

# CONSTITUTION OF THE TEXAS YOUNG REPUBLICAN FEDERATION

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**CONSTITUTION OF THE TEXAS YOUNG REPUBLICAN FEDERATION**

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the TEXAS YOUNG REPUBLICAN FEDERATION (TYRF); hereinafter sometimes referred to as the Federation.

Upon the approval of the board, TYRF may adopt one or more additional trade names by filing a Doing Business As form with the Texas Secretary of State.

## **ARTICLE II - PURPOSES**

The purposes of the Federation are:

- a. To advance the growth of the Republican Party of Texas through the creation, organization and promotion of Young Republican Clubs throughout the State of Texas;
- b. To provide for the exchange of information among local Clubs, the Federation, the Young Republican National Federation, and the Republican Party of Texas;
- c. To provide a standard framework for successful Club organization, financing, and communication for all Federated Clubs; and
- d. To provide leadership training and other opportunities for growth to the individual members.
- e. To advance a legislative agenda and facilitate legislative advocacy in the interest of Texas Young Republican members.

## **ARTICLE III - POWERS**

The Federation shall have all powers necessary or proper to direct, manage and control its business, property, and funds; and shall have all powers necessary or proper to do all things required to accomplish the purposes for which it was organized.

## **ARTICLE IV - INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS**

**Section 1. Types of Individual Membership:** Each individual Member of the Federation must be classified as one of the following:

- a. **Active Member.** Any person who meets the following requirements is classified an Active Member of the Federation:
  - (1) at least 18 years of age but not beyond the conclusion of the 1st State Convention that follows their 40th birthday;
  - (2) a registered voter in the State of Texas; or an United States citizen not eligible to register to vote, an American national, or legal permanent resident;
  - (3) who believes in the objectives of the Federation;

(4) a voting Member in good standing of a Federated Club or at large member; and  
(5) swears an oath of loyalty to the Republican Party or voted in the previous  
Republican primary.

- b. **Associate Member.** Any person who does not meet the qualifications for Active Membership, but who desires to participate in the activities of the Federation, may become an Associate Member. Associate Members shall have all rights and privileges of membership in the Federation and those granted by the Club in which he or she is a member, but may not vote or serve as an Officer, Delegate, or Alternate Delegate to the Federation except as below. Dues shall not be paid to the Federation for Associate Members.
- c. **Honorary Member.** Federated Clubs may establish standards for granting Honorary Memberships. An Honorary Member may also be an Active Member, if he or she meets the requirements for Active Membership in the Federation and in the Club. Honorary Members who are not Active Members shall have all rights and privileges of membership in the Federation and those granted by the Club in which he or she is a member, but may not vote or serve as an Officer, Delegate, or Alternate Delegate to the Federation. Dues for Honorary Members shall be paid to the Federation only if the member is also an Active Member.
- d. **At-Large Member.** A person who cannot join or form a Federated Club, may become an "At-Large Member." An At-Large Member must also be classified as an Active or Associate Member, and is entitled to all other rights and privileges of such membership.
- e. **Dual Member.** A Dual Member is a person who is a Member of more than one Young Republican Club. A Dual Member is responsible for paying the required annual dues of all Clubs of which he or she is a Member. Only one of a Dual Member's Club memberships will be considered the Active Membership. Whenever a Member joins an additional Club, he or she may change which Club Membership will be considered the Active one, and he or she must divulge all other Young Republican Club memberships to all Clubs of which he or she is a Member. For purposes of credentialing, the club to which the Member is an Active Member will be the club they are able to represent at convention for voting and candidate purposes. However, member has the option to notify electronically or in writing the credential

committee chairman of selected active membership 24 hours prior to the credentialing deadline.

**Section 2. Expulsion of Members.** The Board may, by a three-quarters vote, expel an Individual Member for good cause. The Chairman or any two voting Board Members may propose the expulsion of any Member by delivering to the Chairman written Calls for Expulsion. The Chairman shall place the expulsion proceedings on the agenda of the first Board meeting to occur more than twelve days after receipt of sufficient Calls for Expulsion and shall notify the Secretary. The Secretary shall send written notice of expulsion to the Member under consideration. Said notice shall be sent by certified mail and by any other means likely to reach the member and be transmitted at least ten days in advance of the meeting. Said notice shall include the grounds for expulsion as well as the time and place of the meeting at which expulsion is to be considered. The Member shall also have the opportunity to be heard at the meeting at which expulsion is to be considered. A Member who has been expelled is not eligible for any kind of membership, but a Member may be reinstated by a two-thirds vote of the Board or of the delegates at the TYRF State Convention.

## **ARTICLE V - FEDERATED CLUBS**

**Section 1. Eligibility.** Membership in this organization shall be open to any Young Republican Club in the State of Texas, of ten or more Members, which pays the annual dues to the Federation, whose Constitution or Bylaws are not in conflict with those of the Federation, which is willing to sign an agreement acknowledging the name Young Republican is the intellectual property of the TYRF and the YRNF, and whose official charter has been approved by the Board. Section 2. Revocation of Charter. The Board may, by a three-quarters vote, revoke the charter of any Federated Club for good cause. The Chairman or any two voting Board Members may propose the revocation of the charter of any Federated Club by delivering to the Chairman written Calls for Revocation of Club Charter. The Chairman shall place revocation proceedings on the agenda of the first Board meeting to occur more than 35 days after receipt of sufficient Calls for Expulsion and shall notify the Secretary. The Secretary shall send written notice of revocation of charter to the President of the Club under consideration. Said notice shall be sent by certified mail and by any other means likely to reach the President of said Club and be transmitted at least thirty

days in advance of the meeting. Said notice shall include the grounds for revocation as well as the time and place of the meeting at which the revocation is to be considered. The Club shall also have the opportunity to be heard at the meeting at which expulsion is to be considered. The charter of any Club may be reinstated by a two-thirds vote of the Board or of the delegates at the TYRF State Convention. "Good cause" as used in this Section shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. Failing to fulfill the Continuing Charter Requirements set forth above; or
- b. Other conduct which is in violation of this Constitution or which is detrimental to the welfare of the Federation or the Republican Party.

## **Section 2. Revocation of Charter.**

- a. The Board may, by a three-quarters vote, revoke the charter of any Federated Club for good cause. The Chairman or any two voting Board Members may propose the revocation of the charter of any Federated Club by delivering to the Chairman written Calls for Revocation of Club Charter. The Chairman shall place revocation proceedings on the agenda of the first Board meeting to occur more than 35 days after receipt of sufficient Calls for Expulsion and shall notify the Secretary. The Secretary shall send written notice of revocation of charter to the President of the Club under consideration. Said notice shall be sent by certified mail and by any other means likely to reach the President of said Club and be transmitted at least thirty days in advance of the meeting. Said notice shall include the grounds for revocation as well as the time and place of the meeting at which the revocation is to be considered. The Club shall also have the opportunity to be heard at the meeting at which expulsion is to be considered. The charter of any Club may be reinstated by a two-thirds vote of the Board or of the delegates at the TYRF State Convention. "Good cause" as used in this Section shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
  - (1) Failing to fulfill the Continuing Charter Requirements set forth above; or
  - (2) Other conduct which is in violation of this Constitution or which is detrimental to the welfare of the Federation or the Republican Party.
- a. A Federated Club may, in accordance with its governing documents, revoke its charter and affiliation with TYRF. The Club shall give written notice, signed by a majority of its board members, to the TYRF Board stating its affirmative vote to

revoke its charter and its plan to disburse remaining cash on hand, and agrees in writing to discontinue the use of any form of the name Young Republican in any and all communication formats and entity documents upon its departure from the TRYF, as agreed to upon chartering as described in Section 1 of this article. The Board shall accept the revocation by a majority vote.

## **ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS**

**Section 1. Elected Officers.** The Elected Officers of the Federation shall consist of the following:

- a. **Chairman.** The Chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the Federation. The Chairman shall be deemed to be an ex-officio member of all Committees, including the Convention Committees. The powers and duties of the Chairman shall include but not be limited to the following:
  - (1) To supervise and coordinate the activities of the Texas Young Republican Federation in conjunction with the Board;
  - (2) To appoint committees and members of those committees;
  - (3) To create or terminate official non-elected offices and appoint persons to such positions;
  - (4) To set the initial agenda for meetings, and to preside at all meetings of the Board and the State Convention;
  - (5) To bestow honors, subject to the powers and duties of the Awards Committee;  
To issue the call to the State Convention;
  - (6) To call, give proper notice of, set the agenda for, and preside at not fewer than four Board meetings each year;
  - (7) To designate regions and appoint their directors with the advice of the Director of Club Development and the approval of the Board;
  - (8) To propose an annual budget no later than 100 days following the TYRF State Convention; and
- b. **Vice Chairman.** The Vice Chairman shall perform such duties as the Chairman shall designate; shall, in the absence of the Chairman, perform the duties of the



Chairman; and shall serve as a liaison between the Federation and other Republican auxiliary organizations.

- c. **Policy Director.** The Policy Director shall be responsible for drafting policy statements and talking points, and other items under the direction of the Chairman and in consultation with the Board.. The Policy Director may form a committee if necessary or desirable for the efficient performance of the duties of the office. Neither the Policy Director nor the Policy Committee may make an official statement on behalf of TYRF which directly contradicts the TYRF Platform.
- d. **Secretary.** The Secretary shall record the votes and minutes of all proceedings of the Federation, maintain a roster of Federated clubs and their members (to be updated quarterly), and shall perform such other duties as may be designated by the Chairman. The Secretary may appoint assistants if necessary and desirable for the efficient performance of the duties of the office.
- e. **Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall receive, expend, and account for the funds of the Federation under the supervision and control of the Board. The Treasurer shall maintain all financial records of the Federation, including but not limited to an annual budget. Funds designated for certain line items not spent within the fiscal year return to the general treasury. The Treasurer shall maintain a checking account on behalf of the Federation, and may establish additional accounts as needed. For any account maintained by the Federation, both the Treasurer and the Chairman must be signatories; however, only one signature is required to issue checks. The Treasurer can only issue checks for items delineated in the budget and those items necessarily and properly required to purchase or obtain delineated items. All requests for reimbursement for expenditures by Board Members or other Members must be submitted within the timeframe set by the Executive Committee when a budget is approved. Itemized receipts are required when available. The Treasurer shall submit written reports at all regularly called meetings of the Chairman. Furthermore, the Treasurer shall submit a written report to the annual State Convention prior to the election of Officers. The Treasurer may appoint assistants if necessary and desirable for the efficient performance of the duties of the office. The Treasurer shall not be allowed to serve or affiliate with the TYRF PAC at any time in order to ensure a segregation of entities. The treasurer is required to submit

required documentation on a yearly basis with the IRS (Organization Type 527 – Political Non-Profit) and to the state of Texas (Franchise Tax).

- f. **National Committeeman and National Committeewoman.** The National Committeeman and National Committeewoman shall, along with the Chairman, represent the Federation at meetings of the Young Republican National Federation and report information to the Board.
- g. **Director of Club Development.** The Director of Club Development shall be charged with the duty of developing new Clubs in accordance with this Constitution and designing a program to assist existing Clubs in the Federation under the control and supervision of the Board. The Director of Club Development may appoint assistants if necessary or desirable for the efficient performance of the duties of the office.
- h. **Political Director.** The Political Director shall, under the direction and supervision of the Chairman, coordinate the Federation's campaign support activities and operations in order to assist Republican candidates at the local, state, and federal levels of government. The Political Director shall establish and preside over a campaign committee. The Political Director shall identify, act as a resource to, and assist Young Republican members running for public office. The Political Director shall perform other duties as directed by the Chairman.

**Section 2. Terms of Office.** Beginning with the 2019 State Convention, the Chairman, Treasurer, Policy Director, Political Director, and National Committeewoman shall be elected at the State Convention held in odd years. Beginning with the 2020 State Convention, the Vice Chairman, Secretary, Director of Club Development, and National Committeeman shall be elected at the State Convention held in even years. All officers shall serve through the second State Convention after their elections or until their successors assume office.

**Section 3. Limitations on Holding Elected Office.** Subject to the other provisions of this Section, any Active Member of a Federated Club may run for an elected office. The following limitations shall apply to any person holding elected office in the Federation:

- a. **Elected Officers from the Same Club.** No more than three Officers shall be elected from the same Club unless the additional Officer candidates are unopposed.

Beginning with the 2019 convention, no more than two Officers shall be elected from the same Club unless the additional Officer candidates are unopposed.

- b. **Holding Multiple Offices Simultaneously.** No person may hold two elected state offices simultaneously.
- c. **Serving as Chairman and as Club President.** No person shall serve simultaneously as Chairman of the Federation and as President of a Federated Club. This shall not preclude a person holding the office of President of a Federated Club from running for Chairman. However, before accepting the position of Chairman, either by election or by succession, a person must resign his or her position as President of a Federated Club within thirty days following election or succession. A sitting Chairman shall not run for the office of President of a Federated Club for a term which would begin before the natural expiration of his or her term as Chairman without first resigning his or her position as Chairman.

#### **Section 4. Non-Elected Officers.**

- a. The non-elected Officers of the Federation shall consist of all Chairmen Emeritus of the Federation, the Presidents of the Federated Clubs, and the following unpaid appointed positions: Fundraising Director, General Counsel, Political Action Director, State Republican Executive Committee Liaison, Parliamentarian, Chaplain, Regional Directors, State Convention Chairmen, and other offices as designated by the Chairman. It shall also include the appointed position of the Executive Director, which the Executive Committee may make an unpaid position, or may vote to make a paid position, at its discretion, by a simple majority vote.
- b. The duties of the non-elected officers are as follows:
  - 1. **State Republican Executive Committee/Republican Party of Texas Liaison (SREC/RPT Liaison).** The SREC/RPT Liaison shall impartially report to the Board the activities of the SREC and the Republican Party. The SREC/RPT Liaison shall recommend to the Executive Committee a plan of action and strategy relevant to the Federation's relationship and role in the RPT. The SREC/RPT Liaison shall perform other duties as directed by the Executive Committee.
  - 2. **General Counsel.** The General Counsel shall serve as the legal representation of the Federation.

- c. All non-elected officer appointments shall be made by the Chairman and shall hold temporary title to the office until being approved or disapproved as described by subsection C.
- d. All non-elected officer appointments who would carry a board vote under Article VII, Section 2, Subsection B "The Board", shall be subject to the approval of the Board. All other non-elected officer appointments shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee

### **Section 5. Vacancies.**

- a. **General Provisions.** An office may be declared vacant by the Chairman if the Officer holding the office is absent from two or more meetings of the Board, provided that such officeholder may be reinstated for good cause upon the vote of seventy-five percent of the Board at the next Board Meeting. Additionally, an office shall be deemed vacant should no eligible candidate be elected to that office. If an office is vacant, that office shall not be considered when determining a quorum of Elected Officers. An office may be filled by appointment, subject to the provisions outlined below. Such an appointee shall hold temporary title to the office until the Board approves or disapproves of the appointment.
- b. **Elected Officer Vacancies.** If any elected office becomes vacant for any reason, the Chairman may fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term, subject to approval by the Board in the following manner. Each Federated Chapter shall be represented by their President on the Board with the proportional voting strength in accordance to their delegation strength from the previous state convention. If the office of Chairman becomes vacant for any reason, the Vice Chairman shall assume the duties and title of that office, and, in the role of Chairman, shall fill the vacancy in the office of Vice Chairman subject to approval by the Board, in the manner described above.
- c. **Appointed Officer Vacancies.** If any appointed office becomes vacant for any reason, the Chairman may fill the vacancy, subject to approval by the Board, for the remainder of the un-expired term.

**Section 6. Removal of Elected Officers.** The Board may, by a vote of three-quarters of the Board, remove an Elected Officer from office for good cause. Good cause shall include, but

not be limited to, failing or ceasing to perform the duties of the office, or ceasing to be a Member of the Federation. The Chairman or any two voting Board Members may propose the removal of any Elected Officer by delivering to the Chairman written Calls for Removal from Office. The Chairman shall place the removal proceedings on the agenda of the first Board meeting to occur more than 35 days after receipt of sufficient Calls for Removal from Office and shall notify the Secretary. The Secretary shall send written notice of removal from office to the Officer under consideration. Said notice shall be sent by certified mail and by any other means likely to reach said Elected Officer and be transmitted at least thirty days in advance of the meeting. Said notice shall include the grounds for removal as well as the time and place of the meeting at which removal is to be considered. The Officer shall also have the opportunity to be heard at the meeting at which removal is to be considered.

**Section 7. Removal of Non-Elected Officers.** The Chairman may remove any non-elected Officer from office, except for Club Presidents and Chairmen Emeritus, with approval of the Board.

**Section 8. Requirements of all Officers.** No officer shall receive salary or wages for services provided in his or her capacity as an officer of the Federation.

## **ARTICLE VII - TYRF BOARD**

**Section 1. Function.** The TYRF Board (also referred to as the Board) shall be the governing body of the Federation except when the State Convention is in session.

### **Section 2. Voting Members**

- a. **Executive Committee.** The voting members of the Executive Committee shall be the elected Officers of the Federation. The Executive Committee may approve amendments to the previously approved annual budget.
- b. **The Board.** The voting members of the Board shall be the elected Officers of the Federation, the General Counsel, Political Action Director, the State Republican Executive Committee Liaison, the immediate past Chairman, and the Presidents of the Federated Clubs. No person may cast more than one vote on the Board. A person entitled to more than one vote by virtue of being an Elected Officer and a Club President must issue a proxy for the Club President vote according to the

proxy guidelines of this Constitution in order for the vote to be cast. The Board may approve the Chairman's proposed annual budget by a two-thirds vote.

**Section 3. Ex-Officio Members.** The ex-officio members of the Board shall be all Officers of the Federation who are not voting members as defined above, and members of the National Committee of the Young Republican National Federation who reside in Texas.

**Section 4. Powers.**

- a. **Executive Committee.** The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the management of all activities of the Federation, subject to the other requirements of this Constitution. The Executive Committee shall have all powers necessary to carry out these duties.
- b. **The Board.** The Board shall have the power to approve initial chartering of new Clubs, review and approve all minutes of the Executive Committee, and authorize an independent audit at any time. The Board, by simple majority vote, may modify or reverse any action taken by the Executive Committee.

**Section 5. Open Meetings.** The meetings of the Board and the Executive Committee shall be open to all Members of the Federation. Meetings held in executive session shall be open to all Members of the Board.

**Section 6. Quorum.** A quorum for meetings of the Board shall be fifty percent of the Executive Committee.

**Section 7. Call and Notice.** The Chairman or any three members of the Executive Committee or Board shall have the right to call a meeting of the Board in person, by conference call or any other electronic means approved by the board but must provide not less than five days notice thereof to all voting members of the Board. Such notice may be waived by approval of each voting member who did not receive such notice.

## ARTICLE VIII - STATE CONVENTION

**Section 1. Date and Site.** The State Convention of the Federation shall be held each year at a time during the period from August 20 to October 20. The Board shall establish the date of the convention and notify all Federated Clubs of same no later than ninety days prior to the convention date. Upon hearing the recommendation of the Site Selection Committee, the State Convention delegates shall determine the site of the next State Convention. If no site is selected at the State Convention, or the selected site must decline the award, the Board shall determine the site of the next State Convention.

**Section 2. Logistics.** Other matters and procedures pertaining to the State Convention (such as sponsorship, registration fees and procedures, logistics, record keeping, etc.) shall be determined by the host organization, subject to the oversight and authority of the Executive Committee. The host organization shall provide the relevant portion of such information to all Federated Clubs in a timely manner. Speakers, break-out groups, other fundraising opportunities will be the responsibility of a committee appointed by the chair, made up of a representative from interested clubs, and lead by the convention chair.

**Section 3. Finances.** Within forty-five days following the close of the State Convention, the Host Chairman shall present a complete written report of all income and expenses from the State Convention to the Treasurer, and shall disburse all funds. The Host Chairman shall attend the next board meeting after the deadline for submitting the report. If the expenses are greater than the income, the difference shall be paid evenly between the TYRF treasury and the host organization. If the income is greater than the expenses, the profit shall be split evenly between the TYRF and the host organization.

**Section 4. Delegates.** Each Federated Club shall provide in its Constitution for the method of Delegate and Alternate selection for such Club, provided that all Delegates and Alternates are Active Members of such Club. A Region, as determined by the Chairman, is entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate. Once there are ten At-Large Members in a Region, they must form a Federated Club within ninety days or their At-Large status will be revoked and they will no longer be Members of the Federation.

- a. **Delegate Strength.** At the State Convention, each Region is entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate, and each Federated Club is entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate for each 7 of its Active Members for the first 70 members and one Delegate and one Alternate for each 21 members thereafter<sup>1</sup>, who have otherwise complied with this section and who were Members at least twenty (20) days prior to the general session of the State Convention, with each fraction receiving a full Delegate and Alternate. Beginning with the 2019 convention, clubs federated after the 20-day deadline or at the convention shall receive two Delegates and two Alternates.
- b. **Delegate Lists.** A list of Delegates and Alternates must be submitted by each Federated Club and each Region to the Credentials Committee prior to adjournment of the Credentials Committee meeting immediately prior to the State Convention.
- c. **Deadline for Submission.** For a Club that became federated since the last convention, the membership roster contained in the initial charter documents shall be used to determine delegate strength. A newly chartered Club may also submit a list of additional Active members to its Active member roster to be used to determine delegate strength, provided that the list is submitted to the Credentials Committee Chairman at least twenty days prior to the general session of the State Convention either in person, by an electronic means approved by the Board, or by letter post-marked by that time. The dues associated with the additional Active members must also be submitted. For Clubs who are continuing their charter, delegate strength is determined from the Active membership roster submitted to fulfill the continuing charter requirements in Article V, Section 5. All membership rosters, appropriate dues, Constitution, and any Bylaws must be received by the Credentials Committee Chairman at least twenty (20) days prior to the general session of the State Convention to avoid the sanctions below.
- d. **Procedure for Late Submissions.** Any club that fails to submit the required information and dues as described in Article V, Section 5, Article V, Section 6 and Article VIII, Section 4 of this Constitution shall be entitled to the number of delegates and alternates as provided below.

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<sup>1</sup> This amendment, adopted at the 2018 Convention, goes into effect at and applies to delegates credentialed for the 2019 Convention.



- (1) At the State Convention, each Federated Club and each Region, as determined by the Chairman, is entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate for each 7 of its Active Members, who have otherwise complied with this section and who were Members at least twenty (20) days prior to the general session of the State Convention, with no fraction being considered.
- (2) **Clubs Federated Since the Previous State Convention.** New clubs chartered since the previous convention under the provisions of Article V, Section 4 shall be entitled to seat their full delegation based on their initial charter roster. If an updated roster and appropriate dues are submitted to Credentials Committee Chairman inside the 20 day deadline prior to the state convention, the club will be entitled to fifty percent (50%) of the additional delegate strength, with no fraction being considered.
- (3) **New Members.** Only members that joined the club no less than twenty (20) days prior to the opening of the convention shall be considered for the purposes of determining additional delegate strength as specified in 1) and 2) above.
- (4) **Minimum Number of Delegates.** As a minimum, each club and region shall be entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate.

**Section 5. Voting.** Each Delegate shall be entitled to one vote on matters voted upon at the State Convention. No Delegate or Alternate may attend the general session until such Delegate or Alternate has properly registered at the State Convention.

**Section 6. Quorum.** A quorum for the State Convention shall be those Delegates present.

**Section 7. Convention Committees.** The Convention Committees shall be the committees on Credentials, Site Selection, Rules, Awards, Resolutions, and the Constitution. All Convention Committees shall meet immediately prior to the State Convention. The voting members of the Convention Committees shall be the Committee Chairmen appointed by the Chairman of the Federation and approved by the Board, and one active member appointed to each committee by the President of each Federated Club. Each member of the committee shall be entitled to only one vote, and the Committee Chairmen may only vote to break a tie.

- a. **Credentials Committee.** The Credentials Committee shall review the compliance of each Club with the Continuing Charter Requirements set forth above, or in the case of Clubs which became federated since the last convention, that Club's compliance with the Initial Charter Requirements. The Credentials Committee shall recommend to the Convention that only the delegations of Clubs in compliance with the applicable Requirements be seated. The Credentials Committee shall also ensure that the Delegates and Alternates of a Federated Club meet the appropriate requirements as specified in this Constitution.
- b. **Rules Committee.** The Rules Committee shall propose the rules of the State Convention.
- c. **Awards Committee.** The Awards Committee shall recognize outstanding accomplishments on the part of Members and Federated Clubs. The specific awards given, as well as the qualifications and requirements for such awards, will be established by the Board and communicated to all Club Presidents no less than 90 days prior to the annual State Convention.
- d. **Resolutions and Platform Committee.** The Resolutions Committee shall recommend the adoption of resolutions by the State Convention and recommend changes to the current platform of the Republican Party of Texas. Resolutions adopted shall not contradict the currently adopted Republican Party of Texas platform but may recommend changes to said platform.
- e. **Constitution Committee.** The Constitution Committee shall consider proposed amendments to this Constitution and make recommendations with respect to same.
- f. **Site Selection Committee.** The Site Selection Committee shall make a recommendation for the location and host organization of the next annual State Convention.

## **ARTICLE IX - NATIONAL FEDERATION**

**Section 1. National Affiliation.** The Federation shall be and remain an affiliated organization of the Young Republican National Federation.

### **Section 2. National Convention.**

- a. **Club-sponsored delegate candidates:** Each President of a Federated Club shall present to the Chairman, or their designee, a list of proposed delegates and

alternates to the National Convention by the deadline determined by the Chairman and subject to Section 2.d. Each delegate and candidate shall be a member in good standing of both the proposing club and the TYRF, interested in becoming a delegate or alternate, and committed to attending the National Convention.

- b. **Appeal for inclusion by un-sponsored delegate or alternate candidates:** Any member not included in the list proposed by the respective Club President may appeal to the Chairman, or a designee of the Chairman, for inclusion on the list of proposed delegates and alternates. These un-sponsored candidates must be in good standing of a Federated Club and the TYRF and wishing to serve as a delegate or alternate to the National Convention. The exclusive remedy for inclusion for consideration is an appeal, presented in writing to the Chairman, or designee of the Chairman, prior to the ratification of the final delegate and alternate list.
- c. **Selection and ratification of the delegates and alternates:** The Chairman, or designee of the Chairman, shall compile the master list of delegate and alternate candidates. The master list shall include the following:
  - (1) All club-sponsored delegate and alternate candidates submitted in compliance with Section 2.a., and
  - (2) All un-sponsored delegate and alternate candidates whose appeals were submitted in compliance with Section 2.b.

The Executive Committee shall meet to determine the approved list of delegates and alternates from the master list. The Executive Committee has the authority to approve or disapprove candidates and, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, create conditions for approval of individual candidates. A simple majority vote of the Executive Committee is required for all matters pertaining to conditioning, ratification, or amendment of the delegate and alternate list.

- d. **Compliance with YRNF Constitution, Bylaws, and Credentialing Requirements:** The delegate and alternate list shall be compiled and submitted in accordance with the YRNF Constitution, Bylaws, and Credentialing Procedure and Rules.

## **ARTICLE X - REPUBLICAN PARTY AFFILIATION**

Upon the approval of the State Republican Executive Committee, the Federation shall be an official auxiliary organization of the Republican Party of Texas.

## ARTICLE XI - INTERACTION WITH PUBLIC

**Section 1. Roster.** The roster or any mailing list of the Federation shall be available to all Members of the Federation for Federation activities and functions. The roster may be provided to the Young Republican National Federation to comply with continuing charter requirements. The roster or any mailing shall not be furnished to any other person or entity, for any purpose, without the prior approval of the Board.

**Section 2. Marketing During Federation Function.** No product shall be marketed at any Federation function without prior approval of the Board.

**Section 3. Use of Federation Name.** Except for current members, any person or entity employing the name of the Federation must have the prior approval of the Board.

**Section 4. Prohibited Endorsements.** Neither the Federation, any Federated Club, nor any Officer of a Federated Club or of the Federation in his or her official capacity, shall endorse a candidate in any partisan race in which more than one Republican runs, except for those races for which an official Republican nominee has been selected by the Republican Party either through a primary or other mechanism, or except if that person is an active dues-paying member of a Young Republican chapter. This prohibition does not extend to Young Republican races. Nothing in this Constitution shall prevent any Officer of a Club or of the Federation, or any Member, from endorsing a candidate in his or her individual capacity, meaning that any such endorsement shall require of the Officer or Member to specify that any reference to their title or position relating to their position in TYRF is for identification purposes only.

## ARTICLE XII - MISCELLANEOUS

**Section 1. Vote Required.** Whenever this Constitution requires approval of any action or decision, whether by the Board, the Membership, or any other body, then that approval shall require a majority vote of that body unless otherwise stated.

**Section 2. Non-Discrimination.** The Federation opposes any type of discrimination based on race, color, sex, national origin, or religious belief. The right of any person to be a Member of the Federation shall not be abridged on account of any of these factors.

**Section 3. Interpretation.** Any dispute or question concerning the interpretation or meaning of this Constitution shall be determined by the Board. The Board should consult the opinions of any available Chairmen Emeritus and the General Counsel regarding any such question.

**Section 4: Parliamentary Procedure.** Except where inconsistent with this Constitution, all meetings shall be governed by the most recently revised edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

- a. **Previous Question.** At all meetings, when the previous question has been moved and seconded and is sustained by a majority vote, the question shall be deemed to have been called and a vote shall occur upon the pending question, except as provided in subsection (b) of this Rule.
- b. **Exception.** At all meetings, a motion to move the previous question shall not be in order until there has been reasonable opportunity for additional debate and/or amendment.

**Section 5. Copy of Constitution.** A copy of this Constitution shall be provided to any Member or Federated Club by the Secretary upon request.

**Section 6. Definitions.** As used in this Constitution, the following definitions shall apply:

- a. **Club President**--the chief elected Officer of a Federated Club, whether called President, Chairman, or otherwise.
- b. **Delegate**--any delegate or duly seated alternate delegate.
- c. **Board**--the TYRF Board.
- d. **Federation**--the Texas Young Republican Federation.

**Section 7. Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year of the Federation shall coincide with the terms of the Elected Officers.

**Section 8. Indemnification and Insurance.** The Federation may provide indemnification to any of its Officers or Members, and may purchase and maintain insurance as needed or desired.

**Section 9. Legal Unit Rule.** No delegates of a federated club at the State Convention nor the delegates of the Federation at the National Convention shall be forced to vote as a block or under "unit rule". All such delegates are free to vote without restriction.

**Section 10. ByLaws.** The Board may establish Bylaws not inconsistent with this Constitution, by two thirds vote, in order to facilitate the establishment of traditions, standard procedures, and policies of the Federation. All Bylaws are binding upon both the Board and the Executive Committee, and can be amended at any meeting of the Board, so long as any proposed changes to the Bylaws are included in the official Call and Notice of the Board meeting.

## **ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1. Amendments to the Constitution.** Any proposed amendment to this Constitution must be submitted either in writing or electronically and received by the Chairman of the Constitution Committee no less than ten (10) days prior to the general session of the annual State Convention. The Constitution Committee Chairman shall have distributed all the proposed amendments to committee members and Club Presidents no less than five (5) days prior to the Convention. The Chairman of the Constitution Committee shall report on all proposed amendments to the Convention and provide the Committee's recommendation with regard to same, as well as any other information the Committee deems appropriate. Each amendment shall require at least a two-thirds affirmative vote of the seated Delegates of the State Convention.

### **Section 2. Amendments to the By-Laws**

- a. Amendments to the By-Laws may be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee with no fewer than the signatures of ten persons. To warrant consideration, By-Laws amendments must be submitted to The Board at least 14

days prior to the Board meeting at which they are first considered, at which point the Board shall consider, but not vote on the proposed changes. The Board shall not have the power to approve By-Laws changes until the subsequent Board meeting, and only after the membership of the Texas Young Republican Federation has had at least 21 days notice of the proposed By-Laws changes being voted on at a board meeting of the TYRF. No amendment to the By-Laws shall be adopted except by a two-thirds vote of those Board members present at the subsequent TYRF Board meeting following the Board meeting at which the changes were first considered. This section shall take effect December 31, 2015.

- b. Amendments to the By-Laws may be submitted in writing to the By-Laws Committee with no fewer than the signatures of ten persons. This committee shall be appointed by the Chairman no fewer than 30 days following the conclusion of the Convention. This committee shall be the custodian of the By-Laws and shall make recommendations to the Board and/or the Convention as appropriate.
- c. Amendments to the By-laws may be submitted to the Chair of the By-Laws Committee in writing 14 days prior to Convention to be eligible to be approved by a two-thirds vote of the Convention. Amendments submitted under this subsection are not required to receive signatures of ten persons but shall be distributed to Club Presidents in similar manner to Constitutional amendments as described under Section 1 of this Article.
- d. The Constitution Committee and By-laws Committee shall coordinate to amend any By-laws which will conflict with Constitutional Amendments approved under Section 1 of this Article. These By-laws amendments are subject to approval by a majority vote of the Convention.

Amended August 18, 2007, at the State Convention in Austin, Texas.

Amended August 6, 2011, at the State Convention in Houston, Texas.

Amended August 18, 2012, at the State Convention in Fort Worth, Texas.

Amended August 15, 2015, at the State Convention in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Amended August 20, 2016, at the State Convention in Austin, Texas.

Amended August 12, 2017, at the State Convention in The Woodlands, Texas.

Amended September 22, 2018, at the State Convention in South Padre Island, Texas.