

# The Proposed Changes to the current Bylaws of the Federated Garden Clubs of NYS, Inc.

Presented by the Governance Committee

This document is a list of the Bylaw articles that need amendment. The Articles are first listed as they currently stand and are then followed by the proposed change(s) as were determined by the Governance Committee.

All additions to the document are highlighted in **GREEN** and all deletions are written in **RED** and are Stricken though. ~~RED.~~

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**Section 5.** The Federation Nominating Committee shall be composed of a Chairman, who shall be appointed by the President, one member from and approved by the Board of Directors, and one member appointed by and from each of the Districts, prior to the Fall Board of Directors Meeting in each even-numbered year. All Nominating committee members shall have the right to vote.

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