

The Constitution of the Pinellas County Young Republicans

Article I The Name of Our Association

The name of the Club shall be the Pinellas County Young Republicans, hereinafter referred to as the “Club”.

Article II Mission & Purpose

The mission of the Club 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 club. Further, it is the mission of the Club to provide its members with 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. There shall be classes of membership as defined in the Bylaws.

Section 2. Dues

Annual dues shall be delineated in the Bylaws. Applicants for membership shall submit their dues with their application, and thereafter, dues shall be paid annually.

Section 3. New Members

Qualifying 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 Bylaws at a special annual meeting as prescribed by the Bylaws.

Section 2. Authority

The Executive Board is the general governing body of the Club 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 (2/3) 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 5 of this Article.

Section 4. Composition

The Executive Board shall be comprised of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Program Director, Membership Director, Past President, and Vice Secretary and those appointed by the discretion of the Executive Board.

Section 5. Appointments

The President, from time to time, with the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the Executive Board, may appoint officers and establish committees as it may be deemed necessary to carry out the affairs of the Club.

Section 6. 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 7. Vacancies

Vacant positions may be filled by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Board if there remains less than nine (9) months in the unexpired term. Otherwise, vacant positions must be filled by a majority vote of the membership, as prescribed by the Bylaws.

Article V Committees

Section 1. Committees

The Executive Board has the authority to create committees as prescribed by the Bylaws.

Section 2. 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 two-thirds (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 in a contested, non-judicial race in which a registered Republican is running.

Section 2. Compliance with Florida Federation of Young Republicans Governing Documents

The endorsement of any candidate shall comply with all requirements set forth in the governing documents of the Florida Federation of Young Republicans (FFYR).

Section 3. Officers

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

Article VII State Affiliation

Section 1. Florida Federation of Young Republicans

The Club will be subject to the Constitution and Bylaws of the FFYR and shall seek membership and maintain membership in said association.

Section 2. Quarterly Meetings

The Club shall send at least one (1) representative to every FFYR 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, Secretary, Treasurer, Program Director, Membership Director, Past President, and Vice Secretary. If none of the officers can attend, the President shall choose a committee chairperson or other active member to represent the Club.

Section 3. Convention

The Club shall send a delegation of at least one to each FFYR Convention. The Executive Board shall appoint the delegates and the alternates to the state convention by the FFYR deadline.

Article VIII Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in “Robert’s Rules of Order,” in its latest edition, shall govern all proceedings except when inconsistent with the Constitution or Bylaws of this Club.

Article IX The Bylaws

The Constitution of the Club shall be the general governing law and the Bylaws shall be subject to the Constitution. The Bylaws shall further delineate all rules and regulations more specifically to govern the Club.

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 announcement of the next meeting, and the Secretary shall have a copy of the proposed amendment for voting members to see.

Section 3. Voting

The Club 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 immediately upon ratification by the Club, unless otherwise provided for therein.

Section 5. Typographical Corrections

The Board, by a majority vote, has the authority to make typographical corrections to this Constitution from time to time, as needed, without a vote by the general membership.

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.

Revised on the 3rd day of January in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Seventeen.