

A Club In Good Standing

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Your club must be in “Good Standing with the State Federation” by May 1, 2009, to be eligible to send delegates to the National Convention.

If you have sent your bylaws to me, whether or not you have received a letter of approval, you will be considered “In Good Standing” by TFRW as long as you are working with me to get your bylaws approved

“Good Standing” means that you must have completed all your obligations to TFRW by that date. One of your obligations, according to the TFRW Bylaws, is to have your Bylaws reviewed by TFRW VP/Bylaws after any amendment to your club bylaws is made and prior to that amendment’s taking effect. The TFRW Bylaws were amended at the last Biennial Convention (November 2007 in El Paso) **requiring all clubs** to amend their bylaws to include an Eligibility To Vote In Club Elections provision. That is why every club had to have their bylaws reviewed last year, at least before May 1, 2009.

The deadline, October 31, 2008, I set was to enable my committee to review 170 sets of bylaws, get letters written, and get problems resolved by May 1, 2009. Since so many of the clubs did not get their bylaws in early in the year, we now have a backlog of bylaws to process. That is why many of you have not heard back from me.

I have, however, written many letters, as far back as last spring, with requirements that your submitted bylaws didn’t fulfill. I still haven’t heard from many of you. You need to make those changes as soon as you get my letter so that you can get back to me ASAP, so you can get your approval letter.

If you have trouble understanding what my letter says, I want you to contact me, either by phone or e-mail, to ask questions. I will help you iron out the problems. I cannot help you if you don’t contact me. Also, your District Directors are there to help. Please don’t just sit and complain to others that you “don’t understand.” Let us help you. We have to get this project done, whether we like it or not.

The two most important tools to help you are the Sample Bylaws in the *2008-09 TFRW Leadership Handbook* and the articles I have put in every issue of the “President’s Newsletter,” starting in January, 2008. Those articles are still on the TFRW website in the archives. They have suggestions on how to get your bylaws in order and why various requirements are there even though your bylaws were approved in the past. Read those articles. I think they will help you understand better what is being required.

Again, **if you have sent your bylaws to me**, whether or not you have received a letter of approval, you will be considered “In Good Standing” by TFRW as long as you are working with me to get your bylaws approved. But you must be working with me. You must have contacted me after you received my letter. You cannot just ignore the problems and do nothing. You must be working in good faith to correct the problems.

If you have NOT sent your bylaws at all, you will not be considered In Good Standing. Several clubs still fall into that category. Please send in your bylaws immediately. If I don’t have them by March 31, TFRW will assume that you are not following TFRW Bylaws and you will not be In Good Standing nor will you be certified to send delegates to the NFRW Convention.

Remember, you **MUST** send the bylaws in hard copy form, not electronic. My committee cannot review electronic bylaws.

Below is the list of clubs that have received letters (date) but not replied, those I have received but not finished reviewing (received), and those who have not sent in their bylaws at all (blank). **If your club is not listed, you are either approved or I have received a revised set of bylaws from you which haven't been reviewed.**

Alamo City RW	22-Jan-09	Palo Pinto Co. RW	
Alvin Area RW	18-Feb-09	Park Cities RW	23-Oct-08
Andrews Co. RW	3-Jan-09	Parker Co. RW	2-Nov-08
Angleton RW		Pearland Area RW	7-Jan-09
Barbara Bush RW	21-Feb-09	Pecan Valley RW	15 Jan 09
Bastrop Co. RW	8-Dec-08	Philippine American RW	5-Jan-09
Brazosport RW	10-Jan-09	Plano RW	14-Jan-09
Canyon Lake RW	14-Jan-09	Preston West RW	26-Aug-08
Chambers Co. RW	10-Jan-09	High Plains RW	11-Jan-09
Concho Valley RW	25-Jan-09	Reagan Legacy RW	24-Jan-09
Conner Harrington RW	14-Jan-09	Richardson RW	19-Feb-09
Cooke Co. RW	8-Jan-09	Rusk Co. RW	2-Feb-08
Dallas Republican Career Women		RW of Anderson Co.	8-Nov-08
Delta Co. RW	4-Dec-08	RW of Arlington	
Fannin Co. RW	23-Oct-08	RW of Waller Co.	10-Jan-09
First Ladies RW	28-Jan-09	Sachse Area RW	2-Mar-08
Fort Bend RW	15-Feb-09	San Patricio RW	22-Jan-09
Fort Worth RW	2-Nov-08	Sisters in Spirit RW	22-Jan-09
Friendswood RW		Smith Co. RW	18-Feb-09
Frisco Area RW	27-Jan-09	Spirit of Freedom RW	4-Jan-09
Golden Corridor RW	5-Sep-08	Spirit of Goliad RW	
Greater El Paso RW	24-Jan-09	Star of Texas RW	22-Jan-09
Guadalupe Co. RW	19-Jun-08	Tejas RW	24-Jan-09
Harrison Co. RW	9-Nov-08	Texas Tea Party RW	
Heritage RW	24-Jan-09	The Woodlands RW	6 Feb 09
Hill Co. RW		Top O' Texas RW	
Hill Country RW	8-Dec-08	Upshur Co. RW	
Johnson Co. RW	24-Jan-09	Victoria Co. RW	18-Feb-09
Katy RW	4-Dec-08	Webb Co. RW	26-Jan-09
Kaufman Co. RW	24-Jan-09	West Fort Bend Co. RW	25-Jan-09
Lake Highlands RW	21-Feb-09	West of the Pecos RW	26-Jan-09
Lake Houston Shores RW	25-Jan-09	Westlake RW	
Lone Star RW	11-Jan-09	Wichita Co. RW	
Magic Circle RW	6-Sep-08	Williamson Co. RW	22-Jan-09
McLennan Co. RW	11-Jan-09	Young Co. RW	22-Jan-09
Mesquite RW	10-Jan-09		
Northwest Austin RW	6-Jan-09		
Northwood RW	25-Jan-09		
Nueces Co. RW	3-Feb-09		

If anything is incorrect, please contact me at once.

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