

GOLD STAR WIVES OF AMERICA, INC.

**SECOND PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
2022 NATIONAL CONVENTION**

ARTICLE ONE

ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1.

Current:

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. (1963, 2012)

Proposed:

ARTICLE ONE

ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1.

(Gold Star Wives Name Change)

Whereas: Gold Star Wives was formed in WW II when most surviving spouses were wives, we now have many surviving spouses that are husbands due to females serving in the military, and we want to honor and reflect their sacrifice,

Whereas: and, many military related organizations, Survivors Outreach (SOS), potential sponsors and government entities already refer to us as Gold Star Spouses,

Whereas: it is important to honor our history and traditions as GSW while embracing the future and seen as inclusive with male and female surviving spouses,

Therefore, be it resolved, that Gold Star Wives of America, Inc., change our name to be Gold Star Wives of America, Inc dba Gold Star Spouses.

Rationale: this allows us to use our legal name as Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. AND our trade name of Gold Star Spouses.

Note: Includes correcting typographical error for "Inc." as it appeared in original resolution.

ARTICLE FOUR

MEMBERSHIP

Proposed:

Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. creates an Auxiliary Membership category to include surviving families of Contractors authorized to accompany the force in combat zones and family members of GSW members, whether living or dead.

ARTICLE FIVE

MEETINGS

Section 1.

Current.:

Section 1. All meetings of the Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. organization and the Board of Directors may be held by either attendance at a selected site or by an electronic meeting. (2021)

Proposed:

Section 1. All meetings of the Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. organization and the Board of Directors may be held by either attendance at a selected site, by electronic meeting, or hybrid meeting."

ARTICLE 6

ELECTIONS

SECTION 2. PARAGRAPH 2

Current:

Section 2. (Paragraph 2) All nominations for National Officers and Board members must be received by the Nominations Chair as soon as possible after each Region Conference by the deadline date with a copy going to the Management Office by the June newsletter deadline. Each nomination shall include a brief biography listing qualifications and a written letter of consent with a small photo when possible. (2005, 2008, 2014, 2019)

Proposed:

Section 2. (Paragraph 2) All nominations for National Officers and Board members must be received by the Nominations Chair as soon as possible after each Region Conference by the deadline date with a copy going to the Management Office by the June newsletter deadline. Each nomination shall include a brief biography listing qualification and a written letter of consent with a small photo when possible. (2005, 2008, 2014, 2019)

Note: Deleting the "s" of qualifications.

ARTICLE EIGHT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1.

Current:

Section 1. The business of this organization shall be managed by:

- (a) A Board of Directors consisting of fifteen (15) elected members. (1963, 2003)
- (b) The National President of Gold ~~Str~~ Wives. (1963, 2012)
- (c) The President of each active Region of Gold Star Wives. (1971, 1993)
- (d) The National Treasurer of Gold Star Wives. (2003)

Proposed:

Section 1. The business of this organization shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of:

- (a) Fifteen (15) elected members. (1963, 2003)
- (b) The National President of Gold Star Wives. (1963, 2012)
- (c) The President of each active Region of Gold Star Wives. (1971, 1993)
- (d) The National Treasurer of Gold Star Wives. (2003)

Note: Clarifying the Board of Directors, correcting a typographical error for “Star”, as it appeared in the original resolution, and adding reference dates as they are currently shown in the 2021 Constitution & Bylaws.

ARTICLE EIGHT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 2. PARAGRAPH 1

Current:

Section 2. (Paragraph 1) The Directors shall be elected by the National Organization each year to hold office for three (3) consecutive years. Each year five (5) members of the Board of Directors are to be elected. If there are vacancies on the Board, additional members will be elected to complete the term. (1963, 2014)

Proposed:

Section 2. (Paragraph 1) The elected directors shall be chosen by the National Organization each year to hold office for three (3) consecutive years. Each year five (5) elected directors are to be voted into office. If there are vacancies within the elected directors, additional members will be elected to complete the term. (1963, 2014)

Note: Adding reference dates as they are currently shown in the 2021 Constitution & Bylaws.

ARTICLE EIGHT,

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 2. PARAGRAPH 2

Current:

Section 2. (Paragraph 2) Not more than three (3) elected members from any Region shall be on the Board simultaneously, and each active region shall have at least one elected Board member. (1963, 1970)

Proposed:

Section 2. (Paragraph 2) Not more than three (3) elected directors from any Region shall be on the Board simultaneously, and each active region shall have at least one elected Board member. (1963, 1970)

Note: Adding reference dates as they are currently shown in the 2021 Constitution & Bylaws.

ARTICLE EIGHT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 2.

ADD PARAGRAPH 5

Section 2. (Paragraph 5) All members of the board shall have voting privileges: Fifteen (15) elected directors, National President, Region Presidents, and National Treasurer.

ARTICLE NINE

OFFICERS,

SECTION 9.

Current:

Section 9. No member except the National Treasurer and the National Parliamentarian shall retain any one particular national office longer than two (2) consecutive years. The National Treasurer (1963, 1970) and the National Parliamentarian (1996), with their written approval, may be re-elected for as many terms as meets with the approval of the Assembly.

Proposed:

Section 9. No member except the National Treasurer and the National Parliamentarian shall retain any one particular national office longer than two (2) consecutive years. The National Treasurer (1963, 1970) and the National Parliamentarian (1996), with their written approval, may be re-elected for as many terms as meets with the approval of the Assembly. Region Presidents may serve up to (3) years in succession when voted in by the Region members.

ADD Article 9, Section 11.

Section 11. The office of the Region Treasurer and National Treasurer may not be held at the same time by the same member.

ARTICLE ELEVEN

DUES

SECTION 1

Current:

Section 1. Each member shall pay dues to the National organization in an amount as is fixed from time to time at the National Convention and upon payment, a membership card will be issued to her. (1963)

Proposed.

Section 1. Each member shall pay dues to the National organization in an amount as is fixed from time to time at the National Convention and upon payment, a membership card will be issued to the member. (1963)

ARTICLE THIRTEEN

AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1.

Current:

Section 1. These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members attending and eligible to vote at a National Convention, providing such amendment has been submitted to and approved by the General Assembly at the previous National Convention. (1963, 1971, 2014, 2015)

Proposed:

Section 1. These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed by either an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members attending and eligible to vote at a National Convention or two-thirds (2/3) of the members voting from a ballot in the National newsletter, providing such amendment has been submitted and approved by the General Assembly at the previous National Convention. (1963, 1971, 2014, 2015)