

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES  
CFWC CONVENTION, 2023**

In addition to any amendments that are adopted at the 2023 convention, the 2023 Bylaws, when published may contain several editorial changes. Editorial changes are changes that do not affect either the meaning or the application of the Bylaws, and therefore do not require a vote by the membership. Usually, these are changes that are necessitated by an amendment to the Bylaws or a change in terminology. For example, following the insertion of new sections or item, the remaining items will be renumbered as necessary. In addition, the document will be proofread for punctuation and spelling errors before publication.

**ARTICLE VI OFFICERS AND DUTIES**

**Section 6.4.J 8 (Parliamentarian)**

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED, TO READ
New	Shall have voice but not vote at Executive Committee or Executive Board meetings, or at the CFWC Convention.	Shall have voice but not vote at Executive Committee or Executive Board meetings, or at the CFWC Convention.

Rationale: Clarification. The parliamentarian must remain neutral.

**ARTICLE XII COMMITTEES**

**Section XII.1 Standing Committees, Section 12.1.A**

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED, WILL READ
Bylaws.....The committee shall meet annually at the site and time of the Executive Board meeting at the call of the President	Amend by deleting: <del>Annually</del> Further amend by deleting <del>at the call of the president</del>	The committee shall meet at the site and time of the Executive Board meeting.

Rationale: Enables Committee members to meet during meetings as well as electronically

**Section 12.1.B**

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED, WILL READ
<u>Communications Team</u> There shall be a Communications Team consisting of the Editor.....	Amend by deleting <del>Team</del> and inserting: <i>Committee</i>	Communications Committee: There shall be a Communications Committee consisting of the Editor....

Rationale: Consistency of names of committees

**Section 12.1.B (continued)**

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED, WILL READ
COMMUNICATION: There shall be a Communication team consisting of the Editor of the California Clubwoman, The President, First Vice President, Director of Finance, Public Relations .Chairman. Webmaster, Quick Bytes Editor, Facebook Chair, Twitter Chair And other CFWC Social Media. This committee led by the Communications Chairman consists of the following: Web Master, Clubwoman Editor, Quik	AMEND by deleting: <del>There shall be a Communication team consisting of the Editor of the California Clubwoman, The President, First Vice President, Director of Finance, Public Relations .Chairman. Webmaster, Quick Bytes Editor, Facebook Chair, Twitter Chair And other CFWC Social Media.</del>  AMEND by inserting: <i>This committee led by the Communications Chairman consists of the following: Web</i>	COMMUNICATION: This committee led by the Communications Chairman consists of the following: Web Master, Clubwoman Editor, Quick Bytes Editor and Social Media Director. These members shall serve at the will of the CFWC Executive Committee. They shall receive the Board member \$200 allowance if in attendance at CFWC State Board and Convention

Bytes editor and Social Media Director.	<p><i>Master, Clubwoman Editor, Quik Bytes editor and Social Media Director.</i></p> <p><i>These members shall serve at the will of the CFWC Executive Committee and shall have a vote on the CFWC Executive Board.</i></p> <p><i>They shall receive the Board member \$200 allowance if in attendance at CFWC State Board and Convention</i></p>	
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Rationale: Full inclusion of committee members on the CFWC Executive Board

**Section 12.3**

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED, WILL READ
Executive Board Status The Chairmen of Standing and Special Committees and members while officially engaged in their duties shall be members of the Executive Board	Amend by deleting: <del>while officially engaged in their duties</del>	Executive Board Status: The Chairmen of Standing and Special Committees and members shall be members of the Executive Board

Rationale: Full inclusion of committee members on the Executive Board

**Section 12.5**

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED, WILL READ
Meetings of Committees. Committees shall meet at the site and time of the Executive Board meeting at the call of the President. Extra electronic meetings may be called if necessary with the approval of the Finance and Executive Committees.	Amend by deleting: <del>with the approval of the Finance and Executive Committee.</del>	Meetings of Committees. Committees shall meet at the site and time of the Executive Board meeting at the call of the President. Extra electronic meetings may be called if necessary

Rationale: Electronic meetings have no financial impact

**Section 12.6.B**

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED, TO READ
An allowance is given to committee members when they are called to meet.	Amend by deleting: <del>An allowance is given to Committee members when they are called to meet.</del> Amend by inserting: <i>Committee members shall receive \$200 per state board meeting and convention they attend.</i>	Committee members shall receive \$200 per state board meeting and convention they attend.

Rationale: The expenses of the committee members are no less than those of committee chairmen and could limit their full participation in the work of the committee.

**STANDING RULES**

Standing Rules #41

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED, TO READ
Officers and Chairmen on Itinerary.....and milage at fifty cents (\$0.50) per mile or economy.....	Amend by deleting <del>fifty (0.50) per mile</del> Amend by inserting: <i>the current IRS milage reimbursement rate</i>	Officers and Chairmen on Itinerary.....the current IRS reimbursement rate or economy.....

Rationale Compliance with SR23—action taken at CFWC Convention 2022 and correction not made when Bylaws and Standing Rules printed in 2022 yearbook.

## PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS REVIEW FOR 2023 CFWC CONVENTION

**2012-01 PROHIBIT THE PRACTICE OF LANE SHARING.** (Fall 2012), (Winter 2015), (Convention 2015, sent back to Committee 2021) Convention 2022 sent back to committee.

**Rationale: This resolution, written in 2012, states that the Current California Vehicle Code does not address Lane Sharing. Effective January 1, 2017, section 21658.1 was added to the California Vehicle Code to define lane splitting, which is legal in California. According to the [American Motorcyclist Association's website](#), every state except California bans the practice of lane splitting. Specifically, the states prohibit motorcycles from passing a vehicle in the same lane and riding between lanes of traffic or rows of vehicles.**

Whereas, Current California Vehicle Code, does not address Lane Sharing (which includes lane splitting, filtering, white lining and stripe riding); and Whereas, California is the only state that has no law or state vehicle code which explicitly prohibits Lane Sharing by motorcycles on roadways; and Whereas, Lane Sharing places motorcycles into roadway spaces not designed for traffic such as painted lines, road seams and reflective material, and Whereas, Lane Sharing places motorcycles in roadway spaces where movement is not expected, resulting in sometimes fatal automobile/motorcycle accidents; and RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS URGE THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATORS AND CALIFORNIA AUTHORITIES TO INITIATE AND PASS A LAW THAT PROHIBITS LANE SHARING BY MOTORCYCLES ON CALIFORNIA ROADWAYS.

## **2022-08 THE ENERGY INNOVATION AND CARBON DIVIDEND ACT (HR 2307) (PROPOSED 2022 AND RETURNED TO COMMITTEE THIS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN REWRITTEN)**

WHEREAS, the state of California is already experiencing severe impacts from record-breaking wildfires, coastal sea-level rise, severe, prolonged drought, and longer and more frequent heat-waves; and

WHEREAS, presently the environmental, health, and social costs of carbon emissions are not included in prices paid for fossil fuels, but rather these externalized costs are borne directly and indirectly by all Americans; and to begin to correct this market failure, Congress can enact a **national carbon fee on fossil fuels** based on the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> the fuel will emit when burned and allocate the collected proceeds to all U.S. households in equal per-capita shares in the form of a **monthly dividend**; and

WHEREAS, a national, **revenue-neutral** carbon fee starting at a relatively low rate of \$15 per ton of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent emissions and resulting in equal charges per ton of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent emissions potential in each type of fuel or greenhouse gas should be assessed to begin to lower what are now dangerously high CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. The yearly increase in carbon fees including other greenhouse gasses, shall be at least \$10 per ton of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent each year, with the provision that the annual increase will be \$15 per ton of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent if statutory goals are not met; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect low and middle income citizens from the economic impact of rising prices due to the carbon fee, **equal monthly per-person dividend payments** shall be made to all American households (one-half payment per child under 19 years old) each month from the fossil fuel fees collected. The total value of all monthly dividend payments shall represent 100% of the net carbon fees collected per month; and

WHEREAS, a carbon fee encourages **market-driven innovation** of clean energy technologies and market efficiencies which will reduce harmful pollution and leave a healthier, more stable, and more prosperous nation for future generations; and after 12 years, lead to a decrease in America's CO2 emissions of 40% and an increase in national employment of 2.1 million jobs in 10 years; and

WHEREAS, **border adjustments** (carbon content-based levies on products imported from countries without comparable carbon pricing, and refunds to our exporters of carbon fees paid) can maintain the competitiveness of U.S. businesses in global markets; and

WHEREAS, a **national carbon fee** can be implemented quickly and efficiently, and will respond to the urgency of the climate crisis because the federal government already has in place mechanisms, such as the Internal Revenue Service, needed to implement and enforce the fee, and already collects fees from fossil fuel producers and importers; and

WHEREAS, a **national revenue-neutral carbon fee** would make the United States a leader in mitigating climate change and in the clean energy technologies of the 21st century and would provide incentive to other countries to enact similar carbon fees, reducing global CO2 emissions without the need for complex international agreements; and

WHEREAS, the **California** Federation of Women's Clubs has demonstrated a long-standing commitment to addressing environmental issues; and

WHEREAS, the international organization, General Federation of Women's Clubs has demonstrated a long-standing commitment to addressing environmental issues;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The California Federation of Women's Clubs hereby urges the United States Congress to enact without delay a **carbon fee and dividend**.

Section 2. That this Resolution shall be sent to the President of the United States and the Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, to each U.S. Senator and Representative from the State of California in the Congress of the United States, and to the General Federation of Women's Clubs urging each state that they pass similar resolutions.