

CONSTITUTION OF THE YOUNG REPUBLICAN ORGANIZATION OF OCEAN COUNTY

Article I – Name and Objects

Section 1.

The name of this organization shall be the Young Republican Organization of Ocean County.

Section 2.

The objects of this Young Republican Organization, hereinafter referred to as the “Club” shall be:

- a. To bring young people into the Republican Party and to provide an opportunity for them to find political expression and recognition.
- b. To train young people as effective political workers and to cooperate in the election of the Republican Party’s nominees.
- c. To foster and encourage the activities of the Republican Party and to promote it’s ideals. To collect, analyze, discuss, and disseminate information concerning political affairs.

Article II – Membership

Section 1.

Members of the club shall be classified as either regular or associate members.

Section 2.

Regular Membership shall be limited to those persons who satisfy the following requirements:

- a. A resident of Ocean County New Jersey
- b. Between the ages of 18 and 40, at time of re-organization meeting.
- c. Is registered as a Republican in a manner duly required by law.
- d. The member has paid dues to the club as set fourth in this Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 3.

An associate member is a person who lives outside the territorial boundaries of Ocean County or is over the age of 40, but in either instance is a duly registered Republican. An associate member shall not be eligible to vote, nor serve on the executive board.

Section 4.

A regular member must have attended at least 2 full meetings and their dues must be paid in full before having voting rights.

Section 5.

A person applying for membership shall be presented to and voted upon by the general membership. Said applicant shall be accepted into the club by an affirmative majority vote of the general membership.

Section 6.

Any persons who's dues are in arrears for a period of one year will automatically forfeit his or her membership and thereafter upon application shall be treated as a proposed new member.

Article III – Officers

Section 1.

The executive officers of the club shall be the President, the 1st Vice President, the 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary The Treasurer, Campaign Committee Chairman, Fundraising Committee Chairman, Liaison Coordinator, Past President, State Committeeman and State Committeewoman.

Section 2.

The duties and manner of election of officers shall be prescribed in the By-Laws.

Section 3.

Every officer must be a member of the club and no older than 40 years of age at the time of his or her election. A person running for office must be a regular member of the club for at least one year prior to running for office or a member for at least two years if running for President.

Section 4.

No President shall serve more than two consecutive one-year terms, and no more than four years total.

Section 5.

No officer shall be eligible to serve more than two-consecutive terms in the same office.

Article IV – Executive Board

Section 1.

The executive board shall consist of the elected officers, the immediate Past President and the municipal liaisons. Each municipal Liaison shall be considered part of the executive board and may attend meetings, but do not have voting privileges. The executive board must meet no less than once every two months.

Section 2.

Notice of regular meeting of the general membership shall be given at least fourteen days written notice to each member of the club. The dates shall be established at the first general meeting of the year and published on the website, in the newsletter and via e-mail.

Section 3.

Notice of a change to the established meeting dates shall be effectuated by giving at least 48 hours notice to the general membership via e-mail and published on the website.

Section 4.

The President shall have the power to call an emergency meeting of the executive board. The President must notice all executive board members at least 48 hours prior to said meeting. The President must concisely and accurately state the reason for the emergency meeting.

Article V – State Affiliations

Section 1.

This club shall be affiliated with the Young Republicans of New Jersey.

Section 2.

This club may disaffiliate from the Young Republicans of New Jersey, Inc. upon two-thirds vote of the Executive Board and upon good cause shown.

Section 3.

This club may affiliate with any state or national Republican organization upon two-thirds vote of the Executive Board.

Section 4.

The State Committeeman and State Committeewoman shall represent the Club at all state conventions.

Article VI – Endorsement of Candidates

Section 1.

No Republican candidate, or any other candidate whether it local, state, or national shall be endorsed or opposed by the Club, it's Executive Board, any officer acting in an official capacity, or any affiliated organization prior to a party primary.

Article VII – Parliamentary Procedures

Section 1.

The most recently published edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all proceedings including meetings of the Executive Board except when inconsistent with the provision hereof or the By-Laws.

Article VIII- Amendments

Section 1.

This Constitution may be amended by 2/3 votes of the members present and voting at the regular meeting of the Club. Provided, however, that written notice of such proposal to amend is given to all members at least seven (7) days prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting, said notice shall contain a brief statement reflecting the substance of the proposed amendment.

BY-LAWS

Article I-Officers

Section 1 - President:

The President shall preside at all meetings, and shall be the chief executive officer of the Club. He/she shall have general supervision over the development of the Club's entire program. The President shall be an ex-officio member of each Standing Committee. The President shall have the power to appointment Chair positions to committees who are not part of the Executive Board, so long as Executive Board approves of the formation of said committee. In addition, the President shall have the power to appoint Non-Chair members to all committees.

Section 2 - Vice-President:

The 1st Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence and such other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the President and/or the Executive Board. In the event of the resignation or removal of the President from office, the Vice-President shall become the acting President until a new President shall be duly elected and qualified.

The 2nd Vice-President shall perform the duties of the 1st Vice-President in his/her absence and such other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the President and/or the Executive Board. In the event of the resignation or removal of the 1st Vice-President from office, the 2nd Vice-President shall become the acting 1st Vice-President until a new President shall be duly elected and qualified.

Section 3 - Recording Secretary:

The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings, maintain a file of reports, and handle all business of a secretarial nature as directed by the President. Upon approving the minutes at a membership meeting, the original minutes shall be provided to the Correspondence Secretary for filing and safe keeping.

Section 4 -Corresponding Secretary:

The Corresponding Secretary shall maintain file of correspondence, send out the Call of Meeting and other such notices, and handle all business of a secretarial nature as directed by the President, as well as maintain up-to-date record of any business, and transactions outside of the Club.

Section 5 -Treasurer:

The Treasurer shall be the general custodian of all funds of the Club and shall keep a record of the receipts and expenditures of the Club. He/she shall not make expenditures in excess of \$50.00 except for printing and postage directly related to publication of the newsletter and club correspondence unless he/she has first obtained the approval of the Executive Board.

Section 6 – Public Relations Committee

Public Relations: The Publicity Committee shall be responsible for the prompt preparation and release of all Club Publicity.

Section 7 – Fundraising Committee

Fundraising Committee: The Fundraising Committee shall be responsible for the raising of funds for the normal operating expenses of the Club.

Section 8 – Campaign Committee

Campaign Committee: The Campaign Committee shall direct the campaigns and raise campaign funds, which funds shall be kept separate and apart from the Club funds. During campaigns, they will prepare and release publicity.

Section 9 – Liaison Committee

The Liaison Committee shall be responsible for obtaining, organizing, and coordinating all municipal liaisons. The liaison committee shall periodically visit municipal Republican Clubs in Ocean County in an effort to promote the ideals of the Club.

Article II-Executive Board

Section 1

The Executive Board shall be responsible for the transaction of any business of the Club between its regular meetings and shall serve as the policy making body of the Club.

Section 2

In addition to Officers, the General Counsel and Municipal Liaisons, as set forth in these By-Laws and Constitution, shall be members of the Executive Board.

Article III-Elections

Section 1-Nominations:

A Nominations Committee of not less than (3) no more than (7) shall become members of the Committee. The Chair of the Committee shall be elected by membership vote, in October of the annual year. The President shall also become a member of the Nominations Committee, with the remaining members to be appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Executive Board. These members shall be announced to the Club membership (2) meetings prior to the annual meeting in November.

Section 2

The Nominating Committee's final written report shall be submitted to the general membership at the regular meeting immediately preceding the annual meeting. This report shall include (1) nominee for each office, and member for the Executive Board, after which nominations may be taken from the floor. Nominating Committee may leave space for any position vacant. No additional nominations will be made at the close of this meeting in December.

Section 3

A majority of all votes cast shall be required for the election at the annual meeting in January. In the event that any ballot cast does not show majority for any office, there shall be further ballots taken until such times as the nominee is elected. If more than (2) persons are nominated for an office, and additional ballots are necessary, the nominee receiving the least number of votes shall be

dropped from the ballot. Where there is only (1) nominee for an office, balloting may be by voice vote, in all other cases, balloting shall be secret.

Article IV-Quorum

Section 1

For a General Meeting, Seven (7) Officers and at least Seven (7) general members or fifteen percent (15%) of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business, whichever is the lesser.

Section 2

For an Executive Board Meeting, seven (7) officers will constitute a quorum.

Article V-Amendments

Section 1

The By-Laws may be amended by a three fifths (3/5) vote of the Executive Board when notice of such proposed amendment is given with the call of the meeting, or by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Board at any meeting without notice.

Article VI-Dues

Section 1

Dues shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per regular member and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per associate member.

Section 2

Failure to pay dues at the second meeting after the annual reorganization meeting shall result in the forfeiture of all voting rights and privileges until such time as the dues are remitted to the Treasurer, subject however, to any other limitations contained herein or in the Constitution.

Section 3

For the purposes of dues, the year shall begin on January 1, unless otherwise stated in the Constitution or these By-Laws.

Article VII – General Counsel

Section 1.

The President may appoint a duly licensed member of the New Jersey Bar to act as general counsel, as set forth in this Constitution and By-Laws such person must be a regular member of the club.

Section 2.

The duties of the General Counsel shall consist of and include the giving of opinions to the President, members of the Executive Board and Chairmen of standing committees on questions requiring legal counsel and advise pertaining to Club issues, matters and situations.

Section 3.

The General Counsel may also act as Parliamentarian.

Section 4.

The General Counsel shall act as a Chairperson of the By-Laws Committee, if no General Counsel has been appointed, the President may appoint a Chairperson of the By-Laws Committee.

Section 5.

By-Laws Committee: The By-Laws Committee shall be responsible for reviewing all proposed amendments, which must be submitted in writing to the Committee. Recommendations and proposals shall be made by this Committee and presented with the proposed amendment to the membership. The General Counsel shall act as chairperson of this Committee.