



CRYSTAL COAST REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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A member of the National Federation of Republican Women since 1984

BYLAWS

Based on the Revised, Amended and Approved NCFRW Bylaws on November 13, 2021, at the NCFRW Fall Quarterly Meeting in Raleigh, NC.

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Crystal Coast Republican Women, hereafter referred to as the CCRW or the Club. This Club is affiliated with the North Carolina Federation of Republican Women and with the National Federation of Republican Women, hereafter referred to as NCFRW and NFRW respectively.

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES

- A. The Bylaws and objectives of CCRW shall be consistent with those of the NCFRW and NFRW.
- B. The objectives of this organization shall be:
 - 1. To promote an informed public through political education and activity.
 - 2. To disseminate information to all members.
 - 3. To increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government through active political participation.
 - 4. To facilitate cooperation among the NFRW, the NCFRW, and the CCRW.
 - 5. To support the objectives and policies of the Republican National Committee (RNC) and the North Carolina Republican Party (NCGOP).
 - 6. To support the election of Republican Party nominees and support the election of Republican Women.
 - 7. To encourage loyalty to the Republican Party and to promote its principles and candidates in all elections, including non-partisan elections.
 - 8. To promote the principles of freedom, equality, and justice upon which the government of this country is founded.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

SECTION 1: ELIGIBILITY

A. Primary Membership

1. Any woman¹ who is registered Republican in the state of North Carolina who believes in the philosophy of the Republican Party and who supports the objectives and policies of this organization may be eligible for membership, upon the approval of the CCRW Executive Board.
2. A member in good standing shall be a member who has paid the required dues for the current calendar year. The dues amount for members shall be stated in the CCRW Standing Rules and amended as required.
3. Members of the CCRW are members of NCFRW and NFRW.

B. Associate Membership

1. Any woman who is a primary member of another Federated Women's Local Club who supports the objectives and policies of that Local Club shall be eligible to become an associate member upon payment of the required annual dues. The dues amount shall be stated in the CCRW's Standing Rules and amended as required.
2. Republican Women as associate members do not have a voice, cannot hold office, vote, or be counted in determining the number of delegates to NFRW or NCFRW meetings or conventions, or quorums.
3. Republican men may be associate members but have no voice or vote, cannot hold office, or be counted in determining the number of delegates to NFRW or NCFRW meetings or conventions, or quorums.
4. Associate member dues remain with CCRW. The number of associate members is reported to the NCFRW and NFRW.
5. Young adults not yet 18 may be eligible for associate membership in the CCRW. Such members may attend meetings, but cannot propose motions, have no voice or vote, cannot be on a committee, hold office, nor be counted for the purpose of determining the number of delegates to State or National meetings or conventions, or quorums.

C. Honorary Life Membership

1. Any CCRW member in good standing may nominate for NCFRW Honorary Life Membership a member who meets the qualifications established by the Honorary Life Membership Committee. Such member is exempt from regular annual NCFRW dues, but is entitled to no additional privileges, and shall continue to pay annual NFRW dues.
2. CCRW shall send the required fee, to be determined by the NCFRW Board of Directors, with a copy of the application to the NCFRW President.
3. CCRW shall pay the annual NFRW dues, as required by the NFRW, for CCRW sponsored Honorary Life Members.

D. Eligibility

1. Eligibility for membership does not guarantee, and one cannot assume, automatic grant of membership.

2. The Membership Committee Chairman shall submit to the Executive Committee all membership applications upon receipt for which the Executive Committee shall decide to affirm or deny said applications prior to the next membership meeting.

SECTION 2: CLUB DUES

- A. Yearly dues shall be in the amount stated in CCRW's Standing Rules and may be amended as required. Dues shall be due and payable beginning September 1st for the ensuing calendar year and will be delinquent after March 1st. CCRW shall pay NCFRW per capita dues and the annual service charges on half of its members.
- B. Dues paid by any member joining CCRW for the first time after September 1st shall include membership for the next calendar year.

SECTION 3: FEDERATION DUES

- A. CCRW shall pay an annual service charge, as required by the NCFRW Standing Rules, remitted to the NCFRW Treasurer by January 31st to maintain NFRW membership.
- B. Member's dues will be apportioned to the NFRW and NCFRW as established by the NFRW Board of Directors.

SECTION 4: MEMBERSHIP LISTS AND ROSTERS

- A. NCFRW and CCRW membership lists are the proprietary and confidential information of the NCFRW and CCRW, and its publication/distribution is intended for NCFRW and CCRW use only.
- B. Any misuse of the NCFRW or the CCRW membership list by a member for financial gain or wrongful distribution shall constitute grounds for expulsion from the NCFRW at all levels.
- C. CCRW shall send a complete alphabetized roster of members in good standing by electronic means, including their addresses with zip code, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses to the NCFRW Assistant Treasurer with the annual per member dues and service charge.

SECTION 5: FISCAL YEAR

- A. The fiscal year for CCRW shall be from January 1st to December 31st.

SECTION 6: REMOVAL FOR CAUSE

- A. Any member of the CCRW, to include officers, or any member of the CCRW Executive Committee, may be removed for cause, at the sole discretion of the CCRW Executive Committee by a two-thirds vote after being furnished with a 2-week notice of the charges against her, signed by no fewer than 4 members of the CCRW Executive Committee.
- B. Cause for such removal shall include, with limitation: party disloyalty, misuse of CCRW funds, felony convictions, misuse of the NCFRW or CCRW rosters for financial gain or wrongful distribution, or any act or omission intended to cause or having the effect of causing damage to the CCRW or its reputation. A member shall be given an opportunity to present a defense.
- C. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the initiation of litigation or any other adversarial proceedings against the CCRW in which the CCRW is named defendant or respondent shall constitute grounds for removal and CCRW shall be entitled to recover from such member, officer or appointee its

¹woman/women: defined as a human being born with a vagina.
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attorney's fees and other costs and expenses relating to any such litigations or proceedings if the CCRW shall substantially prevail therein.

ARTICLE IV – CLUB POLICIES

SECTION 1: ELIGIBILITY

A. CCRW

1. The Club shall be in good standing, current with dues and service charges paid to the NCFRW, have ten or more members, have elected officers, and holds at least five meetings either in person or electronically within a twelve-month period.
2. CCRW shall support the Bylaws and objectives of the NCFRW and pass CCRW Bylaws that do not conflict with the NCFRW Bylaws.
3. CCRW shall have Bylaws that provide for the election of a Nominating Committee by September 30th, presentation of a slate of officers by October 31st, election of officers by November 30th, with installation of officers by December 31st.
4. Every NCFRW Convention year, the CCRW President must submit their current Bylaws to the NCFRW Bylaws Committee by January 31st of that year to be eligible to participate in the NCFRW's Biennial Convention.
5. The word "Republican" shall be included in the title of CCRW. The word "Federation" shall not be used in the title of the Club.
6. The Club shall complete the NFRW Achievement Awards and turn the form into the NCFRW President on June 1st of every odd-numbered year. The Achievement Award program contains a blueprint of activities, that when completed, contributes to CCRW's success.

B. Satellite Club

1. A satellite club may be organized by the CCRW. It is accountable to the CCRW, pays dues to CCRW, and has the same membership requirements as CCRW.

SECTION 2: MEETINGS

A. Regular

1. There shall not be fewer than five regular meetings of the CCRW each year, at a time and place designated by the President, with the advice and consent of the CCRW Executive Committee.
2. The CCRW Standing Rules will provide members with a regular meeting schedule. Members shall be notified of any change in the schedule by telephone or e-mail.

B. Special

1. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee, or by twenty percent of the active members in good standing. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call. No other business shall be transacted at the meeting. At least ten days' notice shall be given to all members for a special meeting. In an emergency or time-sensitive situation, this rule may be waived by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

C. Annual Meeting

1. The November meeting will be designated as the Annual Meeting.

D. Quorum

1. Twenty percent of the active membership of the CCRW shall constitute a quorum for all regular and special meetings. There shall be no proxy voting.

SECTION 3: SPEAKERS

- A. Non-Republican political candidates, political office holders, party officials or their representatives shall not be allowed to address the group or distribute materials at CCRW meetings or events.

SECTION 4: ENDORSEMENTS

- A. CCRW, as a whole, and its President and Campaign Activities Chairman, shall not publicly endorse any candidate for public office in contested Republican primaries, runoff elections, special elections, and/or nonpartisan elections when more than one Republican is in the race.
- B. Individual members of this organization may work for the candidate of their choice in contested Republican primaries, but not in the name of CCRW or NCFRW.
- C. Should the President or Campaign Activities Chairman run for office, publicly endorse a candidate in a primary, or be employed by a candidate in a primary, they must step down from their position until the primary is over.
- D. In the case of contested Republican races, information and campaign announcements may be distributed on all candidates – such as 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 the Crystal Coast Republican Women.”*
- E. Neither CCRW nor an individual member shall advocate a split ticket, support an opposition party candidate, or act against the NFRW or NCFRW or the Club policies and Bylaws. Should a CCRW elected officer endorse or support a candidate on an opposition ticket, she must immediately resign from her office.
 1. An officer of CCRW 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, State Federation, or the NFRW, or by utilizing the logo or stationery of the organizations.

SECTION 5: DONATIONS TO CANDIDATES

- A. Donations for candidates will only be given after a Primary Election has been held and upon the approval of the body.

SECTION 6: DISSOLUTION OF CCRW

A. Dissolution

1. If CCRW is considering disbanding, the NCFRW President must be notified of its intention so the NCFRW can advise on how to proceed. The NCFRW President shall notify the NCFRW Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Regional Vice President.

2. CCRW may be dissolved by a two-thirds vote at any regular or special meetings of the CCRW, provided that notice of the dissolution has been submitted in writing at least thirty days prior and has been sent to all members of the CCRW. In the event of dissolution, the Executive Committee shall, after payment of all liabilities of the CCRW, distribute any remaining assets to the NCFRW. No funds shall be distributed to any member or officer of the CCRW. The right to use the name of a dissolved CCRW shall revert to the NCFRW.
3. In the event of a dissolution the minutes of the meeting shall be sent to the NCFRW President. The State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement, hereafter referred to as NCBOE, must be notified and Form CRO 3400 must be completed and sent to the NCBOE. All bank accounts must be closed once the final checks have cleared. The final check shall be made payable to the NCFRW in the amount of the final bank account balance. Once the check has cleared, the NCFRW will notice CCRW, and the Treasurer shall close the account.

B. Removal from NCFRW Membership

1. CCRW may be removed from membership in the NCFRW by a two-thirds vote of the NCFRW Executive Committee for the following reasons:
 - a. Non-payment of dues and service charges.
 - b. Failure to maintain the membership requirements and qualifications.
 - c. Affiliation with any political organization which is not officially recognized as part of the NCFRW, the NCFRW, and the RNC. This applies to CCRW as an entity and not to individual members.

SECTION 7: REINSTATEMENT OF CLUB MEMBERSHIP TO NCFRW

- A. If CCRW was dissolved or removed from membership the Club may apply to be reinstated to the NCFRW Executive Committee. The NCFRW Executive Committee shall determine the criteria for reinstatement. A two-thirds vote of the NCFRW Executive Committee is required for reinstatement.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

SECTION 1: ELIGIBILITY

- A. All elected Officers and members of Standing and Special Committees shall be active members in good standing of CCRW.

SECTION 2: OFFICERS

- A. Elected Officers of the CCRW shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Assistant Treasurer.
- B. The Immediate Past President shall be an officer of the CCRW for one term following her retirement as President.

SECTION 3: TERMS OF OFFICE

- A. All officers shall be elected for terms of two years, and no officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

- B. Officers shall be elected at the November meeting, installed at the December meeting and shall take office immediately upon installation.

SECTION 4: DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

A. The President

1. Shall preside at all meetings of the CCRW Executive Committee and the CCRW General Membership and ensure that the organization functions in accordance with parliamentary procedures, Bylaws and Standing Rules.
2. Shall appoint all Standing Chairmen, with the exception of the Nominating Committee, with the approval of the Executive Committee.
3. Shall appoint Chairmen of Special Committees as may be deemed advisable to carry out the programs of the CCRW.
4. Shall represent the CCRW on the NCFRW Board of Directors as specified in the NCFRW Bylaws.
5. Shall formulate an annual program of action.
6. Along with the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, shall prepare an annual budget, which shall be presented to the Executive Committee for approval, and to the membership for adoption.
7. Shall send the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of the CCRW Delegates-At-Large and Alternates-At-Large to the NCFRW President on credentials forms provided by the NCFRW for the NCFRW Biennial Convention, no later than the date provided by the NCFRW President.
8. Shall maintain the files of the CCRW and deliver them to her successor immediately upon retirement from office.
9. Shall maintain complete membership lists for the CCRW and place such lists under irrevocable trust for the exclusive use of the NCFRW and CCRW, as authorized by the Executive Committee for the Club and NCFRW communications only.
10. Shall represent the CCRW at all times or designate a member of the CCRW Executive Committee as a representative in her absence or inability to do so. She may appoint a CCRW club member as a representative in the absence of an Executive Committee attendee.
11. Shall sign checks, in an emergency and by vote of a majority of the Executive Committee, in the inability of the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer to do so.

B. The Vice President

1. Shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President.
2. Shall serve as the CCRW Program Chairman and arrange for all speakers for all regular meetings with the approval and consent of the Executive Committee.
3. Shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.

C. The Secretary

1. Shall record the minutes and attendance of all meetings of the CCRW Executive Committee and CCRW

General Membership and furnish copies of meeting minutes to members no less than 10 days prior to the next meeting.

2. Shall keep an accurate roll of members of the CCRW, a copy of the Bylaws, Rules, Resolutions, and all filed reports.
3. Shall serve as the Membership Chairman keeping a current record of the CCRW membership roster and any changes and give a report to the Executive Committee monthly regarding new members. The roster shall contain the name, address, phone number, and email address of each member in good standing. These records are the official membership records of CCRW.
4. Shall send notices of unpaid dues to members and contact former members encouraging them to rejoin the CCRW and provide the Treasurer with members' payments.
5. Shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.

D. The Treasurer

1. Shall be the custodian of all funds of the CCRW.
2. Shall deposit the money when received, disburse it with approval and keep a record of all transactions.
3. Shall reconcile all bank statements upon receipt to ensure all the financial records are accurate and complete.
4. Shall present a written report on all receipts and disbursements at all CCRW Executive Committee and General Meetings, which will be filed for audit.
5. Shall ensure that the books and records of the Treasurer are audited annually by the Auditing Committee.
6. Shall assist the President in preparation of the annual budget.
7. Shall complete Treasurer Certification by the NCBOE per North Carolina Campaign Finance Law.
8. Shall complete all reports required by the NCGOE and NCFRW deadlines.
9. Shall be responsible for payment of CCRW club dues from the CCRW club funds to the NCFRW, as stipulated in the NCFRW Bylaws and Standing Rules.
10. Shall provide for an annual audit by an independent outside auditor with the approval of the CCRW Executive Committee.
11. Shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.

F. The Assistant Treasurer

1. Shall assume the duties of the Treasurer whenever necessary.
2. Shall collect all membership information and CCRW dues.
3. Shall complete Treasurer Certification by NCBOE per North Carolina Campaign Finance Law.
4. Shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.

SECTION 5: APPOINTED OFFICERS

- A. The President may appoint, with the approval of the Executive Committee, a Corresponding Secretary.
- B. The President shall appoint, with the approval of the Executive Committee, a Parliamentarian, Historian, and Auditing Committee Chairman.

SECTION 6: DUTIES OF APPOINTMENT OFFICERS

A. Corresponding Secretary

- 1. Shall conduct the correspondence of the club under the supervision of the President.
- 2. Shall preserve in a permanent file all letters and papers of value to the club.
- 3. Shall perform such other duties as assigned by the President.

B. Historian

- 1. Shall collect and keep all records and documents of significant Club events and all items of media coverage.
- 2. Shall perform such other duties as assigned by the President.

C. Parliamentarian

- 1. Shall advise Club officers, committee chairs and Club members on parliamentary procedure.
- 2. Shall be familiar with the Club bylaws, special rules of order, standing rules, and policies and procedures.
- 3. Shall be a non-voting member of the Executive Committee.
- 4. Shall attend membership meetings, Executive Committee meetings, Bylaws Committee meetings and Nominating Committee meetings as necessary or as requested.

SECTION 7: RESIGNATION FROM OFFICE

- A. Should a CCRW Officer file for election to public office, she must immediately resign from Club office.
- B. Should a CCRW Officer publicly endorse a candidate during a primary election when more than one Republican candidate is running for the same office, she must immediately resign from office.
- C. Should a CCRW Officer endorse or support a candidate in an opposition ticket, she must immediately resign her office.
- D. Vacancies due to resignation shall be filled as specified in these Bylaws.

SECTION 8: REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

- A. Pursuant to these bylaws, and those of NFRW, the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, shall provide the process for the removal of an officer from office or a member from membership. Cause for such removal shall include, with limitation:
 - 1. Non-payment of dues;
 - 2. The failure or refusal to support the policies and objectives of the NFRW, the NCFRW, or CCRW.
 - 3. Any act or omission intended to cause or having the effect of causing damage to the NFRW, the NCFRW, the Club or their reputation or financial stability;

4. Failure to support the Republican Party ticket, advocating a split ticket, or supporting a candidate on an opposition ticket;
 5. Actions which are in conflict with the Bylaws or Rules of the NFRW, NCFRW or CCRW; or
 6. Causing the initiation of litigation or any other adversary proceeding against the NFRW, the NCFRW or the Club, or in which the NFRW, NCFRW or CCRW is a named defendant or respondent.
- B. A member who has been removed from membership may request readmission to the same body which voted on the removal.

SECTION 9: VACANCIES

- A. Vacancies in elected office shall be filled by election by a majority of the Executive Committee members present and voting at the first meeting following the vacancy. An announcement shall be sent to all club members stating the existence of the vacancy and outline the process by which eligible members in good standing may submit their name to the Executive Committee for consideration.
- B. A special meeting may be called with the appropriate notice given (see Article IV, Section 2.B.1) to fill the vacancy, and this meeting may be held electronically.
- C. An officer elected to fill an unexpired term of one year or less is eligible to succeed herself for two full two-year terms. In case of an untimely vacancy the CCRW Executive Committee shall appoint pro-tem until an election can be held.

SECTION 10: OFFICERS' RECORDS

- A. All Officers shall deliver all records, files, and properties, including all social media and website passwords/logins to their successors, or to an officer designated by the President or CCRW Executive Committee, immediately upon retiring from office.

ARTICLE VI – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. Membership

1. Members of the Executive Committee are the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, , and the Immediate Past President for one term following her term of office.
2. The Parliamentarian and Corresponding Secretary shall be non-voting members of the Executive Committee. If an appointee holding a non-voting position of the Executive Committee concurrently holds a voting membership, she shall be entitled to a vote. The Parliamentarian is entitled to the membership privilege of a ballot vote of a Club Member.

B. Duties

1. Transact necessary business between meetings of the Club.
2. Approve Standing and Special Committee Chairmen.
3. Recommend to the CCRW Membership the annual budget and program of action for adoption.

4. Fill vacancies in office.
5. Perform other duties as assigned by the Club.
6. Adopt Standing Rules necessary to continue the work of CCRW.

C. Quorum

- A. A majority of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute quorum.

SECTION 2: MEETINGS

- A. The CCRW Executive Committee shall meet monthly at the call of the President, or at least 4 members of the CCRW Executive Committee.
- B. Special Meetings may be called by the President and shall be called by the President upon receipt of written request of three members of the Committee.
- C. At least ten (10) days' notice shall be given for Executive Committee meetings, except that at least a five-day notice is required for Executive Committee Special Meetings. Notice by mail or electronic means shall be given.
- D. Meetings may be in person or by electronic means, during which times all votes and all business may be conducted and considered ratified.

ARTICLE VII – STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SECTION 1: STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. The Standing Committees of this club shall be Bylaws, Campaign Activities, Fundraising, Legislative, Membership, Program, and Public Relations.
- B. The Chairmen of the Standing Committees shall be appointed by the President, with the approval of the Executive Committee. Officers may be appointed to chair a Committee. The Chairmen of the Standing Committees shall serve a term of two years and may serve an additional consecutive term of two years at the discretion of the President and the Executive Board.
- C. Standing Committees shall prepare programs of action for consideration by the Executive Committee at the first CCRW Executive Committee meeting following their appointment.
- D. Each Standing Committee Chairman may appoint members to assist in carrying out duties of the committee.

SECTION 2: SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- A. The CCRW President may create and appoint Special Committees and their Chairmen to carry out the plan of action approved by the CCRW Executive Committee.
- B. The Chairmen of Special Committees shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing President, provided such time is limited to the term of the appointing President.

SECTION 3: COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- A. All committee members must be Primary members in good standing of the Club.

- B. The President and Vice President shall be ex-officio members of all committees except the Nominating Committee and Auditing Committee.

SECTION 4: RECORDS

- A. All Standing and Special Committee Chairmen shall furnish a list of all committee members to the CCRW Executive Committee and update regularly with any changes.
- B. All Committee Chairmen shall deliver all records, files and properties including all social media and website passwords/logins of the CCRW to their successors or to an officer designated by the President or the CCRW Executive Committee immediately upon retiring from office.

ARTICLE VIII – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 1: NOMINATIONS

- A. A Nominating Committee of three members shall be elected by the CCRW General Membership no later than September of each Club election year. The Chairman of the Committee shall be elected by the committee members at the first meeting of the Nominating Committee.
- B. The Nominating Committee shall submit one nominee for each office in a report to the CCRW membership at the October meeting.
- C. Nominees shall be members in good standing of the CCRW.
- D. Nominations may be made from the floor following the report of the Nominating Committee. No one shall be nominated who has not previously consented to serve if elected.
- E. Nominees cannot be a member of the Nominating Committee presenting the nominations.

SECTION 2: ELECTIONS

- A. The election of officers shall be held at the regular November general meeting.
- B. Elections shall be by ballot and a majority of all votes cast shall constitute an election. When there is only one candidate for an office the election may be by unanimous consent, where the President announces the single nominee is elected to the office.
- C. The President shall appoint no less than three Tellers to count ballots.

ARTICLE IX – NFRW AND NCFRW CONVENTIONS

SECTION 1: REGISTRATION FEES

- A. The registration fee for the State Convention of the NCFRW and the Biennial Convention of the NFRW shall be paid to the President or the appropriate Federation on behalf of the President or her representative to attend.
- B. In the event that the President is unable to attend she may appoint a member to attend as her representative. The registration fee will be paid to the appropriate Federation on her behalf.
- C. The President, or her representative, shall attend all business meetings and give a report on return.

SECTION 2: NCFRW BIENNIAL CONVENTION

A. Election of Delegates and Alternates

1. The Club shall elect the number of delegates according to the NCFRW Bylaws, in the method set forth herein.
2. All delegates and alternates to the NCFRW and NFRW Conventions shall be active members in good standing in the calendar year in which such member is nominated.
3. All delegates and alternates to any convention shall be elected by the membership at the next regular meeting prior to the deadline for submissions set by the NCFRW President. The President shall notify the membership of the election of delegates and alternates prior to the meeting. Should the next regular meeting fall after the deadline for submission a special meeting may be called after appropriate notice has been given as provided in these Bylaws.
4. The election of Delegates shall be by ballot and a majority of all votes cast shall constitute an election. When the number of nominees is the same or less than the allocated delegate amount election may be by acclamation. After the election of delegates, the nominees with the next highest votes shall elected as Alternates to fill those allocations.

ARTICLE X – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the CCRW in all cases where they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and the Bylaws of the NFRW and NCFRW.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

- A. These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any CCRW General Meeting. The CCRW Executive Committee may propose an amendment to be presented to the CCRW General Membership for approval, provided notice of the proposed amendment(s) has been given to the membership at least thirty days prior to the meeting, and copies have been sent by mail or electronic means for presentation.
- B. In an emergency as determined by the CCRW Executive Committee, revision may be accomplished by a two-thirds vote taken by email of the CCRW members.
- C. The Bylaws Committee has the authority to correct spelling and grammatical errors without approval from the CCRW Executive Committee, so long as it does not change the substance.