

TO: Members of the MRW

SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MRW BYLAWS, TO BE VOTED ON Feb 1 2010

1. On 9 May 2009, the NCFRW Executive Committee submitted the following changes to the NCFRW Bylaws to the Board of Directors:

“NON-REPUBLICAN POLITICAL CANDIDATES, OFFICE HOLDERS AND PARTY OFFICIALS SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK AT NCFRW AND FEDERATED CLUB MEETINGS OR EVENTS.”

The change was voted on and passed. MRW must be in compliance with NCFRW.

2. We currently have our MRW Policies in our Bylaws. Mary Frances Forrester, certified parliamentarian for several organizations and our advisor to NCFRW, suggests removing Policies from Bylaws to facilitate making simple changes more efficient. NCFRW and NCFRW have a separate document containing policies. Therefore, the proposed change would:

“Remove Article III, Policies, from MRW Bylaws to be a separate document.”

3. This is 2009 – soon to be 2010 in the 21st Century! It is time to think of what MRW needs for the future in order for the Executive Committee to communicate, make decisions and vote on issues that come up and need prompt attention. Roberts’s Rules of Order Newly Revised, 10th edition specifically authorizes board meetings to be held by video conference, teleconference – including the internet – as long as MRW bylaws authorizes such board meetings. This will not be in place of regularly set meetings.

Therefore, I am proposing the following:

“The MRW Executive Board is allowed to meet by videoconference, teleconference, including the internet, in order to deal with pressing business promptly. Board members must be sufficiently notified in advance and with a majority participating in the meeting.”

This would appropriately fit under Article VII, Section Three, Meetings, D.

The MRW Executive Committee voted on and passed these three amendments on June 17, 2009. Our Bylaws require that notice of proposed amendments or revision be given in writing to all members at least thirty (30) days prior to the general meeting. Please keep this copy of the proposed changes as we will vote on them at our first meeting of 2010, February 1st

Joan M. Thurman
Bylaws Chair