

CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN
NORTHERN DIVISION
PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS

RONR page 598 line 3 States in part that bylaw amendments become part of the bylaws immediately upon adoption.

The Executive Committee and the Bylaws Committee of Northern Division propose all amendments.

AMENDMENT 1.

ARTICLE V – ETHICS

Section 5. NOW READS: It shall be considered a breach of ethics for a member to speak disparagingly, in public, of a Republican candidate. Provided a Republican is running, it shall also be considered a breach of ethics to promote a candidate of another party in public or in print, in a partisan or non-partisan election and may be just cause for a member’s suspension or dismissal.

Section 5 PROPOSED CHANGE: Insert after Republican Elected official or Republican

Section 5. IF ADOPTED WILL READ: It shall be considered a breach of ethics for a member to speak disparagingly, in public, of a Republican Elected Official or Republican candidate. Provided a Republican is running, it shall also be considered a breach of ethics to promote a candidate of another party in public or in print, in a partisan or non-partisan election and may be just cause for a member’s suspension or dismissal.

Rationale: It has been brought to the attention of Northern Division that many of our club members are speaking out at public gatherings and in Social Media against our Republican elected leaders. One of the objects of the Federation in the Bylaws of all levels from National, State, Division and local clubs state: *To foster loyalty to Republican candidates in all elections, including non-partisan elections. NFRW Bylaws also state: To foster loyalty to the Republican Party in all levels of government.* This does not mean speaking disparagingly about them. As a Republican woman you certainly can disagree in private but as a Federated Republican woman you are to remain silent in public venues. Making this change to our bylaws will clarify the Federation position for our membership.

AMENDMENT 2.

ARTICLE VIII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 3 NOW READS: At least two (2) regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held in even numbered years, the time and place of such meetings to be fixed by the Executive Committee.

PROPOSED CHANGE: Strike two (2) and insert 1 regular meeting

IF ADOPTED WILL READ: Section 3. At least one (1) regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held in even numbered years, the time and place of such meetings to be fixed by the Executive Committee.

Rationale: With the use of electronic communication it has become much easier and faster to stay in contact with local clubs to provide and receive information. With travel costs and hotel stays becoming an expensive burden for club members, attendance has dropped causing a major financial burden to Northern Division. It has become unrealistic to expect attendance when they can receive the information electronically. The Executive Committee can handle any routine business that may come up prior to the fall conference where business needing to be handled by the Board of Directors can be taken care of.

PROPOSED STANDING RULE AMENDMENTS

Standing rules are guidelines for conducting the activities of CFRW Northern Division. They may be amended or rescinded by a two thirds (2/3) vote without previous notice or by a majority vote after previous notice at any Board of Directors Conference or Convention meeting provided they do not conflict with the Bylaws. Standing Rules take effect immediately upon adoption unless a proviso states otherwise.

AMENDMENT 1.

Dues

NOW READS:

- A. The annual per capita dues from clubs shall be \$16.00 per member which includes NFRW dues of \$10.00, the Legislative Advocate Sacramento office \$3.00, CFRW \$1.40, and Northern Division dues of \$1.60.

PROPOSED CHANGE: Northern Division Per Capita Dues Increase of \$2.00

IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

- A. The annual per capita dues from clubs shall be **\$18.00 per member** which includes NFRW dues of \$10.00, the Legislative Advocate Sacramento office \$3.00, CFRW \$1.40, and Northern Division dues of **\$3.60**.

Rationale: It has been several years since we have increased the dues to cover the costs of maintaining Northern Division. Bare bones expenses like travel for Regionals and officers to attend club and Executive meetings and provide basic services like our leadership manual have not been able to be adequately provided due to increased costs. It has curtailed many activities to help the membership and provide incentives and directions for our clubs. Restaurants now charge for use of meeting rooms besides having to purchase lunch for the Executive Committee meetings. Expenses have risen dramatically for our President to represent us at State and National Conferences and Conventions and the CRP Conventions to provide a voice for Northern Division or receive needed political training. We are so grateful for our Presidents who have had to pay out of their own pockets extra funds to represent us. Balancing the Budget has been near impossible. The \$2.00 increase will put us in line with what Central Division members pay and provide the funds needed to balance the Budget which we have not been able to do without cutting many vital services.

AMENDMENT 2.

Proposed Standing Rule change (if Bylaw Amendment #2 Passes)
Insert after for, the next fiscal year and Delete Spring after the, and insert fall.

NOW READS: III Budget.

B. The proposed budget shall be prepared for presentation to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors for adoption at the Spring Conference.

IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

A. The proposed budget **for the next fiscal year** shall be prepared for presentation to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors for adoption at the **Fall** Conference.

If adopted the following proviso will take place: The Executive Committee shall have the power to adopt an interim Proposed Budget for the year 2018 at their first Executive committee meeting. Copies of the Budget after adoption will be sent to all members in the next Northern Express.

Rationale: To conform to the change in the number of meetings held.

Amendment 3.

Add new:

XIV Club Reinstatement Policy & Procedure

A club removed from membership for cause may request reinstatement by submitting a written statement to the Division President, a duplicate copy to be forwarded to the Regional Director in which the club is located, certifying that all members of record had received a notice of a special meeting at which a request for reinstatement resolution was passed by one-third (1/3), or a minimum of ten (10), whichever is greater, of the membership of record. The request shall include a copy of the minutes, documentation to include a list of the members in attendance, certification that violations hadPo been remedied and requesting that the club be reinstated.

Upon receipt by Northern Division of such written request for reinstatement from a club removed from membership for cause, the procedure shall be as follows:

1. The CFRW Northern Division Executive Committee shall constitute the committee that shall investigate such a request. The committee shall set a hearing date, if necessary, to enable all persons concerned to present the facts.
2. In an attempt to reconcile differences without a hearing, the committee shall investigate said request, verifying actual evidence, and request a conference with the parties involved.
3. Due to travel and expense, The Northern Division Executive Committee may appoint a subcommittee of three (3), no two from the same region, plus the parliamentarian (without a vote) to conduct an investigation and report back to the Northern Division Executive Committee. Any ultimate decision must be by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee.
4. By majority vote, the Division Executive Committee shall require the club's representatives requesting reinstatement to attend a hearing. The Northern Division Recording Secretary shall send a notice of the hearing to all parties

stating the specific violations charged. The time and place shall be set by said committee and is to be not less than fifteen (15) days after mailing of said notice. Said notice shall generally follow the procedure set forth in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, Disciplinary Procedures: and shall require said persons to attend the hearing. The notice shall contain, or have attached, the specific violations charged which caused the revocation of the charter. The notice shall include a request for a list of the actions the club has taken to remedy the violations. They shall be advised of their right to produce evidence.

5. The club requesting reinstatement shall produce evidence that violations causing the charter revocation have been resolved. When all evidence has been received, the testifying parties shall retire from the hearing room. Providing a quorum is present, the Committee, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, may take such action as deemed appropriate including a recommendation for reinstatement, a recommendation for reinstatement with conditions (i.e. rewriting bylaws, replacement of current officers, settlement of outstanding financial obligations) or recommendation that the revocation stand. The Northern Division Recording Secretary shall record an outline of evidence produced, both against and on behalf of the reinstatement. The names of the parties' present shall be recorded. If the parties fail to appear at said hearing the report of the committee shall be entered into the record which shall contain a summary of such evidence produced at said hearing. Provided a quorum is present, action or determination shall be taken by a two-thirds (2/3) vote as though the parties were present.
6. The action by the Northern Division Executive Committee, on behalf of its Board of Directors, shall be final.
7. The Regional Director in which the club was located shall be notified of the division's findings.
8. Following the Executive Committee action/decision they shall, within thirty (30) days, transmit their findings and recommendations to the CFRW Executive Committee for their consideration. At the same time, the Division shall notify the club of their decision.
9. The parties involved may file a written appeal to the Northern Division Board of Directors, stating the grounds for appeal, within fifteen (15) days from the date of mailing the notice of the decision of the Executive Committee. Appeals to the Board of Directors shall be filed with the Northern Division Recording Secretary. A hearing, before the Northern Division Board of Directors' may be held at a regular or special meeting.
10. At such hearing, the Northern Division Board of Directors will hear the report of the Executive Committee which shall contain an outline of the evidence as presented to it, and its decision. They may accept or amend the action of the Committee without further hearing. Provided a quorum is present, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present, the Northern Division Board of Directors may require further evidence be presented at a specified Northern Division

Board of Directors meeting. Notice of the specific meeting shall be sent to all parties.

11. The action by the Northern Division Board of Directors shall be final, and become effective immediately. The parties involved shall be notified in writing of said decisions.

Rationale: If a club has been removed from membership for cause, there needs to be a procedure for reinstatement. CFRW has requested that we have such a procedure in place.

