

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS - WISCONSIN  
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Article I - Purpose

The undersigned have associated, and do hereby associate themselves together for the purpose of forming a corporation under Chapter 6 of the Wisconsin Statutes of 1898 and the acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, the business and the purpose of which corporation shall be to become in all ways the successor of the unincorporated organization known as The Wisconsin Federation of Women's Clubs, hereafter known as **General Federation of Women's Clubs-Wisconsin (GFWC-WI)** and to bring the women's clubs of the state into communication for acquaintance and mutual helpfulness, which said business is to be carried on in the State of Wisconsin.

Article II - Name

The name of said corporation shall be the General Federation of Women's Clubs-Wisconsin, Inc. and its official address shall be that of the presiding president.

Article III - No Capital Stock or Dividends

There shall be no capital stock to said corporation, and no dividend or pecuniary profits shall be declared to the members thereof.

Article IV - Officers

Section 1 - The general officers of said corporation shall be a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Director of Junior Clubs.

Section 2 - There shall be a Board of Directors who shall transact the business of the corporation. The number of voting members of the Board of Directors shall be fixed in the Bylaws.

Article V - Duties of Officers

The principal duties of the President shall be to preside at all meetings of the corporation and the Board of Directors, and cosign all vouchers drawn by the Treasurer, and to have general supervision of the affairs of the corporation.

The principal duties of the Vice President shall be to discharge the duties of the President in the event of the absence or disability, for any cause whatsoever, of the latter.

The principal duties of the Recording Secretary shall be to record all transactions of the corporation and of its Board of Directors, and to keep all books, papers, records and documents belonging to the corporation, or in anywise pertaining to the business thereof, safely, and systematically.

The principal duties of the Corresponding Secretary shall be to conduct correspondence of said corporation.

The principal duties of the Treasurer shall be to keep an account of all monies, credits and property of any and every nature of the corporation which shall come into her hands, and keep an accurate account of all monies received and disbursed, and to render such accounts thereof, and of all matters pertaining to this office as shall be required by the Board of Directors.

The principal duties of the Director of Junior Clubs shall be to interpret the General and State Federation programs to the Junior Club's members and to plan projects and special activities for them.

The Board of Directors may provide for the appointment of such additional officers as they may deem necessary to the best interest of the corporation.

The said officers shall perform such additional or different duties as shall from time to time be imposed or required by the Board of Directors, or as may be from time to time prescribed by the Bylaws.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the corporation.

#### Article VI - Membership

The members of any club or organization whose application is approved by the Executive Committee may become members of this corporation. The members of any club or organization not paying its dues prior to the annual meeting of said corporation may be dropped from membership in said corporation. The members of any club or organization may be expelled from membership in this corporation by the Board of Directors for just cause.

The Constitution of any organization applying for membership must show that no sectarian or political test is required, that it is not a secret society, and that it does not tolerate either by practice or teaching any violation of National or State laws.

Each member club shall choose one or more delegates who shall be the voting member or members at the meeting for which they are chosen as delegates. These delegates, together with the Board of Directors shall constitute the voting members of this corporation.

The first meeting of the said corporation for the election of officers shall be held at Plymouth Church in the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 1908.

#### Article VII - Quorum

Thirty members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

#### Article VIII - Amendments

These articles may be amended at any annual meeting by the vote of the majority of the voting members present, provided notice of such proposed amendment shall have been appended to the Call for the meeting. Amendments must be submitted to the Board of Directors and must be approved by a majority vote of the Board for presentation to the convention before they may be appended to the Call or presented to the convention.

#### Article IX - Dissolution

Objectives of this organization shall be charitable as defined by Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. If this organization shall be dissolved, its assets shall be distributed to another organization or organizations qualified under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. No assets may be distributed to individual members.