



AzFRW Biennial Convention October 21 - 23, 2021 Talking Stick Resort



In accordance with the bylaws of the Arizona Federation of Republican Women (AzFRW) Article XI, Section 2, I, Cindy Casaus, President of the Arizona Federation of Republican Women, hereby issue the Official Call to the Arizona Federation of Republican Women's Biennial Convention 2021 and request that the delegated representatives of the members of the AzFRW present themselves for the Convention on October 21st – 23rd, 2021 in Scottsdale, Arizona.

This is also the Call to the pre-Convention Board of Directors Meeting on Friday, October 22nd, 2021, at 8:00 am.

The AzFRW Executive Committee will hold a mandatory and final meeting of the term on Thursday, October 21st, 2021, at 4:30 pm.

The Convention agenda will include such business as should properly be conducted by the delegates including election of officers for the 2022 - 2023 term, proposed bylaw amendments and resolutions and any additional business appropriate for consideration.

The Convention will also feature a valuable training workshop, exciting speakers, and networking events. In addition, we will recognize and award our members and clubs for exceptional service and dedication to our Federation, communities, state, and nation. In addition, we will install our newly elected officials and gather in person to celebrate our achievements this term and to prepare for a successful 2022 election cycle.

This Official Call includes key information you need to register and make plans to join us in Scottsdale. Additional details are available at www.azfrw.com.

I look forward to a fabulous Convention and seeing our wonderful members from across the state for a few days of business, camaraderie, and fun! Thank you for all that you do for our Arizona Federation of Republican Women and Republican Party, see you in Scottsdale!

Cindy Casaus
AzFRW President

AzFRW Executive Committee
President
Cynthia Casaus, Ahwatukee RW

1st Vice President
Nancy Cottle, Mesa RW

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Region II Director

Mary Preble, Pima County RW
Region III Director
Susan Marcell, Thunder Mountain RW
Region IV Director

LaJuana Gillette, London Bridge RW
Region V Director
Elsie Tyree, RW of Prescott

Region VI Director
Jill Slavin, Chandler RW
Region VII Director

Ruby White, Greater Phoenix RW
Region VIII Director
Linda Rizzo, Lincoln RW

Immediate Past President
Loraine Pellegrino, Ahwatukee RW

Convention Website:
www.azfrw.com

Convention Hashtag:
#AzFRWforAmericaFirst



AzFRW Biennial Convention Schedule of Events



Thursday, October 21, 2021

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm: Registration/Credentials Check-in
8:30 am - 4:00 pm: Engage to Win Workshop (optional, additional fee)
9:00 am - 1:00 pm: Vendor Setup
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm: Vendors & Candidates
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm : Scrapbook, Newsletter and Social Media Delivered for Judging
4:30 pm - 5:15 pm - Executive Committee Meeting (Closed)
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm: Welcome Reception
Dinner: Attendees on own. Evening free to enjoy as you wish!

Friday, October 22, 2021

8:00 am - 5:00 pm: Registration/Credentials Check-in
8:00 am - 5:00 pm: Vendors & Candidates
8:00 am - 8:45 am: Pre-Convention Board of Directors Meeting
8:45 am - 9:00 am: Credentials Closed to Tally
9:00 am - 11:30 am: Convention General Session
9:30 am - 10:00 am: Credentials Closed to Tally
11:30 am - 12:00 pm: Break
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm: Awards Luncheon
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm: Education Panel
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm: Region Caucuses (Mandatory) Election of Nominating Committee Representative
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm: Boots & Bling Reception
Dinner: Attendees on own. Evening free to enjoy as you wish!

Saturday, October 23, 2021

8:00 am - 8:45 am: Registration & Credentials
8:00 am - 2:00 pm: Vendors & Candidates
9:00 am - 11:30 am: General Session & Election of Officers 9 (if voting necessary)
11:30 am - 12:00 pm: Break - Hotel Check-out
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm: Installation Luncheon
2:00 pm: Convention Adjourned
2:15 pm - 2:30 pm: Transition Meeting - Newly Elected Officers

* All events are scheduled at the Talking Stick Resort, Scottsdale.

** Schedule is subject to change.



Delegate Representation



NOTE: Partial information only. Please refer to your AzFRW Bylaws for full convention details, Articles X and XI.

Article XI - AzFRW Convention, Section 3 - DELEGATE STATUS

- A. 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.
- B. 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.

Article XI - AzFRW Convention, Section 4 - VOTING BODY

If properly credentialed, the voting body shall be:

1. The Elected Officers.
2. The Appointed Officers.
3. The Chairman of Standing Committees, or in their absence the Vice Chairman if credentialed as an alternate.
4. The Past Presidents of the AzFRW.
5. If an Active club member, the Arizona National Committeewoman.
6. The AzFRW members who serve on the NFRW Board of Directors.
7. The President, or her credentialed alternate, of each club in good standing.
8. The club delegates.

Article XI - AzFRW Convention, Section 5 - CLUB DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

- A. Club delegates to the AzFRW Biennial Convention shall be:
 1. The Club President or her credentialed alternate.
 2. One delegate for each ten (10) active members, or major fraction thereof, in good standing as of the AzFRW third quarter report. The club may select an equal number of alternates.
 3. 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. All delegates and alternates must be prepaid.
 4. The Club President shall submit the club's alphabetical list of delegates and a list of alternates (in numerical order of elevation) to the Chairman of the Credentials Committee by the published deadline.

Article XI - AzFRW Convention, Section 5 - CLUB DELEGATES TO CONVENTION, continued

1. Voting members of the Board of Directors and Past Presidents of the Federation may be registered as a delegate by their club President or may register as a delegate themselves by submitting a Delegate Credentials Form and a Convention Registration Form within the required deadlines.
2. There shall be no alternates for the AzFRW Executive Committee.
3. Each delegate shall be entitled to only one (1) vote on each question or election.

Article XI - AzFRW Convention, Section 6 – CREDENTIALS AND ALTERNATES

- A. At the time of registration, if requested by the Credentials Committee, a member shall present photo identification.
- B. Only a prepaid alternate is eligible to be elevated from alternate to delegate status.

Article XI - AzFRW Convention, Section 7 – PROXIES

There shall be no proxy voting.



Report of the Nominating Committee Beth Joice, Chairman



In accordance with the Arizona Federation of Republican Women Bylaws [Article VI], the 2020-2021 Nominating Committee has unanimously nominated the following Slate of Officers to serve the Arizona Federation of Republican Women for the 2022-2023 term. They are:



Cindy Casaus
President
Ahwatukee RW
Region VI



Nancy Cottle
1st Vice President
Mesa RW
Region VI



Arlene Goldblatt
2nd Vice President
Arrowhead RW
Region VII



Robyn Cushman
3rd Vice President
Greater Phoenix RW
Region VII



Allison Mary
Secretary
Lincoln RW
Region VIII



Donna Stawicki
Treasurer
Arrowhead RW
Region VII

(Note: Per the AzFRW Bylaws, the Board of Directors has approved three candidates from Region VII to serve if elected.)



Report of the Nominating Committee Continued



Alex Harris
Region I Director
Yavapai RW



Glenda Bird
Region II Director
Queen Creek - San Tan
RW



Susan Marcell
Region III Director
Thunder Mountain RW



Janet Wilson
Region IV Director
Kingman RW



Elsie Tyree
Region V Director
RW of Prescott



Ashley Trussel
Region VI Director
Mesa RW



Jamie Kelly
Region VII Director
Arrowhead RW



Linda Rizzo
Region VIII Director
Palo Verde RW

2021 Nominating Committee Members

Joan Harris, Flagstaff RW, Region I
Ann Holden, Tucson RW, Region II
Krist-Anah Watkins, Huachuca RW, Region III
Cora Lee Schingnitz, Rio Colorado RW, Region IV
Barbara Phillips, RW of Prescott, Region V
Debra Schinke, Chandler RW, Region VI
Beth Joice, Chair, Arrowhead RW, Region VII

Important Information

Discussion of Nominating Committee Representatives for the 2022-2023 is accomplished during the Mandatory Region Caucus on Friday, October 22nd. These volunteers will represent your Region on the 2022-2023 Nominating Committee. Nominations will be accepted from the convention floor during the Convention Session on Saturday, October 23rd. An agreement consent to serve, if elected, must be secured from each nominee prior to nominations from the floor.

Bylaws Article VI, Section I, Item A.



General Information



Where will the activities be held?

The general session, luncheon and other events and activities will take place at the official Convention resort, Talking Stick Resort in Scottsdale.

What is included in my registration fee?

- Thursday Evening Welcome Reception
- Two General Sessions - AzFRW Business will be conducted, including the election of the 2022-2023 Officers.
- Two luncheons with Keynote Speakers
- Friday Seminar
- Friday Evening Boots & Blings event with refreshments and entertainment
- Commemorative Convention Program Guide
- Welcome Tote Bag
- Elected Officials, Party Leaders, Political Experts, and other VIPs have been invited.
- Fellowship, Enrichment and Education.

How do I register?

Registrations are online at www.azfrw.com

Once the registration form is completed and payment is processed you will receive an automatic confirmation.

Can I volunteer to assist with the Convention?

Yes! Volunteer registration is available at www.azfrw.com. We need volunteers for registration, credentials, teller, vendors and more.

How much does the Convention cost?

Early All-Inclusive Registration Fee purchased online prior to September 21st is \$215.00.

Regular All-Inclusive Registration Fee purchased online between September 22nd to October 5th is \$250.00.

Final All-Inclusive Registration Fee purchased online between October 6th to October 13th is \$280.00

Registration will be open until October 13th on a first-reserved basis, as space is limited and registration may close earlier than October 13th.

Are there additional events I may attend?

Yes! There will be an optional Engage to Win Workshop on Thursday, October 21st from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Registration will be posted on our website.

How do I receive my Credentials?

The AzFRW registration desk at Talking Stick Resort will be open daily Thursday through Saturday.

Registrants must personally sign in to receive Convention materials and tote bag which will include their meal tickets.

Delegates must sign in at the Credentials desk to receive their voting credentials.



General Information Continued



May I bring a guest?

Yes, guest registrations are available for family, friends and potential new members. Guests may register for the full convention which will include attending the general sessions featuring keynote speakers, receptions and the Friday seminars. Please complete a separate Registration form for each full convention guest.

If the guest will only be attending the luncheons only, they may purchase their tickets through the Guest Registration found at www.azfrw.com.

What if I have a special request or needs?

If you have food allergies, email arrangements@azfrw.com so we may alert the hotel and better accommodate you.

How should I dress?

Casual business attire is appropriate for meetings, luncheons and receptions. Meeting rooms are often cool, so dressing in light layers is recommended. Comfortable walking shoes are a must. For the Friday Evening Boots & Bling event we encourage you to wear your best pair of boots and bling to celebrate America.

Where can I find more information?

The AzFRW website will be updated often with information on the program, schedule, hotel, and special events; all registration materials and more! www.azfrw.com.

What happens if I cancel?

A registration made is a registration paid! Cancellations made by September 21st will receive a 100% refund. Cancellations made on or before October 1st will receive a 50% refund. Cancellations made on or after October 2nd will not receive a refund.

Cancellation requests made to Cheryl Pelletier, Arrangements Chair
arrangements@azfrw.com

You must cancel your hotel reservations separately.

Can I transfer my registration?

No, your registration cannot be transferred to someone else.

Additional Questions?

Contact:
Convention Chair, Jamie Kelly
jamie@notallheroes.org

Arrangements Chair, Cheryl Pelletier,
arrangements@azfrw.com

President, Cindy Casaus
president@azfrw.com



AzFRW Biennial Convention Engage to Win



Join the Arizona Federation of Republican Women on Thursday, October 21st
at the Talking Stick Resort for the Engage to Win workshop.

Engage to Win

*Proven strategies that will help you
become a more effective communicator and
strengthen your conservative message*

Morning Session: The Six Powers of Persuasion

1. You Are the Message!
2. Find the Common Ground
3. Fight For People, Not Things
4. Use a Fairness and Compassion Frame
5. Connect With Story-telling
6. Use Rhetorical Devices to Pivot to Better Ground

Afternoon Session: Build Your Skills

Whether you are a candidate, campaign staffer, volunteer, or just
want to be a stronger communicator, this interactive workshop is for you!



*presented by Melanie Sturm
founder of Engage to Win*

Visit www.azfrw.com to register for the Engage to Win Workshops. The early bird registration fee is \$65.00 per person prior to September 21st. Regular registration is \$80.00 from September 22nd until October 17th. Convention registration does not include the Engage to Win Workshops.



AzFRW Biennial Convention Caring for America



Have you ever wanted to be a cheerleader and didn't have the opportunity? Now is your chance! I am excited to share with AzFRW members our Caring for America project for the October convention meeting.

On Saturday evening, October 23rd, we will be supporting a charity game between the Maricopa and the Pinal County first responders. The touch football game will be played at the Mesa Community College football field, the field is a short 15-minute trip from the Talking Stick Resort in Scottsdale. Sheriff Mark Lamb will be leading the Pinal County team and will be playing. Cindy Hill's husband, Jim Hill, leads the Maricopa team and will also be playing.

Arizona Law Enforcement Outreach and Support, AZLEOS, is an organization that collects and supports the police and their families. The flag football game is an annual fundraiser for AZLEOS. The mission is to raise money for all the injured officers this past year who really need some help in AZ. 100 percent goes to the injured officers and four \$250 scholarships for first responder students at MCC.



We need two cheerleading squads of four ladies each, from our AzFRW membership who will dress in cheerleading costumes of their choosing, mingle throughout the convention selling tickets to the game and taking donations through ticket sales and direct donations. The night of the game, the cheerleaders will lead the crowd to victory for their team.

If your club wants to put together a squad for our cheerleaders, please contact me at sheila@azgop.org. I need the squad names by October 5th so don't wait.

We will also invite Sheriff Mark Lamb to come sign autographs the day before the game and take pictures and auction off one of his cowboy hats to help raise money for the game and encourage people to attend.

Let's all get ready to root for the team of your choice. And let's raise some money to "Back the Blue".

Sheila K Muehling
Caring for America Chairman



Arizona Federation of Republican Women

October 21-23, 2021 Biennial Convention

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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AzFRW Biennial Convention Hotel Reservations



Talking Stick Resort, Scottsdale

Book your room today at Talking Stick Resort for the 2021 AzFRW Biennial Convention.



Thursday - Saturday
October 21 - 23, 2021
9800 Talking Stick Way,
Scottsdale, AZ 85256

Call 1-866-877-9897
Reference Booking ID #20982
Deadline to Book: September 29th,
2021 or when the book is filled.

Hampton Inn & Suites, Riverwalk/Scottsdale

Hampton Inn & Suites
9550 Talking Stick Way
Scottsdale, AZ 85256

Thursday - Saturday
October 21 - 23, 2021

Book online through the AzFRW
website at www.azfrw.com.





Consensus List of Proposed Bylaw Amendments



The current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, explains, “assemblies which have a heavy workload including a large number of routine or noncontroversial matters may find a consent calendar a useful tool for disposing of such items of business.” Similarly, in an effort to save limited meeting time, the 2020 – 2021 AzFRW Bylaws Committee has chosen to offer 18 of the proposed bylaw amendments as “Consensus Items” for adoption by the AzFRW Board of Directors and, ultimately, for adoption by the AzFRW 2021 Biennial Convention delegates.

The Bylaws Chairman will move adoption of the 18 Consensus List proposed bylaw amendments. The President will then ask if any convention delegate has an objection to any one of the 18 proposed bylaw amendments remaining on the Consensus List.

Should a convention delegate declare an objection to one of the proposed bylaw amendments being on the Consensus List, that proposed amendment is automatically removed from the Consensus List. It will be treated as a separate motion to amend the bylaws including debate and the requirement of a 2/3 vote of the body to be adopted.

The proposed amendments remaining on the Consensus List will be voted on all together, or all at once. The President will ask if there is any objection to adopting those remaining “consensus” proposed bylaw amendments together, all at once. Since no delegate voiced an objection earlier to having of any of those proposed amendments remaining on the Consensus List, there should now be no objection and the remaining proposed amendments can be adopted by consensus.

Existing Language with **Strikeouts** and Added Language in **Italics**

Rationale

1.	Art. III, §2(B)(6) ... Submit a written application and a copy of its bylaws to the AzFRW President and to the Region Director	The Region Director should already be involved with the application of a new club in her Region; should already have its application and its bylaws
2.	Art. IV, §2 ... Terms for all offices shall coincide	Language does not belong in the section on fiscal year
3.	Art. V, §1(F) ... Officers may run for a second <i>only one</i> consecutive term of office	Officers may serve one term and one more, or consecutive, term (total of 4 years) instead of one term, one consecutive term and a 2 nd consecutive term (total 6 years)
4.	Art. VI, §1(C) A member of the Nominating Committee shall not serve two (2) <i>a</i> consecutive terms.	Nom Comm members will be limited to only one term (2 years) instead of one term (2 years) then first consecutive term (2 more years) then second consecutive term (2 years, for a total of 6 consecutive years)



Consensus List of Proposed Bylaw Amendments Continued



Existing Language with **Strikeouts** and Added Language in **Italics**

Rationale

Existing Language with Strikeouts and Added Language in Italics	Rationale
5. Art. VIII, §2(A)(7) The President of each <i>AzFRW Club</i> in good standing, or her duly authorized proxy carried by an <i>Active member in good standing</i> of that club	Added wording that only Presidents of AzFRW Clubs that <u>are in good standing</u> are voting members of the BOD. And those Presidents' proxies must be carried by an Active member in good standing of the President's own club
6. Art. VIII, §2(B) A roll call of Directors <i>voting members</i> shall be taken <i>and entered into the minutes</i> at each Board of Directors meeting.	Currently there is no requirement that the names of Board members in attendance appear in the minutes; no way to ensure a quorum or that a record of attendees exists
7. Art. VIII, §2(C) All Active <i>and Associate</i> members <i>in good standing</i> shall be invited to attend meetings of the Board ...	Invitations to State Board meetings should be extended to <u>all</u> dues paid members – both Active and Associate members who have paid to support an AzFRW Local Club
8. Art. IX, §3(C)(5) Review Standing Rules and Policies <i>and Procedures prior to the first Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings of the new term of office</i> and submit ...	Clarifies deadlines by which Standing Rules and Policies and Procedures must be submitted and to whom
9. Art. IX, §3(D)(3) ... in time for presentation <i>first to the Executive Committee and then</i> to the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the new term.	Clarifies deadlines and procedure to be followed, and authority to amend the proposed budget
10. Art. IX, §3(E)(2) ... presentation at the first <i>Executive Committee meeting for any amendments and for approval and then to the first</i> Board of Directors meeting of the year <i>new term for any amendments and adoption.</i>	Clarifies deadlines and procedure to be followed, and authority to amend the financial review
11. Art IX, §4 ... a majority of the <i>elected or appointed and approved</i> members of any committee shall constitute a quorum.	Clarifies President's appointees must be approved by Executive Committee before becoming voting BOD members and eligible to count as part of a quorum



Consensus List of Proposed Bylaw Amendments Continued



	Existing Language with Strikeouts and Added Language in Italics	Rationale
12.	Art. XI, §(10)(B)(1) ... Draft and submit the <i>Proposed Special Rules of the Convention for inclusion in the Call and the convention program</i> ;	Clarifies the official title of rules for convention (their title is different each convention) and that they must be in both the Call to the biennial convention and in the convention program.
13.	Art. XI, §10(B)(2) Immediately following the report of the Credentials Committee, present to the Convention <i>delegates</i> for approval <i>adoption</i> by ...	Clarifies when the Rules Committee presents the Proposed Special Rules of the Convention and that they are “adopted,” not “approved”
14.	Art. XI, §10(C)(2) Immediately following the report of the Rules Committee, present ed <i>the program</i> to the Convention for approval <i>adoption</i> by ...	Clarifies when the Program Committee presents the Program of the Convention and that it is “adopted,” not “approved”
15.	Art. XI, §10(E)(1) <i>Draft courtesy and any other Resolutions and a</i> Accept proposed Resolutions...	Specifies the Resolutions Committee’s duties for the convention using Robert’s language
16.	Art. XI, §10(F)(2) Certify by signed affidavit electronic signature that ...	Eliminates requirement that the Convention Minutes Committee members must have their signatures notarized
17.	Art.XII , In an emergency, the President shall be authorized to take a vote of the Executive Committee or Board of Directors <i>by in person, by telephone or other electronic means.</i> by mail, telephone, fax, or email. Each member of the voting body shall be given notice and opportunity to vote. and a majority vote shall be required to decide the question. The action shall be <i>ratified announced at, and included in the minutes of,</i> the next meeting.	Permits voting by Executive Committee and Board of Directors either in person, by telephone, or by other electronic means. Gives necessary added language <u>required</u> by Robert’s Rules of Order
18.	Art. XV ... after payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution <i>this State Federation</i> ...	Clarifies that <u>all</u> costs and expenses owed by the AzFRW Federation are to be paid upon dissolution, not that just the “costs and expenses of [the] dissolution” are to be paid



Proposed Bylaw Amendment #1 Endorsement And Publicly Advocating Policy



Submitted by: AzFRW Bylaws Committee

CURRENT BYLAW (Article and Section No. and Current Wording):

Article III, §2(C), (D), (E)

- C. No local club that advocates a split party ticket or supports a candidate running on an opposition ticket shall be admitted to, or continued in, membership.
- D. No club that affiliates with any organization which is not officially recognized by the NFRW as working in concert with the NFRW and the Republican National Committee shall be admitted to, or continued in, membership.
- E. AzFRW shall refrain from supporting any candidate in a primary election contest. This applies only to AzFRW and its clubs. Individual members may support any Republican candidate of their choice.

RE-WRITE THE CURRENT BYLAW WITH THE PROPOSED CHANGES EXACTLY AS IT WILL BE WORDED IF ADOPTED (Strike-out any existing words to be eliminated, insert new, proposed wording in italics): Article III, §§2(C), (D), (E)

- C. No AzFRW or Local Club elected officer, ~~Local eClub or Local Club Active or Associate member that advocates a split party ticket or supports a candidate running on an opposition ticket shall be admitted to, or continued in, membership.~~ *who, in their official capacity*
 - 1. *Publicly* advocates a split party ticket or *for* a candidate running on an opposition ticket, *including in non-partisan races*, shall be admitted to, or continued in, membership; *or who*
 - 2. *Publicly* advocates for any Republican candidate in a contested race, *including in non-partisan races*, shall be admitted to, or continued in, membership; *or who*
 - 3. *Affiliates* with any organization which is not officially recognized by the NFRW as working in concert with the NFRW and the Republican National Committee shall be admitted to, or continued in, membership; *and*
 - 4. *These shall apply only to public advocacy on the part of AzFRW members and/or AzFRW officers and/or Local Club officers using their AzFRW and/or Local Club officer or member status or capacity.* Individual *Active or Associate* members may support, as an individual, any Republican candidate of *their* choice.

D. and E.

RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Current Article IV, Section 2(C.), (D.), and (E.) are rewritten and combined into one all encompassing AzFRW Endorsement, or “Publicly Advocating,” policy which allows for easier interpretation and application without restricting rights as individual members.



Proposed Bylaw Amendment #2 Women Associate Member Eligibility



Submitted by: AzFRW Bylaws Committee

CURRENT BYLAW (Article and Section Number and Current Wording):
Article III, Section 3(A)

- A. Associate membership in a club is open to registered Republican women who hold Active membership in another Arizona federated club or who are Registered Republicans in another State. Associate members cannot hold office, vote, or be counted for the purpose of determining the number of delegates to national and/or State conventions.

RE-WRITE THE CURRENT BYLAW WITH THE PROPOSED CHANGES EXACTLY AS IT WILL BE WORDED IF ADOPTED (Strike-out any existing words to be eliminated, insert new, proposed wording in italics): Article III, Section 3(A)

- A. Associate membership in ~~a~~ *an AzFRW Local Club* is open to registered Republican women who hold Active membership in another ~~Arizona~~ Federated club ~~or who are registered Republicans in another State~~. Associate members cannot hold office, vote, or be counted for the purpose of determining the number of delegates to national and/or State conventions.

RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Is it beneficial to limit Associate members and the revenue their dues bring to only women who have their Active membership in only AzFRW clubs?

- First, there are States in the country, such as Ohio, which do not register voters by political party designation. Therefore, requiring potential Associate members to be registered Republican women rather than simply Republican Women who hold Active, or primary, membership in another federation club may exclude possible sources of revenue for our AzFRW Local Clubs.
- Second, there may be Republican women who are members of local clubs in other States who may wish to contribute to and affiliate in support of an AzFRW Local Club. Winter visitor members of other clubs in other States, relatives, etc. may want to support one of our AzFRW Local Clubs by becoming an Associate member.
- Third, our NFRW Bylaws require only that an Associate member of a local club be an Active member in an NFRW Club - it does not matter in which State the potential Associated member's primary club is located.
- It is unnecessary to impose this restriction on AzFRW's diverse Local Clubs regarding who they choose to be qualified as an Associate member in terms of whether their primary club is in Arizona or some other State. It makes no difference.
- Allow our AzFRW Local Clubs to use their own discretion on this particular item of accepting Associate members who may happen to be Active members in another State.



Proposed Bylaw Amendment #3 Removal of Club from AzFRW



Submitted by: AzFRW Bylaws Committee

CURRENT BYLAW (Article and Section Number and Current Wording):

Article III, Section 4

A club may be removed from membership and have its charter revoked by the AzFRW Board of Directors by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the votes cast by the Board of Directors present and voting after investigation by the Executive Committee, and its recommendation to remove on any of the following grounds:

1. Failure to pay dues by the required deadline.
2. Failure to maintain the required status.
3. Advocating for opposition party candidates.
4. Failure to support the party ticket or working against the expressed ideals and objectives of the AzFRW or NFRW.
5. Violation of the bylaw provisions, standing rules or adopted policies of the AzFRW or NFRW.

RE-WRITE THE CURRENT BYLAW WITH THE PROPOSED CHANGES EXACTLY AS IT WILL BE WORDED IF ADOPTED (Strike-out any existing words to be eliminated, insert new, proposed wording in italics):

Article III, Section 4

- A. A club may be removed from membership and **the club** have its charter revoked by the AzFRW Board of Directors by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the votes cast by the Board of Directors **members** present and voting ~~after investigation by the~~ following the report of the investigation by an Investigation Subcommittee consisting of Executive Committee members appointed by the Executive Committee to gather and present facts and make a **its** recommendation regarding ~~to remove on any of the following grounds:~~ the club's removal provided that:
5. Notice of the meeting at which removal will be considered and voted upon has been sent to each member of the Board of Directors and to the accused Club no later than ten (10) business days prior to the meeting date;
 6. The Notice informed the accused Club and members of the Board of Directors of each charge against the accused Club and the Investigation Subcommittee's findings and recommended action on each charge;
 7. The Notice informs of the following time sequence of actions to be taken at the meeting to be held in Executive Session:
 - a. Reading of each charge and the Investigation Subcommittee's findings on each;
 - b. Response entered by accused to each charge ("admit" or "deny" only);
 - c. Opening statements by both sides
 - i. Investigation Subcommittee first
 - ii. accused Club second
 - d. Presentation of case by Investigation Subcommittee then presentation of defense by accused;



Proposed Bylaw Amendment #3 Removal of Club from AzFRW Continued



- e. Closing arguments by Investigation Subcommittee then the accused; and
- f. Vote of the Board of Directors on each charge separately.

C. A Local Club may be removed for cause on any of the following grounds:

- 1. Failure to pay dues by the required deadline;
- 2. ~~Failure to maintain the required voter registration status which qualifies a member for membership;~~
- 2. Publicly advocating for opposition party candidates;
- 3. ~~Failure to support~~ Publicly advocating against the party ticket or publicly advocating a split ticket or ;
- 4. ~~or~~ ~~w~~ Working against the expressed ideals and objectives of the AzFRW or the NFRW; or
- 5. Violation of the bylaw provisions, standing rules or adopted policies of the AzFRW or the NFRW.

RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT: The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, at 63:2, states that "... neither the society nor any member has the right to make public any information obtained through an investigation of ... the character of its members and officers as may be necessary to the enforcement of its own standards." Such disciplinary proceedings "must always be held in executive session, as must the introduction and consideration of all [discussion items] ..."

- 1. Amendment to Section 4, Subsection "A. Sec. 1-3:" The current AzFRW Bylaws specify no procedure and/or process by which a Local Club may be removed from membership in the AzFRW.
 - a. "A. Sec. 1-3": The current AzFRW Bylaws omit provisions specifying the procedure to be followed in the event removal of a Local Club is going to be considered. This amendment complies with the Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, mandate, at 62:16, that, "except as the [organization's] bylaws may provide otherwise," Robert's disciplinary procedural requirements must be used by the organization if it considers removal of ...an officer or member by providing procedural steps to be taken by the AzFRW in disciplinary proceedings.
- 2. Amendment to Section 4, Subsection "B.": The current AzFRW Bylaws provisions which specify the grounds for removal, are neither as easily understood nor as explicit as may be fairly and equally applicable to all. This bylaw amendment more clearly sets forth grounds for removal.



Proposed Bylaw Amendment #4 Providing for Filling Vacancy in Office of AzFRW President



Submitted by: AzFRW Bylaws Committee

CURRENT BYLAW (Article and Section Number and Current Wording): Article V, Sec. 1(D)

- D. A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the First Vice President. All other vacancies in elected office shall be filled by the Board of Directors other than a vacancy in a Region Director position which shall be filled per Article VI, Section 5, Item B.

And Article V, Section 2(B)(1)

- B. The First Vice President shall (1) Fill the unexpired term in the event of a vacancy in the office of President;

And Article VI, Section 5(A)

- A. A vacancy in an elected office other than President shall be filled at the next regular Board of Directors meeting after the vacancy occurs or at a special meeting called for that purpose. If more than one (1) candidate is nominated to fill the vacancy, the vote shall be by ballot.

RE-WRITE THE CURRENT BYLAW WITH THE PROPOSED CHANGES EXACTLY AS IT WILL BE WORDED IF ADOPTED (Strike-out any existing words to be eliminated, insert new, proposed wording in italics): Article V, Sec. 1(D)

~~D. A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the First Vice President. All other v~~ Vacancies in an ~~elected~~ elective office ~~shall be filled by the Board of Directors~~ other than a vacancy in a Region Director position which shall be filled per Article VI, Section 5, Item B., ~~shall be filled by the Board of Directors at its next regular meeting after the vacancy occurs or at a special meeting called for that purpose, provided that notice of the meeting including announcement of the vacancy and the means by which members may be nominated to fill that vacancy, is sent to members of the Board of Directors no later than ten days prior to the meeting date. If more than one candidate is nominated to fill the vacancy, the vote shall be by written or electronic ballot.~~

And Article V, Section 2(B)(1)

- ~~B. The First Vice President shall (1) Fill the unexpired term in the event of a vacancy in the office of President;~~

And Article VI, Section 5(A)

~~A vacancy~~ Vacancies in an ~~elected~~ elective office ~~other than President~~ shall be filled ~~at the next regular~~ by the Board of Directors at its next regular meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose, provided that notice of the meeting including announcement of the vacancy and the means by which members may be nominated to fill that vacancy, is sent to members of the Board of Directors no later than ten days prior to the meeting date. ~~meeting after the vacancy occurs or at a special meeting called for that purpose.~~ If more than one (1) candidate is nominated to fill the vacancy, the vote shall be by ballot.



Proposed Bylaw Amendment #4
Providing for Filling Vacancy in Office of
AzFRW President
Continued



RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT: This current bylaw provision locks the AzFRW into having to accept the First Vice President as the State Federation's new President in the event of a vacancy in the office of President. With the passage of time from the date of her election as First Vice President until the vacancy occurs, it is possible that the 1st Vice President has not been able to fulfill the duties of her office or the expectations of an elected officer; may have failed to attend meetings; and/or may have failed to exhibit the ability to fulfill the standards and conduct of office such as that of President. Rather than bind the AzFRW to such unfavorable consequences, members should have the opportunity to carefully provide for filling a vacancy in the office of AzFRW President. If the current First Vice President meets the needs and expectations of AzFRW members at the time such a vacancy occurs, she may still submit her name to fill that vacancy, but this amendment will give members a choice.



Proposed Bylaw Amendment #4 Providing for Electronic Meetings



Submitted by: AzFRW Bylaws Committee

CURRENT BYLAW (Article and Section Number and Current Wording): Article VII, Section 3(C)

C. Notice of the time, place and purpose of the Executive Committee meetings shall be sent electronically or via traditional mail to each member of the Executive Committee not less than four (4) days prior to any meeting.

RE-WRITE THE CURRENT BYLAW WITH THE PROPOSED CHANGES EXACTLY AS IT WILL BE WORDED IF ADOPTED (Strike-out any existing words to be eliminated, insert new, proposed wording in italics):

Article VII, Section 3(C)

B. A meeting or any business of the Executive Committee or subcommittee it appoints may be conducted in person, by telephone or other electronic means. If conducted by telephone or electronically, any business transacted shall be announced and entered into the minutes at the Executive Committee's next regular meeting.

Existing "B." has new language added and becomes "C." Notice of the time, place and purpose of the Executive Committee meetings shall be sent *by the President or her designee* electronically or via traditional mail to each member of the Executive Committee not less than four (4) days prior to any meeting.

And Article VIII, Section 4

Add new "B." A meeting or any business of the Board of Directors may be conducted in person, by telephone or other electronic means. If conducted by telephone or electronically, any business transacted shall be announced and entered into the minutes at the Board of Director's next regular meeting.

Existing "B." becomes "C." The Fall meeting shall be designated as the Annual Meeting.

Existing "C." has new language added and becomes "D." Notice of the time, place and purpose of Board of Directors meetings shall be postmarked, or sent electronically *by the President or her designee* to each member not less than (10) days prior to meetings.

And Article IX, Section 1

Add new "E." A meeting or any business of any AzFRW Committees may be conducted in person, by telephone or other electronic means. If conducted by telephone or electronically, any business transacted shall be announced and entered into the minutes at the body's next regular meeting.



Proposed Bylaw Amendment #4 Providing for Electronic Meetings Continued



Existing “E.” has new language added and becomes new “F.” Notice of the time, place and purpose of the **Standing or Special** Committee meetings shall be postmarked, or sent electronically, **by the Committee Chairman or her designee**, to each member of the Committee not less than four (4) days prior to each meeting.

And ARTICLE XI, Section 10

Add new “A.” A meeting or any business of any AzFRW Convention Committee may be conducted in person, by telephone or other electronic means. If conducted by telephone or electronically, any business transacted shall be announced and entered into the minutes at the Convention Committee’s next regular meeting.

Add new “B.” Notice of the time, place and purpose of the Convention Committee meetings shall be postmarked, or sent electronically, by the Convention Committee Chairman or her designee, to each member of the Convention Committee not less than four (4) days prior to each meeting.

Existing Sub-Sections “A.” through “F.” are re-lettered to become new sub-sections “C.” through “H.”

RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT: The current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, at 9:30, mandates that “Except as authorized in the bylaws, the business of an organization or board can be validly transacted only at a regular or properly called meeting – that is ... a single official gathering in one room or area – of the assembly of its members at which a quorum is present.” (Italics in standard font in original) (Italics in bold font added)

Thus, unless the AzFRW Bylaws specifically provide for its Executive Committee, Board of Directors, Standing and Special Committee and Convention Committee meetings to be conducted by electronic means, no meetings may be conducted by telephone conference call, virtual meeting, email or any other electronic means and meetings must only be conducted face-to-face, in person. This amendment gives that electronic meeting opportunity to the AzFRW Executive Committee, Board of Directors, Standing and Special Committees and Convention Committees.