



Spring 2025 Annual Meeting – April 26-27, 2025 Parish Center – Rock Springs, Wyoming

Welcome to the Call to GFWC Wyoming's Annual Meeting. Please plan on being in Rock Springs, Wyoming, to celebrate our state clubs' accomplishments, have some fun and meet up with old friends. We'll have workshops, guest speakers, awards, member recognitions, tours, and an Authors & Artists Event. The banquet Saturday night will feature Bill Hambrick from the Truckers Against Trafficking Association

Reminder to all attendees: Bring dimes to add to our March of Dimes collection. Also don't forget your old (clean) socks for *Smartwool* recycling and new/gently used bras.

119th Annual GFWC-Wyoming Convention April 26-27, 2024 Rock Springs, Wyoming

Venue: Unless otherwise noted, events will take place at the Parish Center, 624 Bridger Ave, Rock Springs. There is plenty of parking.

Quality Inn rooms: Mention GFWC Wyoming Conference when making room reservation to receive the convention rate. Room rate of 89.99/night. Address is 1670 Sunset Dr. Rock Springs. Phone #307-224-3456.

Attire: Meetings and meals will be business casual. The Saturday night event will be cocktail.

Registration Fee: \$35

Annual Meeting Agenda

Friday, April 25

All Day tour of Flaming Gorge 9am – 3 pm (\$49pp)
Or

One hour tour of Downtown Rock Springs (free)
If Inclement weather, a tour of the Museum or Fine Art Center

Authors & Artists Public Event and Fundraiser
6 – 9 pm (\$10 Admission)

Saturday, April 26

Breakfast on your own

8:30 am--Registration and Fundraising Tables open

9:00-10:00 am—Art Contest Judging

Annual Meeting Items

9:00 am – Start of Conference

Welcome to Conference--President Bard
Welcome to Rock Springs by Mayor of Rock Springs

9:30 am

Invocation--Spiritual Values Chairman Nelson
Announcements
Credentials Report--Parliamentary Advisor Benskin

10:00 am

Guest Speaker – Marjorie Daley

10:45 – 11:00 – Approval of Agenda Conference & Standing Rules – Patty Benskin
Physical Break

11:15 – 11:45

Online Safety Project Presentation

12:00 pm—Buffet Lunch

Social Lunch with Live Auction

1:00 – 2:00 – Leading Ladies - Advocacy

2:00 – 3:30 pm – Bylaws Approval – Parliamentarian - Patty
Benskin

Physical Break

3:45 – 4:15 – Discussion of Resolution to Ban or Limit the use of Smart Phones in School Classrooms
– Nancy Kaufman

Dinner

6:00 – 7:30 pm – Guest Speaker
Bill Hambrick – Truckers Against Trafficking
Raffle Basket Drawing

Sunday 27th

9:00 – 9:30 am

Service for Passed Members – Spiritual Advisor - Nelson
Please sit with your clubs and rise when your Club President honors your passed sister(s)

9:45 – 10:45

Round Table on Signature Fundraising Programs
(Yoder, Cheyenne Civic League, Sweetwater County Women's Club)
How they got started with their Annual Fundraising Projects with tips and lessons learned along the
way

Endorsement for Pam Crochet to serve as officer for WSR

11:00 am to Noon – Awards

Photography Contest Winners—Chairman Starla Sexton

Children's Art Contest Winners & Award Report—Chairman Elsie Gray
Advocates for Children—Chairman Marcia Volner
Domestic Violence Awareness & Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention—Chairman Amy Snyder
Civic Engagement & Outreach—Chairman Marianne Gatti
Education & Libraries – Chairman – Jennie Malonek
ESO—Chairman Leslie Jo Gatti
Environment—Chairman Lynn Prichard
Health & Wellness—Chairman Michele Long
Communication & Public Outreach—Karen Kent
Fundraising—Chairman Mary Lee Dixon
Legislation & Public Policy—Chairman Trish Peoples
Leadership – Chairman Kristin Riley
Membership – Vice President Katherine Van Dell
Women's History & Resource Center—Chairman Pam Crochet
Western States Region Invitation—WSR Vice President Pam Crochet

Invitation to President's Retreat

Invitation to Yoder for Fall Workshop

Conference Over
Singing of Let There Be Peace on Earth



Annual Meeting Registration

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Wy _____ Zip _____

Name of Club _____

Current or Highest Office Held (Club or State) _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Registration Fee (full event) \$35.00 _____

Pre Conference Events

Friday Authors & Artists Event (6 – 9 pm) \$10.00 _____

Appetizers and Beverages by Tiana

*Friday – All Day Tour of Flaming Gorge \$49.00 _____

Normally \$68 Runs from 9 am to 3 pm, snack and lunch and bottled water included
If you have allergies please bring your own lunch/snacks.

Pick up at 1641 Elk St, Rock Springs.

Link to brochure [SWC_2404_FlamingGorgeTour_Brochure_v3-1 - Adobe cloud storage](#)

Friday - Free Tour of Historic Downtown Rock Springs 1 hour from 1 pm Yes
If inclement weather you will have a tour of either the museum or the Fine Art Center

Saturday Lunch by Tiana \$15.00 _____

Build Your Own Sandwich Charcuterie Board + Fruit, Chips and Dessert

Saturday Banquet by Data Fe South West Grill \$40.00 _____

Roast Beef and Chicken or Vegetarian Mushroom Nut Loaf + Dessert

Total: _____

*Requires a minimum of 20 people. If it is snowing you will receive a refund.

Dietary restrictions: _____None_____

Send your registration to Susan Arguello, 519 C St, Rock Springs, WY 82901 by April 1st. E-mail: suzie13rn@aol.com. Phone: (307) 389-8877 .
Checks should be made out to GFWC Wyoming.

NOTE: The chairs in this facility are medal folding chairs. You may wish to bring a seat cushion for your chair to make your time at conference more comfortable.

GFWCW Standing Rules

1. GFWCW Districts shall be determined by the GFWCW Executive Board.

- Such changes may be approved through an electronic vote.
- District Liaisons ~~may~~ **shall only** be appointed by the President.
- There shall be one liaison for each district **when appointed**.

RATIONAL: To clarify.

2. An optional Club Activity Guide may be provided

- The Vice President shall be responsible for the Club Activity Guide content.
- The guide will be available on the **GFWCW** website by September 1.
- The guide is an optional planning tool for clubs and GFWCW officers.

RATIONAL: To clarify website name.

3. Annual Meeting.

- President may appoint Annual Meeting chairmen.
- The GFWCW Treasurer shall manage all expenses for the Annual Meeting. All receipts must be turned in to the Treasurer within 30 days of the meeting end.
- Fundraisers must be approved by the GFWCW President 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting.
- Fundraising by non-GFWCW entities is not allowed **unless approved by the Executive Committee and with compensation to GFWCW. Funds shall be deposited into the General Fund of GFWCW.**

RATIONAL: To broaden and clarify.

4. GFWCW Resolutions.

- All amendments to GFWCW resolutions or new resolutions must be submitted to the Resolutions chairman ~~by November 3~~ **two weeks prior to the winter board of directors meeting.**
- ~~The committee reviews and refers resolutions to the Board of Directors for consideration at the winter board meeting.~~

Rational: To create new deadline.

6. Officers.

- It is recommended that GFWCW officers have current technology skills (computer, social media, etc.)
- All officers should understand the meeting requirements, as well as the responsibilities of their office.
- ~~In the absence of the Secretary, the GFWCW President may appoint pro-tem.~~

RATIONAL: Redundant as it is covered in the Bylaws.

GFWCW ANNUAL MEETING RULES

The entire audience shall rise to meet the President of the State and General Federation officers. Rise for the Invocation, Benediction, Presentation of the Colors, National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance, and the Collect.

Wear registration badges at all times or carry them with you.

Meetings will open on time.

The Annual Meeting will be one session, recessing from meeting to meeting.

Program participants should endeavor to occupy front row seats prior to the beginning of the meetings.

RATIONAL: To clarify.

No club member may speak more than two minutes, or more than twice on any one subject.

The Parliamentarian or Parliamentary Advisor shall be seated upon the platform. Motions other than routine, shall be written, signed and given to the secretary.

All reports may be submitted electronically. Non-electronic reports must be signed, dated and filed with the secretary immediately after being read. Please furnish in triplicate.

Courtesy Resolutions cleared for presentation by the Executive Board shall be voted upon immediately after reading.

All electronics must be silent. **Sidebar conversations are reserved for breaks. Questions and remarks should be directed to the chair.**

RATIONAL: To broaden.

Guests are welcome to attend. Guests shall pay for meals and activities. Guests may not vote.

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS OF YOMING BYLAWS REVISIONS

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 5. The GFWCW shall be divided into districts to promote GFWCW programs and projects. The number and boundaries of districts shall be established upon recommendation ~~to the membership~~ by the Board of Directors.

RATIONAL: Clarification

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

SECTION 4. Election of officers:

(a) A nominating committee shall be comprised of five members, ~~elected~~ **formed** at the Annual Meeting in odd numbered years.

RATIONAL: Clarification

SECTION 6. The term of an elected office is two years, with a limit of two consecutive terms. The newly elected officers shall officially assume office after the GFWC International installation. Outgoing officers shall deliver all records to the newly elected officers. The Treasurer's records ~~may be transferred at the Annual Meeting. A review must be done prior to official acceptance.~~ **shall be reviewed annually by an independent reviewer selected by the Executive Board. The review shall be completed by July 31.**

RATIONAL: To Clarify and broaden.

SECTION 7. Termination of office. An officer neglecting her duties as stated in the bylaws will be notified by the President that she has thirty days to comply with her duties. If said duties are not fulfilled, the Board of Directors may vote to remove her from office. The President shall notify the officer of her termination.

In the case of the President, notice shall be given by the President-elect, upon recommendation by the Executive Board.

RATIONAL: To broaden.

ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. Board of Directors.

(a) There shall be a Board of Directors composed of all GFWCW elected officers, the Parliamentary Advisor, all project chairmen and special committee chairmen appointed by the President, District Liaisons, and all club presidents. Each officer, chairman, and club president shall have one vote. The President shall call at least three meetings during a club year. Such meetings may be held electronically. A

quorum shall consist of one more than half of the members, provided that at least one of them is the President or President-elect.

- (b) The duty of the Board of Directors is to ratify action proposed by the Executive Board.

SECTION 2. Committee Co-Chairs

In the event a committee has co-chairs, Each committee shall be represented by one vote.

RATIONAL: Redundant

ARTICLE VII DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. PRESIDENT.

b) She shall:

- Serve as trustee of both funds and serve on the budget committee.
- Appoint a Parliamentarian or Parliamentary Advisor.
- Appoint chairmen of standing committees and additional chairmen, as she deems necessary. She shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.
- She shall be a liaison officer between GFWCW and GFWC and represent GFWCW at all meetings of the Board of Directors of GFWC.
- **She shall ensure appropriate and timely transition of financial records and bank accounts to the new treasurer and custodians.**

RATIONAL: To broaden and clarify.

SECTION 4. SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of the GFWCW, the Executive Board, and the Board of Directors. She shall prepare and distribute the minutes within one month after the meeting. She shall send all final corrected copies of records to the state archives at the end of her two-year term. She shall send out the official call to the Annual Meeting at the direction of the President. She shall perform other duties as assigned. **A substitute secretary, if needed, shall be appointed by the President to record minutes and distribute in a timely manner.**

RATIONAL: To broaden and clarify.

SECTION 5. TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall collect and hold dues monies, fundraising monies and donations belonging to the GFWCW. She shall be bonded, and the cost paid by GFWCW. She shall serve as chairman of the budget committee. She shall notify each club President **and club Treasurer** by ~~September 1~~ **October 1** of each year of the amount of dues and all other assessments due to GFWCW.

RATIONAL: To give better dates for notices.

ARTICLE VIII

COMMITTEES

SECTION 2. ~~PUBLIC RELATIONS~~ COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

The President shall appoint a ~~Public Relations~~ **Communications and Public Relations Committee** Chairman. The chairman may add additional committee members as needed. This committee will be responsible for, but not limited to, the monthly Newsblast, state activities calendar, social media, and the state website. ~~The GFWC Communications Chairman may serve on the committee.~~ **A designated committee member shall be responsible for reporting GFWC information to the clubs.**

RATIONAL: For consistency with GFWC and for clarification.

ARTICLE X

DUES, FISCAL YEAR, AND FINANCE

SECTION 7. Custodians:

The GFWCW Endowment Fund and Scholarship Funds shall be under the supervision of custodians appointed for a two-year term of office, with interim appointments for unexpired terms only. Such custodians may serve no more than two consecutive terms. The Board of Directors may approve an additional term. The custodian for each fund shall report at each Annual Meeting and shall have a review at the close of each administration. **Said review shall be conducted by a committee comprised of the President, Treasurer and an independent reviewer not of the same club as the custodian.** Said custodians shall give bond, executed by a responsible security company in such amounts, as the Executive Board shall require. This will be done under board scrutiny and paid from GFWCW funds.

RATIONAL: To clarify.

ARTICLE XI ANNUALL MEETINGS

SECTION 2. Time of meeting:

The time of meeting shall be prior to the GFWC annual meeting, the exact date to be set by the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall have the power by two-thirds vote to dispense with an Annual Meeting of the GFWCW and conduct the business by other means of communication. **The Call to the Annual Meeting and the agenda shall be sent eight weeks prior to the convention.**

RATIONAL: To broaden and clarify.

SECTION 3. Registration Fee:

A registration fee shall be approved **at the Winter Board of Directors meeting.** ~~by the Board of Directors to be paid by each member of the GFWCW upon registration at the Annual Meeting.~~ Courtesy registrations **not to exceed three** shall be given to guests at the discretion of the GFWCW President.

RATIONAL: To establish a limit.

SECTION 4. Voting body of Annual Meetings:

The voting body shall consist of all GFWCW members who have paid the Annual Meeting registration fee. **A daily registration fee is acceptable.**

RATIONAL: To clarify.

ARTICLE XII REPORTS

SECTION 1. Each club shall send an **annual membership report consisting of the club roster** to the GFWCW Treasurer postmarked no later than ~~November 30~~ **October 1** of each year ~~an annual membership report consisting of the club roster. Such report shall be accompanied by the appropriate amount of per capita dues.~~ The report may be submitted electronically.

RATIONAL: For consistency of dates and process.

SECTION 2. Each **incoming club president** shall send a report listing its officers and **committee chairmen** with mailing addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers, by May 31 each year to the GFWCW President and President-elect. These reports may be submitted electronically.

RATIONAL: To clarify.

Resolution to Ban or Limit the Use of Smart Phones in School Classrooms

WHEREAS: Since 2010 incidences and signs of impending mental illness among adolescents and pre-teens have surged across all races and socioeconomic classes, corresponding to the advent their access to smart phones (defined as phones with internet access). GenZ (those born after 1995) is the first generation of Americans who have gone through puberty with smart phones and are demonstrably more anxious, depressed, self-harming, and suicidal. Girls are more affected than boys, although boys do show signs of harm, with pre-teens the most.

WHEREAS: Most teenagers are on-line almost constantly, receiving hundreds of notifications a day and rarely going more than a few minutes without interruption. Adverse effects of this are social deprivation, sleep deprivation, addiction behaviors, decreased academic outcomes, and increased cyberbullying. The collective administration of smart phone usage is most easily facilitated in schools where all students are required to not have them. This alleviates the guilt and stigma for both parents and students.

WHEREAS: According to federal law, a child of age 13 can open their own account on Facebook, YouTube and Tiktok thus beginning the process of uploading their own videos, receiving highly customized feeds, and giving data that can be used and sold. Each of these are known to have been used by predators, as are most gaming apps. This can all be accomplished without parental knowledge or supervision. Age 16, although the brain is far from being fully developed, the most sensitive and harmful period for teenagers seems to have passed; therefore.

RESOLVED: that the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Wyoming urge its member clubs to support:

- Efforts to keep all smart phones out of schools before high school. Basic phones with limited apps and no internet browsers would not be subject to these restrictions.
- Efforts to have phone-free schools where smart phones, smart watches and any other personal device that can send/receive texts or download apps must be stored where students do not have access to them during the school day.
- Legislation to increase the age of being able to download apps from 13 years to 16 years along with reinforcing and strengthening age verifications.