

NORTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF YOUNG REPUBLICANS CONSTITUTION

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ARTICLE I. - NAME

Section I. The name of this organization shall be the North Carolina Federation of Young Republicans, hereinafter to be referred to as the Federation.

ARTICLE II. - PURPOSE

Section I. The purpose of this organization shall be:

- a. To develop a statewide, intelligent, aggressive and serviceable federation of Young Republicans;
- b. To provide a practical means by which Young Republicans throughout North Carolina may effectively contribute to the betterment of the United States of America, North Carolina and the Republican party;
- c. To train young people as effective political leaders and as useful members of society; and
- d. To support the principles, objectives and platform of the Republican party throughout North Carolina and to secure the election of all duly nominated Republican candidates.

Section II. The Federation shall not participate in any dispute within the party and shall not, as an organization, seek to influence the nomination of any candidate for public office or the election of any candidate for Republican party office at any level.

ARTICLE III. - MEMBERSHIP

Section I. Membership in this Federation shall be on a club basis and shall be open to any organized group of Young Republicans, provided such group meets the prerequisites set forth in this Constitution and By-laws of the Federation.

Section II. All members of such groups within the ages of eighteen (18) through forty (40) inclusive, shall be placed on the roster of the Federation by virtue of the chartering of such group as a club as hereinafter provided.

Section III. No person may be an active member of more than one club in this Federation..

Section IV. The roster of the Federation shall be restricted to those members of the local clubs who shall have paid their state dues through a local club into the treasury of the Federation.

Section V. Local clubs may enroll special members as they shall see fit, but such members shall not be placed upon the Roster of the Federation.

ARTICLE IV. - CHARTERING PROCEDURE

Section I. Charters shall be issued to all organizations of Young Republicans upon petition to the Executive Committee of the Federation, provided that the petitioning organization shall have met the requirements of the Constitution and the By-laws of the Federation.

- Section II. Young Republican Clubs may be formed and chartered in each county in North Carolina, each to be classified as:
 a. Young Republican Clubs with regular members between the ages of eighteen (18) and forty (40) inclusive.
- Section III. Clubs are to be organized by county with no more than one per county unless authorized by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee. Clubs may include more than one county provided that once there are ten (10) paid members from each county involved, separate clubs must be formed. Also, the counties involved must be contiguous. All two or more county clubs must have charters approved by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee.
- Section IV. Application for charter as a Young Republican chapter shall be signed by the Secretary or the Director of Club Development and shall be filed with the Chairman of the North Carolina Federation of Young Republicans.
- Section V. All applications for charter shall be accompanied by a list of names, addresses, and e-mails of all club officers, the names, addresses, and e-mails of all dues paying members, and the payment of state dues for all regular members.
- Section VI. Upon receipt of the application in accordance with Sections 3 and 4 of this Article, the Chairman of the North Carolina Federation of Young Republicans shall advise the Executive Committee of the Federation, and if the petitioning organization shall have met the requirements of this Constitution and the By-laws of the Federation with regard to chartering, the Executive Committee shall issue a charter for said group, which charter shall be signed by the Chairman and the Secretary of the Federation.
- Section VII. Each Young Republican Club, by accepting a charter under this Constitution and the By-laws of the Federation assents to said Constitution and By-laws.
- Section VIII. All chartered clubs must re-charter each year in accordance with the provisions contained in the By-laws of the Federation.
- Section IX. Any Young Republican Club chartered by the Federation which shall fail to conform to any provision of the Constitution and By-laws may have it's charter suspended or revoked by two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee of the Federation; provided that, the Secretary of the Federation shall provide notification by registered mail, return receipt requested, of the intention to take such a vote to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary of the club in question at least twenty (20) days before the meeting of the Executive Committee at which the vote be taken. All members of the Executive Committee shall be notified at least fourteen (14) days before the meeting by the Chairman of the Federation or the secretary of the Federation, and such notice shall contain a statement of charges. If any club is so suspended or revoked, such club shall have the right to appeal to the next succeeding Convention of the Federation, and the action of the Convention shall be final.

ARTICLE V. - ELECTED OFFICERS

- Section I. The elected officers of the Federation shall be the State Chairman, the Vice Chairman, National Committeeman, National Committeewoman, the Secretary, and the Treasurer.
- Section II. The State Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the Secretary, and the Treasurer, shall be elected by the Federation at the Annual Convention held during odd-numbered years, and shall serve two (2) year terms, or until their successors are elected.
- Section III. The National Committeeman and National Committeewoman shall be elected by the Federation at the Annual Convention held during each even-numbered year, and shall serve for a term of two (2) years, or until their successors are elected.
- Section IV. No officer shall serve more than two consecutive full terms in any one office. Any officer appointed to fill a vacancy who shall have served over one-half of the term shall be considered to have served the full term for the purpose of seeking re-election.

ARTICLE VI. - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Section I. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the elected officers of the Federation, the immediate past Chairman, the General Counsel, the Chairman of the Club Chairman's Association, the Executive Director, and the Chairman of each standing committee, as well as the Director of Club Development and up to four chairmen of Special Committees. The chairman shall nominate and the Executive Committee shall approve which of these chairmen shall be voting board members.
- Section II. The Chairman shall appoint the Executive Director, the Parliamentarian and the Chairmen of all Standing Committees from the roster of the Federation, with the advice and consent of a majority of the Executive Committee.
- Section III. The General Counsel shall be elected by majority vote of the Executive Committee and shall serve at its pleasure. The appointment expires at the end of each state convention.
- Section IV. The Executive Committee shall be the policy-making body of the Federation within the confines of this Constitution and the By-laws of the Federation.
- Section V. The Executive Committee of the Federation shall hold at least five meetings per year at such time and place as may be determined by the action of the Committee, by the call of the Chairman, or by written request of the majority of the members of the Executive Committee; and in addition to such regular meetings, the Chairman may call special meetings of the Executive Committee upon twenty-one (21) days in advance of any called meeting. The secretary is responsible for mailing or e-mailing out notices of all meetings. Should the secretary fail to act by the twenty-first (21) day deadline date, the chairman shall be authorized to mail out notices which shall be valid provided they are postmarked at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting.
- Section VI. The Executive Committee shall meet each year for a meeting at the convention site no later than four weeks prior to the convention date.
- Section VII. One-third (1/3) of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business other than the amendment of the By-laws.
- Section VIII. The Executive Committee may transact business by mail, phone, or e-mail, by voting on questions submitted to them by, or with the approval of the Chairman. Ten (10) days shall be allowed for the return of the votes thereon by mail or e-mail to the Secretary of the Federation. The voting shall be considered closed at any time prior thereto if, and when, all members of the Executive Committee shall have returned their ballots. If, at the expiration of ten (10) days, the majority of the Executive Committee shall not have returned their ballots, the question(s) voted upon shall be deemed to have failed. The Secretary shall preserve all votes until the next meeting of the Executive Committee, at which time the Executive Committee shall order the disposition of the ballots. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called on ten (10) days notice. Notice may be given by registered mail, fax or e-mail. Business at any special meetings shall be limited to only those items mentioned in the notice.
- Section IX. With the exception of decisions by the Executive Committee pursuant to Article VIII, any action of the Executive Committee may be appealed to the next convention of the Federation, and the action of the Convention shall be final.

ARTICLE VII. - REMOVAL OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Section I. Any elected officer of the North Carolina Federation of Young Republicans may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee after being furnished with notice of the charges against him, signed by not less than one-third (1/3) of the members of the Executive Committee and allowing him twenty (20) days to appear and defend himself; provided further that said cause for removal shall be confined to gross inefficiency, party disloyalty, conviction of a felony, lack of attendance at Executive Committee meetings as defined in the By-laws, or failure to act in compliance with the Constitution and By-laws of the Federation. The decision of the Executive Committee shall be final.

ARTICLE VIII. - CONVENTIONS

- Section I. The Annual Convention of the Federation shall be held between the tenth (10) day of January and the tenth (10) day of May, inclusive, of each year, at the call of the Executive Committee.
- Section II. Each Convention of the Federation shall be charged with the duty of determining appeals for any action of the Executive Committee, as herein provided, the adoption of a platform of political principles, the amendment of the Constitution and By-laws of the Federation as herein provided, the Accreditation of delegates to the Convention, the election of the elected officers of the Federation, as herein provided, the adoption of such resolutions as the Convention may deem proper, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it.
- Section III. Each duly chartered Young Republican Club shall be allotted votes at the Annual Convention as follows:
- a. One vote for each five contributing members listed upon the Roster of the Federation, or major fraction thereof; and
 - b. One vote for each ten thousand votes or fraction thereof, cast for the Republican candidate for Governor of North Carolina in the most recent election in the county wherein the club shall be situated. If there is more than one club in any county those votes shall be distributed pro rata.
- Section IV. Bonus votes shall be allotted for clubs having more than half of paid members register for the convention in the manner: at least 50% -1 vote; 75% -2 votes; 100%-3 votes.
- Section V. All elected officers of who shall be duly registered with the Convention shall be a delegate-at-large and shall cast one vote without regard to their club's allotted votes or the number of delegates present, and he shall not also be counted as a delegate of and from his club present on the floor of the Convention.
- Section VI. Any regular member of a duly chartered Young Republican club who shall be certified by the Convention Credentials committee as registered with the Convention shall be seated as a delegate.
- Section VII. All delegates shall be regular members of a duly chartered Young Republican club.
- Section VIII. There shall be no voting by proxy, substitution, or absentee ballot.
- Section IX. All delegations with more delegates present on the floor than the number of votes they are entitled to cast shall name delegates and alternates so that no delegate casts less than one vote. The determination of which delegates shall be named alternates shall be done as provided by the individual clubs constitutions.
- Section X. Nomination for any elected offices may be made by any delegate from the floor of the Convention.
- Section XI. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for the election of each office of the Federation. Should any ballot not show a majority for any nominee for an office, there shall be a further ballot. Prior to the second, and each succeeding ballot, where necessary, the name of the nominee receiving the least number of votes on the immediate preceding ballot shall be eliminated.
- Section XII. Offices shall be filled in the order specified below:
- a. During even-numbered years, National Committeeman, then National Committeewoman.
 - b. During odd-numbered years, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer.
- Section XIII. The Committee on Credentials for each Convention shall be composed of the National Committeeman, National Committeewoman, Director of Club Development, General Counsel, and a Chairman of the Credentials Committee who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Chairman. No person shall be denied credentials except by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Credentials Committee.

ARTICLE IX - OFFICERS - HOW CHOSEN

- Section I. The offices of the Federation shall hold office until the next annual Convention at which their successors are elected has adjourned sine die.
- Section II. Any officer of the Federation may submit a written resignation to either the Secretary of the Chairman, and such resignation shall become effective at the expiration of thirty days unless accepted sooner by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.
- Section III. Should the State Chairman resign from his or her position, the Vice Chairman shall assume the position of Chairman. If the Vice Chairman assumes the role of Chairman, he or she may appoint a new Vice Chairman to fill out the unexpired term, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.
- Section IV. Vacancies in any elective office (other than Chairman) may be filled by appointment of the Chairman, with the advice and consent of a majority of the member of the Executive Committee, for the unexpired term of the officer vacating.

ARTICLE X - COMMITTEES

- Section I. The Standing Committees of the Federation, as enumerated in the By-laws shall be appointed by the Chairman with the advice and consent of the other elected officers of the Federation.
- Section II. The Chairman of each Standing Committee shall be a member of the Executive Committee.
- Section III. Special Committees of the Federation may be established by the Chairman, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XI - EFFECTIVE DATE

All portion of this Constitution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION; ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

- Section I.
 - a. This Constitution may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of delegates present and voting any regularly called convention of the Federation.
 - b. Proposed amendment to this Constitution shall be provided to the Executive Committee such that the Executive Committee can and shall provide copies to the club chairman thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the next State Convention.
- Section II. By-laws not inconsistent with this Constitution, embodying addition provision for the government of the Federation, shall be adopted or amended by either;
 - a. Majority vote of the delegates present and voting any any regularly called Convention of the Federation; or
 - b. Two-thirds (2/3) vote of no less than one-half of the entire membership of the Executive Committee following fifteen (15) day written notice of the text of any proposed By-law or amendment to a By-law.