

# Bylaws Changes In the Future

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My last message to you is to clarify the confusion some of you still have over changes made to your bylaws and the review of your bylaws by TFRW.

Some of you obviously remember (because you continue to ask me about it) that TFRW has, in the past, required every club to have their bylaws reviewed every two years before the anniversary of their club's federation whether or not changes were made. That requirement was repealed at the TFRW Convention in 2005. The provision put in its place is in 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."

It simply means that anytime you amend your bylaws, you must submit them to the TFRW VP/Bylaws for approval before the amendment becomes effective. In other words, if you don't amend your bylaws, you don't have to send them in.

You need to remember, however, to watch for amendments made to the TFRW Bylaws at Conventions that might affect your bylaws, such as the one in 2007, which caused every club to have to amend its bylaws in 2008.

I have enjoyed the challenge of reviewing your bylaws and getting every club on a sound footing with their bylaws. Many thanks to my committee members who read and re-read your bylaws, making suggestions and resolving conflicts. And many thanks to your club bylaws chairman and her committee for their hard work in following our recommendations and requirements of TFRW and its bylaws.

Remember, bylaws are for the smooth operation of the club and the protection of the members from would-be tyrannical officers. I urge all members to read their club bylaws and make sure their officers are abiding by their provisions. All club presidents should read their bylaws more than once as a matter of course, so that they will carry on the business of the club in a timely manner as prescribed in those bylaws.

Bylaws are the tool by which we function as an organization in an orderly fashion. The consistency between the National Federation of Republican Women and the Texas Federation of Republican Women and your club's bylaws is what unites us into a Federation and allows us to reach our common goals.

Our common goal? To elect more Republicans, of course!

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