

# Next Deadline To Be “In Good Standing”

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Your club must be in “Good Standing with the State Federation” by Sept. 12, 2009, to be eligible to send delegates to the State Convention in Galveston in November and be eligible for any awards given.

You will need to have your bylaws approved by September 12 to be In Good Standing. You have had a year and a half to get the job done. **Now it is time to GET IT DONE. No more procrastinating!**

One of your obligations as a federated club, 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.

I have received bylaws from all clubs except Hill County RW, Texas Tea Party RW, and Top O' Texas RW.

Even though the rest of you have sent in your bylaws, I have not received any response from 36 clubs to whom I have written letters, as far back as spring 2008, with requirements that your submitted bylaws didn't fulfill. 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 the person in charge of your bylaws last year is no longer in charge and she didn't pass that letter on to your new bylaws chairman or president, please contact me as soon as possible for a copy. I will be glad to send it electronically.

If you are having 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** but have not contacted me after you received my letter, you must do so immediately. **You cannot just ignore the problems and do nothing. You must get your problems solved.**

Remember, you **MUST** send your revised bylaws in hard copy form, not electronically unless you were expressly given permission. My committee cannot review electronic bylaws.

**If you do not have a Letter of Approval, you must get your bylaws to me immediately. Below is the list of clubs that have received letters (date) but not replied:**

Alamo City RW	22-Jan-09	Parker Co. RW	3 Mar-08
Barbara Bush RW	20 Mar 09	Philippine American RW	21 May-09
Bastrop Co. RW	8-Dec-08	Plano RW	3 Mar-09
Brazosport RW	2 Jun-09	Rusk Co. RW	2-Feb-08
Caldwell RW	20 Jan 09	RW of Anderson Co.	29Apr 09
Chambers Co. RW	10-Jan-09	RW of Arlington	29 Apr 09
Dallas Republican Career Women	23 May09	RW of Waller Co.	10-Jan-09
Delta Co. RW	4-Dec-08	Sachse Area RW	2-Mar-08
Fannin Co. RW	23-Oct-08	Sisters in Spirit RW	22-Jan-09
First Ladies RW	28-Jan-09	Spirit of Goliad RW	26 Mar 09
Fort Bend RW	1 Jun-09	Tejas RW	24-Jan-09
Frisco Area RW	27-Jan-09	Texas Tea Party RW	
Golden Corridor RW	5-Sep-08	The Woodlands RW	19 May 09
Guadalupe Co. RW	10 Mar 09	Top O' Texas RW	
Harrison Co. RW	9-Nov-08	Webb Co. RW	9 May-09
Hill Co. RW		West of the Pecos RW	19 Mar-09
Johnson Co. RW	24-Jan-09	Wichita Co. RW	3 Apr 09
Katy RW	4-Dec-08	Young Co. RW	14 May-09
Northwest Austin RW	6-Jan-09		
Palo Pinto Co. RW	4 Jun 09		
Park Cities RW	23-Oct-08		

*If anything is incorrect, please contact me at once. Also, I received 4 back from my committee within the last 36 hours which I have not had time to check. If you mailed yours around the first of June, I probably have received it but have not had time to check it.*