

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLIES BYLAWS**  
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**ARTICLE I. ORGANIZATION**

**Section 1.01 Name.** The name of this organization shall be the National Federation of Republican Assemblies, hereinafter referred to as “NFRA.” The NFRA shall also be known as “The Republican Wing of the Republican Party.”

**Section 1.02 Jurisdiction.** The jurisdiction of the NFRA shall be the United States of America and its territories. The NFRA shall consist of the State Republican Assemblies and National Members that have been chartered or accepted by the NFRA Board of Directors in the manner provided in these Bylaws and that continue to comply with these Bylaws as amended.

**Section 1.03 Powers.** The powers of the NFRA shall be:

- a) To direct, manage, supervise, and control its business, property, and funds, and to carry out its objectives;
- b) To charter State Republican Assemblies, recruit National Members and refer them to State Republican Assemblies, and supervise and coordinate State Republican Assemblies;
- c) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, NFRA political action shall concern only matters (1) that relate to geographical or political units larger than the jurisdiction of a State Republican Assembly, or (2) that are within the jurisdiction of a state or territory lacking any State Republican Assembly.

**Section 1.04 Purpose.** The purpose and objectives of the NFRA are:

- a) To promote the Principles of the NFRA within the Republican Party,
- b) To develop an aggressive and effective national conservative Republican organization;
- c) To provide through this organization a practical program for the betterment of the Republican Party of the fifty states and the territories;
- d) To assist the various State Republican Assemblies in improving the public relations of the Republican Party, supporting conservative Republican political campaigns, encouraging public forums and social events, attracting a greater number of voters to work for advancing the interests of the Republican Party and our country;
- e) To act as a grassroots volunteer organization dedicated to working within the Republican Party to promote the active participation of its members and the election of conservative Republican candidates.

**Section 1.05 Principles.** The principles of the NFRA are:

- a) Unalienable Rights: We believe that man’s rights flow from the Creator and the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are unalienable and cannot be legitimately granted or rescinded by men.
- b) Judeo-Christian Foundation: We believe in the guiding force of moral law as expressed by the Judeo-Christian ethic and contained in the Holy Scriptures of these historic faiths.

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- c) Sanctity of Life: We believe that the preborn child, from conception to the end of natural life, is a human being possessing the same unalienable rights as all other people and entitled to the full protection of the law.
- d) Self-Government: We believe that the only answer to the current moral decline in our nation is a return to the beliefs and standards of morality which our Founding Fathers placed into the Constitution. With the framers of that document, we believe President Adams' statement that "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people: it is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." We understand that the concept of self-government begins with governing oneself first, then family, community, state, and nation.
- e) Free Enterprise: We believe in the free enterprise system as the best hope for men and women to fulfill their economic hopes and dreams. We know that the free market is the most efficient and the least costly system to deliver the highest quality goods and services at the lowest price to the consumer. We will support only those who support the free enterprise system through legislation to reduce or eliminate intrusive government intervention in the marketplace.
- f) Education: We believe in the rights of parents to pursue a quality education for their children. We support parental choice to create competition among the schools. We must ensure that no school or teachers' union can compromise the education of our children or advance a particular political agenda at the expense of future generations.
- g) Taxes: We believe that the federal tax system is abusive to the American people while discouraging investment and growth. We believe in growth-oriented tax policies that will gradually eliminate punitive income taxes and move our tax system toward that originally established by our Founding Fathers.
- h) Right to Bear Arms: We believe in the unqualified right of our citizens to keep and bear arms and in the Second Amendment's guarantee of that right to individuals.
- i) Victims' Rights: We believe in the concept of victims' rights over the rights of the rights of any criminal. We support a system of restitution as a deterrent to crime and recidivism.
- j) Family: We believe that the traditional American family, consisting of persons related by blood or adoption through the marriage of one man and one woman, is the cornerstone of our American society, and the government is duty-bound to protect the integrity of the family unit through legislation and tax policies.
- k) National Sovereignty: We believe in nationalism, and that Government's first concern is the welfare and protection of the American people and their sovereign right to rule themselves without deference to any foreign or international body. We do not believe in trade protectionism but support political leaders who will adopt policies that create fair and competitive trade.
- l) National Defense: We believe in a strong and consistent national defense. We believe in victory over, and not accommodation with, tyranny in any form or philosophy.
- m) Decentralized Government: We believe in the supremacy of the power of individual citizens over the powers they choose to delegate to the state, a principle enshrined in the Tenth Amendment. We believe that only small government truly serves the

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needs of the people and that those governments closest to the people are most responsive to their needs. We affirm the principle of Federalism, and its establishment in the form created by the Founders.

**Section 1.06 NFRA Headquarters.** The NFRA shall neither have nor establish its National Headquarters within fifty miles of the Capitol of the United States of America.

**ARTICLE II. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 2.01 Composition.** The NFRA Board of Directors shall be composed of the President, Immediate Past President, Executive Vice President, up to ten Vice Presidents, Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Chairman of the Finance Committee, Sergeant-at-Arms, two National Directors from each State, and the President of each State Republican Assembly. Each member shall have one vote. The General Counsel, the Parliamentarian, and the Chaplain shall be members of the Board of Directors without votes.

**Section 2.02 Powers.** The Board of Directors shall have control, management, and supervision of all NFRA Officers, committees, affairs, properties, and funds.

**Section 2.03 Quorum.** At all meetings of the Board of Directors, 25% of the voting members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business, except in cases where a larger vote is required under these Bylaws.

**Section 2.04 Meetings.**

- a) The Board of Directors shall meet at such times and places as may be determined by action of the Board, by call of the President, or by written request of twenty members of the Board, provided that there shall be at least two, and not more than four, regularly scheduled meetings each year; except that by three-fifths vote of those present and voting, the Board may instruct or permit the President to call such meetings by audio or video teleconference, provided that at least one physical meeting shall be held each year.
- b) In addition, the Board of Directors shall meet at the place of the National Convention within forty-eight hours before any Convention and shall meet within thirty-six hours after any Convention, which shall be deemed the Annual Meeting.
- c) A written notice by mail, electronic mail or facsimile of the time and place of all meetings of the Board of Directors, except for meetings held in conjunction with a National Convention, shall be mailed to each Officer and Director, to the President of each State Republican Assembly, and to the chairmen of all committees, not less than forty-five days prior to said meetings.

**Section 2.05 Transacting Business Without Meeting.**

- a) The Board of Directors or its Executive Committee may, without meeting, transact business by mail or electronic mail, by voting on questions submitted to all of them at

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their last recorded postal address or electronic mail address by, or with the approval of, the President.

- b) Fifteen days shall be allowed for the return of the votes thereon by mail or by electronic mail to the NFRA Secretary. The voting shall be considered closed at the end of fifteen days, provided that the majority of the members of the Board or its Executive Committee shall have returned their votes by that time, or it shall be considered closed at any time prior thereto if and when all of the members of the Board of Directors or its Executive Committee have returned their votes. If, at the expiration of the fifteen-day period, a majority of the Board of Directors or its Executive Committee shall not have returned their votes, the measure being voted upon shall be deemed to have failed. The Secretary shall preserve in written form all such ballots until the next meeting of the Board of Directors, at which meeting the Board of Directors shall order the disposition of the ballots.
- c) In cases where a hearing is required by these Bylaws, voting by mail or electronic mail shall not be permitted unless authorized by a two-thirds vote of all members of the Board of Directors.
- d) The Board of Directors or its Executive Committee may transact business by teleconference (which shall include all forms of electronic conferencing, including e-mail) upon five days' notice of its time and contact numbers provided that:
  - (1) all participating members may be heard,
  - (2) quorum is achieved, and
  - (3) all votes are recorded.

**Section 2.06 Resolutions Concerning Legislation.** The Board of Directors may pass resolutions concerning legislation and policies by a two-thirds vote.

**Section 2.07 Approval of NFRA Logo.** The Board of Directors may approve or amend an official Logo for the NFRA.

**Section 2.08 Financial Obligations.** Without the approval of the Board of Directors, no Officer, appointee, or committee may incur any financial obligation (meaning any expense or series of expenses for an event, asset, or other set of related purchases) payable by the NFRA for more than Twenty-Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00). Any Officer, appointee, or committee that does so without approval shall be personally responsible for the financial obligation.

**Section 2.09 Executive Committee.**

- a) Except as hereinafter provided, an Executive Committee, consisting of the President, Executive Vice President, up to ten Vice Presidents, Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, and Chairman of the Finance Committee, shall exercise authority over the NFRA when the Board of Directors is not meeting.
- b) Each member of the Executive Committee shall have only one vote.
- c) The Parliamentarian, the General Counsel, the Chaplain, and the chairmen of standing committees shall be members of the Executive Committee without votes.
- d) The Executive Committee may only act by recorded votes.

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- e) Meetings or transaction of business without meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the President, Executive Vice President, or a majority of its voting members, with five days' notice. Effective notice of meetings or transaction of business without meetings of the Executive Committee shall be transmitted to its members.
- f) A quorum for action by the Executive Committee shall be a majority of its voting members.
- g) The Board of Directors at their next meeting shall receive a report of all decisions made in its name by the Executive Committee and may review and correct any decision that has not been accomplished or executed;
- h) The Executive Committee shall not have the power:
  - 1) To revoke a State Republican Assembly's charter, except that the Executive Committee may vote to suspend the charter of a State Republican Assembly upon evidence of a violation of these Bylaws until the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors, at which time the Board shall determine the charter status;
  - 2) To elect or remove an NFRA Officer;
  - 3) To excuse absences from meetings;
  - 4) To determine the number of, or assign the primary duties of, the Vice Presidents;
  - 5) To call a National Convention or determine its site;
  - 6) To determine annual dues;
  - 7) To adopt or amend the budget; or
  - 8) Accept resolutions concerning legislation; or,
  - 9) Approve or incur any expenditure in excess of \$2,499.99.

**Section 2.10 Automatic Termination.** If an NFRA Officer, appointee, or Director is declared absent for a second successive meeting of the NFRA Board of Directors, such person's position of Officer or Director shall automatically terminate, unless such attendance is excused in writing by the President or by a vote of the Board of Directors, at the specific request of the absent Officer or Director.

**Section 2.11 Termination and Discipline of NFRA Officers.**

- a) The Board of Directors may remove from office or otherwise discipline any NFRA Officer, appointee, Director, or committee member, after a hearing, by a two-thirds vote, whenever the Board has determined that the person has acted in a manner specified in subsection (b). At least thirty days before such hearing, notice of the intended action, the time and place of the meeting, a list of the charges against him, and the grounds and evidence therefore shall be sent by certified mail to the individual.
- b) The grounds for removal from office shall be that the person:
  - 1) registered as a member of a political party other than the Republican Party, or affiliated with a political party other than the Republican Party in those states which do not have voter registration by party;

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- 2) used his name and title as a member of the NFRA in public, advocating that the electorate should not vote for the Republican nominee for any elected public office;
  - 3) used his name and title as a member of the NFRA to give support or to assert a preference for a candidate of another party or an independent candidate for election to a public office where such candidate was opposed by a Republican nominee;
  - 4) used his name and title as a member of the NFRA to prematurely endorse candidates running for office in the Republican Party;
  - 5) abused his office in violation of law or of these Bylaws;
  - 6) failed to perform the duties of his office;
  - 7) ceased to be a member in good standing of the State Republican Assembly of the state in which he resides, or otherwise ceased to be qualified for his office under the provisions of these Bylaws; or
  - 8) otherwise brought discredit or disrepute upon the NFRA.
- c) If the Board of Directors shall remove from office or shall otherwise discipline any such Officer, appointee, or committee member, the NFRA Secretary shall send notice of such action within fifteen days by certified mail to said member.

**Section 2.12 Consequences of Removal.** Any individual member so removed from office or terminated from membership on the NFRA Board of Directors shall immediately cease claiming membership, office, or relationship with the NFRA, and shall immediately surrender any and all documents, records, emblems, insignias, funds, or other devices or properties of any nature whatsoever to the NFRA. The terminated member shall not thereafter use the name, emblem, or insignia of a Republican Assembly or NFRA in any manner whatsoever. Acceptance of office in the NFRA shall constitute legally-binding acceptance of this provision.

**Section 2.13 Appeal of Board Action.** Any action taken by the Board of Directors may be appealed to the next National Convention provided that such appeal shall be made by:

- a) An Officer, appointee, or committee member removed from office by the Board of Directors;
- b) A State Republican Assembly, acting through any Officer or Delegate from that organization, the charter of which was revoked, deactivated, or disciplined by the Board of Directors; or
- c) At least one State Republican Assembly, acting through its President or senior officer registered with the Convention.
- d) Notice of such appeal shall be delivered or mailed by certified mail by the appellant to the NFRA President within fifteen days after notice of such action is received. An action of the Board of Directors may be confirmed by majority vote of the Convention, which confirmation shall be the first order of business after the adoption of the Rules.

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**Section 2.14 National Advisory Board.** A National Advisory Board of conservative Republican leaders is established and may be consulted in matters of interest to the NFRA and the national conservative movement. Board members shall be appointed by the President, approved by the Board of Directors, and upon acceptance of appointment, shall be invited to attend NFRA Board meetings and Conventions as guests without votes. The National Advisory Board shall meet at least twice each year and shall establish a database of conservative contacts and information for the use by State Republican Assembly chapters in order to advance the purposes of the NFRA.

**ARTICLE III. OFFICERS**

**Section 3.01 Officers, Directors, and Committees.**

- a) Officers: The elected Officers of the NFRA shall be the President, Executive Vice President, no more than ten Vice Presidents, Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-Arms.
- b) Appointees: The appointed Officers shall be the chairmen of the Standing Committees, the Chaplain, the Parliamentarian, and the General Counsel.
- c) Directors: There shall be three Directors from each State Republican Assembly, one of whom shall be its President, and all of them shall be voting members of the NFRA Board of Directors.
- d) Standing Committees: The Standing Committees shall be the Publications Committee, the Technology Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Legal Committee, plus such additional Standing Committees as the Board of Directors may approve.

**Section 3.02 Election of Officers.** The NFRA Officers shall be elected by the Delegates and Delegates-at-Large at each National Convention in the order that those positions are listed in this Article. They shall serve for a term of approximately two years until their successors are elected. To ensure geographical representation, if the majority of the Delegates eligible to vote at any National Convention come from just one or two states, then the NFRA Officers shall be elected by the Delegates-at-Large only. If the National Convention adjourns without electing anyone to an NFRA Office that thereby becomes vacant, then the Board of Directors may fill that vacancy by majority vote at any subsequent Board meeting.

**Section 3.03 Nominations & Elections Committee.** The Nominations & Elections Committee shall nominate at least one qualified candidate for each office and shall have general charge of the elections. They shall distribute and count the ballots, if any.

**Section 3.04 Qualifications.**

- a) Each Officer, each appointee, each Director, and each standing committee member shall be a member in good standing of a State Republican Assembly and shall continue as such throughout his term. However, a National Member residing in a state with no chartered State Republican Assembly may be appointed to fill a vacant position and he may continue to serve for a single term of office without membership

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in a State Republican Assembly, provided that he works diligently to form a new State Republican Assembly in his state.

- b) The elected members of the Executive Committee must have been members in good standing of a State Republican Assembly for at least 2 consecutive years prior to taking office.
- c) No NFRA Officer, appointee, or Director shall be a duly-filed candidate for, or hold, any partisan, remunerative, elected public office, other than an office within the Republican Party.
- d) NFRA Officers, appointees, and Directors shall be persons of good moral character and shall not have been disciplined within the past 5 years by a chartered State Republican Assembly.
- e) The elected Treasurer shall be bonded and insured, and must submit to a background check to verify his qualifications, unless the Board of Directors waives any of these requirements.

**Section 3.05 Nominations.** To be elected as an Officer, a candidate must either be nominated by the Nominations & Elections Committee or nominated by at least three Delegates or Delegates-at-Large who reside in at least three states. No more than three persons from the same state may be elected as Officers at any National Convention. If any nomination at a National Convention might cause a fourth person from any state to be elected as an Officer, then that nomination shall be treated as null and void after the first three Officers from that state have been duly elected. The President and the Executive Vice President shall not reside in the same state.

**Section 3.06 Delegates-at-Large.** All voting members of the Board of Directors as of the opening of the National Convention shall be eligible to vote and participate as Delegates-at-Large upon registration and accreditation.

**Section 3.07 Voting for Officers.**

- a) A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for the election of President.
- b) Among those nominated for an office other than President, the one receiving the highest vote, though less than a majority, shall be elected.
- c) Cumulative voting and unit voting shall not be permitted. For purposes of this section, the following is considered cumulative voting: One person casting more than one vote for a single candidate, even when the election permits casting multiple votes for several candidates for the same office.
- d) Except for offices for which only one candidate is placed in nomination, the voting shall be by secret ballot only.

**Section 3.08 Appointees.** The appointees shall be appointed by the President and shall serve at his pleasure. NFRA Officers may be appointed to committee chairmanships.

**Section 3.09 Removal of NFRA Directors.** Except as provided in this Article, a Director representing a State Republican Assembly shall be removed from office in the

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manner prescribed by the Bylaws of the State Republican Assembly, provided that each State Republican Assembly shall consider removal of one of its Directors, if requested by the NFRA Board of Directors.

**Section 3.10 Vacancies.**

- a) **Presidential Vacancy:** If the office of President becomes vacant, the Executive Vice President shall become President for the duration of the unexpired term.
- b) **Other Vacancies:** In the event of a vacancy in any other office, the remaining members of the NFRA Board of Directors may select a qualified member of a State Republican Assembly (or a National Member residing in a state with no chartered State Republican Assembly) to fill such office for the remainder of the unexpired term. The President may unilaterally appoint a temporary successor until the Board of Directors selects a permanent successor.
- c) **NFRA Director:** In the event of a vacancy in the office of NFRA Director, the State in which the vacancy occurred shall fill the vacancy in accordance with its Bylaws, provided that the successor shall not be the same person who vacated the office until the next NFRA Convention. The president or secretary of the State Republican Assembly shall certify the selection of the successor and that individual shall immediately take his place on the NFRA Board of Directors.

**Section 3.11 Outgoing Officers.**

- a) The term of each Officer shall commence upon the adjournment of the meeting at which he is elected and shall expire upon the adjournment of the meeting at which his successor is elected.
- b) At the end of the term of each Officer or appointee, it shall be his responsibility to assemble and transfer promptly to his successor all NFRA property, lists, correspondence, and other property, including but not limited to NFRA funds, checkbooks, and records.
- c) At the conclusion of each Convention, outgoing Officers shall be empowered to continue to perform their duties only on matters which were initiated and approved prior to the close of the Convention and which matters shall be completed within a fifteen-day period following the close of the Convention.
- d) Acceptance of NFRA office shall constitute legally-binding acceptance of this section.

**Section 3.12 Employees.** The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint an Executive Director and other employees or staff, and to determine their compensation and duties, as they deem necessary and appropriate. The day-to-day activities of any employees shall be under the direction of the President.

**Section 3.13 Duties of the President.** The President shall preside at all Conventions and meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. He shall be the chief executive Officer of the NFRA and shall exercise general supervision over the work and activities of the NFRA and shall coordinate and direct all other Officers. He shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office of President. The

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President shall have the authority to approve any single expenditure up to \$1,000.00 for the benefit of the NFRA without prior approval, if not otherwise limited by the Board of Directors.

**Section 3.14 Duties of the Vice Presidents.**

- a) Executive Vice President: In the event of the inability of the President to perform his duties, the Executive Vice President shall preside and perform the duties of, and have the same authority as, the President. The Executive Vice President shall also perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office of Executive Vice President or as may be assigned to him by the President or the Board of Directors. His duties shall explicitly include but are not limited to implementation of directives of the Board of Directors or Executive Committee, suggesting improvements and strategy for the advancement of the NFRA, and receiving reports from other executive Officers. Responsible for maintaining regular communication with the Vice Presidents and providing updates to the President to help create collaboration with the states. He shall create a three-person committee whose primary responsibility is to identify and evaluate opportunities for NFRA to achieve national recognition to develop an aggressive and effective national conservative Republican organization. He shall make recommendations to the Board of Directors or Executive Committee for approval.
- b) Vice Presidents: Vice Presidents shall be primary NFRA contacts for state presidents. Vice Presidents shall identify potential candidates for new charters in non-chartered states and work to have them chartered, in conjunction with existing state chapter Presidents and other NFRA members. Vice Presidents are responsible for responding to any website submissions that are forwarded from NFRA website. Each Vice President shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the President or the Board of Directors. Each Vice President is tasked with coordinating, growing, and supporting the NFRA in the geographical areas assigned to him.

**Section 3.15 Duties of NFRA Directors.** Each NFRA Director shall have the duty of furthering the objectives of the NFRA and promoting the interests of the chartered Republican Assemblies within his State. Members of the Board of Directors, including State Presidents, shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and all Conventions.

**Section 3.16 Duties of the Secretary.** The Secretary shall assist the President and the Board of Directors in conducting NFRA business and shall perform such duties as specified or implied in the Bylaws, or as may be assigned to him by the President or by the Board of Directors. He shall maintain current and accurate lists of contact information of all members of the Board of Directors. He shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee and all NFRA Conventions and shall act as Secretary thereof. He shall send and receive all mail and electronic ballots under these Bylaws. He shall sign, witness, and attest documents issued by the NFRA. He shall be the custodian of the formative and governing documents of the NFRA and the records

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pertaining thereto, the NFRA Bylaws, and the Minutes of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. He shall receive all correspondence on behalf of the NFRA and shall maintain a permanent file of all communications sent or received by the NFRA. He shall report on all correspondence received by the NFRA. He shall make available within ten days to any member of the Board of Directors or Officer of a State Republican Assembly a copy of the formative documents, the Bylaws, the Minutes of any Convention or meeting of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee, or the names and contact information of the current members of the Board of Directors. He shall act as historian and archivist of the NFRA. If the position of Membership Secretary becomes vacant, the Secretary shall serve as Membership Secretary until that vacancy is filled.

**Section 3.17 Duties of the Membership Secretary.** The Membership Secretary shall maintain all membership records, including (but not limited to) the charters, Officers' lists, and membership rosters of State Republican Assemblies and the roster of National Members. He shall advise and assist State Republican Assemblies and National Members in complying with the membership requirements in these Bylaws. Upon request, he shall notify the Board of Directors and the Convention Credentials Committee when he has evidence that any individual or entity has failed to comply with these membership requirements. He shall work with the Treasurer to ensure the timely collection of membership dues and he shall perform such other tasks as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors. He shall ensure that the President and Secretary have routine and timely access to all membership records.

**Section 3.18 Duties of the Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall receive from each State Republican Assembly all membership monies paid to the NFRA, giving receipts therefor, and shall keep membership accounts in the manner prescribed by the Board of Directors. He shall receive Membership Reports from State Republican Assemblies, shall give notice of failure to timely pay membership dues, failure timely to make complete reports under Section 4.02 and Section 5.13, or failure timely to pay sufficient membership dues, and shall certify the number of members of a State Republican Assembly as of the 31st day of December preceding each NFRA Convention under Section 7.08. The Treasurer shall also receive all monies paid to the NFRA under Section 4.01. He shall deposit the same in such bank or banks as shall have been designated by the Board of Directors and shall disburse said monies upon order of the Board of Directors. He shall receive from any Republican Assembly whose charter is terminated under Section 5.20 or any appointee, or committee member removed from office under these Bylaws, any and all documents, records, emblems, insignias, funds, or other devices or properties of any nature whatsoever. The items, including funds, received by the Treasurer in accordance with the preceding sentence may be returned if the Republican Assembly charter is reinstated within 90 days. He shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, and all NFRA Conventions. He shall make financial reports to the Board of Directors monthly and at each Convention or more often if required by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall perform such other duties as are specified or implied in the Bylaws, or as may be

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assigned by the President or the Board of Directors. He shall give bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in such sum as may be required by the Board of Directors, the cost of such bond to be borne by the NFRA.

**Section 3.19 Duties of the Assistant Treasurer.** The Assistant Treasurer shall have such duties and responsibilities as may be delegated to him by the Treasurer and shall perform such other duties as are specified or implied in the Bylaws, or as may be assigned by the President, the Treasurer, or the Board of Directors. In the event of the inability of the Treasurer to perform his duties, the Assistant Treasurer shall perform the duties of, and have the same authority as the Treasurer. He shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and all Conventions of the NFRA. If required by the Board, the Assistant Treasurer shall give bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in such sum as may be required by the Board of Directors, the cost of such bond to be borne by the NFRA.

**Section 3.20 Duties of the Sergeant-at-Arms.** The Sergeant-at-Arms shall perform the duty of keeping order at all NFRA meetings and Conventions, taking direction from the President and the Board of Directors. He shall act as door keeper and escort at NFRA meetings and Conventions. The President shall appoint Deputy Sergeants-at-Arms as he shall deem necessary for the performance of his duties. He shall convey messages and communications from the President and the Board of Directors to members at meetings or Conventions. He shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and its Executive Committee, and all NFRA Conventions.

**Section 3.21 Duties of the Parliamentarian.** The Parliamentarian shall privately advise the President and the presiding Officer of any committee or meeting on the proper interpretation of these Bylaws and the Parliamentary Authority. He shall collect, assemble, and preserve from the minutes the record of motions and rulings as relate to the interpretation of the Bylaws, shall maintain model local Republican Assembly Bylaws, shall report inconsistencies between state bylaws and NFRA Bylaws, and shall perform such other and further duties as may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors. He shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, and all NFRA Conventions. If a member of the Bar of his state, the Parliamentarian shall be a member of the Legal Committee.

**Section 3.22 Duties of the General Counsel.** The General Counsel shall advise the President, Officers, Board of Directors and NFRA Convention, in consultation with the members of his committee, concerning matters of law in the United States and any particular state, shall assist in the representation of the NFRA in any legal action, shall supervise the preparation of legal documents for the NFRA, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors. He shall be chairman of the Legal Committee. He shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, and all NFRA Conventions.

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**Section 3.23 Duties of the Chaplain.** The Chaplain shall invoke the guidance of God at the beginning of each meeting of the NFRA, shall beg the blessings of God at the close of all such meetings, shall pray daily for the NFRA, its Officers and members, shall be responsible for organizing any religious functions of the NFRA, and shall provide godly counsel to its Officers, appointees, Directors and committee members. He shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, and all NFRA Conventions.

**Section 3.24 Duties of the Chairman of the Finance Committee.** The Chairman of the Finance Committee shall plan, direct, coordinate, and supervise the fund-raising activities of the NFRA under the guidance of the Board of Directors, shall recommend to the President the appointment of members of the Finance Committee, and shall preside at meetings of and direct the operations of the Finance Committee. He shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, and all NFRA Conventions.

**Section 3.25 Duties of the Immediate Past President.** The Immediate Past President shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the President or the Board of Directors. He shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, and all NFRA Conventions.

**Section 3.26 Delegation of Duties.** With the written permission of the President dated and filed with the Secretary, any Officer may delegate all or part of that Officer's powers and duties under these Bylaws to another NFRA Officer or employee.

**Section 3.27 Facsimile and Electronic Signatures and Voting.** The facsimile or electronic signature or vote of any NFRA Officer or Director may be used in the same manner and with the same effect and validity as the original signature or vote. If disputed, the authenticity of an electronic signature or vote shall be verified by a secondary means, such as text messaging, audio or video recording, or other means approved by the Board of Directors.

**Section 3.28 Standing Committees.**

- a) There shall be a Publications Committee composed of members in good standing of State Republican Assemblies appointed by the President provided that:
  - 1) The Board of Directors shall determine all questions of policy and shall have full control over all publications.
  - 2) Publication committee members shall be qualified in electronic and printed publishing, editorial, advertising, and business matters, and shall appoint editors of official publications and define their responsibilities and authority, fix the compensation of them and their staff, and execute the policies of the Board of Directors with respect to publications of the NFRA.
  - 3) Publications shall include both printed and electronic publications.

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- 4) Each State Republican Assembly shall appoint one of its members to act as official correspondent to the official publication. Such correspondent shall make such reports of the Assembly as may be required by the editor.
- b) There shall be a Technology Committee which shall be composed of members in good standing of State Republican Assemblies appointed by the President. This Committee shall advise and assist the NFRA Officers and committees with respect of technical issues related to the conduct of NFRA business and communications.
- c) There shall be a Legal Committee which shall be composed of one or more members in good standing of State Republican Assemblies who are members of the Bar of the highest court of at least one U.S. jurisdiction, who shall be appointed by the President on recommendation of the President of the State Republican Assembly. The Legal Committee shall advise the Officers and Board of Directors concerning legal matters of interest and concern to the NFRA and shall work with other members of the Bar of their respective states to advance the principles and policies of the NFRA. The General Counsel shall be the Chairman of the Legal Committee.
- d) There shall be a Finance Committee which shall be composed of individuals in sympathy with the principles of the NFRA, appointed by the President on recommendation of the Chairman of the Finance Committee and with the consent of the President of the State Republican Assembly, if any, in which the individual is registered. The Finance Committee shall conduct the fund-raising activities of the NFRA prescribed by Section 4.04.
- e) Unless otherwise a voting member of the Executive Committee, the Chairman of each Standing Committee shall be a member of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee without voting privileges.

**Section 3.29 Special Committees.** The President and Board of Directors shall each have the power to establish committees in addition to the standing committees.

**Section 3.30 Appointment of Committees.** The President shall have the power to appoint and remove the chairmen and all members of all committees. Officers, appointees, and Directors may be chairmen or members of any committee.

**Section 3.31 Committee Reports and Quorum.**

- a) All committees shall report to the Board of Directors or the President.
- b) A quorum shall be one third of the committee members or two members, whichever is greater.

**Section 3.32 Holdover Committee Member.** Either the chairman or, if he is unable to act, some other active member of each committee, shall be appointed as a member of such committee in the succeeding year.

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**ARTICLE IV. FINANCES**

**Section 4.01 Revenue.** The NFRA revenues shall be derived from dues, fees, sales of publications and supplies, fundraising, and contributions to the work of the NFRA.

**Section 4.02 Dues.**

- a) All State Republican Assemblies shall pay annual dues to the NFRA. A State Republican Assembly with fewer than 100 members, including members of any local Republican Assemblies, shall pay \$5 per member. A State Republican Assembly with 100 members or more shall pay \$5 per member for the first 100 members and \$2.50 per member for each additional member, including members of any local Republican Assemblies. No State Republican Assembly shall be obligated to pay annual dues in excess of \$2,500, regardless of the total number of members.
- b) Annual dues shall be transmitted by each State Republican Assembly to the NFRA prior to midnight on January 31st and the amount shall reflect the membership as of the end of the preceding calendar year.
- c) Each dues payment shall be accompanied by a full list of the members whose dues are transmitted, in an electronic format specified by the Membership Secretary, as well as a full list of all other members, together with their residential address, their mailing addresses, their home, business, facsimile and cellular telephone numbers, their e-mail addresses; and notification of any change in Officers of that State Republican Assembly, together with their names and contact information.
- d) Dues shall double for any State Republican Assembly that fails to pay its annual dues by midnight on April 30th. The charter shall be automatically revoked for any State Republican Assembly that fails to submit its annual dues and membership list by midnight on July 31st, on the condition that 30 days' written notice of the deficiency was provided to the last-known President, Secretary, Treasurer, or National Director(s) of that State Republican Assembly by the NFRA Membership Secretary, President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Assistant Treasurer.
- e) Dues for National Members shall be \$30 per year unless the Board of Directors approves another amount by majority vote. The Board may establish various dues levels in place of a uniform amount. Any increase or decrease shall not apply retroactively to any National Member who had already submitted the previously-set dues for that year. When a prospective member causes the NFRA to incur extraordinary collection costs, such as bank fees for returned checks, those costs must be paid in addition to the dues before the individual becomes a National Member.

**Section 4.03 Publication Charges.** The President shall fix the selling price for publications.

**Section 4.04 Other Revenue.** The Board of Directors shall have the power to provide ways and means of securing and raising revenues for the purposes of the NFRA and the objectives it supports, which activity shall be the responsibility of the Finance Committee.

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**Section 4.05 Permission of State Republican Assembly.** No fund-raising by the NFRA, other than that prescribed in Sections 4.02 and 4.03, shall be undertaken within a State in which a chartered State Republican Assembly exists, except:

- a) NFRA Convention-related mailings, recruitment of National Members, and promotions on the NFRA website;
- b) NFRA solicitations to members of that State Republican Assembly who have previously and directly contributed to the NFRA;
- c) NFRA solicitations to individuals in a state who are not reported as members of that State's chartered State Republican Assembly, provided that the names and contact information relating to contributors to NFRA shall be reported to the State Republican Assembly in which the contributor resides on the first day of each calendar quarter;
- d) Where the President of that State's Republican Assembly authorizes in writing the particular NFRA fund-raising activity or solicitation from a particular list or category; but if no response is given to a request for such authorization, permission shall be deemed granted upon the passage of ten days following said State President's receipt of such request by certified mail, or upon receipt by the NFRA President of his certified letter making such request returned undeliverable where said letter was correctly mailed to the last address on record with the NFRA. One hundred percent of the gross revenue raised in a state, except where permitted hereunder, shall be paid by the NFRA to that State's Republican Assembly.

**Section 4.06 Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year of the NFRA shall end on the thirty-first day of December of each year.

**Section 4.07 System of Accounts.** An efficient double entry system of accounts shall be maintained.

**Section 4.08 Budget.** Prior to the close of each fiscal year, the Board of Directors shall adopt a budget making appropriations therein for the ensuing year. Each budget shall specify the purpose and amount of each appropriation and shall include a statement of the estimated revenues of the NFRA for such annual period and the sources thereof. Any budget adopted by the Board of Directors may be accepted or rejected in whole or in part or substitutions and additions made, at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

**Section 4.09 Disbursements.** All disbursements, with the exception of the petty cash account, shall be made solely by check.

**Section 4.10 Depositories.** The Board of Directors shall designate the depositories of all NFRA funds. If a depository account is established in conjunction with a Convention, the NFRA Treasurer is to have the ability to conduct transactions, including but not limited to signing and countersigning checks, on that account. Furthermore, such account is to be closed as soon as a reasonably practical following the conclusion of the Convention.

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**Section 4.11 Signatures.** The Board of Directors shall have the power to authorize such Officers and employees as in its judgment may seem advisable to execute and countersign the checks aforesaid, and to do and perform such other acts as will carry out the purpose and the objectives of this Article. The Board of Directors shall provide a fidelity bond for all persons authorized to sign checks, or otherwise handle funds of the NFRA, the cost of said bond to be borne by the NFRA. The President of the NFRA shall hold the bond(s).

**Section 4.12 Review of Accounts.** The President shall select, with the approval of the Board of Directors, a recognized and acceptable accountant who shall audit or review the books of accounts of the NFRA annually or at more frequent time periods as prescribed by the Board of Directors. The Secretary, Membership Secretary, and Treasurer shall submit their books and all other records for inspection and examination whenever required by the Board of Directors.

**Section 4.13 Financial Statements.** The NFRA Treasurer shall deliver to the Secretary and President of each State Republican Assembly the balance sheet and a statement of receipts and expenditures of the NFRA for the previous fiscal year within thirty days of receipt.

**ARTICLE V. STATE REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLIES**

**Section 5.01 State Republican Assemblies.** Each State Republican Assembly shall be situated within one State of the United States of America and shall be identified by its name in its charter. Each State Republican Assembly shall include the entire territory of the State within its boundaries and only one chartered State Republican Assembly can exist within each State at one time.

**Section 5.02 Territorial Republican Assemblies.** Territorial Republican Assemblies may be formed and chartered in any Territory of the United States of America. All provisions in these Bylaws applicable to State Republican Assemblies and their members apply also to Territorial Republican Assemblies and their members.

**Section 5.03 Application for Charter.** Application for charter of a new State Republican Assembly shall be made on the standard petition forms, signed by at least fifteen persons eligible for active membership in the prospective State Republican Assembly.

**Section 5.04 Initial Organization.** Upon receipt of a petition by the NFRA, the Board of Directors or the President of the NFRA may approve formation of the new State Republican Assembly and direct through its accredited representative(s) the organization of said Republican Assembly.

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**Section 5.05 Conditions of Organization.** The organization of the new State Republican Assembly shall be completed under the direction of the accredited representatives of the NFRA; provided that the new State Republican Assembly shall have:

- a) Ratified the NFRA Statement of Principles and the NFRA Bylaws;
- b) Adopted its own Bylaws;
- c) Elected its own president, secretary, and treasurer;
- d) Reported the name, and contact information of each of its members as prescribed by these Bylaws; and,
- e) Certified to the NFRA that it has held at least two regular meetings of its governing board.

**Section 5.06 Completion of Organization.** Upon satisfaction of the requirements set forth in this Article, the NFRA Board of Directors may issue to the new State Republican Assembly a charter signed by the NFRA President under the seal of the NFRA. Unless otherwise prohibited by state law, this charter shall state the name of the new State Republican Assembly and the date of charter, which shall be the date of acceptance by the NFRA Board of Directors.

**Section 5.07 Review of Charters.** At the meeting of the Board of Directors immediately before the National Convention, the Board shall determine whether one or more of the grounds specified in Section 5.20(b) exists with respect to any State Republican Assembly, and if it so finds, shall revoke or deactivate that State Republican Assembly's charter.

**Section 5.08 Ratification of Bylaws.**

- a) Each State Republican Assembly, by accepting a charter from the NFRA, ratifies and agrees to be bound in all things by the NFRA Bylaws and amendments thereto.
- b) Each State Republican Assembly, by accepting a charter from the NFRA, agrees that the NFRA has full authority to discipline any State Republican Assembly for violation of these Bylaws, including the power to deactivate or revoke the State Republican Assembly charter and to recover and control the use of the name and style "Republican Assembly," "Republican Wing of the Republican Party," the NFRA logo and any other good will of the NFRA.
- c) Prior to the adoption of its own bylaws by a new State Republican Assembly, the NFRA Model State Bylaws shall control its operations, provided that such State Republican Assembly's right to adopt its own bylaws at the time of its initial organization shall supersede the Model State Bylaws provision regarding amendments; and in the event that a chartered state's bylaws fail to address an issue essential to its functioning, the relevant provision in the Model State Bylaws shall apply. The Executive Committee shall have power to adopt or amend the Model State Bylaws.

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**Section 5.09 Officers and Directors.** Each State Republican Assembly shall have a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, a legal counsel and such additional officers and members of its governing board as may be specified in its Bylaws.

**Section 5.10 NFRA Logo.** Each State Republican Assembly shall include on their letterhead, website, regular newsletters, and membership recruitment material, either the NFRA Logo or a logo approved by the NFRA Board of Directors and the words “chartered affiliate of the NFRA” (which may be abbreviated or spelled out), and, in all electronic communications, a link to the NFRA website. Use of the NFRA logo is encouraged to protect and further the brand of the NFRA.

**Section 5.11 Elections.** Each State Republican Assembly shall elect its officers and members of its governing board in accordance with its Bylaws.

**Section 5.12 Endorsement Meeting.** Each State Republican Assembly shall meet at such time as may be expedient under its state elections laws, for the purpose of considering the endorsement of candidates for public office and for the advocacy or opposition to ballot measures. Any candidate endorsement by a State Republican Assembly, in compliance with the rest of these rules, shall carry the NFRA endorsement.

**Section 5.13 Reports.** Each State Republican Assembly shall submit to the NFRA a copy of all calls to any Convention of their State Republican Assembly, and no later than the 31st day of January of each year, and within thirty days after any change:

- a) the names and contact information of their elected officers;
- b) a copy of their bylaws; and
- c) the names and contact information of their members.

**Section 5.14 Records.** All records of each State Republican Assembly shall be maintained by the Secretary and Treasurer of that Republican Assembly, or another officer designated by the Bylaws of the State Republican Assembly, and shall be available for confidential examination by an Officer of the NFRA.

**Section 5.15 Qualifications for Membership.** Members of each State Republican Assembly shall be those American citizens of good moral character:

- a) who have accepted the NFRA Principles and Objectives;
- b) who have been accepted to membership under the Bylaws of their State Republican Assembly and continue to comply with those Bylaws;
- c) who are registered with the Republican Party in the State and geographical area of any local Republican Assembly, except in those states which do not provide for registration by Party and, in that case, who are registered voters who identify exclusively with the Republican Party.

**Section 5.16 Minimum Required Membership.** Each State Republican Assembly that has been chartered for more than two years shall maintain at least one hundred qualified, dues-paying members. The Board of Directors shall have broad discretion to

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recruit new members, organize meetings and conventions, and otherwise assist a State Republican Assembly that has failed to achieve or maintain this minimum membership requirement for more than one year, even if such assistance might violate the bylaws and rules of such a State Republican Assembly. The Board of Directors may, but is not required to, terminate or otherwise discipline a State Republican Assembly for insufficient membership.

**Section 5.17 Local Assemblies.** Subdivisions or units of each State Republican Assembly may be established pursuant to the Bylaws of the respective State Republican Assembly and shall abide by the provisions of Sections 5.18 through 5.19.

**Section 5.18 Local Territory.** A local Republican Assembly shall include membership within a reasonably coherent geographical area (city, town, community, county, legislative or congressional district, or combination of multiple such contiguous areas) within that State and shall be the only such local Republican Assembly in that territory.

**Section 5.19 Local Bylaws.** Each local Republican Assembly shall adopt its own Bylaws in accordance with the requirements of the State Republican Assembly, provided that all local Republican Assembly Bylaws must conform to the NFRA Bylaws and are subject to review by the NFRA Board of Directors.

**Section 5.20 Termination of Charter.**

- a) In addition to the automatic termination provision contained in Section 4.02(d), the Board of Directors may revoke, deactivate, or discipline a State Republican Assembly, by two- thirds vote of those present and voting, for one or more of the grounds specified in Section 5.20(b), provided that, at least thirty days before such action, notice of said grounds shall have been duly sent by certified mail to the last reported President and Secretary of such Republican Assembly.
- b) Grounds for revocation, deactivation, or discipline of a charter shall be:
  - 1) Being more than sixty days in arrears for any indebtedness to the NFRA, including annual dues;
  - 2) Failure of any member of the State Republican Assembly to register at two consecutive NFRA Conventions;
  - 3) Failure without excuse for three consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors for a state to have any representation present;
  - 4) Failure to timely transmit the annual dues required, an officer report, and a membership report for all of its members, the number of which shall not be fewer than the number required by these Bylaws.
  - 5) Violation of or failure to conform to these Bylaws regarding endorsements.
- c) Appeal of termination or discipline under Section 2.12 shall not suspend the action of the Board of Directors.
- d) The Board of Directors may restore any State Republican Assembly upon the cure of the grounds for termination or discipline, other than a violation of Article Eight.
- e) Deactivation of a charter shall automatically remove from office the Officers and Directors of the State Republican Assembly and vest all their powers, property, and

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use of name and insignia, in a trustee designated by the NFRA President or in the NFRA President himself. Deactivation may require the adoption or re-adoption of its Bylaws and may affect the charter of a local Republican Assembly and the membership of any member of a State Republican Assembly.

- f) In the event of a simultaneous vacancy in all three of a State's National Director positions, for whatever reason, or in the event that a state's duly-elected officers fail or refuse to call a state Convention necessary for the election of new officers by the end of the time required by such state's Bylaws, the NFRA President shall have the power to convene a State Convention for the purpose of bringing the State back into compliance with its own Bylaws and these Bylaws.

**Section 5.21 Resignation.** Any State Republican Assembly may resign from the NFRA by submitting a resignation in writing to the NFRA, if its duties and obligations shall have been fulfilled and if a resolution of resignation shall have been adopted and approved by two-thirds of the active membership of such Republican Assembly, which resolution shall be certified by the President and Secretary of such Republican Assembly. Such resignation shall become effective when accepted by the Board of Directors at the next Board meeting. The NFRA Board of Directors may, upon written application of such State Republican Assembly, reinstate the Republican Assembly to NFRA membership.

**Section 5.22 Consequences of Termination.** Any State Republican Assembly, which for any cause shall cease to be an affiliate of the NFRA, shall relinquish the name of Republican Assembly, shall surrender its charter certificate to the NFRA, and shall not thereafter use the name, logo, emblem, or insignia of the Republican Assembly or NFRA in any manner whatsoever, including the phrase "Republican Wing of the Republican Party." Acceptance of a charter shall constitute legally-binding agreement by the State Republican Assembly to this provision.

**Section 5.23 Provisional Chartering.**

- a) The President is authorized to provide a provisional charter to a State Republican Assembly in States or Territories which do not have a chartered Republican Assembly. Such provisional charter must otherwise fulfill all requirements of these Bylaws regarding a State Republican Assembly and such charter must be affirmed by at least one other member of the Board of Directors. Provisionally-chartered State Republican Assemblies may fully operate as the Republican Assembly of their State, having all rights and privileges of a State Republican Assembly, except that its National Directors may not vote on the NFRA Board until its charter is formally accepted by the Board. Such Provisional Charter shall expire upon the conclusion of the next meeting of the NFRA Board of Directors.
- b) Additionally, the President is authorized to appoint interim officers within such States and Territories that do not have a chartered Republican Assembly. Such interim officers may act on behalf of the NFRA to bring about the establishment of a chartered State Republican Assembly. Such States shall make no endorsements in the name of the NFRA, nor shall any reference to "Republican Assembly" be used in the endorsement of any candidate or public policy issue (other than those explicit in

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the Principles and Objectives of the NFRA or those of formally adopted resolutions of the NFRA) by any interim officer. Interim officers are not presumed to be the officers of a Republican Assembly upon the chartering or provisional chartering of a State Republican Assembly.

**ARTICLE VI. NATIONAL MEMBERS**

**Section 6.01 National Members.**

- a) Individuals may join the NFRA directly as National Members, without first joining a chartered State Republican Assembly. To be a National Member, an individual must be an American citizen of good moral character who is legally registered to vote. National Members must agree to abide by the NFRA Bylaws, publicly identify with the Republican Party, and respect the NFRA Principles.
- b) To become a National Member, an eligible person must submit a completed membership form or its electronic equivalent and the appropriate dues to the Membership Secretary or to such other Officer(s) as may be assigned for this purpose by the President or Board of Directors.

**Section 6.02 Referral.** The NFRA shall automatically refer a new National Member to the presiding officer and the appropriate membership officer of the State Republican Assembly where the National Member resides, if such organization exists.

**Section 6.03 Acceptance by State Republican Assemblies.**

- a) Chartered State Republican Assemblies may accept or reject National Members as members of their state organizations, according to their own rules and practices. If a State Republican Assembly chooses to accept a National Member as a member, it shall notify the NFRA Membership Secretary in writing and the individual shall cease to be a National Member and shall be treated as a member of that State Republican Assembly for all purposes under these Bylaws. The NFRA may retain the dues collected from National Members but, upon written request, the NFRA shall offer a credit against future dues payments from any State Republican Assembly that has accepted a National Member, which credit shall be equal to the per capita annual dues paid to NFRA by State Republican Assemblies.
- b) A National Member who is rejected as a member of the chartered State Republican Assembly shall remain a National Member so long as the individual remains in good standing with NFRA and continues to pay the appropriate dues.

**Section 6.04 Discipline and Resignation.** By joining as National Members, individuals shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound in all things by these Bylaws, as interpreted by the NFRA Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have authority to revoke the membership of National Members or otherwise discipline them by majority vote, provided that each National Member shall be entitled to thirty days' written notice of the grounds for such discipline and the Board meeting at which it shall be considered. Notice may be waived and physical presence at the Board meeting

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shall always constitute waiver of notice. A written resignation by a National Member shall be accepted automatically, without action by the NFRA.

**ARTICLE VII. ENDORSEMENTS**

**Section 7.01 National Endorsements.**

- a) The NFRA shall not, either in Convention or by its Board of Directors, endorse a candidate for any office, including that of President of the United States, except that the Board of Directors by a two-thirds majority at a Board meeting, the Executive Committee by unanimous vote of its entire membership, or the National Convention by a two-thirds majority of Delegates voting may vote to endorse:
  - 1) candidates for national office within the Republican Party, including officers of the Republican National Committee, the leadership in the U.S. House of Representatives or Senate, and national officers of other Republican Committees and support groups; and
  - 2) candidates or ballot measures in those states in which no chartered State Republican Assembly exists. Such endorsements may be withdrawn by the same variety of means by which they can be made.
- b) All Presidential endorsements shall be made only by the chartered State Republican Assemblies at a time after the NFRA National Convention which shall be held in the year preceding the Presidential election.
- c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, at the NFRA National Convention held in the year preceding a Presidential election, the voting Delegates may, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Delegates present and voting, express a preference for one of the candidates for the Republican Presidential Nomination. Any such preference expressed shall be advisory, and not binding, on any State Republican Assembly.
- d) The NFRA President, even in his individual capacity, shall not endorse any candidate for the office of the President of the United States prior to the conclusion of the aforementioned NFRA National Convention.

**Section 7.02 Endorsements by State Republican Assemblies.**

- a) Neither the State Republican Assembly nor a chartered local Republican Assembly shall endorse any candidate for any public office, whether partisan or nonpartisan, unless such candidate is a duly-registered member of the Republican Party, or in a state where voters do not register by party, unless such candidate publicly identifies with the Republican Party.
- b) State Republican Assemblies may allow candidates endorsed to use the moniker "Republican Wing of the Republican Party" during the term of the campaign in which the candidate was endorsed and during the term of office for which the candidate was endorsed if elected. Such moniker is otherwise restricted in use to the NFRA and chartered state Republican Assemblies in good standing.
- c) Only one person may be endorsed for a particular office and any endorsement made must be by a two-thirds vote of those eligible to vote and voting.

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- d) Endorsements properly made by a State Republican Assembly shall be construed as carrying the endorsement of the National Federation of Republican Assemblies, except in the case of the President of the United States.

**ARTICLE VIII. CONVENTIONS**

**Section 8.01 National Convention.** A Convention of the NFRA shall be held once every second year (in odd-numbered years) between July 1 and November 30. The President shall fix its time and place within the city and date chosen by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall hold a vote to preliminarily select a site. Each State Republican Assembly shall be given sixty days to comment after the preliminary selection. After sixty days, the site shall become the final selection unless objection is raised, in writing sent to the Secretary, by no less than 25% of the Board of Directors. If such objection is raised, a meeting must be held within 30 days to approve a final selection by majority vote.

**Section 8.02 Special Conventions.** In case of an emergency, a Special Convention may be called by the Board of Directors, or by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors. The call for a Special Convention shall specify the subjects to be considered and no subjects shall be considered that are not so specified.

**Section 8.03 Call To Convention.** The NFRA shall mail, e-mail, or fax to each member of the NFRA Board of Directors an official call to the NFRA Convention at least ninety days prior to the date of the Convention, or in the case of a Special Convention, at least thirty days prior to the date thereof.

**Section 8.04 Supervision.** The Board of Directors shall supervise and manage all NFRA Conventions.

**Section 8.05 Officers.** The Officers of the NFRA shall be the Officers of each Convention.

**Section 8.06 Special Convention Committees.**

- a) At least sixty days before any Convention, the President shall appoint a Credentials Committee, Rules Committee, Bylaws Committee, Resolutions Committee, Nominations & Elections Committee, and such other committees as the President may deem proper, each to consist of at least three members. No State may have more than one member on each Committee, except that the President may appoint two members from the state in which the Convention is to be held, and the President shall serve as an additional ex-officio member of each committee without counting against his own State's limit.
- b) The Credentials Committee shall receive and consider the credentials of Delegates and Alternates from State Republican Assemblies, shall report and accredit to the Convention the names of all registered Delegates-at-Large, Delegates, and

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Alternates from each State Republican Assembly, and shall perform such other duties as prescribed in these Bylaws.

- c) The Rules Committee may recommend to the Board of Directors the Convention's Order of Business and any Convention Rules it deems appropriate.
- d) The Bylaws Committee shall make recommendations to each Convention regarding any amendments and revisions to these Bylaws, and shall perform the duties prescribed by Section 10.05.
- e) The Resolutions Committee shall consider all resolutions referred to it under Section 8.16, shall report all resolutions submitted to the NFRA President more than ten days before the Convention, and shall recommend to each Convention resolutions for adoption.
- f) The Nominations & Elections Committee shall recruit qualified candidates for NFRA offices and perform the duties prescribed in Article III. It is recommended this committee have a minimum of four members.

**Section 8.07 Committee on Arrangements.**

- a) The Committee on Arrangements shall be appointed by the President at least one hundred twenty days before each National Convention and this Committee may create subcommittees. It shall be responsible for organizing and conducting the NFRA Convention under the supervision of the President and the Board of Directors.
- b) At the conclusion of the Convention the list of registered attendees and delegates shall be given to the NFRA Secretary for archiving.

**Section 8.08 Representation.** Each State Republican Assembly in good standing shall be entitled to select Delegates to the National Convention as follows:

- a) ten Delegates by virtue of its charter; and
- b) one Delegate for the first fifty members and one Delegate for each additional fifty members or major fraction thereof.
- c) The number of members on which the Delegate allocation shall be determined shall be based on the number of members' whose names, contact information, and other identifying information was received from each State Republican Assembly by January 31st of the Convention year. In no event may a State Republican Assembly not pay yearly dues that equate to at least the number of members reported to the NFRA for purposes of the Convention.

**Section 8.09 Delegates-at-Large.** The voting members of the NFRA Board of Directors and all NFRA Past Presidents shall be Delegates-at-Large at all Conventions. They shall not be counted against the number of Delegates allocated to each State.

**Section 8.10 Delegates, Alternates, and Honorary Delegates.**

- a) Delegates, Delegates-at-Large, Honorary Delegates, and Alternates must be National Members or active members in good standing of the chartered State Republican Assemblies that they represent.
- b) Chartered State Republican Assemblies may select an unlimited number of Alternates. If more than one Alternate is selected per Delegate and facilities are

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limited, priority shall be given to Delegates and to those Alternates serving in place of absent Delegates. National Members shall be eligible for selection as Alternates from the states where they reside.

- c) Chartered State Republican Assemblies shall select their own Delegates prior to the Convention, according to their own rules. National Members are eligible to be selected as Delegates from the states where they reside. The selection of Delegates and Alternates shall be evidenced by a certificate signed and authenticated by the President of the State Republican Assembly, which certificate shall be forwarded to the Credentials Committee and received no later than fifteen days prior to the Convention.
- d) In the event of the absence or disability of a Delegate, any Alternate from that delegation may be substituted for the Delegate by the chairman of the delegation, and the substitution shall be reported to the Credentials Committee. The Alternate shall continue to act as the Delegate until the return or re-qualification of the Delegate he replaced or until the close of the Convention.
- e) The Credentials Committee shall determine, from among the reported and registered members and National Members, the Delegates and Alternates for any State Republican Assembly that has failed to certify its Delegates and Alternates.
- f) National Members residing in states where no chartered State Republican Assembly exists shall be permitted to participate as Honorary Delegates, unless removed by the Committee on Credentials, the Board of Directors, or the full Convention. Honorary Delegates shall have all the same rights and privileges as Delegates, except that they shall have no right to vote, unless they also qualify as Delegates-at-Large.

**Section 8.11 Quorum.** A quorum for the transaction of business at a Convention shall be the presence of a majority of credentialed Delegates, provided that a proper call was issued in accordance with Section 8.03.

**Section 8.12 Registration Fee.** The Board of Directors shall establish the registration fee to be paid to the NFRA by all members attending an NFRA Convention. The proceeds derived from such registration fees shall be expended under the direction of the Committee on Arrangements and with the approval of the NFRA Board of Directors. A notice stating the amount of the registration fee and giving the Convention program shall be sent with the call. No Delegate, Delegate-at-large, nor Alternate shall be entitled to vote in a Convention until his registration fee has been paid. The profit or loss accruing from any Convention shall be the responsibility of the NFRA.

**Section 8.13 Delegate Lists.** At least fifteen days prior to the NFRA Convention, the Committee on Arrangements shall provide, upon request and at a nominal fee set by the Board of Directors, a list of all certified NFRA Delegates' and Alternates' names, addresses, email addresses and telephone numbers, to all candidates for the Republican Presidential nomination and the officers of any State Republican Assembly.

**Section 8.14 Voting.**

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- a) In all voting, a majority shall rule, unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws.
- b) In all NFRA Conventions, each accredited Delegate and Delegate-at-large shall be entitled to cast only one vote.
- c) There shall be no unit voting or proxy voting.

**Section 8.15 Program.** The official program of a Convention, as approved by the Board of Directors, shall be the Order of the Day for all sessions. Changes in the program may be made from time to time by a majority vote of the Convention. The President shall be permitted to make reasonable, needful changes to the program in his own discretion if they do not impact the Convention business, such as changes to accommodate honored speakers' schedules.

**Section 8.16 Resolutions.** All resolutions shall be referred to the Resolutions Committee for its consideration and recommendation to the Convention. All resolutions submitted to the NFRA President ten or more days prior to the opening of the Convention must be reported out of committee. Consideration and debate on such resolutions shall not be in order until they have been reported out by the Resolutions Committee.

**Section 8.17 Debate.**

- a) Committee reports, communications to the Convention, resolutions reported by the Resolutions Committee, and all motions save such as are known to parliamentary practice as "undebatable" may be debated on the floor of the Convention, unless by a two-thirds vote the Convention disposes of them without debate.
- b) No Delegate shall speak in Convention longer than three minutes at one time, except as provided in the order of the day or by majority vote of the Convention.

**ARTICLE IX. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The most current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure in Convention or meetings of the Board of Directors or Executive Committee that are not specifically covered by these Bylaws or by the Convention Rules. All NFRA meetings shall be conducted in a fair and efficient manner, with due deference and respect to each of the participants.

**ARTICLE X. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

**Section 10.01. Litigation Prohibited.** The President, Membership Secretary, or Board of Directors may summarily terminate the NFRA membership of any individual who files a lawsuit or voluntarily assists in a legal action against the NFRA, its officers, its agents, or any State Republican Assembly. When membership is terminated by the President or Membership Secretary, it may be appealed to the Board of Directors and the decision of the Board shall be final. The Board may take other disciplinary action and pursue other legal remedies against such an individual, without prior notice, by majority vote.

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Any individual whose membership is terminated under this section shall not be permitted to rejoin NFRA without the prior written approval of the Board.

**Section 10.02. Local Disputes.** Disputes and controversies that do not directly involve the NFRA but instead involve a State Republican Assembly, local Republican Assembly, or their members shall be resolved by their respective officers and boards of directors. If an agreement cannot be reached, then a State Republican Assembly, its presiding officer, a majority of its officers, or a majority of its chartered local Republican Assemblies may appeal to the NFRA Board of Directors by notifying the President, Secretary, or Membership Secretary, who shall promptly refer the matter to the Dispute Resolution Panel for adjudication.

**Section 10.03. NFRA Disputes.** Disputes and controversies that directly involve the NFRA or its current or former officers may be resolved by the Board of Directors, but any action or inaction may be referred to the Dispute Resolution Panel by any Board member or by any party to the dispute.

**Section 10.04. Dispute Resolution Panel Membership.** The Board of Directors may elect up to thirteen, but no less than five, current or former Board members or Advisory Board members to serve on the Dispute Resolution Panel. The term of office shall begin immediately upon election and shall end at the adjournment of the following National Convention. Until an election has occurred, the Dispute Resolution Panel shall temporarily consist of the General Counsel, Parliamentarian, Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Membership Secretary. If a vacancy occurs on the Dispute Resolution Panel for any reason, the President shall have the power to temporarily fill the vacancy by appointment until the Board shall fill the vacancy by election. If a Panel member has a personal or pecuniary interest in a dispute that is not common to members of the Board, that member shall recuse himself from any involvement in that dispute. The Dispute Resolution Panel shall elect its own chairman and may adopt its own standing rules.

**Section 10.05. Dispute Resolution Panel Actions.** The Dispute Resolution Panel shall listen to the arguments of the leading parties to each dispute, review the evidence, seek to reach agreement, and propose a written solution. The proposed solution shall take effect at the adjournment of the next meeting of the Board of Directors unless rejected by majority vote. If the Dispute Resolution Panel fails to propose a solution after six months, if the Panel recommends a solution that is rejected by the Board, or if a party to the dispute finds the solution unacceptable after it has taken effect, then any Board member or party to the dispute may appeal to the next National Convention for resolution.

**Section 10.06. Disputes after Convention.** If a disputed matter is not resolved satisfactorily by the National Convention, then any party may seek to resolve the matter by binding arbitration according to the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association (or according to some other arbitration procedure that may be approved in writing by the parties to the dispute and by the Board of Directors).

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**ARTICLE XI. BYLAWS**

**Section 11.01 Place and Vote Needed.** Amendments to these Bylaws shall be made only at an NFRA Convention by a two-thirds vote of the voting members of the Board of Directors present and voting.

**Section 11.02 Notice Required and Limitations.**

- a) Proposed amendments to the Bylaws shall be delivered by email or mailed to the NFRA Bylaws Committee Chairman or NFRA President at least fifty days prior to the first date of the Convention.
- b) The Bylaws Committee Chairman shall deliver to the Secretary, and the Secretary shall send a copy of the proposed amendment(s) to the President or Secretary of each State Republican Assembly not less than thirty days prior to the first date of the Convention.
- c) The voting members of the Board of Directors shall have the power to revise the text of such amendments but shall adhere to the subject matter thereof.
- d) Amendments to Bylaws shall be effective upon the adjournment of the Convention at which they were adopted.

**Section 11.03 Gender.** In these Bylaws, the masculine is used generically to apply to both males and females as all positions in the NFRA are neutral as to sex. State Republican Assemblies may, under their own bylaws, require that an equal number of males and females hold any or all positions within said State Republican Assembly, or otherwise operate by similar rules which are customary within the Republican Party.

**Section 11.04 Table of Contents and Headings.** The table of contents and headings are for organization, convenience, and clarity, and in interpreting these Bylaws they shall be subordinated to the text.

**Section 11.05 Publication.** At the conclusion of each Convention where any amendments are made to these Bylaws, the Bylaws Committee shall be charged with the authority and responsibility to cause and supervise the publication of the Bylaws in effect at the end of that Convention. Proofs of the Bylaws as amended shall be furnished by the Bylaws Committee Chairman to each member of the Bylaws Committee. Each such person shall then make comment and return them to the Chairman who shall then be authorized with the advice of his committee to cause and supervise the publication and circulation of the Bylaws. The Bylaws shall be dated as of the closing date of the Convention which adopted them.