**Tips for Conducting Forums and Programs**

Clubs can help other organizations in Federal Candidate forums but cannot sponsor Federal Candidate Forums.  For example, they can support a forum hosted by the County GOP Chair and County Executive Committee. Our clubs are State PACs and follow the guidelines established by the Texas Ethics Commission. They are not Federal PACS which follow Federal Election rules.

All Republican candidates in a particular race must be invited to participate in the forum. It is not necessary to adjust the club meeting schedule to accommodate a candidate’s schedule if they cannot attend.

Only Republican candidates are invited to federated clubs.

Establish time limits and have a Timekeeper.

Do notbe afraid to interrupt a speaker who has veered into inappropriate territory.  The president and program chairman should “control the microphone” and stop the presentation at that point.

TFRW clubs expect civility during club meetings. If attendees are disruptive, the President can ask the person to leave. If the conduct continues, the Sergeant at Arms can remove the person from the meeting.

Programs or speakers that criticize our Republican elected officials or candidates are unacceptable.  One of the core objectives of TFRW is fostering loyalty to the Republican party, its candidates, and its principles.

Research the speaker and the organization the speaker represents to ensure that there is no controversy that would bring negative publicity to your club.

TFRW does not recommend having forums for non-partisan races. There are too many unknowns about political affiliation and voting records for example.

For information on hosting Federal elected officials/candidates at regular club meetings, please see the TFRW Policy on Federal Candidates. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rKGbQpsIByajkcy0IcK9Zqcs7yaqdvHN/view>

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