

**Arizona Federation of Republican Women  
65<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention Minutes  
Prescott Resort & Conference Center-Prescott  
October 25-26, 2013**

**GENERAL SESSION I –Friday A.M. – October 25, 2013**

**Call to Order:** President Mary Williams called the 65<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention to order at 9:14 A.M.

**Announcement:** President Williams announced that a straw poll is being conducted during the convention.

**Presentation of Counties & Clubs:** Slide show presented each RW club and the counties they represent.

**Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance:** Chaplain Susan Kay Schultz gave the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by AZ National Committeewoman and Parliamentarian, Sharon Giese. The DVD, 'In God We Still Trust' was shown in between.

**Dignitary Welcome:** Prescott Mayor Marlin Kuykendall welcomed the Convention to Prescott.

**Welcome:** President Williams welcomed the members and guests to the Convention.

**Credential Appeals Committee:**

**Motion:** A motion by Leona Johnston, Credential Appeals Committee Chair, to accept the Credential Appeals Committee Report that 3 members be granted Delegate Status.

**Adopted**

**Preliminary Credentials Report:** Mary Preble, Credentials Chair, reported 104 delegates registered.

**Motion:** A motion by Credential Chair Preble to adopt the first credentials report.

**Adopted**

**Convention Rules:** Rules Chair and Thunder Mountain RW President Karla Rothrock read the Convention Rules.

**Motion:** A motion by Chairman Rothrock to adopt the Convention Rules as read.

**Adopted**

**Convention Program:** Region II Director Peggy Hurd read the Program changes. Convention Book Chair Pam Jones announced a personal apology to Pima County RW President Nancy Gunn Harsha and Palo Verde RW President Joan Lang for inadvertently omitting their club reports from the convention book.

**Motion:** A motion by Noreen Thomas to fix 'please' on page 6. **Adopted**

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**Motion:** A motion by Carol Jacobsen to include Rae Chornenky to the past presidents list. **Adopted**

**Motion:** A motion by Region Director Hurd to adopt the 2013 Convention Program as corrected. **Adopted**

**Guest Speaker:** 1st Vice President Loraine Pellegrino introduced the guest speaker, Toni Anne Dashiell.

**2011 Convention Minutes:** Tina Shaw, representing the 2011 Minutes Committee which also included Patte Newell and Carmel Scharenbroich reported that the 2011 Minutes were reviewed, found to be correct and the committee had signed affidavits indicating same.

**2013 Convention Minutes:** President Williams, without objection, appointed a committee of Regina Buzzello, Leona Johnston, and Emma Jean Watson to approve the 2013 Convention Minutes.

**2nd Credentials Report:** Mary Preble, Credentials Chair, reported 112 delegates registered.

**Motion:** A motion by Credential Chair Preble to adopt the second credentials report. **Adopted**

**Nominating Committee Report:** Carol Jones, Nominating Committee Chair, announced the nominees for 2014-2015 Officers:

President	Mary Williams – RW of Prescott, Region V
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Loraine Pellegrino – Ahwatukee RW, Region VI
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Joan Lang – Palo Verde RW, Region VIII
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Yoli Bounds –RW of Prescott, Region V
Secretary	Carmel Scharenbroich – Arrowhead RW, Region VII
Treasurer	Mary Preble – Pima County RW, Region II
Region I Director	Sara Rosevear – Yuma County RW
Region II Director	Jo Ann Evans – Pinal County RW
Region III Director	Mary Morse – Graham County RW
Region IV Director	Linda Hasslen – Lake Havasu RW
Region V Director	Patt Parker - RW of Prescott
Region VI Director	Kathy Jacobs – Mesa RW
Region VII Director	Jan Hermsmeyer – Arrowhead RW
Region VIII Director	Anita Rodriguez – Palo Verde RW

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**Elected:** With no nominations from the floor, motions were made, seconded, and adopted to elect the following officers by voice vote:

President	Mary Williams – RW of Prescott, Region V
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Loraine Pellegrino – Ahwatukee RW, Region VI
Secretary	Carmel Scharenbroich – Arrowhead RW, Region VII
Region I Director	Sara Rosevear – Yuma County RW
Region II Director	Jo Ann Evans – Pinal County RW
Region III Director	Mary Morse – Graham County RW
Region IV Director	Linda Hasslen – Lake Havasu RW
Region V Director	Patt Parker - RW of Prescott
Region VI Director	Kathy Jacobs – Mesa RW
Region VII Director	Jan Hermsmeyer – Arrowhead RW

**Nominations from the Floor:**

**For the Office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Leona Johnston, Paradise RW, nominated Mary Baumbach for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Chair advised the candidate from the floor had complied with notice requirements and Executive Committee had approved multiple candidates from one region. There were no further nominations from the floor for this office and nominations were closed. Nominator then proceeded with her nominating remarks followed by both of the candidates speaking.

**For the Office of 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President:** Judy Dutko, RW of Prescott, nominated Marla Festenese for 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President. Chair advised the candidate from the floor had complied with notice requirements and Executive Committee had approved multiple candidates from one region. There were no further nominations from the floor for this office and nominations were closed. Nominator then presented her nominating remarks followed by both of the candidates speaking.

**For the Office of Treasurer:** Tina Shaw, Central RW of Phoenix, nominated Susan Marcell for Treasurer. Chair advised the candidate from the floor had complied with notice requirements and Executive Committee had approved multiple candidates from one region. There were no further nominations from the floor for this office and nominations were closed. Nominator then proceeded with her nominating remarks. Treasurer Nominee Mary Preble then withdrew her name and endorsed candidate from the floor Susan Marcell for Treasurer.

**Motion:** A motion by Deborah Miller, Paradise RW, to accept the withdrawal of Mary Preble for Treasurer. **m/s/c**

**Motion:** A motion by Leona Johnston, Paradise RW, to elect Susan Marcell for Treasurer by voice vote. **m/s/c** Susan Marcell duly elected as Treasurer.

**For the Office of Region VIII Director:** Susan Kay Schultz, Paradise RW, nominated Lori Urban for Region VIII Director. Chair advised the candidate from the floor had complied with notice requirements and Executive Committee had approved multiple candidates from one region. There were no further nominations from the floor for this

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office and nominations were closed. Nominator then gave her nominating remarks followed by both of the candidates speaking.

President Williams announced that these offices, other than Treasurer, would go to a ballot vote.

**Bylaws:** Jan Hermsmeyer, Vice Chair of Bylaws and serving as proxy for Barb McMullen, Bylaws Chairman, presented the proposed amendments to the Bylaws:

**Passed as Amended:**

**Adopted:** Item #1 Title of Bylaws

**Adopted:** Item #2 Article I, Section 1

**Adopted:** Item #3 Article I, Section 2

**Adopted:** Item #4 Article III, Section 6

Item #5 Article IV-Section 1

**Motion:** A motion by Regina Buzzello to amend the amendment by inserting the word 'shall' in front of 'be'. **Adopted**

**Adopted:** Item #5 Article IV-Section 1, as amended.

**Adopted:** Item #6 Article IV-Section 1.D

**Adopted:** Item #7 Article V-Section 3.A.12

**Adopted:** Item #8 Article V-Section 3.D.1; 3.D.2; 3.D.7

**Adopted:** Item #9 Article VII-Section 2.L

**Announcement:** Barb McMullen, Historian, presented the President's Album to President Williams

**Recess:** 11:45 A.M. until 8:30 A.M. tomorrow (see Addendum I for Awards luncheon and dinner notes)

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**Call to Order:** President Mary Williams reconvened the 65<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention at 8:34 A.M.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:** Chaplain Susan Kay Schultz gave the Invocation and Mary Baumbach and Immediate Past President Leona Johnston led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**Introductions:** President Williams introduced the officers seated at the head table.

**Credential Appeals Committee:** Final report attached to original minutes.

**Motion:** A motion by Leona Johnston, Credential Appeals Committee Chair, to accept the Credential Appeals Committee Report that 1 member is granted Delegate Status.

**Adopted**

**Final Credential Report:** Mary Preble, Credentials Chair, presented the final credentials report of 140 registered members. Maria Plante, Rio Colorado RW, noted that guests should be increased to 4 for her club. Final report attached to original minutes.

**Motion:** A motion by Credential Chair Preble to adopt the final credentials report.

**Adopted**

**Recess:** 8:46 A.M. until elections voting is complete

**Reconvene:** 10:01am

**Video Presentation:** Susan Udall, Education Chairman, presented a video report. She also presented custom pillow, a bookmark and a copy of the video to President Williams in appreciation of her term as AzFRW President. She announced that she would not be serving the next term.

**Nominating Committee for 2014-2015:** The Regions announced their representatives for the Nominating Committee:

Region I	Anne Booth-Yuma County RW
Region II	Nancy Gunn Harsha-Pima County RW
Region III	Kathy Clark- Huachuca Area RW
Region IV	Sue Donahue-Lake Havasu RW
Region V	Nettie Lamerson- RW of Prescott
Region VI	Carol Jacobsen-Mesa RW
Region VII	Tina Shaw-Central RW of Phoenix
Region VIII	Pat Kaufman-Lincoln RW

The Parliamentarian will meet with the committee to elect a Chairman and Co-Chairman.

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**Bylaws:** Jan Hermsmeyer, Vice Chair of Bylaws, continued presenting the proposed amendments to the Bylaws:

**Passed as Amended:**

**Adopted:** Item #10 Article VIII Section 2.C; Section 3.C

**Adopted:** Item #11 Article VIII Section 4.A

**Adopted:** Item #12 Article VIII Section 4.B

**Adopted:** Item #13 Article IX Section 2.

**Adopted:** Item #14 Article IX Section 2; Section 4.C.1; 4.C.2; 4.C.3b

Note: Second round of voting for the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and for Region Director VIII commenced due to a tie election. Quorum was kept to continue with the Bylaws presentation.

**Adopted:** Item #15 Article X Section 1.B

Item #16 Article X-Section 2

**Motion:** A motion by Darryl Jacobsen Barnes to amend the amendment by inserting '(in order of elevation)' after 'alternates'. **m/s/c**

**Adopted:** Item #16 Article X-Section 2, as amended.

**Adopted:** Item #17 Article XI

Item #18 Article XI-Section 8.F

**Motion:** A motion by Kathy Clark to amend the amendment by inserting 'AzFRW' in front of convention listed the first 2 times within section. **m/s/c**

**Adopted:** Item #18 Article X-Section 8.F, 8.G, as amended.

**Motion:** A motion by Mary Preble to cover all clerical errors (typos & punctuations) within the bylaws and to preface all references to the AzFRW conventions with the word 'AzFRW'. **m/s/c**

**Recess:** 10:54 A.M. to complete the second round of voting.

**Reconvene:** 11:08 A.M.

**Announcement:** Carol Jacobsen announced that a red basket will be passed around during lunch for Yarnell and the fire fighters.

**AzFRW President's Report:** President Williams thanked the board and the members for the last 2 years and is looking forward to the next term and the 2015 NFRW convention.

**Scrapbook & Newsletter Results:** Mary Baumbach, Awards Chair, announced the winners of the scrapbook and newsletters.

<b><u>Scrapbook</u></b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Tempe RW	<b><u>Newsletter</u></b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Pima County RW
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ahwatukee RW		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ahwatukee RW
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pima County RW		3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mesa RW

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**Resolutions:** Nancy Gunn Harsha, Resolutions Chair, presented six Resolutions. U.S. Representative Matt Salmon helped present Resolution #3.

**Adopted:** All six Resolutions were adopted. Resolutions attached to original minutes. The first four Resolutions were passed unanimously at the NFRW convention in Kentucky. The Chair thanked her committee and also announced that the Resolutions would be mailed to the appropriate persons from AzFRW. Resolution #2: Kathy Clark requested that their area bases be included in the Resolution as well as Ruby Clark requested the same for their base. President Williams will send an email for all AZ bases.

**Announcement:** Susan Kay Schultz, Paradise RW, announced that her club is sponsoring a trip to the GW Bush Presidential Library March 21-24, 2014 and all Republican women are welcome to participate. Deadline for deposits by Dec 1, 2013.

**Straw Poll Results:** Linda Stapley-Williams, Legislative Chair announced the straw poll results. They will also be posted on the AzFRW website.

Governor	Ken Bennett
Secretary of State	Justin Pierce
Treasurer	Hugh Hallman
2016 President	Ted Cruz

Most significant issues facing the US  
Affordable Care Act  
National Debt  
Economy

Most significant issues facing AZ  
Illegal Immigration  
Economy  
Medicaid expansion

**Election Results:** President Williams thanked the Tellers Committee and the Sergeants at Arms for their efforts.

2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Joan Lang
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Yoli Bounds
Region VIII Director	Lori Urban

**Transition meeting:** President Williams announced the transition meeting will be at 2:15 P.M. on Saturday, October 26.

**11:41 A.M.  
Adjournment Sine Die**

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Carmel Scharenbroich  
Secretary

Approved by Committee:  
Regina Buzzello  
Leona Johnston  
Emma Jean Watson

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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**ADDENDUM I**

**AWARDS LUNCHEON – Friday Noon, October 25, 2013**

**Invocation & Pledge:** Chaplain Susan Kay Schultz gave the Invocation and Bethany Murphy, Page, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**Introductions:** Mary Baumbach welcomed guests and introduced dignitaries attending the luncheon (see attached list).

**Caring for America Awards:** LaJuana Gillette, Caring for America Chairman, presented certificates to:

1<sup>st</sup> place for >75 member clubs-Palo Verde RW  
1<sup>st</sup> place for 26-75 member clubs-London Bridge RW  
Honorable Mention at NFRW-Paradise RW  
Honorable Mention at AzFRW-

Ahwatukee RW	Lincoln RW
Arrowhead RW	Mesa RW
Central RW of Phoenix	Paradise RW
Flagstaff RW	Tempe RW
Graham County RW	Thunder Mountain RW
Grande Valley RW	Tucson RW
Huachuca Area RW	Verde Valley RW
Lake Havasu RW	Yuma RW

The Chair thanked the clubs for their participation in the Caring for America projects.

**90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Presentation:** All immediate past presidents in attendance, President Williams and the Honorable Janice K Brewer, Governor of AZ, celebrated AzFRW's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a ceremonial cutting of the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cake.

**NFRW Achievement Awards:** Mary Baumbach, Awards Chair, announced the club achievement award result from Kentucky as well as other AZ award winners (refer to convention book)

**Arizona Club awards:**

<b>Diamond:</b>	Ahwatukee RW	Paradise RW
	Lake Havasu RW	Pima County RW
	Mesa RW	RW of Prescott
	Palo Verde RW	Tempe RW
<b>Gold:</b>	Central RW of Phoenix	Flagstaff RW
	Lincoln RW	Thunder Mountain RW
	Verde Valley RW	
<b>Silver:</b>	Grande Valley RW	Huachuca Area RW
<b>Bronze:</b>	Graham County RW	

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**AzFRW Club Achievements Awards:**

<b>Turquoise:</b>	Ahwatukee RW Lake Havasu RW Mesa RW	Palo Verde RW Paradise RW RW of Prescott
<b>Gold:</b>	Central RW of Phoenix Flagstaff RW Lincoln RW Pima County RW	Thunder Mountain RW Tucson RW Tempe RW Verde Valley RW
<b>Silver:</b>	Arrowhead RW Flagstaff RW	Grande Valley RW Yuma County RW
<b>Copper:</b>	Graham County RW	London Bridge RW

**AzFRW Teacher of the Year:** Susan Udall, Education/Literacy Chair, presented the AzFRW Teacher of the Year Award to Christy Hunter from Prescott High School (RW of Prescott). Mary Baumbach & Lois Fitch also recognized the Most Outstanding TARS Advisor in the Nation, Julie Lind from AZ.

**Campaign:** Mary Baumbach, Awards Chair, reported AzFRW volunteer campaign hours (report attached to original minutes)

<b>Club Awards</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> -Palo VerdeRW-35,645 hours 2 <sup>nd</sup> -RW of Prescott-31,922 hours 3 <sup>rd</sup> -Tucson RW-29,995 hours
<b>Member Awards</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> -Sue Donohue-Lake Havasu-7,020 hours 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Susan Kay Schultz-Paradise-4,038 hours 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Cheryl Pellettier-Palo Verde-4,000 hours

**Speakers:**

Keynote: Honorable Janice K Brewer, Governor of Arizona  
Guest: Shane Krauser, Director AACE

**Announcements:**

- Workshops begin at 2:15
  - So You Want to Run for Office
  - Conflict Management
  - Why America's Best Days are Yet to Come
- Quarter 4 membership-1942
  - Clubs that grew from 2012 to 2013
    - Central RW of Phoenix
    - Gilbert RW
    - Rio Colorado RW
    - River Valley RW

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Huachuca Area RW  
Pima County Area RW

Tempe RW  
Thunder Mountain RW

**DINNER NOTES**

**Friday Evening, October 25, 2013**

**Speakers:** John Fund and Marita Noon

**Entertainment:** Michelle Baer sang *God Bless the U.S.A.*

**INSTALLATION LUNCHEON - Saturday, October 26, 2013**

**Invocation & Pledge:** Carolyn McCorkle, Chandler RW, gave the Invocation and Sherry Pierce, Mesa RW President led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**Entertainment:**

- Michelle Baer, Patriotic Group Tribute, *My Country tis of Thee*
- AzFRW History and Vintage Fashion Show

**NFRW 2015:** The NFRW 2015 video that was shown in Kentucky was presented at the luncheon.

**NFRW 2015 Regent Winner (2013):** Carol Salmon NFRW Region 3 Director.

**Speaker:** Honorable Matt Salmon, US Representative, AZ 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

**Installation:** Patt Parker installed the AzFRW 2014-2015 Officers.

End of Addendum I