

2009—Convention Time Is Approaching

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TFRW BYLAWS

The TFRW Bylaws can only be changed at a Biennial Convention. 2009 is the year of our next convention. Now is the time to think about any changes to the bylaw that your club might like to propose. Since you have been reviewing your own bylaws, you may have found some items in the TFRW Bylaws that you think need revision or an omission that needs to be added.

According to the TFRW Bylaws, Article XIII, Section 1, amendments can be proposed by local clubs in writing to the TFRW Bylaws Committee. Proposals must be reviewed by the Bylaws Committee and sent to the TFRW Executive Committee with recommendations. The Executive Committee must approve them and send them on to the TFRW Board of Directors for approval. If the Board approves them, they will be sent to the delegates to the Convention and voted upon at that time. It takes a 2/3rds majority of the convention delegates to amend the TFRW Bylaws.

With that time frame, therefore, it's not too early to submit your proposals. They must be sent to me in writing at the address above. They must include the date that your club membership approved the proposal and include 7 copies. No electronic submissions will be accepted.

LOCAL CLUB BYLAWS

Those of you who have not received Letters of Approval for your local club bylaws need to make sure your bylaws have been sent to me with all corrections approved by your membership.

Once your bylaws are approved, I am asking you to submit an electronic copy as a Word document, dated with the date your membership approved them, for the TFRW archives. I am putting them on a disk to be stored at Headquarters. Several of you have called me asking if I had a copy of your club's bylaws because you had trouble locating a copy. This measure should take care of that for the future.

REMEMBER:

- 1. You must submit your entire bylaws, not just a page or two with the changes. It applies to your second submission also.**
- 2. They must have been approved by your membership and dated as such.**
- 3. You must submit a hard copy, not an electronic one, to me at the above address unless I gave you specific permission to send electronically.**
- 4. Do not send to Headquarters.**
- 5. Get them in by January 31.** If you submitted your bylaws after the deadline of Oct. 31, 2008, you may not have yet received a letter with corrections. When you receive that letter, I will inform you of your deadline. I do not promise that you will have a Letter of Approval by April 30. So get busy!
- 6. You must have your Letter of Approval by April 30, 2009, to be eligible to send delegates to the State and National Conventions.** In case you wonder about this provision, both bylaws say a club must be in good standing with the state federation in order to send delegates. Failing to submit your amended bylaws prevents you from being "in good standing" with the TFRW.

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