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**GENERAL FEDERATION
 OF WOMEN'S CLUBS**
MARYLAND



Official Call to The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. 126th Annual

Official Call

**The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.
 126th Annual General-Junior Convention**

***"Anchor of Hope – Supporting and Empowering through Mental Health Awareness"
 and "Be the Wave of Change – Shaping Education's Future"***

April 26-27, 2025 (Saturday and Sunday)

Crowne Plaza Hotel, 173 Jennifer Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The 126th Annual Convention of The GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, April 26-27, 2025. ALL members of The Federation are invited and encouraged to attend.

This Call to Convention has been emailed to all members of the Board with an updated email address on file with the GFWC MD Corresponding Secretary.

Club Presidents are requested to ensure that all of their members receive a copy.

In This Call You Will Find:

1) ***All General Information pertinent to the Convention.***

2) ***Registration and Credentials Form***—mail to Mary Synder, Credentials Chairman.

PLEASE NOTE: The Pre-Registration Fee of \$15.00 MUST BE MAILED no later than March 31, 2025, along with the Registration & Credentials Form.

On-Site Registration Fee will be \$20.00.

3) ***Meal Reservation Form***—mail to Sandra Mattocks, Reservations Chairman.

PLEASE NOTE: Meal Reservations MUST BE POSTMARKED by March 31, 2025

Reservations mailed after the deadline MUST include a \$10.00 Late Fee.

Submit ONE (1) Meal Reservation Form per Member.

4) ***Room Reservations Form***—Call the Crowne Plaza Hotel directly and give them code **GFWC – 2025.**

Hotel Direct Line - 410-266-3131

Reservations Department – 1-855-223-1441

For security reasons, please Do Not Fax Room Reservation Form to the Hotel.

PLEASE NOTE: The Deadline for Room Reservations is Thursday March 27, 2025.

You will not want to miss convention. Make your reservations early! Clubs are encouraged to bring several members to cheer your club on at award time! There are wonderful speakers and activities planned for your entertainment and education.

Andrea Lilly, President

Becca Zarrelli, Corresponding Secretary



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CONVENTION AGENDA

“Anchor of Hope – Supporting and Empowering through Mental Health Awareness”
 and

“Be the Wave of Change – Shaping Education’s Future”

FRIDAY, APRIL 25 7:30-9:30 p.m. **Clubwomen Fun Night – Sip & Savor**
 All members of the Federation are invited to attend this indulgent experience where you will discover wine and chocolate pairings and have fun with Federation Sisters. Sponsored by the Junior membership. (See attached flier.)

SATURDAY, APRIL 26 9:00-10:00 a.m. Registration
 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 Official Opening of the 126th Annual General-Junior GFWC Maryland Convention (*Business Attire*)
 Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman award will be announced in the opening session.
 12:30-1:00 p.m. Recess
 1:00 Luncheon

- Guest Speaker—Sarah Meyers, Daughters of the American Revolution Museum Docent
- Youth Art Awards Presentation

Recess

5:30-6:30 p.m. District Presidents’ Reception. The three District Presidents cordially invite all GFWC Maryland members to join them for a reception to honor the Outstanding MD Clubwoman and nominees, all Club Presidents and GFWC Maryland Clubwomen.
 (*Cocktail Attire*) (Cash Bar)

6:30-6:45 p.m. STATE OFFICER PROCESSION FORMS.

Please be prompt! See program for location and participants.

7:00-8:30 p.m. Banquet

Guest Speaker—Mental Health Awareness Speaker, Sheppard Pratt
Followed by a Memorial Service for members who have passed away

8:30-8:45 p.m. Recess

8:45-10:00 p.m. Federation Fun Night: “Night Owls Bingo” with Christy Swiger
 (pay at the door) \$20.00 for 10 games

SUNDAY, APRIL 27 9:30-10:30 a.m. Registration
 10:00 a.m. Convention Reconvenes (*Business Attire*)

10:00 – 12:00 State Awards

12:00-12:30 p.m. Recess

12:30-2:30 p.m. Luncheon w/surprise Guest Speaker

2:30pm Stress Reliever Activity & Collection of Special Projects Items

3:00 p.m. Adjournment

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REGISTRATION: Pre-Registration Fee is \$15.00. On-Site Registration Fee is \$20.00. The Deadline for Pre-Registration is March 31, 2025.

A **Registration Fee** will be charged for **ALL** attendees, regardless of voting status or length of attendance. This fee helps pay for the speakers, programs and all printed materials distributed during the convention. Everyone attending **MUST** register. You will receive your badge upon arrival at the annual convention. No one will be admitted to the meetings without a badge. Members who belong to more than one club must decide under which club they will be registered.

The Pre-Registration Fee of \$15.00 MUST BE MAILED to the State Credentials Chairman no later than March 31, 2025, along with the Registration and Credentials Form. On-Site Registration Fee will be \$20.00.

Registration will be open as follows:

- Saturday, April 26, 2025: 9:00-10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, April 27, 2025: 9:30-10:30 a.m.

CREDENTIALS: Please complete the **Registration and Credentials Form** and mail to the State Credentials Chairman **no later than March 31, 2025.**
> *Make check payable to: GFWC MD Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC Maryland)*
> *Mail to: Mary Synder, 4210 Springview Ct, Jefferson, MD 21755-7910*

ALL ATTENDEES MUST use the Registration and Credentials Form. Even if there is some doubt whether you can attend, you need to complete the form.

GFWC-MD Board of Directors Members, including Club Presidents and Honorary State Presidents: Fill out the Registration and Credentials Form and mail to the State Credentials Chairman, Mary Snyder.

All Club Delegates: Your club president should fill out the Registration and Credentials Form and mail to the State Credentials Chairman, Mary Synder. If your club has alternate delegates, please send their name(s) separately. The number of club delegates to which your club is entitled is based on the number of club members who have paid their dues by February 1, 2025. You are allowed to appoint one (1) club delegate for every 25 members, or major fraction thereof.

Voting Members: "The Federation and the General Federation of Women's Clubs delegates will be based only upon those members whose dues shall have been paid by February 1." Standing Rule 2a (pg. 77). "The voting members of The Federation shall be the members of the board of directors and the accredited delegates. A voting member shall have but one vote, although entitled to vote in either of several capacities. No delegate shall represent more than one club." Article VI, Section 2 of The Federation Bylaws (pg. 72).

Non-Voting Members: All non-voting members must still register.

MEAL RESERVATIONS: Meal Reservations MUST BE POSTMARKED no later than March 31, 2025. All reservations mailed after the deadline MUST include a \$10.00 late fee.

For each member attending, **submit ONE (1) Meal Reservation Form** along with a check. Please include special dietary needs or allergies on the form. Substitutions will be made only due to dietary needs listed on this form.
> *Make check payable to: MFWC Reservations Account*
Mail to: Sandra Mattocks 14310 Old Lake Drive SW, Cumberland, MD 21502

SPECIAL ATTIRE: *Saturday Business Session:* GFWC Recognizes and focuses on Advocacy months and colors to show support, so at our Saturday Business Session remember to wear one of our April advocacy colors. You can wear:

- Blue for Child Abuse Month
- Teal for Sexual Assault awareness for Campus, Military and Native Americans.

As always please feel free to wear GFWC attire.

**PROPOSED
BYLAWS
CHANGE:**

There is a proposed amendment to GFWC Maryland Bylaws that we will be discussed and voted on in the Saturday Business Session. Please see page 13 for the amendment.

**CLUB
PRESIDENTS**

All Club Presidents will be honored at the Saturday night banquet. They will be introduced by their District President after the processional. We would like all clubs represented and sincerely hope all club presidents will attend. A club president who finds it impossible to attend may be represented by a vice-president or other club representative. Please notify your District President of your attendance or substitute. **On the Meal Reservation Form, please indicate if you are a Club President or a representative.**

**MEDICAL
EMERGENCY
FORM:**

A Medical Emergency Information Form is included in this Call. This form should be completed by each member attending convention and returned to the Reservations Chairman, along with your Meal Reservation Form. **These are shredded after convention; it is just a precaution during the meeting.**
Mail to: Sandra Mattocks 14310 Old Lake Drive SW, Cumberland, MD 21502

**ROOM
RESERVATIONS:**

The Deadline for Hotel Room Reservations is March 27, 2025
To get the special room rate of \$142.00 Double Queen or King (+ 14% tax), you MUST identify yourself as being with the “GFWC Maryland Federation of Women’s Clubs – Group Code GFWC - 2025.” Rate is based on double occupancy.

Breakfast coupons are included with the rooms.

Check-In/Check-Out: Rooms will be available for check-in after 4 p.m. on Friday. If you arrive earlier, you may leave your luggage locked in your car or ask the hotel to store it for you. There is ample complimentary parking. Check-out time is 11 a.m.

Online Reservations: Link to reserve online - [GFWC- 2025](#)

Call-In Reservations:
Make room reservations directly with the **Crowne Plaza Hotel**. Call the Crowne Plaza Hotel at 1-410-266-3131 (direct). Please give them Group Code: **GFWC - 2025**. Individuals who would like to speak with a reservation specialist instead, can reach out to the Reservations Department by calling 1-855-223-1441 and mention the **code GFWC-2025**.

If any problems, please contact Carol Horne, 443-340-5436.

**REPORTS
& AWARDS:**

Reports and Awards will be presented throughout Convention. If you are presenting a report, **please bring TWO (2) copies** for the State Recording Secretary, Anne Yakaitis, for her minutes! If you are unable to be present for your report, please contact and send a copy to Jeanne Pim, President-elect. Award packets for ALL Clubs will be distributed on the last day of Convention. The Club president or a representative should pick these up before leaving convention. District Presidents will need to pick up the ones that are remaining.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Collection of pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House.
Homeless Care Kits for local Homeless shelters.
Recycling items: markers/crayons, pill bottles, and plastic soda rings.
Please see specific details on page 10.

YOUTH ART: Youth Art Contest winners will be honored, and awards presented during the Saturday afternoon business session on April 26. Please return All YOUTH ART ENTRIES to the students' schools ASAP after the close of Convention!

SPECIAL NOTICES

SIP & SAVOR: **GFWC SIP & SAVOR:** Meet in the Junior Suite for a fun night of Federation Trivia.
Please see flyer included on page 11.
Friday, April 25, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Please use Meal Reservation Form to reserve your seat!

FEDERATION BINGO: **Federation Fun Night: "Night Owls BINGO!"** will be held immediately following the banquet on **Saturday, April 26.** ALL GFWC Maryland members and guests are invited to join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and fabulous prizes.
Please use Meal Reservation Form to reserve your seat!

SPEAKER: Sarah Meyers is a member of the Samuel Chase Chapter DAR. She is Chapter Historian. She is the Correspondent Docent at the DAR Museum in Washington, D.C. She is the curator for the historic museum, Popular Hill Mansion, in Salsbury. She is the state historian for the Daughters of 1812.

JUNIOR FUNDRAISER: The Juniors will be selling "Be the Wave of Change- Shaping Education's Future" t-shirts and Collect bookmarks.

FLOWERS: Flowers to honor club presidents are being arranged and handled by Babs Condon.

EXHIBITORS: Some of our favorite **Convention Exhibitors** will be on hand—be sure to visit!

GFWC MARYLAND 2024-2026 DIRECTORY: Attention Club Presidents, Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurers A special form is included in this Call for reporting **2024-2026** Club Officers. This form will be used for the 2024-2026 GFWC Maryland Directory. It is for your incoming administration, 2024-2026.
*Please complete the form and mail to the GFWC MD Directory Chairman
> Mail to: Laura Lienhard, 206 Watercress Rd., Westminster, MD 21157*

Deadline June 15, 2025

CONVENTION PACKETS Advertise your favorite club fundraising project in the Convention Packets. Please send all information to the GFWC MD Arrangements Chairman **no later than April 1, 2025.** Materials received after this date will NOT be included in the packets. Send 75 copies to be included in ALL PACKETS or send 35 copies to be included in ONLY the CLUB PRESIDENT'S PACKETS.
> Mail to: Diane Hill, 16201 Bond Mill Rd, Laurel, MD 20707-2844

REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS FORM

DEADLINE: March 31, 2025

ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE: Pre-Registration \$15.00 / On-Site Registration \$20.00 *Registration fee will be charged for ALL attendees, regardless of voting status or length of attendance.*

Make checks payable to: GFWC Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC Maryland)

CLUB NAME: _____

Total # Members (as of Feb. 1, 2025) _____ Check one: General Junior Club

District: _____

Club President Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

E-mail Address _____

CLUB DELEGATES ATTENDING:

CLUB PRESIDENT + ONE (1) DELEGATE for every 25 members, or major fraction thereof.

Club President Name: _____

Delegate Name: _____ Delegate Name: _____

Delegate Name: _____ Delegate Name: _____

Delegate Name: _____ Delegate Name: _____

Delegate Name: _____ Delegate Name: _____

Delegate Name: _____ Delegate Name: _____

Note: If Club President will not be attending, please state who will take their place.

MEMBERS ATTENDING who hold positions on the GFWC MD BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

State Officers, District Presidents, Community Service Program/Special Committee/Special Project Chairmen, Special/ Standing Committee Members, and Honorary State Presidents.

Name: _____ Position: _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Name: _____ Position: _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2025 Total Registration \$ _____ Check # _____

Mail Form and Check to: Mary Snyder, 4210 Springview Ct, Jefferson, MD 21755-7910

If there is a change of delegates after the deadline, please notify Mary Snyder by phone or e-mail.

Phone: 301-401-3566

Email: msnyder55@comcast.net

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MEAL RESERVATION FORM

DEADLINE: March 31, 2025

**Reservations MUST BE POSTMARKED no later than March 31, 2025
Reservations mailed after the deadline MUST include a \$10.00 Late Fee.**

— Please Note —

Submit One (1) Meal Reservation Form per Member

Reservation must include Check and Name of Member for whom reservation is being made. Make Check

Payable To: MFWC RESERVATIONS ACCOUNT. Please do not ask for refunds. ONLY advance dietary and food substitutions will be honored. (Make advance arrangements with Reservations Chairman.)

Date – Function	\$ / Meal	Diabetic / Vegetarian/ Gluten Free / Seafood Allergy
Friday, April 25 – GFWC Sip & Savor, 7:00-9:00 pm -\$20 (pay at door) See Details under Special Notices & attached flyer	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<<< RESERVE MY SEAT for TRIVIA!
Saturday, April 26 – “Riding the Waves of Change” Luncheon \$42.00 Choose from <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Club <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Salad <input type="checkbox"/> Grilled Vegetable		
Saturday, April 26 – “Hope Anchors Us” Banquet \$ 70.00 Choose from <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetable Tortellini <input type="checkbox"/> Onion-Bacon Encrusted Salmon <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Picatta		
Saturday, April 26 – Federation Fun Night: “Night Owls BINGO” \$20.00 for 10 Games / Pay at the Door / See Details under Special Notices	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<<< RESERVE MY SEAT for BINGO! FREE Gift for Advance Reservations
Sunday, April 27 – “Be the Anchor” Luncheon \$ 48.00 Choose from: <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Pesto <input type="checkbox"/> Penne Pasta Primavera		
TOTAL		

TO INSURE PROPER SEATING, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Name:	Phone:
Club:	District:

- If reservation is for a State Board member: State Officers, District Presidents, Honorary State Presidents, Club Presidents, Community Service Program/Standing Committee/Special Project Chairmen, and Special/Standing Committee Members. Please list the position below:

State Position:

- If reservation is for a **Club President or President's Representative**, please list below:

Club President Club Representative

Please note: if your club has Co-presidents, then they will be honored together.

Mail Form and Check to: Sandra Mattocks 14310 Old Lake Drive SW, Cumberland, MD 21502

Email: gfwcmdsmattocks@gmail.com

Medical Emergency Information Form

This form is in case of emergency while you are attending convention. This form will be destroyed after convention. If you do not wish to include ALL information, at least give emergency contact person. Thank you!

Your Name:
Address:
Phone #:

Person to be contacted in case of an emergency:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Alternate contact person:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Are you staying in the hotel? _____

If yes, please include the name of your Roommate: _____

OPTIONAL:

Do you have to take any medications on a regular basis for a life-threatening reason? _____

If yes, please explain why, how often and where we can find this medication: _____

Do you have any allergies to food or medication? _____

If yes, please list:

Do you have any other medications to be taken only in case of emergency? _____

If yes, please explain and tell us where to find it: _____

Authorization for emergency treatment: _____

Medical insurance company and policy number: _____

Coverage verification phone number: _____

Mail Form to: Sandra Mattocks 14310 Old Lake Drive SW, Cumberland, MD 21502

Email: gfwcmdsmattocks@gmail.com

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Pull Tabs: There will be a collection of pull soda tabs to benefit Ronald McDonald House in Baltimore, MD. A box will be in the back of the meeting room for you to deposit your tabs. The tabs will be recycled, and the money will help the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House. So, help save the environment and families in need and start collecting today!

Homeless Care Kits: Members and/or clubs can bring gallon bags filled with these 10 items. During the Sunday afternoon session, collected kits will be distributed among the District Presidents to be donated to local homeless shelters.

Include 1 of each item: a pair of socks, a pair of gloves, a water bottle, pack of bandages, toothbrush and toothpaste, a pack of wet wipes, sunscreen, tuna and cracker packs, Single-Serving Snacks like Trail mix, nuts, crackers, and Nail Clippers.

Recycling Initiatives: Join the Juniors in working to recycle everyday products. Bring your used markers and crayons, soda 6-pack plastic rings, and empty pill bottles. During the Sunday afternoon business session, recycling items will be sorted to be sent back to the specific Junior club recycling each item.

**JOIN OUR GFWC MARYLAND JUNIORS
RECYCLING INITIATIVES
TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

PRESCRIPTION PILL BOTTLES

What to Bring:
Empty, clean prescription pill bottles (labels removed if possible).

Why It Matters:
They can be reused for medical supplies in underserved communities or recycled to reduce plastic waste.

Where: Matthew 25 Ministries

Cumberland Juniors

CRAYONS, COLORED PENCILS, MARKERS

What to Bring:
Used or broken crayons, colored pencils and markers of any brand.

Why It Matters:
Crayons can be melted down to create new ones, and markers can be recycled into new plastic products. Keep them out of landfills!

Where: Westminster Staples

Westminster Juniors

RING CARRIERS

What to Bring:
Plastic six-pack rings (clean and intact).

Why It Matters:
These rings pose a danger to wildlife. Recycling them ensures they're disposed of in a way that's safe for the environment.

Where: RingRecycleMe

Pocomoke City Juniors

2024-2026 GFWC-MD DIRECTORY FORM

ATTENTION CLUB PRESIDENTS!!

Use this form for Reporting **2024-2026 Club Officers**. The new 2024-2026 GFWC-MD Directory will be prepared using the information you supply.

Please fill out this form and mail by June 15, 2025 to
Directory Chairman, Laura Lienhard,
306 Watercress Rd, Westminster, MD 21157 email: lauralienhard@comcast.net

PLEASE TYPE or PRINT CLEARLY

CLUB NAME _____

Date Organized: _____ Date of Federation: _____

Annual Meeting Date: _____ Regular Meeting Dates: _____

CLUB PRESIDENT

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

CLUB VICE PRESIDENT

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

RECORDING SECRETARY

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

TREASURER

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

If your club has Co-Presidents /or Co-officers, an Advisory or Director:

Please include that information on another sheet or on the back of this form.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura at lauralienhard@comcast.net. Thank you!

Clubwoman Fun night

Sip &
SAVOR



Wine

**& CHOCOLATE
PAIRING**

*Join the Junior Membership as
we discover the perfect wine and
chocolate pairings for an
indulgent experience to kick off
Convention weekend.*

**\$20 a person
includes light refreshments**



Attention All Owls & Owlets!!

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Don't be left out in the dark! Don't miss out on all the fun!

Calling all Owls and Owlets! Christy is looking for a huge brood of Owls to join her at "Night Owl Bingo"! Right after our Saturday night banquet you can remain dressed up or let your feathers down and put on your PJ's or Nighttime Casual Garb and join in the fun! There will be quizzes not requiring too many brain cells to crank and our ten games of fast bingo to win terrific prizes. A game of "Parliament Argument" (aka Family Feud) and perhaps some trivia to tickle your bristles. Straighten your crowns, brush your tufts and sign up for Bingo – But don't pay until you come on Saturday night! It is a mere \$20 to play, and \$5 for extra cards! You WILL PAY after the Evening Banquet!!!

For the first time ever, Christy is asking for volunteers of an entire club or individuals to be a sponsor of one of our games. That means you furnish the prize that must be valued at least \$50, and you get to **Name the Game**. We already have five terrific souls that are volunteering to sponsor a game so only five more individuals or whole clubs can step out on a limb and have a grand time coming up with a prize. This could be a basket of items, gift cards, wine, or you name it, and you have the honor of labeling the game. When we play that game, the bingo winner gets the prize you created. No new pets as prizes though! Contact Christy ASAP to volunteer to create the prize.

At our convention you will have the opportunity to shop with our vendors, play our 50/50 boards, buy raffle tickets for our county baskets and even buy more tickets for our statewide fundraiser – **"Stay Anchored" 50/50 Raffle!**

All clubs have been issued their "Stay Anchored" Raffle Tickets. Please make sure that you bring your ticket stubs that require a name, the name of the club, and a phone number.

Don't forget to bring cash or checks, made out to MFWC, for all your ticket sales. All tickets are \$5 each and three tickets for \$10. All members have for the first time ever, a chance to participate in this outstanding fundraiser to get a "hand pay" at our convention.

The possibilities are endless with what the winner will get. Thank you to our clubs that have already sold out of their tickets and have requested more! Christy is happy to send or deliver more tickets to you! The Winner will be selected at the end of our Convention!!

So, make sure that you give a Hoot! Start blinking your eyes, turning your crowns, and searching for some prey, I mean PRIZES. I know you can't wait to compete with & against your brood! Come participate in all the fun at our "Night Owl Bingo Party". A Cash Bar is available, some snacks too and Christy promises not to serve you Owl food or rodents!!!

Call Christy (301-461-8986) to volunteer your club or just yourself to be a Bingo Game Sponsor! Don't forget to check off on the registration forms that you plan to come to Bingo, **but don't pay until Saturday night!!**

Whooooo will be a winner?

Proposed Amendments to GFWC MD Bylaws
Proposed by the GFWC-MD Executive Committee

Pursuant to Article XVII: Amendments to the Bylaws, *The bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting, provided the amendment has been proposed by the bylaws committee, the executive committee or by a federated club; and a copy of the proposed amendment has been sent with the call at least six weeks before the annual meeting. Proposed amendments must be received by the chairman of the bylaws committee on or before February 1.*

ARTICLE VII, SECTION 1 – Dues:

Currently reads:

Annual dues for active clubs shall be \$5.50 per capita in addition to the required General Federation of Women’s Clubs dues and these dues shall be apportioned through the budget to The Federation and the General Federation of Women’s Clubs.

Annual dues for associated clubs shall be five dollars for the first 100 members or less and one dollar for each additional 50 members or major fraction thereof, up to 500 members.

PROPOSED

ARTICLE VII, SECTION 1 – Dues:

Annual dues for active clubs shall be \$10.00 per capita in addition to the required General Federation of Women’s Clubs dues and these dues shall be apportioned through the budget to The Federation and the General Federation of Women’s Clubs.

Annual dues for associated clubs shall be five dollars for the first 100 members or less and one dollar for each additional 50 members or major fraction thereof, up to 500 members.

Dues shall be reviewed every 5 years starting with the year 2025.

Rationale:

With the steady decline in overall membership within the past few years and the rising cost increases for the State, the GFWC Maryland Federation will need to increase dues by \$4.50 per member. The state dues have not been increased since 2011. This will allow the federation to propose a balanced budget.