

Bylaws

of the

Texas Young Republican Federation

ARTICLE I: FEDERATED CLUBS

Section 1. Club Names. The word “Republican” must be used in the name of all Federated Clubs, and the word “Federation” shall not be used in the name of a Club. Each Club’s name shall require the approval of the Board. Such approval shall not be given if the Club’s name contains any religious or issue-oriented connotations.

Section 2. Club Requirements. A Federated Club shall:

- A. Meet at least four times annually; and
- B. Offer an oral report at each Quarterly Board Meeting by the Club President or proxy for the Club President. If the Club President or a proxy cannot attend, a written report is required and shall be submitted to the Secretary or the Director of Club Development prior to the Board Meeting.

Section 3. Initial Charter Requirements. Those Young Republican Clubs which provide the following to the Director of Club Development no less than 48 hours before a Board meeting shall be considered for chartering:

- A. The name, street address, date of birth, cell phone or any alternate number and e-mail address for each Active Member, noting all Club Officers;
- B. A copy of the Club Constitution (which shall not be inconsistent with the Constitution of the Federation);
- C. A Charter Fee in the amount of \$25.00, plus full payment of dues for each Active Member.

A vote will be held at the first Board meeting at which an Active Member of the Club is present, at which time an official charter will either be granted or denied. The Charter Fee plus the dues received shall be returned if a charter is denied.

Section 4. Continuing Charter Requirements.

- A. In order to remain in good standing with the Federation, a chartered Young Republican Club must submit at least twenty days before the State Convention

the following to the Credentials Committee Chairman, either in person, by an electronic means approved by the Executive Committee, or by a letter postmarked by that time:

- a. A membership form approved by the Executive Committee which shall include, at a minimum, the name, street address, email address, cell phone or any alternate number, date of birth and office held (if any) for each Active Member;
 - b. A copy of the Club Constitution and any Bylaws (which shall not be inconsistent with the Constitution of the Federation); and
 - c. Full payment of dues as set forth below.
 - d. Meet the requirements as described in Section 2 of this Article
- B. Failure to provide all of the above information immediately prior to the State Convention shall result in the initiation of defederation procedures as outlined in the Constitution.

Section 5. Amount of Dues. Each Federated Club shall pay annual dues in the amount of \$2.00 for each Active Member.

ARTICLE II: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following procedures shall apply to elections.

Section 1. Petition. The Secretary must receive a petition from a candidate for a given elected office signed by ten Active Members of the Federation at least ten days prior to the State Convention in order to be placed on the written ballot. Any Member for whom such a petition is not received must be nominated from the floor of the convention in order to be placed on the ballot.

Section 2. Order of Election. All Elected Officers shall be elected at the State Convention of the Federation in the order in which they are listed in the Constitution.

Section 3. Voting. Voting shall be by secret ballot, in writing. Election shall be by a simple majority of all the Delegates present. There is no requirement for a quorum for elections. If a majority is not obtained on the first ballot for any office, an immediate run-off election shall be held between the two candidates receiving the most votes on the first ballot. Any candidate who is unopposed may be elected by acclamation.

Section 4. Campaign Speeches. Prior to voting in any election, the Chairman shall set a time limit for all campaign speeches for that office, and shall inform all candidates of the limit.

Section 5. Tellers. The Chairman shall appoint at least three tellers from different Clubs, who shall dispense, collect and tabulate the votes.

ARTICLE III: PROXIES

Section 1. National Meeting Proxies. Proxies for the Chairman, National Committeeman, or National Committeewoman at National Federation board meetings shall be offered to the officers in the order that they are set forth in Article VI, then to any club president, then to any active member. If that person is available to attend the meeting in question, the proxy shall be made in the form required in a reasonable time to meet any applicable deadlines. In the event a person is already attending a National Federation Board Meeting, the proxy shall first be offered to the other persons in the order set forth above.

Section 2. State Meeting Proxies. Proxies are not allowed at meetings of the Board or at the State Convention for Elected Officers. Club Presidents may designate a proxy provided that the proxy is a member of the same club and a Notice of Proxy is given to the Secretary of the Federation prior to the roll call of a meeting of the Board. Absent a designated proxy, one or more members of a club in attendance at meetings of the Board may designate a proxy among themselves provided that all members are unanimous in their designation, unless the Secretary has received a Notice of No Proxy from a club President indicating that the President does not wish to designate a proxy. A Notice of Proxy or Notice of No Proxy must be in an electronic or written format, and the Secretary may require that all such notices be submitted on a specific form.

ARTICLE IV: COMMITTEES

Unless otherwise stated in the TYRF Constitution or Bylaws,

Section 1. Quorum. Quorum of any committee shall consist of the voting committee members present. Quorum may be met either in person or by conference call. No proxies are allowed to count toward quorum.

Section 2. Notice of Meeting. The committee chairman must give 48 hours notice prior to any committee meeting.

Section 3. Committee Membership. Each federated club shall be given the opportunity to appoint one of its active members to any standing committee. This restriction shall not apply to ad hoc committees.

ARTICLES V - VI: RESERVED

ARTICLE VII: MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. Soliciting Donations. Any person sending any written communication soliciting donations for the Federation shall include the following disclosure on all such materials: "Contributions or gifts to the TYRF are not tax deductible for federal income tax purposes."

Section 2. Endorsements. In any election in which TYRF is permitted to endorse a candidate, such endorsement may only occur by a majority vote of the executive committee.

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