

## **Proposed By-Laws Amendments for May Convention 2026**

The GFWC/CT Bylaws Committee consisting of Eileen Brunner, Wendy Clery, Pat Johnson, Nicole Karalli, Chylene Pender, and Eileen Driscoll, Chairman, place forth the following recommendations to update the GFWC/CT Bylaws. These changes are being presented because of recommendations by the Nominating Committee and a realization that two Vice-Presidents, rather than three, will best meet our organization's needs and better meet today's leadership challenges.

### **ARTICLE V. Section A.**

#### **Current:**

The officers shall be a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Third Vice President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Assistant Treasurer. All officers shall be elected by delegate vote at the State Convention held in even number years.

**Amendment:** In the first sentence Strike out "a Third Vice-President."

**If amended would read:** The officers shall be a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Assistant Treasurer. All officers shall be elected by delegate vote at the State Convention held in even number years.

**Rationale:** Elimination of the office of Third Vice President

### **Article V. Section A Bullet point 2. 2**

#### **Current**

Eligibility for each office shall require active membership in a member club. Candidates for the offices of President and three Vice Presidents shall have served on the Board of Directors of the State federation as well as president of a GFWC/CT Club.

**Amendment:** In the second sentence strike out "three" and insert "two ."

**If amended would read:** Eligibility for each office shall require active membership in a member club. Candidates for the offices of President and two Vice Presidents shall have served on the Board of Directors of the State Federation as well as president of a GFWC/CT Club.

**Rationale:** Elimination of the office of Third Vice President

## **Article V. Section C Bullet point 2**

**Current:** The Vice Presidents shall assist the President at her request. The First Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in her absence. The Second and Third Vice Presidents shall, in order, assume the responsibility when the First Vice President is unable to do so.

**Amendment:** In the third sentence strike out “and Third Vice Presidents” and insert Vice President; Strike out “in order”

**If amended would read:** The Vice Presidents shall assist the President at her request. The First Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in her absence. The Second Vice President shall assume the responsibility when the First Vice President is unable to do so.

**Rationale:** Elimination of the office of Third Vice President

## **Article V Section C Bullet point 6:**

**Current:**

The Third Vice President shall serve as Dean of Districts and shall promote and encourage membership in Federation.

**Amendment:** Strike out “Third” and insert “First”

**If amended would read:** The First Vice President shall serve as Dean of Districts, and shall promote and encourage membership in Federation.

**Rationale:** Elimination of the office of Third Vice President, restructuring of responsibilities

## **Article VI Section A**

**Current:** The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, three Vice Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and one member of the Board of Directors appointed by the President.

**Amendment:** Strike out “three” insert “two”

**If amended would read:** The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, two Vice Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and one member of the Board of Directors appointed by the President.

**Rationale:** Elimination of the office of Third Vice President

## **STANDING RULES**

### **Section 2. Bullet point B.**

**Current:** Copies of all mailings shall be sent to the President, three Vice Presidents, District Presidents and Assistant District Presidents.

**Amendment:** Strike out “three” and insert “two”

**If amended would read:** Copies of all mailings shall be sent to the President, two Vice Presidents, District Presidents and Assistant District Presidents.

**Rationale:** Elimination of the office of Third Vice President