BYLAWS OF THE
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF OKALOOSA FEDERATED
Standing Rules 2026

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be: The Republican Women of Okaloosa Federated, to be hereafter referred to as the Club. The Club, as an affiliate of the National Federation of Republican Women and Florida Federation of Republican Women, has been classified by the IRS as a 527 Political Organization.

ARTICLE II – DEFINITION OF WOMEN

A. For purposes of these bylaws, the term "women" is defined as natural born females, meaning people born with biological characteristics associated with the female sex, such as XX chromosomes.
B. This definition and the NFRW's understanding of women as a distinct biological category are foundational to NFRW's political beliefs, objectives, and message. NFRW encourages women to embrace and celebrate their status as members of the female sex and discourages them from attempting to adopt an identity that conflicts with their sex. The admission of people who are not women, as these bylaws define the term, to membership in NFRW would compromise NFRW's political beliefs, objectives, and messages, including its message that women are a distinct biological category and its objective to protect women as a distinct biological category in public policy.

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Club shall be to:

A. Promote an informed electorate through political education.
B. Increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government through active participation.
C. Facilitate cooperation among Republican Women's Clubs.
D. Foster loyalty to the Republican Party at all levels of government.
E. Work for Republican candidates in all elections, including non-partisan elections.
F. Support the objectives and policies of the Florida Federation of Republican Women, (FFRW), National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW), the Republican National Committee (RNC), the Republican Party (GOP), and the Republican Party of Florida (RPOF).

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Any registered Republican woman believing in the principles of the Republican party and intending to support its candidates is eligible for membership.

Membership in this club shall consist of the following categories:

A. Primary Member shall be a registered Republican woman with dues current. She shall have the privilege of voting, participating in debate, serving on committees, holding office, and serving as a delegate to the national and/or state meetings or conventions.

B. Associates:
   1) Republican women who are Primary members of another federated club may join as associate members.
   2) Any registered Republican men are eligible to become Associates.
   3) Associates shall not: be counted for the purpose of determining the number of delegates to the state or national conventions; serve as a delegate or alternate; make or second a motion; have a voice or vote; be a committee chairwoman; be a member of the nominating committee or hold any office.

SECTION 2. This organization shall be a member of the Florida Federation of Republican Women (FFRW) and of the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW).

SECTION 3. Only Primary Members in good standing shall be eligible to hold office in the Club, serve as chairwoman of standing committees, or as member of the Nominating Committee. Only Primary Members, in good standing, shall be eligible to vote in any election of the Club or on business of the Club.

SECTION 4. Members shall be removed from membership for supporting candidates who are not Republican or for working against the objectives of the Florida and National Federations.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

SECTION 1. The elected officers of the Club shall be: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer.

SECTION 2. Duties of Officers

A. The duties of the president shall be to:
   1) Preside at all meetings of the Club, Board of Directors and Executive Committee.
   2) Have general supervision of the work of the Club.
   3) Appoint all standing and special Committee Chairmen, except the Nominating Committee.
   4) May appoint an assistant to help the Treasurer who will be authorized to sign checks in the absence of the President and the Treasurer.
   5) Be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee.
   6) Sign checks in the absence or inability of the Treasurer.
   7) Represent the Club at all times, or may designate someone as a representative in her absence or inability to do so.
   8) Serve as coordinator between the FFRW and the NFRW.

9) Appoint all standing and special Committee Chairmen, to include Review Committees, Parliamentarian, Historian, and Chaplain. Except for Nominating Committee.
10) Appoint two members in good standing who are knowledgeable of accounting procedures to review/audit books.
11) Keep a list of all RWOF logins and passwords for every RWOF financial and non-financial account, including but not limited to website and social media accounts along with the Secretary and the corresponding usernames, passwords, and a list of who has login and administrator access to these accounts.
12) Appoint Audit Committee of 3 primary members in good standing with approval of Executive Committee consisting of one EC member (but not the treasurer) and two other members every two years and each time there is a change of President or Treasurer. The Audit Committee chair shall report the audit findings at the next membership meeting or within (60) days of transition.
13) Appoint Financial Review Committee, with the approval of the Executive Committee, consisting of three (3) primary members in good standing, including the President and the Treasurer, in January of each year.
14) Communicate with members regarding the following matters: meeting agenda, monthly minutes, Treasurer's reports, and all events on the Club's calendar in a timely manner unless these matters are assigned to the Corresponding Secretary. Ask for action at the next Club meeting for any ratification.

B. The duties of the 1st Vice President shall be:
1) To perform the duties of the President in her absence or inability to serve; and shall fill a vacancy in the office of the President should it occur.
2) To perform the duties as may be assigned by the President or the Executive Committee.
3) To serve as Program Chair.

C. The duties of the 2nd Vice President shall be:
1) To serve as Membership Chairwoman
2) To perform the duties as may be assigned by the President.

D. The duties of the Recording Secretary shall be:
1) To record and keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the Club and its Executive Board and submitting them via email within (10) days after the Club's meetings, serving as custodian in conjunction with the Corresponding Secretary of all the Club's records and papers, except those that pertain to some other office or committee.
2) To be the custodian of all minutes of the Club and its Executive Board.
3) To perform other such duties as may be assigned by the President.
4) In the event there is business which is of concern to the membership, at a regular meeting, the Secretary shall read the recommendation(s) from the board of Directors and move for the adoption of such recommendation(s).

E. The duties of the Corresponding Secretary shall be:
1) To execute the correspondence of the Club as directed by the President.
2) To keep and read the minutes of the Club and its Executive Board in the absence of the Recording Secretary.
3) To perform other such duties as may be assigned by the President.

F. The duties of the Treasurer shall be:
1) To receive and be the custodian of all funds of the club and pay all bills authorized by the Club.
2) To keep an account of all monies received and disbursed and to report in full at all regular meetings of the Club and its Executive Board.
3) To send advance notices in November of annual dues to be paid for the next year. Send again by January 15 of the following year.
4) To prepare and submit the annual membership report as required by the FFRW and NFRW.
5) To serve on the Budget Committee.
6) To perform other duties as may be assigned by the President.

SECTION 3. All officers and Chairmen will deliver all records, files and properties of the Club to their successors within 30 days after the successors' election or appointment.

ARTICLE VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1. The Executive Committee will consist of the elected Officers, and the Immediate Past President, which have a vote.

SECTION 2. The Executive Board will consist of the elected officers, appointed Chairmen of the Standing Committees or the vice-chairs in the absence of the chairs, and the Immediate Past President. These are voting members of the Board and have a responsibility to attend all board meetings. Any board member who is unable to attend a meeting shall notify the President as far in advance as reasonably possible. Advance notice of absences is important as a quorum is required for the Board to conduct official business and take many actions

SECTION 3. The Board of Directors will meet once a month, prior to the general meeting, for the purpose of transacting necessary business of the Club.

SECTION 4. A special meeting of the Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President or upon written request of four members of the Executive Board.

SECTION 5. Special Committee Chairmen shall be ex-officio members without a vote.

SECTION 6. The Executive Committee will consist of the elected officers, the Immediate Past President and non-voting parliamentarian. They shall execute the following:

A. Appoint a replacement upon the resignation of an elected officer for the time remaining between the resignation and the next scheduled election.
B. Appoint delegates and alternates to conferences and conventions when vacancies occur.
C. Have complete jurisdiction over removal and reinstatement of Club membership.
D. Conduct the business of the Club or Federation between meetings.
E. Adopt an annual budget, to be presented to the membership for approval.

SECTION 7. Vote of the Executive Board may be either in meetings, or by phone, by mail or electronically.

SECTION 8. The Executive Board shall meet at the call of the President or upon written request of five members of the Executive Board.

SECTION 9. A Board of Directors meeting of newly elected officers, appointed committee chairmen, and their predecessors will be in the month of November in order to accomplish an expedient transition.

ARTICLE VII – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. Nominations

A. A Nominating Committee of three members and one alternate, all to be elected through nominations from the floor, shall be determined at the June membership meeting in uneven numbered years. Nominees must be members in good standing.
B. The Nominating Committee shall choose its own chairwoman. The slate of nominees will be announced at the October membership meeting.
C. The Nominating Committee shall submit (1) nominee for each office.
D. Nominations for the elected offices may be made from the floor in the month of the election. Nominations for the elected offices may be made from the floor following the report of the Nominating Committee.
E. Members may not be nominated for a position without their consent.
F. Eligibility for nomination or election as an officer will be confined to women who have been in good standing for a minimum of one year.
G. Members may not be on the Nominating Committee for more than two consecutive terms, nor be considered for office while serving on same.

SECTION 2. Elections

A. All offices will be elected in an uneven numbered year by the majority of the quorum at the November membership meeting for a term of two (2) years and will take office in January of the following year.
B. Election will be ballot, except when there is but one candidate for office, in which the election may be by voice. A majority shall elect.

ARTICLE VIII – DUES

SECTION 1. Dues will be payable upon application and thereafter annually on or before December 31.

SECTION 2. New Members joining after September 1 shall be paid through the following year.

SECTION 3. The fiscal year of the Club will be January 1 through December 31.

SECTION 4. Membership dues become delinquent December 31, except those new members who paid dues after September 1. Current members have a grace period through the last day of February of the following year to renew their membership. NFRW must receive member dues by March 1 or the member is dropped from membership and loses all member privileges.

SECTION 5. The amount of membership dues shall not be changed without 30 days written notice to the full membership and approval of the majority of the members present at a regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

ARTICLE IX – MEETINGS

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the Club will be held in January and will be for the purpose of installing officers and receiving reports of standing committees. Voting on the proposed budget will take place no later than the February meeting.

SECTION 2. Regular meetings will generally be held on the first Wednesday of each month with the exception of July and August in odd numbered non-election years.

ARTICLE X – COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. The Standing Committees of the Club shall be, Bylaws, Campaign, Fundraising, Legislation & Research, Membership, Programs, and Public Relations.

SECTION 2. The duties of the Standing Committees will be those set forth by the State and National Federation and additional duties as designated by the Executive Committee.

SECTION 3. The President, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, may appoint Standing Committee Chairmen. When needed, Special Committee Chairmen will be appointed by the President and shall be ex-officio members without a vote.

SECTION 4. The duties of Special Committees will be those prescribed by the President and the Executive Committee. Chairmen of Special Committees are encouraged to attend board meetings without a vote. Chairmen of Special Committees will not be members of the Executive Committee by virtue of their appointment.

ARTICLE XI – QUORUM

SECTION 1. A quorum at Club meetings shall be 30% of the total number of primary members in good standing.

ARTICLE XII – DELEGATES

SECTION 1. Delegates and Alternates to all State and National Federation Conventions and Conferences will consist of the President and as many others as are provided for in the Bylaws of the State and National Federations.

SECTION 2. Delegates and Alternates will be elected at a regular monthly meeting of the Club.

ARTICLE XIII – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

SECTION 1. Robert's Rules of Order will govern all proceedings except where they are inconsistent with the Bylaws of the Club.

SECTION 2. These Bylaws may be amended by a two/thirds vote at any regular meeting of the Club or at a special meeting called for the purpose, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given in writing to all members.

ARTICLE XIV – ENDORSEMENT POLICY

SECTION 1. ENDORSEMENT POLICY FOR PRIMARY RACES

A. No one may endorse in the name of the NFRW, a State Federation or a local Club or in their official capacity thereof.
B. No endorsement or evidence of support by any member shall be issued using the NFRW affiliation, logo, or stationery without the approval of the NFRW.
C. NFRW Bylaws provide for the removal from membership of any member, local Club or State Federation who/which advocates a split party ticket or supports a candidate who is running on an opposition ticket.
D. In the case of contested Republican races, information and campaign announcements may be distributed on all candidates – such as at events or fundraisers – provided they are fairly and evenly distributed and, in order to prevent anyone from interpreting such communications as endorsements, each such communication shall be accompanied by the disclaimer: "This appears here for informational purposes only and does not represent or constitute an endorsement by this Club."

SECTION 2. SPLIT TICKET. Neither the Club nor an individual member shall advocate a split ticket, support an opposition party candidate, or act in violation of the NFRW or FFRW or the Club policies or bylaws.

SECTION 3. AFFILIATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. The Club shall not affiliate with any political organization which is not officially recognized as working in concert with the FFRW, the NFRW, and the Republican National Committee.

SECTION 4. MEMBER CANDIDATES. An officer of the Club who is a candidate or whose spouse or family member is a candidate, shall be exempt from this rule, however, they may not campaign or identify themselves in the name of the Club, the State Federation, or the NFRW or by utilizing the logo or stationery of the Club, the State Federation or the NFRW.

SECTION 5. MEMBER ACTION:

A. Any member using Federation stationery or reproduction of same for the promotion of any candidate or cause in the Primary, General, or Republican Party elections, or participating in any dispute or contest, automatically forfeits her membership and shall be publicly censured.
B. Members may act in the name of the Republican Women of Okaloosa Federated only when authorized to do so by the Executive Board.

SECTION 6. VIDEO TAPING POLICY: All Republican candidates are welcome to attend general meetings and distribute literature. RWOF does not endorse candidates prior to the primary. Exceptions may be made for Republican Women members running for office. RWOF takes no responsibility for any videos that are made and should not be quoted as supporting any individual candidate. To respect the privacy of our members, taping will not occur of the members or business portion of the meeting. RWOF does not authorize the distribution of any photographs and/or videos without written approval of the RWOF Board of Directors.

We the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and current copy OF THE REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF OKALOOSA FEDERATED BYLAWS as adopted. These Bylaws were reviewed August 2026

Lidia Webb, President

Kathy Foster, Bylaws Chair

Mary Potthast, Bylaws Committee

Kathy Revello, Bylaws Committee

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Amended 4-2007

Amended 3-2009 (Removed FNFRW references)

Amended 4-2009

Amended 4-2010 (Video Policy added)

Amended 4-2014 (General Clarifications)

Amended 10-2014 (Clarified Committees)

Amended 2-2018 (Compliance with NFRW, FFRW)

Amended 2-2020 (Compliance with NFRW, FFRW, contribution policy added)

Amended 4-2026 (Removed funding to campaigns)

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF OKALOOSA FEDERATED STANDING RULES —2026

1. The address of the Republican Women of Okaloosa Federated shall be: PO Box 1202, Shalimar, FL 32579

2. Keys to the Post Office Box shall be assigned to the President and the Treasurer, whose names and signatures shall appear on the Post Office file card. The third key is retained by the Post Office. It is illegal to duplicate keys. Lost keys should be reported to the Post Office.

3. One fourth of the profits collected through fund raising projects shall be retained in the treasury for Convention and Conference expenses of the President or Alternate, including registration, transportation and ½ hotel. Registration fees only, for the Conventions and Conferences, may also be paid from this account for Delegates and/or Attendees.

4. The retiring 1st Vice-President shall be responsible for the purchase of a gift (not to exceed $100) for the retiring President.

5. A book will be presented annually to a library in memoriam for deceased members.

6. An officer or committee chairwoman of FFRW shall be extended an invitation for the January meeting of the Club.

7. The Executive Committee meeting of the Club shall be the third Wednesday of the month.

8. The regular membership meeting date may be changed with notice, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, should there be any conflicting special events.

9. Expenditures approved by the President shall not exceed $100.

10. The retiring President shall be obligated to yield the updated Club History and her copies of all recorded minutes to the new President. The retiring Secretary and Treasurer shall also be obligated to yield all updated records to their successors.

11. Each year's pertinent historical records, Treasurer's Reports and electronic copies of the Minutes be passed on to the incoming administration.

12. No member's personal information shall be given to any organization without that member's express permission.

13. Dues Structure: (Amounts in excess of $50 are considered donations.)
   a) $ 50 Primary Membership
   b) $ 75 Patron (includes one free lunch drawing)
   c) $100 Angel (includes two free lunch drawings)
   d) $125 Saint (includes three free lunch drawings)
   e) Associate dues shall be $25.00 annually

RWOF Past Presidents

2026 -	Lidia Webb
2022-25	Deborah Stone
2018-21	Maddie McNeal
2016-17	Marijo Strauss
2014-15	Sheila Vaughen
2012–13	Patricia Perri
2010-11	Hulda Mahlum
2008-09	Marijo Strauss
2006-07	Barbara Wall
2004-05	Donna Pattison
2002-03	Gayle Jacobson
2000-01	Madalyn Boekenoogen
1998-99	Deronda Redden
1996-97	Lois Hoyt
1994-95	Marge Tucker
1992-93	Eleanor Farrell
1990-91	Henrie Banjavich
1989-90	Redith Fischer
1987-88	Pat Hollarn

1985-86	Margot Stevens
1983-84	Peggy Taylor
1981-82	Randee Horvath Schatz
1979-80	Janice Yatsko