2018–2020 BYLAWS COMMITTEE
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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO GFWC BYLAWS IN 2020
The following are proposed changes to be presented for consideration at the 2020 GFWC Annual Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. Proposed additions are noted in [bold text and surrounded by brackets]. Proposed deletions are noted in strikethrough text.

1) CURRENT BYLAW:
ARTICLE VIII
Section 8.1 Annual Conventions. GFWC shall hold an annual convention alternating in the even numbered years (election years) between the eastern and western sections of the United States with the Mississippi River being the dividing line, the place and date to be determined by the Executive Committee four years in advance. Invitations for the annual conventions may be extended by one or more State Federations or GFWC Region. The call to the convention shall be forwarded to members by April 15 of each year.

2020 PROPOSED AMENDMENT: In the second sentence, strike a GFWC Region and replace with [GFWC Regions].

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ:
ARTICLE VIII
Section 8.1 Annual Conventions. GFWC shall hold an annual convention alternating in the even numbered years (election years) between the eastern and western sections of the United States with the Mississippi River being the dividing line, the place and date to be determined by the Executive Committee four years in advance. Invitations for the annual conventions may be extended by one or more State Federations or GFWC Regions. The call to the convention shall be forwarded to members by April 15 of each year.

RATIONALE: To allow Regions to share annual convention responsibilities.

2) CURRENT BYLAW:
ARTICLE XII Committees
Section 12.1 Standing Committees. The members of standing committees shall be appointed by the International President and shall number not more than five each, unless otherwise specified herein.

2020 PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Insert a new second sentence, [The International President shall appoint all chairmen of the standing committees with the exception of the Budget and Finance Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee.]

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RATIONALE: For clarification.

3) CURRENT BYLAW:
ARTICLE XII Committees
Section 12.1, C) Communications and Public Relations. This committee shall number eight members, one from each Region, one of whom shall be designated by the International President as chairman. It shall be the duty of the committee to promote and ensure the implementation of the tools necessary for proper communication, public awareness, and public relations, including, but not limited to, the publication of the GFWC Clubwoman Magazine, media relations, social media, and website.

2020 PROPOSED AMENDMENT: In the first sentence, strike one of whom shall be designated by the International President as chairman.

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RATIONALE: For clarity and consistency.

4) CURRENT BYLAW:
ARTICLE XII Committees
Section 12.1, G) Fundraising and Development. This committee shall number eight members, one from each Region, one of whom shall be designated by the International President as chairman. It shall be the duty of this committee to oversee internal fundraising and develop external funding sources for GFWC.

2020 PROPOSED AMENDMENT: In the first sentence, strike one of whom shall be designated by the International President as chairman.

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Section 12.1, G) Fundraising and Development. This committee shall number eight members, one from each Region. It shall be the duty of this committee to oversee internal fundraising and develop external funding sources for GFWC.

RATIONALE: For clarity and consistency.
5) CURRENT BYLAW:

ARTICLE XII Committees
Section 12.1, I) International Liaisons. This committee shall serve as liaisons to the international clubs and affiliates and shall perform duties as assigned by the committee chairman, appointed by the International President.

2020 PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Insert [The members of] at the beginning of the sentence, prior to “This committee.”

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RATIONALE: For clarity and consistency.

6) CURRENT BYLAW:

ARTICLE XII Committees
Section 12.1, J) Leadership. This committee shall number eight members, one from each Region, one of whom shall be designated by the International President as chairman. It shall be the duty of this committee to develop programs to promote leadership on all levels of GFWC.

2020 PROPOSED AMENDMENT: In the first sentence, strike “one of whom shall be designated by the International President as chairman.”

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ:

ARTICLE XII Committees
Section 12.1, J) Leadership. This committee shall number eight members, one from each Region. It shall be the duty of this committee to develop programs to promote leadership on all levels of GFWC.

RATIONALE: For clarity and consistency.

7) CURRENT BYLAW:

ARTICLE XII Committees
Section 12.1, K) Legislation/Public Policy. The committee shall number eight members, one from each Region, one of whom shall be designated by the International President as chairman. The chairman of this committee shall also serve as an additional member of the Resolutions Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to implement the legislative program of GFWC, keep GFWC and its constituent divisions informed of the status of pending legislation, and develop and promote an educational program concerning legislation. Necessary research shall be provided by GFWC staff.

2020 PROPOSED AMENDMENT: In the first sentence, strike “one of whom shall be designated by the International President as chairman.”

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RATIONALE: For clarity and consistency.

8) CURRENT BYLAW:

ARTICLE XII Committees
Section 12.1, I) Membership. This committee shall number eight members, one from each Region, one of whom shall be designated by the International President as chairman. It shall be the duty of this committee to promote membership. The Juniorette Chairman shall serve as an ex-officio member of this committee.

2020 PROPOSED AMENDMENT: In the first sentence, strike “one of whom shall be designated by the International President as chairman.”

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ:

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RATIONALE: For clarity and consistency.

9) CURRENT BYLAW:

ARTICLE XII Committees
Section 12.1, N) Signature Program. This committee shall number eight members, one from each Region, one of whom shall be designated by the International President as chairman. It shall be the duty of this committee to develop programs to promote the Signature Program among the GFWC membership and the public.

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IF ADOPTED, WILL READ:

ARTICLE XII Committees
Section 12.1, N) Signature Program. This committee shall number eight members, one from each Region. It shall be the duty of this committee to develop programs to promote the Signature Program among the GFWC membership and the public.

RATIONALE: For clarity and consistency.