

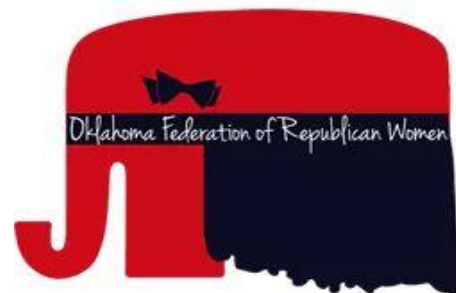
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The President's Trunk

Ladies, this will be my last President's message to you, and I want to **THANK YOU** from the bottom of my heart for all the memories and achievements we have made over the last four years!

I want to thank the ladies of the County Line Republican Women's Club for hosting our June 3rd Board meeting. It was a wonderful event where we got all our business complete and had fun and fellowship with all our OKFRW Sisters.

Then, I want to thank ALL of our members who volunteered to help, and to everyone who attended the NFRW Convention in Oklahoma City! This has been such a wonderful honor for our State, and I just want each and every lady to know how much I appreciated their help, and the friendliness they shared with all our NFRW sisters from around the Country. I have literally heard from ladies from every state who said they had never felt so much hospitality at a convention before, and many have said they hope the convention comes back to Oklahoma again someday! There is no higher honor than the Federation hoping to come back again! Thank you to ALL of our Oklahoma ladies!

As we prepare for the 2023 OKFRW Convention, I want to encourage any club members who have never attended our state convention to consider attending, even if it is just as a guest. We need to always be thinking towards the future, and the best way to encourage our future leaders, is to get them engaged.

In closing, I again want to thank each of you for an amazing four years. All you ladies have taught me so much about the Federation, about myself, and about each of you. I deeply appreciate all the lessons I have been so blessed to have received.

Thank you, and **God Bless America!**
Lorie Legere, OKFRW President

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Report of the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee met on September 29, 2023 to consider all eligible candidates for the 2024-2025 term of office.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, the following slate of officers is presented for the Federation's consideration:

President: Kayla Blount, Heartland RW – CD #5
1st Vice President: Debbie Parks, Kingfisher Co. RW – CD #3
2nd Vice President: Katie Hendrickson, SWORW – CD #3
3rd Vice President: Donna Cheek, Helen Cole RW – CD #4
4th Vice President: Jan Bell, RW of Tulsa Co. – CD #1
Secretary: Donna Altom, SWORW – CD #3
Treasurer: Sue Thompson, Countyline RW – CD #5

OKFRW Nominating Committee:

Chair: Karen Chapman, Chair – CD #5

Members: LonnieLu Anderson – CD #2

Deb Davis – CD #3

DeAnn Hale – CD #3

Kim Hanson-Mercier – CD #1

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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Above: OKFRW President Lorie Legere spoke at the October 7th SWOKRW Club Membership Brunch in Altus.



Above: OKFRW President Lorie Legere attended the August 22nd Helen Cole Republican Women's Club Membership Event. Pictured are Lorie with Lt. Gov. Matt Pinnell and Club President Marla Latham.

OKLAHOMA FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

HERITAGE SOCIETY

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

In 2016 we initiated the **HERITAGE SOCIETY** as a donor program to play a role in helping the OKFRW fulfill it's 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 OKFRW to maintain a low general membership rate, making membership affordable to women of all ages and economic backgrounds.
- Financially supporting a wide range of OKFRW 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 OKFRW 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 _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE _____

OCCUPATION _____

EMPLOYER _____

I'M A MEMBER OF THE _____ REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

CHECK # _____ AMOUNT \$ _____

WE CAN NOT 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 complete this contributor's statement, sign and mail along with your check to **OKFRW** to:
Kyletta Ray, OKFRW Treasurer, 1509 N. Main #136, Altus, OK 73521, or bring it to the Convention.

OKFRW Hosts 2023 NFRW Convention



Above: OKFRW members pause from hosting the NFRW Convention in Oklahoma City.



Left: Oklahoma Lt. Governor Matt Pinnell addressed NFRW Convention attendees at the Friday Night Welcome Reception.



Right: Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt spoke to attendees during the Friday Night Welcome Reception at the NFRW Convention.



NFRW Convention Continued



Above: State Auditor Cindy Byrd at the Friday night NFRW Welcome Reception.



Above: OKFRW ladies had a lot of fun hosting the NFRW Convention!



Left: Beth Cupp introduced Sen. James Lankford at the Saturday luncheon.

Below: Senator James Lankford spoke to the Convention via zoom at the Saturday luncheon.



NFRW Convention Continued



Above: OKFRW Members had a great time at the NFRW Convention!



Above: OKFRW Recording Secretary Kayla Blount gave the invocation at the Friday Night Reception.



Above: OKFRW 2nd VP Debbie Parks led the Pledge of Allegiance during the Friday Night Reception.

NFRW Convention Continued



Left: Former University of Kentucky swimmer and now advocate for female athletes' rights Riley Gaines addresses the NFRW Convention.



Right: OKFRW President Lorie Legere accepts the Betty Heitman Achievement Award for Oklahoma.



Above: NFRW President Eileen Sobjack with President-Elect Julie Harris following the NFRW election.



Above: NFRW President-Elect Julie Harris.

Proposed Bylaws Changes to be Considered at the OKFRW Fall Convention

OKFRW Bylaws Amendment Proposal – FROM THE BYLAW COMMITTEE

TO BE ADDED UNDER CLUB DUTIES, Sec. To be adjusted accordingly.

No club as a whole or it's president or campaign chairman, by word, action or deed, shall endorse any Republican candidate before the run-off election is completed and there is only one candidate.

If the president or campaign chairman endorses a Republican candidate, by word, action or deed, before the run-off election is completed and there is only one candidate, she shall be immediately removed from office by a vote of the OKFRW Executive Committee.

This includes serving as a host for a candidate's fundraiser, even though her office in the OKFRW club is not listed, is prohibited and will result in her being removed from office.

If any club as a whole endorses a Republican candidate, by word, action or deed, before the run-off election is completed and there is only one candidate, that club shall be fined an amount no less than \$500 and no more than \$5,000, the amount to be determined by the Executive Committee. The money will be added to OKFRW's treasury.

RATIONALE – This rule is accepted nationwide that clubs and their presidents and campaign chairmen remain neutral until one candidate has been chosen. The fine is to discourage such actions. (This was approved by NFRW Bylaws Chairman Theresa Kosmowski.)

Sara Jo Odom, Chairman
Elayne Dennis
Jeannette Lamar

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OKFRW Bylaws Amendment Proposal

By: SWOKRW Executive Board
Email: swoklahomarw@gmail.com

Bylaw Article: Article X, Section 1, Nominations, paragraph A, c.

Proposed Change: Change immediate Past President to committee chair. Election of Secretary only.

Rational for Change: The immediate Past President should be the committee chair. She has a minimum of two years' experience on the Executive Board and may be the only member that has executive experience. She has leadership qualities that are essential in guiding discussions and answering committee member questions on position duties.

EXACT WORDING OF BYLAW.

Article X, Section 1, A, c. – The immediate Past President shall serve as Chair of the nominating committee. The committee shall elect a secretary from its members.

OKFRW Bylaws Amendment Proposal

By: Southwest Oklahoma Republican Women

Email: SWOklahomaRW@gmail.com

Bylaw Article: Article III – Membership

Section 2 Club Charter and Membership Requirements

Paragraph C, Special, *non-voting* categories of membership
subparagraph d.

Proposed Change: Under the Non-voting membership categories, add a new subparagraph that includes Oklahoma residents that choose to join NFRW as a Direct Member. Move current subparagraph d. to e.

Rational for Change: Oklahoma has a previous club member that has joined NFRW as a Direct Member. While she is not a member of OKFRW or a local club, we are required to include the direct member in our email notifications. We should invite the member to share in our events and meetings with the hope that they will decide to join a local club again in the future. NFRW Direct Members shall not have a voice or vote at any club or OKFRW meeting or function.

EXACT WORDING OF BYLAWS.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 2. Club Charter and Membership Requirements

C. Special non-voting categories of membership

d. National At-Large Members from Oklahoma shall receive official email notifications from OKFRW. They may register to attend First Ladies, Day at the Capitol and other OKFRW events. Additionally, they may register to attend OKFRW Board Meetings or visit local clubs, but shall not have a vote or voice at these events or meetings, since they are not members of a state club or the OKFRW.

OKFRW Bylaws Amendment Proposal

ARTICLE XI

OKFRW CONVENTION

Section 1. Election of Officers.

A. Election of officers shall be held at the Biennial Convention and shall be arranged for and conducted by the OKFRW Parliamentarian.

B. Elections shall be by ballot and the candidate receiving a majority of all votes cast shall be elected. When there is only one candidate for an office, the election may be by voice vote.

The Chairman of the Convention Credentials Committee shall furnish to the Parliamentarian a list of the delegates eligible to vote at least one (1) hour prior to the elections.

Polls shall be opened and closed at hours determined by the OKFRW Executive Committee.

Election of Congressional District Directors, Assistant District Directors, and Members at Large shall be by delegates from their respective districts and shall be held after the Credentials Report has been given and before adjournment sine die.

Section 2. Convention Preparation.

The OKFRW shall hold a convention biennially in odd numbered years for the purpose of election of officers and such other business as may come before the Convention.

The Convention Chair shall brief location information and dates at the Summer Board meeting.

Section 3. Elected Delegates and Alternates.

Members shall be in good standing sixty (60) days prior to the convention.

Clubs must be in good standing seventy-five (75) days prior to the convention.

Membership numbers for each club will be determined 60 days prior to the convention. Clubs shall be notified of the number of members and their delegates earned by email.

For delegate allocation purposes:

Only members in good standing may be counted for delegate numbers.

b. Each member shall only be counted from their home club and may serve as a delegate or alternate from that club only.

OKFRW clubs in good standing shall be entitled to elect delegates allocated on the following basis:

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 delegates and alternates shall be elected at least forty-five (45) days prior to the convention, in a manner prescribed by their club.

To enable OKFRW to certify delegates from clubs to the OKFRW Biennial Convention, each club President shall submit the names, addresses, ZIP codes, email addresses and phone number of all elected delegates and alternates to the OKFRW President and Credentials Chair.

No Proxy voting shall be permitted at the OKFRW Convention.

Section 4. Ex Officio Delegates.

The following shall be ex officio delegates to the OKFRW Biennial Convention.

a. All members of the Board of Directors.

All Past Presidents of the OKFRW in good standing.

Ex officio delegates shall not be authorized alternates or proxies.

Section 5. Time and Place.

The OKFRW President shall issue and official call for the Convention at least forty (40) days prior to the convention to all members.

a. Convention Early Registration shall be open at the release of the official call.

Registration pricing may be tiered to encourage early registration and discourage registration at the door.

Regular meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held within twenty-four (24) hours prior to the start of the convention and again within twenty-four (24) hours following the Biennial Convention.

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held within twenty-four (24) hours prior to the start of the convention and again within twenty-four (24) hours following the Biennial Convention.

Section 6. Convention Meetings and Elections.

Meetings and the Convention shall be open to all club members.

The privilege of making motions, debating and voting shall be limited as follows:

a. At meetings of the Executive Committee, only the members of the Executive Committee are authorized to make motions, ask questions, make statements and vote.

At meetings of the Board of Directors, only the members of the Board of Directors are authorized to make motions, ask questions, make statements and vote.

At the Biennial Convention, only Ex officio delegates and elected delegates or their properly seated Alternates are authorized to make motions, ask questions, make statements and vote.

A majority of the delegates attending and credentialed at the Convention shall constitute a quorum.

Section 7. These Bylaws may be amended by a two-third (2/3) vote of the OKFRW Biennial Convention delegates, provided that:

Such amendment(s) has been proposed by either the Executive Committee, the Bylaws Committee, or a club.

Copies of the proposed amendment(s) have been sent to each member of the Board of Directors, each club, and each direct member with the call to the Convention.

C. Copies of the proposed amendment(s) are available to members of clubs upon request to the OKFRW Corresponding Secretary.

D. Any adopted amendment will be effective upon adjournment of the OKFRW Biennial Convention.

ARTICLE XII NFRW CONVENTION

Section 1. Time and Location.

The NFRW Biennial Convention shall be held in the fall of odd-numbered years (usually the last weekend of September).

The time of the Biennial Convention shall be determined by the NFRW Executive Committee and the location by the NFRW Board of Directors.

The official Call for the Biennial Convention shall be sent electronically to the NFRW Board of Directors and each local club president at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of convention.

The NFRW website will have information on the Location of the Convention and theme approximately three (3) months prior to the convention.

Section 2. Eligibility.

The OKFRW must be in good standing. Delegate representation shall be based on the current dues received and postmarked no later than ninety (90) days prior to the Convention,

Local clubs must be in good standing with ten (10) paid members for each year. Local clubs shall have been in good standing and shall have paid the previous year's dues and service charge and maintained its current year dues and service charge to be eligible for representation at the NFRW Biennial Convention.

If the club did not have ten (10) paid members from the previous year, they will need to pay for the number of members that they were short of the ten (10).

b. The club treasurer will need to send the check to the OKFRW treasurer. Once received, names of past members from the club will be submitted with payment to correct the records for the previous year. This must be done ninety-five (95) days prior to the NFRW convention.

New clubs must be in good standing with ten (10) paid members, for six (6) months prior to the convention to be eligible for representation.

Delegates and alternates must be members of OKFRW and be in good standing.

Section 3. Representation.

Delegates and alternates to the convention shall be selected in a manner determined by the local club. Each club in good standing shall earn one delegate and one alternate.

OKFRW earns five (5) delegates at large and alternates for the first 500 OKFRW members. One additional delegate-at-large shall be earned for each 500 members or a major fraction thereof, based on the dues payments and postmarked ninety (90) days prior to the convention.

At the OKFRW Summer Board Meeting, Five (5) delegates-at-large and their alternates shall be elected. The OKFRW Board of Directors shall approve one delegate-at-large from each Congressional District. Every effort shall be made to elect the five (5) corresponding alternates from the Congressional District of the delegate-at-large. District members may call their nominees to confirm their willingness to serve. If this meeting is held prior to ninety (90) days prior to the convention and less than one thousand (1000) members are paid for OKFRW, any additional delegate-at-large selection shall be determined by the OKFRW President.

D. The OKFRW shall be an ex officio delegate to the convention. There shall be no proxy or alternate for the president.

E. All delegates and alternates to the NFRW convention shall register for the full convention.

Section 4. Forms and Deadlines.

A. At least ninety (90) days prior to the convention, the OKFRW President shall send member number certification to the NFRW President that includes the names of the local clubs that are in good standing, the number of paid members in each club and the names, full addresses, phone number and email address of each local club president.

B. Only clubs certified by the OKFRW President shall be eligible for representation at the convention.

C. Club presidents shall use the credential form provided by the NFRW to send the names, complete addresses, phone numbers and email information to the OKFRW President and the NFRW. Credentials forms must be postmarked or electronically submitted no later than thirty (30) days prior to the convention. Late forms shall not be accepted, and the club will lose the privilege of representation at the NFRW Biennial Convention.

a. The local club president shall send the names, complete addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of the club delegate and alternate to the NFRW and OKFRW President on credential forms provided by the NFRW.

D. The names, complete addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of the state delegates-at-large shall be postmarked or electronically submitted to the NFRW President by the OKFRW President on the credential forms provided by the NFRW no later than twenty (20) days prior to the convention

Club delegate emergency changes must be forwarded in writing to the OKFRW President for notification and to the NFRW President for her approval. The emergency changes must be postmarked or electronically submitted no later than ten (10) days prior to the convention.

Delegate-at-large emergency changes must be forwarded in writing to the OKFRW President for notification and to the NFRW President for her approval. The emergency changes must be postmarked or electronically submitted no later than ten (10) days prior to the convention.

Section 5. Voting.

The NFRW Biennial Convention shall be open to all members of the NFRW, OKFRW and visitors, but only accredited delegates shall be certified to a voice and a vote. Each delegate is entitled to one vote. There shall be no proxy voting.

A majority of the delegates attending and credentialed shall constitute a quorum at the NFRW Biennial Convention.

ARTICLE IV
OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

ONE

ACTION: Change the composition of the Board of Directors. Also affects Article VI.

Section 1. Elected Officers.

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 an Assistant Director from each Congressional District~~

* If no candidate is available for this position, it will be left vacant.

TWO

Section 3. The Executive Committee.

A. The Executive Committee shall consist of the following:

- President
- First, Second, Third and Fourth* Vice Presidents
- Recording Secretary
- Treasurer
- ~~Congressional District Directors or in the absence, the Assistant Directors.~~
- ~~Chaplain~~
- ~~Corresponding Secretary~~
- ~~Historian~~
- The immediate Past President of the OKFRW. (When this is not possible, the Past Presidents shall be contacted in order of their preceding terms.
- **Three (3)** ~~Five (5)~~ Club Presidents to be known as Presidents at Large, elected _____ from the Board of Directors at the post-Convention meeting.
- ~~Budget Chairman~~
- The Parliamentarian is a non-voting member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

THREE

A. Duties of the Executive Committee.

- a. To have complete jurisdiction over club membership applications, removals and reinstatements.
~~b. To approve the appointments recommended by the President for the offices of Chaplain, Corresponding Secretary, and Historian.~~
- b. To approve the appointments recommended by the President for Chairs ~~men~~ of Standing and Select Committees.

FOUR

B. Duties of the Executive Committee.

- a. To have complete jurisdiction over club membership applications, removals and reinstatements.
- ~~c. To approve the appointments recommended by the President for the offices of Chaplain, Corresponding Secretary, and Historian.~~
- b. To approve the appointments recommended by the President for Chairs ~~men~~ of Standing and Select Committees.

FIVE

ACTION: Change the composition of the Executive Board.

~~Section 7. Duties of the Congressional District Directors. MOVE to Article VII Sec 3-H~~

- ~~A. To keep in close touch with the clubs in her Congressional District, personally and by ACTION: Change the composition of the Executive Board.~~
- ~~B. RATIONALE: Align with that of the NFRW with elected members to achieve duties required by the Executive Board. Note that the District & Assistant Directors were originally created to serve on the Standing Membership Committee. correspondence and maintain a record of her activities for the President.~~
- ~~C. 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 reactivating clubs which have become inactive.~~
- ~~D. To report on growth and membership in her District's clubs annually.~~

~~Section 8. Duties of the Congressional District Assistant Directors. MOVE to Art VII Sec 3-H~~

- ~~A. To assist the District Director as requested.~~
- ~~B. To perform the duties of the District Director in her absence.~~
- ~~E. Assistant District Directors shall be non-voting members of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors except, in the absence of the District Director, the Assistant shall automatically be the Director's proxy.~~

SIX

DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENTS-AT-LARGE

ACTION: Change number of positions from 5 to 3 and their duties. Also affects Article VI,

SEVEN

Change to Section 7

~~Section 9. Duties of the President at Large.~~

- A. Serve on the Executive Committee *Replaces existing 9-A below.*
~~President at Large shall be a member of the Achievement Award Committee. She will work with the Achievement Chair and with the Club Presidents in her district to compile information regularly throughout the year to make Achievement submissions easier for club presidents and the Achievement Chair~~
- B. To carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the President, the Executive ***Committee or the Board of Directors.***

ARTICLE VII

COMMITTEES

TWENTY-THREE

Section 2. The OKFRW shall have the following Standing Committees, whose ~~Chairs men~~ shall be appointed by the President, with the approval of the Executive Committee and serve as voting members on the Board of Directors.

- ~~A.~~ Bylaws Committee
- ~~B.~~ Budget
- ~~C.~~ Campaign Activities
- ~~D.~~ Chaplain
- ~~E.~~ Corresponding Secretary
- ~~F.~~ Fundraising
- ~~G.~~ Historian
- ~~H.~~ Membership
- ~~I.~~ ~~Program Planning~~
- ~~J.~~ ~~Publicity/Public Relations~~
- ~~K.~~ Legislation and Research

TWENTY-FOUR

ACTION: Updates wording on proposed Standing Committees. Includes assigned District & Assistant Directors to Membership Committee.

TWENTY-FIVE

Move as Section 3

Section 4. Duties of the Standing committees.

- A.** Bylaws Committee – Shall be authorized to correct articles, section designations, punctuation, cross-references and to make other technical and conforming changes as necessary to reflect the intent of the membership in connection with the proposed revision of the governing documents considered at the OKFRW Biennial Convention. An updated and editable, digital version of the OKFRW Bylaws Amended shall be presented to the President within 14 days from the close of the Convention. The President will present these Amended Bylaws to the Board of Directors for endorsement to be completed no later than 30 days post-Convention. Email endorsement is allowed.
- B.** Budget Committee – Shall prepare an Annual financial budget, published with the Official Call and presented to the Executive Committee for recommendation for approval by the Board of Directors.
- C.** Campaign Activities – To recommend to the Board of Directors funds to be donated to general primary Republican candidates.
- D.** Chaplain - To provide or arrange appropriate devotions for OKFRW meetings and events and to assist clubs on request.
- E.** Corresponding Secretary - To send out correspondence for the OKFRW President.

To maintain an up-to-date mailing list of all members of the OKFRW Board of Directors, including officers, Executive Committee members, committee chairmen, and club presidents.

F. Fundraising – To present to the Executive Committee and/or Board of Director Events, programs, activities etc. to raise additional funds.

G. Historian – To preserve a history of the OKFRW’s activities and events, including awards, news clippings, photographs, mementos, for display on appropriate occasions.

H. Membership - To support and grow club membership in their districts. This includes organizing new clubs, reactivating clubs which have become inactive and providing resources and training for clubs. This committee will be composed of the Chair, Congressional District Directors and Congressional District Assistant Directors.

~~I. Program Planning~~

~~J. Publicity/Public Relations~~

K. Legislation and Research – Provide timely information regarding Federal and State legislation pending and adopted.

TWENTY-SIX

ARTICLE VIII

CLUBS

ACTION: Add item

Section 1. Officers and Elections.

F. The Club President serves as a voting member on the OKFRW Board of Directors.

TWENTY-SEVEN

ARTICLE X

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

ACTION: Add restriction for nominated officer slate.

Section 1. Nominations.

B. The Nominating Committee shall submit one nominee for each elective office of the OKFRW in a report to be sent to each member of the Board of Directors with the Call for the Biennial Convention. **No Club shall have more than one (1) member slated for nomination.** Every effort should be made by the Nominating Committee and the Convention to elect an officer from each Congressional District.

Section 2. Elections.

A. Election of officers shall be held at the Biennial Convention and shall be arranged for and conducted by the OKFRW **or Convention** Parliamentarian.

B. The Chair~~man~~ of the Convention Credentials Committee shall furnish to the Parliamentarian a list of the delegates eligible to vote at least one (1) hour prior to the elections.

C. Newly elected officers shall be known as “officers-elect” and shall be non-voting members of the club Executive Board until their term begins.

D. Election of Congressional District Directors and Assistant District Directors **as members of the Standing Membership Committee** shall be **elected** by the delegates from their respective districts and shall be held after the Credentials Report has been given and before adjournment sine die.

TWENTY-NINE

Section 3. Vacancies.

- A.** A vacancy in an elected/appointed office, except the office of the President, shall be filled by the Board of Directors at a specially called meeting, a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board, an **E-vote** or by mail.

THIRTY

ARTICLE XI CONVENTIONS & MEETINGS

ACTION: *Separates Sections between NFRW and OKFRW Conventions*

ARTICLE XI CONVENTION AND MEETINGS

Section 2. Representation at NFRW Biennial Convention

- A. To enable the OKFRW to certify delegates from clubs to **NFRW**-Biennial Conventions, each club President shall submit the names, addresses, ZIP+4 codes, email addresses and phone numbers of all members whose NFRW dues are paid, to the OKFRW President, at least ninety (90) days prior to an NFRW Convention.
- B. OKFRW delegates-at-large and alternates-at-large to the **NFRW** Biennial Convention shall be elected at an OKFRW Board Meeting in odd years, prior to the **NFRW** Biennial Convention. Each Oklahoma Congressional District shall be represented by a delegate or an alternate-at-large. No delegate-at-large may be elected to more than two consecutive **NFRW** Conventions.

THIRTY-ONE

Change to Section 3

Section 2. Representation at an **OKFRW Biennial** Convention

- A. To enable the OKFRW to certify delegates from clubs to OKFRW Biennial Convention, each club President shall submit the names, addresses, ZIP+4 codes, email addresses and phone numbers of all members whose ~~NFRW and~~ OKFRW dues are paid, to the OKFRW President, at least forty-five (45) days prior to an OKFRW Convention.
- B. For delegate allocation purposes:
- Only those members whose OKFRW ~~and NFRW~~ dues are currently paid shall be counted.
 - Each member shall be counted from only one (home) club and may serve as a delegate or alternate only from that club.
- C. Only club or direct members in good standing shall be eligible to serve as delegates or alternates to OKFRW ~~or NFRW~~ Convention.
- D. No proxy voting shall be permitted at these Conventions.
- E. A majority of the delegates attending and credentialed at a Convention shall constitute a quorum.

NOTE: There is another proposal that separates the NFRW and OKFRW Conventions to also be considered,

THIRTY-TWO – PROPOSALS INVOLVING CHANGE OF CHAIRMAN TO CHAIR

ACTION: *Change universally the word "Chairman or Chairmen" to Chair or Chairs.*

THIRTY-THREE – Article/Section No. changes

~~Section 10.~~ Duties of the Chaplain. **MOVE TO Article VII new Section 3-D**

~~Section 11.~~ Duties of the Corresponding Secretary. **MOVE TO Article VII new Section 3-E**

~~Section 12.~~ Duties of the Historian. **MOVE TO Article VII New Section 3-G**

THIRTY-FOUR – REFERS JUST TO CHANGE OF SECTION NUMBER

Change to Section 4.

Section 3. Elected Delegates and Alternates.

Change to Section 5

Section 4. Ex Officio Delegates.

Change to Section 6

Section 14. Any elected/appointed officer can be removed from office by not fulfilling their duties as outlined by the OKFRW Bylaws.

Section 5. Convention and Meeting Privileges. **Move as Section 4**

Section 3. *Other committees, known as Select Committees, may be appointed by the President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, as may be considered necessary to carry on the work of the OKFRW.*

B. To carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the President, the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors and serve as non-voting members on the Board of Directors. Change to Section 8

THIRTY-FIVE

B. The privilege of making motions, debating and voting shall be limited as follows:

- a. At meetings of the Executive Committee: only members of the Executive Committee ~~or their properly designated proxies~~

THIRTY-SIX

ACTION: *Chairs of Select Committees are non-voting members of the Board.*

THIRTY-SEVEN

Officers Records.

- B. Outgoing officers shall, within thirty (30) days after the end of their term, deliver all records, files and properties of the OKFRW to the new officers.

THIRTY-EIGHT

ACTION: *Clarify wording*

STANDING RULES

THIRTY-NINE

One. Clubs shall use ~~one of~~ the OKFRW Installation Ceremonies. Installation of officers should be performed by a present/past President of the OKFRW, an OKFRW elected officer, OKFRW District Director/Assistant Director, or a past Club President.

FORTY

Four. The Biennial Convention Chair~~man~~ shall not have a special vote at the Biennial Convention.

FORTY-ONE

ACTION: *List documents currently attached to end of Bylaws as Appendices with revisions.*

Appendix A
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
Originally approved 23 January 1999

FORTY-TWO

Eleven. Conducting an E-Vote: A vote may be conducted by ~~mail~~, phone, ~~fax~~ or email between meetings of the OKFRW Board of Directors or the OKFRW Executive Committee, provided ~~at least three (3) days'~~ notice is given to all members of the Board of Directors or Executive Committee. ~~that a vote will be taken, followed by~~ Upon notice, ~~there will be~~ a seven (7) day period for voting. ~~All members shall be notified by email, U.S. postal mail or by telephone.~~ Any such vote shall be ratified at the next regular meeting. An E-Vote may be conducted by email or ~~mail~~ phone ~~fax~~, only for issues which must be acted upon before the next regular or special meeting shall be considered.

FORTY-THREE

APPENDIX B
PROTOCOL FOR SEATING ARRANGEMENTS ~ WHO SITS WHERE

Change paragraph 3

If the Governor of the State is present at a state function, only the President and the Vice President of the United States outrank him. Outside of his own State, the Governor is outranked by a U. S. Senator only, but not by a **member of Congress** ~~man~~. If more than one Governor is present, they are seated according to the date their State was admitted to the Union. National officers outrank state officers, who outrank county officers, who outrank city officers, etc.

FORTY-FOUR

Appendix C
GUIDELINES FOR HOSTING AN OKFRW BOARD MEETING

14. All **registration fees** will be sent to the **Credentials Chair**. Checks shall be made payable to the OKFRW *and deposited within 7 days of receipt.*

FORTY-FIVE

~~Recommendations:~~ **Delete this item**

- ~~Invite local and state Republican candidates. They may purchase a candidate presentation table at the event for \$100. They can be introduced and depending on the time available, they may say a few words.~~

FORTY-SIX

Optional:

- Door Prizes. ~~You can have each club bring a donated basket to the event or get donations from local businesses.~~ Cost is not reimbursable.
- Your club can sell or raffle items as fund-raisers for your club.
- Table Centerpieces can be sold or raffled to raise money for your club.

OFFICIAL CALL for OKFRW 2023 CONVENTION

DATE EMAILED: October 8, 2023, and in the Newsletter on October 18, 2023

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 for the OKFRW BIENNIAL CONVENTION** on November 17 & 18, 2023, at the *CHAMPION EVENT CENTER, 803 S. MERIDIAN AVE., OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73108*

PRE-CONVENTION MEETINGS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2023

12:30 p.m. Registration Opens
1:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting
1:30 p.m. Board of Director's Meeting
2:00 p.m. Workshop
4:00 p.m. Open time to check-in to hotel, shop at the outlet mall, or just visit with others

FRIDAY EVENING-NOVEMBER 17, 2023

Oklahoma's First Ladies – Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with dinner and program at 7:00 p.m.

TENTATIVE CONVENTION SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023

8:00 a.m. Convention Registration Opens
9:00 a.m. Convention Convenes
11:30 a.m. Awards Luncheon
2:00 p.m. Convention Reconvenes
Adjournment

POST-CONVENTION MEETINGS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023

Executive Committee Meeting – 15 minutes after the adjournment of Convention
Board of Directors Meeting – 15 minutes after the adjournment of Executive Meeting

LODGING:

The *Champion Convention Center* is part of the **Hilton Garden Inn, OKC**
Hotel rooms are available with check-in at 3:00 p.m. at:
HILTON GARDEN INN OKC
801 S. MERIDIAN AVE
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73108

LOCAL NUMBER: (405) 942-1400

ROOM RATES:

KING/DOUBLE QUEEN: \$109.00 + taxes

GROUP RESERVATION CODE: Okla. Fed. Republican Women

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: October 18, 2023 (*for this special rate*)

OKFRW 2023 BIENNIAL CONVENTION
NOVEMBER 17 & 18, 2023

TENTATIVE MEETING AGENDAS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY EVENTS:

Executive Committee Meeting Tentative Agenda – Friday, November 17, 2023 – 1:00pm

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

Board of Directors Meeting Tentative Agenda – Friday, November 17, 2023 – 1:30pm

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

Tentative Convention Schedule – Saturday, November 18, 2023

8:00 a.m. Convention Registration Opens
9:00 a.m. Convention Convenes
11:30 a.m. Awards Luncheon
2:00 p.m. Convention Reconvenes
Adjournment

*Although only board members may actively participate in an
OKFRW board meeting, all OKFRW members are
welcome to attend the convention*

OKFRW 2023 BIENNIAL CONVENTION
NOVEMBER 17 & 18, 2023

REGISTRATION

_____ \$60.00 EARLY CONVENTION REGISTRATION (*Received by October 28, 2023*)
(includes Friday-Saturday Meetings, Friday Workshop & Saturday Lunch)

_____ \$75.00 LATE REGISTRATION (*Received by October 29 – November 8, 2023*)
(includes Friday-Saturday Meetings, Friday Workshop & Saturday Lunch)

_____ 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

_____ \$10.00 Friday Workshop Only – Non-Registered Attendee

_____ \$35.00 Saturday Luncheon Only

Registrant's Name _____

Club Name _____

Guest's Name _____

DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023
Check payable to "OKFRW" with registration form; mail to:

Sue Thompson-OKFRW CONVENTION
9973 Birkenhead Ct.
Yukon, OK 73099-7945

(405) 314-8767

Email: suexthompson@hotmail.com

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 June 3, 2023 meeting.

The 2023 Biennial Convention will be held on November 17-18, 2023.

The purpose of the Convention is:

- Election of Officers i.e. State President, Vice Presidents, Secretary & Treasurer
- Vote on changes to OKFRW By-Laws
- Meet together as Congressional Districts to elect District Directors and Assistant District Directors
- Consider any other business as may come before the Convention.

There shall be meetings of the State Executive Committee and Board of 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 the (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 OKFRW State Board of Directors are ex-officio delegates and are not counted as a club delegate.

All OKFRW 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

OKFRW 2023 BIENNIAL CONVENTION NOVEMBER 17 & 18, 2023

NO PROXY VOTING IS ALLOWED AT THE CONVENTION

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

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

_____ Friday, Nov 17, 2023 in Oklahoma City, OK

_____ Saturday, Nov 18, 2023 in Oklahoma City, OK

CLUB NAME _____

LOCAL CLUB PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE _____

NAME OF PROXY-PRINTED _____