

Bylaws of the MAGNOLIA AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN

AS AMENDED November 2017

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be: Magnolia Area Republican Women (MARW)

The address of this organization shall be:

P.O. Box 729

Pinehurst, TX 77362 A

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this organization shall be:

- To work for the election of the Republican Party's nominees.
- To promote an informed electorate through political education.
- To increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government through active political participation.
- To facilitate cooperation among local Republican Women's clubs.
- To foster loyalty to the Republican Party and to promote its principles and candidates in all elections including non-partisan elections.

ARTICLE III - POLICY

Section 1. Organization Membership: This organization and its members shall be members of the Texas Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women, shall support their objectives and policies, and shall pay per capita dues and the annual service charges to said organizations.

Section 2. Registered PAC: This organization shall be registered with the Texas Ethics Commission as a Political Action Committee.

Section 3. Candidate Endorsement: This organization, its president, and its campaign activities chairman 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, with the exception of the President and Campaign Activities Chairman, may work for any candidate of their choice in

contested Republican primaries but not in the name of the organization.

Section 4. Candidate Endorsement Exemption: This article pertains only to contests between Republican candidates for public office. If the President or Campaign Activities Chairman is a candidate, or whose husband, or another family member, she shall be exempt from this rule, but may not endorse in the name of the organization.

Section 5. Controversial Issues: This organization and its officers shall not issue statements or pass resolutions on controversial issues in the name of the organization without first polling its members and obtaining a two-thirds (2/3) written vote of approval of the total membership. Individual members shall not use the name of this organization to endorse a candidate or issue statements regarding controversial issues.

Section 6. Lobbying: There shall be no lobbying with Legislators using the name of the Texas Federation of Republican Women by any federated local club or any individual member without the express permission of the Board of Directors of the Texas Federation of Republican Women.

Section 7. Fiscal Year: The fiscal year of this club shall be from January 1 through December 31.

ARTICLE IV – Membership

Section 1. Eligibility:

A. Any woman believing in the philosophy of the Republican Party and in the objectives of this organization shall be eligible for membership.

B. She shall be a registered voter.

Section 2. Classification of Membership Active: Any woman who believes in the philosophy of the Republican Party and the objectives of the local club and who pays the required annual dues is classified as an active member. An active member may be counted in only one local club for the purpose of delegate representation to Federation State and National Conventions, and this will be the only local unit in which she may hold office. Her dues and name shall be submitted to the Texas Federation of Republican Women from her primary local unit only. Associate – A Republican Woman who is a regular member of another federated local club and wishes to support the MARW may be eligible for Associate membership upon payment of required dues. She cannot hold office, vote, have voice, or be counted for the purpose determining the number of delegates to National or State Federation meetings or conventions. Republican men are eligible for Associate membership upon payment of the required annual dues. They cannot hold office, have a voice or vote, or be counted for the purpose of determining the number of delegates to national or state federation meetings or conventions. They do not become members of the State or the National Federation. Honorary – Honorary members shall have all the privileges of membership except when an active member of another federated Republican Women's club. Honorary members shall pay no dues, and the local club shall pay their per capita

dues to the Texas Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women, unless they are active members of another federated Republican Women's club. Young Affiliate - A Young Affiliate is a young teenage woman, age thirteen through seventeen, who wishes to be affiliated with a local Republican Women's club by paying the required annual dues. A Young Affiliate may not be listed on the roster to the Texas Federation of Republican Women, cannot be counted for purposes of determining the number of delegates to the Texas Federation of Republican Women or the National Federation of Republican Women meetings or conventions, and shall have no vote at local club meetings. Her name and dues will not be sent to the Texas Federation of Republican Women Headquarters.

Section 3. Cause for Removal No club or individual shall publicly endorse or work for a known candidate of another party in a Partisan or non-partisan race where a Republican is in the race or advocate a split party ticket. When More than one Republican is in a non-partisan race, no club, club President or Campaign Activities Chairman shall publicly endorse or work for any candidate in said race. If the President or Campaign Activities Chairman violates this policy, it shall fall to the local club to remove her from office; if a club Violates this policy, it shall be the responsibility of the TFRW Executive Committee to remove the club From the Federation.

ARTICLE V - DUES

Section 1. Membership Dues: Annual Dues shall be set by the membership in the Standing Rules. Dues are delinquent if not paid by the end of the first general meeting of each year.

Section 2. Submission of Members to TFRW: This organization and its members shall be members of the Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) and the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW), shall support their objectives and policies, and shall pay per capita dues and the annual service charges of said organizations.

Section 3. Fiscal Year: The fiscal year of this organization shall be from January 1 through December 31.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1. Elected Officers: The officers of this organization shall be President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary, and PAC Treasurer.

Section 2. Duties of Officers:

A. The President shall preside at all meetings of MARW and the Executive Committee, shall appoint chairmen of all standing and special committees except that of the Nominating Committee, with the approval of the Executive Committee; shall appoint a parliamentarian, and chaplain; shall serve ex officio as a member of all committees

except the Nominating Committee; and shall have general supervision of the work of the organization. She shall appoint any committees as needed.

B. Vice President 1, Programs shall perform the duties of the President whenever the President is absent or otherwise unable to serve. She shall perform such other duties as the President may designate. She shall be Program Chairman.

C. Vice President 2, Membership shall perform the duties of the President whenever the President and Vice President 1 are absent or otherwise unable to serve. She shall perform such other duties as the President may designate. She shall be Membership Chairman.

D. Recording Secretary shall keep a factual and unbiased record of the proceedings of all meetings of the organization and the Executive Committee, shall have custody of all records pertinent thereto and shall perform such additional duties as may be required of the office.

E. The PAC Treasurer shall receive and be Custodian of all funds of the organization and shall pay all bills upon authorization by the President. The Treasurer shall keep an account of all monies received and disbursed and shall give a report at each regular meeting of the organization to the membership. She shall be registered with the Texas Ethics Commission and shall submit all reports required by the TEC in a timely manner. All records must be submitted at the end of the year for review.

Section 3. Qualification of Officers: In order to be elected as President, the nominee must have been a member in good standing of this organization for six months and have served on the Executive Committee prior to her nomination in September. In order to be elected as Vice President, Recording Secretary, or PAC Treasurer, a nominee must have been a member in good standing of this organization for six months prior to her nomination in September.

Section 4. Term of Office: The term of office for officers and chairmen shall be for 1 year, or until their successor is elected or appointed. No officer may serve in the same position for more than two consecutive terms with the exception of the PAC Treasurer. Committee chairmen may serve longer than two years at the discretion of the Executive Committee. The term of office shall be from January through December 31st regardless of the date of installation.

Section 5. Delivery of Records: All officers and all committee chairmen shall deliver all records, files and properties of the club to their successors before December 31 of the year in which they are retiring from office unless otherwise directed by the President.

ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Executive Committee: The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers and immediate past President

Section 2. Duties of the Executive Committee: The Executive Committee shall have authority to transact any necessary business between meetings, to make recommendations as to policies of the organization, to advise the President, to fill vacancies that occur between elections by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee members present and voting with the exception of a vacancy in the presidency, in which case the Vice President shall assume the office of President and the Executive Committee shall elect a Vice President as stated herein. The Executive Committee shall approve committee Chairmen appointed by the President.

Section 3. Quorum: A quorum for a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be a majority of the Executive Committee. Section 4. Voting: Unless otherwise stated, the vote of the Executive Committee shall be by simple majority. When determined to be appropriate by the President, the vote may be by e-mail. When e-mail voting occurs, the President shall retain these votes in her files.

Article VIII – MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular Meetings of the Membership: The regular meetings of Club membership shall be held on the 3rd Monday of each month unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Board, which shall give no less than seven (7) days' notice of the change to the membership. The Annual Meeting and the election of officers shall be held during the October meeting. The installation of officers shall be held during the November meeting.

Section 2. Special Meetings of the Membership: Special meetings of Club membership shall be held at the call of the President or upon the request of 10% of the membership. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call and no other business shall be considered at the special meeting except that stated in the call of the meeting, with at least 5 days' notice to the members.

Section 3. Quorum for Regular Meeting: A quorum for a meeting of this organization shall be 20% of the members.

Section 4. Executive Committee Meetings: Regular meetings of the Executive Committee will normally be held 2 weeks prior to the regular meeting of the membership at such time and place as may be determined by the President.

Section 5. Special Meetings of the Executive Committee: Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President or upon the request of a majority of the members of the Board; the purpose of the meeting to be stated in the call and no other business shall be transacted, with at least 3 days' notice to the members.

Section 6. Quorum for Executive Committee: A quorum for any meeting of the Executive Committee shall consist of a majority of the voting members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committees: The standing committees shall include: Campaign Activities, Political Action, Legislation, Hospitality, and Membership, and Programs. The chairmen of the standing committees shall be appointed by the President unless otherwise provided for in these bylaws.

Section 2. Standing Committees Duties: The committees shall outline programs for action in their Respective fields for consideration and adoption by the Executive Committee, shall carry out such other duties as may be prescribed by the President and/or Executive Committee.

Section 3. Special Committees: Special committees shall include: Internal Review, Nominations, and Finance, whose chairmen shall be appointed by the President, except that of the Nominating Committee. Other special committees may be appointed by the President and/or Executive Committee as deemed advisable. Internal Review Committee: An Internal Review Committee shall be selected to conduct an internal review of the books by December 31st of the fiscal year and shall submit its report to the Executive Committee prior to the regular meeting in January. The Treasurer shall be present at the internal review of the books.

Section 4. Duties of Special Committees: The special committees shall outline programs in their respective fields for consideration and adoption by the Executive Committee. These committees shall be formed only for the duration of their service. Their chairmen will not have a voice or voting rights on the Executive Committee. All Committees shall report to the membership at Executive Committee meetings, and the regular meetings or as ordered by the President.

ARTICLE X - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Nominating Committee:

- A. A nominating committee of not less than (3) members and not more than (7), at least (2) of whom shall not be a member of the Executive Committee, shall be elected by the membership at the June meeting. The Nominating Committee shall elect its chairman from one of its own number. A plurality vote shall elect the members of the committee.
- B. The Nominating Committee shall report one nominee for each office at the September meeting.
- C. The nominating committee cannot succeed itself.

Section 2. Elections:

- A. Elections shall be held at the October meeting after the Nominating Committee has reported its nominees.
- B. Nominations from the floor shall be allowed, provided prior consent of each of the nominees shall be obtained.
- C. Where there is only one candidate for an office, election may be by voice vote. Where

there is more than one candidate for an office, election shall be by ballot. A plurality vote shall elect.

D. No absentee or proxy voting shall be allowed. Section 3. Notice: At least (7) days prior to the September General Meeting, the Recording Secretary will send each member a copy of the Nominating Committee

Section 3. Installation: Officers shall be installed at the November meeting.

ARTICLE XI - CONVENTIONS

Section 1. Texas Federation of Republican Women Biennial Convention: This organization may be represented at the Biennial State Convention by one delegate and one alternate for each ten (10) members and an additional delegate and alternate for a remainder of six to nine members. Delegates and alternates to the convention of the Texas Federation of Republican Women shall be elected at a regular meeting.

Section 2. National Federation of Republican Women Biennial Convention: This organization may be represented at the Biennial National Convention by one delegate and one alternate. The delegate and alternate to the National Federation of Republican Women Convention shall be elected at a regular meeting.

Article XII - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern all proceedings except where inconsistent with the Bylaws of this organization and those of the Texas Federation of Republican Women and of the National Federation of Republican Women.

ARTICLE XIII – AMENDEMENTS

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the club by a two-thirds vote provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been sent to each member at least (15) days prior to the meeting or provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.

ARTICLE XIV – DISSOLUTION

This club may be dissolved by a two-thirds vote at any meeting of the local club, provided that notice of the dissolution has been submitted in writing at the previous meeting and has been sent by mail to all members of the local club. In the event of dissolution, the Executive Committee shall, after payment of all liabilities of the local club, distribute any remaining assets to the state

federation. None of the assets shall be distributed to any member or officer of the organization. The right to use the name shall revert to the state federation.

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