

# **THE SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF YOUNG REPUBLICANS**

## **Bylaws**

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **Section 1: Address**

The mailing address of the South Carolina Federation of Young Republicans, hereinafter referred to as the Federation or SCFYR, shall be care of the address of the Chairman of the Federation

#### **Section 2: Effective Date**

These Bylaws shall become effective on February 2007.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **Federation Membership**

#### **Section 1: Eligibility**

Membership in the Federation shall be available to any Young Republican Club within the State of South Carolina upon compliance with the following conditions:

1. A membership of at least ten (10) persons not over the age of forty nor under the age of eighteen as of the date of application who are registered to vote in the state of South Carolina.
2. The words "Young Republican" or "Young Republican Club" shall be included in the name of the organization.
3. The organization shall adopt a Constitution and/or Bylaws not inconsistent with those of the Federation.

The organization shall pay a chartering fee as provided for in these Bylaws.

## **Section 2: Application and Renewal of Charters**

A charter may be granted by a majority of members of the Board of Directors in attendance at a duly called Board Meeting to any organization which meets the membership requirements set forth in Article II, Section 1 hereof. Applications for charters shall be made by registered mail to the Chairman of the Federation, in person at a meeting of the Board of Directors, or at the Convention.

Each application shall include a copy of the Club Constitution and/or Bylaws in effect, evidence of regular meetings (e.g. meeting minutes, past speakers, club activities), a list of members (including each member's name, address, email address, phone, and date of birth) and payment of five dollars (\$5.00) per person for all voting members. If the member states that they do not have an e-mail address or phone, that requirement is waived. All charter applications shall be submitted to the next meeting of the Board of Directors, and charters shall become effective upon approval of the majority of the Directors.

All charters expire on the day of the State Convention. A charter is renewed by submitting to the Chairman or any member of the Credentials Committee and to Chairman of the Federation, by the deadline set forth in Article II, Section 3 or by March 25th, whichever is sooner, a current copy of the Club's Constitution and/or Bylaws, if changed, five dollars (\$5.00) per voting member, and a list of members as specified above. The Club's Board of Directors shall have approved the membership list. Upon approval of the renewal materials by said Credentials Committee, the Board of Directors will vote on the Committee's recommendation before the beginning of the Convention.

## **Section 3: Voting Members**

In order to be a voting member in a State chartered Club, a person must have personally satisfied the membership obligations of the Club within the past twelve 12 months and meet all other qualifications of the Club, the Federation, and the Young Republican National Federation. A person may not be a voting member in more than one SC Young Republican Club. Each voting member must be a registered voter in the State of South Carolina. Each person must meet the age requirement of eighteen to forty inclusively.

## **Section 4: Deadlines for Chartering and Re-Chartering for purposes of the State Convention.**

Each Club shall be notified of the date and location of the State Convention at least eight (8) weeks prior to the State Convention. Four (4) weeks prior to the State Convention or by March 25th, whichever is sooner, shall be the deadline for receipt of all charter renewal materials (as prescribed in Article II, Section 2) for a Club to be seated at the State Convention with a maximum delegation. Three (3) weeks prior to the State Convention each club shall be notified as to how many delegates they are allotted. One (1) week prior to the State Convention each club shall present the Federation with their delegate and alternate list.

Clubs chartering at the Convention shall be allowed two (2) delegates at the Convention. The chartering materials shall be either delivered in person or sent by first class mail to the Chairman of the Federation and to the Chairman or any member of the Credentials Committee. The Chairman shall inform each Club Chairman of the number of members for each Club, which is chartering or re-chartering.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **Federation Officers & Board of Directors**

#### **Section 1: Appointed Positions**

The Chairman may designate from among the voting members of State chartered Clubs one or more standing committees. Such committees shall fulfill such duties and exercise such powers as the Chairman shall request or delegate. Chairmen of such committees shall be entitled to a vote on the board of the federation upon a confirmation vote by the board.

In addition, the Chairman may appoint voting members of State chartered clubs to various individual positions as needed to promote the federation and its goals to the YRNF Convention. The Chairman shall appoint (5) Regional Vice-Chairman; they will be one member per State Region. These regions are defined as Upstate, Midlands, Peedee, Low Country, and Gran Strand. These appointments are to be voted on by the Federation Board of Directors by a majority vote at the Board meeting immediately following such appointments. These individual positions shall be entitled to a vote on the board of the Federation upon a confirmation vote by the board.

#### **Section 2: Duties of Appointees**

Appointed positions, standing committee chairs, committee members, and SC regional Vice Chairmen (5) shall serve at the discretion of the Chairman. The (5) SC regional Vice Chairmen shall be a conduit/liaison between the Board of Directors and their respected YR clubs in their region. Their duties are to assist the local Yr Clubs in any manner needed. They may be appointed or removed at any time.

#### **Section 3: Additional Provisions Related to Elected Officers**

In case of the removal or resignation of the Chairman, the Co-Chairman shall assume the office of Chairman. If there is no Co-Chairman, the secretary should be compelled to call a special meeting. The board shall elect a new Chairman within 45 days of the removal or resignation by a majority vote.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **Meetings & Voting**

#### **Section 1: Regular Meetings**

The Board of Directors shall meet regularly as provided in the Constitution at the call of the Chairman at such time and place, as the Chairman shall designate. Notice of the time and place of regular meetings shall be given in writing to Board members at least one (1) month in advance of the meeting.

A quorum for the transaction of any business shall be provided in the Constitution, Article V, Section 3. If a quorum is present and except as otherwise specifically provided in these Bylaws or the Constitution, the Board may act upon a majority vote of those Board members present at the meeting.

#### **Section 2: Proxy Voting**

Proxy voting by a member of the Federation Board of Directors shall be allowed at any time, provided that a proxy shall only be permitted if presented in writing and signed by the absent voting Board member. Any other board member may hold a proxy, and in the case of a club chairman, a voting member of the absent voting Board member's Club may exercise a proxy. The maximum number of proxies anyone may hold for others is one (1). Taking all proxies into consideration, no board member may have more than two votes. The Chairman may not hold a proxy.

#### **Section 3: Special Meetings**

Special Meetings may be called by the Chairman, or upon request of a majority of the Board, after no less than seven (7) days written notice to all members of the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 4: Accountability**

Chartered Clubs are required to participate in the Federation through participation by their representatives in regular meetings of the Federation Board of Directors. If the representative of any State chartered Club (either directly or by proxy) fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors; the charter of such nonparticipating Club shall be revoked. Upon failure to attend two consecutive regular meetings, a State chartered Club shall be entitled to notice of the consequences of failure to attend at least two (2) months prior to the next regular Board meeting. A roll call shall be made at all board meetings.

A Club at the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors, who may overturn a revocation, by a majority vote, may appeal revocation of a charter.

#### **Section 5: Vacancies**

The Chairman may remove appointed positions and standing committee chairmen of the Federation at any time. Elected officers of the Federation may be removed only for cause and upon a vote of 2/3 of the Board in favor of such removal. As used in this Section, "for cause"

means due to violations of the law, for actions in which such Board member derived improper personal benefit, or for failure to perform his or her duties as set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws.

Any vacancy of an elected Federation officer shall be filled within 45 days of death, resignation or removal of an elected officer, by means of an election among the voting board members. There shall be no temporary appointments to these positions. In the event of a vacancy, the Secretary shall give a thirty- (30) days' notice of the upcoming election to all members of the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Amendments of by-laws; Referendum**

The Board of Directors shall have the power to alter, amend or repeal the Bylaws or adopt new Bylaws as provided in the Constitution Article X.

Provisions of the Bylaws may also be altered, amended or repealed and new Bylaws adopted by referendum of the Federation's voting members. A referendum shall be conducted upon presentation to the Board of a petition signed by thirty-three percent (33%) of the number of voting members in all State chartered Clubs as of the date of the last convention, containing signatures from at least five (5) State chartered Clubs, Upon presentation of such a petition, the Board of Directors shall authorize the submission of the matter to the Federation's voting members. Each Club's representative at the next regular Board meeting shall present results of voting by the members. Votes by the members of a Club whose representative fails to attend the next regular Board meeting shall be counted as "nays" for purposes of the referendum. A referendum shall pass upon approval of sixty-six percent (66%) of the number of voting members in all State chartered Clubs.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Convention Delegates**

Every properly State chartered Club shall be entitled to one (1) delegate and alternate for each five (5) members (or major fraction thereof). Only voting members as defined in Article II, Section 2 hereunder may count for the purpose of delegate allotment. The number of voting members used for allotment calculations shall be the number submitted by each club with the charter or charter renewal application. A list that contains more than ten percent (10%) of persons who are not qualified to be members of the Federation shall be presumed (inclusively) to be a fraudulent list. Submission of a fraudulent membership list shall be grounds for immediate revocation of a Club's charter.

Each Club shall determine the manner in which delegates and alternates are named, so long as such delegates and alternates meet the requirement of voting membership.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Judicial Process**

#### ***Section 1. Vesting of Judicial Authority***

The judicial authority of the Clubs chartered by the South Carolina Federation of Young Republicans shall be vested in the Executive Committee of each duly State Chartered Club and the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Federation of Young Republicans

#### ***Section 2. Appellate Jurisdiction of Board of Directors of the South Carolina Federation of Young Republicans***

The Board of Directors of the South Carolina Federation of Young Republicans' jurisdiction of appeals from the decisions and rulings of the Executive Committee of each duly State Chartered Club. All appeals to the Board of Directors shall be in the manner and form prescribed by the Constitution of the SCFYR or these bylaws.

Any member or Club appealing to the Board of Directors may, at the discretion of the Chairman of the SCFYR Board of Directors, have the right to be heard in person or by representative in support of his or its appeal.

#### ***Section 3. Original Jurisdiction of Board of Directors of the South Carolina Federation of Young Republicans and all duly State Chartered Clubs***

The Board of Directors of the SCFYR shall have original jurisdiction of all controversies and disputes arising between one State Chartered Club and another State Chartered Club, or a member of another State Chartered Club, or between a State Chartered Club or member and a SCFYR Officer, and shall have authority to punish by fine or otherwise any State Chartered Club for violation of the bylaws of the SCFYR. The Board of Directors shall also have the power to interpret and construe this Constitution and the bylaws of the SCFYR; and, the ruling of this Board upon any question shall be law, until reversed by action of the National Federation of Young Republicans.

#### ***Section 4. Expense of Appeals***

The cost and expense of all appeals shall be taxed to the losing party and the Board of Directors of the SCFYR, at its discretion, require a bond sufficient to cover all expenses to be executed by the appealing party. This provision is not intended to cover any expenses incurred by the parties themselves in prosecuting or defending appeals.

#### ***Section 5. Status of Decisions and Rulings***

The decision and rulings of the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Federation of Young Republicans shall be in writing, and shall stand as law until overruled or reversed, and shall be regarded as precedents upon all matters of a similar nature.

### ***Section 6. Clerk of Appeals***

The Secretary of the SCFYR shall act as clerk of all appeals, and shall keep a record of all appeals and shall preserve and file all the decisions rendered, and shall keep an account of all expenses incurred, and shall collect same from the losing party.

### ***Section 7. Representation***

Any member or club shall have the right to choose whom to represent a party in an appeal. Representative need not be a member of the South Carolina Federation of Young Republicans.

### ***Section 8. Hearings and Appeals***

#### ***Club Officers and Active Members – Procedure***

All club officers and active members may be tried for offenses against the bylaws of the SCFYR, either by the State Chartered club in which they belong or the Board of Directors of the SCFYR. A written complaint or charge, setting forth in detail the matter complained of shall be filed with either the Club's Secretary or the Secretary for the SCFYR Republicans in duplicate. The respective Secretary at the next regular meeting of the Club in which the accused is a member shall read this complaint and one copy shall be sent to the accused member at the member's address denoted on the member's official application for membership. The accused member shall be required to plead "guilty" or "not guilty" to the charge at the next regularly scheduled Club meeting where said accused is a member if the charges are brought forth by the individual Club. If charges are brought by the SCFYR Board, the accused member shall be required to plead "guilty" or "not guilty" to the charge at the next regularly scheduled SCFYR Board meeting or at a specially called meeting if so called. In case of a plea of "guilty" the Club or Board shall immediately fix the punishment by a majority vote, except that it shall require a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Club or Board to expel. In case of a plea of "not guilty", the accused shall be granted a hearing at the next regular meeting of the Club or Board of Directors unless a special meeting is called to address the issue. The member shall be allowed to choose anyone to represent him/her, or they may present their own case. The Club or Board Chairman shall appoint some member of the Club or board to prosecute the charge. The accused shall be granted a full and complete hearing regarding all phases of the charge(s). After the hearing, the accused shall withdraw from the hearing room and a vote shall be taken. It shall require a three-fourths (3/4) vote of all present to render a verdict of guilty. If a verdict of guilty is rendered the Club or Board shall, by a majority vote, determine the punishment, except that it shall require a three-fourths (3/4) vote of all members present to expel. After the punishment has been decided upon, the accused shall be brought back into the hearing room and the verdict and punishment announced by the Club Chairman and the accused shall be advised of his right of appeal.

#### ***Appeals to the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Federation of Young Republicans***

An active member against whom a State Chartered Club has rendered a verdict of guilty may appeal to the Board of Directors of the SCFYR. The member shall give notice in writing by certified mail to the Club and to the Chairman of the SCFYR Board of Directors within thirty-(30) days of receiving official notice of guilt from the Club. Immediately upon receipt of such notice, the Club Chairman shall make up a transcript of the case and ten (10) copies thereof, containing the complaint or charge, the plea, a summary of the evidence, the finding of the club and the punishment fixed, and send the same to the Chairman of the SCFYR Board of Directors.

Each side shall within thirty (30) days from the service of the notice of appeal, prepare and file with the Chairman of the SCFYR Board of Directors a brief and argument, and ten (10) copies thereof, setting forth the matters relied on in support of their position. Either side may request a personal hearing, which shall be incorporated into their brief and argument. The Chairman of the SCFYR Board of Directors shall, upon receipt of those briefs, mail a copy of the transcript, and a copy of each of the briefs and arguments to each of the other members of the SCFYR Board of Directors. The Chairman of the SCFYR Board of Directors shall determine whether to grant a personal hearing, thereupon affixing a time and place for hearing, if granted. Due notice shall be given to the all parties stating whether or not a personal hearing has been granted and if so granted stating the time and place where such hearing shall be held. After a full hearing, the SCFYR Board of Directors, shall affirm, modify or reverse the decision of the Club. Either party may appear in person or by counsel and shall be entitled to make an argument.

In case an active member appeals from the punishment fixed after a plea of "guilty", the same procedure shall be followed.

### ***Original Case before the South Carolina Federation of Young Republicans Board of Directors***

In all cases where the SCFYR Clubs Board of Directors has original jurisdiction, actions may be instituted by filing with the Chairman of the SCFYR Board of Directors a written complaint or charge setting forth the nature of the complaint or charge, together with ten (10) copies thereof. The Chairman of the SCFYR Board of Directors shall immediately send one of the copies to the opposite party by registered mail, who shall then without further notice be required to file with the Chairman of the SCFYR Board of Directors within twenty (20) days after receiving a copy of the complaint, an answer in writing, together ten (10) copies thereof, setting forth any matters in defense of the complaint or charge. The Executive Director shall send one copy of said answer to the complaint party, and within thirty (30) days after the filing of said answer, each party shall file with the Chairman of the SCFYR Board of Directors a brief and argument in support of their position, together with ten (10) copies thereof, which shall also state whether or not a personal hearing is requested. Upon receipt of the briefs and arguments, the Chairman of the SCFYR Board of Directors shall send to each member of the SCFYR Board of Directors a copy of the complaint, answer and the briefs and arguments. The Chairman of the SCFYR Board of Directors shall thereupon fix a time and place of hearing of which due notice shall be given by the Executive Director, which notice shall also state whether a personal hearing has been requested. At the time and place fixed, a full hearing shall be had and each party offered an opportunity of presenting evidence, and of oral argument, and may be represented by any member of the SCFYR. At the close of the hearing, the Board of Directors shall make their finding, which shall be in writing and be made a matter of permanent record.

### ***Finality of South Carolina Federation of Young Republicans Decisions***

All Decisions made by the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Federation of Young Republicans are final unless addressed by the National Federation of Young Republicans on their own accord and in its own discretion.

### ***Form of Appeal***

All papers in trials and appeals shall be typewritten and shall be upon uniform legal cap size paper.

### ***Bond***

The Board of Directors of the SCFYR may in any case require the appealing party to give bond with competent sureties conditioned to secure the payment of all expenses of the appeal in case they are taxed to him or it.

### ***Independent Investigation***

The Board of Directors of the SCFYR may make such independent investigation of any case presented to it, or appeal, as it may see fit, and the expense thereof be charged to the losing party.

### ***Procedure after Suspension or Expulsion***

In case of the suspension or expulsion of the member of any State Chartered Club of the SCFYR, the member's name shall be stricken from the rolls of the SCFYR and the individual State Chartered Club, and his/her membership certificate shall be taken up and canceled if so issued. Suspended or expelled members shall forfeit their membership fee and shall be prohibited from joining any other Club chartered by the SCFYR. During any suspension or expulsion period, any suspended or expelled member shall in no case use the name, emblem or insignia of the SCFYR in any manner, whatsoever.

### ***Precedent Decisions***

All decisions of the SCFYR Board of Directors shall be considered as precedents in the consideration or subsequent cases involving the same or similar questions.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Dispute Resolution Procedure**

***Section 1*** - Any dispute over the identity of any officer, outcome or validity of any election, or matter pertaining to any constitutional provision or by-law, of the SCFYR or of any State Chartered Club, shall be resolved in accordance with the following dispute resolution procedure:

Any party to such a dispute may initiate proceedings under this Article by filing a written complaint with the SCFYR Chairman by delivering such complaint to the SCFYR headquarters. Any such complaint must be postmarked no later than thirty (30) days following the incident, election, or other event from which the dispute arises.

If the dispute pertains to the SCFYR Chairman, the complaint shall be filed with the Counsel to the Board of Directors by delivering such complaint to the Counsel's home address of record.

Any such complaint must be postmarked no later than thirty (30) days following the incident, election, or other event from which the dispute arises. A copy of any such complaint shall be delivered, in the same manner, to the South Carolina Federation of Young Republicans headquarters.

No later than fourteen (14) days following receipt of any complaint filed in accordance with this article, the SCFYR Chairman (or Co-Chairman in a dispute involving the Chairman) shall appoint a Committee to investigate the dispute and make a final decision. The Committee shall be composed of five (5) members; two (2) of which shall be appointed pursuant to a recommendation by the Complainant, and two (2) of which shall be appointed pursuant to a recommendation by the Respondent (or Respondents collectively). The other four members, acting jointly, within fourteen (14) days following the date on which the last of such members is appointed shall appoint the fifth member. If the four members do not agree on a fifth member with such time, the SCFYR Chairman shall immediately appoint the immediate Past Chairman of the SCFYR; if the immediate Past Chairman of the SCFYR is no longer an active member of a duly State Chartered Young Republican organization, the SCFYR Chairman shall appoint any current SCFYR Officer.

The five (5) members of a Committee appointed pursuant to subsection (c) shall select by majority vote, within five days of the date on which the last of the Committee members is appointed, a Chairman of the Committee, who shall preside at all meetings of the Committee, based on a majority vote of the Committee. Within five (5) days of appointment, the Chairman shall send notice, by certified mail, to the members of the Committee of a hearing to be held by the Committee within thirty (30) days of such notice. Any such hearing shall be held within the state of South Carolina. A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of conducting the hearing.

At any hearing held pursuant to subsection (d), all parties to the dispute shall be permitted to appear before the Committee and present evidence, including oral and written testimony, in accordance with procedures approved by a majority of the members of the Committee. Audio or video recordings of any such hearing shall be permitted at the request of any party to the dispute, and shall be made a part of the hearing record. The Chairman of the Committee shall designate a member of the Committee to take minutes of the hearing and to preserve all evidence presented, which shall be included in the hearing record. The entire hearing record shall be made available to any Member of the Committee no later than thirty (30) days following a request therefore. The Committee shall issue a final decision, in writing, and shall send such a decision to all parties to the dispute and to the SCFYR Chairman (or Co-Chairman in a dispute involving the Chairman), no later than sixty (60) days following the conclusion of the hearing. A minority of the members of the Committee, in whole or in part, may issue a dissenting opinion. A final decision of a Committee appointed in accordance with this Article shall be binding on all parties unless appealed in accordance with subsection (g).

Any party to a dispute aggrieved by a final decision may appeal such final decision, in whole or in part, by filing a written appeal with the SCFYR Chairman by delivering such appeal to the SCFYR headquarters. Any such appeal must be postmarked no later than thirty (30) days following the date on which the final decision is issued. An appeal of a final decision relating to a dispute involving the SCFYR or any Officer thereof shall be decided by majority vote of the SCFYR at the next duly called meeting thereof. An appeal of a final decision relating to a dispute involving an individual club shall be decided by majority vote of the Chairmen of the individually chartered Young Republican Clubs within the state of South Carolina at the next duly called

meeting of the SCFYR, provided it meets quorum. For purposes of any such appeal, quorum shall be a majority of all club chairmen from the state of South Carolina.

1. **Section 2** - No later than thirty (30) days following a decision of the SCFYR with respect to an appeal under Section 1(g), or upon failure to appoint a Committee under Section 1 (c), failure to conduct a hearing under Section 1 (d) and (e), failure to issue a final decision under Section 1 (f), or failure to decide an appeal under Section 1 (g), within the time periods specified in those sections, any party to the dispute may request arbitration by the American Arbitration Association (hereinafter "AAA") under the rules of the AAA. The hearing record shall be made available to the AAA. In such arbitration the losing party, as determined by the AAA, shall be responsible for all cost imposed by the AAA, unless otherwise determined by the AAA. Any final decision, or ruling, of the AAA shall be binding on all parties and enforceable in any Court of competent jurisdiction within South Carolina. The party initiating arbitration shall be responsible for making an initial deposit in an amount required to initiate proceedings by the AAA, but all parties shall be required to share equally in the incremental costs imposed by the AAA unless otherwise determined by the AAA.
2. **Section 3** - All officers of the SCFYR, members of the Board of Directors and all officers of the State Chartered South Carolina Young Republicans, as a condition of accepting and holding office, elected or appointed, in their respective organizations, agree to be bound by these provisions and any officer, elected or appointed, refusing to participate in such proceedings or to accept the result of any final decision arising in accordance with these provisions shall automatically forfeit any office or claim to such office in the SCFYR and any State Chartered Club.

**Section 4** - Until a pending dispute is finally resolved in accordance with the procedures established by this Article, any Committee on Credentials appointed in accordance with Article VI, of these SCFYR Constitution, shall give due deference to the presumption in favor of any South Carolina Young Republican Club chartered by the SCFYR and the officers thereof as duly recognized at the preceding SCFYR Convention convened in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and by-laws of the SCFYR, but may take into consideration the outcome of any relevant dispute which has been finally resolved in accordance with the procedures established by this Article subsequent to the preceding SCFYR convention.

#### ***Section 5: Cancellation of Charters***

3. The SCFYR, at any duly convened meeting, may consider the outcome of any dispute resolved in accordance with the procedures established by Article VI - Dispute Resolution Procedure, or the failure of any party (or parties) to a dispute to participate in such proceedings or to accept the result of any final decision arising in accordance with such provisions, and as a result of any such outcome or failure may revoke the charter of, or otherwise discipline, any State Chartered Young Republican Club by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors.
4. If the SCFYR shall revoke the charter of, or otherwise discipline any State Chartered Young Republican Club, the Secretary of the SCFYR shall immediately send a notice of such action by registered mail to the last reported Chief Executive Officer and Secretary of said State Chartered Young Republican Club.
5. Any Young Republican Club, which has been chartered within the state of South Carolina may resign from the SCFYR, provided that a resolution of resignation shall have been adopted and

approved by three-fourths (3/4) of the members and the Chief Executive Officer and Secretary of said Young Republican Club. Such resignation shall become effective when accepted by the SCFYR.

6. Any Young Republican Club, which has been chartered within the state of South Carolina, which shall for any reason cease to be a State Chartered group of the SCFYR shall surrender its charter and shall not thereafter use the name, emblem or insignia of the South Carolina Federation of Young Republicans in any manner whatsoever.

#### ***Section 6: Suspension and Expulsion by the Board***

- A. The Board of Directors for the SCFYR shall have the power to suspend or expel any Officer or active member of any State Chartered club for just cause. Suspension of membership privileges may be ordered without notice in cases of public scandal, and in cases involving misappropriation of funds of the Club.
7. No member shall, however, except as above, be expelled by the Board of Directors except after notice has been given to the accused party by the SCFYR Secretary by registered mail, unless the address be unknown. The accused member shall be given a reasonable time before the charges are heard. The charges shall be heard only at a regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting or specially called meeting if applicable. All Hearings under this Section shall conform to the provisions of Article V, and the accused shall in all cases have the right of appeal as provided therein. Provided, however, that in no cases shall the verdict of the Executive Committee of the State Chartered Club bar or prevent the bringing of charged de novo on the same complaint before the SCFYR Board of Directors.

#### ***Section 7. Expulsion by the Club***

The membership of each individually State Chartered Club may, by a two-thirds vote of those members present at a regular meeting, expel from the organization any member for any act or conduct deemed unfriendly or hostile to the best interests of the organization; provided that the Executive Committee has reviewed such proposed action and has made a recommendation, and that such member has been notified by certified mail of the recommendation of the Executive Committee at least one week prior to the meeting, and that such member has had the right to present a defense at the regular meeting, either by himself/herself or through a representative. Notice of the charges against the member and recommendation of the Executive Committee must be included in the call of the meeting, and must be received by the membership at least 72 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

### **ARTICLE IX**

#### **Effectual Date of Bylaw Changes**

All changes to these Bylaws will take effect upon adoption. All proposed changes will be mailed to the South Carolina Federation of Young Republicans Board of Directors not less than fifteen (15) days in advance of a scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors.

These Bylaws are hereby adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2007.