



# Arizona Federation of Republican Women

October 21-23, 2021 Biennial Convention

## Proposed Special Rules

### Procedure

**Procedural Authority** Pursuant to AzFRW Bylaws, Article XIII, the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the AzFRW in all cases not provided for in the AzFRW Bylaws.

**Voting Body** Pursuant to AzFRW Bylaws Article XI, Sections 3, 5, 6, and 8, to qualify for delegate representation to the AzFRW Biennial Convention, a Club shall have been in good standing for at least six (6) months prior to the convention.

Each delegate and alternate shall be an active club member in good standing whose dues have been paid to the AzFRW as of the third quarter report of the current year June 15, 2021.

If an alternate is to be elevated, the replaced delegate must relinquish her delegate badge to the Credentials Committee who in turn will provide the alternate with a delegate badge. Only a prepaid alternate is eligible to be elevated from alternate to delegate status. All delegates and alternates must be prepaid.

**Nominations** Pursuant to AzFRW Bylaws Article VI, Section 3, nominations for AzFRW elected officers may be made from the floor only at the time immediately following the Nominating Committee's report to the Convention.

Candidates who wish to be nominated from the floor shall provide their written consent [to be nominated and to serve if elected] to the President and must confirm receipt by her prior to the nominations from the floor.

**Bylaw Amendments** Pursuant to AzFRW Bylaws Article XIX(A), the AzFRW Bylaws may be amended at the Biennial Convention by two-thirds (2/3) vote ... provided proposed amendments or revisions have been submitted with the Call.

**Elections and Candidate Observers** Pursuant to AzFRW Bylaws Article XI, Section 10(D)(2), the Biennial Convention Election Committee Chairman shall accommodate each candidate who may have one observer, who is not a candidate herself, in the room while the votes are being counted.

The name of the candidate's observer shall be submitted to the Elections Committee Chairman prior to the opening of the polls or there shall be no admittance.

**Resolutions** Pursuant to AzFRW Bylaws Article XI, Section 10(E), resolutions are to be submitted to the AzFRW Resolutions Committee for consideration. The Committee has authority to accept, edit or reject proposed resolutions.

## **Proposed Special Rules of the Convention**

**Rule 1. Obtaining Credentials** Each Club shall be prepared to confirm for any member attempting to obtain credentials the member's payment of dues by the required deadline.

**Rule 2. Credentials Must Be Displayed** Admittance to the convention room and convention events and receipt of ballots shall be permitted only upon a delegate's/alternate's/guest's showing of credentials. Credentials badge shall be worn at all times.

**Rule 3. Debate** Only credentialed voting members shall have the privilege to speak and make motions in debate or discussion. No credentialed voting member shall speak more than once to the same question and shall speak for no longer than one (1) minute. There will be a maximum time of three (3) minutes allowed for each affirmative and each negative side of the debate on a pending question for a total time of 6 minutes.

**Rule 4. Candidate Speeches** Following the report of the Nominating Committee and nominations from the floor, each candidate nominated will be entitled to a candidate speech not to exceed a total of two (2) minutes.

**Rule 5. Elections** The members of the Election Committee shall also comprise the Tellers' Committee. The Chairman of the Election Committee shall be the Chairman of the Tellers' Committee.

**Rule 6. Electioneering** No campaign or announcement materials are permitted in the venue lobby area, elevators, restrooms, sleeping room hallways, or other venue areas.

Candidates are responsible for removal of adhesive campaign items from venue property, floors, etc.

**Rule 7. Elections** No recording, neither video or audio, is permitted within the voting room or of the tallying of votes. No talking or other distracting behavior is permitted.

Observers shall communicate only with the Election Committee Chairman. The Chairman of the Elections Committee has the discretion and authority to remove any observer.

**Rule 8. Resolutions** All resolutions other than those proposed by the Resolutions Committee shall be submitted to that committee forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the AzFRW Board of Directors meeting occurring before the Board of Directors meeting held 24 hours preceding the AzFRW Biennial Convention.

Floor resolutions may be brought to the floor of the convention only if submitted to the Resolutions Committee no later than noon on the first day of the Biennial Convention and only if sponsored by a minimum of ten credentialed delegates representing at least two (2) AzFRW Regions and must be submitted in sufficient copies for all credentialed voting delegates.

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