

Proposed Changes to the WFRW Bylaws  
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To save space, all changes within the same section are included in one proposal under that article and section title.

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**Proposal #1.** ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP, SECTION 2. APPLICATION FOR CLUB MEMBERSHIP

- A. Application for club membership in the WFRW and the NFRW shall be sent to the WFRW President ~~by~~through the club's District ~~Advisor~~Director to the WFRW President ~~and~~. The application shall be accompanied by . . .

**Explanation for change:** To streamline the WFRW structure by eliminating the layer of District Director. If the proposals relating to District Directors are approved, the duties of the former District Directors will be assumed by the elected officers, with the exception of the WFRW President. The goal is to improve the communication process and to establish a direct relationship between clubs and WFRW officers.

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**Proposal #2.** ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP, SECTION 3. CLASSIFICATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP IN CLUBS

- A. Primary Membership
1. Primary membership shall be held by Republican women who are ~~registered to vote in the State of Washington and are~~ members of a chartered club in good standing with the WFRW and NFRW.

**Explanation for change:** To eliminate a barrier to membership for women who serve in the military and military wives who are registered to vote in another state and women living across the state border who wish to join a club in Washington State. And to allow for membership in virtual clubs, in which members may be registered to vote in other states. The NFRW does not require registration to vote in the state where the club is located.

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**Proposal #3.** ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP, SECTION 4. NAMES AND MEMBERSHIP

WFRW membership lists shall be released only to the NFRW and WFRW Officers for internal use and publications. At no time shall the membership lists be released to any other organization or for campaign or commercial purposes.

**Explanation for change:** To reinforce that WFRW membership lists are internally confidential and to clarify that no candidate or campaign should be given the contact information of members, even if the candidate is a WFRW member or if the WFRW endorses the candidate or campaign.

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**Proposal #4.** ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP, SECTION 6. ~~WITHDRAWAL OR~~ DISSOLUTION OF A CLUB

- A. Any club wishing to ~~dissolve~~withdraw from the WFRW and NFRW ~~or dissolve~~ must
  1. hold a meeting duly called by the club president and advertised to all voting members;
  2. convey in writing to ~~their~~the District ~~Advisor~~Director that the club is ~~withdrawing~~or dissolving.
- B. All assets of the club, upon dissolution, must be forwarded to the WFRW. None of the assets shall be distributed to any member or officer of the club.
- C. The right to use the name of the ~~withdrawn or~~ dissolved club shall revert to the WFRW.

**Explanation for changes:** To align the section with NFRW Bylaws. The NFRW does not recognize a club as withdrawing but only as dissolving. And to streamline the WFRW structure and communication process by eliminating the layer of District Directors.

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**Proposal #5.** ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP, SECTION 7. REINSTATEMENT OF A CLUB TO MEMBERSHIP

- A. Any club removed from membership for any cause may be reinstated by filing an application with ~~their~~the District ~~Advisor~~Director showing proof of compliance with the stated objectives and bylaws of the WFRW and the NFRW.
- B. Any and all financial issues that caused removal must be remedied.
- C. The District ~~Advisor~~Director shall present the application for reinstatement at the next meeting of the WFRW Executive Committee. A two-thirds majority vote of those members of the WFRW Executive Committee present and voting shall authorize reinstatement.

**Explanation for change:** To streamline the WFRW structure and communication process by eliminating the layer of District Directors.

**Proposal #6. ARTICLE V – OFFICERS, SECTION 1. OFFICERS**

The elected officers of this organization shall be President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, and Treasurer. All elected officers, with the exception of the President, shall also serve as District Advisors.

**Explanation for change:** To streamline the WFRW structure by eliminating the layer of District Directors and to improve the communication process. This change aligns with the NFRW's structure.

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**Proposal #7. ARTICLE V – OFFICERS, SECTION 7. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President shall: . . .

I. make board appointments as necessary to conduct the business of WFRW.

**Explanation for change:** To align the WFRW Bylaws with the NFRW Bylaws, which gives the President more flexibility.

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**Proposal #8. ARTICLE VI – DISTRICTS AND, DISTRICT ADVISORS~~DIRECTORS, AND COORDINATOR OF DISTRICT DIRECTORS~~, SECTION 1. DISTRICTS**

The state shall be divided into geographical districts at the discretion of the President. Boundaries and titles of districts shall be determined by the President.~~WFRW Board of Directors~~

**Explanation for changes:** To streamline the WFRW structure and process to align with how the NFRW operates and to give the President more operating flexibility.

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**Proposal #9. ARTICLE VI – DISTRICTS, AND DISTRICT ADVISORS~~DIRECTORS, AND COORDINATOR OF DISTRICT DIRECTORS~~, SECTION 2. DISTRICT ADVISORS~~DIRECTORS~~**

**A. ELIGIBILITY**

Each elected officer, with the exception of the President, shall serve as a District Advisor in the District assigned to her by the President. Any voting member in a club in good standing with the WFRW and the NFRW is eligible to serve as District Direct

**B. ELECTION**

District Directors shall be elected at a district caucus held at the time of a WFRW Biennial Convention. Each club shall cast a number of votes equal to its number of delegates to the WFRW Biennial Convention, with a limit of twelve votes for any one club.

~~C. TERM~~

~~District Directors shall hold office for a term of two years commencing with the 2001 elections. Any part of a term in excess of one year shall be considered a term. Each director shall serve from January 1 through December 31 of the second year or until her successor has been named. No director shall serve more than two consecutive terms.~~

~~D. d. VACANCIES~~

~~The President may temporarily fill District Director vacancies by appointment, with input from the presidents of the affected clubs and the Coordinator of District Directors. Vacancies may occur by removal for cause, resignation, incapacity, or death, or because the District Director has moved out of her district. The appointee shall have a voice but not a vote on the WFRW Executive Committee and Board of Directors until approved by the Executive Committee.~~

~~B.E. DUTIES~~

District ~~Advisors~~Directors shall:

~~1. Serve as voting members of the WFRW Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, and WFRW Conventions;~~

~~2.~~ 12. serve as liaisons between WFRW and all clubs in their respective districts;

~~3.~~ 26. encourage communication and cooperation between the clubs and members in their districts;

~~4.~~ 325. organize new clubs;

~~5.~~ 43. present applications for membership in the WFRW from newly formed clubs to the WFRW President for action by the WFRW Executive Committee;

~~6.~~ 54. present applications for club reinstatement to the WFRW President for action by the WFRW Executive Committee;

~~7.~~ 5. ~~organize new clubs;~~

6. submit in writing to the WFRW President information regarding any WFRW club considering or in the process of dissolving~~encourage communication and cooperation between the clubs and members in their districts.~~

**Explanation for changes:** To streamline the WFRW structure and communication process so that it aligns with NFRW's structure and eliminates the layer of District Directors, which will allow the President and Executive Committee more flexibility to develop ways to enhance WFRW communication with and better serve clubs. NFRW does not require state federations to have district directors, and not all state federations have them.

Deleted items B, C, and D are addressed in WFRW Bylaws Article V – Officers, Sections 3, 5, and 6. The deleted Duty #1 will be redundant under the new structure because the District Advisors, as elected officers, will already be voting members of these bodies. The reordering of duties is to arrange them in more of a priority and chronological order.

**Proposal #10.** ~~ARTICLE VI — DISTRICTS, DISTRICT DIRECTORS, AND COORDINATOR OF DISTRICT DIRECTORS SECTION 3. ASSISTANT DISTRICT DIRECTOR~~

~~An Assistant District Director may be appointed by the elected District Director with the consent of the WFRW President.~~

**Explanation for change:** To streamline the WFRW structure by eliminating the position of Assistant District Director.

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**Proposal #11.** ~~ARTICLE VI — DISTRICTS, DISTRICT ADVISORS DIRECTORS, AND COORDINATOR OF DISTRICT DIRECTORS, SECTION 4. COORDINATOR OF DISTRICT DIRECTORS~~

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~~Following the election of the Directors at the WFRW Biennial Convention, the District Directors shall caucus and elect a past or current District Director to serve as the Coordinator of District Directors.~~

~~A. TERM~~

~~The Coordinator of District Directors shall be elected and hold office for a term of two years. Any part of a term in excess of one year shall be considered a term. She shall serve from January 1 through December 31 of the second year or until her successor has been named. No Coordinator of District Directors shall serve more than two consecutive terms.~~

~~B. VACANCY~~

~~The President may temporarily fill a vacancy in the position of Coordinator of District Directors by appointment, with input from the current District Directors. A vacancy may occur by removal for cause, resignation, incapacity, or death, or because the Coordinator of District Directors has moved out of state. The appointee shall have a voice but not a vote on the WFRW Executive Committee and Board of Directors until approved by the Executive Committee.~~

~~C. DUTIES~~

~~The Coordinator of District Directors shall~~

- ~~1. serve as a voting member of the WFRW Executive Committee and the WFRW Board of Directors and shall be a member of the voting body of the WFRW Biennial Convention;~~
- ~~2. serve as liaison between the District Directors;  
assist the District Directors in completion of their goals and tasks;~~
- ~~3. assist the WFRW President in other duties as may be assigned to her.~~

**Explanation for change:** To streamline the WFRW structure and to simplify the communication process by eliminating the position of Coordinator of District Directors.

**Proposal #12.** ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, SECTION 1.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. The WFRW Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers, the past Presidents, ~~the District Directors, the Coordinator of District Directors,~~ the chairs of standing committees, the presidents of all WFRW clubs, the WSRP National Committeewoman, the woman chair or vice chair of the WSRP, and any Washington woman who is an officer or committee chair in the NFRW.

**Explanation for change:** To streamline the WFRW structure and communication process.

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**Proposal #13.** ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, SECTION 2.  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- A. The Executive Committee shall consist of all elected officers of the WFRW, ~~District Directors, and the Coordinator of District Directors.~~

**Explanation for change:** To streamline the WFRW structure and communication process.

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**Proposal #14.** ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES, SECTION 2. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

C. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1. A nominating committee of seven members shall be elected by the WFRW Board of Directors no later than four months prior to the WFRW Biennial Convention at which elections are to take place. Five shall be members of the WFRW Board of Directors, and two shall be at-large members. No ~~club/district~~ shall be represented more than once on the committee. A nominating committee member shall not serve two consecutive terms.

**Explanation for changes:** To bring the WFRW Bylaws into alignment with the NFRW Bylaws and method of operation.

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**Proposal #15.** ARTICLE X – CONVENTIONS, SECTION 1. WFRW BIENNIAL CONVENTION

C. VOTING BODY

The voting body shall be paid primary members in WFRW clubs in good standing as follows:

1. all elected officers of the WFRW;
- ~~2. all District Directors and the District Director Coordinator;~~
- ~~2~~3. all standing committee chairs;
- ~~3~~4. all WFRW past presidents in good standing;

45. delegates representing each WFRW club as follows:

- a. one delegate or alternate from each club;
- b. one additional delegate for each twenty-five primary voting members in the club or the larger fraction thereof. Associate members cannot be counted for the purpose of determining the number of delegates to WFRW or NFRW regional meetings or conventions.

56. all club presidents;

67. the WSRP National Committeewoman;

78. the woman Chair or Vice Chair of the WSRP;

89. any Washington woman who is an officer or committee chair in the NFRW.

F. ALTERNATES FOR CONVENTION DELEGATES

2. There shall be no alternates for WFRW officers, District Directors, standing committee chairs, the WSRP National Committeewoman, the woman Chair or Vice Chair of the WSRP, the Washington women who are officers or committee chairs in the NFRW, and club presidents.

**Explanation for changes:** To delete a redundancy because under the proposed structure, the elected officers will be the new District Advisors.