

**RECOMMENDED BYLAW CHANGES
125TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
GFWC GEORGIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
JUNE 10-13, 2021**

Proposed Amendment: To enact a new Article, Article XVI: Declared Emergency/Disaster, and to renumber all the remaining articles accordingly.

**ARTICLE XVI
DECLARED EMERGENCY/DISASTER**

Section 1 When a National or State Emergency/Disaster is declared affecting the ability to conduct an in-person meeting, the President, with the consent of the Executive Committee, may authorize all meetings, including Executive Committee, Board of Directors, District Meetings, Annual Conventions, and/or meetings of the Junior Conference Executive Committee and Board and the Junior Conference Annual Meeting, to be conducted through use of remote meeting services.

Section 2 MEETINGS HELD REMOTELY

- A. Such meetings should utilize full-featured remote meeting services that integrate audio, video, text and voting capabilities.
- B. The remote meeting service shall be selected by the Elected Officers.
- C. Procedures for conducting remote meetings shall be established by the Elected Officers in consultation with the Parliamentarian or Parliamentary Advisor.
- 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 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In the absence of an in-person State or Junior Conference Executive Committee Meeting, a remote meeting may be held. Alternatively, and in the absence of any objection, any business may be voted on electronically in accordance with procedures approved by the State Elected Officers.

Section 4 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In the absence of an in-person Board of Directors Meeting, a remote meeting may be held. Alternatively, and in the absence of any objection, any business may be voted on electronically in accordance with procedures approved by the Elected Officers.

- A. Registration: Registration shall be required for delegates to participate in discussion and voting for any remote Board of Directors Meeting.

B. Voting: See Article X of these bylaws for the voting body. The Credentials Committee Chairman shall verify the voting roll of delegates and provide this roll to the President, Recording Secretary, and Parliamentarian or Parliamentary Advisor.

Section 5 JUNIOR CONFERENCE BOARD

In the absence of an in-person meeting of the Junior Conference Board, a remote meeting may be held. Alternatively, and in the absence of any objection, any business may be voted on electronically in accordance with procedures approved by the State Elected Officers.

A. Registration: Registration shall be required for delegates to participate in discussion and voting for any remote Junior Conference Board Meeting.

B. Voting: See Article XV of these bylaws for the voting body. The Junior Conference Credentials Committee Chairman shall verify the voting roll of delegates and provide this roll to the State Director of Junior Clubs and Junior Conference Recording Secretary and Parliamentarian or Parliamentary Advisor.

Section 6 DISTRICT MEETINGS

In the absence of an in-person District Meeting, a remote District Meeting ~~may~~ be held. Alternatively, and in the absence of any objection, any business may be voted on electronically in accordance with procedures approved by the State Elected Officers.

A. Registration: Registration shall be required for delegates to participate in discussion and voting for any remote District Meeting.

B. Voting: See Article XIV of these bylaws for the voting body. The District Credentials Chairman shall verify the voting roll of delegates and provide this roll to the District President, Recording Secretary and Parliamentarian or Parliamentary Advisor.

C. Remote Meeting Services: This type of District Meeting shall be conducted through use of remote meeting services designated by the State Elected Officers. 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 result of votes.

Section 7 ANNUAL CONVENTION

In the absence of an in-person Annual Convention, a remote Annual Convention may be held.

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 State President, Recording Secretary and Parliamentarian or Parliamentary Advisor.
- C. Sessions: The sessions of this type of Annual Convention shall be conducted through use of remote meeting services designated by the Elected Officers. These services shall:
 1. Support anonymous voting;
 2. Supporting 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.

Section 8 JUNIOR CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING

In the absence of an in-person Junior Conference Annual Meeting, a remote Annual Meeting may be held.

- A. Registration: Registration shall be required for delegates to participate in discussion and voting for any remote convention.
- B. Voting: See Article XV of these bylaws for the voting body. The Junior Conference Credentials Committee Chairman shall verify the voting roll of delegates and provide this to the State Director of Junior Clubs and the Junior Conference Recording Secretary and Parliamentarian or Parliamentary Advisor.
- C. Remote Meeting Services: This type of Annual Meeting shall be conducted through use of remote meeting services designated by the State Elected Officers. These services shall:
 1. Support anonymous voting;
 2. Supporting 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 at all levels of the State organization during a declared emergency/disaster.

To Amend Article VIII, State Convention – Strike Section 8

Section 8. ~~Electronic Meeting. In the event a physical convention is not possible because of government restrictions or a natural disaster, the State Executive Committee may vote to hold an annual meeting by electronic means.~~

~~A. Notice of such a meeting shall be provided to the membership by electronic means no later than 30 days in advance of the same.~~

- ~~B. Members entitled to vote at the Annual Convention shall also be entitled to vote at any electronic meeting. Such members shall submit their name and voting credentials to the Credentials Chairman and Recording Secretary no later than seven (7) days prior to the scheduled electronic meeting.~~
- ~~C. After their credentials have been received, voting delegates shall be provided with information on how to access the electronic meeting. Such notice shall be provided no less than 48 hours in advance of the meeting.~~
- ~~D. Any special rules applicable to an electronic annual meeting shall be set forth in the Standing Rules.~~

RATIONALE: This section is no longer needed with the new Article XVI: Declared Emergency/Disaster