

Standing Rules
Golden Corridor Republican Women
Adopted January 20, 2018

These Standing Rules supplement, and not preempt, the Bylaws. They may be amended by the Board of Directors as needed, with previous notice, by a majority vote of those present and voting, or by two-thirds vote without previous notice.

Membership Dues

Membership dues shall be \$30 for primary members, \$25 for male and female associates, and \$10 for youth.

Full membership dues collected during the fourth quarter shall be held by the Treasurer and will qualify the member for membership for the remainder of the year as well as for the following year.

Members who bring in five or more new members of those who were not members during the previous year will have their dues paid in full for the following year, subject to confirmation by VP Membership of the five new members.

General Meetings

General meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of the month. When the first Tuesday is an election day, the general meeting will be held the first Wednesday of that month.

Only one person may introduce a candidate during the elected/public official and candidate introductions.

Awards given out at the annual Christmas party may include: Collin County White Hat, Dallas County White Hat, Denton County White Hat, Volunteer of the Year, Man of the Year, and Woman of the Year. Board members from each county may select the White Hat recipient for their county.

Board Meetings

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be on the third Thursday of the month unless otherwise determined by the President with seven-day notification to the members of the Board of Directors.

Between Board of Directors meetings, when decisions require a vote of the Board, the Board may vote by email. Board member votes should be sent via email to the President with a copy emailed to the Recording Secretary. A motion may pass by a majority of those who vote by email.

Board Responsibilities

The Board of Directors shall be expected to attend all applicable board meetings and general meetings. Prior to board meetings, the committee chairmen are expected to provide a report to their applicable Vice President or Officer Liaison with a copy to the President and Executive Vice President.

Outgoing Board of Directors will mentor and assist newly elected Board of Directors regarding their official duties from the GCRW November Board elections through the January retreat.

Trumpet Newsletter

The Trumpet represents all the members of GCRW and is not a personal voice of any one member. The following guidelines are to be used when writing an article for the newsletter:

Our goal is to inform, educate and motivate our readers to positive action, believing that change is possible and avoiding fatalistic attitudes.

Articles will be written to earn the trust of the reader and will speak the truth in love in a nonaggressive and non-argumentative tone.

Articles will be written with respect for the individuals mentioned in the piece. It is not our objective to make enemies or damage relationships.

The President holds the ultimate responsibility for the actions of GCRW. She has the authority to discuss an article with the writer and recommend changes to be sure it is within these objectives.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall be composed of three members and one alternate who are well acquainted with the GCRW membership.

Preferably, the nominee for President shall have served in at least two officer positions for a minimum of two years. She shall have been active in GCRW activities, have attended board meetings faithfully, have exhibited leadership qualities, and be able to speak with confidence in front of a group.

If at all possible, the nominees for Executive VP and VP of Programs shall have served in another officer position on the GCRW Board for at least one year. She shall be able to speak with confidence in front of a group and be committed to the objectives of GCRW. The Executive VP must also be available to take over as President should the need arise.

Ideally nominees for other positions on the Executive Board shall have been members of GCRW for at least two years and shall exhibit leadership qualities.

TFRW Legislative Day

The Board of Directors will be given preference in the selection of delegates before members.

Expenses

A \$50 honorarium may be paid to out-of-town speakers.

Any contract of \$500.00 or more for services to be rendered will be reviewed by an attorney member of GCRW and the President of GCRW prior to being voted on by the Board of Directors.

A memorial fund of a \$500 maximum donation will be divided equally between a Pro Life charity organization and a Veterans charity organization in collective honor of members of the club (active and associate members within the immediate past 5 years) that passed in the preceding year.

Charities to which GCRW makes donations, or that are permitted to solicit donations at a GCRW event or meeting, shall be limited to those with low administrative costs.

Expense reimbursement requests shall be submitted to the Treasurer with copies of receipts within sixty days of the expense.

If a member in charge of a budgeted event anticipates that the event will exceed the budgeted amount, the member must submit a request for a budgetary increase to the Board of Directors and obtain approval from the Board of Directors for the increase.

Club funds may not be spent on the purchase of Christmas gifts.

The Board may allot up to one table at the annual GOP dinners for Collin, Dallas and Denton Counties in which, on an honor system, primary members in need of financial assistance to attend the dinner may request a 50% reimbursement of her ticket after she has attended *and* sat at a GCRW designated table. The reimbursement will be limited to one GOP dinner per primary member per year; reimbursement is not intended for members who are able to purchase full price tickets to another GOP dinner that year. Primary members in need of the reimbursement need only submit their requests to the Treasurer and may otherwise remain anonymous. The Treasurer will report to the Board the number of reimbursements made for each county and not the names of those receiving reimbursement. To be eligible for reimbursement, the primary member must be current with her dues at the time she purchases her ticket and at the time she attends the dinner.