

Proposed Amendments to the GFWC Southeastern Region Standing Rules, Fall 2017

Article IV. Officers, Section B., Number 2.

Current Standing Rule:

2. Have served at least one term on the GFWC Board of Directors.

Proposed Amendment:

Insert “two-year” between the words “one” and “term”

To Read:

2. Have served at least one **two-year** term on the GFWC Board of Directors.

Rationale: To clarify

Article IV. Officers, Sections C. and D.

Current Standing Rule:

- C. No state may endorse more than one candidate for office and no state may have more than one officer serving at the same time.
- D. No officer shall serve more than one two-year term in the same office.

Proposed Amendment:

Strike sections C and D and replace with:

- C. **Term of office**
 1. **No officer shall serve more than one two-year term in the same office.**
 2. **No member State Federation may have more than one officer serve an administration.**

NOTE: This change would cause re-lettering of the sections to follow.

To Read:

- C. **Term of office**
 1. **No officer shall serve more than one two-year term in the same office.**
 2. **No member State Federation may have more than one officer serve an administration.**

Rationale: To clarify and restructure

Article IV. Officers, Section F. Duties of Officers, Number 3

Current Standing Rule:

3. The Secretary shall:
 - a. Record the minutes of all Region meetings and submit a copy within three weeks to the Region President.

Proposed Amendment:

After “Region President” insert “and Parliamentarian. Upon approval of the draft, she shall submit a copy to the members appointed by the Region President to approve the minutes.”

To Read:

3. The Secretary shall:
 - a. Record the minutes of all Region meetings and submit a copy within three weeks to the Region President **and Parliamentarian. Upon approval of the draft, she shall submit a copy to the members appointed by the Region President to approve the minutes.**

Rationale: To clarify the approval process for meeting minutes

Article IV. Officers, Section F. Duties of Officers, Number 4, subsection a

Current Standing Rule:

- a. Deposit all funds in a bank. Disburse funds as allocated in the budget upon receipt of an approved voucher.

Proposed Amendment:

In the second sentence, after “budget” insert “or as approved by the Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee and Region President”

To Read:

- a. Deposit all funds in a bank. Disburse funds as allocated in the budget **or as approved by the Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee and Region President** upon receipt of an approved voucher.

Rationale: To allow for spending flexibility

Article IV. Officers, Section F. Duties of Officers, Number 4, subsection e

Current Standing Rule:

- e. Submit the Treasurer’s books to the Audit Committee by July 31 following the second year of the administration and forward to the new Treasurer by August 31.

Proposed Amendment:

In subsection e. delete “books” and insert “financial record” and delete “Audit” and insert “Financial Review”

To Read:

- e. Submit the Treasurer’s ~~books~~ **financial records** to the ~~Audit~~ **Financial Review** Committee by July 31 following the second year of the administration and forward to the new Treasurer by August 31.

Rationale: To clarify

Article VI. Meetings, Section A

Current Standing Rule:

- A. Annual Conference. There shall be an Annual Conference of the Region in the month of November of each year unless otherwise determined by GFWC or the Host State. The conference shall be for the purpose of hearing reports, conducting business of the Region and for presenting a program to promote the effectiveness of GFWC. These conferences shall be scheduled according to Region guidelines and GFWC procedure at least two years in advance. Member states shall rotate duties of hosting. Rotation is as follows: Virginia, Tennessee, Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky, and North Carolina. A state needing to change the order of rotation must contact the Region President.

Proposed Amendment:

After the last sentence, insert “Request to change the order of rotation must be submitted to the Region President two years in advance of the scheduled rotation.”

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Rationale: To establish a deadline for change requests

Article VI. Meetings, Section C.

Current Standing Rule:

C. CALL. The Region President shall send the CALL to the Region Conference at least forty-five (45) days prior to the meeting date. The CALL shall be sent to the GFWC officers, all members of the Region Board of Directors, GFWC International Past Presidents residing within in the Region, Past SER Presidents, GFWC Chairmen authorized to attend, and GFWC Chairmen and committee members in the Region. State Presidents shall furnish copies of the CALL to all member clubs and other appropriate officers and chairmen prior to the conference.

Proposed Amendment:

After “GFWC International Past Presidents residing in the Region” insert “GFWC International Past Directors of Junior Clubs residing in the Region,”

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Rationale: To include GFWC International Past Directors of Junior Clubs residing in the Region to the members receiving the Call to the Region Conference.

Article VI. Meetings, Section D.

Current Standing Rule:

- D. Representation. The voting body of the GFWC Southeastern Region for all meetings shall consist of:
1. Region Officers
 2. Chairmen of: Standing Region Committees (Auditing, Budget and Finance, and Standing Rules) appointed by the Region President,
 3. Special Region Committees (Elections, Evaluation, Minutes Review, and SER Fundraising) appointed by the Region President,
 4. Presidential Appointments made by the Region President (Chaplain, Historian, and Protocol Chairman); any other special committees deemed necessary.
 5. GFWC International Past Presidents in the Region

Proposed Amendment:

At the beginning of number 3, insert “Chairmen of” before Special Region Committees.

After number 5, insert new number 6 to read, “6. GFWC International Past Directors of Junior Clubs residing in the Region.” **NOTE: This proposed change creates renumbering below it.**

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 5. GFWC International Past Presidents in the Region
 6. **GFWC International Past Directors of Junior Clubs residing in the Region**

Rationale: To clarify and update the voting body

Article VIII. Standing Committees, Section B.

Current Standing Rule:

- B. Auditing Committee. An Auditing Committee of three (3) members each from a different state shall be appointed by the Region President. The Region President shall designate the Chairman of the Committee. This Committee shall audit the Treasurer's books after July 31 following the second year of the administration and submit its report at the Annual Conference the first year of the next Administration.

Proposed Amendment:

Delete "Auditing" and insert "Financial Review" in the title and first sentence. Also in the first sentence, replace the article "An" with "A." In the third sentence, delete "audit" and insert "review" and delete "books" and replace with "financial records."

To Read:

- B. **Financial Review** Committee. **A Financial Review** Committee of three (3) members each from a different state shall be appointed by the Region President. The Region President shall designate the Chairman of the Committee. This Committee shall **review** the Treasurer's **financial records** after July 31 following the second year of the administration and submit its report at the Annual Conference the first year of the next Administration.

Rationale: To clarify