

**Arizona Federation of Republican Women
66th Biennial Convention Minutes Amended
JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa-Phoenix
September 10, 2015**

GENERAL SESSION –Wednesday A.M.

Call to Order: President Mary Williams called the 66th Biennial Convention to order at 9:03 A.M.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance: Chaplain Gayle Salter gave the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Immediate Past President, Leona Johnston. The National Anthem of the United States was led by Judy Lawrence, Paradise RW.

Welcome: President Williams welcomed the members and guests to the Convention. She announced unless you are a president, there is nothing on the agenda for the NFRW convention until Friday, 4:45pm with Carly Fiorina at the opening kick-off. There are more than 200 registrants from AZ attending both the AzFRW state convention and NFRW convention. Volunteers are still needed at the NFRW registration table. She stated that the President's Report is located in the Convention book. She introduced the following: Sergeant-At-Arms Team with Chair Tina Shaw; Time Keeper, Regina Buzzello; Page, Bethany Murphy.

Announcement: Carol Wilson, NFRW Registration Committee, made an announcement in regards to registration.

Preliminary Credentials Report: Susan Marcell, Credentials Chair, reported 176 delegates and 5 alternates registered.

Motion: A motion was made to adopt the first credentials report. **Adopted**
Quorum is established.

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

Motion: A motion was made to amend the rules to strike that a member of the same club cannot 2nd a motion made by a member of their club. **m/s/f**

Motion: A motion was made to add a rule #5 that Photo ID be shown at election
m/s/c

Motion: A motion was made to adopt the AzFRW 2105 Convention Rules as amended.
Adopted

Convention Program: 1st Vice President Loraine Pellegrino read the Program changes.

Motion: A motion was made to add 'Election of Nominating Committee Representatives by Region to follow after Candidates Remarks, **m/s/c**

Motion: A motion was made to amend that the presentation of the Campaign Awards will be done first followed by other awards as published. **m/s/c**

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Motion: A motion was made under the Committee Report section to move the last paragraph under the Lake Havasu Republican Women report to the London Bridge Republican Women report. **m/s/c**

Motion: A motion was made under the Committee Report section to replace Lake Havasu Republican Women to London Bridge Republican Women under the AzFRW 2015 Teacher of the Year Award report. **m/s/c**

Motion: A motion was made to adopt the AzFRW 2015 Convention Program as amended.
Adopted

2013 Convention Minutes: Regina Buzzello, 2013 Minutes Committee Chair which also included Leona Johnston and Emma Jean Watson reported that the AzFRW 2013 Convention Minutes were reviewed, found to be correct and the committee had signed affidavits indicating same.

2015 Convention Minutes Committee: President Williams, without objection, appointed Nancy Kay Arnold, Jill Slavin, and Janet Powell to approve the 2015 Convention Minutes.

Bylaws: Jan Hermsmeyer, Bylaws Chair, presented the proposed amendments to the Bylaws:

Motion: A motion was made to approve all bylaws en masse except for Item #6

Withdrawn

Motion: A motion was made to approve all bylaws en masse except for Items #1 and #6,
m/s/f

Passed as Presented:

Adopted: Item #1 Article V, Section 3.A.6

Adopted: Item #2 Article V, Section 3.D.3

Adopted: Item #3 Article V, Section 3.D.10

Adopted: Item #4 Article V, Section 3.C.5

Adopted: Item #5 Article VII, Section 2.E

Adopted: Item #6 Article VII, Section 2.K

Adopted: Item #7 Article XI, Section 4.A

Adopted: Item #8 Article XI, Section 8

Motion: A motion was made to approve the Bylaws Chair to make corrections to any punctuation, spelling or other clerical errors found while typing up the newly revised bylaws document, **m/s/c**

Nominating Committee Report: Sue Donahue, Nominating Committee Chair, thanked her committee and noted 9 of the nominees have never served on the executive committee. She announced the nominees for 2016-2017 Officers:

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President	Loraine Pellegrino
1 st Vice President	Lori Urban *Withdrawn*
Point of Privilege by nominee to decline the position	
2 nd Vice President	Cindy Casaus
3 rd Vice President	Mary Baumbach
Secretary	Anita Romero
Treasurer	Susan Marcell
Region I Director	Joan Harris
Region II Director	Jo Ann Evans
Region III Director	Judy Langer
Region IV Director	LaJuana Gillette
Region V Director	Pam Calhoon
Region VI Director	Nancy Cottle
Region VII Director	Carol Jones
Region VIII Director	Allison Mary

President Williams thanked the Election Committee Chair, the Honorable Jill Norgaard and her committee, the Tellers, and Maricopa County Recorder, Helen Purcell and her staff for providing the voting machines.

Elected: With no nominations from the floor, the following officers were elected by unanimous consent:

2nd Vice President	Cindy Casaus
Secretary	Anita Romero
Treasurer	Susan Marcell
Region I Director	Joan Harris
Region II Director	Jo Ann Evans
Region III Director	Judy Langer
Region IV Director	LaJuana Gillette
Region VI Director	Nancy Cottle
Region VII Director	Carol Jones

Nominations from the Floor:

For the Office of President: Jan Stephenson, Palo Verde RW, nominated Joan Lang for 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 remarks given for the Nominee Loraine Pellegrino.

For the Office of 1st Vice President: Billie Orr, RW of Prescott, nominated Donna Tanzi for 1st Vice President. Chair advised the candidate from the floor had complied

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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 the candidate's remarks.

Elected: Due to the withdrawal, President Williams declared Donna Tanzi duly elected by unanimous consent.

For the Office of 3rd Vice President: Sherry Potter, Pima County RW, nominated Tiana Smith for 3rd 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 remarks given for the Nominee Mary Baumbach.

For the Office of Region V Director: Debra McVey, RW of Prescott, nominated Susan Cohen Region V Director. Nomination was not accepted from the floor due to noncompliance of notice requirements. Region V and candidate made no comments. President Williams then declared Pam Calhoon duly elected by unanimous consent. Just prior to ballot voting, this vote was withdrawn after the candidate from the floor advised she had sent an email to comply with the notice requirements. Region V was advised to conduct a secret ballot and Susan Cohen was ultimately elected Region V Director.

For the Office of Region VIII Director: Lori Urban, Paradise RW, nominated Dee Lee 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 office and nominations were closed. Nominator then gave her nominating remarks followed remarks given for Nominee Allison Mary

Candidate's remarks were given by both nominees for the offices of President, 3rd Vice President and Region VIII director. President Williams announced that these offices would go to a ballot vote.

Nominating Committee for 2016-2017: The Regions announced their representatives for the Nominating Committee:

Region I	Trudy Wieber
Region II	Ann Hollis
Region III	Mary Morse
Region IV	Noreen Thomas
Region V	Debra McVey
Region VI	Jessica Merrow
Region VII	Bonnie Hochberg
Region VIII	Joan Parker & Karen Garrett

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With no further nominations from the floor, motions were made, seconded, and adopted to elect the nominating committee by voice vote except for the Region VIII representative which will be by ballot.

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

Resolutions: Sharon Giese, Resolutions Chair, thanked the resolutions committee and presented 4 courtesy resolutions.

Motion: A motion was made to adopt the courtesy resolutions en masse. **Adopted**

Motion: A motion was made to approve the courtesy resolutions en masse. **m/s/c**

Final Credentials Report: Susan Marcell, Credentials Chair, thanked the credentials committee reported 189 delegates and 7 alternates registered.

Motion: A motion was made to adopt the final credentials report. **Adopted**

Announcements:

- Elections Committee Chair announced the voting process and observers during the election.
- President Williams announced that Robert Graham's father passed away this morning.
- Chaplain Salter gave pre-luncheon blessing

Recess: 11:17 A.M. until after luncheon (see Addendum I for Awards luncheon)

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Reconvene: 1:02 P.M.

Election Results: The Honorable Jill Norgaard, Elections Committee Chair, reported the election results:

President	Loraine Pellegrino
3 rd Vice President	Mary Baumbach
Region V Director	Susan Cohen
Region VIII Director	Allison Mary

Due to confusion with the ballot lines, there was a re-vote for the Region VIII Nominating Committee Representative and Joan Parker was subsequently elected.

Motion: A motion was made to destroy the ballots. **m/s/c**

Installation: Immediate Past President NFRW, Rae Chornenky installed the AzFRW 2016-2017 Officers.

Transition meeting: President Williams announced that transition meetings will be held later this fall.

Other Business: Raffle Winners were announced

Benediction: Region VII Director Jan Hermsmeyer gave the benediction.

1:21 P.M.

Adjournment Sine Die

Carmel Scharenbroich
Secretary

Approved by Committee:
Nancy Kay Arnold
Jill Slavin
Janet Powell

Date: _____

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AWARDS LUNCHEON – Wednesday P.M.

Pledge: The Honorable Jeff DeWit, Arizona State Treasurer, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Introductions: The Honorable Jeff DeWit welcomed guests and introduced dignitaries attending the luncheon (see attached list).

Recognition of Award to Lois Fitch: Julie Lind, AzGOP TARS chair presented the lifetime achievement award from NFTARS to Lois Fitch.

Angels Recognition: Yoli Bounds, AzFRW 3rd Vice President held 5 drawings in appreciation of the Angels contributions this past term.
Winners: Nettie Lamerson, Carolyn McCorkle, Mary Morse, Nancy Cottle, and Sharon Giese

AzFRW Teacher of the Year: Nancy Kay Arnold, Education/Literacy Chair, presented the AzFRW Teacher of the Year Award to Karen Vander Jagt from Lake Havasu High School (London Bridge RW).

Campaign: Nancy Salmon, Campaign Committee, reported AzFRW volunteer campaign hours (also listed in the AzFRW state convention book)

Club Awards

Small Club	Honorable Mention-RW of Pinal County-1,202 hrs
Medium Club	1 st -Chandler RW-45,447 hrs 2 nd -London Bridge RW-22,087 hrs 3 rd -Tempe RW-20,462 hrs
Large Club	1 st -Palo Verde RW-46,636 hrs 2 nd -Paradise RW-22,087 hrs 3 rd -Ahwatukee RW-18,243 hrs
XL Club	Honorable Mention-RW of Prescott- 39,593 hrs

Member Awards

Small Club	Honorable Mention-JoAnn Evans-RW Pinal County-365 hrs
Medium Club	1 st -Allison Mary-Lincoln RW-6,610 hrs 2 nd -Malba Alvarez-Rio Colorado RW-5,254hrs 3 rd -Nichole Cohen-London Bridge RW-4,496 hrs
Large Club	1 st -Secretary Michelle Reagan-Paradise RW-6,500 hrs 2 nd -Jan Martinson-Arrowhead RW-2,972 hrs 3 rd -Rep. Jill Norgaard-Ahwatukee RW-2,862 hrs
XL Club	Honorable Mention-Susan Cohen-RW of Prescott- 3,450 hrs

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AzFRW Club Achievements Awards: Leona Johnston presented certificates to:

Turquoise:	Ahwatukee RW Arrowhead RW Chandler RW Lake Havasu RW	Mesa RW Palo Verde RW Palo Verde RW Paradise RW RW of Prescott
Gold:	Grande Valley RW Huachuca Area RW London Bridge RW	Pima County RW Rio Colorado RW Tempe RW
Silver:	Central RW of Phoenix Flagstaff RW	Lincoln RW Verde Valley RW
Copper:	RW of Pinal County	Yuma County RW

Newsletter Results: Leona Johnston, Awards Chair, announced the winners of the newsletters and presented certificates to:

- 1st Palo Verde RW
- 2nd RW of Prescott
- 3rd Chandler RW

Scrapbook Results will be announced at the Feb 2016 state meeting.

Public Relations Award: Leona Johnston, Awards Chair, announced the winner and presented a certificate to Tempe RW.

NFRW Achievement Awards: Leona Johnston, Awards Chair, announced the club achievement award results from NFRW as well as other AZ award winners (refer to convention book)

Arizona Club awards:

Diamond:	Ahwatukee RW Arrowhead RW Chandler RW Lake Havasu RW London Bridge RW	Mesa RW Palo Verde RW Paradise RW Pima County RW RW of Prescott Tempe RW
Gold:	Huachuca RW Grande Valley RW	Rio Colorado RW Verde Valley RW
Silver:	Central RW of Phoenix	Tucson RW
Bronze:	Flagstaff RW Lincoln RW	RW of Pinal County Yuma County RW

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Caring for America Awards: Anita Romero, Caring for America Chairman, presented certificates to:

- 1st-Paradise RW
- 2nd-Arrowhead RW
- 3rd-Palo Verde RW
- Honorable Mention:
 - Rio Colorado RW
 - Lake Havasu RW
 - Tempe RW

President's 'Leading the Way' Awards: President Williams presented certificates to:

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| Club Award | Chandler RW |
| Member Award | Margo Treece |

President Williams presented other certificates of appreciations to:

- Allison Mary
- Yvonne Cahill
- Kathy Dolge
- Carol Jones
- Carmel Scharenbroich
- Mary Baumbach
- Margo Treece

She also thanked all of the NFRW convention volunteers for their hard work.

End of Addendum I