

Maryland Federation of Republican Women

Maryland Republican women began to organize as soon as women won the right to vote in 1920. In June 1921, fifty Republican women from throughout Maryland gathered in Baltimore for an organizational meeting and returned home to form clubs in their neighborhoods. In 1938, Maryland was one of eleven state federations that joined together to form the National Federation of Republican Women.

As we said “goodbye” to 2021, there were 27 federated clubs and 1,480 members of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women.

VISION

The Maryland Federation of Republican Women (MFRW) is committed to a tradition of empowering women from all backgrounds to serve as leaders in political, governmental, and civic arenas. We are the strongest unified group of voting Republican women in Maryland.

MISSION

The mission of the MFRW is to support its affiliated clubs in their efforts to function efficiently, harmoniously and optimally in achieving the purposes of this organization. The MFRW also provides support and resources to empower women to establish new clubs.

PURPOSE

Purposes of this organization are defined in Article II of our Bylaws:

- Increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government;
- Disseminate information to its affiliated clubs;
- Inform the public through political education and activity;
- Foster loyalty to the Republican Party at all levels of government;
- Promote the principles of the Republican Party;
- Work for Republican candidates in all elections, including non-partisan elections;
- Support the objectives and policies of the Republican National Committee; and
- Perform any lawful activity not inconsistent with the foregoing.

VALUES

The MFRW and its affiliated clubs ascribe to the highest ethical standards. We respect, appreciate and value diverse perspectives, build relationships based on trust, and relate to others as individuals without regard for role, authority, skill or experience.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

NFRW

National Federation of Republican Women

Governance: National Federation of Republican Women Bylaws (amended Sep 2021)

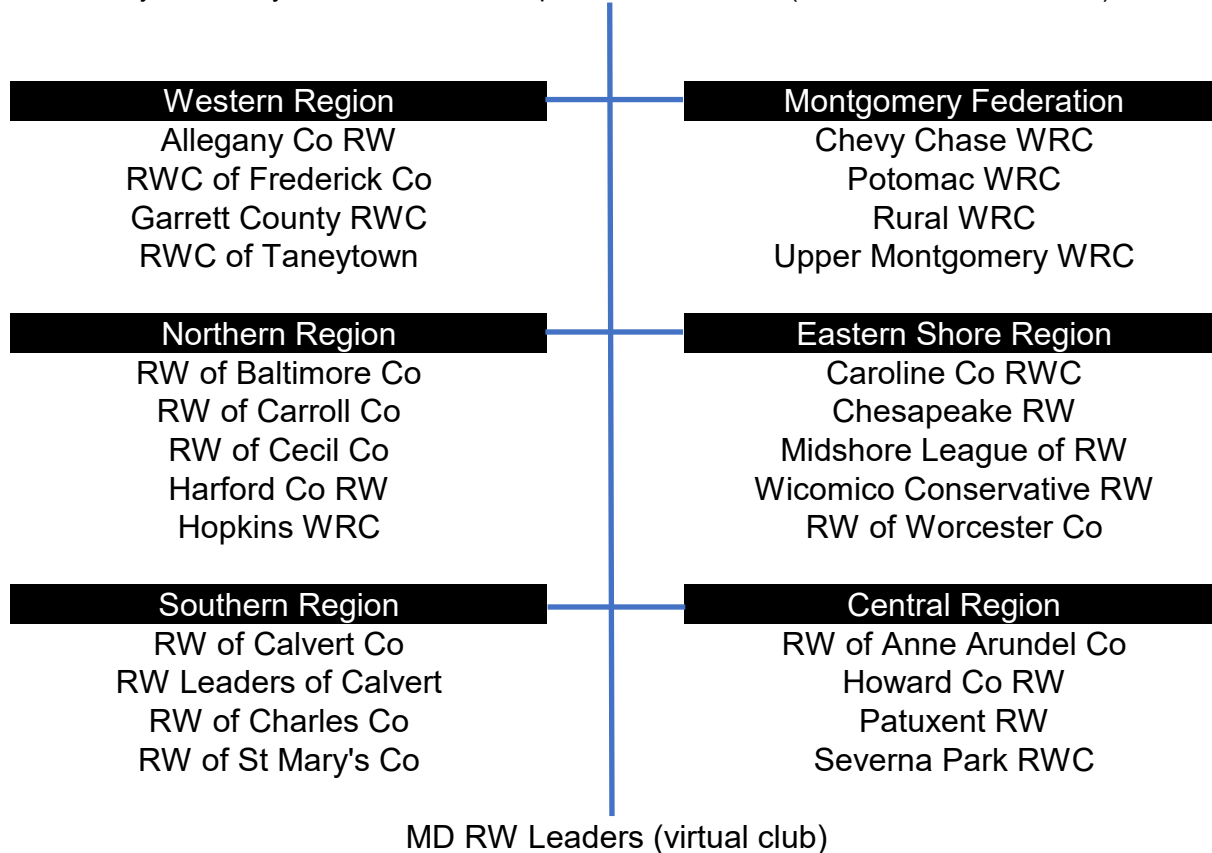


MFRW

Maryland Federation of Republican Women

Governance: National Federation of Republican Women Bylaws (amended Sep 2021)

Bylaws · Maryland Federation of Republican Women Inc (as amended 14 Nov 2020)



Governance of affiliated clubs

National Federation of Republican Women Bylaws (amended Sep 2021)

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Club bylaws

RW = Republican Women

RWC = Republican Women's Club

WRC = Women's Republican Club

MFRW CODE of CONDUCT

Robert's Rules of Order [RONR (12th ed.) 61.1] states that *"an organization...has the ultimate right to make and enforce its own rules, and to require that its members refrain from conduct injurious to the organization or its purposes"*.

We welcome all Republican women into our organization. We are an organization that does not discriminate based on race, religion, ethnicity, age, or otherwise. We understand that this will mean a diversity of interests and opinions.

The goal of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women is to provide an open and supportive environment for civil discourse, where all sides of an issue are examined and members feel comfortable expressing differing views. It is imperative that we work together in a respectful and collaborative way to provide our members the opportunity to learn, engage, and flourish in the political process.

This Code of Conduct is intended as a guide to acceptable behavior that includes respect for the individual and an environment free of abusive, offensive or harassing behavior. All members are expected to observe the highest standards of civility in their conduct.

Everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. Everyone should feel comfortable to speak her mind, so long as the communication is respectful, impersonal (not directed at or about a specific individual), and devoid of malice.

A culture of open and honest communication brings out the full potential in each member which, in turn, contributes directly to the positive impact that we make in our mission.

Ethical behavior is the product of clear and direct communication of behavioral expectations, modeled from the top and demonstrated by example. The MFRW Executive Committee and club leadership has the added responsibility for demonstrating the importance of this Code through their actions.

MFRW Executive Committee 2022-2023

MFRW Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 1

The Executive Committee is composed of the MFRW elected officers, the MFRW regional chairmen, and any past MFRW presidents willing and able to serve who are regular members in good standing of an MFRW club.

ELECTED OFFICERS and PAST PRESIDENTS

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Leadership

Chairman – Dirk Haire
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Treasurer – Chris Rosenthal
Legal Counsel – K. Edward Raleigh

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NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN

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MFRW Executive Committee

REGIONAL CHAIRS

MFRW Bylaws, Article V

The MFRW Executive Committee, in consultation with the regional chairmen and affected clubs, and with approval of the Board of Directors, shall assign each local club to one of the six (6) regions.

Each of the six (6) regions shall have a regional chairman and up to two (2) vice chairmen, not to exceed two (2), as necessary to conduct the business of the region.

REGION	CHAIRMAN	VICE CHAIRMAN
Central	Chris Ronk (410) 693-2430 chris.ronk44@verizon.net	
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PAST MFRW PRESIDENTS

2018 – 2021	Diana Waterman	1970 – 1971	Lucille Potts
2016 – 2017	Liz League	1966 – 1969	Sylvia Herman
2014 – 2015	Carol Randall	1964 – 1965	Katherine Rinehart
2010 – 2013	Ruth Umbel	1960 – 1963	Mary Hepburn
2006 – 2009	Patt Parker	1958 – 1959	Mary Ann Beall
2004 – 2005	Betty Jane Carroll	1954 – 1957	Mary Jane Richardson
2000 – 2003	Marilyn Dankner	1951 – 1953	Lorene Bowlus
1997 – 1999	Ann Horner Granados	1949 – 1950	Mrs. Fred E. Fisher
1995 – 1996	Mary Frances Parrish	1947 – 1948	Frances J. Kline
1991 – 1994	Barbara Powell	1945 – 1947	Mrs. W. David Tilghman
1989 – 1990	Janet Greenip	1941 – 1945	Margaret D'Unger
1987 – 1988	Janet Steed	1939 – 1941	Eva Chase
1984 – 1987	Irene Peterson	1935 – 1939	Edna P. Payne
1982 – 1983	Arlene Baybutt	1931 – 1935	Lula E. Powell
1978 – 1981	Fleur Bresler	1926 – 1931	Clara C. Holmes
1976 – 1977	Joan Beck	1925 – 1926	Eva Chase
1972 -1975	Jane Hanks	1921 – 1925	Mrs. George E. Wright

MARYLAND'S NATIONAL COMMITTEEWOMEN

In 1924, women were given equal representation on the
Republican National Committee with a rule change providing for a
National Committeewoman and National Committeeman from each state.

2013 – present	Nicolee Ambrose	1958 – 1965	Mrs. Robert O. Bonnell
2002 – 2012	Joyce Lyons Terhes	1948 – 1958	Bertha S. Adkins
1996 – 2002	Ellen Sauerbrey	1940 – 1948	Lula E. Powell
1988 – 1996	Helen Bentley	1936 – 1940	Mrs. William P. Lawson
1984 – 1988	Helen Chamberlain	1931 – 1936	Mrs. Calvin Gabriel
1972 - 1984	Louise Gore	1924 - 1931	Mrs. Bladen Lowndes Sr
1965 - 1972	Katherine Massenburg Rinehart		

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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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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.



CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS for activities completed during 2022

Club name: _____

Submission
date: _____, 2023

Submission deadline March 15, 2023

Club President: _____

Phone # (_____) _____ - _____

Email: _____

Club Awards

Chair: _____

Phone # (_____) _____ - _____

Email: _____

Mail completed form to Barb Pivec, Awards Chair at:

102 Rutledge Rd, Queenstown MD 21658
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bpivec@gmail.com

Attach additional sheets as needed – reference the award item #.

There are 4 award categories -- each level builds on the level before.
Each award requirement relates to an activity or action taken by your club.

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| 1. Oriole | Questions 1-10 |
| 2. Black-Eyed Susan | Questions 1-20 |
| 3. White Oak | Questions 1-30 |
| 4. Maryland Shield | Questions 1-40 |

SPECIAL AWARDS

(limit submission to 1 page or less and attach to this form)

“MOST” awards (choose 1)

Describe activity, give number of club members attending, and total attendance.

- Most worthwhile club meeting
- Most effective club project
- Most effective political action event

COMMUNITY SERVICE award (send to MFRW’s Caring for America Chair)

Describe community service provided, benefitting organization or people, and recognition the club received as a known Republican group.

NEWSLETTER awards (submit 3 issues)

- Best black & white newsletter
- Best color newsletter and/or web based newsletter

LITERACY awards

- Most Literacy/Mamie Eisenhower Library Project (M.E.L.P.) donations (literacy form)
- Most diverse literacy donations (quantity and/or activities)

OTHER awards

- Best website -- web address: _____
- Most new members (Jan 1 to Dec 31) -- awarded by club size: 10-30, 31-75, 76+
Regular membership @ 12/31/22 _____ New members in 2022 _____
- Most volunteer hours (Jan 1 to Dec 31) – awarded by club size: 10-30, 31-75, and 76+

Total volunteer hours _____ % political hours _____

Attach additional sheets as needed – reference the award item #.

ORIOLE Award (4 of 10 required)

RED = mandatory

Regular	Associate		
		1	Number of members at 12/31/22 (10 minimum)
No	Yes	2	Held at least 5 meetings during 2022 Average attendance: _____ % (percentage of total)
No	Yes	3	Had a chair for 3+ committees <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <i>(Awards, Americanism, Bylaws, Literacy, Caring for America, Media/PR, Newsletter, Political Education/Legislative, Voter Registration, Website)</i> </div>
<i>Circle committees</i>			
No	Yes	4	Held programs on political topics and issues of local, state and/or national interest
No	Yes	5	Supported Republican candidates
No	Yes	6	Complied with bylaws and policies of NFRW and MFRW
		7	# of member(s) who attended Spring Board meeting
No	Yes	8	Meetings and activities publicized via newsletter, website, email and/or social media
No	Yes	9	Provided monthly report to the Regional Chair
No	Yes	10	Club is a member of the MFRW Bay Club

BLACK-EYED SUSAN Award (5 of 10 required)

RED = mandatory

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|----|-----|-----------|---|
| No | Yes | 11 | Shared membership list with MFRW President and paid members when requested |
| No | Yes | 12 | Engaged in a non-political community service project |
| No | Yes | 13 | Participated in a voter registration drive |
| No | Yes | 14 | Maintained a club scrapbook and shared news clipping or photo of club event with MFRW Historian, Regional Chair or Trumpeter editor |
| No | Yes | 15 | Held a special membership meeting or event |
| No | Yes | 16 | Contributed at least \$25 to MFRW Legacy Fund |
| No | Yes | 17 | Sponsored a fundraising project |
| No | Yes | 18 | Supported the MDGOP and/or local Central Committee (financially or volunteer hours) |
| No | Yes | 19 | Invited MFRW President or Vice President to a club meeting |
| | | 20 | # of member(s) who attended Fall Convention |

WHITE OAK Award (6 of 10 required)

RED = mandatory

No	Yes	21	Displayed club awards at meetings
No	Yes	22	Budgeted funds to help send delegate(s) to the Spring Board and/or Fall Convention
No	Yes	23	Club has a Parliamentarian to monitor conduct at meetings and to educate members in parliamentary procedure
No	Yes	24	Conducted or participated in a literacy program in the community
No	Yes	25	Issued 5+ newsletters to members
No	Yes	26	Americanism chair presented a program at a club meeting
No	Yes	27	Promoted Republican legislation at the local, state or national level via email, text, website, etc
No	Yes	28	Shared NFRW/MFRW information with club members and promoted national, state and regional programs
Regular _____	Associate _____	29	Welcomed new members (Regular and Associate)
No	Yes	30	Secured bookplate from MFRW Literacy Chair for donated book(s) from NFRW book list

Attach additional sheets as needed – reference the award item #.

MARYLAND SHIELD Award (7 of 10 required)

RED = mandatory

No	Yes	31	Held a program on the RNC delegate process
No	Yes	32	Met at least 7 times (provide program title and speaker for each)
No	Yes	33	Meeting programs included a current local, state or national legislative or political issue of importance
No	Yes	34	Provided a monetary scholarship or cash awards to a deserving student
No	Yes	35	Member(s) visited a local, state or national legislative body in session
No	Yes	36	Club has an active public relations program
No	Yes	37	Reviewed club bylaws and provided a copy to the Bylaws Chair and the Regional Chair
No	Yes	38	Club member(s) attended MFRW's Leadership Conference
No	Yes	39	Club member(s) participated in a campaign management program
No	Yes	40	Contributed at least \$25 to NFRW's Marion Martin Building Endowment or The Federation Fund

Tracking sheet for NFRW ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

*NOTE: This document allows for the collection of information.
The formal NFRW 2022-2023 Award application is not yet available.*

Points		CLUB FUNCTION			Bonus Points	
2022	2023	Pts	OUR CLUB:	Pts	2022	2023
		2	Held at least 5 meetings			
			Held 10 monthly meetings	2		
		2	Sent name, address, email, phone #s of club's elected officers to the MFRW President by Jan 1st			
		3	Sent name, address, email, phone #s and updates to MFRW by the State's deadline			
		2	Paid annual club service fee to MFRW by the State's deadline			
		2	Updated club profile on NFRW website with President's name, contact information, and biography as well as club meeting dates, meeting location and website			
			Submitted a club article for the NFRW Club Spotlight	2		
		5	Distributed a club newsletter or bulletin in any format (email, USPS, club website) to all members at least 6 times in a year			
		5	Has a website that is updated on a regular basis			
		5	Has a Facebook and/or Twitter account			
		5	Shared at least 10 NFRW Facebook posts (or a NFRW committee page) to club members and/or club Facebook page			
		4	President (or proxy) attended at least 2 MFRW meetings or conferences			
		3	Budgeted funds to send a delegate to MFRW meetings, conferences or conventions			
			Budgeted funds to send a delegate to NFRW meetings, conferences, or conventions	2		
		4	Budgeted funds for and will send a delegate to NFRW's 42nd Biennial Convention			
			<i>Describe club support/actions</i>			
			Held a joint meeting with a Teenage Republican, College Republican, or Young Republican group	2		
			Has a chairman for the following committees:			
		1	Americanism / Armed Forces			
		1	Budget / Finance			
		1	Bylaws			
		1	Campaign / Political Activities			
		1	Caring for America			
		1	Chaplain			
		1	Club Achievement Awards			
		1	Publicity / Communications			
		1	Leadership Development			
		1	Legislation			
		1	MELP / Literacy			
		1	Membership / Outreach			
		1	Parliamentarian			
		1	Program			

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		2	Historian records our club's history, officers, and important dates and events in a press book, scrapbook, on digital media, or other mode to be passed on to future members			
		2	Held a fundraising event and/or project			
		2	Reviewed club bylaws to ensure they are in agreement with MFRW and NFRW bylaws			
		4	Helped start, financially supported or mentored a Teenage Republican, College Republican and/or Young Republican group			
Points		MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT			Bonus Points	
2022	2023	Pts	OUR CLUB:	Pts	2022	2023
		3	Has a membership chair who oversees membership recruitment and development			
		5	Held at least 1 membership recruitment event			
			<i>Describe function or activity</i>			
		5	Increased membership by at least 10% (regular members only)			
			<i># members 2021 vs 2022 and # members 2022 vs 2023</i>			
			Increased membership by at least 20% (regular members only)	5		
			Doubled our membership (2021 vs 2022 or 2022 vs 2023)	5		
		3	Had 80% of members renew			
			<i>(Do not include members lost due to extended health issues, death, or having moved from the area)</i>			
		2	Published and maintained a membership directory that was shared with club members, either hard copy or electronically			
		2	Distributed new member packets to all new members			
		2	Distributed membership brochures to all members for recruitment			
Points		PROGRAMS			Bonus Points	
2022	2023	Pts	OUR CLUB:	Pts	2022	2023
		3	Program chair oversees the planning and implementation of activities of the NFRW and works with the MFRW Awards chair			
		4	Programs featured Republican speakers and/or GOP initiatives			
		3	Featured a state elected official or NFRW officer and/or board member as speaker at one of our meetings			
		5	Held at least 3 programs on current legislative issues on either the state or national level			
			<i>Describe issues</i>			
			Invited a NFRW Executive Committee member, the MFRW President, or another member of the MFRW Executive Committee to present the program mentioned above	3		

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		5	Prior to an election, presented the differences between Republicans and Democrats on vital public policy issues to club members and the community through a club program and/or articles in a newsletter, letters to the editor, email, Facebook, Twitter, etc			
			<i>Give a brief description of action taken</i>			
		4	Invited Maryland's National Committeeman, National Committeewoman, MDGOP Chairman, or local GOP leaders to a program to explain GOP plans of action			
		3	Held at least 1 program on the purpose, programs, structure and brief history of the NFRW (may include a history of the MFRW)			
		3	Legislative chairman reports on local, state and federal legislation at our meetings			
		3	Held an advocacy program and implemented a plan of action to lobby local, state and/or national elected officials			
		5	Members studied, drafted or acted upon legislation			
			<i>Include bill name, bill number and action taken</i>			
			Members acted on legislation as directed by the NFRW Legislative Committee	2		
		5	Participated in a telephone hotline, email and/or letter writing campaign to promote GOP legislation at the local, state and/or national level			
			Member(s) attended a local, MFRW or NFRW Legislative Day	3		
Points		LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT			Bonus Points	
2022	2023	Pts	OUR CLUB:	Pts	2022	2023
		2	President attended a MFRW or NFRW president's training			
		2	Treasurer attended a MFRW or NFRW treasurer's training			
		2	Held a program or workshop on Leadership Development			
			<i>Describe program or workshop</i>			
		3	Gave each new club officer and committee chair a copy of club, MFRW and NFRW bylaws			
			Gave each new club officer and committee chair a link to the NFRW Leaders Guide and Officer Training Guide and/or the NFRW Leadership Development Handbook	3		
			Budgeted funds and/or sent a club member or candidate to a campaign training school or seminar	2		

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Points		CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES			Bonus Points	
2022	2023	Pts	OUR CLUB:	Pts	2022	2023
		3	Campaign chairman is responsible for development of campaign activities and report all campaign hours to the MFRW campaign/political activities chair			
		3	Members volunteered on political campaigns			
			<i>Indicate total # of campaign hours</i>			
			Member(s) participated in a get-out-the-vote campaign (doorknocking and/or phone banking)	5		
		2	Entered the total # of club campaign volunteer hours on the NFRW website club page			
		3	Member(s) attended a local, state, or district GOP convention			
			Member(s) attended all local, state, or district GOP conventions	5		
		3	Member(s) attended the 2022 RNC Convention as a volunteer, guest, or member of the Maryland delegation			
			Member(s) attended the 2022 RNC Convention as a credentialed Delegate or Alternate Delegate	5		
		3	Member(s) worked as a campaign manager, an election board official, or a county, district, or MDGOP officer			
		3	Member(s) participate in the precinct / County GOP organization as either elected or appointed members			
			Member(s) were appointed to a local or MDGOP committee or special committee, either temporary or permanent	2		
		3	Held Republican candidate panels, forums and/or debates to which the public was invited and encouraged to attend			
			<i>Give a brief description of the event</i>			
		3	Representatives met with local and/or state elected officials or Party leaders to determine how we could maximize our participation and effectiveness in the election process			
		3	Developed a schedule for members to work in precinct/county/state GOP offices to help elect Republican candidates			
		4	Participated in a voter registration drive			
		2	Registered Republican voters			
			<i>Indicate # of Republicans registered via club efforts</i>			
			Promoted or work in the campaign of a female Republican candidate	5		
			Recruited at least 1 regular club member to run for elected local, state or Party office or committee	5		

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Points		COMMUNITY RELATIONS			Bonus Points	
2022	2023	Pts	OUR CLUB:	Pts	2022	2023
		5	Publicity / Public Relations chair promotes (through local media) club programs, workshops, fundraising events, community projects, and other club activities			
		5	President shared information that promoted national, state and/or regional programs (received from MFRW and/or NFRW) with club members			
		5	Partnered with other community organizations to support our armed forces (sending care packages or letters, adopting a service member's family, donating air miles)			
			<i>Give a brief description</i>			
			Held an essay contest for students (any grade K-12) to promote Americanism and patriotism	2		
		5	Submitted our club Caring for America project to the NFRW website, Facebook page, or Caring for America committee Facebook page			
			Submitted our club Caring for America project to the Caring for America committee for the 2023 NFRW Biennial Convention	2		
		3	Member(s) volunteered time to raise awareness of the coronavirus pandemic (making masks, running errands for the ill, disseminating information)			
		4	Donated funds to a literacy program, held a book drive to raise funds for a literacy program, or donated books/dictionaries to a library, school, tutorial program or other agency, etc			
		2	Contributed a book, tape or video to a school, library, institution or literacy council			
		4	Donated at least \$25 to the NFRW's Marion Martin Building Endowment Fund			
			Donated at least \$25 to the NFRW Trust	5		
			Participated in or established a scholarship to benefit a needy Republican woman	3		

THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

The legislative process, the mechanism through which the laws of Maryland are enacted, is dynamic and complex. One hundred and eighty-eight men and women are elected every four years to serve in the State's legislative branch to enact laws that protect the interest of Marylanders. Legislation introduced in the General Assembly is a legislator's response to the needs or desires of his or her constituency.

In Maryland, an idea or concept must pass through many processes before it becomes law. Citizens of Maryland must approach their legislators to introduce a bill. If the legislator agrees to sponsor the legislation, the bill is drafted by the Department of Legislative Services, reviewed by the legislator, and prepared for introduction. Bills or resolutions may be introduced in advance of regular sessions.

First Reading: When the session convenes, the Reading Clerk reads the numbers and titles of the bills being introduced and indicates the committee to which they have been referred by the presiding officer.

Referral to Committee: The committees meet daily during the session to receive testimony and take action on bills referred to the committee. Since the legislature is instrumental in integrating public demands with public policy, citizens are encouraged to present their views on the proposed bills by mail or by personal appearance. Lobbyists representing organized interest groups, officials from State agencies, local government representatives, and other interested citizens speak at these hearings, to either oppose or support the proposed legislation.

The Department of Legislative Services prepares a fiscal analysis for each bill, and these fiscal notes are considered during the committee deliberations.

Second Reading and Floor Consideration: The bill is reported back to the floor by the committee with its recommendation (favorable, unfavorable, favorable with amendment, or rarely, no recommendation). If the bill is amended by the committee, a vote is taken on the amendment, and if passed, another vote is taken on the bill as amended. Committee action may be reversed, but this is infrequent.

Amendments can then be offered from the floor by any member. After all amendments are considered, the presiding officer orders the bill to be printed for its third and final reading.

Third Reading: The bill must be printed in its final version with all amendments included for third reading. No amendments may be presented on third reading in the bill's chamber of origin, and the bill must be passed by a majority of the elected membership.

Second Chamber: The procedure follows a pattern identical to that of the chamber in which the bill originated, except amendments may be proposed during third reading, as well as during second reading. If not amended in the second chamber, final passage may occur without reprinting.

THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

Consideration of Bills Originating in One Chamber and Amended in the Second

Chamber: If amended in the second chamber, the bill is returned to the chamber of origin where a vote is taken on a motion to concur or reject the amendments. If concurrence is voted, a final vote is taken on the bill as amended, and action is complete. The bill is reprinted, or enrolled, to include the added amendments before it is presented to the Governor.

If the amendments are rejected, two courses of action are possible: 1) the amending chamber may be requested to withdraw its amendments or 2) upon refusal to withdraw the amendments, either chamber may request a conference committee to resolve the differences between the two chambers.

Conference Committee: Three members from each chamber are appointed to a conference committee by the presiding officers to reach a settlement on the proposed legislation. A report of a conference committee goes back to both chambers to be adopted or rejected without amendment. If the conference committee report is adopted, the bill is voted upon for final passage in each house. If the conference committee report is rejected by either house, the conference committee may be directed to reconvene, new members may be appointed, or the bill fails.

Presentation of Bills to Governor: Except for constitutional amendments and the budget bill, presentation of all bills to the Governor is mandatory. The budget bill becomes law upon its final passage and cannot be vetoed. Bills must be presented to the Governor within twenty days after adjournment of a session, and in the case of such bills, the Governor may veto within thirty days after presentation. If the Governor does not veto a bill, it becomes law. The Governor may not veto a constitutional amendment.

Veto Power: The power to override a veto rests with the legislature. If a bill is vetoed during a regular session, the veto message is considered immediately. If a bill presented after the session is vetoed, the veto message must be considered immediately at the next regular or special session of the legislature, except that the legislature during the first year of a new term may not override a veto. A three-fifths vote of the elected membership in each house is necessary to override a veto.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2022

<https://mlis.state.md.us>

Jan 12 – General Assembly convenes

Feb 4 – House bill introduction deadline

Feb 7 – Senate bill introduction deadline

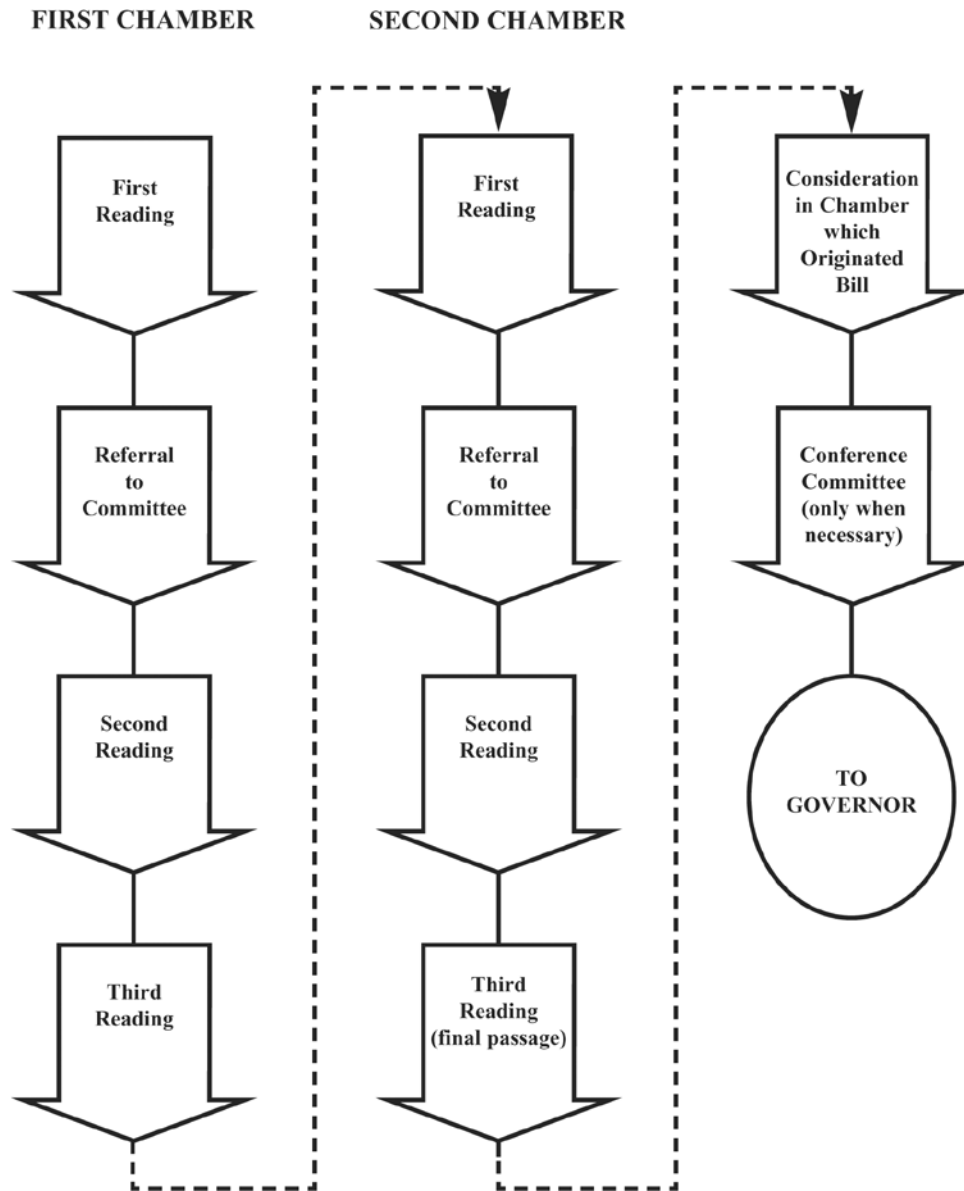
Mar 21 – Bill crossover deadline

Apr 4 – Budget bill must be passed by both chambers

Apr 11 – General Assembly adjourns

THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

The Progress of a Bill



MFRW 2022 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

FAIR REDISTRICTING – BETTER EDUCATION – SAFER COMMUNITIES

PUBLIC SAFETY – Support law enforcement officers at all levels of government and support safety in our communities.

- 1) Increase training for police officers in non-lethal methods of restraint and control of individuals or groups, including training for de-escalating tense or potentially violent demonstrations.
- 2) Strengthen penalties for demonstrators who:
 - a. Physically attack bystanders, police or other protesters
 - b. Set fires and/or destroy private or public property with graffiti or physical destruction
 - c. Participate in looting and theft during protests, demonstrations and riots
 - d. Use lasers or projectiles (e.g., frozen water bottles, gasoline-bottles, rocks) with the intent to obstruct or harm others.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN UTILIZE THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEBSITE TO MONITOR LEGISLATION

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/>

At the bottom of the Home Page, you will find a link to Video Tutorials – a great place to start (especially **):

- Intro to the MGA website
- Understanding a bill page
- Searching for bills
- Finding a legislator
- Searching media
- Bill tracking lists **
- MyMGA New Account **
- Witness sign up **

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Once you have reviewed the tutorials, spend some time exploring each of these headings. There is a tremendous amount of information available on the MGA website.

MEMBERS	COMMITTEES	MEETINGS	LEGISLATION
BUDGET	LAWS	FLOOR ACTIONS	SEARCH & ARCHIVES

HOW TO ADVANCE AND PROTECT ELECTION INTEGRITY IN YOUR COUNTY

According to recent statistics from the Maryland Board of Elections (BOE), there are more than 236,680 inactive voters still on Maryland voter rolls. Anyone can buy the list of inactive voters statewide or for a single county and vote them, especially by mail-in ballot, if your county BOE does not routinely “clean the rolls” after every federal election.

The Maryland Voter Integrity Project found more than 150,000 votes were cast in Maryland in the 2020 election, allegedly by inactive voters who had not voted in the prior two elections. Approximately 34% of these votes were cast by mail-in vote. This happened in all Maryland counties but Somerset County, which routinely cleans their inactive voters after each federal election.

As of January 3, we obtained the list of inactive voters who had not voted in the previous two Maryland elections. There are still 235,680 inactive voters on the rolls in the Maryland Board of Elections database. Anyone can buy this list from the MD BOE, fill out ballots, and vote these names. This is more than enough votes to sway any election, especially since there is no voter ID requirement in Maryland.

KNOW THE LAW

Under the National Voter Registration Act, state and local BOEs are required to remove “inactive voters” from registration rolls if they fail to vote in two general federal elections and do not respond to an address confirmation notice. Many “inactive voters” die or move without sending notice to the BOE.

ENCOURAGE YOUR COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO CLEAN THE ROLLS

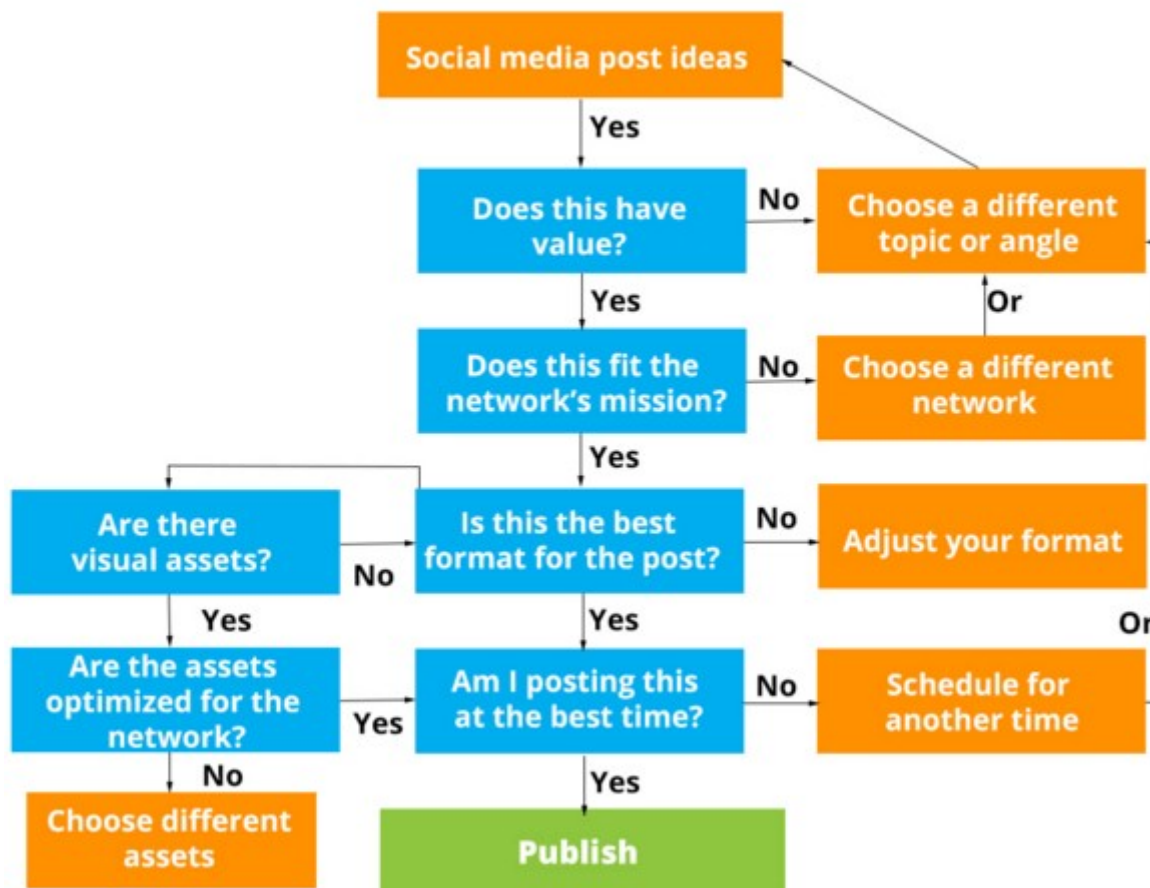
Start by reaching out to Maryland Voter Integrity Project Director Robyn Sachs for an update on voting irregularities in your county. You can find her group on Facebook or email her at rsachs@rmr.com. Obtain the number of inactive voters in your county and ask your county BOE director if they will remove them. If a phone call and email fails, get on the BOE meeting docket. Prior to your testimony, send in your questions and the data you want BOE members to focus on.

TIPS FOR BEING EFFECTIVE AT BOE MEETINGS

- Present yourself as a nonpartisan, private citizen. Current rolls show that there are inactive Republican, Democrat and Independent voter names that can be purchased. A scam artist doesn't care about party affiliation. They just want to win.
- Always source your data as coming from the Maryland Board of Elections. Any sources that are viewed as partisan will be dismissed out of hand by many county BOEs.
- Be prepared to find irregularities as you begin to scan your county's data. In Queen Anne's County, for instance, we are presenting to the QA BOE a list of 1,386 inactive voters, asking that they be removed from the rolls if these voters do not respond to an address confirmation notice. We also found 12 voters still registered in QAC who had moved and registered in NC.

Social media is a tool that is meant to promote your club to a new audience but can be detrimental when improperly used. When unsure of whether a post is worthy of being on your platforms, please use the flow chart below.

Think Before You Post



Maryland Federation of Republican Women

Facebook: Maryland Federation of Republican Women

Instagram: @mdgopwomen

Twitter: @mdgopwomen



CALENDAR 2022

January	12	General Assembly convenes	
January	13 **	Distribute legislative priorities to legislators	
February	4	Names of club presidents to NFRW	
February	22 **	Red Scarf Day	Annapolis
February	22	Candidate filing deadline	
March	1	2022 national dues to NFRW	
March	31	NFRW Legislative Advocacy Day	Washington DC
April	1-2	NFRW Board of Directors meeting	Alexandria VA
April	11	General Assembly convenes -- <i>Sine Die</i>	
Apr / May		Spring Board of Directors meeting	
May		Fundraising Tea	
May	20-21	MDGOP Spring Convention	Ocean City
June	7	Voter registration closes	
June	7	Last day to change party affiliation	
June	16-23	Early voting	
June	28	Primary Election	
June	28	Mail-in ballot deadline	
July	11	Voter registration reopens	
September		Fundraising Luncheon	
October	18	Voter registration closes	
October	27	Early voting opens	
Oct / Nov		Fall Convention	
November	3	Early voting ends	
November	8	General Election	
November	8	Mail-in ballot deadline	
November	21	Voter registration reopens	

** *Covid restrictions may impact event.*

bold *MFRW events*

MISCELLANY

EXCEL BASICS – Not real comfortable working in Excel? Try this:

<https://thesmartmethod.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/2010B-Why-You-Should-Use-This-Book.pdf>

Learn Excel 2010 Basic Skills with The Smart Method

FUTURE PLANS

- Leadership Conference handouts → MFRW website
- Clubs master list (officers, meeting times, etc.) → MFRW website
- Parliamentary Procedure -- Zoom training available to all members
- Regional meetings

MFRW Board of Directors

- Voice and vote
 - MFRW Executive Committee -- elected officers, the regional chairs, and all former MFRW presidents who are regular members in good standing of a MFRW club.
 - Regional vice chairs
 - President of each club
 - Standing committee chairs
- Voice but no vote
 - Special committee chairs
 - Parliamentarian, General Counsel, and the Sergeant-at-Arms.

MOTION / MOVE

“Motion” is the noun – *The question is on the adoption of the motion that...*

“Move” is the verb – *I move that... It is moved and seconded that...*

VOLUNTEER

- History project – update the 2003 printed History (projected publication Fall 2022)
- MFRW events – Tea (May), Luncheon (September)
- Regional Vice Chair – Central Region
- Standing Committees – Bylaws, Campaign/Political Activities, Fundraising, Public Relations/Communications

President's personal closing thoughts:

- We lose all basis for argument if we slam the Democrats for not following the rules and then overlook it when a Republican fails to follow the rules.
- Let's stop identifying Republicans as RINOs. We are an organization that welcomes all Republican women. Have sufficient confidence in and basis for your personal opinions to defend those opinions to those who disagree.

“The person who agrees with you 80 percent of the time is a friend and an ally – not a 20 percent traitor.” -- Ronald Reagan