “the” and before “President” and insert “and/or the Region Director of Junior Clubs” after “President” and before “and”; strike “District Board” and insert “Region” at the end of the sentence.

To Read: A.3. A written resignation shall be presented to the Region President and/or the Region Director of Junior Clubs and accepted by the Region.

Article III—MEMBERSHIP, Section 5. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP, Subsection A.4.

A.4. Insert “by Region leadership” after “Presented” and before “to”.

To Read: A.4. This resignation shall be presented by Region leadership to the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors for action and filed with GFWC Illinois Headquarters.

Article III—MEMBERSHIP, Section 6. RENEWAL, Subsection B.

B. In the first sentence insert “and retain original charter” after “reinstated” and before “a”; insert the following at the end of the sentence “(GFWC, GFWC Illinois and Region)”.

To Read: B. To be reinstated and retain original charter, a club shall pay all previous years and current dues (GFWC, GFWC Illinois and Region). Dues shall be based on current membership.

Strike C. in its entirety.

The current D. becomes the new C.

Article V—OFFICERS, Section 1. OFFICERS

Strike “a Vice President from each Region” after the “Clubs” and before “Secretary”.

To Read: 1. The GFWC Illinois officers shall be President, Director of Junior Clubs, President Elect, Director Elect of Junior Clubs, Secretary and Treasurer.

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ARTICLE V—OFFICERS, Section 2. CANDIDACY A. Eligibility, Subsection 2. Item a.

2.a. Insert “/Region” after District and before President; insert “or District/Region Director of Junior Clubs” after President; and strike “or as a GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs”.

To Read: 2.a. Have served a full term as a District/Region President or District/Region Director of Junior Clubs or as a GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs, and

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS, Section 2. CANDIDACY A. Eligibility Subsection 4.

Strike entire subsection 4. Renumber 5. to 4.

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS, Section 2, CANDIDACY B. Endorsement Subsection 1.

Strike “serves” and insert “resides” after “she” at the end of the first sentence; strike “District” and insert “Region” every place shown in this section; strike “Recording” before Clubs, and after “Secretary”, and insert “Pro Tempore (Pro Tem)” after Secretary.

To Read: 1. Each candidate shall be endorsed by the Region in which she resides. The endorsement shall be obtained by the Region assembled in the odd-numbered year or in absence of such assembly, by endorsement of two-thirds of all active clubs in the Region either by polling by mail or electronic means. Endorsement shall be properly documented in the Region minutes or polling results compiled and submitted with letter of verification signed by the Region President or Region Director of Junior Clubs, Secretary Pro Tempore (Pro Tem), and candidate. A “Declaration of Candidates for GFWC Illinois Office” form shall be completed and submitted to the Elections Committee and GFWC Illinois Headquarters by December 1st in the odd-numbered years.

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS, Section 3. ELECTIONS, Subsection A., Item 1.

Strike “a Vice President from each Region” after “Club” and before “Secretary”

To Read: 1. The following officers shall be elected in the even-numbered years: President Elect, Director Elect of Junior Clubs, Secretary and Treasurer.

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS, Section 4. VACANCY, Subsection A.

Strike “Vice President” after “of” and before “Secretary”.

To Read: A. A vacancy in the office of Secretary or Treasurer shall be filled for the remainder of the term by the Board of Directors at its next meeting.

ARTICLE V— OFFICERS, Section 4. VACANCY, Subsection C.2.

Insert “acting” after “The” and before “Dean”; strike “also serve as Dean of District Deans of Chairman and” after “shall” and before “perform”.

To Read: C.2. The acting Dean of Chairmen, elected by the Board of Directors, shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President until the next annual convention. She shall attend the Executive Committee meetings as a non-voting member.

ARTICLE V—Section 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Subsection A. President

A.6.e. Strike “Three” and Insert “Six” at the beginning of the sentence and before “members”.

To Read: A.6.e. Six additional members to the Strategic Planning Committee, one from each region.

A.12. Strike “District” and Insert “Region” after “coach” and before “Presidents”. Insert “effective region engagement” after “and” and before “encourage”. (end sentence). “Encourage participation In LEADS” becomes a new sentence.

To Read: A.12. Mentor and coach Region Presidents for leadership development and effective region engagement. Encourage participation in LEADS.

ARTICLE V—Section 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Subsection B. Director of Junior Clubs

B.7. Strike “District” and Insert “Region” after “coach and before “Directors”. Insert “effective region engagement” after “and” and before “Encourage”. (end sentence) “Encourage participation in LEADS” becomes a new sentence.

To Read: B.7. Educate Junior Club members on GFWC and GFWC Illinois. Mentor and coach Region Directors of Junior Clubs for leadership development and effective region engagement. Encourage participation in LEADS.

ARTICLE V—Section 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Subsection C. President Elect

C.10. Insert “effective region engagement” after “and” and before “Encourage”. (end sentence) “Encourage participation in LEADS” becomes a new sentence

To Read: C.10. Mentor and coach Committee Chairmen and/or Committee Members for leadership development and effective region engagement. Encourage participation in LEADS.

ARTICLE V—Section 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Subsection D. Director Elect of Junior Clubs

D. 8. Insert “effective region engagement” after “and” and before “Encourage”. (end sentence) “Encourage participation in LEADS” becomes a new sentence

To Read: D.8. Mentor and coach Committee Chairmen and/or Committee Members for leadership development and effective region engagement. Encourage participation in LEADS.

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS, Section 6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Subsection A.

Strike “a Vice President from each Region” after “Club” and before “Secretary”.

To Read: A. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Director of Junior Clubs, President Elect, Director Elect of Junior Clubs, Secretary, Treasurer, and appointed Parliamentarian.



Article VI—BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 1. VOTING MEMBERSHIP

In the first sentence, strike “District” and insert “Region” after “Officers” and before Presidents; insert”, Region Directors of Junior Clubs; strike the entire second sentence.

To Read: The voting members of the Board of Directors shall consist of the elected Officers, Region Presidents, Region Directors of Junior Clubs, Chairmen, and members of Community Service Programs, Advancements, Standing and Special Committees. The number of voting members of the Board of Directors shall not exceed the number of 60 as designated in the amended Articles of Incorporation.

Article VI—BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 5. DUTIES, Subsection A.

A. Strike “Determine” and insert “Review” at the beginning of the sentence; strike “districts and” after “of” and before “regions” and insert “and recommend changes if needed” at the end of the sentence.

To Read: A. Review the number and boundaries of regions and recommend changes if needed.

Article VI—BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 5. DUTIES, Subsection F.

F. In the first sentence insert “the” after “in” and before “elected”; strike “officers” and insert “offices of Secretary and Treasurer” after “state” and before “except”; strike the entire second sentence.

To Read: F. Fill vacancies in the elected state offices of Secretary and Treasurer.

Article VI—BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 9. DISTRICT PRESIDENTS, Title and Subsections, A., B., C., D., E., F., G., H., I., J. and K.

Amend title by striking “District” and inserting “Region” and inserting “Region Directors of Junior Clubs” at the end.

To Read: REGION PRESIDENTS & REGION DIRECTORS OF JUNIOR CLUBS

A. Strike “District President” at the beginning and strike “districts” and insert “regions” after “respective” and before “in”.

To Read: A. Shall be elected for a two-year term by their respective regions in the even-numbered years.

B. Strike “District President are to” and insert “Will” at the beginning and strike “district” and insert “region” after “their” and before “at”; strike “their” after “of” and before “Clubs”.

To Read: B. Will report on the status of Clubs within their Region at each Board Meeting.

C. Strike “District President are to” and insert “Will” at the beginning and strike “district” and insert “region” after “their” and before “as” and insert “and/or Director of Junior Clubs” at the end of the sentence.

To Read: C. Will report on the activities of their Region as requested by the President and/or Director of Junior Clubs.

D. Insert “Will send” at the beginning; strike “District” and insert “Region” after “the” and before “yearbook”; strike “their Regional Vice President” and insert “the State Director of Junior Clubs” after “President”.

To Read: D. Will send copies of the Region yearbook to GFWC Illinois Headquarters, the State President, and the State Director of Junior Clubs.

E. Strike “District Presidents are to” and insert “Will” at the beginning of the sentence; strike “District Board of Directors” and insert “Region Officers and Club Presidents” after “their” and before “to”; insert by May 15th after “year” at the end of the sentence.

To Read: E. Will send an updated list of their Region Officers and Club Presidents to the GFWC Illinois Headquarters each year by May 15th.

Insert a new F. as follows:

To Read: F. Act as mentors/consultants in the organization of new clubs.

Insert a new G. as follows:

To Read: G. Promote understanding of GFWC Illinois goals, structure, and processes.

Insert a new H. as follows:

To Read: H. Serve as the liaison between the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors and the Club Presidents

Insert a new I. as follows:

To Read: I. Concentrate on communication with, and support of, the clubs in their respective regions.

Insert a new J. as follows:

To Read: J. Coordinate arrangements for Region events of the clubs when scheduled by the GFWC Illinois President and/or Director of Junior Clubs.

Insert a new K. as follows:

To Read: K. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President and/or Director of Junior Clubs.

Housekeeping: Strike district(s) and insert region(s) wherever “district(s)” remain in the bylaws except for in Article V, Section 2. CANDIDACY, Subsection A. Eligibility.

Proviso: If adopted will be effective at the start of the 2022–2024 Administration.

Rationale: To Streamline the structure of the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors.

STANDING RULE 1. REGIONS:

Strike: Northern Region: Districts 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12 and 13
Central Region: Districts 14/15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 21
Southern Region: Districts 22, 23 and 25

And insert:

- **North East Region:** [Former Districts: 4 and 10]
■ (3) Counties: Boone, Lake, McHenry, and the Cook County Township of Rogers Park and the Illinois Townships of Evanston, New Trier, Niles and Northfield

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- **North Metro Region:** [Former Districts: 5, 6 and 7]
 - County of DuPage and the Cook County Townships of: Jefferson, Lakeview, Lemont, North, South, and West, and the Illinois Townships of: Barrington, Berwyn, Cicero, Elk Grove, Hanover, Leyden, Lyons, Maine, Norwood Park, Oak Park, Palatine, Proviso, River Forest, Riverside, Schaumburg, Stickney, and Wheeling
- **North Central Region:** [Former Districts: 3, 11 and 12]
 - (7) Counties: DeKalb, Grundy, Kankakee, Kane, Kendall, LaSalle, Will and the Cook County Townships of Hyde Park, and the Illinois Townships of Bloom, Bremen, Calumet, Crete-Monee, Homer, Lake, Orland, Palos, Rich, Thornton, and Worth
- **East Central Region:** [Former Districts: 17, 18, 19 and portions of 21]
 - (21) Counties: Champaign, **Christian (21)**, Clark, Coles, **Cumberland (23)**, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, Logan, Macon, McLean, Menard, Moultrie, Piatt, **Sangamon (21)**, Shelby, Vermilion, and Woodford
- **West Central Region:** [Former Districts: 13, 14/15, 16 and portions of 21]
 - (30) Counties: **Adams (21)**, **Brown (21)**, Bureau, Carroll, **Cass (21)**, Fulton, Hancock, Henderson, Henry, Jo Daviess, Knox, Lee, Marshall, **Mason (17)**, McDonough, Mercer, **Morgan (21)**, Ogle, Peoria, **Pike (21)**, Putnam, Rock Island, **Schuylar (21)**, **Scott (21)**, Stark, Stephenson Tazewell, Warren, Whiteside, and **Winnebago (4)**
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- **Southern Region:** [Former Districts: 22, 23, 25 and portions of 21]
 - (39) Counties: Alexander, Bond, **Calhoun (21)**, **Christian (21)**, Clay, Clinton, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Franklin, Gallatin, **Green (21)**, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, **Jersey (21)**, Johnson, Lawrence, **Macoupin (21)**, Madison, Marion, Massac, Monroe, **Montgomery (21)**, Perry, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Richland, Saline, St. Clair, Union, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, White, and Williamson

Rationale: Restructuring the boundaries and subdivision of GFWC Illinois.

Counties listed in **bold red text** are designated as such for your information. They represent counties without clubs at this time, but are included in the region boundaries for complete coverage of the state. *They will not be red in the yearbook.*

Strike Standing Rule 2. Districts, in its entirety & renumber the remaining Standing Rules.

Rationale: Restructuring the boundaries and subdivision of GFWC Illinois.

In the paragraph at the beginning of the Standing Rules, in the second sentence strike “Rules” and insert “Rule” after “Standing” and before “1”; strike “and 2” after “1” and before “which”; strike “are” and insert “is” after “which” and before “covered”; insert “Section 7” after “III” and before “of”.

To Read: Standing Rules may be adopted by the Board of Directors at any meeting without previous notice, by a majority vote. They may be amended, suspended or rescinded by the Board of Directors at any meeting, by a 2/3 vote, without previous notice, or a majority vote after a month’s previous notice except for Standing Rule 1 which is covered by ARTICLE III, Section 7 of the bylaws. Written copies of proposed changes shall be furnished to the Board of Directors.

Rationale: Standing Rule 2 no longer contains boundaries or subdivisions, and to clarify. ■

To Read: 1. REGIONS: The boundaries of the subdivisions of GFWC Illinois known as Regions, shall be as follows:

- **North East Region:** [Former Districts: 4 and 10]
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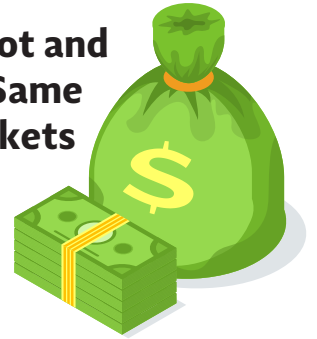


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Your present circumstances don't determine where you can go: They merely determine where you start. So though we cannot go back and make a brand new start, we can start from now and make a brand new ending!

I have visited with clubs via ZOOM and some small (physically distanced) groups. There have been several clubs that I know of that held 19th Amendment Celebrations. Some have held board meetings and club meetings via ZOOM. Please, remember to keep in contact with all your members. Believe it or not, Florida has been inducting new members and even forming new clubs because of virtual technology. WE can do this too!

The **MUST DO** part of this new "normal" is to connect with the internet. You can do this by checking our GFWC Illinois website, the GFWC website, and your email. It is our way of connecting with you and your members. Look for information from our chairmen.

As I close, remember to Bee Kind, Bee Thoughtful, Bee Genuine, but most of all BEE Thankful we can still "Live The Volunteer Spirit"! ■

Teresa Sanford-Shipplett
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