



# Washington Federation of Republican Women

- Our Mission Statement –

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## OFFICIAL CALL

Dear WFRW Board of Directors' Member,

This is the Official Call to the Washington Federation of Republican Women's 2022 Fall Board of Directors Meeting and Biennial Convention on October 18-19, 2024, at the Embassy Suites, Lynnwood, WA.

On Friday, there are three workshops planned. Workshop #1 and #2 will be combined to feature the nationally renowned, Leadership Institute's Heather Sellers, providing vital information and training on a variety of informative topics, including; Grassroots Activism, Campaign Strategy, Communications, Fundraising, and Voter Contact.

Workshop #3 is a panel discussion on Washington agriculture with updates on current and planned legislation with:

Moderator - Sue Lani Madsen, Journalist and Rancher, and

Panelist - Pam Lewison, Washington Policy Center's Agricultural Research Director and Co-owner of JP Ranch, and

Panelist - Representative Mary Dye, 9th District, and Wheat Farmer, and

Panelist - Senator Ron Muzzall, 10th District, and Co-owner of 3 Sisters Farm, and

Panelist - Shelly Muzzall, Co-owner of 3 Sisters Farm

After these awesome workshops, we will of course kick Friday evening off with the Winners' Circle VIP Reception, followed by dinner. Enjoy a social time with our event VIP's and candidates advancing to the General Election that may be available to join us.

The Friday evening dinner Keynote Speaker will be Michelle Buckwalter-Shurman, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, and Region 5 Director from the National Federation of Republican Women. Michelle will also honor us by installing our newly elected WFRW 2025-26 officers on Saturday.

Ladies, we are fortunate that by hosting the Board of Directors Meeting and Convention outside of King County, we have been able to keep food prices at a reduced rate for this event. Additionally, the Hilton Embassy Suites is extending to us the same room rate that we received at last years' event which includes breakfast to help offset other expenses.

Club Presidents, you are encouraged to send a PROXY if you are unable to attend the Board of Directors meeting. As a reminder, there are no PROXY votes at the convention. Convention voters include WFRW officers; WFRW standing committee chairs; WFRW past presidents; club delegates; club presidents; Washington Republican National Committeewoman; and any Washington State woman who is an officer or committee chair in NFRW.

As a NFRW member, you can be proud to be part of a Federation that is the largest women's political organization in the country and that has had political influence in Washington D.C. for more than 80 years.

Your Executive Committee has a great program planned – I hope that you will join us at this year's Board of Director's Meeting and Biennial Convention!

*Billie Jean Liedahl*

President, Washington Federation of Republican Women



## PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

<b>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2024</b>	
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	<b>Registration Desk Open</b>
10:30 a.m. –  Short Break  – 2:30 p.m.	<b>Workshop #1 and #2</b> are combined to feature Leadership Institute’s <b>Heather Sellers</b> , providing vital information and training on a variety of important current topics, including; Grassroots Activism, Campaign Strategy, Communications, Fundraising, and Voter Contact.
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<b>Registration Desk Open</b>
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	<b>Workshop #3</b> Agriculture Panel with Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sue Lani Madsen</b></li> </ul> Panelist’s <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pam Lewison</b></li> <li>• <b>Representative Mary Dye</b></li> <li>• <b>Senator Ron Muzzall</b></li> <li>• <b>Shelly Muzzall</b></li> </ul>
4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<b>Registration Desk Open</b>
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.  Location TBD	<b>Winners’ Circle VIP Reception</b> (Members Only) Some wine, treats and great conversation! Please join us for some quality time with our Honored Guests along with various candidates moving forward to the General Election.
6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	<b>Registration Desk Open</b>
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	<b>Dinner with Keynote Speaker:</b> NFRW 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Pres. & NFRW Region 5 Advisor <b>Michelle Buckwalter-Shurman</b> , Managing Partner Nelson, Kilgus, & Buckwalter-Shurman
<b>SATURDAY, October 19, 2024</b>	
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m..	<b>Registration Desk Open</b>
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	<b>Board of Directors’ Meeting</b> (Detailed agenda will be provided in registration packets)
	<b>Biennial Convention</b> (Detailed agenda will be provided in registration packets)
Approximately 12 NOON	<b>Silent Auction closes, 50/50 winner announced</b>
	<b>Luncheon with Keynote Speaker:</b> <b>TBA</b>
2:00 p.m.	<b>Return to Convention if Unfinished Business</b>



## Meeting Registration

Registration is \$75 to be completed online, you will have the option to pay by credit card or print the confirmation emailed to you and send in with the check. You must click the submit button on the bottom of the form to complete the registration process. Please do not print the online form to fill out manually and mail – this could result in your registration being overlooked. Registration fees must be prepaid. If paying by check, please make checks payable to WFRW and mail to Toni Whitmyre, 4868 B North Village Lane, Bellingham, WA 98226 to be received no later than October 6<sup>th</sup>.

## The Hotel

Room rates are for single or double occupancy. The Hilton Embassy Suites is located at 20610 44<sup>th</sup> Ave. W, Lynnwood, WA. Check-in time is 4:00 p.m. and check-out is 12:00 p.m. Early check-in is based on a “space available” basis and will not be guaranteed. Individuals staying in their rooms beyond check-out time will be billed one additional night’s room + tax charges. Late check-out is provided based on availability, although some charges may apply. Arrangements can be made by contacting the front desk. It is our understanding the hotel is full that weekend with multiple events and special considerations are not likely. Because the front desk could be extremely busy, it is our recommendation to check out before Saturday’s meeting begins and leave your baggage with the Bell Desk.

## Hotel Reservations/Amenities

You may make your hotel reservations online by clicking on the clickable link listed in the e-mail, by copying this link into your browser

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/sealwes-xfr-c125956a-ee10-4e67-ae48-e6d18b5c97e7/>

or by calling **(425) 775-2500** directly. Please use the group name of Washington Federation of Republican Women for a discounted room rate of \$139 + tax for a King Suite or \$149 + tax for a Double Queen Suite. Free parking and two complimentary breakfast vouchers are included. Special hotel rate is valid until September 19<sup>th</sup> or until all allocated rooms at the special rate are reserved.

NOTE #1: When making your reservations online, if you desire a KING Suite and it does not come up as an option, please call the hotel directly at **(425) 775-2500**.

NOTE #2: When making your reservations online, edit the number of nights or it will automatically put in 2 nights stay and bill accordingly.

NOTE #3 WiFi / Internet is not included in your hotel reservation. If you are a Hilton Honors member, or if you apply for membership beforehand, it is part of the Hilton Honors benefit package.

## Resolutions

All resolutions shall be germane to the work of the Federation

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and shall be sent to the Resolutions Committee Chair, Sandi Peterson at [sandipete@comcast.net](mailto:sandipete@comcast.net) no later than October 5, 2024, that's 14 days prior to the board meeting. If you have questions about format or content, please contact Sandi directly.

## Proxies

Attention Club Presidents: If you are unable to attend the board meeting, please consider sending a proxy. The form must be submitted to WFRW Recording Secretary, Janet Backe at [janet.backe1@gmail.com](mailto:janet.backe1@gmail.com) before the meeting begins. **Don't delay, send in your proxy form as soon as you are aware you have one!** The designated proxy must be in good standing and cannot already have a voting position on the WFRW Board of Directors.

NOTE: Reminder, there are no proxies for the Biennial Convention.

## Delegates/Alternates

Please have your club elect the delegates/alternates according to your bylaws and e-mail or mail the official form to our Credentials Chair, Cindy Kadinger at [ckadinger75@gmail.com](mailto:ckadinger75@gmail.com) or snail mail to 11921 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Street SE, Lake Stevens, WA 98258. If you have any questions, please email Cindy or call her at (425) 949-9918. In accordance with our bylaws, forms must be received no later than October 1, 2024.

## Nomination Committee

The Nomination Committee has submitted their Slate of Officer Nominees. Nominees and their BIO's are attached to this Official Call for your convenience. It will also be available on the Resource Page.



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## Club President's Official Proxy Form

There is no proxy voting at the WFRW's Biennial Convention. However, a WFRW Club President may appoint a proxy for all voting matters if she is unable to attend the Board of Directors' meeting. This signed proxy form must be presented to the WFRW Membership Secretary before the meeting begins. The proxy will be included in the official credentials total.

Only WFRW Club Presidents are entitled to designate a proxy vote on the WFRW Board of Directors. The designee must be in good standing (a current WFRW member) and cannot already have a voting position on the WFRW Board of Directors.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, President  
NAME

of \_\_\_\_\_,  
CLUB NAME

hereby designate \_\_\_\_\_,  
NAME OF PROXY

a current member of the club mentioned earlier and WFRW, to be my official proxy at the WFRW Board of Directors' Fall Board Meeting to be held at Lynnwood, WA on October 19, 2024.

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SIGNATURE OF WFRW CLUB PRESIDENT

I acknowledge and authorize the individual mentioned earlier to be an official proxy for October 19, 2024, WFRW Board of Directors' meeting.

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SIGNATURE OF WFRW RECORDING SECRETARY  
Janet Backe