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Committee Members: Karen Ray, Caroline Wilkins, and Pat Siroris.

To: NFDW Officers, State Presidents and Regional Directors

Our NFDW President Pat Hobbs has appointed me as Chair of the Awards Committee. Along with the above 3 members mentioned, we will be contacting our state presidents for nominees for consideration for: *Outstanding NFDW Member of the Year*, *Outstanding Elected Democratic Holding Public Office*, and the *NFDW Humanitarian Award*.

These Awards are presented annually during our convention unless nominees do not meet the criteria established. These awards started with our NFDW founder, Rilla Moran Woods and others informally in 1986. In 1987, the awards were drafted, formalized with criteria and sent to NFDW members. States were encouraged to recognize Outstanding Democrats in these categories and forward the choices as a nominee to NFDW. The Awards Committee then presents the winner during the Awards Luncheon.

GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR NOMINATIONS AND SELECTION

1. In submitting the supporting information for a nominee, follow the criteria which are the basis for evaluating nominees for the Awards.
2. Present supportive material as numbered exhibits with the letter of nomination.
3. Nominations are to be submitted by State Federations, or where the entire state is not federated by a member club. The nominee need not be a resident of the state submitting the nomination.
4. The nominee must be present at the National Convention to receive the award, unless some unforeseen event occurs to prevent attendance.

5. Organizations are requested to limit nominations to one per category.

Outstanding NFDW Member of the Year

1. Current active member of the NFDW who personifies NFDW objectives (i.e., Article II, Bylaws: The objective of the NFDW shall be to unite women of the Democratic Party, to promote the cause of the Democratic Party and to encourage full participation of women in every level of the Democratic Party structure).
2. Contribution by the nominee to the growth, development and promotion of NFDW.
3. National scope and stature of the nominee.
4. Personal political involvement by the nominee.

Outstanding Elected Democratic Woman Holding Public Office

1. Current elected Democratic office holder of statewide, regional or national scope.
2. Demonstrated support of NFDW by nominee.
3. Significant contribution to the Democratic Party and it's principles by the nominee.
4. Demonstrated commitment by the nominee to the success of other Democratic women in the Party organization and for elective office.

NFDW Humanitarian Award

1. Significant contribution to the cause of human and/or civil rights.
2. Demonstrated support of NFDW.
3. Nominee possesses leadership qualities.
4. Nominee's success in achieving human and /or civil rights. (The nominee may be either male or female, but must meet the criteria.

Deadline for Receiving Nomination

Nominations must be received by April 23, 2010 to be considered.

Send nominations to Barbara Faison
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Our Awards committee will also be calling and emailing states to submit nominees. Karen Ray will be contacting the Southern Region, Caroline Wilkins the Western Region, Pat Siroris the Eastern Region and I the Midwestern Region.

We look forward to an exciting convention.

Sincerely,
Barbara Faison