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Proposed Amendment

Wording if Adopted

ARTICLE III Section 1. To unite the Catholic organizations and individual Catholic women of the Diocese, to develop their spiritual growth and leadership potential and to motivate and assist them to act upon current issues in the Church and society.	Insert “of Knoxville” after “Diocese.”	To unite the Catholic organizations and individual Catholic women of the Diocese of Knoxville, to develop their spiritual growth and leadership potential and to motivate and assist them to act upon current issues in the Church and society.
<i>Rationale: Use complete name of diocese for accuracy and consistency.</i>		
ARTICLE III Section 2. To be a medium through which the Catholic women of the Diocese may speak and act on matters of common interest.	Insert “of Knoxville” after “Diocese.”	To be a medium through which the Catholic women of the Diocese of Knoxville may speak and act on matters of common interest.
<i>Rationale: Use complete name of diocese for accuracy and consistency.</i>		
ARTICLE III Section 3. To establish relations with other civic and social agencies and interfaith groups in the endeavor to create interest in, and to aid in the solution of present day religious, civic and educational problems.	Insert “,ecumenical” after “agencies.” Delete “religious, civic and educational.”	To establish relations with other civic and social agencies, ecumenical and interfaith groups in the endeavor to create interest in and to aid in the solution of present day problems.
<i>Rationale: Provide consistent wording with NCCW’s bylaws and include ecumenical groups.</i>		
ARTICLE III Section 4. To unite with the Church and its teachings and to further such undertakings as have the recommendations or the approval of the Bishop of the Diocese.	Insert “or Administrator” after “Bishop.” Insert “of Knoxville” after “Diocese.”	To unite with the Church and its teachings and to further such undertakings as have the recommendations or the approval of the Bishop or Administrator of the Diocese of Knoxville.
<i>Rationale: Make provisions for when the seat of Bishop is vacant; use complete name of diocese for accuracy and consistency.</i>		
ARTICLE IV Section 1. All Catholic women’s organizations who subscribe to the objectives of the KDCCW shall be eligible for membership.	Insert “within the Diocese of Knoxville” after “organizations.”	All Catholic women’s organizations within the Diocese of Knoxville who subscribe to the objectives of the KDCCW shall be eligible for membership.
<i>Rationale: Limit qualification for eligible organizations.</i>		
ARTICLE IV Section 2. Groups of Catholic women from organizations of male and female membership who subscribe to the objectives of the KDCCW shall be eligible for membership.	Insert “within the Diocese of Knoxville” after “female membership.”	Groups of Catholic women from organizations of male and female membership within the Diocese of Knoxville who subscribe to the objectives of the KDCCW shall be eligible for membership.
<i>Rationale: Limit qualification for eligible groups of women.</i>		

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ARTICLE IV Section 3. Catholic women who are individual members of the National Council of Catholic Women and who subscribe to the objectives of the KDCCW shall be eligible for membership.	Insert “residing in the Diocese of Knoxville” after “women.”	Catholic women residing in the Diocese of Knoxville who are individual members of the National Council of Catholic Women and who subscribe to the objectives of the KDCCW shall be eligible for membership.
<i>Rationale: Limit qualification for eligible women.</i>		
ARTICLE VI Section 2. C. Qualification for membership of an elected/appointed representative on the Board of Directors is dependent on an individual being a member of an affiliate organization or an individual member of NCCW.	Strike “on” after “representative” and insert “to.” Insert “of KDCCW” after “organization.” Insert “residing in the Diocese of Knoxville” at the end of the sentence.	Qualification for membership of an elected/appointed representative to the Board of Directors is dependent on an individual being a member of an affiliate organization of KDCCW or an individual member of NCCW residing in the Diocese of Knoxville.
<i>Rationale: Grammar correction; limit qualification for membership on the Board.</i>		
ARTICLE VI Section 4. C. The Bishop of the Diocese shall be honorary President.	Insert “or Administrator” after “Bishop.” Insert “of Knoxville” after “Diocese.”	The Bishop or Administrator of the Diocese of Knoxville shall be honorary President.
<i>Rationale: Make provisions for when the seat of Bishop is vacant.</i>		
ARTICLE VI Section 5. B. The Board of Directors shall have jurisdiction over all matters relating to the management of all affairs of the KDCCW subject to the final approval of the Bishop of the Diocese. No action of the Board of Directors shall conflict with any action taken by the voting delegates assembled at the Diocesan Convention.	Delete “all” before “matters.” Delete “all” before “affairs.” Strike “the final approval of the Bishop of the Diocese” and insert “consultation with the KDCCW Spiritual Moderator or Episcopal Vicar of the Diocese.”	The Board of Directors shall have jurisdiction over matters relating to the management of affairs of the KDCCW subject to consultation with the KDCCW Spiritual Moderator or Episcopal Vicar of the Diocese. No action of the Board of Directors shall conflict with any action taken by the voting delegates assembled at the Diocesan Convention.
<i>Rationale: KDCCW does not operate under this principle. The KDCCW Spiritual Moderator or Episcopal Vicar serves as representative of the Bishop.</i>		
ARTICLE VI Section 5. C. The Board of Directors shall have power to fill a vacancy in any office which the Board of Directors was originally authorized to fill under Article VIII, Section 2A. The appointees shall possess all the qualifications for original election.	Delete.	
<i>Rationale: Move this action of the Board to ARTICLE VIII where it is more appropriately placed and easier to find.</i>		

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<p>ARTICLE VII Section 2. The Board of Directors shall meet at least three (3) times a year: once in the city where the Diocesan Convention is held and the other two meetings to be called at the time, location and discretion of the President with the approval of the Executive committee. Members are to be notified no less than three (3) weeks prior to the date of such meetings.</p>	<p>Delete “with the approval of the Executive Committee.”</p>	<p>The Board of Directors shall meet at least three (3) times a year: once in the city where the Diocesan Convention is held and the other two meetings to be called at the time, location and discretion of the President. Members are to be notified no less than three (3) weeks prior to the date of such meetings.</p>
<p><i>Rationale: President does not get approval from Executive Committee for time and location of meetings.</i></p>		
<p>ARTICLE VII Section 4. A biennial orientation meeting of the newly elected Diocesan officers and appointed Diocesan board members shall be called following the Diocesan Convention and shall be held prior to the close of the fiscal year, June 30.</p>	<p>Strike “prior to the close of the fiscal year, June 30” and insert “no later than 30 days prior to the KDCCW Fall Board Meeting.”</p>	<p>A biennial orientation meeting of the newly elected Diocesan officers and appointed Diocesan board members shall be called following the Diocesan Convention and shall be held no later than 30 days prior to the KDCCW Fall Board Meeting.</p>
<p><i>Rationale: Allows more time for newly elected President to fill Commission Chair and other appointed positions prior to training.</i></p>		
<p>ARTICLE VIII Section 2. B. Nominees shall be Catholic women who are members of an affiliated organization who have consented to serve in the office for which nominated. Individual members of NCCW may be nominated if membership has been held for two (2) years and the individual has had previous experience on an affiliate organization Board of Directors. Nominees for the offices of President and Vice President shall have served at some time a term on the KDCCW Board of Directors.</p>	<p>Insert “the KDCCW as defined in ARTICLE IV, who have had previous experience on a CCW diocesan, deanery or parish Board of Directors” after the first “members of.” Delete “Individual members of NCCW may be nominated if membership has been held for two (2) years and the individual has had previous experience on an affiliate organization Board of Directors.”</p>	<p>Nominees shall be Catholic women who are members of the KDCCW as defined in ARTICLE IV, who have had previous experience on a CCW diocesan, deanery or parish Board of Directors and who have consented to serve in the office for which nominated. Nominees for the offices of President and Vice President shall have served at some time a term on the KDCCW Board of Directors.</p>
<p><i>Rationale: Clarification of members eligible for nomination to the KDCCW Board; NCCW no longer has 2-year Individual Membership rule.</i></p>		
<p>ARTICLE VIII Section 3. A. Election of Diocesan officers shall be by ballot at the Winter Board Meeting, unless there is only one candidate for an office, when by unanimous vote the ballot for that office shall be dispensed with. If inclement weather prevents the presence of a quorum at the Winter Board Meeting, a written ballot shall be taken by mail.</p>	<p>Delete “written” before “ballot.” Insert “or e-mail” after “mail.”</p>	<p>Election of Diocesan officers shall be by ballot at the Winter Board Meeting, unless there is only one candidate for an office, when by unanimous vote the ballot for that office shall be dispensed with. If inclement weather prevents the presence of a quorum at the Winter Board Meeting, a ballot shall be taken by mail or e-mail.</p>
<p><i>Rationale: Update means of taking a ballot to include today’s technology.</i></p>		

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ARTICLE VIII Section 3. B. The installation of Diocesan officers shall take place at the close of the Diocesan Convention.	Strike “at the close of” and insert “during”.	The installation of Diocesan officers shall take place during the Diocesan Convention.
<i>Rationale: Installation of officers is important part of welcoming new leadership. Few people are left at the end of Convention to celebrate with the new officers. ARTICLE X Section 1 states "The term of office for officers shall be from the close of the Diocesan Convention at which they are installed..." Therefore installing them at any time during the Convention will not alter the term of office.</i>		
ARTICLE VIII	Insert “Section 4. Vacancies A. The Board of Directors shall have power to fill a vacancy in any office which the Board of Directors was originally authorized to fill under this Article. B. The original Nominating Committee for the current slate of officers will be responsible for selecting the nominee(s) to fill the vacancy. C. The nominee(s) shall possess all the qualifications for original election. D. A written ballot shall be taken for election of such position.”	Section 4. Vacancies A. The Board of Directors shall have power to fill a vacancy in any office which the Board of Directors was originally authorized to fill under this Article. B. The original Nominating Committee for the current slate of officers will be responsible for selecting the nominee(s) to fill the vacancy. C. The nominee(s) shall possess all the qualifications for original election. D. A written ballot shall be taken for election of such position
<i>Rationale: Move from ARTICLE VI Section 5 C. This action of the Board of Directors is more appropriately placed under this ARTICLE.</i>		
ARTICLE IX Section 1. B. Individual members of the NCCW who have held NCCW membership for two (2) years shall have vote at the Diocesan Convention. Records kept at NCCW and made available to the Diocesan Parliamentarian will certify individual members.	Delete entire section.	
<i>Rationale: KDCCW is an affiliate run organization. Individual membership has grown substantially and IM votes could outweigh affiliate votes.</i>		
ARTICLE IX Section 1. D. The voting membership of the Diocesan Conventions shall consist of the certified organization delegates, certified individual members, and the Board of Directors of the KDCCW.	Delete “,certified individual members,.”	The voting membership of the Diocesan Conventions shall consist of the certified organization delegates and the Board of Directors of the KDCCW.
<i>Rationale: KDCCW is an affiliate run organization.</i>		

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<p>ARTICLE IX Section 2. B. A quorum shall be as follows: 1. Diocesan Convention: The voting membership present. Each voting delegate is eligible for one voting card. 2. Board of Directors Meeting: Nine (9) members, two (2) of whom shall be officers. 3. Executive Committee Meeting: Five (5) members.</p>	<p>Strike “Nine (9)” and insert “Fifteen (15).”</p>	<p>A quorum shall be as follows: 1. Diocesan Convention: The voting membership present. Each voting delegate is eligible for one voting card. 2. Board of Directors Meeting: Fifteen (15) members, two (2) of whom shall be officers. 3. Executive Committee Meeting: Five (5) members.</p>
<p><i>Rationale: The Board of Directors consists of a minimum of 32 people. Nine (9) doesn't even represent 1/3 of the Board.</i></p>		
<p>ARTICLE XI Section 4. A.</p>		
<p>The Treasurer shall submit annual dues notices to the Deanery Treasurer for all affiliates within her Deanery each October. The Treasurer shall receive all dues through the respective Deanery Treasurers. She shall forward to the National Council of Catholic Women membership dues for each affiliated parish council or inter-parochial group affiliated, accompanied by the name of the organization and the name and address of the person to whom National literature is to be sent.</p>	<p>Delete entire section.</p>	
<p><i>Rationale: NCCW has changed the dues collection process.</i></p>		
<p>ARTICLE XIII Section 1. A. Annual dues are required for each organization to affiliate with the National Council of Catholic Women. Annual NCCW dues shall be due and payable to the Diocesan Treasurer each year by December 1.</p>	<p>Strike “the Diocesan Treasurer” and insert “NCCW”. Strike “December” and insert “January.”</p>	<p>Annual dues are required for each organization to affiliate with the National Council of Catholic Women. Annual NCCW dues shall be due and payable to NCCW each year by January 1.</p>
<p><i>Rationale: Per NCCW instructions.</i></p>		
<p>ARTICLE XIII. Section 1. C. Organizations are not entitled to voting delegates at the next Diocesan and National Conventions unless dues are forwarded to NCCW each year by January 1. Organizations not able to meet this deadline because of extraordinary circumstances may be granted an extension of time by the Executive Committee.</p>	<p>Strike “forwarded” and insert “paid.” Insert “for the KDCCW Convention and NCCW for the National Convention”.</p>	<p>Organizations are not entitled to voting delegates at the next Diocesan and National Conventions unless dues are forwarded to NCCW each year by January 1. Organizations not able to meet this deadline because of extraordinary circumstances may be granted an extension of time by 1) the Executive Committee for the KDCCW Convention and 2) NCCW for the National Convention.</p>