

The Constitution of the Pinellas County Young Republicans

Article I

The Name of Our Association

The name of the organization shall be the Pinellas County Young Republicans hereinafter referred to as the "PCYR".

Article II

Mission & Purpose

The mission of the PCYR is to form an association of friendships based on fidelity and fraternity and to encourage young people to become involved with upholding, developing and influencing the principles, objectives, and platform of the Republican Party through the development and maintenance of a Young Republican organization. Further is the mission of the PCYR to provide its members with the opportunities for political and individual self-development, political expression, recognition, education on the political process, and 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 great State of Florida, Pinellas County and the surrounding area, as well as working for the election of duly nominated Republican candidates.

Article III

Membership

Section 1 (Active Members): Any American citizen, or non-citizen who has made application for American citizenship, and is at least eighteen (18) years of age but not over forty (40) years of age inclusive, and a registered Republican is eligible for active membership in the club.

Section 2 (Associates): Any registered Republican not meeting the requirements of active member status may be an Associate member and shall have all rights and privileges of active members except that he or she may not vote or hold office.

Section 3 (Honorary): Honorary members shall be those people designated for a single honor by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Executive Board.

Section 4 (Dues): Annual dues for active members shall be as follows: 1) \$25 per year, or \$40 every two years, for undergraduate students; and 2) \$40 per year, or \$70 every two years for graduate students and professionals. Associated membership shall be given to anyone making a minimum donation of \$40. Applicants for membership shall submit their dues with their application, and thereafter, dues shall be paid annually.

Section 5 (New Members): Applicants for membership shall automatically become members at the close of the first meeting they attend.

Article IV The Executive Board

Section 1 (Elections): The Executive Board shall be elected by all members in good standing by majority vote as further defined in the By-laws at a special annual meeting as prescribed by the Bylaws.

Section 2 (Authority): The Executive Board is the general governing body of the organization for its social economy, agenda, and business affairs. Accordingly, the Executive Board shall be responsible for the management of all Club activities, subject to the approval of the membership.

Section 3 (Quorum): Two-thirds of the members of the Executive Board must be present at any board meeting before voting on any item before the board, except as provided in *Section 4* of this Article.

Section 3 (Composition): The Executive Board shall be comprised of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Program Director, Membership Director and Secretary and those appointed by the discretion of the entire Executive Board.

Section 4 (Appointments): The President, from time to time, with the consent of the entire executive board, may appoint officers and establish committees as it may be deemed necessary to carry out the affairs of the organization.

Section 5 (Delegation): The Executive Board when deemed necessary shall have the authority to delegate any of its duties or specific tasks to several committees or individual members when appropriate.

Section 6 (Vacancies): Vacant positions may be filled by a 2/3 vote of the Executive Board if there remains less than 9 months in the unexpired term. Otherwise, vacant positions must be filled by a majority vote of the membership.

Article V Committees

Section 1 (Standing Committees): The organization may have as its standing committees the following: the Social Committee, the Community Affairs Committee, the Political Affairs Committee, the Marketing Committee, the Membership Committee, the Fundraising Committee.

Section 2 (Other Committees): The Executive Board has the authority to create other

committees as deemed appropriate and necessary.

Section 3 (Committee Reviews): Each committee shall report regularly to the Executive Board and the Executive Board has the authority to review the activities of each committee.

Article VI Candidate Endorsement

Section 1 (Endorsement): The endorsement of a candidate requires approval of the (2/3) of the Executive Board and a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at any meeting of the Club. Notice must be given to the membership of the club at least one (1) week in advance of said vote. Neither the Club as a whole, nor any of its officers, shall in any way support publicly any candidate that is not a registered Republican.

Section 2 (Officers): No PCYR officer may use the Young Republican name to endorse one Republican over another, unless that candidate has received the endorsement of the PCYR under the terms and conditions of *Section 1* of this Article.

Article VII State Affiliation

Section 1: The organization will be subject to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Florida Federation of Young Republicans and shall seek membership and maintain membership in said association.

Section 2: The Organization shall send at least one (1) representative to every Florida Federation of Young Republicans quarterly Board meeting. That representative shall be the highest-ranking officer that is able to attend. The order of rank shall be: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Program Director, Membership Director and Secretary. If none of the officers can attend, the President shall choose a committee chairperson to represent the Club. The Club shall send a delegation of at least one to each Florida Federation of Young Republicans Annual Convention.

Section 3 (FFYR Annual Convention Delegates): The Executive Board shall appoint the delegates and the alternates to the state convention by the FFYR deadline prior to the convention.

Article VIII Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in “Robert’s Rules of Order Revised” shall govern all proceedings except when inconsistent with the Constitution of this Club.

Article IX

The By- Laws

The Constitution of the organization shall be the general governing law and the By-laws shall be subject to the Constitution. The By-laws shall further delineate all rules and regulations more specifically to govern the organization.

Article X Amendments

Section 1 (Submitting): A proposed amendment to this Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary at any general membership meeting, at which time it shall be read to the members.

Section 2 (Announcement): Notice of the proposed amendment shall be included in the call of the next meeting and the Secretary shall have a copy of the proposed amendment for voting members to see.

Section 3 (Voting): The PCYR Constitution can only be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those active members voting at any general membership meeting, after which proper notice has been given provided that Sections 1 and 2 of this Article have been satisfied.

Section 4 (Approval): All amendments shall take effect upon approval of the PCYR.

Wherefore, this Constitution, in accordance with the intention of its members as stated in this honorable document, do hereby on the 11th day of November in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Eleven, enact this Constitution as the General Constitution of the Pinellas County Young Republicans.