

THE SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF YOUNG REPUBLICANS

Constitution

Article I

Name

The name of the organization shall be the South Carolina Federation of Young Republicans, hereafter referred to as the Federation or SCFYR.

Article II

Objectives

The objectives of the Federation shall be:

- A. To develop and maintain a statewide Young Republican organization.
- B. To bring young people into the Republican Party, to provide an opportunity for political expression and recognition, to train political workers, and to provide a practical means by which they may contribute in the development and betterment of the Republican Party as a service to the United States of America, the State of South Carolina and its political subdivisions.
- C. To support the principles, objectives, and platform of the Republican Party and to work for the election of all duly nominated Republican candidates.
- D. Hold a state convention as prescribed by the Young Republican National Federation (YRNF).
- E. To serve as a conduit of information among member clubs and the YRNF.

Article III

Officers

Section 1: Designation

The officers of this Federation shall be elected at the annual state convention and shall be Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, National Committeeman, National Committeewoman and General Counsel. All officers shall hold office from the annual convention until their successors take office, or until the office is vacated according to the provisions in the bylaws. All officers shall be elected by a majority vote. No officer may serve more than three two- year consecutive terms in the same office. Officers shall serve without compensation and must be active members in good standing in a duly chartered club of the Federation.

Section 2: Vacancies

In case of the death, removal, or resignation of the Chairman the Vice-Chairman shall assume the office of Chairman. If there is no Vice-Chairman, the Secretary shall be compelled to call a special meeting. The board shall elect a new Chairman within 45 days of the death, removal, or resignation.

A vacancy in any other elected office shall be filled within three months of the vacancy by an election held by the members of the Board of Directors. Notice of the election shall be stated in the announcement of the board meeting.

IV

Powers/Duties

Section 1: Chairman

The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Federation and Executive Committee, appoint committee chairs, supervise the activities of the Federation, and perform all other duties incidental to the office.

Section 2: Co-Chairman

The Vice-Chairman shall, in absence of the Chairman, perform the duties of the Chairman, and shall perform such other duties as designated by the Chairman.

Section 3: Treasurer

The Treasurer shall collect and pay out all Federation funds as directed by the Board. The Treasurer shall deposit such funds in a depository designated by the Board and shall keep accounts thereof open at all times to inspection. The Treasurer shall render accounts of the transactions and of the financial condition of the Federation at each regular meeting. A written report shall be available at the quarterly board meetings. The Treasurer shall be bonded for such sum as may be required by the Board, the cost of such bond to be borne by the Federation. The Treasurer shall perform such other duties as assigned by the Chairman.

Section 4: Secretary

The Secretary shall be responsible for taking minutes at all Federation meetings and Board meetings. The Secretary shall also be responsible for the mailing of all announcements and notices and the handling of all other secretarial work as assigned by the Chairman.

Section 5: National Committeewoman and National Committeeman

The National Committeewoman and National Committeeman will represent the Federation at all meetings of the YRNF and shall perform all such other duties normally indicative of their offices.

Section 6: General Counsel

The General Counsel of the Federation shall be a member of the State Bar and shall represent the Federation in all legal matters.

Section 7: Board of Directors

All elected officers, the immediate Past Chairman of the Federation, and any standing committee Chairs or positions appointed by the Chairman and confirmed by the remainder of the Board, are members of the Board of Directors as well as the club chairman of each chartered club in the Federation.

Each voting Board member shall be entitled to one vote on the Board of Directors. No board member shall have more than one vote by virtue of holding two or more positions, which may normally be entitled to a vote.

Except when the State Convention is in session, the Board of Directors shall manage and control the affairs of the Federation, charter and re-charter member clubs, establish time and place of the conventions, and perform other such duties as are specified in the Constitution or ordered by the State Convention.

The Board of Directors shall hold regular meetings at least quarterly.

Any member of the Board member who misses three consecutive meetings of the Board, and does not show cause within 15 days, shall be considered to have resigned from his or her office.

Article V

Meetings

The Chairman shall set the date and time for each quarterly meeting. Written notice by US Mail and/or email of the meeting shall be given to the Board of Directors at least thirty (30) days in advance of each meeting.

Section 2: Special

Special meetings of the Federation shall be held at any time by the Chairman, or the Board or by signed petition of ten percent (10%) of the current members. In the case of such special meetings called by the members, written notice must be given the membership of the Federation at least one week advance of such special meeting. Such written notice shall contain a summary of the matters to be considered and only such matters shall be discussed.

Section 3: Quorum

A quorum shall consist of 50% plus one of the Board members. As specified in the Bylaws proxies shall be counted in determining a quorum.

Article VI

Convention

Section 1: Time and Place

The State Convention of the Federation shall be held during the months of April, May or June of each year on a date fixed by the Board of Directors.

Section 2: Pre-Convention Activities

The Chairman shall appoint the following committees and individuals eight (8) weeks prior to the scheduled convention:

- A) Convention Chairman
- B) Arrangements Chairman
- C) Rules Chairman
- D) Credentials Chairman
- E) Resolutions Chairman
- F) Nominating Chairman

And any other committees as may be reasonably required.

Section 3: Convention Operations

The doors of the Convention close promptly at the time specified by the Board of Directors. Every delegate registered no later than the specified time on the day of the convention is deemed present and shall be entitled to vote in the convention proceedings. Proxy voting is not allowed. If a regular delegate is absent, an alternate shall assume the delegate's position.

The Convention Chairman shall open the State Convention and the interim credentials committee shall make its report to determine voting strength of the body. The election of the Convention Chairman and Secretary shall follow.

The Convention Chairman shall appoint permanent committees for the Convention. The Officers and committees shall conduct the entire business of the Convention.

The Convention may conduct whatever business may be necessary or advisable for the good of the welfare of the Federation.

Unit rule cannot be imposed on any delegate.

Prior to the close of the State Convention, the Federation Chairman shall appoint an audit committee, which shall audit the books of the Federation. An audit report shall be presented at the next Board meeting.

Article VII

Candidate Endorsement

Section 1: Endorsement

Neither the Federation nor the Board, nor any YR club officers in their official capacities shall in any way publicly endorse or oppose the candidacy of any Republican in the primary election while acting as such an officer. The only exception to this section is in a runoff between two Republican Candidates. The Chairman with consent from the Executive Committee of the SCFYR can endorse one of the candidates. The Executive Committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, General Counsel, National Committeeman, and National Committeewoman. No other exception to this section will be permitted.

Section 2: Penalty

Violation of this article shall constitute grounds for a vote of censure and/or removal from office by the Federation Board.

Article VIII

Affiliation

Section 1: Affiliation

This Federation is a member of the YRNF, and shall be subject to the Constitution and By-Laws of said Federation.

Article IX

Parliamentary Authority

Section 1: Authority

The rules contained in "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised" shall govern all proceedings except when inconsistent with this Constitution.

Article X

Amendments

A proposed amendment to this Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Federation's Secretary at any regular meeting, at which time it shall be read to the Board members. YR Club Board members will be required to transmit the proposal(s) to their membership for dissemination and approval.

Written notice of the next regular meeting sent to all Board members shall contain notice of the proposed amendment to be voted upon.

The amendment to the Constitution shall be voted upon at the clubs' next regular meeting. A roll call vote of the clubs' attending membership shall be conducted and must be recorded in writing on how each member of said club voted. Each Club must complete this vote before the next Federation board meeting. Approval of an amendment is considered 50% plus one vote. The Chairman or his/her proxy shall vote as their club voted on the constitution amendment(s). Written verification must be turned into the Federation at the time of voting for the amendment(s). If the Club fails to vote on the amendment(s) before the next Federation Board meeting and/or does not supply written verification of such vote, they shall not vote on the amendment(s).

An amendment to this Constitution shall pass if receiving 2/3-majority vote of chartered clubs.

Article XI

Bylaws and Delegation

Section 1: Purpose

The purpose of the by-laws is to aid in the organization and effectiveness of the SCYFR. The Board through sponsorship of a board member and passage will create bylaws by a vote of 60% plus one at a regularly scheduled quarterly board meeting. Bylaws cannot be contrary to the SCFYR Constitution.

Section 2: Sunset Provision

All bylaws will expire upon the adoption of a subsequent set of by-laws.

Section 3: Enumerated By-Laws

Bylaws will specifically provide rules for:

- A) membership in clubs;
- B) application for charter and re-chartering;
- C) proxy voting at board meetings;
- D) procedures for special meetings;
- E) convention delegate allotment;
- F) procedures for referendum.

This Constitution is hereby adopted this 1st of March 2007.