

# PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE DCCW BY-LAWS 2018

## **By-law Amendment #1**

### **ARTICLE VI. GOVERNMENT**

#### **SECTION 1. B : BOARD OF DIRECTORS (existing Paragraph)**

#7. Past Presidents (vote). The Past Presidents will not be counted as part of the quorum needed to conduct business unless serving in a voting position on the board.

**(ADD** a new sentence at the end of the paragraph).

" In the event that a quorum cannot be reached, Past Presidents shall be counted as part of the quorum."

**RATIONALE:** This would be necessary in order to conduct business.

## **By- law Amendment #2**

### **ARTICLE VII. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

#### **SECTION. 5 FLORIDA COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (existing paragraph)**

The Nominating Committee shall present to the Board of Directors the eligible member(s) for the FCCW office designated by rotation outlined in the FCCW by-laws. This shall be presented to the board at the meeting prior to the Spring Deanery meetings in the same calendar year as the fall installation of a new FCCW Board. The Board of Directors shall elect. Candidates for President/Province Director Elect and the First Vice-President must have served a term of two (2) years as President of the Diocesan Council. The candidates must also have the approval of the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese and the Diocesan Spiritual Advisor.

#### **(replace entire paragraph)**

The Nominating Committee shall present to the Board of Directors the FCCW Office designated by the rotation outlined in the FCCW By-Laws, along with any special requirements for that office. Candidates for President/Province Director Elect and Vice President shall be serving or must have served a term of two (2) years as President of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Nominees for Secretary and Treasurer shall be serving or must have served on the DCCW Board and have appropriate experience for their particular office as advertised by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall notify the president of each deanery of the FCCW office to be filled following the DCCW Board of Directors' fall meeting. The qualified candidates must be presented to the Board of Directors for a vote at the DCCW Board of Directors' winter meeting. Candidates shall have their letter of intention along with approval of the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese and the Diocesan Spiritual Advisor sent to the DCCW President 30 days prior to the Board of Directors' winter meeting. There will be no nominations from the floor. The elected President / Province Director shall choose her Vice-President from the list of qualified candidates prior to her installation as FCCW President/Province Director at the NCCW Convention.

#### **RATIONALE:**

(1) To clarify when the Nominating Committee has to report and when voting will take place.

(2) The Province Director should have the opportunity to talk to the candidates about what her specific expectations are for the Vice President position and what the expectations are for a Province Director should the President/Province Director be unable to perform her job duties which would mean the Vice President would have to assume the job duties of the Province Director.

### **By-law Amendment #3**

#### **ARTICLE VIII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS (Existing Paragraph)**

**SECTION 1.** The **President** shall preside at all meetings of the Diocesan Council, at all meetings of the Board of Directors and shall be an ex-officio member of all Commissions and Committees, except the Nominating Committee, shall upon request by the Diocese provide information in the form of reports, memorandum, minutes, etc. to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese and shall perform such duties as devolve upon her office. The President shall appoint a Parliamentarian, Commission and Committee Chairmen and an Audit Committee. She may appoint a Corresponding Secretary if she sees a need.

(ADD after perform such duties as devolve upon her office.)

"She shall serve as the Convention Chair."

**RATIONALE:** This is an important duty of the President.

### **By-law Amendment #4**

#### **ARTICLE VIII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS. (Existing Paragraph)**

**SECTION 5.** The **Treasurer** shall collect all dues and shall be custodian of all monies of the Council. The Treasurer shall pay all bills approved by the Board of Directors. and shall forward to the National Council that proper portion of dues received by her, retaining that portion which properly belongs to the Diocesan Council. The treasurer shall have a written report at all meetings and shall submit same after each Board of Directors' meeting to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese. \* \* \* Any expense not included in the budget must be approved by the Executive Board including the Diocesan Spiritual Advisor. All monies collected on the Deanery level for Diocesan projects shall be sent to the Diocesan Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be chairman of the Budget Committee. The proposed budget shall be presented at the Fall Board Meeting with a copy to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese. The books shall be closed for audit thirty (30) days prior to Convention.

(ADD new sentence \* \* \* "The Treasurer shall also submit a report to the President with a copy of the bank statement balancing to the Treasurer's Report at each Board of Directors' meeting.")

**RATIONALE:** This will keep the DCCW President aware of all finances.

### **By-Law Amendment #5**

#### **ARTICLE X. MEETINGS**

##### **SECTION 6. QUORUM**

###### **B: Board of Directors (existing paragraph)**

A majority of voting members. The Past Presidents will not be counted as part of the quorum needed to conduct business unless serving in a voting position on the board.

###### **(Delete the last sentence)**

"The Past Presidents will not be counted as part of the quorum needed to conduct business unless serving in a voting position on the board"

**RATIONALE:** If proposed by-law #1 passes, this would be a necessary deletion.