

Delegate Representation

The apportionment of the delegates to the Convention is in accordance with NFRW Bylaws, as follows:

Article III, Sec. 4(b):

A local club shall be in good standing for at least six months prior to the NFRW Biennial Convention [March 10, 2009] to be eligible for representation. The six-month period begins on the date the state president notifies the NFRW President in writing by mail, fax, or e-mail that the local club's bylaws have been approved at the state level and the local club's dues and service charge have been received by the NFRW office. This notification by the state federation president shall be accompanied by the name of the club and the name and contact information of the local club president.

New clubs must be in good standing for at least six months prior to the convention (March 10, 2009) to be eligible for representation.

Article IX, Sec. 3(a):

The voting body of the Biennial Convention shall be:

1. one delegate from each club,
2. five delegates-at-large from each state federation, and one additional delegate-at-large for each 500 members or major fraction thereof in the state federation based on the payment to the NFRW of the current year's dues and post-marked ninety (90) days prior to the convention [June 10, 2009],
3. presidents of state federations,
4. national officers,
5. chairmen of NFRW standing committees, or in the absence of a chairman, the vice chairman of the committee, and
6. former NFRW presidents.

Article IX, Sec. 3(c):

At least 90 ninety days preceding the convention [June 10, 2009] each state federation president shall certify to the NFRW President the names of the local clubs which are in good standing, the numbers of members in each local club, and the names, addresses (including zip codes, phone/fax numbers and e-mail addresses) of the local club presidents. Only those local clubs certified by the state federation president shall be eligible for representation at the convention.

Continuing clubs (those chartered prior to 2009) are required to pay their membership dues and service charges for 2008 and 2009 by June 10, 2009, in order for their members to be considered in good standing, thus enabling them to serve as delegates or alternate delegates.

Article IX, Sec. 3(d):

Delegates and alternates to the convention shall be selected in a manner determined by the state federation or local club. The local club president shall send the names, addresses, zip codes, phone/fax numbers and e-mail addresses of the delegates and alternates to the NFRW and state president on credential forms provided by the NFRW. The credential forms must be postmarked to the NFRW and state federation president no later than thirty days prior to the convention [Aug. 11, 2009]. Emergency changes must be forwarded in writing to the NFRW President for her approval and must be post-marked no later than ten days prior to the convention [Aug. 31, 2009].

Article IX, Sec. 3(e):

The names, addresses, zip codes, phone/fax numbers and e-mail addresses of the state delegates-at-large shall be post-marked to the NFRW President by the state president on credential forms provided by the NFRW no later than twenty days prior to the convention [Aug. 21, 2009]. Emergency changes must be forwarded in writing to the NFRW President for her approval and must be postmarked no later than ten days prior to the convention [Aug. 31, 2009].

Delegates and alternates must be pre-registered according to the Bylaws. Club delegates and alternates must be certified to the Credentials Committee by August 11, 2009, on official forms received by mail/e-mail or obtained from www.nfrw.org/programs/convention/. State at-large delegates and alternates must be certified by August 21, 2009, on official forms obtained from their state presidents.

Official forms for all four categories must be mailed to:

*NFRW, Attn: Membership Director
124 North Alfred Street
Alexandria, VA 22314*

*The official delegate and alternate forms certify an individual for her proper legal voting status and must be returned in accordance with the Bylaws. **However, delegates and alternates must still register for the Convention, either online at www.nfrw.org/programs/convention or by using the registration form on page 9 of the Official Call. No reservations can be made by calling NFRW.***

Delegates will be given their credentials at the Caribe Royale Hotel & Convention Center beginning Thursday, Sept. 10. See the convention schedule on page 6 for more information.