



Rules for the Conduct of the NFRW Elections 2009

1. Voter's Credentials. When the Credentials Committee issues the registration badge to each voting member of the convention, this registration badge is also proof for voting. At the time of voting the voter presents this registration badge as well as a picture identification (such as a driver's license) to the Teller Committee at voting check-in. The badge will be punched to indicate the member is an eligible voter and that this voter has received a ballot. The voter should retain the punched badge. Lost badges will not be replaced. As the voter exits the voting area, the registration badge will be punched a second time to signify completion of the voting process. Please keep your articles with you at all times, as no reentry will be allowed into the voting area until the elections are closed and the ballots counted.

2. Article VII, Nominations and Elections. Section 2 (a), (NFRW Bylaws). Election shall be by ballot and a majority of all votes cast shall constitute an election. Where there is only one candidate for an office, election may be by voice vote.

3. Ballots. Ballots shall be issued only to those who present a voter's credential badge along with their picture ID. Ballots shall contain the name of all nominated candidates unless otherwise determined by convention delegates for the uncontested candidates. Names submitted by the nominating committee will be listed first, followed by nominees from the floor in the order in which they are nominated. There will be space on the ballot for write-in names following nominations from the floor.

4. Voting. The hours and place of voting shall be designated in the convention program. The voter shall mark her ballot in the location provided for the purpose where the secrecy of her vote will be protected. The voter will indicate her choice beside the name of the candidate for whom she wishes to vote for each office applicable, and will continue to follow the instructions for the voting machine. Only those voters with proper registration badge and picture identification who are in line when the voting officially closes will be allowed to cast her vote. No exceptions will be made to allow for late voting. Upon completion of the voting process, each voter is requested to exit the voting area as quickly as possible.

5. Spoiled Ballots. In the event that a voter makes an error, she shall notify a poll worker for assistance.

6. Voting Machine Malfunction. In the unlikely event of a voting machine malfunction, a blank paper ballot will be provided to the voters to list the candidate of her choice for each office applicable. A list of all known candidates for each office applicable shall be posted at the affected voting station(s), **in accordance with NFRW Election Rule #3 on Ballots.**

7. Electioneering.

a. No poster shall be posted in the vicinity of the registration area.

b. No electioneering (including wearing of buttons, verbal, or otherwise) for candidates shall be allowed in the vicinity of the voting area. The **voting area** is defined as the area where voters are lined up waiting to vote, the voter check-in area, the room where the voting actually occurs, and the general vicinity of the voting exit location.

c. A candidate or her campaign workers, not exceeding four, may distribute printed materials on the convention floor thirty minutes prior to the opening of the doors to the general session of the convention. To gain entrance to the convention floor, the candidates must provide a list of the four designated campaign workers and two alternate workers to the NFRW President and to the NFRW Staff Office at the Orlando Convention Center no later than 4:00 p.m., Thursday, September 10, 2009. No campaign materials will be allowed in the official convention packets.

d. Size of material to be distributed shall not exceed 8 ½ inches by 11 inches. There shall be no posters or signs in the meeting rooms or the lobby.

8. Counting the Vote. The Election and Teller Committee members will be in charge of counting the vote. The intent of the voter will be the first consideration. Write-in names will be included in the vote count.

9. Observers. Each candidate may have one observer in the room while the votes are being counted. There shall be no visiting or talking among the observers during the counting of the votes. The names of the observers will have been presented to the Elections and Tellers Committee Chairman prior to the opening of the polls. Only the appointed election committee members, observers, and Parliamentarian shall be in the room while the votes are being counted. The Parliamentarian shall advise on the correct procedure for counting the votes.

10. Vote required for Election of Officers. A majority vote of all votes cast for an office is required for election to that office. In the event that no candidate for any office received a majority of the votes cast for that office, a time to vote again for that office shall be announced immediately from the platform.

11. Preservation of Ballots. Ballots and tally sheets shall be sealed and placed in charge of the current NFRW President to be preserved for thirty days after the actual election.

Special Notices

All candidates may be supplied the names and complete addresses of Delegates and Alternates after August 15, 2009. This will be done upon request to the NFRW office. Candidates will be charged for printing and shipping.