
BYLAWS FOR GFWC OF SOUTH BRUNSWICK ISLANDS, INC.

Article I- Name

The name of the organization shall be GFWC of South Brunswick Islands, Inc., hereinafter referred to in these Bylaws as GFWC-SBI or the Club.

Article II- IRS Classification

Section 1- Purpose

The Club is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes under section 501(c)(3) of US Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 2- Dissolution

Upon dissolution of Club, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within meaning of section 501(c)(3) of US Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

Article III- Objective

The objective of the Club is to unite members into a charitable organization of volunteers for promotion of education, community service, fellowship, and leadership development.

Article IV- Membership

Section 1- Requirements

- A. Membership shall consist of women, 36 years of age or older, who are interested in objective of the Club.
- B. Members are required to participate in a minimum of two (2) MAJOR fundraisers, as defined in Article VIII Section 7. If member is not able to participate in designated fundraisers, a monetary donation will be assessed. The specific amount of will be determined by vote of GFWC-SBI prior to event.
- C. Members who have extenuating circumstances may request, in writing to Executive Board, to be placed on inactive status. Such status, if approved by Executive Board, will be granted for a period of 12 months, provided such member is considered active member. Such member will continue to pay annual dues to the Club; however, fundraising participation will be excused. Inactive status requests must be renewed at the beginning of each club year.

Section 2- Application for membership:

- A. Shall be by invitation of active member acting as Sponsor with application signed by second active member.
- B. Must be received prior to the November Executive Board meeting to allow time for review for completion by Executive Board.
- C. New members will be presented to membership at the December meeting.

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Section 3- Acceptance of Membership

Approved candidate will not be added to membership roster or considered an active member until all dues are received.

Section 4- Induction Ceremony

There will be a formal induction ceremony held in January at the scheduled meeting. New members are requested to attend.

Section 5- Dual Membership is for Clubwomen interested in maintaining membership in GFWC of South Brunswick Islands, Inc. and other federated (GFWC) clubs.

- A. Member must declare Club of Record and Secondary Club.
- B. Club of Record will pay dues for clubwoman to GFWC, GFWC-NC, and GFWC-NC District 7 as required.
- C. Dues of Secondary Club are responsibility of member.
- D. Entails fulfillment of all membership requirements as outlined in Article IV, Sections A-C.
- E. Members who declare GFWC of SBI as the Secondary Club may not hold elected office in GFWC-SBI.

Section 6- Transfer Members

- A. A letter of transfer to any federated club shall be granted by GFWC of South Brunswick Islands, Inc. providing member requesting transfer has been an active member within past year.
- B. GFWC of South Brunswick Islands, Inc. shall accept transfer members from other federated clubs at any time upon receipt of letter of transfer from federated club.

Section 7- Resignation and Termination of Membership

- A. Resignation shall be in writing to membership chairman.
- B. Termination may occur if:
 1. Dues are not paid by December 15th
 2. Member does not participate in MAJOR fundraisers.

Article V- Dues

Section 1- Dues Amounts

Dues shall be voted on annually at September meeting and shall include GFWC, GFWC-NC, GFWC-NC District 7, and Club dues.

Section 2- Dual Membership Dues

- A. Dual Membership Clubwomen shall be required to pay local club annual dues if GFWC of South Brunswick Islands, Inc. is not the club of record for such member.

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- B. District dues must be paid by Dual Membership Clubwomen whose Club of Record is outside GFWC-District 7.

Section 3- Lifetime Members

GFWC-NC Lifetime members shall not be required to pay GFWC and GFWC-NC annual dues.

Section 4- Dues Deadline

All dues must be paid in full by December 15th of current club year.

Article VI- Meetings

Section 1. Regular meetings shall be 4th Monday of every month, September to May. If 4th Monday of month is a holiday, meeting date will be changed, and membership will be advised of new date.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by President or by written request of Executive Board or at least six (6) members. Request and purpose shall be sent to President via regular mail or email. Meeting shall be scheduled by President within 48 hours of receipt of request and a Call to meeting shall be issued via email. Purpose of meeting shall be stated in Call, which shall be sent to all members at least 7 days prior meeting.

Section 3. Quorum

To conduct business of the Club at a regular meeting or special meeting, 40% of active members shall constitute a quorum. Each active member present is entitled to vote at any meeting and may cast one vote. Members at a meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to do business notwithstanding departure of enough members to leave less than a quorum.

Article VII- Officers

Section 1- Officers

Elected officers shall be: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Co-Treasurer.

Section 2- Election and Term

All elected officers shall be elected annually at October meeting and installed prior to assuming office in January.

Section 3- Nominating Committee

A Nominating Committee of three shall be elected at May meeting. One member, who shall serve as chairman, shall be elected by Executive Board and two shall be elected by membership. No member shall serve for two consecutive terms.

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Section 4- Nominating and Voting

Nominating Committee shall present a slate of nominees at regular September meeting. Nominations may be made from floor at October meeting, providing consent of nominee has been previously obtained. Voting shall be by ballot. If there is only one nominee for an office, a voice vote may be taken.

Section 5- Vacancy

- A. Office of President shall be filled by First Vice President.
- B. Office of Treasurer shall be filled by Co-Treasurer.
- C. Executive Board shall be appointed by remaining Executive Board members to serve until unexpired term.

Section 6 – Qualifications

- A. To serve as an elected officer, the member must be an active member and have declared GFWC-SBI the Club of Record.
- B. To serve as President or First Vice President, the member must have served at least one term on the Executive Board.

Section 7- Duties

- A. President shall:
 - Preside over all regular, Executive Board and Special meetings.
 - Appoint Parliamentary Advisor, Historian, Media Administrator, and all chairmen of committees.
 - Approve all bills to be paid by the Treasurer.
 - Be authorized to sign checks.
 - Compose and submit scholarship recipient recommendation letters by deadline.
 - Serve as ex-officio member of all committees except Nominating Committee.
 - Represent the Club at local, District, State and National meetings, with reimbursement as stated in the Club's budget.
 - Perform all duties as directed by these bylaws and Executive Board.
- B. First Vice President shall:
 - Coordinate activities of chairmen, except Community Service Program Chairmen.
 - Be chairman of Membership Committee.
 - Perform duties of office in absence of President.
 - Serve on Bylaws Committee
 - Perform all duties as directed by these bylaws and Executive Board.
- C. Second Vice President shall:
 - Serve as program coordinator
 - Be responsible for editing yearbook
 - Coordinate activities of Community Service Program Chairmen
 - Perform all duties as directed by these bylaws and Executive Board.

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D. Recording Secretary shall:

- Keep records of the Club and take minutes of regular, Special and Executive Board meetings.
- Perform all duties as directed by these bylaws and Executive Board.

E. Corresponding Secretary shall:

- Conduct correspondence of the Club.
- Keep a record of attendance.
- Furnish GFWC-NC with names and addresses of officers and committee chairmen and inform members of changes in a timely manner.
- Serve as chairman of Sunshine Committee.
- Perform all duties as directed by these bylaws and Executive Board.

F. Treasurer shall:

- Have custody of all funds.
- Receive and deposit funds in name of the Club immediately upon receipt in such banking institutions and disperse as directed by Executive Board.
- Any matters concerning distribution of funds not listed in the budget shall require approval of Executive Board.
- Serve notice to delinquent members and report same to Executive Board.
- Give an itemized monthly and annual statement of account to the Club.
- Send dues to GFWC-NC and GFWC-NC District 7 by required dates.
- Serve as Chairman of the Finance Committee and a member of Ways and Means Committee.
- Perform all duties as directed by these bylaws and Executive Board.

G. Co-Treasurer shall:

- Assist Treasurer at all fundraising events
- Succeed to office of Treasurer, if position becomes vacant.
- Serve as Chairmen of Financial Review Committee and a member of Ways and Means Committee.
- Perform all duties as directed by these bylaws and Executive Board.

Section 7 - Conflict of Interest

Any member of Executive Board who has financial, personal, or official interest in, or conflict or appearance of conflict of such nature that it prevents or may prevent that member from acting on the matter in an impartial manner, will offer to voluntarily excuse herself and will refrain from discussion and voting on said item.

Article VIII- Executive Board

Section 1. Voting members shall be elected officers of the Club.

Section 2. A majority of voting members shall constitute a quorum.

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Section 3. Non-voting members who serve in an advisory capacity: immediate Past President, GFWC-NC officer or GFWC-NC District 7 President (if active GFWC-SBI members) and Parliamentarian.

Section 4. Community Service Program and Committee Chairmen and others may be invited by President.

Section 5. Shall meet prior to regularly scheduled club meeting.

Section 6. Special Meetings may be called by President or at request of three (3) voting members. Purpose of meeting shall be stated in Call.

Section 7. Shall determine designated MAJOR fundraisers in which members will be required to participate.

Article IX- Community Service Programs

Section 1- Conformity with GFWC-NC

Community Service Programs (CSP) and Committees shall conform as nearly as possible to GFWC-NC with special attention to the needs of local community. President, with approval of Executive Board, shall appoint CSP Chairmen and other committee chairmen as deemed necessary to perform work of the Club.

Section 2-Plans

A Committee or member may not contractually obligate club without prior approval of Executive Board for approval. Any public action must be approved by general membership.

Section 3 – Community Service Programs

- A. **Arts CSP** maintains an interest in arts through scholarships, projects and programs at local level. Arts CSP Chairman will oversee Arts Festival Projects each year. Chairman shall be appointed by President and must have been a club member for at least one year.
- B. **Conservation CSP** promotes idea of responsibility for use of our natural resources. It raises issues for improving our society through changing people's attitudes towards our resources and regarding human and animal health. Chairman will oversee projects to promote responsible use of resources.
- C. **Education CSP** is responsible for promoting improvements to our public education environment. It focuses on public school awareness, assistance for children with learning disabilities, literacy, and teacher appreciation. The Chairman will oversee projects relating to educational improvement in Brunswick County.
- D. **Home Life CSP** promotes well-being of women and children in our society. It deals with issues such as preventative health care, quality nursing home care, social services affairs, suicide awareness, substance abuse, and overall quality of life in our society with emphasis on provision of basic needs. The Chairman will oversee club participation in projects to improve quality of life in Brunswick County.

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- E. **International Outreach CSP** enables members to become better world citizens through advocacy, education and action. It participates in activities to support organizations delivering international aid, providing education on world policy issues and offering opportunities to host foreign visitors through program areas such as cultural exchange and outreach for children.
- F. **Public Issues CSP** promotes importance of active citizenship, veteran's affairs and historic preservation. It raises awareness about community, home and vehicle safety issues, and encourages citizens to take action on these issues and be registered to vote.

Article X- Committees

President and Executive Board may establish additional Standing or Special committees as deemed necessary to properly handle the Club's affairs and activities.

A. **Membership Committee** shall:

1. Work to retain current membership and recruit new members.
2. Maintain all membership related documents.
3. Contact members who are absent.
4. Host orientation meetings for new members.

B. **Scholarship Committee** shall:

1. Consist of three members with chairman appointed by President.
2. Work with Shallotte Junior Woman's Club to select one high school senior for each club as recipient of GFWC-NC Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship (SSC), who will be awarded budgeted amount and participate in GFWC-NC District 7 SSC Scholarship Competition.
3. Be responsible for selecting recipient of GFWC-SBI Teaching Scholarship who will be awarded budgeted amount and participate in GFWC-NC District 7 competition for GFWC Johnson-Greenson Teaching Scholarship.

C. **Finance Committee (Budget)** shall:

1. Meet between November 1st and January 10th to create and present proposed budget to membership for approval at January meeting.
2. Consist of Treasurer as Chairman, Co-Treasurer and President-elect.
3. If one member is unable to serve, an alternate will be selected by President.

D. **Financial Review (Audit)** shall:

1. Complete a review of Treasurer's books by Jan 15st.
2. Be appointed by President in October.
3. Consist of three (3) members, with Co-Treasurer as Chairman.
4. A written report shall be presented to general membership for approval at January Meeting.

E. **Ways & Means Committee** shall be responsible for presenting fundraising ideas to the Club for approval and for overseeing fundraising efforts of GFWC-SBI. President will appoint Chairman. Committees and Committee Chairmen will be designated for each specific event.

F. **Bylaws Committee** shall:

1. Review and update bylaws annually.
2. Consist of a minimum of five members with immediate Past President as Chairman.

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3. In event of vacancy, President shall appoint Chairman.

Article XII- Donation Requests

Section 1- General donations:

- A. Must meet purposes under section 501(c)(3) of US Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code and objectives of GFWC-SBI.
- B. Shall be presented in writing to Executive Board for review of qualifications and to membership for action.

Section 2 – Specialized donations

Requests for donations from GFWC, GFWC-NC or GFWC-NC District 7 shall be presented to membership without prior written request or Executive Board review.

Article XIII- Amendments

Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, provided amendments were submitted in writing to each member (30) days prior to upcoming meeting. An active member, the Executive Board, or a Committee may submit proposed amendments in writing to Bylaws Chairman.

Article XIV- Parliamentary Authority

Most current copy of Robert's Rules of Orders shall govern the Club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.