

Chair Descriptions

Legislation & Public Policy Committee

The Legislation & Public Policy Committee (L&PP) Chair informs and leads members to advocate for legislative and public policy issues that are consistent with GFWC Resolutions, at any level of government.

- There are more than 200 Resolutions approved by the GFWC, in the categories of: Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Outreach, and Public Issues.
- WCOF shall “be responsible for carrying out the intent of the resolutions.” Clubs and clubwomen are the local advocates for GFWC’s legislative agenda. It is through the national network of grassroots advocates that the Federation gains its political influence.

The L&PP Committee works to educate and advocate on legislative and public policy issues by educating members, encouraging them to take action, and taking action as a club to support local, state, federal, and international laws, legislation, policies, and initiatives. It is through our advocacy that we can pass laws that make a real difference in our communities. Specific actions the L&PP Chair shall do include:

- Join the Legislative Action Center and show members how to also join.
- Advocate! Write letters in support or opposition of legislation at any level of government that is supported by the CFWC and GFWC. Advocacy can be done by contacting legislators through phone calls, personal meetings, and written correspondence.
- Inform members on legislative actions requested by GFWC and CFWC and enlist their support.
- Identify local issues that are in keeping with the GFWC Resolutions, and take action to advocate for those issues through letter writing, calling or visiting lawmakers, and educating members.
- Participate in GFWC “Recognize the Red” campaign. In all letters to State and Federal legislators, members should sign their name (and the name of her club, State Federation and GFWC) in RED.
- Participate in and support charitable programs and initiatives that are consistent with GFWC Resolutions in cooperation with local government and community leaders.

Increase WCOF Participation in GFWC Legislative Action Center

- One of the “7 Grand Initiatives” set forth by GFWC is to get 1,000 members to join the Legislative Action Center (LAC). Members who sign up for the LAC will receive updates on specific legislation that GFWC supports. These updates will let members know when they should contact their national legislators about a particular bill. To realize the full potential of this tool, members must sign up!

The L&PP Chair will keep a binder of all activities to pass on to the next LPP Committee Chair.

The L&PP Committee Chair will keep track of volunteer hours, in-kind donation, money donated, and attendance at L&PP activities and send that information to the Dean of Chairs within a month of the activity.

The L&PP Committee Chair shall attend all monthly General Meetings and Board Meetings.

Note: when a chair or co-chair is not actively engaged in her position she will be asked to step down.