

More Bylaws Review Suggestions

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I want to encourage you again to read the material in the 2008-09 TFRW Leadership Handbook provided to your president. A good guideline for review of your bylaws is the "Sample Bylaws," Page 129 thru 134. These Sample Bylaws were completely rewritten this year. Although designed for new clubs, the Sample Bylaws provide an excellent check list for what your bylaws should contain. Make a copy of them for your Bylaws Committee, as well as the actual TFRW Bylaws.

In the May "President's Newsletter" I had a check list of items that have been brought to my attention as I have read various clubs' bylaws. I encourage you to re-read that list. I also have another to add to it:

The TFRW Bylaws, Article IV, Section 10, require you to make a statement about dissolution of the club.

The suggested wording in the Sample Bylaws is as follows:

This club may be dissolved by a two-thirds vote 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. In the event of dissolution, the Board of Directors shall, after payment of all liabilities of the local club, distribute any remaining asset to the State Federation. 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.

After reading more of your bylaws and receiving more of your questions, I want to include this reminder again: Some of you remember that, in the past, TFRW has required every club to have its bylaws reviewed every two years before its anniversary of federation, whether or not changes were made. That requirement was repealed at the TFRW Convention in 2005.

A club, however, is still required to submit its bylaws for review when they are amended. The provision is in TFRW Bylaws Article IV, Section 9, A. Causes for Removal, #2: "Failure to submit bylaws amendments to the TFRW Vice President Bylaws for approval before the amendments become effective." So now the review happens only when you amend your bylaws.

Don't wait until October to submit your bylaws! Get them to me as soon as possible. Also, you must submit your entire bylaws, not just a page or two with the changes. You must submit a hard copy, not an electronic one, to me at the above address. Do not send to Headquarters.

Feel free to contact me with any questions. My email address and phone number are above.

Remember, the consistency between the National Federation of Republican Women Bylaws, the Texas Federation of Republican Women Bylaws, and your club's bylaws is what unites us into a Federation and allows us to reach our common goals of fostering good citizenship, promoting good government, and electing Republicans!

Deadline for receiving your bylaws is October 31, 2008

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