

RULES FOR CONDUCTING
TFRW CONVENTION ELECTIONS
Galveston, Texas ★ November 13-15, 2009

1. **Voters' Credentials.** A Delegate Registration Badge will be issued to each voting member of Convention. Each voter shall present this badge to the poll workers when she appears to vote. The badge will be punched to indicate the member is an eligible voter and has received a ballot. In the event the registration badge is lost, a Delegate shall consult with the Credentials Committee Chair and must be issued a replacement badge by the Registration Committee prior to the vote.
2. **Candidates for Elected Offices.** The Nominating Committee report shall be presented at the Convention General Session. Nominations from the floor shall be in order. No one shall be nominated who has not provided a written statement to the President that she will serve if elected. A voice vote shall be taken if there is only one candidate for an office. Additional nominations that do not include speeches may be offered from the floor. After the election is conducted by voice for all unopposed candidates, each contested candidate shall be entitled to:
 - A. One speech by a Delegate limited to two (2) minutes, with the Nominating Committee nominee speaking last.
 - B. One speech by the candidate limited to two (2) minutes, with the Nominating Committee nominee speaking last.
3. **Ballots.** Ballots shall be issued only to those who present a Delegate Registration Badge. Ballots shall contain the names of the contested candidate(s), with name(s) of the Nominating Committee nominee(s) listed first, followed by nominees from the floor in the order in which they are nominated. Votes can be cast for any person who is eligible for election. (RONR, Page 425, 10th Edition)
4. **Voting.** The time and place of voting shall be announced at the Convention General Session. The voter shall mark her ballot in the location provided in order to protect the secrecy of her vote. The voter will indicate her choice beside the name of the candidate for whom she wishes to vote and ballot boxes will be provided.
5. **Spoiled Ballots.** In the event that a voter makes an error, she shall notify a poll worker for assistance.
6. **Electioneering.**
 - A. No posters shall be displayed in the registration area.
 - B. No electioneering for candidates shall be allowed in the vicinity of the polling place as defined by the election judge.

C. A candidate or her campaign workers, not exceeding four (4), may place printed materials in the chairs on the Convention floor which are reserved for Delegates and must conclude that distribution at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the beginning of that session. To gain entrance to the Convention floor, a campaign worker must wear a special badge furnished by the candidate that designates her as a campaign worker. No campaign materials shall be allowed in the official Convention packets.

D. The size of the material to be distributed shall not exceed 8 1/2 inches by 11 inches. There shall be no posters or signs in the meeting rooms or in the lobby of the Convention Center.

7. **Counting the Vote.** The Elections Committee members shall act as tellers for the count of the vote.

8. **Observers.** Each candidate may have one (1) observer in the room while the votes are being counted. There shall be no talking among the observers during the counting of the votes. The names of the observers shall be presented to the Elections Committee Chairman prior to the opening of the polls. Only the appointed Elections Committee members, the observers, and the TFRW Parliamentarian shall be in the room while the votes are being counted. The parliamentarian shall advise on the correct procedure for counting the votes.

9. **Vote required for Election of Officers.** A majority vote of all votes cast for an office is required for election to that office. In the event that no candidate for any office receives a majority of the votes cast for that office, a time for re-voting for that office shall be announced.

10. **Preservation of Ballots.** Ballots and tally sheets shall be sealed and placed at the TFRW Office to be preserved until January 1, 2011.

Special notice:

The Credentials Committee shall make available the names and addresses of Delegates and Alternate to all candidates for office for the Texas Federation of Republican Women upon request as soon as practical and at the candidate's expense. (Article X – Convention. Section 1(f) – TFRW Bylaws)

IF a contested election occurs:

Registration, for purposes of voting will be closed prior to the opening of the polls and will remain closed during the voting, Saturday, November 14, 2009

You must be registered as a Delegate to vote in a contested election.

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