



Cy-Fair Republican Women

NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER 2010

A Minute with Mary



The principle of freedom of speech is one of the cornerstones of our government and our way of life. It is a right granted under the First Amendment of our Constitution. It is the privilege of every American to speak out and say what they think as long as it not slanderous. However, it seems lately this freedom is restricted by the liberal “politically correct” police.

You may have heard of the fiasco on the TV show “The View” when Fox News personality Bill O’Reilly appeared. It seems that hosts, Whoopie Goldberg and Joy Behar, took offense at Mr. O’Reilly’s use of the word “Muslims” when describing the people who attacked us on 9/11 instead of using “extremist Muslims”. They took such offense that they stormed off the stage. First, since when is it offensive to use as a description the name of a group with which a person is associated when referring to that person? Furthermore, it would seem that good manners would dictate that a host treats a guest with more dignity than storming off in a snit just because something was said with which they did not agree. That is akin to playing the race card every time there is no other argument (but that’s a whole other topic!). The point that upsets me the most is that these TV people think that their opinions are more valuable than those of others; and just because they have a platform, they can say and do whatever they want, but no one else can.

How about NPR’s firing of Juan Williams for comments he made about being leery on an airplane when there is a passenger in full Muslim garb? Well, duh? I don’t know of any sane person who would not be at least a tiny bit concerned and, rightfully, observant of such an individual with all of the acts of violence perpetrated by members of that faction. That’s like being called out for being uneasy when a large, tough looking man comes within your close proximity. What is one of the first things you learn about personal safety? Be vigilant! I was happy to see a report stating that many people had cancelled their membership in NPR and that NPR’s donations were taking a hit. Good! If they have no audience, they can’t spread their liberal nonsense. The next step is for no more taxpayer dollars to go their



CFRW UPCOMING DATES
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



November 2.....ELECTION DAY
(7 a.m.-7 p.m.)

November 9.....CFRW Regular Meeting
(10:30 a.m.) Carrabba’s Italian Grill

November 11.....Veterans Day

November 18.....CFRW Board Meeting
(1:30 p.m.) Hearthstone Country Club

November 25.....Thanksgiving Holiday

December 5.....CFRW Christmas Party
(6:30 p.m) Home of Barbara & Larry
Buxton

way. If they can’t give equitable time and exposure to all sides, they should not get government funding. Let the left pay for the liberal broadcasts, not me.

I am sorry to say that with campaign season in full swing freedom of speech seems to sometime run amok. Some candidates’ generous use of negative ads is a real turn off for me. I guess it goes back to what my mother used to say (I’m sure yours did, too) – if you can’t say something nice, don’t say anything at all. My first thought when I hear a negative ad is - why are you wasting your time and money putting down your opponent, tell me why I should vote for you, not why I shouldn’t vote for the other guy. This is especially off-putting since so much of the negativity is based on things taken out of context or is only half of the story.

Freedom of speech is great, but thank God we also have freedom of choice and can determine for ourselves to whom we want to listen and in whom we choose to believe and support.

Mary Moss

The freedom of the press works in such a way that there is not much freedom from it.

~ Grace Kelly



NOVEMBER MEETING



**TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 9, 2010**

PROGRAM

MARK ANDREW OLSEN

Author, Screenwriter, Speaker

**Time: 10:30 A.M. - Coffee/Social
11:00 A.M. - Speaker/Meeting
12:00 P.M. - Lunch**

**Location: Carrabba's Italian Grill
7540 N. Hwy. 6
Houston, TX
(Copperfield area)**

**Lunch Menu: House Salad
Bread
Mezzaluna (Chicken/Spinach/
Ricotta Ravioli)
Sogno Di Cioccolata**

(Vegetarian meals are available with advanced notice.)

Beverage/meeting (\$3).....Lunch/meeting (\$15)

**Please RSVP no later than NOON on
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2010**

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MARK ANDREW OLSEN



Mark Olsen, our speaker this month, has captured the essence of all that is happening in our society today with his new novel *Animal Colony: A cautionary tale for today* with co-author, Thomas A. Rexroth. What is *Animal Colony*? It's a page-turning American fable in the tradition of George Orwell's classic *Animal Farm*. People from coast to coast are calling it "the novel that could save America." It plunges readers into the unforgettable tale of a group of big-hearted animals who lose their liberty and prosperity to an entitle-ment-bloated, collectivist Nanny State. Sound familiar?

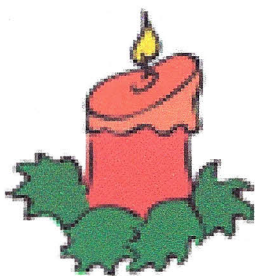
In our history, novels have emerged from the grassroots only to seize the nation's imagination and change history. *Uncle Tom's Cabin* did it. *The Jungle* did it fifty years later. *Animal Farm* almost single-handedly discredited Soviet Communism for an entire generation. Conservative leaders believe it's poised to happen again.

Mark Andrew Olsen is a screenwriter, speaker, author of four solo novels and four collaborative novels including the bestselling biblical thriller *Hadassah*, which was adapted into the Twentieth-Century Fox feature film *One Night with the King*. His credits also include co-writing the MGM film *Music Within*, and the Bethany House thrillers *Hadassah Covenant*, *Rescued*, *The Assignment*, *The Watchers*, *The Warriors*, *The Road Home* and *Ulterior Motives*.

Mark is the son of a Baptist pastor and missionaries to France. In 1989, he became the first Professional Writing graduate of Baylor University. A 1984 Theatre Arts graduate of Kilgore College, he is currently speaking before conservative groups nationwide about his acclaimed political book *Animal Colony*. He currently lives in Temple, Texas, with his wife and four children.

You won't want to miss what is sure to be an interesting program which echoes the events that are occurring in our country today!

~ Rita Parrish



Mark you calendars for the CFRW Christmas Party!
Look for your E-vite coming in early November.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2010
6:30 P.M.

HOME OF BARBARA and LARRY BUXTON

Field Trip Planned for the New Year



We are in the process of planning a field trip to the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum in College Station early in the 2011 New Year. We will also stop and have lunch at Messina Hof Winery in Bryan, so it should be a fun day. Plans are still being put into place, so let us know if you are interested. We will keep you posted on the final plans in an upcoming CFRW Newsletter.

~ Rita Parrish





MINUTES

CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN REGULAR MEETING

October 12, 2010



President, Mary Moss, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. at Carrabba's Italian Grill. Chaplain, Suzanne Davis, led us in prayer and the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags. Mary Moss welcomed guests and speakers, and Joy Gregory introduced guests. Mary explained that the candidates for the Cy-Fair School Board were present, and they would each have four (4) minutes to speak. After that, there would be a question and answer period.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Secretary, Doris Jones, stated that the September minutes were published in the newsletter. No corrections were made, and the minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer, Barbara Buxton, gave her Treasurer's report at the meeting. The balance in the checking account as of August 8, 2010, was \$13,324.94. We had deposits of \$489.10 and payments of \$4,541.99 which left a total of \$9,312.05 in the account. Our scholarship fund has a balance as of September 30, 2010, of \$1,401.85. Barbara asked that if you have expense receipts, please turn them in as soon as possible.

Ways and Means Chair, Millie Alford, stated that she has CFRW shirts, Barnes books, and CFRW cookbooks for sale. See her if you want to buy anything.

Newsletter Editor, Betty Guthrie, stated that the deadline for newsletter articles is Monday, October 25, 2010.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Chair, Joy Gregory, stated that we have 78 members, and we need only 3 more to meet our membership goal of 81 members.

Campaign Activities Chair, Lois Barclay, showed us the new banner which Stephanie Peters had made for us. Mary indicated that the club will work early registration on October 19th for Republican judges at the Bear Creek polling place from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Sign-up sheets were sent around for the Bear Creek facility, Jack O'Connor (this Saturday), Jim Murphy (next Saturday), and the manning of the phone banks.

Operation Interdependence Chair, Debby Frieden, informed us that we collected \$95.00 for Operation Interdependence at our last meeting. She sent the collection bowl around for donations.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bylaws Committee Chair, Betty Guthrie, stated that the proposed changes to the bylaws were sent to all members by e-mail or USPS. We will vote on them at the November meeting.

Mary Moss indicated that the Nominating Committee has come up with a slate of officers for the next term: President - Rita Parrish; 1st Vice President/Programs - Millie Alford; 2nd Vice President/Ways & Means - Suzanne Davis; 3rd Vice President/Newsletter - Melissa Ronquillo; Secretary - Traci Serradet; and, Treasurer - Barbara Buxton.

The Christmas Party will be on December 5, 2010, at Barbara and Larry Buxton's home. The committee has been formed, and they will be working on the party soon.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

The Candidates for the Cy-Fair Independent School District Board were allowed to speak about their qualifications, background, and views for four (4) minutes each. CFRW members then submitted written questions to be answered by each candidate. Candidates present were: Position 5 - Bill Henderson and John Ogletree; Position 6 - Brad West, Don Ryan and Kay Smith; Position 7 - Scott Adams and Bob Covey.





MINUTES, continued



Members could speak to the candidates after the meeting was adjourned by Mary Moss at 12:27 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, October 14, 2010 Congressman Culberson will be at Lonestar College, College Center room 151-152, 12 - 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 23, 2010, Congressman McCaul will be at Romero's, 15703 Longenbaugh from 11:30 - 12:30 p.m.

Newsletter deadline is Monday, October 25, 2010.

October 18-29, 2010, is early voting (Absentee voting requests must be received by October 26, 2010 (www.harrisvotes.com for instructions).

Tuesday, November 2, 2010, is Election Day.

Tuesday November 9, 2010, is our regular meeting at Carrabba's. Novelist, Mark Olsen, author of *Animal Colony*, will be our guest speaker.

Thursday, November 11, 2010, is TFRW "Veterans" Day and Post-Election Celebration and Fundraiser at TFRW Headquarters, Austin, Texas

Thursday, March 2, 2011 is Legislative Day, Austin, Texas.

Doris Jones

CFRW Secretary

REMINDER FOR THE 2009-2010 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS



Please be working on updating your records, binders, folders, etc. to hand over to the incoming officers and committee chairs in December. You might want to add a page of "lessons learned" and suggestions.

Thank you for all of your hard work over the past two years – **you have been GREAT.** CFRW would not be as good as it is without each and every one of you!

~ Mary Moss



CARING FOR AMERICA - Debby Frieden



DONATED ITEMS NEEDED FOR OPERATION INTERDEPENDENCE®

Operation Interdependence® serves America by providing the means for citizens to support our troops. Each box delivers small donated items to fifty (50) men and women in uniform. They should be lightweight and fit into a quart-sized zippered plastic bag. All food and items that go in the eyes, ears, nose and mouth must be safety sealed by the manufacturer.

Here is a list of suggested items to donate:

- * Packets of sugar, artificial sweetener, salt and pepper and other fast food condiments
- * Lunch size packages of tuna
- * Beef Jerky - pork is not permitted
- * AA and AAA batteries, disposable cameras, sunglasses
- * DVDs, music CDs, blank CDs, tape cassettes
- * Magazine articles, crossword and Soduko puzzles, word searches
- * Small bungee cords, small thin rolls of electrical tape
- * Pocket size Kleenex, toilet tissue, moist wipes
- * Crew socks

Please take a few minutes to jot a note of appreciation and support to our troops as well. A note is included with each C-rat® that is packed. It will be greatly appreciated! You can give them to me at any meeting.





LEGISLATION - Dawn Shull



As we await the November 2nd returns, which we hope will greatly increase the number of Republicans in all elected offices both federally and statewide, we ponder on what these newly elected conservative members will focus. Clearly the main thrust for the U.S. House and Senate will be to rein in federal spending and “de-fang” Obamacare which the majority of Americans support. What else may be on the agenda? Some of the new grassroots candidates are talking about:

- *Supporting a single, flat-rate income tax or a national sales tax that would replace an income tax¹*
- *Allowing some Social Security taxes to be diverted to private investment accounts¹*
- *Turning Medicare into a voucher program that young people can elect to join upon retirement¹*
- *Eliminating or scaling back the Department of Education¹*
- *Eliminating or lowering the federal minimum wage¹*
- *Pressing for a constitutional amendment that limits spending to 20% of the economy, it is currently around 24%¹*

These are very bold ideas indeed, but just maybe their time is coming. If Republicans can stay true to the voters who bring them to the dance, they can make a difference.

¹ http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052702304250404575558473960527854.html?mod=WSJ_hpp_MIDDLETopStories



MEMBERSHIP - Joy Gregory



Welcome to our four (4) new members: **Cynthia Maddox, Margaret Miller, Allison Gregory and Meredith Gregory**. With the addition of these four members, we have achieved our 2010 Membership Goal of eighty-one (81) members. You all deserve a gold star for helping us meet this goal by bringing in your friends, neighbors and family members.

Now it's time to start working on renewing memberships for 2011!!! **TFRW just won't let us rest**. 2011 Memberships can be paid starting in November. Help us out by paying your dues early. Please fill out a new application when renewing your membership, so that all of our information can be updated. There is an application in the newsletter each month, so you can print it ahead of time and turn it in at the meetings. Applications and checks can also be mailed to Joy Gregory at 18219 Waverly Bend Ln, Cypress, TX 77433.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2011 BEGINS NOW!





SPOTLIGHT ON ALL CFRW VOLUNTEERS



This month's *Spotlight* shines on **all** the wonderful CFRW volunteers who have generously given their time and talents to support the club's campaign activities throughout the years. At left is a photo of our members who manned the table at a recent Cy-Fair Cy-Fest at the Lone Star College campus.

Conducting voter registration drives, working the polling places, distributing candidate information, block walking, manning phone banks, stuffing envelopes, hosting candidate forums are only some of the activities in which the women of CFRW participate.

Our fundraiser "High Heels and High Tea" helps CFRW to raise funds to support our Republican candidates' campaigns. The volunteer committee works diligently to make the affair a fun and successful event for members and guests.

The Literacy Program has donated copies of dictionaries annually to every third grade student at Walker Elementary School. This year CFRW presented the fifth graders with copies of the US Constitution and challenged them to write an essay describing what freedom means to them.

Our monthly programs have been well-planned, varied and interesting. Our membership numbers have increased to meet our projected target. Programs and newsletter articles keep us informed about all levels of government and current legislation. Let's not forget the many items, notes and donations we have given to Operation Interdependence in support of our troops through the Caring for America project.

BRAVA to all the women who have assisted in fulfilling the mission of the CFRW, TFRW and NFRW! The *Spotlight* shines on all of you!

Proposed Bylaws Revisions

A copy of the proposed revisions to the CFRW Bylaws was sent to all members last month. They are attached to the electronic version of this newsletter as well. Active Members will be voting on the revised bylaws at the November 9, 2010 regular meeting!



**EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**





Cy-Fair Republican Women PAC

Membership Application

Dues are: (Check one)

- \$30 Active/Voting (Primary member of our club)
 \$20 Associate (Voting member of another club)
 \$35 Associate Man (Man who wishes to support our club)

Make Checks Payable to: CFRW (No Corporate Checks Allowed)
(Dues are for January to December Annually)

Title: Mrs. – Ms. – Miss – Dr. – Mr. – Other Title _____
Name: _____ Nickname: _____
Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
Fax # _____ Email Address: _____
Spouse: _____ Precinct # _____ Birthday: _____
Occupation: (Required under PAC laws) _____ Official or Candidate (Position) _____

For more information and for mailing address: Contact Membership Chairman: 281-463-8203

clubinfo@cfrw.net

www.cfrw.net

Cy-Fair Republican Women

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KEY to color coding on proposed revisions below:

GREEN = CURRENT VERBIAGE

RED = PROPOSED VERBIAGE

BLUE = RATIONALE FOR REVISION

**Bylaws of the Cy-Fair Republican Women
November 2010 Proposed Revisions**

ARTICLE 1 - NAME AND ADDRESS

The name of this organization shall be: Cy-Fair Republican Women.

The address of this organization shall be: **the address that** of the **incumbent** President.

Rationale: To be in conformity with TFRW sample bylaws.

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this organization shall be:

- **t**To promote an informed electorate through political education.
- **t**To increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government through active political participation.
- **t**To facilitate cooperation among Republican Women's **Organizations clubs**.
- **t**To foster loyalty to the Republican Party and to promote its principles, and candidates in all elections including non-partisan elections.
- **t**To work for the election of the Republican Party's nominees.

Rationale: To be in conformity with TFRW sample bylaws.

ARTICLE III – POLICY

Section 1. PAC:

This club shall be a Political Action Committee and registered as such with the Texas Ethics Commission.

Section 2. Candidate Endorsement:

This organization, its **p**President, and its **c**Campaign **a**Activities **c**Chairman shall not publicly endorse any candidate for public office in contested Republican primaries, runoff elections, special elections and/or non-partisan elections when more than one Republican is in the race. If the organization violates this policy, it is subject to expulsion from the **TFRW Texas Federation of Republican Women ("TFRW")**. Neither shall the **C**club **nor and individual member advocate nor an individual member shall advocate** a split party ticket or support a candidate running on an opposition ticket. If the organization or one of its members violates this policy, it is subject to expulsion from **NFRW the National Federation of Republican Women ("NFRW")**.

Rationale: Formal name followed by acronym when first appearing in document.

Section 3. Working **Ffor a Candidate:**

Individual members of this organization, with the exception of the President and **the** Campaign Activities Chairman, may work for any candidate of their choice in contested Republican primaries, but may not **do so** in the name of the organization.

Rationale: Clarification

Section 4. Candidate Endorsement Exemption:

This article pertains only to contests between Republican candidates for public office. Officers of this organization who are candidates, or whose husband or a member of her family is a candidate, shall be exempt from this rule, but may not **do so endorse the candidate** in the name of the club.

Rationale: Clarification

Section 5. Controversial Issues:

This organization and its officers shall not issue statements or pass resolutions on controversial issues, as determined by the Executive Board, in the name of the organization without a two-thirds (2/3) vote of approval from of members present and voting at a regular meeting.

Rationale: Clarification

Section 6. Lobbying:

There shall be no lobbying with Legislators using the name of the Texas Federation of Republican Women TFRW by any federated local organization CFRW or any individual member without the express permission of the Board of Directors of the Texas Federation of Republican Women TFRW and the Executive Board of CFRW.

Rationale: Consistent use of acronyms, local permission added.

Section 7. Organization Membership:

This organization and its members shall be members of the TFRW and the NFRW and shall support their objectives and policies.

Rationale: Added to be in conformity with TFRW sample bylaws.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility:

Any U.S. citizen and registered voter believing in the philosophy of the Republican Party and intending to support Republican Candidates and believing in the objectives of this organization shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. Classification of Membership:

- A. Active Member: An Active Member is a woman who meets the eligibility requirements of this organization and pays the annual dues. She may not be an aActive mMember of another local TFRW club. She shall enjoy the full privileges of membership. For voting purposes, she becomes a member in good standing when her name and dues have been received by the Texas Federation of Republican Women TFRW.
- B. Associate Member: An Associate Member is an aActive mMember of another Republican Women's TFRW organization who wishes to join this organization as an Associate Member by paying the required annual dues for Associate Members. She cannot hold elected office, vote, or nor be counted for the purpose of determining the number of delegates to nNational or sState Federation meetings or conventions.

Rationale: Clarification

- C. Associate Man Member: A man may become an Associate Man Member and be listed on our roster by paying the required dues for Associate Man Members. An Associate Man Member is *ex officio*, without voice or vote, and shall not hold elected or appointed office, nor be counted for the purpose of determining the number of delegates to National or State Federation meetings or conventions. Associate Man Members shall not be listed on the roster sent to Texas Federation of Republican Women TFRW or National Federation of Republican Women TFRW.

Rationale: To be in accordance with TFRW sample bylaws.

Section 3. Annual Membership Dues:

- A. Active Members: Membership dues shall be \$30 for Active Members which shall include sState and nNational fFederation per capita dues payable on or before January 1 of each year and shall be delinquent if not paid by March 1.
- B. Associate Member: Membership dues shall be \$20 for associate members.
- C. Associate Man Member: Membership dues shall be \$35.
- D. The fiscal year shall be from January 1 – through December 31.
- E. New member dues are payable upon joining.
- F. For all classifications of members joining in September and October, the dues for that the current year shall be \$17. Dues collected in November and December shall be applied to the next year's membership.

Rationale: Clarification about dues collected last months of fiscal year.

Section 4. Annual Service Charges:

This organization shall also pay the annual service charges required by the Texas Federation of Republican Women TFRW and the National Federation of Republican Women NFRW.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Section 1. Elected Officers:

The officers of the organization shall be President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Rationale: Clarification as all other members of the Executive Board are appointed Chairmen.

Section 2. Duties of the Officers:

- A. The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and the Executive Board. She shall appoint chairmen of all standing and special committees with the approval of the Executive Board, shall appoint a pParliamentarian, shall serve *ex officio* as a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee, and shall have general supervision of the work of the organization.
- B. The 1st Vice President shall perform the duties of the President whenever the President is absent or otherwise unable to serve. She shall serve as Program Chairman and perform such other duties as the President or Executive Committee or Board of Directors Board may designate.
- C. The 2nd Vice President shall assume the duties of President in the absence of the President and 1st Vice President. She shall serve as Ways & Means Chairman.
- D. The 3rd Vice President shall serve as CFRW Newsletter Editor and shall be responsible for publication of the newsletter.
- E. The Secretary shall keep a factual and unbiased record of the proceedings of all meetings of the organization and the Executive Board, shall prepare the correspondence of the organization, shall have custody of all records pertinent thereto, and shall perform such additional duties as may be required of the office.
- F. The Treasurer shall receive and is custodian of all funds of the organization and shall pay all bills upon authorization by the President. The Treasurer shall keep an account of all monies received and disbursed and shall give a report at each regular meeting of the organization to the membership. She shall make timely membership submissions and payments to the Texas Federation of Republican Women TFRW. She shall be registered with the Texas Ethics Commission (“TEC”), and shall ensure that adequate records are kept to satisfy the requirements of the TEC and Texas election laws, and shall file all reports required by them in a timely fashion. She shall submit her financial records to the internal review Chairman of the Financial Review cCommittee for an end of the fiscal year review no later than January 20.

Rationale: Correct name of the committee.

Section 3. Executive Board:

The voting members of the Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers, the immediate Past President, who shall serve as an advisor, and the chairmen of the standing committees as described in Article VIII, Section 1. The Parliamentarian shall serve *ex officio* without vote.

Section 4. Duties of the Executive Board:

The Executive Board shall have the authority to transact any necessary business between meetings, to make recommendations as to the policies of the organization, and to advise the President. The Board shall fill vacancies that occur between elections by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Board members present and voting with the exception of a vacancy in the presidency, in which. In that case, the 1st Vice President shall assume the office of President, and the Executive Board shall elect a 1st Vice President/Programs Chairman as stated herein.

Section 5. Term of Office:

The term of office for officers and committee chairmen shall be from January 1 through December 31 following their election or appointment for a term of two (2) years, and no officer or chairman may serve in the same position for more than two (2) consecutive terms.

Section 6. Removal of Officer:

An officer may be removed if she has not fulfilled the obligations of her position and/or removal is in the best interest of the organization. A motion for removal may be made at a regular meeting and requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular Meetings:

The regular meetings shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month unless ordered by the Executive Board, which shall give no less than seven (7) days notice of the change to the membership. There shall be no less than five (5) regular meetings per annum.

Rationale: To be in accordance with TFRW sample bylaws.

Section 2. Special Meetings:

Special meetings shall be held at the call of the President or upon the request of members (a number equal to the local this organization's quorum). The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call, and no other business shall be considered at the special meeting except that stated in the call of the meeting.

Section 3. Regular Meetings of the Executive Board:

Regular meetings of the Executive Board shall be held monthly prior to the regular meeting at such time and place as may be determined by the Executive Board.

Section 4. Special Meetings of the Executive Board:

Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President or upon the request of a majority of the members of the Board. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call and no other business shall be transacted.

ARTICLE VII – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Nominating Committee:

A nominating committee of not less than three (3) and not more than five (5) Active Members, at least three (3) of whom shall not be a member of the Executive Board, shall be elected by the membership at the September meeting of every even-numbered year. The Nominating Committee shall elect its chairman from one of its own number and shall report one nominee for each office at the October meeting of every even-numbered year.

Rationale: Clarification

Section 2. Elections:

Elections shall be held at the November meeting of every even-numbered year, and nominations from the floor shall be allowed. Prior consent of the nominee to fulfill the obligations of the office shall be obtained. Where there is only one candidate for an office, election may be by voice vote. Where there is more than one candidate for an office, election shall be by ballot. A plurality vote shall elect. There shall be no absentee or proxy voting. To be eligible to vote, a member must have paid her dues at least 30 days prior to the election and must have attended at least one previous club meeting.

Section 3. Installation:

Officers shall be installed at the December meeting following their election.

ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committees:

The standing committees shall include: Membership, Campaign Activities, Awards, Legislation and Hospitality. These committees must be listed as standing committees unless their chairmen are elected officers.

Section 2. Duties of Standing Committees Duties:

The standing committees shall outline programs for action in their respective fields for consideration and adoption by the Executive Board and shall carry out such other duties as may be prescribed by the Executive Board.

Section 3. Special Committees Inclusion:

The special committees shall include: Financial Review and Nominations. Other special committees may be appointed by the President and/or Executive Board as deemed advisable.

Section 4. Financial Review Committee:

The Financial Review Committee shall review the books of the previous fiscal year and shall submit its report at the March **general regular** meeting. The Treasurer shall be present at the review.

Section 5. Campaign Fund Disbursement Committee:

The Campaign Fund Disbursement Committee shall consist of the President, the 2nd Vice President/Ways & Means **Chairman**, the Treasurer and four (4) members elected by the membership who did not serve on the previous Campaign **Disbursement Fund Disbursement Fund** Committee as elected members.

Section 6. Finance Committee:

The Finance Committee will be chaired by the Treasurer who shall submit a proposed budget to the Executive Board for discussion at the January **bBoard** meeting. The budget will be voted on by the general membership at the February meeting.

ARTICLE IX – REPRESENTATION

Section 1. Texas Federation of Republican Women Biennial State Convention Representation:

This organization may be represented at the Biennial State Convention by the **President one delegate** and one alternate for each ten (10) **aActive mMembers** and an additional delegate and alternate for each additional ten (10) active members a remainder of six to nine **Active mMembers**. **The President shall serve as one of the delegates. The remaining** delegates and alternates to the Convention of the **Texas Federation of Republican Women TFRW** shall be elected at a **regular meeting to be held** at least two (2) months prior to the Convention.

Rationale: To be in accordance with TFRW sample bylaws.

Section 2. National Federation of Republican Women Biennial National Convention Representation:

This organization may be represented at the Biennial National Convention of the **National Federation of Republican Women** by the President as the organization's delegate and one alternate **elected at the May regular meeting. If the President is unable to attend the Convention, a new delegate shall be elected at the May meeting.**

Rationale: Needed provision to elect a substitute delegate.

ARTICLE X – QUORUM

Section 1. Quorum for Regular Meeting:

A quorum for a meeting of this organization shall be **twenty percent (20%)** of the **aActive mMembers**.

Section 2. Quorum for Executive Board Meeting:

A quorum for a meeting of the Executive Board shall be a majority of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE XI – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, or the latest edition thereof, shall govern all proceedings except where inconsistent with the bylaws of this organization and those of the **Texas Federation of Republican Women TFRW** and of the **National Federation of Republican Women NFRW**.

ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the **aActive mMembers** present and voting at any regular meeting of this organization, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given in writing to all members at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE XIII – DISSOLUTION

This club may be dissolved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of **Active Members present and voting** at any meeting of the **local** club, provided that notice of the dissolution has been submitted in writing at the previous meeting and has been sent by mail to all members of the **local** club. Upon dissolution of the club, the assets remaining after payment of all liabilities shall be assigned to TFRW. None of the assets shall be distributed to any member or officer of the organization, and the right to use the name shall revert to the **state federation TFRW**.

Rationale: Clarification

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<http://www.ghcfrwpac.org> – Greater Houston Council

<http://www.tfrw.org> – Texas Federation of Republican Women

<http://www.thomas.loc.gov/> - Texts of bills are updated several times a day.

<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/> - Updates on what is going on in the Texas Legislature.

<http://www.texaspolicy.com/> - The Texas Public Policy Foundation produces
academically sound research on important issues.

<http://www.sos.state.tx.us> – Texas Secretary of State Web site offers more information
on proposed constitutional amendments.