

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GFCA BYLAWS

On February 24, 2015, the GFCA Executive Board approved the following resolutions proposing changes to the GFCA Bylaws. The resolutions are now being presented to the general membership for consideration and will be voted on at the June 9, 2015 Town Hall meeting.

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE 1

Article 3 — Membership and Dues

Whereas, Article 3.1 (Qualification) of the GFCA Bylaws currently states: “Any citizen who is a bona fide resident of the community of Great Falls in Fairfax County, Virginia and who is eighteen years of age or older shall be eligible for membership herein and entitled to one (1) vote. Each eligible individual shall pay annual dues to qualify as a member in good standing. Membership shall become effective on the date that payment of dues for the current year is received by GFCA. Dues shall apply to a membership year starting on July 1st and ending on June 30th”;

Whereas, Article 3.3 (Membership Dues and Fees) states: “Membership dues and fees shall remain in place unless changed by the Executive Board no later than March 15th of each year. Written and/or electronic notification of any such changes shall be provided to the membership prior to any increase”;

Whereas, Article 3.4 (Pro Rata Membership Dues) states: “An eligible person who is either (i) not currently a member or (ii) renews their membership between January 1st and June 30th shall pay one-half (1/2) of the annual dues for the current year as well as annual dues for one or more of the following membership years”;

Whereas, The membership management function of the new GFCA website allows for rolling memberships with individually managed expiration dates; and

Whereas, Greater flexibility is needed to market GFCA in order to expand membership so as to ensure broad representation of community interests; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that:

Article 3.1 of the Bylaws be revised to read: “Any citizen who is a bona fide resident of the community of Great Falls in Fairfax County, Virginia and who is eighteen years of age or older shall be eligible for membership herein and entitled to one (1) vote. Each eligible individual shall pay dues to qualify as a member in good standing. Membership shall become effective on the date that payment of dues is received by GFCA.”

Article 3.3 be revised to read: “Membership dues, classes, and fees shall be determined by the Executive Board. Any permanent changes to dues, classes, and fees will be communicated to

the membership in advance of the change. In addition, the Membership Committee will be able to offer promotions which provide special incentives including fee reductions or other benefits, with the approval of the Executive Board."

Article 3.4 be deleted and the article numbers revised accordingly.

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE 2

Article 4 — Officers and Directors

Whereas, Article 4.3.4.i (Secretary) of the GFCA Bylaws currently states that the secretary shall: "send written and/or electronic notice of every meeting to every member in good standing, specifying in said notice any matters of special interest to be considered"; and

Whereas, Written and/or electronic notice of every meeting is handled by the Communications Committee; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that 4.3.4,i be deleted and the article numbers revised accordingly.

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE 3

Article 5.2 – Executive Board Meetings

Whereas, Article 5.2 does not currently allow resolutions to be voted on by the Executive Board by email polling, and

Whereas, there are certain simple measures not requiring interactive discussion that often are time sensitive and can be delayed by the difficulty of holding an electronic or in-person meeting, therefore be it:

Resolved, that the GFCA Bylaws be amended, and subsequent paragraphs renumbered, to add the following new paragraph after 5.2.3 to read:

"5.2.4 Meeting by Other Means. At the discretion of the President or other Presiding Officer, a meeting may be held by email or other means to vote on one or more resolutions requiring Board approval or consensus where discussion may not be necessary. In such cases, the resolution(s) will be distributed to all Executive Board members by email with a voting deadline that must be at least 48 hours from the distribution time. Prior to that deadline, if any member of the Executive Board vetoes the request to conduct business on the matters at hand without a normal meeting, the matters will be deferred until an electronic or in-person Executive Board meeting is convened. A quorum of votes must be received, and any vote (yea, nay, or abstain) will constitute presence for quorum purposes."