

Bylaws

2021 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO GFWC BYLAWS

Members of the Bylaws Committee: Chairman Carol Habgood, Becky Weber, Joyce DeCunzo, Brooke Huddleston, and Henri Belcher-Stack

Amend the Bylaws by inserting a new Article XIX (Renumber current XIX to XX):

ARTICLE XIX: DECLARED EMERGENCY/DISASTER

Section 1. When a National or State Emergency/Disaster is declared affecting the viability of holding a meeting, the GFWC International President, with consent of the GFWC Executive Committee, may authorize all meetings, including Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and/or Annual Conventions, to be conducted through use of remote meeting services.

Section 2. Meetings Held Remotely.

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

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

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

- a. **Registration:** Registration shall be required for delegates to participate in discussion and voting for any remote convention.
- b. **Voting:** See Article VIII of these bylaws for the voting body. The Credentials Committee Chairman shall verify the voting roll of delegates and provide this to the Elections Committee Chairman.
- c. **Pre-recorded remote Annual Convention:** The Executive Committee shall establish a timeline for the Elections Committee Chairman to provide delegates with proposed Bylaws amendments, resolutions, candidates' resumes, and ballots. The voting body shall be those who have registered as voting delegates.

d. Remote Annual Convention (Real Time): The sessions of this type of Annual Convention shall be conducted through use of remote meeting services designated by the Executive Committee. These services shall:

- (1) support anonymous voting;
- (2) support identifying information of those participating;
- (3) identify those seeking recognition from the chair for permission to speak;
- (4) display the text of pending motions; and
- (5) display the results of votes.

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

SUBMITTED BY: GFWC Bylaws Committee

RECOMMENDATION: The Bylaws Committee recommends approval of the amendment.