



Ione Virginia Hill Cowles (Mrs. Josiah Evans) (1858-1940) served as the eighth international president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. She served for two administrations: 1916-1918 and 1918-1920.

Cowles was born on March 13, 1858 in Carthage, Indiana. After her marriage, she moved to Los Angeles, California. From 1905 to 1906 she served as state president of the California Federation of Women's Clubs.

From 1906 to 1912 Cowles served in various capacities as a GFWC national officer. In 1912 she was next in line for the presidency but stepped out of place in order to let her home state hold the convention. She was elected GFWC President in 1916.

Ione Cowles served during the years of World War I and was a member of President Wilson's War Council. During her administration, the Federation helped with Liberty Loan Drives, Americanization, and war relief activities.

She died in Los Angeles on July 4, 1940.