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In accordance with the Bylaws of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women (MFRW), Article XII, I hereby call the MFRW Fall Convention to be held Saturday, November 12th at The Fenwick Inn, 41685 Fenwick Street, Leonardtown, Maryland.

Registration opens at 9:30 a.m. with the meeting beginning at 10 a.m. and concluding about 3 p.m. The program will include a delicious lunch, exciting speakers, updates from your elected officers, dinner and much more. My thanks to the Republican Women of St. Mary's County for their efforts in pulling this together.

**All MFRW members are invited and
encouraged to attend – guests are welcome too!**

The voting body of the MFRW state convention is composed of the Board of Directors (elected officers, the regional chairmen and vice chairmen, club presidents, all standing committee chairmen, and all former MFRW presidents who are regular members in good standing of a MFRW club) and credentialed delegates.

The number of credentialed delegates for each club is proportionate to its membership on June 30th – 1 delegate for every 5 members. The club president will be notified if more club members register for Fall Convention than the allowed number of credentialed delegates. The club president would then designate the club's voting delegates.

A club president who is unable to attend may name a proxy (form attached) to represent her club at the meeting. The proxy named must be a full member in good standing of the club she is representing.

Hope you can join us!

Sharon Carrick
President

Register online at www.mfrw.org or via the attached Registration Form.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday, November 11th

10:00 a.m. Veterans Parade and wreath laying ceremony in Leonardtown

7:00 p.m. Welcome reception

The Inn at Leonardtown
41655 Park Avenue
Leonardtown MD 20650

Saturday, November 12th

\$110 Meeting + Lunch + Dinner ◦ \$65 Meeting + Lunch only ◦ \$55 Dinner only

9:30 a.m. Registration opens

The Fenwick Inn
41685 Fenwick Street
Leonardtown MD 20650

10:00 a.m. Fall Convention Session I

Lunch (box lunches about 11:30 a.m.)

- Chicken Caesar wrap – fresh fruit – cookie
- Hummus wrap– (gf) sweet potato wrap, garlic hummus, falafel, pickled onion, tomato cucumber – fresh fruit – cookie
- Roast beef and brie on French bread – fresh fruit – cookie
- Macro bowl – mixed greens, roasted beets, butternut squash, carrots, broccoli, cauliflower with quinoa, hummus and white balsamic vinaigrette

Fall Convention Session II

Free time from meeting's end (projected about 3:00 p.m.) to dinner. Explore Leonardtown (shops, restaurants, spas) or just relax in the meeting room at *The Inn at Leonardtown*.

Approximately 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Optional winery visit – \$25 – separate registration
Port of Leonardtown Winery Wine tasting and socializing. Transportation provided.

6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Buffet dinner

- Salad – mixed greens, Granny Smith apples, spiced pecans, goat cheese white balsamic vinaigrette
- Seared salmon with dijonaise
- Grilled chicken with pesto, bacon and cheese
- Tortellini tossed with olives, artichokes, asparagus, and sun-dried tomatoes in light garlic aioli and parmesan cheese
- Grilled and roasted root vegetables
- Apple pie with cinnamon whipped cream

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REGISTRATION FORM

Please print clearly- SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH PERSON

NAME: _____

ADDRESS -- Street _____

City / St / Zip _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

CLUB: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

EMPLOYER: _____

_____ \$110 Meeting + Lunch + Dinner

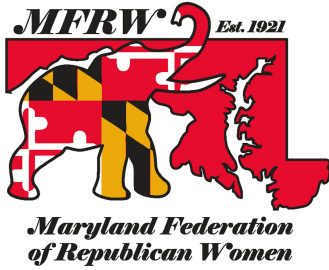
_____ \$ 65 Meeting + Lunch

_____ \$ 55 Dinner only

_____ \$ 25 OPTIONAL Winery Visit

Your check payable to *MFRW* and this registration form can be mailed to:

MFRW, PO Box 6040, Annapolis, MD 21401



PROXY FORM

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Club President 's Name:

Club:

I hereby designate _____ *[please print]*
to be my official proxy for the 2022 Fall Convention
of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women.

Proxy's signature

Proxy's email and phone number *[please print]*

Club President's signature

Date

*Pursuant to MFRW Bylaws Article VI, Section 1(C), this proxy must be presented to the
MFRW Recording Secretary and validated before the proxy can vote.
The completed proxy form can be emailed to liliananorkaitis@gmail.com
or presented at Fall Convention.*

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ALLOWABLE VOTING DELEGATES

263 1 per 5		22	285 TOTAL	30-Jun-22 Club	Members 1,374
4	+	1	5	Allegany	22
8	+	1	9	Anne Arundel	42
35			35	Baltimore	175
3	+	1	4	Calvert	18
7	+	1	8	Calvert Leaders	39
5	+	1	6	Caroline	28
6	+	1	7	Carroll	31
7			7	Cecil	35
2	+	1	3	Charles	13
15	+	1	16	Chesapeake	78
22	+	1	23	Chevy Chase	112
5	+	1	6	Frederick	29
15	+	1	16	Garrett	79
16	+	1	17	Harford	82
2			2	Hopkins	10
8	+	1	9	Howard	42
2			2	MD RW Leaders	10
3	+	1	4	Mid Shore	19
2	+	1	3	Patuxent	13
22	+	1	23	Potomac	114
6	+	1	7	Rural	33
22			22	Severna Park	110
8	+	1	9	St Mary's	42
2	+	1	3	Taneytown	11
5	+	1	6	Upper Montgomery	27
3	+	1	4	Wicomico Conservative	17
28	+	1	29	Worcester	143

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Bylaws Amendment #1

RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGE

Broaden two Standing Committee titles to better describe responsibilities and mirror the NFRW bylaws

BYLAWS ARTICLE and SECTION BEING ADDRESSED

ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES

Section 1 – Standing Committees

The MFRW Standing Committees shall be Bylaws, Campaign, Finance, Fundraising, Legislative, Membership, Program and Public Relations.

PROPOSED CHANGE

1. Change “Campaign” to “Political Activities” and “Public Relations” to “Communications”
2. Reorder committee names alphabetically

EXACT WORDING OF BYLAW AS PROPOSED (changes in **BOLD**)

ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES

Section 1 – Standing Committees

The MFRW Standing Committees shall be Bylaws, **Communications**, Finance, Fundraising, Legislative, Membership, **Political Activities**, and Program.

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Bylaws Amendment #2

RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGE

Provide a process to remove any elected member of the MFRW Board of Directors (including MFRW Elected Officers, Regional Chairs, and Club Presidents) from office whose actions are so egregious that separation from the organization is warranted, after efforts have been exhausted to repair the infringement.

BYLAWS ARTICLE and SECTION BEING ADDRESSED

ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 2 -- Duties

- A. It shall be responsible for the transaction of MFRW business between meetings of the MFRW Board of Directors, provided that the Executive Committee shall not make any new policies or change existing policy established by the MFRW at its BOD or Convention meetings*
- B. It has the right to make expenditures on behalf of MFRW as long as those expenditures are provided for in the Annual MFRW Budget.*
- C. It shall confirm the MFRW president's recommendations for chairmen of standing and special committees.*

PROPOSED CHANGE

Add a new subsection

EXACT WORDING OF BYLAW AS PROPOSED (changes in **BOLD**)

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- B. It has the right to make expenditures on behalf of MFRW as long as those expenditures are provided for in the Annual MFRW Budget.
- C. It shall confirm the MFRW president's recommendations for chairmen of standing and special committees.

D. Remove for cause, at the sole discretion of the MFRW Executive Committee, any member of the MFRW Board of Directors or any appointee to any MFRW office or position of any kind, by a two-thirds vote of the entire Executive Committee.

(i) Cause for such removal shall include, with limitation, the failure or refusal to support the policies, objectives, and bylaws of the MFRW or any act or omission intended to cause or having the effect of causing damage to the MFRW or its reputation or financial stability.

(ii) This action shall be taken only after all efforts to repair the infringement have been exhausted.

(iii) Written notification must be given to the individual at least 30 days prior to the removal consideration date.

(iv) If the action is approved, removal will be effective immediately but may be appealed at the next Board of Directors meeting.

(v) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the initiation of litigation or any other adversarial proceeding against the MFRW, or in which the MFRW is a named defendant or respondent, shall constitute cause for removal.

(vi) The MFRW shall be entitled to recover from such member, officer, or appointee its legal fees and other costs and expenses relating to any such litigation or proceeding if the MFRW shall substantially prevail therein.

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Bylaws Amendment #3

RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGE

Clarify that Article III Section 5 pertains to local clubs
Codify failure to remain neutral pre-Primary and acting
against the welfare of the MFRW as causes for removal

BYLAWS ARTICLE and SECTION BEING ADDRESSED

Section 5 -- Removal and Reinstatement to MFRW Membership:

- A. *A two-thirds vote of the MFRW Executive Committee is required for removal of any federated local club from membership, after the local club has received notification of the reason(s) in writing, and efforts have been exhausted to repair the infringement.*
- B. *A local club may be removed from membership for any of the following reasons:*
 - 1. *Bylaws which are in material conflict with the MFRW or NFRW Bylaws*
 - 2. *Non-payment of dues for the total membership and the current service charge*
 - 3. *Failure to support the Republican Party ticket, advocating a split ticket, supporting a candidate on an opposition ticket or actions which are in conflict with MFRW and/or NFRW Bylaws*
 - 4. *Failure to comply with MFRW and/or NFRW membership rules*
 - 5. *Affiliation with a political organization which is not officially recognized as working in concert with the MFRW, NFRW and the Republican National Committee.*

PROPOSED CHANGES

ARTICLE III, SECTION 5

Add "of a local club" after "Removal and Reinstatement" in the title

Add two subsections, #5 and #6 under Item B

EXACT WORDING OF BYLAW AS PROPOSED (changes in **BOLD**)

Section 5 – Removal and Reinstatement **of a local club** to MFRW Membership:

B. A local club may be removed from membership for any of the following reasons:

1. Bylaws which are in material conflict with the MFRW or NFRW Bylaws
 2. Non-payment of dues for the total membership and the current service charge
 3. Failure to support the Republican Party ticket, advocating a split ticket, supporting a candidate on an opposition ticket or actions which are in conflict with MFRW and/or NFRW Bylaws
 4. Failure to comply with MFRW and/or NFRW membership rules
 5. Affiliation with a political organization which is not officially recognized as working in concert with the MFRW, NFRW and the Republican National Committee.
 - 6. Failure of a club as an entity to remain neutral during a Primary election including social media posts and comments, press, and any statements made under the title of the club.**
 - 7. Any act or omission intended to cause or have the effect of causing damage to the MFRW or its reputation.**
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Bylaws Amendment #4

RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGE

Codify adherence to MFRW policies as a requirement for the designation “member in good standing”

BYLAWS ARTICLE and SECTION BEING ADDRESSED

Article III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 -- Member in Good Standing

An individual member in good standing is one whose current dues are paid in an MFRW local club and who supports Article II of these Bylaws. A local club is one in good standing whose current dues and service charge are paid to the MFRW and to the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW).

PROPOSED CHANGE

Expand the definition of a “member in good standing” and reformat section to better differentiate member from club.

EXACT WORDING OF BYLAW AS PROPOSED (changes in **BOLD**)

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - Member in good standing

- A. A member in good standing is one whose current dues are paid in an MFRW local club and who supports Article II of these bylaws **and all MFRW policies.**
- B. A club in good standing is one whose current dues and service charge **have been** paid to the MFRW and to the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW).

*Current MFRW policies are provided here as reference only.
They are not under consideration for review or modification at this time.*

MFRW POLICIES

Audit of Treasurer's Records

MFRW will pay for the audit and review of the Treasurer's accounts.

Endorsement Policy

It is recognized that members of our organization are politically active and should be engaged in the support of Republican candidates. It is further recognized that building quality relationships with our elected officials are critical to our mission.

The MFRW has adopted this policy to specifically address endorsement of candidates during election cycles:

- The President and Campaign Activities Chair (or equivalent) of the MFRW and all affiliated clubs shall not publicly endorse any candidate for public office in any primary, runoff, special, or non-partisan race where two or more known Republicans are in the race.
 - Examples of endorsements or public displays of support include block walking, door knocking, phone banking, handing out literature, sending emails, displaying signs on personal property, donating funds or attending fundraising events, and social media posts.
- No endorsement or evidence of support by any member shall be issued using the affiliation, logo, state/club name, or stationery of the MFRW or any local club of the MFRW.
- This policy does not apply to an individual running for delegate to the Republican National Convention for one of the presidential candidates.
- An officer of the organization who is a candidate, or whose spouse or family member is a candidate, shall be exempt from this rule. However, they may not use the name, logo or stationery of the MFRW or their local MFRW club in their support of that candidate.
- Clubs may distribute (either hard copy or through digital mediums) information on all Republican candidates in a contested Primary race (such as fundraisers, press releases, and events) so long as they ensure it is done in a fair and equitable manner. Suggestions include:
 - Create a separate "Candidate's Forum" club Facebook page (and other digital mediums) that includes a disclaimer (i.e., "Items posted on this page are for informational purposes only and do not represent an endorsement by this club") and allow all Republican candidates to post on the page.

- Emails forwarded by the club on behalf of Republican candidates in a contested Primary should include a similar disclaimer and be done in a fair and equitable manner:
 - Invite candidates to participate in a weekly club email that contains information/invitations.
 - Make sure that all candidates are aware of the club policy (content, format, deadlines) for having their information included.
- With non-partisan races, confirm party affiliation using the voter data software and support our Republican candidates running in the non-partisan races. Contact your local Central Committee or the MDGOP if you need help with this.

Letters to the Editor

MFRW encourages its members to write letters to the editor. However, a member's title and MFRW stationery cannot be used unless the MFRW President and a majority of the Executive Committee have approved the statement for release to the media.

Membership lists

The members of MFRW authorize their President to submit the lists of members to *bona fide* Republican candidates for public or party office, upon request by the candidate and at their expense, unless otherwise instructed by the individual local club president(s).

Reimbursement of President's Expenses

MFRW will reimburse the President (or her appointed representative) for travel at the current federal mileage reimbursement rate and other reasonable and approved expenses incurred on her behalf.

Run for Office

It is the policy of MFRW to encourage its members to run for party and public office. In the event the MFRW President is elected to public office, she shall immediately resign as President.