



MARYLAND FEDERATION of REPUBLICAN WOMEN

April 15, 2025

MFRW Spring Board of Directors 2025

CALL to CONVENTION

MFRW members are invited and encouraged to attend -- guests are welcome.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 13th

Use the enclosed form to register by mail.

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In accordance with Article VI of the Bylaws of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women (MFRW), I hereby call members to the MFRW Spring Board of Directors meeting on Saturday, May 17th in Elkton, Maryland.

Thanks to the Republican Women of Cecil County for recommending the Sinking Springs Retreat Center (<https://sinkingspringsretreatcenterllc.com/>) at 843 Elk Forest Road. This rural setting is the perfect place for a casual day of fellowship in view of grazing cattle and free-range chickens.

Registration opens at 9:30 a.m. Convention will be called to order at 10:00 a.m. and conclude about 3:00 p.m. The program will include a delicious lunch, interesting speakers, and much more.

The voting body of the MFRW Board of Directors is composed of elected officers, regional chairs and vice chairs, club presidents, standing committee chairs, and former MFRW presidents who are regular members in good standing of a MFRW club.

The MFRW Bylaws Committee will be presenting 4 proposed amendments for consideration by Board members. Pursuant to Bylaws Article XIV, those approved by the Board will be presented for a vote by all credentialed delegates at Fall Convention.

Proposed resolutions will be accepted through May 5th -- email to president@mdfrw.org (single page -- a single "Resolved" -- 10 font or larger).

Club presidents who are unable to attend may designate a proxy -- a full club member in good standing. A proxy form will be provided to club presidents.

There are no hotels in the immediate area but there are many options within 20-30 minutes of Sinking Springs (Elkton or North East MD and Newark DE).

Hope you are able to join us! Sharon Carrick, President

Directions via I-95 / Exit 100 onto Rt 40 East / 213 South -- pass Baker's Restaurant then 1st right at the blinking light onto Elk Forest Road then...

Directions via Routes 313 and 213 North -- approximately 16 miles after the Galena light -- left at the blinking light onto Elk Forest Road then...

... go straight and stay to the right at the fork. Entrance is 1 1/2 miles on the right. If your GPS takes you to Locust Point Road, turn left onto McKeown Road then a right onto Elk Forest Road -- entrance will be ahead on the right.

Bylaws Proposal #1 – MFRW Spring Board 2025

Name: **Use of Legacy Funds**

Submitted by: MFRW Bylaws Committee
Liliana Norkaitis, Chair

Date: 15 March 2025

RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGE

Ensure appropriate use of Legacy funds

BYLAWS ARTICLE AND SECTION BEING ADDRESSED

Duties of the MFRW Treasurer -- Article IV Section 8(B)

PROPOSED CHANGE

Add a sub-bullet to Section 8(B) to specifically reference the use of Legacy funds

EXACT WORDING OF BYLAW AS PROPOSED

Bolded text has been added.

Article IV – MFRW Officers and their Duties

Section 8 – Duties of the MFRW Treasurer

The Treasurer shall:

- A. Have custody of the corporate funds; keep or cause to be kept full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Corporation; deposit all MFRW funds upon receipt from Assistant Treasurer, and other chairman who receive income for events (e.g. Bay Club, Legacy Fund) and deposit them in the name of Maryland Federation of Republican Women in a bank(s) account(s) as may be designated by the Executive Committee.
- B. Disburse funds of the Corporation according to the budget approved by the MFRW Board of Directors, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements.
 - 1. **Ensure that disbursements from the Legacy Fund are in compliance with the “Implementation” provisions of the Legacy governance document dated January 23, 2025.**

Bylaws Proposal #1 – MFRW Spring Board 2025

Text below is provided for informational purposes – extracted from the Legacy Fund governance document:

IMPLEMENTATION

Fund assets in excess of \$100,000 may be distributed for:

- 1) Leadership Conference (or equivalent) – agenda planning, budget preparation, parliamentary procedure, outreach skills to increase membership, communication skills, etc.*
- 2) Red Scarf Day (or equivalent) – annual legislative day in Annapolis, learning the legislative process, lobbying skills, and issue advocacy*
- 3) Subsidizing attendance at NFRW Biennial Conventions*
- 4) Campaign schools – available to candidates, campaign managers, campaign treasurers, volunteers, or individuals contemplating a run for elective office.*
- 5) Approved trainings that will benefit the Federation*

Recipient must be:

- A registered Republican woman*
- A member in good standing of a federated club*
- Willing to use the skills and knowledge obtained for the good of the MFRW (written report, meeting presentation, Trumpeter submission, etc.)*
- Willing to be interviewed as part of the application process and submit a written statement of need (when applicable)*

- 6) Financially underwrite the efforts of the Executive Committee when training clubs and members.*

Requests for funding shall be submitted to the MFRW Treasurer no later than 60 days prior to the Spring Board meeting and the Fall Convention for forwarding to members of the Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee shall meet to review requests prior to each of the statewide meetings and present recommendations to the Board of Directors.

Approved by the Legacy Fund Advisory Committee this 23rd day of January, 2025

Bylaws Proposal #2 – MFRW Spring Board 2025

Name: **MFRW Vice Presidents – Duties**

Submitted by: Wicomico Conservative Republican Women
Jana Hobbs, President

Date: March 17, 2025

RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGE

Add advisory duties to the offices of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Vice President.

BYLAWS ARTICLE AND SECTION BEING ADDRESSED

Article IV - MFRW Officers and Their Duties
Section 5 - Duties of the MFRW Vice Presidents

The Vice Presidents, in their order, shall perform the duties of the President in her absence or inability to perform her duties; and they shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to them by the MFRW President. The First Vice President shall be a member of the Finance Committee.

PROPOSED CHANGES

1. Replace semicolon after “duties” with period.
 2. Reword remainder of original sentence to include duties specific to each vice president – existing + new advisory role for 1st Vice President, new advisory role for 2nd, 3rd and 4th Vice Presidents.
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EXACT WORDING OF BYLAW AS PROPOSED

The Vice Presidents, in their order, shall perform the duties of the President in her absence or inability to perform her duties. They shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to them by the MFRW President in addition to the responsibilities below:

1. First Vice President – member of the Finance Committee, advisor to the Fundraising Committee
2. Second Vice President – advisor to the Membership Committee
3. Third Vice President – advisor to the Program Committee
4. Fourth Vice President – advisor to the Bylaws Committee.

Bylaws Proposal #3 – MFRW Spring Board 2025

Name: **Corresponding Secretary -- Duties**

Submitted by: Wicomico Conservative Republican Women
Jana Hobbs, President

Date: March 17, 2025

RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGE

Update Corresponding Secretary role to account for change from manual processes to online

BYLAWS ARTICLE AND SECTION BEING ADDRESSED

Article IV - MFRW Officers and Their Duties

Section 7 – Duties of the MFRW Corresponding Secretary

The Corresponding Secretary shall:

1. Send notices for all meetings.
2. Conduct correspondence as may be requested by the President or Board of Directors.
3. Compile a Directory annually for distribution to all members of the Board of Directors.
4. Notify new clubs of their admission to membership.
5. Work with Recording Secretary to certify all voting members and proxies at Board of Director and convention meetings.
6. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the MFRW President.

PROPOSED CHANGE

1. Add new item #1 – *Serve as advisor to the Communications Committee*
2. Strike existing #1 (President emails w/ Zoom link or date/place notice, as appropriate)
3. Strike existing #3 (electronic at NFRW website – via President or Assistant Treasurer)
4. Renumber remaining items

EXACT WORDING OF BYLAW AS PROPOSED

The Corresponding Secretary shall:

1. Serve as advisor to the Communications Committee.
2. Conduct correspondence as may be requested by the President or Board of Directors.
3. Notify new clubs of their admission to membership.
4. Work with Recording Secretary to certify all voting members and proxies at Board of Director and convention meetings.
5. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the MFRW President.

Bylaws Proposal #4 – MFRW Spring Board 2025

Name: **NFRW Biennial Convention delegation**

Submitted by: Wicomico Conservative Republican Women
Jana Hobbs, President

Date: March 17, 2025

RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGE

Create process for designating at-large delegates and at-large alternates to the NFRW Biennial Convention

BYLAWS ARTICLE AND SECTION BEING ADDRESSED

MFRW Bylaws are silent on the composition of the MFRW delegation to the NFRW Biennial Convention.

PROPOSED CHANGE

Add new Section 5 to Article XII -- Conventions

Note: Pursuant to Article IX, Section 3(A)(2) of the NFRW Bylaws, the MFRW qualifies for 7 at-large delegates (voting) and 7 at-large alternates (voice, no vote). Designation of at-large delegates and alternates has been at the discretion of the MFRW President.

EXACT WORDING OF BYLAW AS PROPOSED

Section 5

At-large delegate credentials and at-large alternate credentials to the NFRW Biennial Convention shall be allocated in the following order:

- A. MFRW elected officers, in the order listed in Article IV, Section 1 of these Bylaws.
 1. Elected officers who are club presidents must credential as the club delegate or club alternate.
- B. Remaining members of the Executive Committee as defined in Article VII, Section 1.
 1. Executive Committee members who are club presidents must credential as the club delegate or club alternate.
- C. Members whose club has more members attending than available positions (club delegate and club alternate).

MARYLAND FEDERATION of REPUBLICAN WOMEN

SPRING BOARD 2025

Saturday, May 17th

Registration deadline: May 13th

Mail your check payable to “MFRW” to PO Box 6040, Annapolis MD 21401

*After May 10th, email sha54ron@verizon.net that you will be attending
then bring payment to Spring Board.*

\$60/person

Name: _____

How would you like your name to appear on your name tag (if different from above)?

Address: _____
(Street/City/St/zip)

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Club name: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

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