

GFWC Kentucky

Bylaws and Standing Rules



KENTUCKY BYLAWS

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

General Federation of Women's Clubs Kentucky

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is General Federation of Women's Clubs Kentucky Incorporated (GFWC Kentucky).

ARTICLE II

The purpose of the GFWC Kentucky shall be to bring into communication and to unite the women's clubs and like organizations throughout Kentucky for mutual benefit; and for the promotion of their common interest in educational, industrial, literacy, artistic, and scientific culture as interpreted and implemented by established policy.

ARTICLE III

This organization being organized for educational, charitable, social, and other nonprofit purposes and not for profit or gain, shall have no capital stock and no part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, or other private persons except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II thereof. No part of the activities of this corporation shall be carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, except such as may be permissible under applicable provision of the IRS Code, and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing and/or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation and not otherwise permitted.

In the event of the dissolution of this corporation, after the payment satisfaction and discharge of all liabilities and obligations, all of its remaining assets and property of every nature and description whatsoever not held upon a condition requiring return, transfer, or conveyance, by reason of dissolution shall be paid over to a corporation or corporations or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, or religious purposes and shall at that time qualify as an exempt corporation or organization under Section 501c3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1987 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law). This corporation is not a private foundation.

ARTICLE IV

The agent for service is on record at GFWC Kentucky Headquarters, P.O. Box 1587, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

BYLAWS

General Federation of Women's Clubs Kentucky

ARTICLE I. Name

The name of the organization, a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC), shall be General Federation of Women's Clubs Kentucky Incorporated, hereinafter referred to as GFWC Kentucky.

ARTICLE II. Object

The object and purpose of this organization, organized as a nonprofit corporation, shall be to bring into communication and to unite the women's clubs and like organizations throughout Kentucky for the purpose of mutual benefit; and for the promotion of their common interest in educational, industrial, literacy, artistic, and scientific culture as interpreted and implemented by established policy.

ARTICLE III. Members

Section 1. Membership Eligibility. Women's clubs, individuals, and organizations having national affiliation other than the General Federation of Women's Clubs are eligible for membership as prescribed in these bylaws.

- A. An applicant's purpose shall be germane to the object and goals of GFWC Kentucky and the General Federation of Women's Clubs.
- B. An applicant shall show that its organization requires no partisan political test for membership, that it is not a secret society, and that it does not tolerate, either by practice or teaching, any violations of state or national laws.
- C. GFWC Membership. Membership in GFWC Kentucky automatically entitles membership in the General Federation of Women's Clubs, except for associate member organizations and members-at-large.

Section 2. Classification. There shall be the following classes of membership:

- A.. Active membership. Active membership shall be Active Clubs (General, Cyber, Junior, and Juniette) composed of active per capita dues paying members
 - 1. Active Members. Active members of a club are GFWC Kentucky members who are counted in a club as of February 1st of the convention year for the purpose of determining the number of delegates to which the club is entitled at the GFWC Kentucky Annual Convention.
 - 2. Dual Membership. Members of a GFWC Kentucky club may belong to more than one club. They must designate one club as their active club for the purpose of determining the number of delegates to which the club is entitled at the GFWC Kentucky Annual Convention. GFWC and GFWC Kentucky dues are paid through the active club membership only. The GFWC Kentucky member may represent the member's active club at the convention, vote at the member's active club district's conference if selected as a delegate, and may only participate in GFWC and GFWC Kentucky contests through the member's active club. Dues for membership in a second club are only paid to the local club. If the second club is in another district, district dues should be paid to the additional district and attendance at district conferences may be attended as a clubwoman but not as a delegate.

- B. Associate Membership. Associate members shall be organizations that have national affiliation other than with General Federation of Women’s Clubs and that pay annual dues to GFWC Kentucky. An associate organization shall be entitled to one vote at its respective GFWC Kentucky District Conference and the GFWC Kentucky Annual Convention. Dues shall be as stated in these bylaws. An associate organization may become an active club upon application for active membership.
- C. Honorary Members.
 - 1. Past Presidents of GFWC Kentucky.
 - a. A Past President of GFWC Kentucky shall automatically receive the title of President Emeritus upon completion of her term of office as President.
 - b. Per capita dues paying Presidents Emeriti shall not be prohibited from making motions, voting, serving on committees, and holding appointed or elected office.
 - c. The induction ceremony shall be marked by the official presentation of the GFWC Kentucky Past President’s Pin.
 - 2. The title of honorary member, upon recommendation of the Board of Directors and a two-thirds vote at an annual convention, may be conferred upon a member or any individual who has rendered outstanding service to GFWC Kentucky or the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
 - 3. Honorary members shall have none of the obligations of GFWC Kentucky membership, but shall be entitled to all the privileges, except those of making motions, voting, serving on committees, and holding appointed or elected office. Honorary members with the exception of those paying per capita dues, shall not be counted in the quorum.
 - 4. Honorary membership shall not prohibit an honorary member from holding membership in an active club or being a member-at-large.
- D. State Clubs.
 - 2. Epsilon Sigma Omicron-Alpha Lambda Chapter (ESO) is a state-chartered society through GFWC International governed by a separate Constitution and Bylaws. There is a separate manual for ESO found in the Electronic Material (See ESO Manual Standing Rules 24.01.) Reporting for ESO falls under Education and Libraries Community Service Programs.

Section 3. Application for Membership.

- A. Active Clubs (General and Junior). Application for membership shall be made on the official GFWC Kentucky application form obtained from GFWC Kentucky Headquarters. The completed application shall be forwarded to GFWC Kentucky Headquarters and shall be accompanied by the following:
 - 1. An alphabetized list of names, mailing addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of club members;
 - 2. List of officers;
 - 3. Annual per capita dues;
 - 4. The initiation fee; and
 - 5. Two copies of the applicant’s bylaws.
- B. Member-at-large. Application for individual membership shall be made on the official GFWC Kentucky application form obtained from GFWC Kentucky Headquarters. The completed application shall be forwarded to GFWC Kentucky Headquarters accompanied by the required annual dues.

- C. Associate Organization. Application for membership shall be made on the official GFWC Kentucky application form obtained from GFWC Kentucky Headquarters and shall be accompanied by the following:
 - 1. Names and titles of officers, including mailing addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses;
 - 2. Annual dues;
 - 3. The initiation fee; and
 - 4. Two copies of the applicant's bylaws.

Section 4. Application Approval and Charter.

- A. A charter shall be presented to an active club applicant by the GFWC Kentucky President upon recommendation of the Membership Committee and majority vote of the Executive Committee.
- B. Revocation. Upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, a charter may be revoked by the GFWC Kentucky Board of Directors by a two-thirds ballot vote. Due notice of pending revocation shall be given to a club by certified mail with a return receipt requested, and a period of six months from the date of the receipt shall be allowed for a club to meet the requirements, before final action is taken to revoke the charter. Causes for revocation shall be failure to do but not limited to one or more of the following:
 - 1. Comply with GFWC Kentucky Bylaws;
 - 2. Bring bylaws into compliance with GFWC Kentucky Bylaws;
 - 3. Hold regular meetings; or
 - 4. Promote GFWC Kentucky programs.
- C. Notice of Revocation. In order to give the club an opportunity to provide evidence that cause for revocation no longer exists, or to appear at the Board of Directors meeting at which action on the revocation will be considered, notice shall be given to the club by certified mail with return receipt requested at least three months prior to such meeting.

Section 5. Good Standing. A member in good standing is one whose current dues have been paid in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws.

Section 6. Resignation. Resignation of any member club or member-at-large shall be submitted by letter to GFWC Kentucky Headquarters. No member's resignation shall be accepted until the current dues are paid.

Section 7. Reinstatement.

- A. A former member club who resigned in good standing shall be reinstated upon payment of current dues, provided the application for reinstatement is made within two years following the date of resignation.
- B. A former member club who forfeited membership by non-payment of dues shall be reinstated upon payment of current dues and the reinstatement fee, provided the application for reinstatement is made within two years of date of forfeiture.
- C. A former member club who applies for reinstatement more than two years after termination of membership shall meet all current membership requirements and payment of the reinstatement fee.
- D. A member-at-large may be reinstated upon payment of current dues and the reinstatement fee.

ARTICLE IV. Dues, Fees, and Finances

Section 1. Dues. Annual dues shall be as follows:

- A. Active Club (General, Cyber and Junior) dues shall be the amount of GFWC per capita dues plus GFWC Kentucky per capita dues of \$5.00;

- B. Juniette Club dues shall be GFWC per capita dues plus \$2.00;
- C. Associate Club dues are \$50.00; and
- D. Member-at-large dues are \$20.00
- E. State Clubs
 - 1. State Clubs such as Governors' Club or Leads Club dues shall be \$40.00 annually
 - 2. E S O Chapters dues are \$5.00 per administration.

Section 2. Date Payable. Dues shall be due and payable by November 1st. Membership shall be delinquent if dues are not paid by February 1st and forfeited if dues are not paid by May 1st.

Section 3. Dues' Check. Checks shall be made payable to GFWC Kentucky and mailed to the GFWC Kentucky Treasurer along with an alphabetized list of active club members mailing addresses, telephone numbers, and email addressees.

Section 4. GFWC Kentucky Annual Convention Representation.

- A. Dues shall be paid by February 1st to have representation at the annual convention.
- B. New clubs accepted for membership by February 1st shall have representation at the annual convention.

Section 5. New Applicant. Dues of a club or member-at-large admitted to membership after February 1st shall apply to the next year's dues.

Section 6. Fees.

- A. Initiation Fee. The initiation fee for a new club in all classifications shall be \$10.00.
- B. Reinstatement Fee. The reinstatement fee for all classes of membership shall be \$15.00.
- C. Charter Replacement Fee. The replacement fee for a charter shall be \$15.00.
- D. Fees for other services shall be as determined by the Executive Committee.

Section 7. Budget. A proposed biennial budget shall be submitted by the Budget-Finance Committee to the post-convention meeting of the Board of Directors in the even numbered year for adoption.

Section 8. GFWC Kentucky Funds. The fiscal transactions of GFWC Kentucky shall be kept in two separate accounts: General Fund and Charitable Fund. The Endowment Fund shall be shown on the balance sheet with a separate accounting report available.

- A. General Fund. The General Fund shall consist of membership dues, fees, special projects, publications, and interest/dividend income from the Endowment Fund, and any other items approved by the Executive Committee or Board of Directors.
- B. Charitable Fund. The Charitable Fund shall consist of the Student Scholarship Funds, and any other items approved by the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors that are deemed charitable.

Section 9. Annual GFWC Kentucky Scorecard. To encourage participation in GFWC Kentucky educational programs and service to local communities, the GFWC Kentucky Executive Committee shall develop an annual scorecard. The scorecard may include specific fees authorized by the GFWC Kentucky Bylaws and/or Executive Committee.

Section 10. Special Funds.

- A. No special fund shall be collected by any member except by order of the Executive Committee.
- B. Chairmen who collect special funds shall forward immediately any monies received, to the GFWC Kentucky Treasurer.
- C. Funds collected for a specific charity shall be disbursed only to the respective charity. Only designated IRS 501c3 charities may be considered for a contribution by GFWC Kentucky.

- D. Surplus monies in a special fund, except for charities, shall revert to the General Fund at the end of an administration.
- E. Funds received and designated for a specific project no longer supported by cash contributions from GFWC Kentucky will automatically be credited to the current GFWC Kentucky President's Special Project.

Section 11. Disbursements.

- A. Authorized Signatures on GFWC Kentucky Checks. Disbursements of funds of GFWC Kentucky shall be by check and shall require two of three authorized signatures, the President and Treasurer, or in an emergency, the signature of the GFWC Kentucky President-elect. One of two signatures shall be an original.
- B. Expenses Incidental to Specific Offices.
 - 1. GFWC Kentucky President. The GFWC Kentucky President shall be authorized:
 - a. \$100 monthly for expenses incidental to the office and
 - b. \$3000 annually for scheduled meetings, meals, registration, and transportation to GFWC Kentucky Convention and Board of Directors meetings, GFWC International Convention and Board of Directors meetings, and Southeastern Region (SER) Conference. Receipts must be turned in for reimbursement.
 - 2. President-elect. The President-elect shall be reimbursed up to \$200 for registration, lodging or transportation to the GFWC Orientation for State Presidents-elect. Receipts must be turned in for reimbursement.
 - 3. Immediate Past GFWC Kentucky President. The Immediate Past GFWC Kentucky President shall be reimbursed up to \$200 for registration, lodging or transportation to the GFWC International Convention in the even numbered year. Receipts must be turned in for reimbursement.
 - 4. Director of Junior Clubs. The Director of Junior Clubs shall be authorized \$1500 annually for scheduled meetings, meals, registration, and transportation to GFWC Kentucky Convention and Board of Directors meetings, GFWC International Convention and Board of Directors meetings, and Southeastern Region (SER) Conference; \$200 of which shall be from the Junior Travel Fund. Receipts must be turned in for reimbursement.
 - 5. GFWC Kentucky Director-elect of Junior Clubs. The GFWC Kentucky Director-elect of Junior Clubs shall be reimbursed up to \$200 for registration, lodging or transportation to the GFWC Orientation for Junior Directors-elect. Receipts must be turned in for reimbursement.
 - 6. Immediate Past GFWC Kentucky Director of Junior Clubs shall be reimbursed up to \$200 for registration, lodging, or transportation to the GFWC International Convention in the even numbered year. Receipts must be turned in for reimbursement.

Section 12. Travel Expenses.

- A. Ground travel shall be at the current IRS rate per mile from the officer's home to the airport in addition to her destination airfare.
- B. Air travel shall be at the lowest fare obtainable.

Section 13. Financial Review.

- A. The financial records of GFWC Kentucky shall be reviewed by an internal audit committee at the end of each fiscal year. This committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee. Records shall be available, from the Treasurer, to this committee by July 1st.

- B. When a new Treasurer takes office, the retiring Treasurer shall assist with the preparation of the financial records for audit and work with the new Treasurer for a period not to exceed six months.
- C. Audited reports shall be approved by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.

Section 14. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year shall be from June 1st through May 31st.

ARTICLE V. Divisions

Section 1. Divisions. The divisions of GFWC Kentucky shall be: General Clubs, Cyber Clubs, Junior Clubs, Junioresettes and Districts.

Section 2. Active Clubs (General and Cyber).

- A. Composition. Active clubs of GFWC Kentucky shall be composed of members paying per capita dues.
- B. Minimum Number of Members. A minimum of four active members shall be required to organize a club and to retain membership in GFWC Kentucky.
- C. Bylaws of an Active Club.
 - 1. A club is authorized to have its own bylaws provided that there shall be no conflict with GFWC Kentucky Bylaws. The club bylaws shall include but not be limited to provisions for:
 - a. Election of officers;
 - b. Regular meetings;
 - c. Special meetings; and
 - d. A method of selecting delegates and alternates to GFWC International and GFWC Kentucky Conventions and District Conferences.
 - 2. The bylaws may provide for classes of members, including dual memberships – members who may hold active membership in more than one GFWC Kentucky club. Members holding dual memberships shall be counted in only their one designated club when determining that club’s representation to GFWC Kentucky District Conferences, GFWC Kentucky Conventions, and GFWC International Conventions. Duties and privileges of a member holding a dual membership shall be determined by the club.
 - 3. To insure compliance with the GFWC Kentucky Bylaws and Standing Rules, all clubs shall forward current bylaws to the GFWC Kentucky Headquarters for review by the Bylaws Committee and GFWC Kentucky Parliamentarian.

Section 3. Junior Organization.

- A. Composition. The Junior Organization shall be composed of Junior Clubs and Junioresette Clubs. Junioresette Clubs are clubs whose membership is made up of middle school/junior high and high school aged student.
- B. GFWC Kentucky Junior Officers. The GFWC Kentucky Junior officers shall be:
 - 1. GFWC Kentucky Director of Junior Clubs, who shall serve on the Executive Committee;
 - 2. GFWC Kentucky Director-elect of Junior Clubs, who shall be elected at the GFWC Kentucky Convention in the even numbered year; and
 - 3. An Aide to the GFWC Kentucky Director of Junior Clubs, appointed by the Director of Junior Clubs.
- C. Qualifications for Office. To be eligible for election to the office of Director of Junior Clubs, a member shall be an active member in good standing in the Junior Organization and shall have served at least two years on the GFWC Kentucky Board of Directors.

- D. Vacancy in Office.
1. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Director of Junior Clubs, the Director-elect shall become Director of Junior Clubs and shall serve the remainder of the term.
 2. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Director-elect of Junior Clubs, the GFWC Kentucky Executive Committee shall fill the vacancy following notification of the vacancy to the Junior Organization. Sufficient time shall be allowed for nominations for the office to be mailed to GFWC Kentucky Headquarters before filling the vacancy.
 3. In the event the offices of Director of Junior Clubs and Director-elect of Junior Clubs become vacant at the same time, the offices shall be filled by the GFWC Kentucky Executive Committee following notification of the vacancies to the Junior Organization. Sufficient time shall be allowed for nominations for the offices to be mailed to GFWC Kentucky Headquarters prior to filling the vacancy.
 4. A Director of Junior Clubs and a Director-elect of Junior Clubs serving less than one year may be eligible to serve a full term, provided the qualifications for office are met.
- E. Duties of Junior Officers.
1. GFWC Kentucky Director of Junior Clubs shall:
 - a. Be a member of the Junior Organization;
 - b. Interpret the GFWC Kentucky and GFWC programs to Junior club members;
 - c. Preside at Junior meetings;
 - d. Represent GFWC Kentucky Junior Clubs at GFWC Junior meetings during her term of office and at the GFWC Convention immediately following her administration; and
 - e. Perform such other duties as determined by the President, Executive Committee, and the Board of Directors.
 2. GFWC Kentucky Director-elect of Junior Clubs shall:
 - a. Record the minutes of all meetings and place such minutes on file at GFWC Kentucky Headquarters no later than thirty days following each meeting;
 - b. Keep a financial record of all Junior funds and give a financial report at all meetings. A copy of the financial report shall be attached to the minutes filed at GFWC Kentucky Headquarters; and
 - c. Following the election in the even numbered year, work with the GFWC Kentucky President-elect in planning the program for the next administration.
 3. Aide to the Director of Junior Clubs shall perform those duties assigned by the GFWC Kentucky Director of Junior Clubs.
- F. Junior Organization Advisor. The Immediate Past Director of Junior Clubs of GFWC Kentucky shall serve as an advisor to the Junior Organization.
- G. Community Service Programs and Committees.
1. The Junior Organization may have Community Service Programs to correspond to GFWC Kentucky.
 2. Special committees may be created and appointed at any meeting to implement special projects or programs adopted by a majority vote in a meeting. The Director of Junior Clubs shall make the appointments.
- H. Meetings. Meetings shall be under the supervision of the GFWC Kentucky President and Director of Junior Clubs.
1. Regular meetings of the Junior Organization may be held in conjunction with GFWC Kentucky meetings.
 2. Special meetings may be called by the Director of Junior Clubs upon approval of the GFWC Kentucky President.

- I. Quorum. A quorum for Junior meetings shall be ten with at least three Junior clubs represented.

Section 4. Districts. The GFWC Kentucky Board of Directors shall determine the number and boundaries of each district.

- A. Composition of Districts. Districts shall be composed of active clubs, associate organizations, and members-at-large within a district.
- B. Purpose of Districts. The purpose of a district shall be to promote a better understanding of the object, structure, programs, and projects of GFWC Kentucky. The district shall promote membership extension, retention, and leadership training.
- C. District Officers. The elected officers shall be Governor, Vice Governor, and where applicable, Director of Junior Clubs. A Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian may be appointed by the Governor.
 - 1. Qualifications. To be eligible for office, a member shall reside in the respective district and be an active member in good standing.
 - 2. Election and Term of Office.
 - a. The officers shall be elected by ballot vote unless there is only one nominee for an office, in which case the election for that office may be by voice vote.
 - b. The officers shall be installed at a district conference in the odd numbered year for a term of two years or until their successors are elected. A majority vote shall elect.
 - c. Elected officers shall assume their duties at the close of the next GFWC Kentucky Annual Convention.
 - d. No officer shall serve two consecutive terms in the same office, except the Secretary and Treasurer, who may each serve two consecutive terms.
 - 3. Vacancy in Office.
 - a. Vacancy in any elected office shall be filled at a called meeting of the Club Presidents, members of GFWC Kentucky Board of Directors residing in the district, and District Officers and Chairmen.
 - b. A letter stating the date, time, and place of the called meeting, composed and signed by the District Governor or Vice Governor, shall be mailed at least ten days prior to the meeting date.
 - c. Nominations for the vacancy shall be made from the floor. No name shall be placed in nomination without the consent of the nominee. The election shall be by ballot and a majority vote shall elect.
 - 4. Duties of Officers.
 - a. The District Governor shall:
 - (1) Serve as a member of the Board of Directors and as a member of the GFWC Kentucky Membership Committee;
 - (2) Interpret GFWC Kentucky policies and programs to member clubs through meetings and other means of communication;
 - (3) Be responsible for an annual district conference;
 - (4) Assist in the organization of new clubs within the district;
 - (5) Appoint District Chairmen corresponding to GFWC Kentucky Community Service Programs, where applicable;
 - (6) Be an authorized signatory on checks; and
 - (7) Attend all GFWC Kentucky meetings and report at each as requested by the GFWC Kentucky President.
 - b. The District Vice Governor shall:

- (1) Serve as a member of the Board of Directors;
- (2) In the absence of the Governor preside over district meetings;
- (3) Promote the photography & writing contest along with any other GFWC sponsored contest. Promote and supervise the arts, crafts and needlework contest on a district level when applicable.
- (4) Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Governor and GFWC Kentucky President.

c. The Secretary shall:

- (1) Record the minutes of district meetings. A copy of the minutes shall be filed at GFWC Kentucky Headquarters no later than thirty days following each meeting; and
- (2) Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Governor.

d. The Treasurer shall:

- (1) Be custodian of all funds and be an authorized signature on checks;
- (2) Make a financial report at the annual district conference and as requested by the Governor; and
- (3) Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Governor.

e. The District Director of Junior Clubs shall:

- (1) Serve as a member of the Board of Directors;
- (2) Preside over the Junior meeting held on the day of the district conference;
- (3) Promote and coordinate GFWC Kentucky Junior programs and plans;
- (4) Report on the Junior activities at the annual district conference;
- (5) Assist the Governor in organizing Junior clubs;
- (6) Recommend to the Governor Junior members to serve as District Junior Community Service Program Chairmen; and
- (7) Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Governor and the GFWC Kentucky Director of Junior Clubs.

D. Nominations and Nominating Committee.

1. District Nominating Ballots. An official nominating ballot shall be mailed to each active club by the District Governor no later than April 1st in the odd numbered year. Clubs nominating a candidate for office shall mail the ballot to the chairman of the nominating committee no later than June 1st. A statement of qualifications of the candidate shall accompany the nominating ballot.

2. Nominating Committee.

a. Composition.

- (1) A nominating committee of three members representing three active clubs shall be elected by ballot at the district conference in the even numbered year.
- (2) Nominations shall be from the floor. No name shall be placed in nomination without the consent of the nominee.
- (3) A plurality vote shall elect. The member receiving the largest number of votes shall serve as chairman of the nominating committee.
- (4) In the event two or more members from the same club are nominated, the member receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected.
- (5) In the event of a tie for any position, lots shall be drawn to determine who shall serve.

- (6) No member shall serve two consecutive terms on the nominating committee.
 - b. Duties of the Nominating Committee. The nominating committee shall:
 - (1) Meet at least six weeks prior to the annual district conference in the odd numbered year;
 - (2) Consider the written qualifications of all nominees proposed by the active clubs and by members of the nominating committee;
 - (3) At least one name shall be submitted for each office to be filled; and
 - (4) Immediately following the decision of the committee, the chairman of the nominating committee shall notify:
 - (a) The Governor;
 - (b) Each person nominated; and
 - (c) Each club as to the status of its nominee.
 - c. Report of the Nominating Committee. The report shall be:
 - (1) Included in the call to the district conference and
 - (2) Read at the district conference when additional nominations may be made from the floor. No name shall be placed in nomination without the consent of the nominee.
 - d. Vacancy on the Nominating Committee. A vacancy on the nominating committee shall be filled by the Governor from a club not represented on the committee.
- E. District Meetings. Each district shall hold an annual conference. The GFWC Kentucky President shall determine the date of the annual conference. The Governor shall determine the location of the annual conference.
- 1. Official Call. An official call to the annual conference shall be mailed to each active club, each associate organization, each member-at-large, and all other members of the voting body at least forty-five days prior to the annual conference.
 - 2. Representation. The voting body at this district conference shall be composed of the following members:
 - a. Elected officers;
 - b. Appointed officers;
 - c. GFWC Kentucky per capita dues paying Presidents Emeriti residing in the district;
 - d. GFWC Kentucky elected officers residing in the district;
 - e. GFWC Kentucky chairmen residing in the district;
 - f. District chairmen;
 - g. Active clubs each consisting of four or more active members:
 - (1) Two delegates from the active members and
 - (2) One additional delegate for each 25 active members. Members may be counted in one club only for representation purposes;
 - h. For each ten members-at-large, one delegate, where applicable, appointed by the Governor; and
 - i. Associate organization, one delegate.
 - 3. Alternates for District Conference Delegates. A club may select, as provided in its bylaws, alternates in a number equal to its total delegate representation.
 - 4. Voting. No member shall vote in more than one capacity and there shall be no voting by proxy. Only per capita dues paying members shall have voting privileges.

5. Quorum. A quorum at the district conference or for any meeting of the district shall be a majority of the voting members who have been registered with the District Credentials Committee as in attendance, provided that voting members from at least one-third of the active clubs are present.
 6. Special Meetings. A special meeting of a district may be called by the Governor and shall be called by the Governor upon a written request of five active clubs. Ten days' notice shall be given.
- F. District Dues, Fees, and Finances.
1. Dues. Each active club and member-at-large shall pay seventy-five cents per capita dues. Future per capita dues for the district shall then be determined by the delegate body attending the district conference in accordance with the needs of the district. The adopted dues shall remain in force until rescinded or amended. The dues shall be mailed to the District Governor or District Treasurer no later than October 1st for representation at the district conference.
 2. Registration. The registration fee for district meetings shall be determined by the delegate body attending a district conference. The adopted fee shall remain in force until rescinded or amended.
- G. Standing Rules. Districts may adopt standing and special rules for the conduct of district meetings, provided such rules do not conflict with GFWC Kentucky Bylaws. Upon adoption, a copy shall be forwarded to GFWC Kentucky Headquarters.

ARTICLE VI. GFWC Kentucky Officers

Section 1. Elected Officers. The elected officers shall be President, President-elect, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Director of Junior Clubs, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. Qualifications. To be eligible for an elected office, a member shall be an active member in good standing of an active GFWC Kentucky Club and shall have served at least four years on the GFWC Kentucky Board of Directors.

Section 3. Term of Office.

- A. Elected officers shall assume their duties at the close of the convention at which they are elected.
- B. Officers shall serve for a term of two years or until their successors are elected.
- C. No elected officer shall serve two consecutive terms in the same office, except the Secretary and Treasurer who may each serve two consecutive terms.

Section 4. Vacancy in Office.

- A. A vacancy in an elected office other than that of President and President-elect shall be filled, following notification, by the Executive Committee.
- B. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the President-elect shall become President and shall serve the remainder of the term. A President serving less than one year shall be eligible to serve a full term.
- C. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President-elect, the office shall be filled for the remainder of the term by the Board of Directors at a special meeting called by the President for that purpose. A President-elect serving less than one year shall be eligible to serve a full term.
- D. In the event the offices of President and President-elect become vacant at the same time, the First Vice President shall be authorized to call a special meeting of the Board of Directors for the purpose of holding a special election to fill those vacancies.

- E. When filling vacancies, nominations shall be from the floor. No name shall be placed in nomination without the consent of the nominee. The nominees shall meet the qualifications for election to office. The election shall be by ballot vote. A majority vote shall elect.
- F. If an officer is incapacitated or unable to perform her duties for a period of three months, the Executive Committee shall declare the office vacant.

Section 5. Duties of Elected Officers.

- A. The President shall:
 - 1. Be the chief executive officer and official spokesman for GFWC Kentucky;
 - 2. Preside at all meetings of GFWC Kentucky;
 - 3. Appoint a Parliamentarian, or upon approval of the Executive Committee, employ a professional registered Parliamentarian;
 - 4. Appoint, subject to approval as required in these bylaws:
 - a. Assistant(s) to the President and a Historian;
 - b. *The Kentucky Clubwoman* Chairman and Assistant (if-determined necessary;)
 - c. All committees and subcommittees except the Nominating Committee and as otherwise provided in these bylaws;
 - d. Community Service Program Chairmen; and
 - e. Such committees as the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors shall authorize from the membership of each;
 - 5. Be an authorized signatory on checks;
 - 6. Approve all bills by email with the exception of a bill that is in excess of \$700 which would require the President's signature before the payment by the Treasurer;
 - 7. Co-sign contracts as required;
 - 8. Supervise the publication of *The Kentucky Clubwoman* and the GFWC Kentucky Yearbook;
 - 9. Plan programs for the GFWC Kentucky Annual Convention, conferences, and Board of Directors meetings;
 - 10. Employ a Headquarters Secretary with the approval of the budget finance committee when needed for secretarial assistance.
 - 11. Represent GFWC Kentucky at GFWC International meetings during her term of office and at the GFWC International Convention held immediately following her administration; and
 - 12. Perform such duties that pertain to the office and as directed by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.
- B. The President-elect shall:
 - 1. In the absence of the President, preside over GFWC Kentucky meetings;
 - 2. Serve as Coordinator of Club Presidents;
 - 3. Serve as Chairman of the Membership Committee;
 - 4. In an emergency, be an authorized signatory on checks;
 - 5. In the second year of the administration, plan and prepare the program of work for the succeeding administration and present this information at the post-convention Board of Directors meeting in the even numbered year;
 - 6. Announce appointments of Community Service Program Chairmen and such other appointments as deemed necessary prior to the annual convention in the even numbered year;
 - 7. Be an ex-officio member of the Budget-Finance Committee; and

8. Perform such other duties as directed by the President, the Executive Committee, and the Board of Directors.
- C. The First Vice President shall:
1. In the absence of the President and the President-elect, preside over GFWC Kentucky meetings;
 2. Serve as Coordinator of Community Service Program Chairmen;
 3. Edit plans of work; and
 4. Perform such other duties as directed by the President, the Executive Committee, and the Board of Directors.
- D. The Second Vice President shall;
1. In the absence of the President, the President-elect, and the First Vice President, preside over GFWC Kentucky meetings;
 2. Serve as Coordinator of District Governors and Vice Governors; and
 3. Perform such other duties as directed by the President, the Executive Committee, and the Board of Directors.
- E. The Director of Junior Clubs shall:
1. Be a member of the Junior Organization;
 2. Interpret the GFWC Kentucky and GFWC International programs to Junior club members;
 3. Preside at Junior meetings;
 4. Represent GFWC Kentucky Junior Clubs at GFWC Junior meetings during her term of office and at the GFWC Convention immediately following her administration; and
 5. Perform such other duties as directed by the President, the Executive Committee, and the Board of Directors.
- F. The Secretary shall:
1. Record the proceedings of all meetings of GFWC Kentucky, the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, and the Headquarters Committee;
 2. Place on file, at GFWC Kentucky Headquarters, approved minutes of all meetings – minutes of the annual convention, minutes of the Board of Directors meetings, minutes of the Executive Committee meetings, and minutes of the Headquarters Committee meetings. The minutes shall be approved by a committee appointed by the President;
 3. Furnish a copy of the minutes of the annual convention and Board of Directors meetings to each member of the Board of Directors and the Parliamentarian, and a copy of the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings to each member of the Executive Committee and the Parliamentarian; and
 4. Perform such other duties as directed by the President, the Executive Committee, and the Board of Directors.
- G. The Treasurer shall:
1. Serve as Chairman of the Budget-Finance Committee;
 2. Hold and disburse, as instructed, all funds of GFWC Kentucky;
 3. Keep the various funds in separate accounts;
 4. Make a quarterly report to the President and provide further information on all funds as requested;
 5. Make a written financial report at Board of Directors meetings and at Executive Committee meetings;
 6. Submit a written report of the most recent quarterly financial statement to date at the annual convention;
 7. Be an authorized signatory on checks; and

8. Perform such other duties as directed by the President, the Executive Committee, and the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Officers' Files.

- A. In the election year, each officer shall deliver to her successor, within one month after the expiration of her term of office, all files pertaining to the respective office.
- B. In the event of a vacancy in an office, files shall be delivered to the successor immediately.

ARTICLE VII. GFWC Kentucky Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Nominating Committee.

- A. Composition, Election, Chairman, and Term.
 1. A Nominating Committee shall be composed of seven members, one from each of the seven districts.
 2. Each district shall elect a representative and alternate at its Fall District Conference in the even numbered year.
 3. The Chairman shall be elected by ballot at the GFWC Kentucky Annual Convention in the odd numbered year from the seven district representatives. The election of the Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall be by plurality vote.
- B. Duties of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall:
 1. Consider the qualifications of all candidates proposed by an active club, GFWC Kentucky members, or by members of the Nominating Committee;
 2. Meet no later than the end of November at GFWC Kentucky Headquarters. The Chairman shall select a date and notify committee members and alternates at least six weeks prior to the meeting date. A telephone conference call or electronic communication may be held in case the committee cannot complete its assignment at the meeting;
 3. Submit at least one name for each office to be filled, including Director-elect of Junior Clubs;
 4. Immediately following the decision of the committee, the Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall notify:
 - a. The GFWC Kentucky President that the slate has been filled and
 - b. Each person nominated and clubs that presented a nominee as to the status of its respective nominee; and
 5. Provide a report of the Nominating Committee. The report shall be:
 - a. Printed in *The Kentucky Clubwoman* issue prior to convention and
 - b. Read on the first day of the convention, when additional nominations may be made from the floor. No name shall be placed in nomination without written consent of the nominee and her club.

Section 2. Nominating Ballot.

- A. An official nominating ballot for GFWC Kentucky Elected Officers shall be mailed to each active club no later than August 15th in the odd numbered year. The official nominating ballot shall also be printed in the summer issue of *The Kentucky Clubwoman*.
- B. The nominating ballot submitted for each nominee shall be accompanied by a statement of qualifications of the nominee and shall be received at GFWC Kentucky Headquarters no later than November 1st in the odd numbered year. No name shall be submitted without the consent of the nominee and the nominee's club.

Section 3. Election of Officers. Officers shall be elected by ballot vote on the first day of convention in the even numbered year. A majority vote shall elect.

Section 4. Elections Committee.

- A. The Elections Committee, with the Parliamentarian assisting, shall conduct the election and be responsible for coordinating the voting process. The Elections Committee shall:
 - 1. Be responsible for opening and closing of the polls;
 - 2. Check voting members against the registration records;
 - 3. Tabulate the results; and
 - 4. Advise the GFWC Kentucky President of the final results as soon as possible after the election.
- B. The Chairman of the Credentials Committee shall be available to the Elections Committee during the election.

Section 5. Notifying Candidates. The President shall notify each candidate, as soon as possible, of the election results.

ARTICLE VIII. Meetings

Section 1. Conventions. A convention shall be held in the spring of each year at a time and place determined by the Executive Committee, for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports, and transacting such other business as may properly come before it.

Section 2. Official Call.

- A. The official call shall be mailed or electronically sent to the voting body at least forty-five days prior to the convention.
- B. The call to the annual convention, giving the time and place of the convention, shall be published in *The Kentucky Clubwoman* which shall be mailed or electronically sent at least thirty days prior to the convention.

Section 3. Voting Body. The voting body of the convention shall be composed of:

- A. Board of Directors;
- B. Active Clubs (General and Junior) each consisting of four or more active club members. Active Clubs are allowed one additional delegate for each 25 active members with the two active club members automatically designated as delegates being counted in the 25:
 - 1. Two delegates per active club;
 - 2. 25 – 50 members allowed one additional delegate;
 - 3. 51 – 75 members allowed two additional delegates;
 - 4. 76 – 100 members allowed three additional delegates; and
 - 5. Over 100 members allowed four additional delegates;
- C. One delegate per ten members-at-large, appointed by GFWC Kentucky President; and
- D. Associate organization, one delegate.

Section 4. Alternates for Convention Delegates. A club may select, as provided in its bylaws, alternates in a number equal to the club’s total delegate representation.

Section 5. Voting. No member shall vote in more than one capacity and there shall be no voting by proxy. Only per capita dues paying members shall have voting privileges, except as stated otherwise in these bylaws.

Section 6. Quorum. The quorum at any meeting of the convention shall be a majority of the voting members who have been registered with the Credentials Committee as in attendance, provided that voting members from at least four districts are present.

Section 7. Convention Observers/Guests.

- A. Members of GFWC Kentucky who are not delegates may attend the convention and shall pay the registration fee and meal charges.
- B. Official guests and program participants approved by the President shall pay no fees for registration or for meals.

Section 8. Special Meetings. A special meeting of GFWC Kentucky shall be called by the President upon a three-fourths vote of the Executive Committee or a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors taken in a meeting or by mail.

Section 9. Postponement or Cancellation. In the event of a national emergency, the Executive Committee, by a two-thirds vote in a meeting, or by mail, or by telephone, may postpone or cancel an annual convention. All voting members shall be notified of the postponement or cancellation. If a convention is cancelled in the even numbered year, the Board of Directors shall provide for an election of officers by mail.

Section 10. Convention Committees.

- A. The President shall appoint a Convention Chairman.
- B. The Convention Chairman shall be responsible for executing the convention under the supervision of the President.
- C. Under direction of The Convention Chairman the following appointments by the President shall include: Registration & Credentials Chairman, Election Chairman, Convention Standing Rules Chairman, Protocol Chairman and Timekeepers.

ARTICLE IX. Board of Directors

Section 1. Composition.

A. The Board of Directors shall be composed of:

- 1. Executive Committee;
- 2. District Governors, Vice Governors, and District Directors of Junior Clubs;
- 3. GFWC Kentucky Director-elect of Junior Clubs;
- 4. Chairmen of GFWC Kentucky Standing and Special Committees;
- 5. Members of the Budget-Finance Committee;
- 6. Chairmen of Community Service Programs;
- 7. Chairmen of the Advancement Areas;
- 8. Chairman of the Headquarters Committee;
- 9. GFWC Kentucky per capita dues paying Presidents Emeriti; and
- 10. Parliamentarian, if a GFWC Kentucky member.

B. The Parliamentarian may attend Board of Directors meetings in an advisory capacity.

Section 2. Duties. The Board of Directors shall:

- A. Have full power and authority over the affairs of GFWC Kentucky between conventions;
- B. Delegate to the Executive Committee such authority as it shall deem advisable;
- C. Adopt a biennial budget at its post-convention meeting in the even numbered year;
- D. Determine the registration fees for annual conventions, Board of Directors meetings, and conferences;
- E. Have the authority to adopt:

1. Special rules or standing rules to govern its proceedings and make them available to members and
 2. Standing rules to implement GFWC Kentucky Bylaws and such other special rules and standing rules deemed necessary and make them available to members;
- F. Approve GFWC Kentucky President's state project(s) upon recommendation of the President and/or the Executive Committee;
- G. Conduct an election of GFWC Kentucky Officers by mail, in the even numbered year, if the annual convention is cancelled;
- H. Determine the number of and boundaries of districts; and
- I. Perform such other duties as defined in these bylaws and as directed by the convention delegates.

Section 3. Meetings.

- A. Regular. There shall be regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually as follows:
1. In the odd numbered year, a pre-convention meeting and other meetings, as needed, to be at the call of the President and
 2. In the even numbered year, a pre-convention meeting and a post-convention meeting at which time the program for the new administration shall be presented.
- B. Special. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the call of the President. Upon the written request of twenty members of the Board of Directors or upon the written request of five members of the Executive Committee, the President shall call a special meeting of the Board of Directors. At least ten days' notice shall be given.
- C. Observers. Members of the GFWC Kentucky may attend meetings of the Board of Directors as observers.

Section 4. Quorum. Twenty members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE X. Executive Committee

Section 1. Composition. The members of the Executive Committee shall be President, President-elect, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Junior Clubs, and Immediate Past President. The Parliamentarian may attend Executive Committee meetings in an advisory capacity.

Section 2. Duties. The Executive Committee shall:

- A. Have general supervision of the affairs of GFWC Kentucky between meetings of the Board of Directors;
- B. Conduct business that may be referred to it by the Board of Directors;
- C. Fill vacancies by ballot vote in all GFWC Kentucky elected offices except the President and President-elect;
- D. Determine the types and amounts of bonds and insurance as required for GFWC Kentucky;
- E. Determine the duties of the Headquarters Secretary;
- F. If deemed necessary, hire a professional registered Parliamentarian;
- G. Consider causes for revocation of clubs' charters and make appropriate recommendations to the Board of Directors;
- H. Determine and set price of marketplace items;
- I. Approve:
 1. All printed and electronic materials/manuals distributed to GFWC Kentucky clubwomen.
 2. GFWC Kentucky special programs/projects and sponsors; and
 3. GFWC Kentucky fundraising projects;

- J. Be authorized to transfer funds from one line item of the budget to another and to authorize expenditures from the unallocated funds;
- K. Have the authority to adopt special rules and standing rules to govern its own proceedings;
- L. Approve the content of the GFWC Kentucky Yearbook; Standing Rule 1.01-1.03
- M. Report its actions to the Board of Directors;
- N. Determine the time and site for annual conventions and Board of Directors meetings, at least three years hence, if possible; and
- O. Perform such other duties as defined in these bylaws.

Section 3. Meetings.

- A. The Executive Committee shall meet on call of the President or at the request of four members of the committee. At least five days prior notice shall be given each member of the committee, except for a meeting the President may call during a meeting of the Board of Directors or a convention.
- B. Meetings may be conducted by telephone conferences within a twenty-four hours' notice.

Section 4. Business.

- A. Business may be conducted by mail or electronic means.
- B. Action taken by mail, telephone conferences, or email shall be verified and made a part of the minutes of the next meeting of the Executive Committee. Emails shall be printed out and attached to the minutes.

Section 5. Postponement or Cancellation. In an emergency, the Executive Committee, by a two-thirds vote in a meeting, or by mail, or by a telephone conference may cancel a Board of Directors meeting. All members shall be notified of the postponement or cancellation.

Section 6. Quorum. Five members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE XI. Committees

Section 1. Standing Committees.

- A. The standing committees of GFWC Kentucky shall be Budget-Finance, Bylaws, Resolutions, and Long-Range Planning.
- B. The President shall be ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.
- C. No member except as authorized otherwise in these bylaws shall serve as chairman of more than one standing committee and no member shall serve as chairman of the same committee for two consecutive terms.
- D. The terms of committee members shall be two years or until their successors are appointed.

Section 2. Budget-Finance Committee.

- A. Composition.
 - 1. This committee shall be composed of the Treasurer and two members who shall not be members of the Executive Committee, elected by the Board of Directors at the pre-convention meeting of the Board of Directors in the odd numbered year.
 - 2. The Treasurer shall serve as the Chairman.
 - 3. The President and President-elect shall be ex-officio members.
 - 4. Members of the Executive Committee may attend the meetings as observers.
- B. Duties. The committee shall:
 - 1. Prepare a biennial budget for presentation to the Board of Directors at its post-convention meeting in the even numbered year for adoption;

2. Investigate and study annually the dues, other income, and disbursements of the organization and report to the Executive Committee its findings regarding the necessity for a change in financial structure; and
3. Investigate and recommend to the Executive Committee investments suggested by the bank and financial advisors selected by the Executive Committee to handle the funds of GFWC Kentucky.

Section 3. Bylaws Committee.

- A. Composition. This committee shall be composed of a Chairman and two members, each from a different district, with one member being a Junior.
- B. Duties. The committee shall:
 1. Review all amendments submitted in accordance with these bylaws (ARTICLE XVIII. Section 1. A.) and edit for composition;
 2. Consolidate similar amendments for joint proposal subject to acceptance by the proposer(s);
 3. Have the right to originate amendments;
 4. Submit proposed amendments to the bylaws as provided in these bylaws (ARTICLE XVIII. Section 1. B.) together with the committee's recommendations for action;
 5. In the event a revision is authorized, prepare and submit the proposed revision(s) to the membership according to these bylaws (ARTICLE XVIII. Section 3.) and to the annual convention for consideration;
 6. Review and approve bylaws for new clubs and review and prepare amended bylaws of active clubs; and
 7. Prepare and submit to the Board of Directors for approval, GFWC Kentucky special and standing rules deemed necessary.
- C. The Parliamentarian shall serve as an advisor to the Bylaws Committee.

Section 4. Resolutions Committee.

- A. Composition. This committee shall be composed of a Chairman and two members.
- B. Duties. The committee shall:
 1. Consider resolutions presented by GFWC Kentucky Community Service Programs, committees, and active clubs;
 2. Edit for composition and form;
 3. Have the right to originate resolutions germane to the objectives of GFWC Kentucky; and
 4. Present all resolutions received at the annual convention with its recommendations on each.
- C. Resolutions shall be included in the official call to the annual convention and published in *The Kentucky Clubwoman*.
- D. Emergency Resolutions. Upon the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee and a three-fourths vote of the Executive Committee, a resolution without notice may be presented at an annual convention and/or a Board of Directors meeting or mailed to clubs for consideration. Adoption of a resolution without notice shall not be binding on a member club.

Section 5. Strategic Planning Committee.

- A. Composition.
 1. This committee shall be composed of, but not limited to the:
 - a. President-Elect;
 - b. One Junior member;
 - c. One General club member; and

- d. Director-elect of Junior Clubs.
- 2. The President-elect shall serve as Chairman.
- B. Duties. The committee shall:
 - 1. Prepare a working document which includes goals and strategies designed to effectively guide and strengthen the organization for the future;
 - 2. Prepare and submit an annual report for the Board of Directors meeting; and
 - 3. Meet annually, or as otherwise deemed necessary by the Chairman or three members.

Section 6. Special Committees.

- A. Special committees may be created as necessary by the convention, the Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee.
- B. The GFWC Kentucky President shall appoint special committees, unless determined otherwise by a two-thirds vote of the body creating the committee.

Section 7. Scholarship Committee.

- A. Composition. This committee shall be composed of the:
 - 1. Executive Committee;
 - 2. A Chairman, who shall not be a member of the Executive Committee; and
 - 3. Two other members.
- B. Duties. The committee shall:
 - 1. Determine whether funds are available on an annual basis;
 - 2. Be responsible for mailing applications to the eight state universities, with the committee Chairman and current GFWC Kentucky President signing the letter, to the Non-traditional Student Office of each: Eastern Kentucky University, University of Kentucky, Kentucky State University, University of Louisville, Morehead State University, Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University, and Western Kentucky University;
 - 3. Have Chairman, through the GFWC Kentucky President, announce to all member clubs that scholarships are available;
 - 4. Review all applications and determine the applicant(s) to be awarded scholarship(s);
 - 5. Have State President send letters to all applicants of acceptance or regrets for their applications; and
 - 6. Notify the recipient(s) on or before March 30th and extend an invitation to the upcoming GFWC Kentucky Annual Convention for a formal presentation ceremony.

ARTICLE XII. Programs and Committees

Section 1. Community Service Programs. Community Service Programs. The Community Service Programs shall be: Arts and Culture, Civic Engagement and Outreach, Education and Libraries, Environment, and Health and Wellness.

Section 2. Advancement Areas. The Advancement Areas are Communications and Public Relations, Leadership, Legislation and Public Policy, and Membership.

Section 3. GFWC Signature Programs. This shall include but not be limited to: Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention and Advocates for Children.

Section 4. GFWC Special Committees. Community Impact Program, ESO, Fundraising, Jennie, Photography, Writing, and Women’s History & Resource Center.

Section 5. Kentucky Special Committees. This shall include but not be limited to: Convention, Chaplain, First Ladies, KET, Press & Media Book, Parliamentarian (only if a non GFWC KY Member), Scholarship and Scorecard

Section 6. Chairmen. All chairmen will be appointed by President to oversee the work of GFWC Kentucky.

Section 7. Term. All Chairmen shall be appointed for a term of two years or until their successors are appointed. No person may serve as a chairman of the same committee for more than two consecutive terms.

Section 8. Reporting. All Chairmen will be responsible for preparing a written report as required by GFWC International and GFWC Kentucky.

ARTICLE XIII. Headquarters Committee

Section 1. Composition. There shall be a Headquarters Committee composed of the GFWC Kentucky Executive Committee and five elected members.

- A. At an annual convention, the elected members shall be elected for a five year term, with the exception of the first year, in which the terms shall be staggered five, four, three, two, and one year(s), according to the plurality vote by which those members are elected. Each elected member shall represent a different district.
- B. The Chairman shall be elected by the members of the committee and shall be one of the five elected members.
- C. The GFWC Kentucky Secretary shall record minutes of all Headquarters Committee meetings.
- D. If a vacancy occurs, the vacancy shall be filled at the next annual convention.
- E. The Chairman shall serve on the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Duties. The committee shall:

- A. Care for the building, grounds, and furnishings and report to the Board of Directors during the annual convention; and
- B. Have the authority to declare an emergency and make a recommendation to the Budget-Finance Committee, requesting funds to cover the cost associated with the emergency.

Section 3. Meetings. The committee shall meet at least twice per year or as called by the GFWC Kentucky President or committee Chairman.

Section 4. Business. Business may be conducted by telephone conferences and/or via electronic means. Action taken shall be verified and made part of the GFWC Kentucky Executive Committee minutes.

Section 5. Quorum. A quorum for a meeting shall be seven members, three from the elected members and four members of the GFWC Kentucky Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XIV. GFWC Kentucky Headquarters

Section 1. Location. The Headquarters and Executive Office shall be located at 104 Lakeview Court, P.O. Box 1587, Frankfort, KY 40602.

Section 2. Headquarters Funds. Funds shall be allocated in the budget necessary for Headquarters personnel, travel, and other expenses deemed necessary for the Headquarters. A cash fund may be established for Headquarters.

Section 3. Business. The conduct of business at GFWC Kentucky Headquarters shall be under the supervision of the GFWC Kentucky President.

Section 4. Headquarters Secretary.

- A. The GFWC Kentucky President shall employ a Headquarters Secretary and other secretarial assistance as needed.

- B. The salary of the Headquarters Secretary shall be determined by the Budget-Finance Committee.

ARTICLE XV. Official Publications

Section 1. Name. The official publication of GFWC Kentucky shall be called *The Kentucky Clubwoman*.

- A. Purpose. The purpose of *The Kentucky Clubwoman* shall be to:
 - 1. Promote the objectives of GFWC Kentucky;
 - 2. Inform the membership of the progress in the work of the officers, community service programs, and committees; and
 - 3. Publish feature articles of interest to the membership.
- B. The President shall review all articles placed in publication.
- C. *The Kentucky Clubwoman* shall be published quarterly, unless deemed otherwise by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. GFWC Kentucky Yearbook.

- A. In the even numbered year, a Yearbook shall be published and shall contain:
 - 1. GFWC Kentucky Articles of Incorporation;
 - 2. GFWC Kentucky Bylaws, Special Rules, and Standing Rules;
 - 3. GFWC Kentucky Presidents Emeriti and Past Directors of Junior Clubs;
 - 4. GFWC Kentucky Board of Directors;
 - 5. Club roster by district;
 - 6. An administration report written by the Immediate Past President; and
 - 7. Additional items approved by the Executive Committee.
- B. In the odd numbered year, the Yearbook shall be updated as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XVI. Official Emblem and Seal

Section 1. Emblem. The official emblem of GFWC Kentucky shall be the emblem selected during the April 2014 Convention, designed by Mrs. Chrissi Cuel, a member of the Ossoli Club of Corbin. The emblem shall be the state of Kentucky in royal blue, outlined in gold. The inside of the state will hold the goldenrod and the GFWC emblem. The state will sit on a green circle, outlined in gold, then a white band which will have the green letters, "GFWC Kentucky." The green letters across the bottom of the white band will read, "Established 1894," encircled in a green band.

Section 2. GFWC Kentucky President Pin and Director of Junior Clubs Pin. The GFWC Kentucky President and Director of Junior Clubs each shall, during the installation ceremony at the annual convention in the even numbered year, be presented an official GFWC Kentucky pin. This pin is on loan to each officer and shall remain in her custody until her term of office is complete. Ownership of the pin remains with GFWC Kentucky. The pins shall pass from one administration to the next.

Section 3. Past President Pin and Past Director of Junior Clubs Pin. There shall be an official GFWC Kentucky Past President Pin and GFWC Kentucky Past Director of Junior Clubs Pin. Each officer, upon completion of her term in office, shall be presented this pin for her respective office during the installation ceremony in the even numbered year. GFWC Kentucky shall pay a budgeted amount for the cost of these pins.

ARTICLE XVII. Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the proceedings of GFWC Kentucky in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order that GFWC Kentucky may adopt.

Section 2. The parliamentary authority of GFWC Kentucky, the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, shall be adopted by each active club.

ARTICLE XVIII. Amendment

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended at any annual convention by a two-thirds vote, provided:

- A. That the amendment(s) shall have been submitted by the Bylaws Committee, the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, a Standing or Special Committee, a club, or two or more members. If originated by a party other than the Bylaws Committee, it shall have been submitted to that committee on or before November 1st; and
- B. That the amendment(s) shall have been mailed with the official call to the annual convention, with identification of proposer(s) and with the committee's recommendation(s) for action.

Section 2. Proposed amendments shall be printed in *The Kentucky Clubwoman* which shall be mailed or electronically sent to GFWC Kentucky members thirty days prior to the convention.

Section 3. These bylaws may be revised only upon authorization of the convention delegates. If a revision is authorized, there shall be no other amendments proposed to the existing bylaws.

ARTICLE XIX. Indemnification

The officers, employees, agents, and servants of the GFWC Kentucky shall be indemnified for any costs, expenses, or liabilities incurred as a result of the performance of their duties as provided in the Commonwealth of Kentucky Revised Statutes, or any amendments thereto.

Adopted 1994 Annual Convention
Adopted 1996 Annual Convention
Adopted 2004 Annual Convention
Adopted 2006 Annual Convention
Adopted 2008 Annual Convention
Adopted 2011 Annual Convention
Adopted 2012 Annual Convention
Adopted 2013 Annual Convention
Adopted 2014 Annual Convention
Adopted 2017 Annual Convention
Adopted 2018 Annual Convention
Adopted 2019 Annual Convention
Adopted 2021 Annual Convention
Adopted 2022 Annual Convention
Adopted 2023 Annual Convention

GFWC KENTUCKY STANDING RULES

GFWC KENTUCKY YEARBOOK

- 1.01** The GFWC Kentucky Yearbook (GFWC Kentucky Bylaws, ARTICLE XV. Section 2.) shall be available, at a fee determined by the GFWC Kentucky Executive Committee, for GFWC Kentucky members at state and district meetings and from GFWC Kentucky Headquarters. When ordered from GFWC Kentucky Headquarters, an additional fee for postage and handling shall be charged.
- 1.02** State Officers and Chairmen, District Officers and Chairmen, and Club Presidents shall purchase the GFWC Kentucky Yearbook (included on the flash drive, Standing Rule 24.01).
- 1.03** A roster of clubs published in the GFWC Kentucky Yearbook shall be by district and shall include the following:
 - a. Elected District Officers, mailing addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses;
 - b. Name of each Club (General and Junior) and respective Club Presidents, mailing addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses;
 - c. Number of GFWC Kentucky per capita dues paying members of active clubs and, where applicable, the number of dual memberships and associate members of each club;
 - d. Year the club was organized;
 - e. Date the club was federated;
 - f. Meeting date of each club;
 - g. Members-at-large with their mailing addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses;
 - h. Name of each Associate Club, Club President, mailing addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses;
 - i. Total number of clubs and members by classification (Active, Dual Membership, Associate, etc.).

ANNOUNCEMENT CARDS FOR GFWC KENTUCKY / DISTRICT OFFICE

- 2.01** A club nominating a candidate for election to a GFWC Kentucky office may mail announcement cards to GFWC Kentucky clubs/members no earlier than the last week in January prior to the GFWC Kentucky Annual Convention at which the election shall be held.
- 2.02** A club nominating a candidate for election to a district office may mail announcement cards to clubs/members no earlier than August 1st prior to the annual district conference at which the election shall be held.

GFWC KENTUCKY CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

- 3.01 Credentials Committee.**
 - a. Composition. The GFWC Kentucky Credentials Committee shall consist of at least five members appointed annually by the GFWC Kentucky President.
 - b. Eligibility Requirements.
 - (1) Each member shall have served on the Board of Directors for a minimum of two years.
 - (2) Only one member shall be chosen from a district.
 - c. Duties:
 - (1) Register delegates, alternates, observers, and guests at the state meetings;
 - (2) Prepare and certify to the annual convention a list of officers, delegates, alternates, non-voting members and guests that it has registered after finding

them entitled to accreditation;

- a. First report is based on the number of pre-registration's received by category.
 - b. Second or final is based on the actual registered by category.
- (3) Prepare and certify to the Board of Directors a list of board members that it has registered after finding them entitled to accreditation; and
 - (4) Include in the reports the number of non-voting members and guests in attendance.

3.02 GFWC Kentucky Treasurer. The GFWC Kentucky Treasurer shall have available for the Credentials Committee a list, by district and club, of current per capita dues paying members of active clubs, associate clubs, and members-at-large.

3.03 Delegate and Alternate.

Each individual and/or club will identify their delegate or alternate status on the registration form for convention. This is based on the February 1st club per capita active membership.

3.04 Credentials Committee Chairman. The Chairman, appointed by the GFWC Kentucky President, shall:

- a. Be available to the Elections Committee during the election (GFWC Kentucky Bylaws, ARTICLE VII. Section 4. B.);
- b. Have available for the Elections Committee during the election, a list, by district of voting delegates; and
- c. Give the Credentials Committee report to the convention and Board of Directors at a time designated in the respective program/agenda.

3.05 Credentials Committee Records. Credentials Committee records shall be placed on file at GFWC Kentucky Headquarters immediately following an annual convention and a Board of Directors meeting. The records shall be discarded at the end of a fiscal year.

GFWC KENTUCKY ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

4.01 Elections Committee.

- a. Composition. The GFWC Kentucky Elections Committee, appointed by the GFWC Kentucky President, shall consist of the following members:
 - (1) Seven District Governors, or in the absence of a Governor, a Vice Governor, or a member of that respective district; and
 - (2) Three additional GFWC Kentucky members, one of which shall be appointed by the GFWC Kentucky President to serve as Chairman.
- b. Duties (GFWC Kentucky Bylaws, ARTICLE VII. Section 4. A.).
 - (1) The tabulated report of the elections shall be presented by the Chairman or a member of the committee at a time designated on the program/agenda or at a time requested by the GFWC Kentucky President.
 - (2) The tabulated report shall be entered in full in the minutes.

4.02 Candidate. A candidate for an elected office shall not serve on the Elections Committee.

4.03 Chairman. The Chairman shall have served on the GFWC Kentucky Board of Directors for at least five years.

CONDUCT OF GFWC KENTUCKY ELECTIONS

5.01 Voter's Credentials.

- a. The Credentials Committee shall issue a voter's credential badge (registration badge) to each voting member of the convention body.
- b. The voter's credential badge shall be presented by the voter to the Elections Committee when the voter appears at the polls to vote.
- c. The badge shall be punched to indicate that the member is an eligible voter and after signing the delegate list, the member shall receive a ballot.
- d. The punched badge should be retained by the voter.
- e. In the event a voting delegate misplaces her voter's credential badge, this member can check with the Credentials Committee and after verification that the member is a voting delegate, a duplicate badge shall be issued. The duplicate badge shall indicate that it is a duplicate.

5.02 Ballots.

- a. Ballots shall be issued only to those delegates who present a voter's credential badge.
- b. Ballots shall contain the names of all nominated candidates with names submitted by the Nominating Committee listed first, followed by nominees from the floor in the order in which they were nominated. To allow for possible write-in votes, a blank space (a line) shall be provided beneath the last name listed for each office.
- c. Votes can be cast for any person who is eligible for election, even if the member has not been nominated.
- d. In the event ballots cannot be printed, the ballot may be a small slip of paper in which the voter writes her choices in a manner directed by the GFWC Kentucky President.

5.03 Voting.

- a. The date and hours for voting shall be designated in the official call.
- b. The date, hours, and location of voting shall be designated in the convention program.
- c. The voter shall mark her ballot in a location where the secrecy of her vote will be protected.
- d. The voter shall indicate her choice(s) of candidate(s) as directed on the ballot. The voter shall fold her marked ballot in half and hand her ballot to a teller to place in the ballot box. A teller shall be in charge of the ballot box and shall take each ballot and place it in the ballot box.
- e. Where there is only one name listed for an office and the name is not crossed out, the vote shall be recorded for the candidate listed on the ballot.
- f. Even if a printed name is not crossed out, a name written in shall be counted for that office.

5.04 Spoiled Ballots. In the event that a voter marked an error, spoiling her ballot, she shall return it to a member of the Elections Committee who will mark on the face of the ballot "SPOILED" and issue another ballot of like kind to the voter.

5.05. Electioneering.

- a. No posters shall be posted in the vicinity of the registration area.
- b. No posters or electioneering for candidates shall be allowed in the vicinity of the polling place.
- c. No campaign materials shall be allowed in the meeting rooms or the hotel lobby.

5.06 Counting the Vote.

- a. The Elections Committee members shall act as tellers for the count of the votes with the intent of the voter being the first consideration.
 - b. The Parliamentarian shall instruct and supervise the Elections Committee on the correct procedure for counting the votes.
 - c. Where there is doubt about any marking and it is questioned by a member of the committee, such ballot shall be set aside for the consideration of the whole committee before completing this count. A majority vote of the committee shall be required for the recording of that vote.
 - d. All illegal votes – that is, illegal votes cast by legal voters – shall be taken into account in determining the number of votes cast for purposes of computing the majority. Illegal votes include:
 - (1) Name clearly not that of a specific person;
 - (2) Two or more marked ballots folded together – count as one illegal vote;
 - (3) Too many candidates marked for an office; or
 - (4) A candidate not eligible for office.
- 5.07** Only the Elections Committee and Parliamentarian shall be in the room while the votes are being counted.
- 5.08 Preservation of Ballots.** Ballots and tally sheets shall be sealed by the Elections Committee and placed in charge of the President to be preserved until the close of convention.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS AND MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

- 6.01** Associate members and members-at-large shall receive the official call to the GFWC Kentucky Annual Convention, GFWC Kentucky Board of Directors meetings, and the official call to annual district conferences after paying a \$3.00 media fee.

CYBER CLUBS

- 7.01** Cyber Clubs function under the guidelines of GFWC and GFWC Kentucky General Club.
- 7.02** GFWC Kentucky is a 501c3 Organization and a Cyber Club is a member of GFWC Kentucky. The Club must have one face to face meeting, made up of at least four members, one time a year and minutes of this meeting filed with the GFWC Kentucky Treasurer.
- 7.03** The Club will submit to GFWC Kentucky the District they choose to belong to when Application for Membership is submitted.
- 7.04** The Clubs bylaws must contain the following:
- a. Who membership is open to;
 - b. Name of the club and purpose;
 - c. Officers and duties; must have a President and Secretary elected by the club;
 - d. Fiscal year;
 - e. Membership year including meeting months and communication will be sent out monthly; form of electronic media used for meetings;
 - f. Parliamentary Authority, must be the same as GFWC Kentucky;
 - g. Dissolvment of the Club, where monies and any property will go;
 - h. Amendments to the bylaws.

DISTRICT MANUAL

- 8.01** A District Manual, a guide for Governors, Vice Governors, and District Directors of Junior Clubs, shall be published biennially following the election of GFWC Kentucky Officers in the even numbered year. The manual, prior to printing and distribution to Governors, Vice Governors, and District Directors of Junior Clubs shall:

- a. Be reviewed by the GFWC Kentucky Parliamentarian and
 - b. Be approved by the Executive Committee.
- 8.02** The GFWC Kentucky President shall appoint a special committee to draft the manual. The GFWC Kentucky Second Vice President shall serve as Chairman.
- 8.03** Minutes of district conferences shall be sent to GFWC Kentucky Headquarters within thirty days of the conference.

GFWC KENTUCKY CHAIRMEN

- 9.01** Any GFWC Kentucky member in good standing shall be eligible to serve as a GFWC Kentucky Chairman.
- 9.02** A member-at-large may be appointed to the position of a chairman, GFWC Kentucky and/or district, where applicable.
- 9.03** A retiring chairman shall forward records to the succeeding chairman within one month.

GFWC KENTUCKY CHAIRMAN’S MANUAL

- 10.01** A GFWC Kentucky Chairman’s Manual, a guide for GFWC Kentucky Chairmen, shall be published biennially following the election of GFWC Kentucky Officers in the even numbered year. The manual, prior to printing and distribution to GFWC Kentucky Chairmen shall:
- a. Be reviewed by the GFWC Kentucky Parliamentarian and
 - b. Be approved by the Executive Committee.
- 10.02** The GFWC Kentucky President shall appoint a special committee, composed of three members, to draft the manual. The GFWC Kentucky First Vice President shall serve as Chairman.

GFWC KENTUCKY PHOTOGRAPHY, AND WRITING CONTEST (ADVANCEMENT AREAS)

- 11.01** Photography and writing contests are state contests for clubwomen. The first-place winners go on to GFWC International.

GFWC KENTUCKY CONTESTS AND AWARDS MANUAL (ADVANCEMENT AREAS)

- 12.01** A GFWC Kentucky Contests and Awards Manual (a guide to district and state, contests and awards shall be published biennially following the election of GFWC Kentucky officers in the even numbered year). The manual, prior to printing and distribution to the Contests and Awards Chairman shall:
- a. Be reviewed by the GFWC Kentucky Parliamentarian and
 - b. Be approved by the Executive Committee.
- 12.02** Kentucky Community Service Programs and Advancement Area awards given during annual convention
- | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| (1) Small Club | 4 – 20 members |
| (2) Medium Club | 21 – 39 members |
| (3) Large Club | 40 – Above members |

CLUB PRESIDENTS

- 13.01** Club Presidents shall include a list of clubs’ active members, and where applicable, dual memberships and associate members, addresses, zip code plus four, and telephone numbers when mailing the annual per capita dues to the GFWC Kentucky Treasurer. This list will determine the representation of delegates for the GFWC Kentucky Annual Convention and the annual district conferences (GFWC Kentucky Bylaws, ARTICLE V. Section 2. C. 2.).

- 13.02** Dual Membership Club Members. Club Presidents shall inform the club members that hold membership in more than one club to designate the club in which they will be recognized as an active per capita dues paying member. (A member can be counted in only one club in determining a club's representation for the GFWC Kentucky Annual Convention and annual district conferences (GFWC Kentucky Bylaws, ARTICLE V. Section 2. C. 2.).

CLUB PRESIDENT'S MANUAL

- 14.01** A GFWC Kentucky Club President's Manual, a guide for GFWC Kentucky Club Presidents, shall be published biennially following the election of the GFWC Kentucky Officers in the even numbered year. The manual, prior to printing and distribution to Club Presidents shall:
- a. Be reviewed by the GFWC Kentucky Parliamentarian and
 - b. Be approved by the Executive Committee.
- 14.02** The GFWC Kentucky President shall appoint a special committee, composed of at least three members, to draft the manual. The GFWC Kentucky President-elect shall serve as Chairman.
- 14.03** This manual shall be ready for the next administration by the GFWC Kentucky Summer Workshop.

EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON (ESO) CHAIRMAN

Alpha Lambda Chapter

- 15.01** Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) is an honorary educational society open to all per-capita dues paying GFWC Kentucky federated club members.
- a. The ESO program has been a permanent part of the GFWC International Education Department for over 60 years.
 - b. This society provides clubwomen with a structured reading program that is educational and stimulates a drive for self-improvement.
- 15.02** Any GFWC Kentucky member, who has obtained membership status in ESO, shall be eligible to serve as the GFWC Kentucky ESO Chairman.

EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON (ESO) MANUAL

Alpha Lambda Chapter

- 16.01** Epsilon Sigma Omicron – Alpha Lambda Chapter manual a guide for GFWC Kentucky federated club reading groups and individuals, shall be published biennially following the election of the GFWC Kentucky officers in the even-numbered year. The manual prior to printing and distribution to the ESO Chairman, shall:
- a. Be reviewed by the GFWC Kentucky Parliamentarian and
 - b. Be approved by the GFWC Kentucky Executive Committee.
- 16.02** The GFWC Kentucky ESO Chairman shall appoint a special committee to draft the manual. The GFWC Kentucky ESO Chairman shall serve as Chairman.
- 16.03** ESO is governed by its own constitution and bylaws.
- 16.04** The manual includes:
- a. Constitution and bylaws; and
 - b. Dues Form; and
 - c. Suggested Reading List; and
 - d. Book Review Form; and
 - e. Book Challenge.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

- 17.01** Resolutions shall be forwarded to the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee no later than February 1st.
- 17.02** Resolutions submitted by a club shall bear the signatures of the Club President and Club Secretary and the date adopted by the club.
- 17.03** Resolutions submitted by a GFWC Kentucky committee shall bear the signature of the respective chairman or committee members and the date adopted.
- 17.04** To authorize the introduction of a resolution that proposes action outside the scope of the GFWC Kentucky object as defined in the bylaws or corporate charter shall require a two-thirds vote.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

18.01 Student Scholarship Committee.

- a. Composition. The Student Scholarship Committee shall be composed of the Executive Committee; and a Chairman and two members, appointed by the President.
- b. Duties. The committee shall:
 - (1) Draft the Student Scholarship Application with final approval by the GFWC Kentucky Executive Committee;
 - (2) Review applications received and present its recommendations to the next Board of Directors meeting for consideration;
 - (3) Keep a financial record of each scholarship;
 - (4) Inform the various school systems throughout the state of this student scholarship program;
 - (5) Encourage each club to inform members and local schools of the student scholarship program; and
 - (6) Determine amount of each scholarship.

18.02 Eligibility for Student Scholarship. To be eligible for a student scholarship, an applicant shall meet and/or provide, where applicable, the following:

- a. Being a resident of Kentucky;
- b. Attend one of the eight state universities;
- c. Be a non-traditional student;
- d. Submit a completed Student Scholarship Application;
- e. Have completed 30 academic hours by the fall semester; and
- f. Have at least a 3.0 GPA.

18.03 Records. Copies of scholarship awards shall be kept on file at GFWC Kentucky Headquarters by the Student Scholarship Chairman. For historic purposes, this information shall be forwarded to the succeeding chairman at the appropriate time.

18.04 Application. An application for the student scholarship shall be available from the GFWC Kentucky Headquarters.

18.05 Special Contributions. A contribution of no less than \$100 to the Student Scholarship Fund in memory of or in honor of an individual or group shall be listed in the GFWC Kentucky Yearbook and in the GFWC Kentucky Annual Convention Program.

STUDENT LOAN FUND

19.01 Student Loan Committee.

- a. Composition. The Student Loan Committee shall be composed of the Chairman, appointed by the President, and the GFWC Kentucky Treasurer.
- b. Duties. The committee shall:

- (1) Keep a financial record of each loan awarded and
- (2) Notify each recipient of the loan's maturity date and assist in developing a repayment schedule.

19.02 Loans. The original loan note shall be filed with the GFWC Kentucky Treasurer and placed in the GFWC Kentucky lockbox. A copy of the loan agreement shall be on file with the Student Loan Chairman.

19.03 Due Date. Loans shall be due one year after the student graduates from college or one year from the date the student leaves college. The interest rate shall be three percent per year after the maturity date.

19.04 Repayment Checks. Checks for repayment of loans shall be mailed to GFWC Kentucky Headquarters, in care of the GFWC Kentucky Treasurer, who shall deposit the payment into the Student Scholarship Fund. The Treasurer shall forward payment information, including copies of receipts to the Student Loan Chairman. A report of payments received shall be provided at each Board of Directors meeting.

19.05 Records. Loan records shall be kept up to date and forwarded to the succeeding Student Loan Chairman at the appropriate time.

GFWC KENTUCKY MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

20.01 Membership Committee

- A. Chairmen and Committee number are appointed by GFWC Kentucky President except the Membership Committee.
- B. Membership Committee
 1. Composition. This committee shall be composed of the:
 - a. President-elect, who shall serve as Chairman;
 - b. GFWC Kentucky Junior Membership Chairman;
 - c. District Governors; and
 - d. District Directors of Junior Clubs

GFWC KENTUCKY MEMBERSHIP LIST

21.01 Club Membership Lists. Club membership lists that are placed on file at GFWC Kentucky Headquarters shall be placed under irrevocable trust for the exclusive use of GFWC Kentucky.

GFWC KENTUCKY HEADQUARTERS MANUAL

22.01 GFWC Kentucky Headquarters Manual. There shall be a GFWC Kentucky Headquarters Manual compiled defining GFWC Kentucky President's responsibilities for and on the use of the GFWC Kentucky Headquarters. The manual shall include but not be limited to the following:

- a. Storing of records of GFWC Kentucky;
- b. Women's History and Resource Center;
- c. Residence for GFWC Kentucky President during her term of office;
- d. GFWC Kentucky committee meetings;
- e. Open to use by clubs, upon approval by GFWC Kentucky President;
- f. Job descriptions/duties of Headquarters Secretary;
- g. Hours/days the Headquarters is open for operation; and
- h. President's responsibilities including:
 - (1) Storage of the GFWC Kentucky gavel;
 - (2) Maintaining the permanent files of GFWC Kentucky;
 - (3) Maintain an up-to-date listing of GFWC Kentucky in all classifications as submitted with the dues and contribution form. It is the responsibility of GFWC Kentucky to assure the privacy of all membership;

- (4) Receiving an itemized account of receipts and disbursements from the GFWC Kentucky Treasurer at least quarterly;
- (5) Maintain an updated list of all furniture and fixtures in Headquarters, in consultation with the Headquarters Committee;
- (6) Maintenance of the Headquarters building, both interior and exterior, and grounds as may be directed by the Headquarters Committee;
- (7) Updating the GFWC Kentucky Headquarters Manual.

GFWC KENTUCKY ANNUAL CONVENTION

23.01 Schedule for Annual Convention. The annual convention shall be scheduled at least three years in advance if feasible (GFWC Kentucky Bylaws, ARTICLE X. Section 2. N.).

23.02 The annual convention shall be held in either Frankfort, Lexington, or Louisville, Kentucky.

FINANCE

24.01 Bonding. The GFWC Kentucky Treasurer and the Headquarters Secretary, if applicable shall be bonded. The amount of bond shall be determined by the Executive Committee or whatever the current insurance policy provides.

24.02 GFWC/GFWC Kentucky Funds.

Funds shall be identified in two categories: General Fund and Charitable Fund. Information on the income and expenses shall be categorized and identified under their respective names.

24.03 General Fund Income.

- a. Dues (GFWC Kentucky Bylaws, ARTICLE IV. Section 1.). The Dues Fund is dollars collected from individuals and/or organizations to gain membership privileges into GFWC/GFWC Kentucky.
 - (1) State Dues are due November 1 of each year. This pays for the following calendar year, January – December.
 - (2) GFWC Dues are payable from the state each year by February 1, granting voting privileges from June 1 of that year to May 31 of the following year.
 - (3) District Dues are payable October 1 of each year to the District Governor, paying for the following calendar year, January – December.
- b. Headquarters Operations. The Headquarters Operations Fund shall consist of but not be limited to:
 - (1) Annual donations from member clubs as set forth on the Score Card:
 - (a) Clubs with less than 50 members or
 - (b) Clubs with 50 members or more; and
 - (2) 104 Society contributions from clubs and Clubwomen:
 - (a) \$10.40;
 - (b) \$104.00;
 - (c) \$1,040.00; or
 - (d) Any other amount.
- c. Interest is the income gained from any and all investments.
- d. Media. A media fee is determined by the Executive Committee and is for the purpose, but not limited to the following:
 - (1) GFWC Kentucky Publications which are the means of communicating federation activities. These publications can be in the form of a newsletter or magazine format and sent electronically or printed, whichever is deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee. Upon written request of a member, electronic communication can be printed for an additional fee;

- (2) Website which is the means of communication and marketing for GFWC/GFWC Kentucky; and
- (3) GFWC Kentucky Yearbook. A fee for this document is based on the cost of printing.
- e. Marketplace. Funds raised from the sale of GFWC/GFWC Kentucky logo items and other merchandise shall be used to defray office and other expenses. All items must be approved by the Executive Committee.
- f. GFWC Kentucky Conventions/Meetings/Conferences.
 - (1) Registration. These are fees paid by members and/or guests to gain access to meetings and events. These fees shall be determined by the Board of Directors (GFWC Kentucky Bylaws, ARTICLE IX, Section 2. D.).
 - (A) Late Fee of \$10.00 per individual will be applied when the registrations are received after the deadline date. The postmark of the envelope will be the determining factor. No phone calls or emails will be accepted.
 - (2) Meal(s). Dollar amount charged to members and/or guests for food served during the meetings and/or events.
 - (A) Late Fee of \$50.00 per individual will be applied when the meal form is not received by the deadline date. The postmark of the envelope will be the determining factor. No phone calls or emails will be accepted.
- g. Junior. Fees shall be determined by the Junior Organization during its annual meeting held during the GFWC Kentucky Annual Convention.
- h. Awards/Contests. This fund shall consist of dollars donated by individuals and/or clubs for the sponsoring of an award(s) given during the GFWC Kentucky Annual Convention. The list of awards can be changed by direction of the Executive Committee. (Refer to the Contest Manual.)
- i. Designated Projects.
 - (1) Presidents Emeriti Special Project.
 - (2) Kentucky's First Ladies in Miniature. This project is to provide the Commonwealth of Kentucky with a replica miniature of the newly elected Governor's wife's inaugural gown. This miniature is presented to the First Lady and then placed into cabinets located in the Capitol Building.
 - (a) This project is funded by club and individual donations or at least one club sponsors the cost of the miniature, including the gown.
 - (b) The Presentation Ceremony shall be coordinated between the GFWC Kentucky President and the First Lady's office.
 - (3) GFWC Kentucky Women's History and Resource Center.
 - (4) Leadership.
- j. Junior Travel. This fund shall consist of:
 - (1) Junior club donations and
 - (2) Junior miscellaneous dollars.

24.04 General Fund Expenditures.

- a. Board Expenses (listed in the GFWC Kentucky Bylaws, ARTICLE IV.).
- b. Dues Expenses (listed in the GFWC Kentucky Bylaws, ARTICLE IV.):
 - (1) GFWC per capita dues payments and
 - (2) SER dues payments sent to region by June 30th of each year.

- c. Headquarters Operations. Any expenses incurred for maintenance and upkeep of the GFWC Kentucky Headquarters premises:
 - (1) Property insurance including bond for GFWC Kentucky Treasurer and Secretary;
 - (2) Cleaning supplies or service;
 - (3) Property taxes; and
 - (4) Utilities (electric, gas, etc.).
- d. Office Operation. Any expenses incurred for operation of the GFWC Kentucky Office:
 - (1) Office supplies (paper, pens, pencils, etc.);
 - (2) Office equipment;
 - (3) Postage;
 - (4) Mailing service;
 - (5) Telephone/Internet service;
 - (6) Printing;
 - (7) Payroll (salary for Secretary);
 - (8) Payroll Taxes (State Unemployment Tax Act, Federal Unemployment Tax Act, etc.);
 - (9) Workers Compensation Insurance;
 - (10) Business permits including state filings;
 - (11) GFWC materials, if deemed necessary by Executive Committee; and
 - (12) Audit.
- e. Marketplace. Any expenses incurred for the purchase of:
 - (1) Logo items for resale;
 - (2) Other products purchased for resale; and
 - (3) \$500 shall be allotted for the new administration's purchases by October of the odd numbered year.
- f. Media.
 - (1) Website.
 - (2) *The Kentucky Clubwoman*.
 - (3) GFWC Kentucky Yearbook (cost of reproducing this document for resale).
- g. Designated Projects.
 - (1) Presidents Emeriti Special Projects.
 - (2) Kentucky's First Ladies in Miniature:
 - (a) Any expenses incurred in the sponsorship or cost of a First Lady's miniature and
 - (b) Any expenses incurred with maintaining the display cabinets.
 - (3) GFWC Kentucky Women's History and Resource Center Funds shall be used for archival purposes, preservation of women's history, and related educational projects.
 - (4) Leadership. The LEADS Candidate representing Kentucky shall be reimbursed up to \$200 for transportation or room at the GFWC Annual Convention.
- h. Junior Travel. This fund shall be dispersed as follows:
 - (1) Each Junior and Juniorette club may submit at least one name per year for consideration to be able to attend the GFWC Convention;
 - (2) Names shall be submitted to the Director of Junior Clubs no later than April 1st;
 - (3) The recipient(s), Junior and/or Juniorette, shall be chosen by the GFWC Kentucky Executive Committee to be distributed dependent upon funds available;
 - (4) Funds shall be used for registration, meals, and/or lodging;

- (5) In the event no Junior or Juniorette attends the GFWC Convention for which funds have been raised, those monies shall be carried forward to use toward the next GFWC Convention; and
- (6) \$200 per year for the Director of Junior Clubs' expenses.

24.05 Charitable Fund Income. These are funds collected for the purpose of donating to other non-profit organizations.

- a. Arts. The Arts Fund shall consist of club donations and/or special projects that may be approved by the Executive Committee. This fund shall be used to promote the Arts.
- b. Student Scholarship. This fund shall consist of dollars donated by clubs and/or individuals for the sole purpose of providing scholarships to a non-traditional student at one of the state universities.
- c. GFWC Kentucky President's Special Project. These are dollars raised or donated in support of this project.
- d. GFWC Kentucky Director of Junior Clubs' Special Project. These are dollars raised or donated by clubs or individuals in support of the following:
 - (1) The GFWC Kentucky Director of Junior Clubs' Special Project and/or
 - (2) The GFWC Director of Junior Clubs' Special Project (the GFWC Junior Director's Special Project).
- e. Veterans. Money donated to this fund shall be used in support of Veterans' projects.

24.06 Charitable Fund Expenditures.

- a. Student Scholarship. These are funds awarded to a non-traditional student at one of the state universities.
- b. GFWC Kentucky President's Special Project. These are dollars donated in support of this project.
- c. GFWC Kentucky Director of Junior Clubs' Special Project:
 - (1) Dollars donated in support of GFWC Kentucky Director of Juniors Clubs' project and/or
 - (2) Dollars donated for use in supporting the GFWC Director of Junior Clubs' Special Project.
- d. Veterans. Dollars donated to this fund will be used in support of Veterans' projects.

24.07 Investment Accounts.

- a. Lincoln Financial – Endowment Fund.
 - (1) This endowment fund shall consist of donations from clubs and individuals.
 - (2) The funds shall be kept in perpetuity and shall be used for emergencies relating to the Headquarters building, contents, and property.
 - (3) Interest earned shall be placed into the GFWC Kentucky General Fund.
- b. Certificates of Deposit. Established with scholarship funds previously invested and general fund income. The breakdown is noted on the fund balance sheet.
- c. Clear Springs Life
 - (1) In December 2012, a \$50,000 investment fund was established from the sale of the 1228 Cherokee Road property in Louisville, Kentucky.
 - (2) This fund shall be held in perpetuity and can only be used by a vote of the Board of Directors for an emergency related to the Headquarters building, contents, and/or property.
 - (3) Interest earned annually shall be placed in the GFWC Kentucky General Fund.

- d. Authorization is granted to the GFWC KY Treasurer for the purpose of moving investments in order to gain a higher interest rate only.

24.08 Charitable Gaming Income

- (1) Receipts from gaming activities shall be deposited and held in this separate account.
- (2) Gaming activities must be designated.

24.09 Charitable Gaming Account Expenses

- (1.) Direct expenses related to gaming activities must be paid from this account.
- (2.) Gaming profits shall be transferred to the general fund for approved expenses.

ELECTRONIC MATERIAL

25.01 Electronic Material. Flash drives shall be provided for purchase at the beginning of each new administration that include:

- a. GFWC Kentucky Yearbook;
- b. Club President's Manual;
- c. Governor, Vice Governor, and Director of Junior Clubs' Manual;
- d. GFWC Kentucky Contest Manual;
- e. Chairman's Manual;
- f. Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Resolutions
- g. GFWC KY Junior Organization Standing Rules
- h. ESO Manual.

AMENDMENTS TO STANDING RULES

26.01 These rules may be amended by the Board of Directors, with previous notice, by a majority vote provided there is no conflict with the GFWC Kentucky Bylaws. This standing rule will always be the final rule.

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