

FORSYTH COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN
STANDING RULES AND POLICIES
August 25, 2022

STANDING RULES

1. The official logos of the Forsyth County Republican Women (FCRW) are trademarks of the FCRW and shall not be used without permission of the FCRW President.
2. All materials printed or otherwise, that have the FCRW trademark shall have the approval of the FCRW President twenty-four hours before distribution at the board of directors meeting.
3. The annual membership year is January 1 - December 31. Membership applications will be processed from January through September. From October - December 31, new memberships will not be processed until the first of January as it is unfair to charge new members for only a few months of membership.
4. A Republican woman becomes a member of the North Carolina Federation of Republican Women (NCFRW) and the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) by joining the Forsyth County Republican Women.
5. Although independent, the bylaws of the FCRW must not conflict with the NCFRW and the NFRW Bylaws.
6. The FCRW's Standing Committees are Bylaws, Campaign, Fundraising, Public Relations and Legislation and Research. Additional Standing Committees can be added after a vote of the Board of Directors.
7. Special Committees can be appointed by the FCRW President as she deems necessary. The chair and members of the special committees do not need approval by the Board of Directors.
8. A member in good standing is a member who has paid the required dues to the club treasurer for the current calendar year. As soon as her payment is duly processed by the FCRW and transmitted in quarterly reports to the NCFRW, she shall be given all the privileges of club membership. She must be a registered Republican in North Carolina, provide a complete address and pay by personal check, cash or credit card.
9. The FCRW must comply with all NCFRW and NFRW bylaws, procedures, policies and objectives, irrespective of local club bylaws. In any instance where there is a conflict, the NFRW takes precedence over NCFRW and FCRW. Compliance is mandatory; no vote is needed by the local club.
10. FCRW membership basic dues are \$40 per year that includes \$20 for NFRW and \$5 for NCFRW (in other words, of the \$40, \$15 stays with the FCRW). FCRW can determine

the total amount of their members' dues and can increase the basic dues for the use of their club.

11. A club treasurer shall send the basic dues of their members to the NCFRW Assistant Treasurer as scheduled for reporting to the NFRW. The first payment will be due immediately in January. Each club will include an annual NFRW service charge of \$15.00. When this payment is processed, the club will be considered an active club and the members included in this payment will be active members of the NCFRW and the NFRW with all membership privileges of these organizations.
12. In an intra-club election, the Club president shall remain neutral, all members, including Board of Director's members, may publicly endorse and support the candidate of their choice. The President shall be neutral in intra-club elections.
13. In an Intra-Republican Party election, the Club as a whole shall remain neutral, but all members can endorse and publicly support the candidate of their choice, except the President.
14. The FCRW is governed by a Board of Directors as described in the Bylaws.
15. Board of Director meetings are formal business meetings at which a quorum must be met to conduct business. An appointed parliamentarian shall be in attendance. An Agenda shall be furnished to the members. The meeting shall include reports from all the officers, and pertinent Committee reports. All votes taken must follow parliamentary procedures. These meetings may be virtual by electronic means or with a virtual option added to a live meeting.
16. Board of Directors meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month.
17. The FCRW president is to be reimbursed by the Club for registration fees, travel and lodging fees to attend NCFRW and NFRW Board Meetings.
18. Response to death of a Board member, past president, or person who has longstanding ties with FCRW will be between \$50 - \$100, either in a donation to a charity of choice or a floral tribute. The donation may also be made to the Caring for America Scholarship Fund or the Dottie Martin Scholarship Fund.
19. Two members are listed on the FCRW bank account and are authorized to have credit cards: The President and Treasurer. The treasurer must have a receipt for each expenditure. The President and Treasurer should both receive the monthly bank statements and check for accuracy.
20. The FCRW shall participate in the RISE Awards which are given to clubs that have exceeded their annual membership goals, have a representative attend two NCFRW Board meetings, have service campaign hours and hold a club project on Education. This award is given at the first Board Meeting of each year.

21. The FCRW shall nominate a club member for the Tribute to Women Awards which is a Biennial event to honor and celebrate an outstanding member of a local club for her contributions of time, talent and inspiration to Republican women and the Republican Party. Also, a member who has contributed at the state level is chosen as the NC State Honoree. One member who has served in elected political office is chosen as the Pioneer Award Honoree.

POLICIES

1. Neither the FCRW, nor the FCRW President, shall endorse a candidate prior to the primary election when there is more than one Republican candidate for the same office.
2. The name of the FCRW (or the position held) shall not be used by any member in supporting a candidate prior to the primary election. The Board will request the resignation of any member violating these policies. Any individual Forsyth County Republican Woman, other than the President, may support any candidate but without identifying her organization or office held.
3. The Forsyth County Republican Women shall not advocate a split party ticket or support a candidate of another political party.
4. In an emergency, the President, or in her absence the Vice President of Programs, may take a vote of the Executive Board by telephone or e-mail.
5. No expenditures may be made unless included in the budget or approved by the President.
6. The membership list including e-mail addresses may not be used by non-members. It may be used by Publications Editor, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Webmaster.