

BYLAWS OF THE OKLAHOMA FEDERATION OF YOUNG REPUBLICANS

ARTICLE I – NAME AND PURPOSE

SECTION ONE: This organization shall be known as the Oklahoma Federation of Young Republicans (OFYR).

SECTION TWO: The purpose of the OFYR shall be:

- a. To develop a statewide aggressive and productive Young Republican organization.
- b. To create, charter, supervise, and coordinate Young Republican clubs throughout the state of Oklahoma.
- c. To direct, manage, supervise, and control its business, property, and funds and to do all other things necessary or convenient to carry out its objectives.
- d. To attract young men and women into the Republican Party and provide them with a practical means of Republican Party participation, leadership training, and political involvement at all levels of government.
- e. To provide a practical means by which the Young Republicans throughout the State of Oklahoma may effectively contribute to the betterment of the Republican Party, the United States of America, the state of Oklahoma, and the various political subdivisions of the State of Oklahoma.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION ONE: The Federation shall be comprised of local Young Republican organizations chartered by OFYR pursuant to these bylaws and individual members within the geographical boundaries of the State of Oklahoma.

SECTION TWO: Individual members of OFYR must at least eighteen (18) years of age and no older than forty (40) years of age.

SECTION THREE: Individual members of OFYR must reside and be registered as a Republican voter in the State of Oklahoma.

SECTION FOUR: In counties where an OFYR chartered club does not exist, individuals may be classified as at-large members. When the number of at-large members in a single county meets the number five (5), it shall be recommended by the State Chairman that those individuals form a county club.

ARTICLE III – CHAPTERS

SECTION ONE: OFYR shall review new club charter petitions and charter all chapters appropriately from the time of acceptance thru March of the next odd numbered year.

SECTION TWO: In odd numbered years, OFYR shall issue a biennial club charters to local Young Republican organizations that provide to the Secretary by the first of March an updated membership roster containing at least five (5) members who meet OFYR membership requirements; governing documents that comply with the membership and operative requirements of OFYR; and any monetary dues as proscribed by the State Committee.

SECTION THREE: By accepting a charter from the OFYR each chartered club ratifies and agrees to be bound by the OFYR bylaws and any amendments. In addition, by accepting a charter from the OFYR each chartered club agrees to be bound by, and must comply with, its own governing documents.

SECTION FOUR: Local Young Republican organizations may be chartered as a County Chapter or a Regional Chapter. County Chapters shall comprise one entire County. Regional Chapters shall encompass entire specific consecutive counties. Preference shall be given to the formation of County Chapters over Regional Chapters. No more than one county club per county shall be chartered under the OFYR.

SECTION FIVE: In the event that a county currently chartered within a regional club petitions to charter as a county chapter and is approved, that county shall be removed from the regional charter. However, no additional impact or ramifications shall occur until recertification.

SECTION SIX: The OFYR Executive Board shall have authority to suspend or revoke the charter of any chartered club, as provided in the OFYR bylaws, if that club fails to comply with any provision of the OFYR bylaws or if that club

fails to follow generally accepted standards of club conduct within the OFYR. The OFYR Executive Board shall have sole discretion to determine what are generally accepted standards of club conduct within the OFYR.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

SECTION ONE: All officers shall serve without compensation. However, the Executive Board may provide for the reimbursement of expenses incurred in the execution of any officer’s official duties.

SECTION TWO: The OFYR shall be governed by a central committee of elected officers comprised of:

- a. Chairman, who shall serve as the chief executive officer, spokesperson, and fundraiser of OFYR; who shall preside over all meetings of the Central Committee, Executive Board and State Committee, voting only in order to break a tie; who shall represent OFYR to the public at-large; and who shall designate, with the approval of the Executive Board, gender-appropriate representatives to the various governing boards and committees of the national Young Republican organization.
- b. Vice Chairman, who shall assume the Chairmanship should said office become vacant due to resignation, removal, or any other circumstances and shall serve as Chairman until the next OFYR State Convention; who shall preside over meetings of the Central Committee, Executive Board and State Committee in the absence of the Chairman; who shall retain a vote on the State Committee upon assuming the office of Chairman until a new Vice Chairman is seated; who shall, in coordination with and under the direction of the Chairman, serve as OFYR’s principal membership coordinator; and who shall act on behalf of the Chairman pursuant to written approval of the Chairman.
- c. Secretary, who shall serve as the chief documentation officer of OFYR; who shall have general charge of the documentation, records, and correspondence of the OFYR that is not directly financial in nature; who shall oversee the maintenance and timely publication of minutes of meetings of all meetings of the organization; who shall oversee appropriate certification procedures for local Young Republican organizations; who shall maintain the official membership roster; and who shall assist with any certification processes related to the national Young Republicans organization.

- d. Treasurer, who shall serve as the chief financial officer of OFYR; who shall be charged with the supervision and oversight of all monetary and financial accounting and reporting for OFYR; who shall present an annual report to the State Committee on the state of the finances of OFYR, or at the request of the State Committee at any regularly called meeting; and who shall be authorized to disburse OFYR funds with the consent of the Chairman not to exceed \$49.99 and who shall be authorized to disburse OFYR funds in excess of fifty dollars (\$50.00) with the consent of the Executive Board; and who shall be responsible for all necessary external financial reporting and regulatory action on behalf of OFYR.
- e. National Committeeman, who shall represent the OFYR at all Nation Federation of Young Republicans events and meetings; shall serve as liaison between the Nation Federation of Young Republicans and the OFYR; who shall communicate with the national committee members from other state organizations to provide support to county and state event organizers.
- f. National Committeewoman, who shall represent the OFYR at all Nation Federation of Young Republicans events and meetings; shall serve as liaison between the Nation Federation of Young Republicans and the OFYR; who shall communicate with the national committee members from other state organizations to provide support to county and state event organizers.

SECTION THREE: The Central Committee shall convene no less than one (1) time per quarter to attend to the business of OFYR. The Central Committee shall make any recommendations they deem necessary to the Executive Board.

SECTION FOUR: For the purposes of the orderly functioning of the organization, the Central Committee may vote by a 3/4 majority to expend no more than \$250 per quarter. Any such expense must be documented to the Executive Board. If the Executive Board fails to approve the expense at the next scheduled meeting, the Central Committee's expending authority shall be deemed revoked for the following quarter.

ARTICLE V - EXECUTIVE BOARD

SECTION ONE: The OFYR shall be governed by an Executive Board comprised of officers including:

- a. The six (6) members of the Central Committee (Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, National Committeeman, and National Committeewoman).
- b. Congressional District Vice Chairs, who shall serve as representatives for each congressional district within the State of Oklahoma. The District Vice Chairs shall be elected at each state convention. If the office is vacant, it shall be filled by a recommendation from the State Chairman and the approval of the Executive Board. The Vice Chairs shall fulfill the following duties:
 - a. Act as a liaison between the OFYR Executive Board and the club chapters in their Congressional District.
 - b. Act as a point of contact and resource for new potential club chapters in their Congressional District. Congressional District Vice-Chairs will actively recruit Young Republicans and build chapters.
 - c. Shall work to implement the direction of the OFYR Executive Board and State Committee in their respective congressional districts.
- c. Appointees, who shall serve on the Executive Board. The State Chairman and the State Vice-Chairman shall appoint three (3) Young Republicans each to serve on the Executive Board. Each appointee may be given a portfolio of work to be determined by the Executive Board.

SECTION TWO: The Executive Board shall convene no less than one (1) time per quarter to attend to the business of OFYR. Meeting information shall be transmitted by the Secretary to the Executive Board. If cancelled due to emergency situations the meeting must be rescheduled within fourteen (14) calendar days of the cancelled meeting date. Any business transacted via teleconference or email shall be entered into the official meeting minutes. Members of the Executive Board may designate their proxy to another member of the Executive Board. The Secretary must be notified by the absent member prior to the call to order of the meeting.

SECTION THREE: Should an office of the Executive Board become vacant at any time the appointing authority, whether it be the Chairman or Vice Chairman, shall be authorized to appoint a replacement with the consent of the

Executive Board, shown by a majority vote, to serve until the next State Convention.

SECTION FOUR: Should the Executive Board, in its entirety, become vacant at any time the State Committee shall be authorized to appoint an Interim Board by a majority vote at any regularly called State Committee Meeting, to serve until the next State Convention.

SECTION FIVE: Members of the Executive Board shall meet the requirements of membership in OFYR and shall serve until the next State Convention.

SECTION SIX: Members of the Executive Board shall be subject to removal by the State Committee for dereliction of duties and responsibilities, failure to meet OFYR membership requirements, or negligence in execution of responsibilities and duties as enumerated in these bylaws.

- a. The process whereby a member of the Executive Board shall be removed shall be initiated by a motion of a member of the State Committee, so moved in a duly-convened meeting of the State Committee and accompanied by a written statement of justification and reasoning for submission of said motion. Upon introduction of the motion to remove said motion shall be postponed by the presiding officer of the State Committee to an extraordinary meeting day, time, and location certain within fourteen (14) calendar days of the meeting at which the motion originated.
- b. The extraordinary meeting agenda of the State Committee shall consist of a call to order; verification of quorum by the committee secretary; presentation of the statement of justification and reasoning; testimonial of the officer subject to removal; and calling of the removal question. Should a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the committee vote in favor to remove; the office shall be vacated.

ARTICLE VI – STATE COMMITTEE

SECTION ONE: A State Committee shall advise the Executive Board and serve as a forum and means of communicating issues related to OFYR, and shall serve as a decision-making body on questions delegated to it by the governing documents, the Executive Board, and as may arise.

SECTION TWO: The State Committee shall be comprised of the Executive Board officers, the Chairman of each club organization, or a proxy designated

by the county organization. Counties that do not possess a local Young Republican organization may be represented by State Committee members nominated by the Chairman and confirmed by the Executive Board; said nominees must be at-large members.

SECTION THREE: The State Committee shall be required to convene at least two (2) times in odd-numbered years and at least one (1) time in even-numbered years with fourteen (14) calendar days' notice and may be convened extraordinarily by a majority of the Executive Board with seven (7) calendar days' notice.

SECTION FOUR: The State Committee shall approve any recommendations from the Executive Board regarding the composition of delegations to conventions of the national Young Republican organization; shall determine the dollar amount of annual dues at the first meeting of each calendar year; and shall grant temporary exceptions to the rule regarding dues payments from local Young Republican organizations and regarding chartering requirements of local Young Republican organizations at its discretion.

SECTION FIVE: The State Committee shall appoint officers of the State Convention to include a Convention Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Parliamentarian, and Rules and Credentials committee chairs.

SECTION SIX: A quorum shall consist of one-third of State Committee members.

ARTICLE VII – CONVENTIONS

SECTION ONE: OFYR will maintain an open delegation to the Oklahoma Republican Party State Convention. Any member of the OFYR may submit, in writing, their intent to attend said convention to the OFYR Executive Board at a time to be set by the OFYR Executive Board.

When the deadline to receive applications to attend the OKGOP State Convention has passed, the OFYR Executive Board shall convene for the purpose of selecting delegates to the OKGOP State Convention.

SECTION TWO: An OFYR State Convention must be held at least biennially.

SECTION THREE: A State Convention may be called by a majority vote of the State Committee or by a unanimous vote of the Executive Board.

SECTION FOUR: No less than two (2) months may elapse between the call for convention and the convening of a state convention.

SECTION FIVE: The Executive Board shall have general charge over the planning and execution of a called State Convention.

SECTION SIX: The Executive Board may appoint a planning committee. The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall preside over this committee. The planning committee serves at the will of the Executive Board.

SECTION SEVEN: Attendance and delegation to the State Convention shall be as follow:

- a. Chartered chapters shall have the right to determine the delegates and type of delegation sent to OFYR conventions.
- b. Delegates to a State Convention must meet the membership requirements of OFYR.
- c. Chartered chapters may determine convention delegates by way of an Open Delegation or a Delegate-Alternate Delegation.
- d. An Open Delegation is one which allows all qualified delegates that meet the membership requirements established by that club to vote at OFYR conventions. The list of those persons selected as part of an Open Delegation must be submitted to the OFYR Secretary at least seven (7) days prior to the respective convention.
- e. A Delegate-Alternate delegation is one in which the number of delegates matches the allocated votes of the chartered club at OFYR conventions. The list of those persons elected as a delegate or alternate must be submitted to the OFYR Secretary at least seven (7) days prior to the respective convention.
- f. Young Republicans that meet the requirements of the OFYR as At-Large members shall be affirmed as At-Large delegates by the OFYR Executive Board at least seven (7) Days before any OFYR Convention.
- g. A list of authorized delegates shall be made available to any delegate running for an OFYR Executive Office that requests said information within five (5) days before any OFYR convention from which a list is manufactured. The list of authorized delegates shall be used for convention business only.

- h. In the event that there is conflict between a potential delegate that meets membership within the OFYR and their respective club, the Credentials Committee of the respective OFYR Convention shall have the authority to convene and decide the question by a super majority vote.

SECTION EIGHT: The allocation of votes at the State Convention shall be:

- a. At-Large and Chartered counties shall be allotted five (5) base votes
- b. Chartered Clubs shall additionally be allotted fifteen (15) votes.
- c. Delegates may cast whole votes or fractional votes determined by club delegation. No single delegate may cast more than two (2) votes.

ARTICLE VIII – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

SECTION ONE: The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the organization may adopt.

ARTICLE IX – REPUBLICAN CONTESTS

SECTION ONE: OFYR shall not take an official stance on any inter-Republican primary contests.

SECTION TWO: Inter-Republican primary contents shall mean any election between two registered Republicans.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS

SECTION ONE: These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all duly-seated voting delegates present at a State Convention.

SECTION TWO: Amendments may be introduced by any member of OFYR and must be introduced in a meeting of a Bylaws Committee that shall convene no later than one (1) week prior to the State Convention.

SECTION THREE: The Bylaws Committee shall be chaired by a member of the Executive Board who has the consent of the Executive Board, who shall vote only in the case of a tie, and shall be comprised of no more than three (3) Young Republicans appointed by the Chairman, no more than three (3) Young Republicans appointed by a majority vote of the State Committee.

SECTION FOUR: Any amendments ratified are effective upon adjournment of the State Convention at which the same ratification was attained.