

BYLAWS OF THE Capital Area Republican Women Virtual Club

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this club shall be Capital Area Republican Women Virtual Club hereinafter referred to as "Club". This Club is affiliated with the North Carolina Federation of Republican Women (NCFRW) and with the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW).

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

The Objectives of this Club shall be to:

- A. Increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government;
- B. Disseminate information to all members;
- C. Inform the public through political education and activity;
- D. Foster loyalty to the Republican Party at all levels of government;
- E. Promote the principles of the Republican Party;
- F. Work for Republican candidates in all elections;
- G. Support the objectives and policies of the Republican National Committee; and
- H. Perform any lawful activity not inconsistent with the foregoing.

ARTICLE III - POLICIES

Section 1. ENDORSEMENT POLICY

The Club as a whole and any member of its Executive Committee shall not publicly endorse any candidate for public office in contested Republican primaries, runoff elections, and special elections, and/or non-partisan elections when more than one Republican is in the race. Individual members of this organization may work for the candidate of their choice in contested Republican primaries, but not in the name of the Club or Federation.

Section 2. SPLIT TICKET. Neither the Club nor an individual member shall advocate a split ticket, support an opposition party candidate, or act against the NFRW or State Federation policies and bylaws.

Section 3. OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. The Club shall not affiliate with any political organization which is not officially recognized as working in concert with the NCFRW, NFRW, and the Republican National Committee.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. PRIMARY MEMBERSHIP

A. Any registered Republican woman who lives in the Capital Region of the NCFRW and believes in the philosophy of the Republican Party and supports the objectives and policies of this organization shall be eligible for membership.

B. A member in good standing shall be a member who has paid the required dues for the current calendar year. The dues amount for primary members will be stated in the Club's standing rules and amended as required.

Section 2. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

A. The following individuals are eligible to become associate members:

- i. Any woman who is a primary member of another Federated Republican Women's club who supports the objectives and policies of this club,
- ii. Any woman who is a registered Republican voter and resides outside of the Capital Region but within NC who supports the objectives and policies of this club,
- iii. Any man who is a registered Republican voter and resides within NC who supports the objectives and policies of this club,
- iv. Any woman or man who lives outside of NC but within the USA who can demonstrate that she/he is registered Republican or is affiliated with the Republican Party in a state that does not register voters according to party affiliation, who supports the objective and policies of this club.

B. The dues amount for associate members shall be stated in the Club's standing rules and amended as required.

C. Associate members cannot hold office, vote, or be counted in determining the number of delegates to NFRW or the NCFRW meetings or conventions.

D. Associate dues remain with the club. Associate members are not reported to the State Federation or NFRW.

ARTICLE V - DUES

Section 1. FISCAL YEAR. The fiscal year shall be from January 1 through December 31.

Section 2. MEMBERSHIP DUES. Membership dues shall be payable January 2 and shall be delinquent March 1. Dues collected in November and December may be applied to the following year's membership.

Section 3. SERVICE CHARGES. Club shall pay NCFRW dues and NFRW per capita dues, and the annual service charges on behalf of its members, with the first payment of the year to be made no later than the date set by the NCFRW Assistant Treasurer.

ARTICLE VI - ELECTED OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 1. ELECTED OFFICERS. The elected officers of this club shall be a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. ELIGIBILITY. Each elected officer shall be a primary member in good standing of the club.

Section 3. VACANCY. A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the First Vice President. All other vacancies in elected office shall be filled by election by the Executive Committee at the first meeting following the creation of the vacancy.

Section 4. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE OR MEMBERSHIP. Members of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, or members of the club may be removed by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership for any of the following reasons after investigation by the Executive Committee:

- A. Non-payment of dues;
- B. Advocating for an opposition party candidate;
- C. Supporting an opposition party ticket; or
- D. Failure to uphold the policies and objectives of this club as stated in the bylaws.

Section 5. ELECTION. The officers shall be elected at the November meeting and shall serve a term of one year; an officer may serve consecutive terms in the same office until the limit is reached (See ARTICLE XI).

Section 6. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS.

A. The President shall

1. Call and preside over all meetings of the Club and the Executive Committee;
2. Represent the organization at all times or designate someone as representative/proxy in her absence or inability to do so;
3. Make Board appointments as necessary to conduct the business of the club, except the Nominating Committee, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee;
4. Prepare a program of action in consultation with the Chairmen of the Standing Committees for presentation and approval by the Executive Committee;
5. Collaborate with the Treasurer to prepare and submit an annual budget for approval by the membership by the last day of February;
6. Be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Financial Review and Nominating Committees;
7. Co-sign checks as one of two authorized signatures, namely President and Treasurer;
8. Represent the Club in all Republican Party activities;
9. Appoint the Financial Review Committee in November, with the exception of a change of treasurer at which time a complete review will be done;
10. Accept resignation by written letter or e-mail of any member wanting to resign from a position, chairmanship, or the Club; and
11. Call meetings of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors; or upon the request of three members of the Executive Committee and/or five members of the Board of Directors.

B. The First Vice President shall:

1. Perform the duties of the President in her absence;
2. Fill the unexpired term in the event of a vacancy in the office of President;

3. Perform such other duties as are assigned by the President, the Executive Committee or the Club; and
 4. Act as Program Chair.
- C. The Second Vice President shall:
1. Perform the duties of the President in the absence of both the President and the First Vice President;
 2. Perform other duties as assigned by the President, the Executive Committee or the Club; and
 3. Act as Membership Chair.
 4. Maintain a current roster of members of the Club.
- D. The Secretary shall:
1. Keep the minutes of all meetings of the Club, and Executive Committee;
 2. Keep a current inventory of Club property;
 3. Prepare Club correspondence in coordination with President;
 4. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President, the Executive Committee or the Club; and
 5. Maintain all Club records and historical items.
- E. The Treasurer shall:
1. Serve as custodian of all Club funds and deposit them in a bank(s) approved by the Executive Committee;
 2. Co-sign checks as one of two authorized signatures, namely President and Treasurer;
 3. Disburse funds as directed by the Executive Committee or the membership;
 4. Submit written financial report(s) to regular Club and Executive Committee meetings;
 5. Submit dues, annual service fees, and reports to NCFRW as required;
 6. Collaborate with the President to prepare and submit an annual budget for approval by the membership by the last day of February.
 7. Submit the financial records to the Financial Review committee for an annual review to be completed by the first meeting of the fiscal year;
 8. Perform other duties as assigned by the President, the Executive Committee or the Club; and
 9. Comply with all state elections and reporting requirements.

Section 7. RECORDS. All officers and all committee chairmen shall deliver all records, files, and properties of the Club to their successors upon retiring from office, unless otherwise directed by the President or the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII - APPOINTED OFFICERS

Section 1. APPOINTED OFFICERS. The President shall appoint, with the approval of the Executive Committee, a Parliamentarian.

Section 2. DUTIES OF APPOINTED OFFICERS.

A. The Parliamentarian shall:

1. Serve as counsel and give advice on parliamentary procedure;
2. Be familiar with the by-laws and standing rules of the Club; and
3. Be entitled to the membership privilege of a ballot vote if a Club member.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS

Section 1. REGULAR MEETINGS. A minimum of five (5) virtual meetings shall be held during the Club year. These meetings shall be held as decided by the Executive Committee. A quorum at Club meetings shall be 25 % of primary members. At least fourteen (14) days' notice shall be given to all members for regular meetings.

Section 2. SOCIAL MEETINGS. Social meetings will be held at least quarterly so that members may meet in real-world venues. These meetings should be held at various times and locations and may be informational as well as social but will not be considered business meetings of the club.

Section 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meetings may be called by the President upon the request of five members of the Executive Committee or by 10% members of the Club. The purpose of the meetings shall be stated in the call, with no other business to be transacted at the meeting. At least a five-day notice shall be given to all members for any special meeting. Meetings may be held electronically.

Section 3. ANNUAL MEETING. The November meeting will be designated as the Annual Meeting.

Section 4. VOTING. A vote of the Club or Executive Committee may be conducted by mail, telephone, email, or electronic application between meetings, provided there is participation by a majority of the members of the body. The vote shall be ratified and entered into the minutes at the body's next regular meeting.

Section 5. NOTICE. Notice for all meetings may be mailed or sent electronically.

ARTICLE IX - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. COMPOSITION. The Executive Committee of this club shall consist of:

- A. The elected officers;
- B. The Immediate Past President;
- C. The Standing Committee Chairs;
- D. The Parliamentarian; and
- E. The Special Committee Chairs, each without vote.

Section 2. DUTIES. The Executive Committee shall transact necessary business between meetings of the Club, approve committee appointments made by the President, and perform other duties as assigned by the Club.

Section 3. MEETINGS. The Executive Committee shall meet as decided by the President or the Committee. Special meetings may be called by the President or upon the request of a majority of the committee. At least a fourteen (14) day notice shall be given for meetings. Notice may be mailed or sent electronically.

Section 4. QUORUM. A majority of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE X - COMMITTEES

Section 1. STANDING COMMITTEES.

A. The standing committee chairmen of this club shall be appointed by the President, and approved by the Executive Committee, to include: Legislative, Bylaws, Campaign Activities, Fundraising and Membership.

B. Officers may be appointed to chair standing committees, and no other standing committee chairs may be named without an amendment of these bylaws.

C. Standing committee chairs shall be appointed for the same term as the President and shall be voting members of the Board of Directors.

D. Duties of Standing Committees

1. Legislative

- a. Shall implement legislative concerns important to the Club; and
- b. Shall inform the Club and Executive Committee of any legislation affecting the interests of NFRW and NCFRW.

2. Bylaws

- a. Conduct a biennial review of the Club bylaws;
- b. Request and receive proposed amendments to the bylaws, submit them to the Executive Committee for action, or initiate changes requested by the Club;
- c. General membership shall have final vote of amendments; and
- d. Furnish NCFRW Bylaws Committee with a complete set of Club bylaws for review and approval. Any subsequent revision of bylaws shall be sent to the NCFRW Bylaws Committee for approval.

3. Campaign Activities

- a. Shall coordinate all activities of the Club's campaign program and be responsible for the collection and reporting of campaign hours.

4. Fundraising

- a. Shall prepare and implement a plan for raising funds in order to meet the Club's budget and
- b. Shall notify the treasurer of all fundraising committee meetings, and treasurer may attend the meetings.

5. Membership

- a. Shall have Second Vice President as Chair.
- b. Shall recruit new members to the club and encourage current members to remain in good standing by renewing dues in a timely fashion;
- c. Shall explore ways to reach out to new members;

- d. Shall maintain a membership directory and shall maintain the confidentiality of private information of members;
- e. Shall make recommendations for placement of new members on one or more standing or special committees of the club; and
- f. Shall work with the Executive Committee members to plan social events where members can meet in the “real world”.

Section 2. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

A. The President may appoint chairs of special committees, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, at any time as it may become necessary. Special Committee Chairs do not have a vote on the Executive Committee.

- 1. Special Committees should include: Public Relations/Communications, Caring for America, and Literacy. Other Special Committees may be appointed as needed.

B. Financial Review Committee. A committee of three primary members shall be appointed by the president in November of each year whose duty it shall be to review the treasurer’s accounts at the close of the fiscal year and shall report to the Executive Committee and to the membership at the first meeting of the following fiscal year.

C. Nomination Committee. See ARTICLE XI, Section 1.A.

Section 3. COMMITTEE MEMBERS. All committee members must be primary members in good standing in the Club.

Section 4. EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating and Financial Review Committees. The President shall have final authority over all printed materials.

ARTICLE XI – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. NOMINATIONS.

A. A Nominating Committee of 3 primary members, and one alternate, shall be elected by the Club no later than September each year. The Committee shall elect its own chair. The Parliamentarian will instruct the Committee as to proper procedure and will be available for further counsel if required;

B. The Nominating Committee shall report a slate of one candidate for each office at the general meeting in October at least 30 days prior to the election meeting. All nominees shall be primary members in good standing in the club and shall give written consent to serve, if elected. Nominations from the floor shall be in order following the report of the Nominating Committee and just before the election; and

C. Nominating Committee members shall not succeed themselves.

Section 2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

In each year that new officers are to be elected:

A. Elections shall be by ballot at the regular meeting in November. However, if there is but one nominee for any office, the election for that office may be by voice vote;

B. No officer may simultaneously run for more than one office; and

C. Officers may run for consecutive terms, until a limit of three terms in a specific office is reached.

ARTICLE XII - STATE FEDERATION CONVENTION DELEGATES

Section 1. For the NCFRW biennial convention, the club shall elect representation to the convention in the method set forth in the NCFRW bylaws.

Section 2. Election of delegates and alternates shall take place at a general meeting before the convention to conform to NCFRW certification requirement.

ARTICLE XIII - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the club in all instances where they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws, NFRW and NCFRW bylaws and any special rules of order.

ARTICLE XIV - AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any regular (general) meeting of the club, provided that notice of the proposed amendment(s) shall have been sent to each member thirty days prior to the date of the general meeting.

ARTICLE XV - DISSOLUTION

This club may be dissolved by a two-thirds vote at any regular or special meeting of the club, provided that notice of the dissolution has been submitted in writing at least thirty (30) days prior and has been sent to all members of the club. In the event of dissolution, the Executive Committee shall, after payment of all liabilities of the club, distribute any remaining assets to the NCFRW. No funds shall be distributed to any member or officer of the club. The right to use the name of a dissolved club shall revert to the NCFRW.

These bylaws approved and adopted by Capital Area Republican Women Virtual Club on February 5, 2020.