

# Elephant Talk



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## THE PRESIDENT'S TRUNK

Ladies of the Oklahoma Federation of Republican Women,

I hope each of you had a fabulous summer, and are looking forward to the cooler temperatures of Fall!

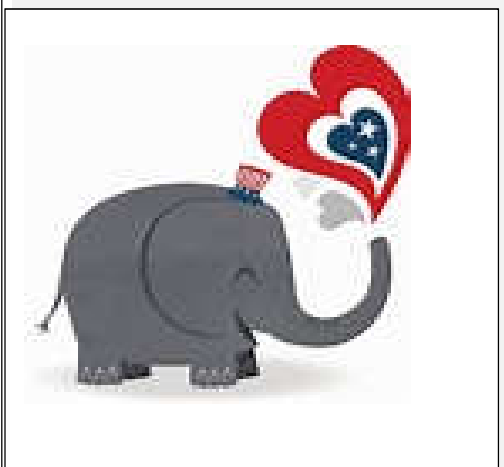
I want to give a heartfelt thank you to the ladies of the Edmond Republican Women's Club, who hosted our Summer Board Meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup> at UCO. It was an honor to have our NFRW 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Eileen Sobjack come to Oklahoma, and be our special guest and speaker. Thank you to Shelley Goetz and her entire team that offered us wonderful hospitality, and a great location for the Friday night dinner and the Saturday meeting.

On September 23-26, Oklahoma had 10 delegates attend the NFRW 41<sup>st</sup> Biennial Convention in Orlando, Florida! We had a wonderful time hearing excellent speakers like Fla Gov. Ron DeSantis, South Carolina Senator Tim Scott, S.D. Gov. Krist Noem, and former Arkansas Gov Mike Huckabee. The speakers were tremendous, and the fellowship with our fellow Republican Sisters was memorable. I myself have made many new friends, and have learned so much with them and from them. I plan on giving a short presentation on the NFRW Convention during our OKFRW Convention. Thank you to everyone who attended the convention, to represent our great State of Oklahoma!

In closing, I want to tell you what an honor it has been to serve as your OKFRW President the last two years. It has truly been the most different and unprecedented term in our history, but no matter what this virus has tried to throw at us, we have persevered. We have grown our federation by 213 ladies, to a current membership total of 1,134, and we have added a new club, with the addition of the Oklahoma Virtual Club! Thank you to each one of you for your dedication and support of your local club, and also to our OKFRW. You all are rock stars!

For Oklahoma and Country,

Lorie Legere, OKFRW President



## Report of the Nominating Committee

The nominating committee met on September 18, 2021 to consider all eligible candidates for the 2022-2023 term of office. On behalf of the Nominating Committee, we present the following slate of officers for the federation's consideration:

President -

Lorie Legere, Garfield County Republican Women, CD #3

1st VP –

Beth Cupp, Oklahoma City Republican Women's Club, CD #5

2nd VP –

Debbie Parks, Kingfisher Republican Women, CD #3

3rd VP –

Katie Hendrickson, Southwest Oklahoma Republican Women, CD #3

4th VP –

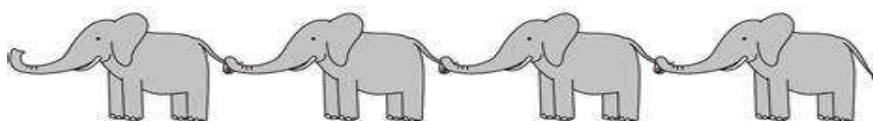
Tiffany Haworth, Heartland Republican Women, CD #5

Recording Secretary –

Kayla Blount, Heartland Republican Women, CD #5

Treasurer –

Kyletta Ray, Southwest Oklahoma Republican Women, CD #3



2022 OKFRW Nominating Committee:

Chairman: Debbie Davis

Members: Brenda Tiemann (CD 1), Lonnie Lu Anderson (CD 2), Roxanne Pollard (CD-3), Nancy Sangirardi (CD 4), Shelley Goetz (CD 5)

Alternate: Wendi Zimmerman

*The report of the nominating committee will be entered into the minutes of the Federation with signatures of the voting members.*

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Parliamentarian and Lorie  
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# OKLAHOMA FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S

## Heritage Society

Since joining the National Federation of Republican Women in 1941 the Oklahoma Federation of Republican Women has championed the cause of engaging, educating and empowering women in the political process and providing a forum for women to serve as leaders in the political, government, and civic arenas.

In 2016 we initiated the **Heritage Society** as a donor program to play a role in helping the OKFRW fulfill its primary mission of bringing more women to the table. The generous contributions of our

**Heritage Society** help us accomplish this mission by:

Providing operating capital which allows the OK FRW to maintain a low general membership rate, making membership affordable to women of all ages and economic backgrounds

Financially supporting a wide range of OK FRW education and training programs, special projects, networking events and other activities that help Republican women stay informed, develop skills and achieve their goals at the grassroots, state and national levels.

**Heritage Society Members** are those OKFRW members who have made an additional contribution of \$20.00 a year into our General Fund to help support the efforts of OFRW in promoting its conservative message.

**Become a **Heritage Society** member now. All federated members, associates and other supporters are invited.**

### Heritage Society Contributor's Statement

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

I'm a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Republican Women's Club. Home

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Check NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**WE CANNOT ACCEPT CORPORATE CHECKS.**

I freely and voluntarily gave this contribution from my personal property. I have not directly or indirectly been compensated or reimbursed for this contribution.

Signature of Contributor (Required) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS CONTRIBUTOR'S STATEMENT, SIGN AND MAIL IT ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK to Katie Hendrickson, OKFRW Treasurer, 1509 N. Main #136, Altus OK 73521 or bring it to the Fall Board Meeting.

# ESTHER REPORTS FROM BEANS AND BASKETS, IN ALTUS

I had a wonderful time with the ladies of Southwest Oklahoma Republican Women at their annual fundraiser "Beans and Baskets". This year the ladies again arranged for me to have an official photographer, which made the job easier. Thank you to John Madison Clinton for your help again this year. The ladies had Jenn Kerns as the keynote speaker. WOW Jennifer Kerns is simply a ROCKSTAR for Republican Women!! It was great to see so many wonderful friends at the event.



Georgene Hawkins and selling GOP memorabilia and other swag



Jennifer Kerns, Newsmax Contributor was the keynote speaker for 2021



Rep. Gerrid Kendrix and Cynthia Kendrix



The ladies of Southwest Oklahoma Republican Women with their Beans and Baskets keynote speaker Jennifer Kerns



Lorie Legere, OKFRW President and 4<sup>th</sup> district's very own Steve Fair!



## POINTS OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE OKFRW STATE CONVENTION:

- The OKFRW convention is held in odd numbered years
- The date of the Convention was voted on and approved by the Board of Directors at the July 2021 meeting.
- The 2021 Biennial Convention will be held on November 5 – 6, 2021.
- The purpose of the convention is:
  - Election of officers, i.e.: State President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer
  - Vote on changes to OKFRW By-Laws
  - Meet together as Congressional to elect District Director and Asst. Dist. Director
  - Consider any other business as may come before the Convention
- There shall be a meetings of the State Executive Committee and Board Directors” within twenty- four (24) hours prior to and again within twenty-four (24) hours following the Convention.
- Each club is awarded delegates to the State Convention based on the number of paid members of their club as of forty-five (45) days prior to the Convention.
- Club delegates and alternates shall be elected at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention, in a manner prescribed by their club.
- Delegate totals are computed as follows and will be certified by the State Credentials Chairman:
  - One delegate for the first ten (10) members;
  - One additional delegate for every twenty (20) additional members or major fraction thereof
  - An equal number of alternate delegates.
- Club Presidents and members of the OFRW STATE Board of Directors are ex-officio delegates and are not counted as a club delegate.
- All OFRW Past Presidents in good standing are ex-officio delegates and are not counted as a club delegate.
- Ex-officio delegates are not authorized to have alternates

**☐ No proxies are allowed at the convention.**

## *FUNDRAISER FOR THE SYLVIA GILMOUR SCHOLARSHIP 50/50 RAFFLE*

*\$1.00 PER TICKET      \$5.00 FOR 10  
\$20.00 FOR 25*

*ALL MONEY RAISED WILL BE GOING TO THE SYLVIA GILMOUR SCHOLARSHIP SO WE THAT WE CAN RAISE FUNDS TO HELP OUR LADIES GO TO OUR NFRW CONVENTION IN 2023 - THE MORE WE RAISE THE MORE THE RECIPIENT RECIEVES!!!!  
BRING YOUR CASH OR CHECK.  
FUNDRAISING WILL BE HELD AT QUARTERLY BOARD MEETINGS!  
BE A PART OF KEEPING AMERICA GREAT!!*

## 2021 KEY DATES FOR OKFRW

October 23<sup>rd</sup>: First Ladies River Oaks Golf and Country Club in Edmond at 11:00 am

November 6<sup>th</sup>: OKFRW Biennial Convention at Champion Convention Center at the Hilton Garden Inn (see attached call)

December 2021: Christmas Tea (Date and Venue TBD)



## **PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS**

### **Proposed Bylaw Amendment #1 –**

#### **Bylaw Article and Section being addressed (number and current wording)**

Article IV, Section 1.A. – The elected officers of the OKFRW shall be: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Fourth Vice President\*, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, A Director and Assistant Director from each Congressional District. \*If no candidate is available for this position, it will be left vacant.

#### **Proposed Change:**

Add a subparagraph with new requirement to run for the office of President. The subparagraph shall fall under Section 1.A.

#### **Exact Wording of Bylaw as Proposed:**

a. To qualify to run for the position of President, the nominee must serve a minimum of one term in position as a Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer.

#### **Rationale for Proposed Change:**

The lady in the position of President should have elected board officer background. They should know about our local clubs, their presidents and the way the Executive Committee and Board of Directors work together. The President has a lot of responsibility. Requiring someone to be in another elected officer position prior to running for president gives them experience. It also allows the board members to work with them, mentor them and get to know them before they run for the president position. If no one knows the nominee candidate, there is no camaraderie and support created between elected officers and this could make things awkward and dysfunctional.

### **Proposed Bylaw Amendment #2 –**

#### **Bylaw Article and Section being addressed (number and current wording)**

New bylaw section under Article IV – Officers and Their Duties to be placed as Section 9 since the position is elected and not nominated by the OKFRW President. Each subsequent section would be renumbered.

#### **Proposed Change:**

The proposed new bylaw would define the position of President at Large since this is an elected position and not currently addressed in the bylaws.

#### **Exact Wording of Bylaw as Proposed:**

Article IV- Officers and Their Duties. Section 9. Duties of the President at Large.

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## **PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS CONTINUED**

- A. President at Large shall be a member of the Achievement Award Committee. She will work with the Achievement Award Chair and with Club Presidents in her district to compile information regularly throughout the year to make Achievement submissions easier for club presidents and the Achievement Award Chair.
- B. To contact club presidents on a regular basis to help address any concerns and provide resources of information.

### **Rationale for Proposed Change:**

There is no mention of the Presidents at Large in the bylaws. As elected officers of the Executive Board, they should have specific duties in the bylaws.

### **Proposed Bylaw Amendment #3 –**

#### **Bylaw Article and Section being addressed (number and current wording):**

Article IV – Officers and Their Duties

Section 7. Duties of the Congressional District Directors

- B. To organize new clubs in her district and reactivate clubs which have become inactive.

### **Proposed Change:**

To further define role of District Director and provide a clear alignment as a part of membership recruitment and retention team to grow our organization.

### **Exact Wording of Bylaw as Proposed:**

Section 7.B.

The District Director shall be a member of the Membership Committee and work with the Membership Chair to support and grow club membership in their districts. This includes organizing new clubs and reactivate clubs which have become inactive.

### **Rationale for Proposed Change:**

As part of the membership committee, the District Directors would work hand-in-hand with the Membership Chair to receive additional support to perform her duties. Additionally, District Directors would be able to reach out to other District Directors to create a committee of shared ideas to grow our local clubs and the OKFRW.

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## **PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS CONTINUED**

### **Proposed Bylaw Amendment #4 –**

#### **Bylaw Article and Section being addressed (number and current working):**

Article XI – Convention and Meetings

Section 1. Time and Place

A. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held a minimum of three (3) times in each fiscal year.

#### **Proposed Change:**

Add a subparagraph with the required language from NFRW, allowing for electronic meetings and the possibility of hosting a joint live-in-person and electronic format meeting to take place simultaneously. The subparagraph would fall under Section 1, A.

#### **Exact Wording by Bylaw as Proposed:**

a. In the event a properly called board meeting has to be canceled due to circumstances beyond the control of the OKFRW, then it shall be acceptable to hold said board meeting by an approved electronic format or combination live-in-person and electronic format meeting simultaneously with a seven days' notice being given to all members of the board of directors. This section does not apply to a meeting required by these bylaws that has not already been called.

#### **Rationale for Proposed Change:**

This bylaw addition was approved at the June 27, 2020 OKFRW Board meeting in Moore, Ok. The NFRW encourages state federations to formally ratify this addition, and indicate where it will be placed in the bylaws, during our biennial convention.





## OUR SPECIAL GUEST FOR 2021 BIENNIAL OKFRW CONVENTION



**ANN SCHOCKETT** of New York  
*NFRW President*

Ann Schockett was elected president of the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) at the 40th Biennial Convention in Indianapolis and took office in January 2020. Previously, she served on the NFRW Executive Committee as 4th vice president and as member-at-large, and was the advisor to the NFRW Campaign and Public Relations Committees.

Ann's 40 years of public service began when she was elected the youngest Republican State Committeeperson in New York State history. She has headed and advised in 43 election campaigns, has overseen NYGOP fundraising efforts, elections and special events and has worked with government and non-profit entities on all levels. Ann is a sought-after speaker and is widely recognized for her activism on local to national issues. She has been awarded in political areas as "Executive GOP Leader of the Year," "Woman of the Year" and "Republican Woman of the Year." She leads by example in fostering Republican Party values and is dedicated to empowering women to become more active and fulfill leadership roles. A proud New Yorker, Ann has served as Republican State Committeeperson and a GOP leader, Nassau County FRW President, and NYSFRW Corresponding Secretary and President. She is an NFRW Capitol Regent, member of the NYGOP Empire Club and founder and host of the "F1rst Tuesday" national call in series.

Ann is a businesswoman turned consultant and advises in areas such as public relations, campaigns, multi-media and business performance. She has been honored as "Business Advisor of the Year." As a former producer, director and host of corporate and commercial productions, she has received local, national and international media awards.

Inspired early on by her family who served our great nation in both world wars and who founded the community's hospital center, local Rotary International and synagogue, Ann developed a deep commitment to country, community and faith. She is a founding Board member of Save the Persecuted Christians, serves on the Board of Regents for the Center for Security Policy and is a delegate to the World Zionist Congress. She was NYS' first Congressional District Leader for HSUS and is a citizen lobbyist for humane legislation for animals. One of her favorite accomplishments was creating the Community Enrichment Mini-Center in NY dedicated to enhancing the lives and careers of people of all backgrounds, providing for 13 non-profit and start-up organizations and serving as an independent Hurricane Relief Center during Superstorm Sandy. In the synagogue founded by her family in 1922, Ann was involved in service and support.

Ann's three children and five grandchildren are her utmost joy and achievement, propelling her to devote her time and energies to help secure their rights, safety and freedoms in the greatest nation in the world.

(Source: NFRW Website)

## **Official Call**

DATE E-MAILED: October 4, 2021

TO: OKFRW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MEMBERS  
AND GUESTS  
FROM: LORIE LEGERE, OKFRW PRESIDENT

This is the **OFFICIAL CALL FOR THE PRE-CONVENTION and POST-CONVENTION Meetings** of the OKFRW Executive Committee and Board of Director's Meetings to be held November 5 & 6, 2021, at the **Champion Convention Center, 803 S. Meridian Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73108.**

### **Pre-Convention Meetings**

Friday, November 5, 2021

12:00pm Registration Opens  
12:00 to 6:00pm Convention Registration  
1:00 Executive Committee Meeting  
1:30 Board of Director's Meeting  
2:30 Workshop  
5:00 Speakers Corner

### **Post-Convention Meetings**

Saturday, November 6, 2021

Executive Committee Meeting  
15 MINUTES AFTER THE  
ADJOURNMENT OF CONVENTION  
Board of Directors Meeting  
15 MINUTES AFTER THE  
ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE MEETING

## **FRIDAY EVENING-NOVEMBER 5, 2021**

Dinner with NFRW President Ann Schockett in Bricktown. Details will follow. After dinner, let's take a stroll along the Bricktown Canal, and enjoy the scenery!

### **LODGING:**

The Champion Convention Center is part of the Hilton Garden Inn OKC  
Hotel rooms are available at:  
HILTON GARDEN INN OKC  
801 S. MERIDIAN AVE  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73108  
RATE KING/DOUBLE QUEEN \$99.00 + tax

LOCAL NUMBER (405) 942-1400

GROUP RESERVATION CODE: Okla Fed. Republican Women

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: OCTOBER 21, 2021 FOR THIS SPECIAL RATE

## **TENTATIVE MEETING AGENDAS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY EVENTS:**

### **TENTATIVE AGENDA, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING-FRIDAY, NOV 5, 2021 at 1:00 PM**

Call to Order, Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance  
Credentials Committee Report  
Approval of the Minutes  
Treasurer's Report  
OKFRW President's Expenses  
Any other business deemed necessary  
Adjournment

### **TENTATIVE AGENDA, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING-FRIDAY, NOV 5, 2021 at 1:30 PM**

Call to Order, Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance  
Credentials Committee Report  
Approval of Minutes-Treasurer's Report  
Report of Executive Committee  
New Business  
Announcements-Adjourn

### **TENTATIVE CONVENTION SCHEDULE- SATURDAY, NOV 6, 2021**

8:00 am Convention Registration Opens  
9:00 am Convention Convenes  
Noon Awards Banquet Luncheon  
Convention Reconvenes  
Adjournment

Although only Board Members may actively participate in an OKFRW Board Meeting, ALL OKFRW Members are welcome and encouraged to attend. ALL OKFRW Members are welcome to attend the Convention!

OKFRW 2021 BIENNIAL CONVENTION

NOVEMBER 5 & 6, 2021

REGISTRATION

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 Convention Registration  
(includes Fri-Sat meetings, Fri Workshop & Sat Lunch)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 Friday Workshop Non-registered Attendee
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$60.00 REGISTRATION after Oct. 23, 2021 or at the door
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00 to attend Sat. Luncheon only
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00 for Guest at Sat. Luncheon only
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will attend Friday Workshop
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will be attending as a Delegate
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will be attending as an Alternate
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will be attending as a Convention Guest

REGISTRANT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2021

Check payable to "OKFRW" with registration form

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**NO PROXY VOTING IS ALLOWED AT THE CONVENTION**

OFFICIAL PROXY-OKFRW LOCAL CLUB PRESIDENT (for Board of Director's Meeting)

This certified the following person is a member of my local club and is my official proxy for the BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING(S) of the Oklahoma Federation of Republican Women to be held:

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday Nov 5, 2021 in Oklahoma City, OK

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, Nov 6, 2021 in Oklahoma City, OK

CLUB NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PROXY HOLDER (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_